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Valley's old farm buildings find renewed purpose.

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## FLORIDA? ARE YOU SURE?

Poll voters discuss Florida's leap past Michigan into national title game.

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## Historic vote clears way for Sunday liquor sales

### Council's 5-2 vote lifts ban on sales in bars, restaurants

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — With little opposition, the Twin Falls City Council lifted a ban on Sunday liquor sales, citing both

"inconsistency" in the state law and a need to adapt as a changing community. The council voted 5-2 Monday night in favor of allowing the sales in bars and restaurants after a public hearing that drew nearly a dozen business owners in support of a few people in opposition.

"I think that not allowing Sunday liquor-by-the-drink sales portrays an image of our

community that doesn't necessarily paint the image we see today," Councilman Shawn Bariga said. "I think this particular law is a bit archaic and certainly inconsistent."

State law bans Sunday liquor sales, but cities and counties can lift it.

The change takes effect when printed in the legal section of the *Times-News*, which will be either Sunday or next Thursday. If the notice runs

Sunday, liquor could be served the same day.

Steve Soran, co-owner of the Depot Grill and the Turf Club, led local business owners in the move to lift the ban, saying it was unnecessary because:

- Municipalities lose money received from liquor taxes, which are taxed at a higher rate than beer or wine
- The amount of alcohol in a beer or glass of wine is the same as a drink of liquor. A

1.5-ounce (45-ml) shot of vodka, a 5-ounce (150-ml) glass of wine, and a 12-ounce (355-ml) bottle of beer are equally intoxicating, according to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

• Residents travel elsewhere for alcohol, including Jeropke, Nev. in the Magic Valley, Twin Falls, Minidoka and Jerome counties, but some cities have lifted the ban.

"This would not increase alcohol consumption but perhaps give the customer a choice of the type of alcohol beverage they wish to purchase," Soran said.

"We're by no means enforcing that everybody has to drink liquor-by-the-drink on Sunday. That is still a free choice, always has been and always will be," he added.

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## Dogs may get reprieve

Owner: Other students may have provoked dogs that attacked two boys

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Imagine if protecting the community meant euthanizing two family members. Last week, Chris Barber told the parents of a 6-year-old boy who was bitten by one of his two Rottweilers that he would put the dogs to sleep.

Barber had said that killing 2-year-old Stanley and 5-year-old Cori felt like killing two family members. Monday, he said he might not kill them because the dogs may have been provoked.

Barber, a Jerome City Council member, was cited Nov. 28 for harboring a vicious dog.

The dogs escaped from Barber's yard two blocks south of Horizon Elementary school and attacked first-graders Wyatt DeWitt and Andres James in the playground, according to a Jerome police report. Three eyewitness accounts make no mention of the dogs being provoked. Barber was allowed to take his dogs home.

Cori, the larger of the two dogs, held Wyatt on the ground with its jaws clamped around his leg, according to witness statements.

"I went to the dog and hit him about the head approximately three times to get him to release Wyatt," wrote Shelley Cruz, who said she responded after she heard screaming.

Andres, who stayed home the next day, suffered less harm when Stanley attacked him, according to his mother, Georgina Cruz.

"He's OK," Cruz said. "He didn't cry or anything. It's lucky nothing worse happened."

Both the DeWitts and Cruz reported that Barber was apologetic at St. Benedict's



Rottweilers Cori and Stanley rest Monday in the hallway at Canyonside Middle in Jerome, where their owner, Chris Barber, is a real estate agent.

Family Medical Center in Jerome. He also offered to cover all medical costs.

"To the DeWitts, he said he had 'come to terms with it and that he had made the decision to put the dogs down,'" according to Mark DeWitt.

Since then, a teacher told Barber other students may have provoked the dog, according to Kristi DeWitt. "I would do whatever the right thing is to do for the general safety of the public." Killing his dogs, a thought that devastates Barber, is still a possibility, but no longer the only one.

Barber said his Rottweilers have never acted violently before.

Until last week, neither dog had been reported as violent, according to Jerome animal control officer Gordon Leininger. Six weeks ago, however, Barber was cited when they escaped his yard.

Barber said both times a horse he keeps in his yard opened the gate.

A Jerome city ordinance defines a vicious dog as any dog that bites, claws or otherwise harms another animal or person without provocation.

On Friday, a new Jerome city ordinance will allow Leininger to take a dog he finds vicious directly to a shelter. Now, he cannot remove a dog unless there is a probable cause that it has bitten a person or another animal.

"It got passed because people are tired of the aggressive-type dogs," he said.

Barber's arraignment on the vicious dog citation is tentatively scheduled to take place in two weeks.

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## Buhl development put back on track

DEQ to again allow new hookups to wastewater system

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** — It took six months, but Buhl has finally been given the go-ahead by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to allow new hookups to the wastewater system.

This is good news for Buhl and also Earl Gray of Utah, whose plans to develop the third phase in his Old Farm Subdivision were stopped midstream.

"This means that we can go back to business as usual," said Mayor Charles Sheridan.

"Things have kind of slowed down because of the weather, but as soon as it opens back up, we can issue permits for new development."

In June, new hookups to the wastewater system were stopped by the DEQ because the city was out of compliance with guidelines that limit the amount of suspended solids needing treatment, among other things.

Since then, Buhl residents passed a \$15 million bond to build a new wastewater

treatment facility. "As long as Buhl continues to make progress, they are approved for additional hookups," said Gregory Misbach, an engineer with DEQ.

Come spring, Gray will continue developing his subdivision just north of Buhl High School.

"Since Phase Two of the subdivision was being developed at the same time we got stopped for Phase Three, it didn't really slow me down," said Gray. "It was basically

that Buhl had to get their bond passed and make progress with their wastewater and once they did that, everything was fine."

Gray said that come March, he will begin developing the 16 lots initially affected in Phase Three and is in the works for approval to develop 15 lots in Phase Four.

Already, Gray has developed more than 40 lots and about 30 have sold.

"I own another 150 acres close to the development," he said. "I still plan on beginning more development in the next couple of years."

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## NASA makes plans for permanent moon base

By John Johnson Jr.  
Los Angeles Times

An international team of astronauts will be living and working at a permanent moon base to be built at one of the resource-rich lunar poles within a few decades, NASA announced Monday.

Earth's first off-world colonists will cruise the surface in a new generation lunar lander that will function like a low-gravity pickup truck, possibly journeying to the dark side to build the most ambitious collection of observatories ever constructed, NASA said.

The announcement of NASA's vision to build a permanent scientific research station on the moon represents the space agency's first outline of its plans once it reaches the moon, scheduled no later than 2020.

"We will begin with short missions. Then we will build

up to the point where we are staying 180 days, and then we will have a permanent presence," Doug Cooke, deputy associate administrator for exploration systems, said at a news conference at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The permanent base could be operational as early as 2024, officials said.

In 2004, President Bush announced the Vision for Space Exploration, which proposed a return to the moon by

2020, as the first step to an eventual manned mission to Mars. Since then, NASA has embarked on a \$100 billion-plus program to design a new launch system and crew vehicle capable of carrying four astronauts to the lunar surface. To free up money to carry out the vision, NASA will mothball the space shuttle by 2010.

But until now, it was unclear what NASA had in mind for the

quiet about it puts me out of harm's way," said Wood, the House's longest-serving member and chairwoman of the Transportation Committee.

Republican Dean Mortimer of Idaho Falls was elected for the first time to the House in November. Deal has met with him four times and Denny three times in efforts to get this week. He said he hasn't decided who he wants to be House speaker, and that he's not yet ready to bargain his vote for a committee assignment.

## Lawrence Denny, Bill Deal in final stretch for House speaker post

Two lawmakers try to line up votes for Thursday ballot

**IDIAHO FALLS (AP)** — Idaho Republican lawmakers will vote Thursday on a new House speaker, a powerful position that this session will select the chairmen of three key House committees.

The two lawmakers vying for the position are Reps. Lawrence Denny, R-Midvale,

and Bill Deal, R-Nampa. Deal is an insurance salesman who chairs the House State Affairs Committee. He is considered to be more business-friendly.

Denny is considered more socially conservative; he wrote the constitutional amendment banning gay marriage that voters approved last month. Last session, he served as majority leader for House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, who has retired.

Both Deal and Denny have been trying to line up votes

ahead of the secret ballot, and that has other lawmakers concerned for their own future once the battle is decided.

"The speaker can do as he pleases," Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, toasts the Post Register. "The reality is, everyone serves at the pleasure of the speaker."

Several years ago, Lake challenged Newcomb and lost, and ended up on the House Education Committee. Now, Lake is hoping to land the influential House Revenue and

Taxation Committee chairmanship where all tax bills get their start.

If he backs the wrong candidate, it could ruin his chances to get the job, and that leaves him in a tough spot.

"I am not sure," Lake said. "No doubt about it."

Rep. JoAnn Wood, R-Righly, will count the votes this week. Her job as moderator prevents her from getting caught up in the Deal and Denny competition.

"The fact that I have to be



This undated artist's rendering shows a crew preparing to leave a work site on the lunar surface during a future space mission.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

**TWIN FALLS**

Today	Tonight	Wednesday
FOGGY Areas of patchy fog	FOGGY Fog redevelopment	FOGGY Areas of fog
High 34	Low 22	38 / 21

**MINI-CASSIA**

Today: Mostly cloudy, but staying dry. Highs, 30s  
 Tonight: Continued mostly cloudy, perhaps some areas of fog forming. -Lows, 20s  
 Tomorrow: Morning patchy fog with partial afternoon clearing. Highs, 30s

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium, free admission (\$5 suggested donation), 732-6767.

EXHIBITS

Opening reception for "Works by Amber Scoon," former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 7 to 9 p.m., Jean E. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.  
 "Native Perspectives on the Trail: A Contemporary American Indian Art Portfolio, Interpretations of the Lewis and Clark Expedition," the Missoula Art Museum's traveling exhibit, noon to 5 p.m., the Buhl Arts Council at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, 543-5417.

FAMILY

"Baby and Me" class, exploring the topic "Safety at Home" for young mothers with their babies or toddlers, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.

GOVERNMENT

Open House and ribbon cutting for the new Idaho Commerce & Labor office, 11 a.m. (ribbon cutting at noon), 420 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 735-2500 or (208) 332-3570, ext. 3628.  
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 735-4068.  
 Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.  
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.  
 Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.  
 Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.  
 Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.  
 Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.  
 Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.  
 Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.  
 Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main, 326-5000.  
 Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W., 736-4000.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m., at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475.  
 Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.  
 Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2126.

MUSEUMS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center, rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655.  
 Faulkner Planetarium, "The Christmas Star" at 7 p.m. and "Stargazing" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

Call for a free estimate and contact number to Suzanne Browne at 734-5538 or by mail: Times-News, 1010 W. 10th St., Twin Falls, ID 83403-0210. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

COMING TOMORROW

FINE FURNITURE

Student carpenters offer their creations at auction.



WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

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Historic barn gets a new lease on life

BUHL — The stone is crumbling. The red siding is falling a board at a time. Pigeons have hijacked the loft. But just because the crows are gone doesn't mean their barn can't be useful, say Ed and Nancy Tyrell, who own one of the oldest farm buildings in Magic Valley. Once icons of the American farm, many barns are being left to deteriorate as larger, more durable structures take their place. But some folks, such as the Tyrells, are giving new life to these old farm fixtures.

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Liquor ban lifted

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Sawtooth gets new supervisor

TWIN FALLS — A 27-year veteran of the Forest Service has been named supervisor of the Sawtooth National Forest.

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CSI reaches out to high school leaders

TWIN FALLS — The student senate from the College of Southern Idaho and student officers from Twin Falls High School spent Monday afternoon singing for the elderly and decorating the CSI Christmas tree.

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Post office braces for annual onslaught

TWIN FALLS — Monday marked the beginning of the holiday rush to mail gifts in time for Christmas, and postal workers say they expect this season to be even busier than last year.

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OBITUARIES

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 Ruth Ann Steinhilber, 78  
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 Evelyn M. Laudert, 85

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Capitol renovations move forward

BOISE — Despite Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter's opposition, plans to add two underground wings to the state Capitol are moving forward. The Idaho Department of Administration has contracted with McAlvain Construction, of Boise, to build the shell of the wings, and is in the process of hiring a contractor to design the interior of the building. Construction is expected to begin early next year, the state Capitol Commission says.

The Legislature has approved the construction of the bonds have been sold, the money's out there," said commission Chairman Jack Kane, of Garden Valley. "If the governor-elect has some different thoughts on it, that's between him and the Legislature."

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Idaho's House speaker to be elected Thursday

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Schools chief defends year-end bonuses

BOISE — State schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard, who leaves office in January, is rejecting calls that she take back \$120,098 in merit bonuses that have gone out to 135 of the department's employees. "These people worked very hard for me in the last eight years," Howard, a Democrat, said.

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Town may buy, restore historic train depot

SANDPOINT — This northern Idaho town might soon own a train depot that's on Idaho's National Register of Historic Places, the mayor says. Mayor Ray Miller said officials are considering a deal that would have the town buying the 90-year-old building and property from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

The town would then lease it back to the railway to use as its Amtrak station at a cost equal to operating and maintaining the building.

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Expansion planned at Bridger power plant

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — Expansion plans are being considered for the coal-fired Jim Bridger Power Plant, officials with one of the plant's owners said. The plant, about 25 miles east of Rock Springs, is owned by PacifiCorp and Idaho Power. It has four electrical generating units that supply power to customers in six western states, including Wyoming.

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NATION/WORLD



Bush meets with Shiite leader

WASHINGTON — President Bush kicked off a week expected to bring changes in his Iraq policy by meeting with a key rival of Iraq's leader and declaring that efforts to stop the bloodshed aren't moving fast enough.

The Shiite leader, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, appeared to shoot down one of the expected proposals from a bipartisan panel this week, saying he opposes any attempt to solve Iraq's problems through a regional conference that gears around Baghdad's government.

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Helicopter crash kills four Marines in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Four U.S. Marines died when a Sea King helicopter plunged into a lake in volatile Anbar province, the military said Monday, raising to 13 the number of American troops killed during a bloody weekend in Iraq.

It was the second military aircraft to go down in a week in Anbar, a stronghold of Sunni insurgents, although the military said mechanical problems rather than gunfire had caused the emergency landing on Sunday.

"The pilots maintained control of the aircraft the entire time," the military said.

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Many still without electricity in Midwest

ST. LOUIS — People slept among strangers and browsed a little longer in lighted bookstores during their search for warm surroundings Monday, the fifth day of a blackout caused by a winter storm.

After staying at a shelter in a converted recreation center since Friday, Angela Luster hitched a ride with the National Guard to check on her apartment. "It's terrible. You just had to protect your life," said Luster, 28. "We have to live by other people's rules and regulations. It's difficult because other people you don't know."

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Man convicted in smuggling deaths

HOUSTON — A truck driver was convicted Monday in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer in the deadliest human smuggling attempt in U.S. history.

The jury will return on Wednesday to begin hearing evidence on whether Byron Williams, 35, should get the death penalty. It was the second time Williams was found guilty in the case; an appeals court said the earlier verdict was flawed and ordered a new trial.

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SPORTS



The BCS question: Why Florida?

NEW YORK — Avoid a rematch. Stronger schedules. Conference champion. Those were the main reasons cited Monday by many poll voters for jumping Florida over Michigan on their final ballots, setting up a Gators-Buckeyes matchup in the BCS national title game Jan. 8. "If you beat a team one time, why do they get the national championship if they win the second time?" said Eric Bruce, the former Ohio State coach who votes in the Harris Interactive poll and moved Florida ahead of Michigan. "I mean, they've already played one time and lost."

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Broncos dominate WAC honors

TWIN FALLS — Glenns Ferry native Korey Hall earned his place among the top collegiate players in the country Monday when he was named the 2006 Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year. The 6-foot-1, 228-pound senior linebacker is one of 12 Broncos players named to the All-WAC Football Team as No. 9 Boise State (12-0) dominated the awards. Hall is a three-time first-team All-WAC selection. He has a team-best 105 tackles (54 solo) on the season to go with 3.5 sacks and six interceptions. He is the second-leading tackler in WAC history with 388 behind the line at the University of Oklahoma on Jan. 1.

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Mariners, Guillen agree on 1-year deal

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Jose Guillen and Ichiro Suzuki in the same outfield — Seattle manager Mike Hargrove has never had two arms so strong side-by-side. The Mariners and Guillen agreed on a one-year, \$55.5 million contract Monday with a mutual option for 2008, giving Seattle a starting right fielder and a dangerous bat in the middle of the order. The deal was the first formal signing of the baseball winter meetings that began Monday.

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Callahan apologizes for coaching job

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska's Bill Callahan apologized to Cornhuskers fans Monday for his disappointing performance in the Big 12 championship game. But Callahan wouldn't specify areas where he fell short in the 21-7 loss to Oklahoma on Saturday.

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# Blige, Brown big winners at Billboard Music Awards

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An R&B veteran and a young upstart won big Monday night at the 2006 Billboard Music Awards.

Chris Brown, a 17-year-old lothario who calls his music "Hip-Hop with a swagger," claimed new artist of the year, male of artist of the year and

artist of the year awards.

Newcomer Rihanna and idol-turned-country star Carrie Underwood also walked away with high honors at the two-hour show aired live from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

But it was a seasoned artist that took home the most hon-

ors. R&B diva Mary J. Blige's comeback album, "The Breakthrough," delivered nine awards to the 35-year-old singer, including R&B/Hip-Hop artist of the year, female R&B artist of the year and R&B/Hip-Hop album of the year.

The album debuted at the top of the Billboard charts in December 2005 and has sold 2.6 million copies since.

Blige in white go-go boots and a sparkly mini-dress, rocked the full house by belting out a medley of her "Enough Crying" and "Take me as I am."

## Liquor

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Burglar, who is the president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, said people in the business community have asked him if Twin Falls wants to be like Mayberry, the fictional North Carolina town in "The Andy Griffith Show."

Mayor Lance Clow, who with Councilman Trip Craig dissented when he moved to Twin Falls nearly 30 years ago, he took issue with people who tried to make the city the place they came from.

"Just like the town the way it is," he said. "We've got our personality. Maybe it is Mayberry, but I don't want it to necessarily be Los Angeles, either."

Craig said people drive to Jackpot, Nev., not only to drink

alcohol, but also to smoke cigarettes, gamble, and use hotels and restaurants.

"People want to do things besides just drink," he said. "When these liquor licenses were bought (businesses) knew they wouldn't be able to use them for 52 days out of the year."

The rest of the council agreed in that hard liquor is just as risky and potentially profitable as beer and wine and should be treated the same.

"Alcohol is alcohol," said Don Hall, a former police officer and Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer.

Others just said there should be no double standard.

"Maybe the question should be, 'Are we going to be dry or are

we going to let them drink?'" Councilman David Johnson said. "Not. 'What are we going to let them drink?'"

Two residents — plus a submitted letter — said the ban should remain, including L.J. Muir, whose 25-year-old daughter, Jlynn, was killed in 2003 by a drunken driver.

"Is seven days a week enough? Maybe we need eight days a week, and why stop at 1 (a.m.) why not 2 (a.m.) or 3 (a.m.)?" asked Muir, who showed the council a picture of his daughter.

Muir, who was accompanied by Jlynn's 11-year-old son, Stefan, said the financial bene-

fit will be minimal. "It reminds me a little bit about children who get to have a lot of candy and then when they don't get more candy, they're bothered by that," he said.

Some business owners who are closed Sundays said they will remain so, but nearly all referenced how allowing the change could improve tourism as well as chances of a convention center being built.

The issue received extra attention lately because New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday.

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## Moon

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noon. Was it to be nothing but a rest stop on the highway to Mars? Or was it to be a permanent off-world home for human beings, much like the International Space Station?

"We're going to go after a lunar base," said Scott Horowitz, associate administrator for exploration systems. "This is a very, very big decision; one of the few where the science and exploration communities agree."

Space science advocates have been complaining in recent months that money for basic scientific research is being raided to pay for manned spaceflight, which they feel is an expensive proposition, the benefits of which are unclear at a time when robotic explorers can perform many tasks far more cheaply.

In choosing to locate the moon base at either the north or south pole, NASA was persuaded by three factors. One, the sites are relatively unexplored. Two, temperatures are more moderate there than in the searing heat of the equatorial bright side and the numbing cold of the dark side. Lastly, previous NASA moon missions detected the presence of unusual amounts of hydrogen at both poles.

Some scientists have speculated this could be traced to hidden ice deposits, a potential source of water for moon colonists.

NASA officials said they won't make a final decision about where to build the lunar base until they obtain results from the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, a mapping mission scheduled for launch in 2008.

Deputy NASA administrator Shant Dale said space agencies from Australia, Canada, China, Europe, Japan, India and Russia have expressed interest in participating in the U.S. lunar program.

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## Market Watch

Dec. 4, 2006

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Russell 2000	+14.68	793.65

## Stocks of local interest

	close	change
Con Agri	26.08	▼ .32
Dell Inc.	26.84	▼ .43
Idacorp	39.70	▲ .21
Linn's Motors	26.05	▼ .45
Micron	14.56	▼ .09
Supervalu	34.30	▼ .28

## Commodities

	close	change
Jan. Oil	62.44	▼ .99
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	85.20	▼ .30
Dec. gold	645.20	▲ .05

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## Delta, PBGC reach deal on pensions

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. have reached a settlement over some key issues related to the carrier's request to terminate its pilots' pension plan.

Under the agreement, the government's pension insurer would get an unsecured claim of \$2.2 billion against the airline's third largest pension. That would put it in line with other unsecured creditors for compensation after Delta emerges from bankruptcy. But unsecured creditors typically recover only a fraction of what they are owed.

Atlanta-based Delta also said in a bankruptcy court filing Monday that it had agreed to provide in its reorganization plan that the PBGC would get \$225 million in senior unsecured notes, which are supposed to be repaid in full after a company emerges from bankruptcy. Delta retains the right to replace the notes with cash.

Delta has already received court approval to terminate the pension plan, but it also needs the PBGC's nod.

The airline has said it needs to eliminate its pilots' pension to successfully emerge from Chapter 11, which it hopes to do by the middle of next year.

Termination of the pension plan would mean the PBGC would take over the pilot pension and pay the pilots' benefits up to a maximum limit, in many cases less than what they were expecting under the company plan.

The agreement disclosed Monday calls for the PBGC to complete its deliberations on the termination of the pilots' pension plan quickly. Its staff has recommended that the termination be retroactive to Sept. 2.

A hearing on the agreement between Delta and the PBGC is scheduled for Dec. 20 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York. Other terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

When Delta emerges from Chapter 11, the PBGC will be deemed to have waived its rights to restore the pilot plan in full or in part.

Delta agrees not to establish any new tax-qualified defined benefit plans for its pilots for a period of five years after the exit date.

Delta will reimburse PBGC for legal fees and expenses up to \$7.5 million.

Delta's roughly 6,000 active pilots negotiated a \$2.1 billion unsecured claim in the bankruptcy case, money that could help them recoup some of their lost pension benefits. Already retired pilots negotiated \$800 million in unsecured claims.

Delta has said it plans to maintain its non-pilot pension plan, which covers ground employees and flight attendants.

## Working healthy



Ashley Faulkner participates in a stretching routine at work at Replacements, Ltd. in Greensboro, N.C., on Nov. 14.



Allen Campbell rolls his neck while participating in a stretching routine at work at Replacements, Ltd. in Greensboro, N.C., on Nov. 14. Twice a day the warehouse staff is encouraged to stretch and loosen up their upper body to counteract their repetitive routine on an assembly line.

## Companies push workers to adopt healthy habits

By Ellen Simon  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Many companies are starting to sound like moms: They're pushing employees to eat their vegetables and go outside and play. And they're not being gentle about it.

Outdoor clothing company L.L. Bean, Inc. shuts down its manufacturing line three times a day for mandatory five-minute stretches designed to prevent the most common injuries the workers suffer.

"It's a safety measure, just as we would ask someone to wear safety glasses if there's a danger of hurting their eyes," said Susan Tufts, the company's employee wellness program manager.

At retailer Replacements Ltd., 250 employees take part in a walking program organized by the company nurse. T-shirt manufacturer American Apparel has 80 loaner bikes, locks and helmets for employees and hosted an employee screening of "Fast Food Nation," a film where the villain is the meat industry.

Insurance company The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc. is among those using price manipulation in its cafeteria to encourage employees to eat right. It's increasing the prices on fatty foods and using the extra money to fund a subsidy for healthy sandwiches, cut fruit and salads.

Such "twinkle taxes" are now in place at 7 to 10 percent of corporate cafeterias run by food service company Sodexo, up from almost none three years ago, according to the company.

Mounting healthcare costs are driving the changes. Employee assistance company



A variety of fruit are on display at one of the fruit bars in the cafeteria of The Hartford insurance company in Sinsbury, Conn. While some companies are shifting to higher healthcare costs by cutting employees' coverage and adding more costs to the employees, others are doing everything they can to convince employees to adopt healthier habits.

ComSych Corp. runs what it calls "rainwater exercises," in which companies compute how long they can absorb healthcare cost increases before they become unprofitable. The first client that did the exercise realized it only had 18 months. Health insurance premiums for 2006 rose 7.7 percent — twice the rate of inflation.

While some companies are responding to the higher healthcare cost by cutting employees' coverage and shifting more costs to the employees, others are doing everything they can to convince employees to adopt healthier habits in the hopes they will avoid diseases caused or complicated by eating poorly and being overweight or inactive.

After L.L. Bean increased the price for burgers and lowered the price for salads in its cafeteria and salad bar purchases doubled while French fry and burger sales fell by half.

When railroad company Union Pacific Corp. opened a

new headquarters in Omaha two years ago it ordered its cafeteria operator to hire a full-time dietitian for the site and cut the fat and calories on every item by 10 percent.

The company runs a "Know Your Numbers" program that drills into employees' heads figures such as the 30 minutes of exercise they should be getting a day and the 3,500 calories in a pound.

"The biggest thing the guys come back and say they learned the most about is portion size," said Marcy Zaub, the company's director of health and safety. "They didn't understand how much they were eating."

Besides cost cutting, another factor behind the programs is the amount of time employees spend at work.

If workers don't have access to fruits and vegetables on the job, they will need to consume between one and two servings every waking hour after work to meet the goal of eating 5 to 9 servings a day, according to the California Department of

Human Services. To reach the recommended 10,000 steps a day, sedentary workers would have to spend most of their evenings in motion, the department said.

Even a little daily exercise can boost health, said Dr. Antonette (Ton) Yancey, associate professor at the UCLA School of Public Health.

Yancey collaborated with the Ministry of Health in Mexico, where everyone gathers at 11 a.m. each morning for 10 minutes of exercise to music. The result, after a year, was an average 45-pound weight loss — an improvement from the one pound a year, on an average, people gain as they age.

"Especially as it relates to physical activity, people have demonstrated that they're not going to make a lot of changes on their own," Dr. Yancey said.

"If we're going to make a big dent — lower healthcare costs, improve productivity and morale — you have to make it easier to do than not do."

Yancey and others say that work gyms are used primarily by people who would exercise anyway. For everyone else, a little manipulation goes a long way. Her suggestions include incorporating exercise breaks in to the work day, restricting parking close to the building, limiting elevator access to people with disabilities, widening and brightening stairwells and hosting walking meetings.

(People seldom refer to the notes they take during seated meetings, she says.)

Price manipulation worked for senior business analyst Kathy Bliszczek at The Hartford, who started buying a flank steak salad with grilled corn when the price dropped from \$6 to \$4.70.

"I love it, but I never used to get it," she said. "I have in my head a \$5 threshold."

## Wall Street shrugs off drug news

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street sundered higher-Monday as investors put aside Pfizer Inc.'s decision to halt development of a key drug and focused instead on another series of takeover deals.

Pfizer shares fell by about 12 percent after the company stopped the development of the cholesterol drug torcetrapib because of deaths and cardiovascular problems among people taking the drug during clinical trials. The stock was also downgraded by several Wall Street analysts on concern that Pfizer's revenue growth will now weaken.

The news was offset by several merger announcements that reinforced the belief that companies are optimistic about the economy and therefore are willing to take some risks. Leading them was Bank of New York Corp.'s \$16.5 billion deal to buy rival Mellon Financial Corp. to create an asset management powerhouse.

Trading activity is being driven by the large amount of merger and acquisition announcements, specifically in the banking, semiconductor and hotel sectors of the market. Michael Shelden, chief market strategist at Spencer Clarke LLC, "many investors remain concerned about the economy, but are optimistic that a soft land lies ahead for U.S. financial markets."

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Calculating to preliminary indications, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 89.72, or 0.74 percent, to 12,283.85.

Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 12.41, or 0.49 percent, to 1,409.12 and the Nasdaq composite index added 35.18, or 1.46 percent, to 2,448.39.

Stocks had stumbled Friday as the manufacturing survey unexpectedly contracted in November, pushing the major indexes to a loss for the week. However, major indexes are still poised to finish 2006 with double-digit gains. The Dow so far this year is up 14.61 percent. The S&P 500 has gained 12.88 percent, and the Nasdaq 11.02 percent.

"We really need somewhat of a pullback to keep us from going too far," said Al Goldman, chief market strategist with A.G. Edwards & Sons. "But, overall, I'm still optimistic with a level of caution after the party we've already had."

Bonds were little changed, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note flat at 4.43 percent from late Friday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Drug makers were in focus after Pfizer pulled its cholesterol drug because it causes possibly deadly side effects. Shares of the Dow component fell \$2.96, or 10.6 percent, to \$24.90.

However, rivals Merck & Co. and Schering-Plough Corp. were mixed although their cholesterol drug was seen threatened, with competition eliminated.

## Ex-congressman's companies sue Utah over rent increase

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Companies owned by former U.S. Rep. Merrill Cook are suing the state in a dispute over an extraordinary increase in rent. A Utah department wants \$345,600 a year of use of land near Utah Lake, compared to the annual rate of \$4,560,

which has been paid for about 10 years. Cook Associates Inc. and Cook Slurry Co., a mining-explosives business, have been renting land from the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration for 20 years. The companies have a 49-year lease.

Cook's attorney, Blake Atkin, said the agency violated the contract by raising

the rent to reflect fair market value. The state believes the land now is worth thousands more because of residential growth.

"They could make a lot more money on this property if they didn't have it leased to Cook," Atkin said.

The new rent stems from a policy requiring the state to review leases

every five years to ensure fair market value, said Tom Mitchell, an attorney for the Trust Lands Administration.

"We have no motivation other than as required by state Constitution and the statutes and the rules in place that govern this lease," Mitchell said.

Cook, a Republican, served two terms in Congress.

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EDITORIAL

# Delays may help both Idaho wilderness plans

The line between bad policy and good intentions is starting to grow clearer as Congress considers proposals to expand Idaho wilderness.

Idaho's elected leaders may be hard pressed to pass two plans for new wilderness in the central and southwest parts of the state by year's end. As control of Congress swings to the Democrats in 2007, passing both plans in their current form will grow tougher in the year to come.

It appears Idaho leaders need to go back to the drawing board for the Boulder-White Clouds plan, as well as the Owyhee Initiative. Only with more intensive negotiations between various users does it appear either bill can gain momentum.

Over almost seven years, Rep. Mike Simpson has shaped a 300,000-acre wilderness plan for three regions of the Boulder-White Clouds that has gathered support, but not full-blown consensus. The final product that emerged, the Central Idaho Economic Development Act, advanced further than any previous effort with passage in the U.S. House this summer.

Meanwhile, in a five-year collaboration effort, Sen. Mike Crapo has assisted various conservation and land-use groups seeking compromise over a 500,000-acre wilderness plan for the Owyhee-Bruneau region. Like the CIEDRA bill, the Owyhee plan has gained support of key groups such as Idaho Conservation League and the Wilderness Society. But it has not passed through either house of Congress.

For Simpson, the push is to pass CIEDRA now, before Democrats take over in January. Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.V., incoming chairman of the House Resources Committee, objected to parts of CIEDRA earlier this year due to its public land trades and its payoffs to mining speculators.

"We're not resigned to the fact it's dead yet," said Simpson spokeswoman Nikki Watts. "We're working diligently to make it happen this year. If we happen to be unsuccessful, Congressman Simpson will be just as committed for next year's Congress."

That will be even tougher, however, after Idaho Sen. Larry Craig announces his own terms to the CIEDRA and Owyhee Initiative deals. Craig wants appropriation portions promised to ranchers in the Owyhee plan, and payments to counties in CIEDRA, to happen before one acre of new acre wilderness is finalized.

To many conservation groups, that trigger language is a deal-breaker, especially in the case of the Owyhee wilderness plan. That proposal aims to provide cattle-herd \$15 million in cash appropriation and some federal land in exchange for 2,619 acres of private land, and their relinquishing grazing rights on 54,000 acres of public land.

That lump sum payment is just a little too generous in the minds of some critics, especially with grazing rights that are already on public land. Under those terms, if the Owyhee plan is forced to wait another year, it seems duly appropriate.

As for Simpson, not getting CIEDRA through in 2006 would be a tough blow, especially since it has gained approval in the House. But his efforts have already gained key allies, most notably from outgoing Resource Chairman Richard Pombo and committee member Rep. George Miller, D-Calif. If that trend can continue, even if it requires another year, more leaders could be on board with it.

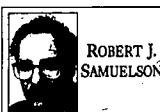
Given Republicans' hesitancy to approve more wilderness, the Democratic switch may provide more momentum for both bills in the next term of Congress. Both Simpson and Crapo should be willing to give that worthy kind of try.

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# The dollar's role as the main global currency steadily losing power

Let's face it. Foreign exchange markets are not mass entertainment. They're not the NFL, MTV or MySpace. So you might have missed the latest excitement of the sliding dollar. Who cares if the euro is now worth \$1.33 instead of the \$1.28 it was on Nov. 20 — a 4 percent loss for the dollar? Well, we all should. The dollar's mysterious movements pose one of the thorniest economic questions of our time: Can the world economy thrive without the massive stimulus of ever-increasing U.S. trade deficits?



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

It's no secret that Asia, Europe and Latin America have feasted on the U.S. trade gap. In 2006 the deficit will reach about \$800 billion, bringing the cumulative total since 1996 to \$4.4 trillion. But as the U.S. economy slows, so will America's ravenous appetite for imports. Likewise, the dropping dollar (down 11 percent against the euro this year) will make U.S. exports more competitive on global markets. Big exporting countries may suffer. They need stronger domestic economic growth — or their economies may languish.

We refer awkwardly to "global imbalances": Some

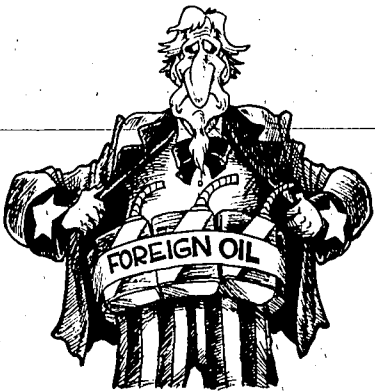
countries have big trade surpluses, others (mainly the United States) have big deficits. By and large, the phenomenon has baffled economists, who didn't anticipate it. But the basic explanation is simple: The dollar's role as the main global currency. It's the currency most used to set prices for raw materials: oil, wheat, copper. It's the currency most used to conduct trade: Japan invoices 52 percent of its exports in dollars; South Korea, 65 percent; and Australia, 68 percent. Even France and Germany, which trade mainly in euros, use the dollar for about a third of their exports. Dollars also represent about two-thirds of the official foreign exchange reserves of governments worldwide.

China and Japan have the largest reserves, at \$1 trillion and nearly \$900 billion. The dollar's global role roots America's political stability, its large and wealthy economy, low inflation and deep financial markets (there's plenty to buy, and it's easy to sell). Not surprisingly, the dollar dominates international bank loans and bonds. It's the favored way global investors hold their wealth in stocks and bonds or bank deposits outside their own countries. Likewise, many non-Americans use dollars as cash. The International Monetary Fund counts 13 countries that have adopted the dollar as their domestic currency. Exactly is the largest. The Federal Reserve estimates that

about \$350 billion in cash — roughly half of all circulating dollar notes — are held abroad. Global imbalances emerge, because the U.S. trade deficits aren't automatically self-correcting. The surplus dollars that foreigners receive from their exports aren't necessarily dumped onto foreign exchange markets; that would normally lead to a cheaper dollar, more U.S. exports and fewer U.S. imports. Instead, foreigners keep many of the dollars. In recent years, two trends have predominated: huge investments by private foreigners in U.S. stocks, bonds, real estate and companies; and big additions to governments' foreign exchange reserves, usually by purchases

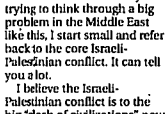
of U.S. Treasury securities. Governments — notably China — often want to keep their own currencies artificially depressed, thereby aiding their exports. In effect, the United States provides a service to the rest of the world — a global currency — and is repaid with imports. American consumers benefit; American producers don't. But the system may now be shaky. The U.S. economic advantages may be narrowing as other countries grow richer and develop better financial markets. Or, at some point, the big trade deficits may spill more dollars abroad than foreigners want to hold.

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# Tear down the energy wall

We need to end our dependence on this part of the world for energy, because it is debilitating for us and for them.



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

The problem of Iraq looks like such a mess that it's hard to figure out not only where we are but what to do next — if we decide to just leave. Whenever I find myself trying to think through a big problem in the Middle East like this, I start small and refer back to the core Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It can tell you a lot. I believe the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is to the big "dash of civilizations" now under way between the Muslim world and the West what the Spanish Civil War was to World War II. It's off-Broadway to Broadway.

The Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, was the theater where Great European powers tested out many weapons and tactics that were later deployed on a larger scale in World War II. Similarly, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been the small theater where many weapons and tactics get tested out first and then go global. So if you study the evolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, off-Broadway, you can learn a lot about how the larger war now playing out on Broadway, in Iraq and Afghanistan, might proceed.

For instance, airplane hijacking was perfected in the Israeli-Palestinian context, as a weapon of terrorism, and there was a failed suicide bombing was perfected there, and then was globalized. The Oslo peace process, which David Makovsky, of the Washington Institute for Near

East Policy, calls an "attempt by Israel to empower a Palestinian partner with whom to negotiate," was first tried there and then, in a different way, moved to the big stage with the U.S. invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan. These were a U.S. effort to create Arab and Afghan partners to push a progressive, democratic agenda in the Muslim world. Unfortunately, Oslo failed off-Broadway, and now Iraq and even Afghanistan seem to be failing on Broadway. So what do we do next? Again, start by looking at what happened in the Israeli-Palestinian theater. Israel decided to just build a wall.

As a result of the Palestinian intifada of 2000-2004, Israel concluded that partnership at that time was impossible with the Palestinians, whose leaders were too divided and dysfunctional to prevent suicide bombing. So Israel erected a wall, unilaterally pulled out of Gaza and basically said to the

Palestinians, "We'll continue to engage you, but only from a position of strength, only after we're insulated from the daily threat of suicide bombings or the burden of occupying Gaza."

What would be the equivalent for the West and the Muslim world? Also build a wall? Some people want to do that by vetoing Turkey's entry into the European Union, which would be a huge, huge mistake. But how do we insulate ourselves from the madness of the Middle East — if Iraq and Afghanistan seem to be made to work — without giving up on reform there, which is still badly needed? Build a virtual wall. End our oil addiction.

We need to end our dependence on this part of the world for energy, because it is debilitating for us and for them. It is terrible for us, because addictions never tell the truth to their pushers. We are the oil addicts and they are the oil pushers. The only way we can be brutally honest with them is if we undertake the necessary conservation measures, investments in renewable fuels and a gasoline tax hike that could make us energy independent.

I do not want my girls to live a world where the difference between a good day and bad day is whether Muqtada al-

Sadr lets Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, meet with the U.S. president or whether certain Arab regimes alter what their textbooks say about non-Muslims. I wish them all well, but I don't want them impacting my life and I don't want to be rolling theirs, and the only reason we are so intertwined now is O-I-I.

Not only would ending our oil addiction protect us from the worst in the Arab-Muslim world, it would help us support the best. These regimes will never reform as long as they enjoy windfall oil profits, which allow them to maintain closed societies with archaic education systems and protected industries that can't compete globally. The small Persian Gulf state of Bahrain just held its second free election, in which women could vote and run. Bahrain is also the first Arab gulf state to start running out of oil. No accident.

Everyone asks what is our "Plan B" for Iraq. Answer: It's get out as soon as we can, with the least damage possible, just as Israel got out of Gaza. And then build a wall — not a physical wall, but a wall of energy independence that will enable us to continue to engage honestly with the most progressive Arabs and Muslims on a reform agenda, but without being hostage to the most malevolent.

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## LETTER

ed to fight the war in Iraq. But some people look at reality, noting that six out of every 10 Americans are in debt. Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes states in despair: "It is shocking to me that intelligent people ... educated people ... have not taken time to think about this. We cannot sustain over an extended period of time these high levels of debt ... particularly at high rates of interest. Because ... what will happen is that whenever it comes to an end ... and there is an end

to the amount of credit ... in other words, when it gets so leveraged it will create an economic crisis so deep that it will threaten us as a nation."

Indebtedness also comes from civil war in Iraq, where there are targets of all religious factions and without political will in the White House to bring them home. Let's hope for "peace on earth, good will to men" as the New Year never looks promising.

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# Is Obama already at a disadvantage just because of his name?

If you call Barack Obama's office to check the spelling of his middle name, the reply comes back: "Like the dictator."

In the first rush of our blind date with the young senator from Illinois, we are still discovering things that are going to take some getting used to. Like his middle name: Hussein.

There were already a few top Democrats scoffing at the idea that a man whose surname sounded like a Middle East terrorist could get elected president. Now it turns out that his middle name sounds like a Middle East dictator. So with one moniker, he evokes both maniacal villains of the Bush administration. And to top it off, as Jennifer Senior noted in New York magazine, Barack rhymes with Iraq.

Republican wizards have whipped up nasty souffles with far less tasty ingredients than that.

The middle name — a sacred Muslim name and a family name carried by Obama's Muslim grandfather, a Kenyan farmer, and his father, a Kenyan goat herder — had been cited in a few



MAUREEN DOWD

places, like Senior's piece. But there hasn't been much focus on the unfortunate coincidence of the senator from the city known as the Hog Butcher to the World having the same name as the butcher of Baghdad until a Republican operative dropped the H-bomb on "Hardball" this week.

Ed Rogers, a Bush 41 official, said he was underwhelmed with "Barack Hussein Obama," dismissing him as "a blank canvas where people project their desires."

This set off indignation among liberal bloggers and in the Obama camp, where the middle name has not been hidden, but has not been mentioned much, either, even on the senator's August odyssey to his paternal home in Africa. The hush-hush on Hussein is a bit odd given that Mr. Inclusive is presenting



himself as the American dream in human form, a multiethnic quilt whose journey is his qualification for higher office.

Obama aides thought Rogers was trying to stir up racial and religious biases.

"It wasn't a slip of the tongue. I know that," said Robert Gibbs, the senator's director of communications. "The 2006 election proved that people are far smarter than the spin and fear-mongering. You can't solve Iraq with a campaign about peo-

ple's middle names."

He said that when Obama was running for the Senate, there were conservative Web sites that crowned the Democrat's picture with a urban and tried to make an issue of Obama and Osama sounding alike — just as GOP strategists shamefully linked Max Cleland with Osama in 2002, and claimed in 2004 and 2006 that a win for the Democrats counted as a win for the terrorists.

Gibbs said some had suggested to Obama early in his

pursuit of a Senate seat that, given 9/11, he might want to go by his childhood nickname, Barry. (Then it could have been Barry vs. Hillary!)

In his book "The Audacity of Hope," the senator describes a lunch with a media consultant in late September 2001. Looking down at a newspaper picture of Osama, the politico shook his head and said: "Really bad luck. You can't change your name, of course. Voters are suspicious of that kind of thing. Maybe if you were at the start of your career, you know, you could use a nickname or something."

The senator wrote: "His voice trailed off and he shrugged apologetically before signaling the waiter to bring us the check. I suspected he was right, and that realization ate away at me."

The Republicans are expert at tying Democrats to villains. Rogers' bad-boy mentor, Lee Atwater, yoked Willie Horton to Michael Dukakis. Atwater and his successors also liked to present their side as being

more American. Traveling on the campaign trail with Bush Senior in '88, Loretta Lynn made fun of Dukakis' ethnicity, noting "Why I can't even pronounce his name." And a Bush 43 campaign adviser trashed John Kerry for looking French.

Names can be fraught in politics. Hillary Rodham felt she had to switch to Mrs. Clinton after her husband lost the Arkansas statehouse in 1980.

Rogers denies he was playing hardball when he lobbed "Hussein" on "Hardball."

"No, I wasn't trying to say he is Saddam-like," he laughed. "The context was, this guy's a lightweight. Never have I seen so much swoon for so little biography. If he can make something out of this, it proves he's very thin-skinned and he ain't ready. Hillary will beat him like a rented mule."

That would be Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton to you, Ed.

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## LETTER

### Writer penned an attack on veterans

I awoke Veteran's Day to an article honoring veterans and a schedule of events in celebration of local veterans. Among those events was an open house at the American Legion Hall and a fish fry hosted by a local veteran's motorcycle club. I later noticed in the letters to the editor, a piece written by a former service woman. It appeared to be a thank you; however, reading the letter more closely, I realized this letter, published on the day we are honoring veterans, was indeed a slanderous statement about the previously mentioned veteran's motorcycle club that was on the front page offering a free dinner to those visiting the legion hall's open house.

While reading Ms. Peterson's allegations, I also

noticed that, in her rush to condemn, she demeaned female veterans by referring to them as "powder puffs." Not only did she digress to machine, she also degraded those who have served or are still members of auxiliaries. Her taunt of "a slip in the face" is nothing more than her ill-placed resentment. The veterans of the motorcycle club hold their fellow sister veterans in the highest regard.

Ms. Peterson's purpose in writing a letter full of innuendo about her fellow veterans is nothing more than a personal vendetta. The honorable veterans of this motorcycle club simply had an idea of banding together in brotherhood to help and support brother and sister veteran. They have shown this by transporting a donat-

ed funeral canopy to the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Hansen, as well as putting together the fish feed for veterans and their families.

My question is as follows: Is she truly a supporter of

our men and women veterans or is she stating that support should only be given to those who follow her personal manifesto?

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## AROUND THE WEST

### BOISE

#### Capitol plans continue despite Otter opposition

BOISE — Despite Gov.-elect C.L. "Butch" Otter's opposition, plans to add two underground wings to the state Capitol are moving forward.

The Idaho Department of Administration has contracted with McAlvain Construction Co. to build the shell of the wings, and is in the process of hiring a contractor to design the interior of the building. Construction is expected to begin early next year, the state Capitol Commission says.

The Legislature has approved the construction, the bonds have been sold, the money's out there," said commission Chairman Jack Kane, of Garden Valley. "If the governor-elect has some different thoughts on it, that's between him and the Legislature."

The underground wings are part of a larger Capitol renovation that legislators have been pushing for the last eight years. The wings were proposed by Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Leviston, last year as a means of adding meeting and office space.

But the plan was opposed this year by both of Idaho's gubernatorial candidates, who argued the \$45 million cost would be better spent renovating the nearby Ada County Courthouse and the Barah Post Office. The state issued \$130 million in bonds to finance the Capitol renovations in September.

There will probably be debate over the wings during the legislative session, Stegner said, but it's unlikely the plans will actually be changed.

#### Schools chief defends year-end bonuses

BOISE — State schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard, who leaves office in January, is rejecting calls that she take back \$120,000 in merit bonuses that have gone out to 135 of the department's employees.

"These people worked very hard for me in the last eight years," Howard, a Democrat, said.

But Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, House budget committee co-chairwoman, questioned the bonuses.

"Sounds to me like she is cleaning the drawers out," Bell said. "Why would you deserve a bonus because your boss is retiring?"

Bonuses of \$980 were given to 115 full-time employees starting on Friday, including Jana Jones, Howard's chief deputy superintendent, who lost to Republican Tom Luna in the November election for Howard's job. Luna takes office in January.

Luna did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press left with his spokesman on Monday.

Another 19 part-time employees received bonuses from \$61 to \$600.

Howard said the bonuses were paid for with money that came from savings made during the year on salaries. Most of it, she said, came from one employee who took an extended family leave without pay.

The budget year ends in June, and Howard said the bonuses will not affect the department's ability to meet payroll through that time.

### SANDPOINT

#### Town may buy, restore historic train depot

SANDPOINT — This northern Idaho town might soon own a train depot that's on Idaho's National Register of Historic Places, the mayor says. Mayor Ray Miller said

officials are considering a deal that would have the town buying the 90-year-old building and property from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

The town would then lease it back to the railway to use as its Amtrak station at a cost equal to operating and maintaining the building. The railway is obligated to have Amtrak stations along its lines.

Miller is scheduled to meet with officials from the railway, Amtrak, the Idaho Transportation Department

and Gov. Jim Risch on Wednesday in Cour d'Alene.

"Nothing is firming up yet," Miller told the Bonner County Daily Bee. "If the property and the building can be decided to us, we'd be very interested in going forward with this."

The railway had offered to sell the depot to the city three years ago, but city officials said they couldn't afford it then because it didn't include the lease deal.

The most recent deal would include renovating the depot, which has deteriorated during the last several decades.

### WYOMING

#### Expansion planned at Bridger power plant

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — Expansion plans are being considered for the coal-fired Jim Bridger Power Plant, officials with one of the plant's owners said.

The plant, about 25 miles east of Rock Springs, is owned by PacifiCorp and Idaho Power. It has four electrical generating units that supply power to customers in six western states, including Wyoming.

The proposed expansion would involve adding another unit to the plant that could generate 600-800 megawatts of electricity, PacifiCorp spokesman Dave Eskelsen said. It would be the first new generating unit built at the plant since it opened in the 1970s.

Eskelsen said no decision has been made on whether to go ahead with the plan. Officials estimated the project, if approved by the companies and permitted by various government agencies, could cost \$800 million or more.

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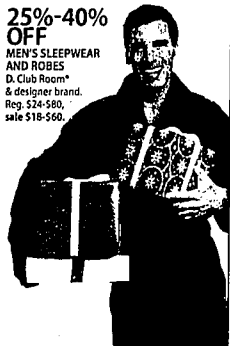
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Kansas guard Mario Chalmers, right, reaches for the ball while covering Southern Cal guard Daniel Hackett during the first half of their Monday game in Lawrence, Kan.

# Kansas drops USC

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Mario Chalmers and Brandon Rush had 13 points each and 12th-ranked Kansas rebounded from its second loss of the season with a 72-62 victory over Southern California on Monday night.

The Jayhawks (7-2), coming off a 64-57 loss at DePaul on Saturday, now despite shooting 38 percent (24-for-63) from the field.

USC (5-2) has held its first seven opponents under 40 percent shooting.

Sherron Collins and Darnell Jackson added 11 points each and Julian Wright finished with 10 for Kansas, which did not lead by double digits until Russell Robinson hit two free throws in the closing seconds.

Ludrick Stewart, whose twin brother, Rodrick, is a reserve guard for the Jayhawks, scored 23 points for the Trojans and kept hitting timely shots every time Kansas threatened to pull away in a sloppy first half.

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The teams combined for 24 turnovers, 14 by the Trojans, in the first 20 minutes.

## No. 11 Wisconsin 82, Winthrop 79

MADISON, Wis. — Michael Flowers and Alando Tucker each scored 21 points to help No. 11 Wisconsin beat Winthrop 82-79 in overtime Monday night.

Wisconsin (8-1) led by as many as 13 points in the second half, but couldn't find a way to shake Winthrop (6-3), which shot 55 percent and was 15-of-25 from 3-point range.

Flowers tied it at 65 with 10:16 seconds left. Torrell Martin's 3-pointer at the buzzer hit the front of the rim, sending the game to overtime.

The Badgers then used an 8-2 run in the extra period to go up 79-69.

Martin led the Eagles with 31 points.

## No. 16 Memphis 78, Marshall 59

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Robert Dozier scored 16 points, and Chris Douglas-Roberts added 14 for Memphis in the Conference USA opener for both teams.

Memphis (6-1) held the Thundering Herd to 33 percent shooting en route to its fourth straight win. The Whiteled led Marshall (2-6) with 14 points.

— The Associated Press

# Cutthroats shoot past Conquerors

**Times-News**  
KETCHUM — The hot-shooting Community School Cutthroats picked up a nice win in preparation for their Magic Valley Northwest Conference opener, defeating the Magic Valley Christian Conquerors 65-43 Monday night, in Ketchum. Team captain Christian Cairncross pumped in 26 points, including six 3-pointers as the 2-1 Cutthroats shot 49 percent from the floor and put three players in double figures.

The three in double figures is certainly great for us," Cutthroats head coach Mike Wade said. "We shot the ball well. Magic Valley Christian actually shot very well too, but we just shot better."

Mac Whittington came up with a 15-point, 10-rebound double-double, while Spencer Harris scored 18 for the Cutthroats, who open their conference schedule Friday on the road against the Shoshone Indians.

Magic Valley Christian was paced by Brandon Van Esch's 19-point night, while Jordan Jarvis added 10 points. The

Cutthroats turned up the pressure after the break, outscoring the Conquerors 32-16 after halftime.

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# Jazz breeze by Bucks, 101-88

SALT LAKE CITY — Carlos Boozer had 30 points and 13 rebounds and Utah's Jerry Sloan got his 399th coaching win, 101-88 over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday.

Mehmet Okur scored 17 points and pulled down 13 rebounds, Andrei Kirilenko scored 14 and Deron Williams had 11 points and eight assists for the Jazz, who held Michael Redd to two points in the second half.

Utah took a 28-point lead this time in the third quarter and never led by fewer than 14 after that.

The Jazz swept the Bucks for the second straight year and had its only win time Monday than in its first meeting. On Nov. 11 in Milwaukee, Redd led the Bucks back from a 24-point deficit before Matt Harpring won it for Utah on a layup with 1.9 seconds left.

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The Jazz used a 12-2 run from the end of the second quarter to early in the third to pull away from the Bucks.

## Wizards 106, Mavericks 97

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas had 38 points and eight assists and the Wizards ended the Mavericks' 12-game winning streak with a 106-97 victory.

All five of Washington's starters scored in double figures in the first three quarters. Only once had the team accomplished that in a full game this season.



Utah Jazz center Mehmet Okur (13) is forced to pass by Milwaukee Bucks guard Charlie Bell (42) during the first quarter of Monday's game in Salt Lake City.

Antawn Jamison had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Washington. Carter Butler added 14 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Wizards, who built leads of 20 points in the first half and 31 in the third quarter.

Dirk Nowitzki, who led Dallas with 27 points, capped a 19-6 run with a 3-pointer that pulled the Mavericks to within 102-95 at 1:07 remaining.

It was the first loss for the Mavericks since Nov. 8, at the Los Angeles Clippers.

## Knicks 98, Grizzlies 90

NEW YORK — Eddy Curry scored 26 points and the Knicks won at home for just the second time this season.

David Lee added a season-high 20 points, teaming with Curry to wear out the Grizzlies' frontcourt. Curry, who

had his career-best seventh straight game with 20 or more points, grabbed 15 rebounds before fouling out, and the Knicks scored a season-best 55.3 percent from the field.

Quentin Richardson also had 20 points and Stephen Marbury finished with 16 points and six assists.

Hakim Warrick scored 19 points for the Grizzlies, who lost their third straight.

## Spurs 129, Warriors 89

SAN ANTONIO — Brent Barry scored 18 points and the Spurs reserves accounted for 75 points in the rout.

Beno Udrih scored a season-high 16 points for San Antonio, whose bench accounted for 75 points.

The Spurs outrebounded the Warriors 51-34.

Anthony Roberson, who had scored 17 in his fourth Saturday game against the Milwaukee Bucks, scored 21 for Golden State.

## Bulls 100, Celtics 82

CHICAGO — Andrus Nocieni scored 20 points, and the Bulls won their fifth straight.

Up 17-14 in the first quarter, the Bulls went on a 13-point run. They were ahead 53-35 at halftime and led by as many as 30 in the third quarter.

After scoring a career-high 31 on Friday against New Orleans and 24 the following night against Washington, Nocieni was 8-of-10 from the field and grabbed seven rebounds against Boston.

Paul Pierce scored a season-low eight points for Celtics, losers of three straight.

— The Associated Press

# Florida

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that game it would be nothing more than a Big Ten championship — and I don't think you get mulligans in college football.

"If there's a viable alternative, I stay away from a rematch and I think Florida gives them a viable alternative."

Jerry Palm, an independent BCS analyst, estimates that 40 of the 113 voters in the Harris poll and 25 of the 62 in the USA Today coaches' poll moved the Gators past the Wolverines. The teams were tied in the computer poll, the third component of the BCS standings.

The Associated Press media poll is not used in the BCS rankings, but 25 of the 65 voters moved Florida ahead of Michigan.

Illinois coach Ron Zook, who used to coach Florida, was among the voters in the coaches' poll who elevated the Gators. He was also the only Big Ten coach to vote Florida ahead of Michigan.

"Believe me, it's not slight to Michigan at all," Zook said. "I thought you were supposed to vote the way you feel. One vote was enough to make a difference. A bunch of people turned and flipped and voted Florida ahead of Michigan. For me, it was the fact that they played a 13th game."

"That game, for the conference title, was one that Michigan didn't have to play. And because it was played two weeks after Michigan's season-ending loss, it meant a big return to vote more fresh in voters' minds."

AP poll voter Michael Vega of The Boston Globe said he was in against a rematch but found it hard to justify one this time.

"I had to reconcile a fundamental problem with giving Michigan a chance to win the national championship when I didn't even win a conference

championship," he said.

AP voter Jon Wilner of the San Jose Mercury News said a rematch was appealing, but Florida deserves a title shot based on strength of schedule.

"Beating Arkansas, a 10-win team on a neutral field in December gave Florida that extra push," said Wilner.

And then there were those who stuck with Michigan.

"I kept Michigan second even after they lost to Ohio State, and felt nothing has changed for me since that loss for Florida to jump over them," said coacher with Michigan.

"Did I want to see a rematch? No," he said. "But my job was to vote for the top 25 teams, not who should play who, and after watching as much college football as anybody, I believed Michigan was the second-best team."

The last rematch in the national title games was in 1996, when Florida beat Florida State in the national title after losing to the Seminoles in the final game of the regular season.

South Carolina's Steve Spurrier, who coached the Gators to the '96 national championship, moved Florida past Michigan in the coaches' poll.

His reasoning? "Heck, I'm a Gator," he said. "I need to vote for them right there. It just appeared they're 12-1, the other team is 11-1. I guess that's about it."

# Eagles better than Panthers on MNF

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jeff Garcia can't make them for Tomovan McNabb in Philadelphia, can he? Well, if he plays like vintage McNabb, as he did Monday night in leading the Eagles past the Carolina Panthers 27-24.

Garcia certainly will ease the pain of not having the injured star quarterback.

And if he guides them into the playoffs — at 6-6 they are tied for the NFC wild-card spots — Garcia won't be leaving the boys fans at the line sent his way in the first half.

Garcia threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns, and Brian Dawkins' 38-yard interception return set up David Akers' 25-yard goal with 3:17 left.

After Garcia struggled early, he was nearly unstoppable, using his arm and his legs to offset Carolina's dangerous pass rush.

The 36-year-old veteran, who replaced the injured McNabb (torn right knee ligament) two weeks ago and lost twice, had TD passes of 8 yards to Brian Westbrook, 30 to Dante Stallworth and 40 to Reggie Brown. When Lito Steppardt picked off a fade pass to Keshawn Johnson with 25 seconds left, the Eagles were back in the playoff chase, tied with Carolina, Atlanta and the New York Giants.

One of the great benefits of life in the NFC is that a 500 record makes you a contender.

Garcia has thrown for six TDs and no interceptions since taking over for McNabb.

Delhomme almost matched Garcia until, the two late picks. They threw for 269 yards and TDs of 9 yards to Steve Smith, 1 to Johnson and 35 to DeAngelo Williams.

But the interceptions ruined his night and continued the inconsistency that has marked the Panthers' season. They lost two, won four straight, lost two more, won two and now have dropped two in a row again.

It took the Eagles nearly the entire first half to get the offense going, in part because Garcia almost continually was running away from Julius Peppers and other Carolina rushers. Stallworth made a stunning one-handed grab down the left sideline over rookie cornerback Richard Marshall and sped to a 51-yard gain, surpassing Philadelphia's total offense in the entire first quarter.

Garcia scrambled again to keep a third-down play alive before throwing over the middle to Reggie Brown for a first down at the 8. Then he hit Westbrook cutting across the middle to tie it at 7 with 2:12 left in the second period.

# Litke

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Slive and his pals back at headquarters already know what that "different format" is — and have from the beginning: a playoff of some sort — and that might be the reason to dislike the BCS crowd most of all. They're going to buckle sooner rather than later, almost certainly before the current four-year deal with Fox has run its course, but not before enough of the angered citizenry gather outside the castle carrying torches. That's why the so-called "plus-one" game that debuts this season was tucked into the new TV deal.

Mad as some people are about Michigan being the recipient of this season's "life-size-fair" award, and despite polls that have shown nine out of 10 fans, most players and even coaches want a playoff, the movement still hasn't reached critical mass.

Incredibly, that didn't happen in 2003 either, when Oregon finished No. 2 in both polls but lost the computer battle; or in 2003, when it was

a clearly superior Southern California team that got the short end of the tape; or in 2004, when undefeated Auburn was sent home with a consolation prize.

If the rationale offered most often for letting the BCS continue to eat the shots is that it makes the regular season a de facto playoff already and thus every weekend is meaningful.

If that were true, what's the argument against crowning Ohio State the champion right now?

The only other Division I-A team to go through the season unbeaten was Boise State, which on the twisted logic that the BCS specializes in, the Broncos never really were in contention for a national title and aren't about to complain. It took the threat of legal action by a number of previously locked-out mid-major programs just to get a shot at any of the four top-dollar BCS bowls, and apparently that was hush hush.

The last piece of this year's puzzle will be available for public viewing Monday, when

the votes in the final USA Today coaches poll are unveiled. It's been the object of much conjecture and plenty of shenanigans in the past, and we already know that Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, whose team handed Michigan its only loss of the season — by three points at Ohio Stadium — chose to opt out.

And cleared, of all things, a conflict of interest.

"After consultation with my director of athletics, Gene Smith, and based upon our unique position in the BCS standings, I believe I'm only going to not participate (in) the final poll," Tressel said.

Funny that he didn't have a problem before this, or that he'd care either way, since his bonus — reportedly \$200,000 for reaching the championship game, plus a standing offer to renegotiate his contract — is already locked up. Then again, that's the way the BCS makes a lot of people feel: conflicted.

Florida coach Urban Meyer was talking another example, has been talking loud and long about a playoff for some time.

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## GAME PLAN

### BASKETBALL

Team	W	L	PTS	REB	AST
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### LOCAL

**High school**  
Boys basketball  
Kimberly at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.  
Preston at Minico, 7:30 p.m.  
Hagman at Marking, 7:30 p.m.  
Decia at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.  
Shoshone at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.

### TV SCHEDULE

**Men's College Basketball**  
ESPN - Jimmy V Classic, Oklahoma St. vs. Syracuse, at New York  
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### SKI REPORT

**Regen Basin** - Sun 8:15p packed powder machine 25 base 43 of 12 trails, 7 off-trails. 80% open, Mon-Fri 10:00-4:30p. Sat/Sun 9:45-3:00p. 45% meeting degrees packed powder machine groomed 24 - 35 base 43 of 45 trails, 10% open, 2 of 7 trails, 100% open. Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30p; Sat/Sun 9:30-4:30p.

### Sunday's Late NBA Box

Game	W	L	PTS	REB	AST
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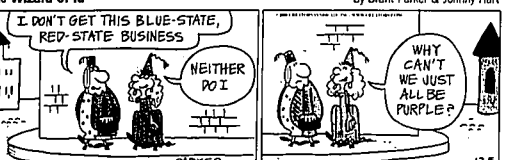
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

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# Husband's limping libido sends couple to counselor



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I want "Short on Intimacy," the wife in her 20s with no sex life (Oct. 26), to know that she is not the only wife out there who has this problem. I wish you could have heard some of the wild excuses my husband made about why he couldn't have sex. We have been in counseling for months because of this.

terone level was about 20 percent of where it should be for an adult male. The medication he now takes may have saved our marriage, and it definitely saved our sex life. This was something neither of us had heard of before.

I think it is so hard for us women because other men are always talking about wanting sex, and our husbands may even be acting like that want it. And then, when we get home, sex is the furthest thing from their minds.

—HAPPY NOW IN ARIZONA

Through counseling, I have realized that "why" may never be answered. The bottom-line question is: Can I live the rest of my life this way or not?

**DEAR ABBY:** I could have written that letter. I would put on lingerie and try to seduce my husband. Still nothing. Of course, I became horribly insecure and thought something was wrong with me. When we went for counseling, my husband finally admitted he didn't need me for sex because he had been "satisfied" himself. It stemmed from huge issues he has with intimacy.

—NO ANSWERS IN OKLAHOMA  
**DEAR NO ANSWERS:** Only you can answer that. You were generous to share your own experience on this personal and sensitive subject—and so were countless others who aired their views. Read on:

My advice to "Short on Intimacy": My heart goes out to you, but the sooner you find out the reason for his behavior, the better. Do not waste your best years waiting for something that might never happen.

—BEEN THERE IN NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married 12 years. We have two wonderful children. My husband was a virgin when we married, which I attributed to his shyness and an uptight upbringing. I was optimistic, though, and thought in time he'd learn to appreciate sex and get into it, but he never did.

My husband suffers from clinical depression as well as adult-diagnosed ADD. I struggled for years with the same questions she asked, until he started being treated for his disorders. Things are improving.

—STILL WORKING ON IT, WINCHESTER, IND.

Three weeks ago, he finally confessed that he is gay and always has been, but kept it locked inside. Although I feel

by clinical depression as well as adult-diagnosed ADD. I struggled for years with the same questions she asked, until he started being treated for his disorders. Things are improving.

—STILL WORKING ON IT, WINCHESTER, IND.

He had a low sex drive and intermittent impotency. During a blood-screening it was discovered that his testos-

terone level was about 20 percent of where it should be for an adult male. The medication he now takes may have saved our marriage, and it definitely saved our sex life. This was something neither of us had heard of before.

—THE OTHER SIDE IN UTAH

## Coney Island had world's first roller coaster

Coney Island had the first roller coaster in the world, built in 1884. This day in history: The Santa Maria, returning from the Americas, rammed a reef on Dec. 5, 1492. It sank. Luckily, the ship's crew and captain, Christopher Columbus, were able to scramble aboard the Nina and the Pinta and continue on.



How did Edgar Rice Burroughs come up with his hero's name "Tarzan"? At the time, he lived near the town of Tarzana, Calif., and decided he liked the name. (A myth has since sprung up that the town was named after the ape man, but that's exactly backward.)

If you made it your goal to drive your car on every lane of every public road in the United States, prepare for a long trip: they measure 828,000 miles. Also keep in mind that only 64% of the roads are paved.

**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS**  
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Headed insurance provider Blue Cross was original to schoolteachers only. In 1929, a premium of just \$6 per year would cover your hospital fees for up to three weeks.

You may already know that the Great Boy Packers got their name from a meat-packing company that first sponsored the franchise. But did you know that they're the only community-owned

The largest known living organism in the world was discovered in recent years in northeast Oregon. Having grown under a forest for several centuries, the humongous fungus covers six square miles. From start to freeze to final wrapping, it takes about eight months to manufacture a Poipole.

Baseball and golf have this in common: They're sports in which a single game is won, not on your non-dominant hand.

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

## Hair cut has principal in trouble

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A high school principal could be in trouble for taking one of his students to a barber shop — without permission of the pupils' parents.

### Odds & ends

Before every fight, he puts that on to represent his sin, and then after the fight he shaves his head," the elder Maldonado said.

Rio Grande High School Principal Al Sanchez said he thought Fidel Maldonado Jr.'s hair style — the number "505" and a Zia symbol shaved into the back of his head — was a gang haircut. The Zia, a sun design on the state flag, can be traced to a symbol on a 19th century Zia Pueblo water jar. 505 is New Mexico's area code.

### Four-mouthed fund drive raises money for teens

EMPLOYEES in the city clerk's office are turning their colorful language into a little green. Since July, workers have generated about \$120 by fining themselves for using profanity in the office.

Sanchez said he thought he was doing Maldonado, 15, a favor by taking him to a barber instead of suspending him. "I said, 'Do you want to just go to the barber and cut it off?' He said, 'Yeah.' I said, 'Let's go.' Sanchez said.

The money goes into a flower vase on Portage Clerk Ellen Mesich's desk, and eventually will go to buy gift cards to give to teen cancer patients at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Mesich had a niece who died of cancer last summer and was treated at the hospital.

But the barber, Jake Maestas, said he refused to cut the teenager's hair Thursday without parental permission and told the boy to call his father.

Mesich started the four-mouthed fund drive.

Fidel Maldonado Jr. said the law was broken when the principal took his son off campus. He said he is considering legal action. "For him to take my son and take him out of school without my consent, against his own 'IDOL is wrong," the elder Maldonado said.

"One day I was noticing my mouth was a little foul, so I decided I should have a cuss jar," Mesich said.

He said his son is not a gang member and always has the design shaved on his head

"Fines range from a penny to \$1.50, except on Monday mornings, when there's a general amnesty because, after all, it's Monday morning. Some people use IDOLs as a way in advance of stressful times. Paying the fines has made some workers more watchful of their words. 'I've been

catching myself more at home," Deputy Clerk Treasurer Lynn Reed said.

### Building construction suspended for finals

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Earplugs apparently won't do, so the College of Charleston has agreed to stop construction on a new building during final exams.

Students had complained about the clang of a pile driver sinking columns for the new building and wanted construction halted during finals. The building is in the middle of campus near classroom buildings and dorms.

The college originally said it would not have exams in the building nearest the construction and would provide earplugs for students.

But on Friday, the college agreed to suspend construction until the end of exams which run from Wednesday to Dec. 13.

"After listening to the concerns of students and taking time to assess the situation, we have decided it would be in the best interest of everyone to temporarily stop construction," said Victor Wilson, senior vice president for student affairs at the college which has an undergraduate enrollment of about 9,000.

The construction delay is expected to cost the college about \$6,000 a day, the school said.

**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

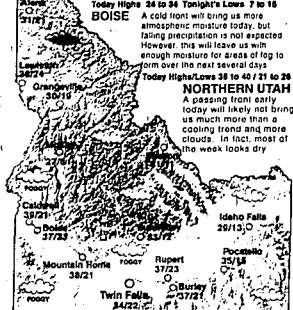
Today: Areas of patchy fog, especially in the morning, with partial clearing in the afternoon. Highs: 30s.  
 Tonight: Areas of fog redevelopment. Lows: 20s.  
 Tomorrow: Morning fog, partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs: 30s.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

Today: Muggy cloudy, but staying dry. Highs: 30s.  
 Tonight: Continued muggy cloudy, perhaps some drizzle of fog forming. Lows: 20s.  
 Tomorrow: Morning patchy fog with partial afternoon clearing. Highs: 30s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 A passing weather system may bring some light snow to the mountains today, but any accumulations will be light. Wednesday and Thursday, be aware for areas of fog forming in the valleys.  
**BOISE**  
 A cold front will bring us more atmospheric moisture today, but falling precipitation is not expected. However, this will leave us with enough moisture for areas of fog to form over the next several days.  
**NORTHERN UTAH**  
 Today likely not bring us much more than a cooling trend and more clouds. In fact, most of the week looks dry.



Weather key: H: Hazy; S: cloudy; R: Rain; SN: Snow; NS: Night Snow; D: Drizzle; M: Muggy; F: Fog; W: Windy; B: Breeze; L: Light; S: Strong; V: Very; E: Extreme; W: Weak; M: Moderate; S: Severe; H: Heavy; O: Obscured.

**GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
 "If you are never scared, embarrassed or hurt, it means you never take chances."  
 JAC 514 2/10

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FOGGY Areas of patchy fog	FOGGY Fog redevelopment	FOGGY Areas of fog	FOGGY Mainly morning fog		
High 34	Low 22	38/21	36/22	39/26	41/25

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 32 Yesterday's Low: 5 Normal High/Low: 41/33 Record High: 55 in 1960 Record Low: -27 in 1960	Yesterday's Trace Month to Date: 0.15 Normal Month to Date: 0.15 Year to Date: 2.07 Normal Year to Date: 3.00	Yesterday's 67% Today's 67% Normal: 60-70%	Yesterday's 30.2 Today's 30.2 Normal: 30.0-30.5	Yesterday's 7:52 AM Today's 7:52 AM Normal: 7:52 AM Sunset: 5:04 PM Normal: 5:04 PM

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 p.m. yesterday

**Moon Phases**

Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 20	Dec 27
Full Moon	Last Cr.	New Moon	First Cr.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	H: 35 L: 20	H: 30 L: 15	Idaho Falls	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10
Burley	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10	Pocatello	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10
Burner Ferry	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10	Rupert	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10
Challis	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10	Sun Valley	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10
Colusa	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10	Twin Falls	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10
Elko	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10	Wendover	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10
Ellensburg, OR	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10	Yellowstone	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10
Geopline	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Granger	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Hagerman	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Hamlet Falls	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Kalispell, MT	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Leavitt	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Malad City	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
McCall	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Mountain Home	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Payson, ID	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Pocahontas	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Rupert	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Shoshone, ID	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Timber Lake	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Twin Falls	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Wendover	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			
Yellowstone	H: 30 L: 15	H: 25 L: 10			

**Yesterday's Weather**

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Burley	34	13	0.00"
Challis	34	15	0.00"
Colusa	34	15	0.00"
Ellensburg	34	15	0.00"
Geopline	34	15	0.00"
Granger	34	15	0.00"
Hagerman	34	15	0.00"
Hamlet Falls	34	15	0.00"
Kalispell	34	15	0.00"
Leavitt	34	15	0.00"
Malad City	34	15	0.00"
McCall	34	15	0.00"
Mountain Home	34	15	0.00"
Payson	34	15	0.00"
Pocahontas	34	15	0.00"
Rupert	34	15	0.00"
Shoshone	34	15	0.00"
Timber Lake	34	15	0.00"
Twin Falls	34	15	0.00"
Wendover	34	15	0.00"
Yellowstone	34	15	0.00"

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30	Los Angeles	H: 60 L: 40	H: 60 L: 40
Boston	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20	Miami	H: 70 L: 50	H: 70 L: 50
Chicago	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20	Minneapolis	H: 30 L: 10	H: 30 L: 10
Denver	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20	New York	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20
Houston	H: 60 L: 40	H: 60 L: 40	Portland	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20
Las Vegas	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30	San Francisco	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30
London	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30	Seattle	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20
Los Angeles	H: 60 L: 40	H: 60 L: 40	Washington	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20
Memphis	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20	Phoenix	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30
Miami	H: 70 L: 50	H: 70 L: 50	San Diego	H: 60 L: 40	H: 60 L: 40
Minneapolis	H: 30 L: 10	H: 30 L: 10	St. Louis	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20
Montreal	H: 20 L: 0	H: 20 L: 0	Tampa	H: 70 L: 50	H: 70 L: 50
Moscow	H: 10 L: -10	H: 10 L: -10	Wichita	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20
Mumbai	H: 30 L: 10	H: 30 L: 10	Yokohama	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30
New York	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20			

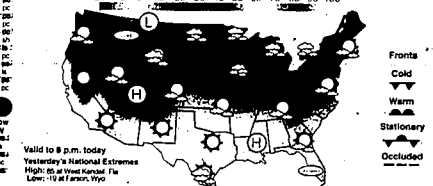
**U.V. INDEX**

Low Moderate High  
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**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Amsterdam	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30	London	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30
Berlin	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20	Paris	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20
Brussels	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20	Rome	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30
Frankfurt	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20	Tokyo	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30
Hamburg	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20	Sydney	H: 60 L: 40	H: 60 L: 40
Kyoto	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30	Hong Kong	H: 70 L: 50	H: 70 L: 50
Los Angeles	H: 60 L: 40	H: 60 L: 40	Manila	H: 80 L: 60	H: 80 L: 60
London	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30	Seoul	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30
Los Angeles	H: 60 L: 40	H: 60 L: 40	Taipei	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30
Madrid	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30	Yokohama	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30
Moscow	H: 10 L: -10	H: 10 L: -10			
Mumbai	H: 30 L: 10	H: 30 L: 10			
New York	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20			
Osaka	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30			
Paris	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20			
San Francisco	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30			
Seattle	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20			
Shanghai	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30			
Singapore	H: 80 L: 60	H: 80 L: 60			
Sydney	H: 60 L: 40	H: 60 L: 40			
Tokyo	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30			
Washington	H: 40 L: 20	H: 40 L: 20			
Yokohama	H: 50 L: 30	H: 50 L: 30			

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



Valid to 9 p.m. today  
 Yesterday's National Extremes  
 High: 84 at Grand Island, NE  
 Low: 19 at Farson, Wyo

**Nebraska's Callahan apologizes for coaching job against Sooners**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's Bill Callahan apologized to Cornhuskers fans Monday for his coaching performance in the Big 12 championship game.  
 But Callahan would not specify areas where he fell short in the 21-7 loss to Oklahoma on Saturday.  
 "I was disappointed in everything I did," Callahan told reporters on a conference call

"I could have done a better job. I just didn't do enough. As I go through the week, I'm taking inventory of where we've got to get better, what changes we have to make. If we have to change some things, I'm going to change them. I'm looking at it really hard."  
 The third-year coach wouldn't elaborate on whether the changes would involve staff, personnel or schemes, but he said he would do what it takes to make sure Nebraska competes at a championship level.  
 The Cornhuskers (9-9) out-gained the Sooners but committed five turnovers.  
 It was Nebraska's first appearance in the Big 12 title game since 1999.  
 "Our fans waited a long time for that, and I apologize to them," Callahan said. "I'm really, really upset with that

performance. It all falls on my shoulders. I'm pretty aggravated, to say the least."  
 In the second half, the Huskers came away with no points after starting drives at the Oklahoma 45, Nebraska 47, 28, 49, 43 and Oklahoma 55.  
 Callahan, whose team was averaging almost 180 yards rushing entering the game, abandoned the run after falling behind 14-0. He called 20

straight pass plays at one point. Quarterback Zac Taylor intercepted three times after getting picked off just four times in the first 12 games, said Callahan shouldn't be faulted for the loss.  
 "That's nice of him to do that," Taylor said, "but we've seen the film and we know what happened. You have to put the blame on the players, but he's a classy guy and great coach. So, naturally, he's going to take the blame for it even when we know we made mistakes we shouldn't have made."  
 Linebacker Stewart Bradley also backed up Callahan.  
 "The players are responsible," he said, "because we're the ones on the field."  
 The No. 22 Huskers will play 10th-ranked Auburn in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1.

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File District  
Office, resume, and  
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recommendation.  
This position will be  
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continuously. Pre-  
employment testing  
includes driving record,  
physical screening  
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Feedlot NW of Paul has  
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V. EASY #17

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 todays puzzle on page C-8.

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## Rebirthing barns



A barn owned by Nancy and Ed Tyrrell sits at the edge of a field across from their home outside of Buhl.

## Old farm structures find renewed purpose

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** — The stone is crumbling. The red siding is falling a board at a time. Pigeons have hijacked the loft. But just because the cows are gone doesn't mean their barn can't be useful, say Ed and Nancy Tyrrell, who own one of the oldest farm structures in Magic Valley.

Their barn, built in 1912, no longer serves an ag-related purpose. Nowadays, it's home to Nancy's picture-framing business.

Once icons of the American farm, many barns are being left to deteriorate as larger, more durable structures take their place. But some folks, such as the Tyrrells, are giving new life to these old farm fixtures.

The Tyrrells purchased their property — that includes the barn, their house and an outbuilding — 11 years ago and decided the old barn would be perfect for Nancy's business, despite the building's sad condition.

Why?  
"It was so gorgeous," Nancy says matter-of-factly.

They were given old boards for patching from a collapsed barn down the road. A tin roof keeps the rain out, mostly. And old doors hanging from chains function as walls on the main level.

"It takes a lot of nuts and bolts to get everything how you want it," Nancy says.

It's almost there. The loft hasn't been touched, but the main level was transformed into a workshop and display area. A saw nests where cows once slept. The hanging doors (which Nancy collects) segment the office and workshop from the customer area.

Running a business out of a barn requires concessions. Nancy says heating it — just the main level — is a bit like trying to warm a bird's nest. And the country location doesn't generate much walk-in traffic.

Nevertheless, the quaint workspace and whimsical furnishings create an atmosphere in which Nancy's muse emerges.

This time of year, the barn is adorned with Christmas wreaths, red



Nancy Tyrrell talks about how she and her husband, Ed Tyrrell, acquired the barn that now houses Nancy's framing business.

ribbon and decorative lighting. All showcase Nancy's framework that hangs here and there.

But not all old barns require as much attention to still serve a purpose. In fact, many farm structures, like the ones owned by Mearl Row, work best nowadays as storage buildings.

Mearl has a lifetime of artifacts piled into three cinder block barns on his 15-acre spread south of Filer. Behind padlocked doors are his prized wagons and buggies and assorted Old West oddities.

"This here wagon is probably 100 years old," he says pointing to a vehicle with "Filer" stamped across its front.

Mearl collected the wagons during a nearly 70-year stint cowboying across the West. He still has a chuck wagon from his days as a cattle-drive cook.

One barn is dedicated to nothing but tack, most of it as old as the 86-year-old cowboy. The equipment's

leathery scent mixes with the dust from the old barn. Ox shoes, saddles, rawhide.

Tucked behind a refrigerator in another barn, where Mearl parks his red SUV, is a 6-foot saw that belonged to his grandfather. This artifact, Mearl guesses, is at least 150 years old. A few feet away are a pair of ancient 6-foot skis a cowboy buddy crafted so he could chase loose horses in thick mountain snow.

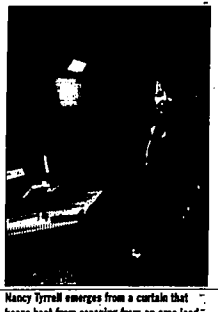
The old buildings on Mearl's property probably won't house farm machinery again in his lifetime. But, even though the heyday of American barns has passed, Mearl's buildings are proof that they can still serve a purpose.

"If anything," Mearl says, "they protect these old antiques."

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"It takes a lot of nuts and bolts to get everything how you want it."

— Nancy Tyrrell



Nancy Tyrrell emerges from a curtain that keeps heat from escaping from an area leading to the barn's loft.



Aside from the framing business that Nancy Tyrrell runs out of her barn, she sells a number of antiques and some specialty items like these Buhl centennial pieces. Some of the jugs depict a scene of the Tyrrells' barn, a historical structure in the Buhl countryside.

## New uses for balloons, garlic and a Slinky: Home remedies for those wildlife conflicts

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Last week on this page, we told you a few Magic Valley folks' tales of critters in the house — and a few tips for animal-proofing your attic, chimney and other entry points.

Coincidentally, that day The Humane Society of the United

States distributed a press release with easy, and humane, ways to resolve conflicts with squirrels, skunks, raccoons, birds and other wildlife in your living quarters.

The key here is methods that use common household items. Home remedies, if you'll pardon the pun.

The Humane Society offers

these top 10 remedies for wildlife conflicts at home:

• Problem: Dog sprayed by skunk.

Solution: Mix in a bowl: 1 quart hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda, and 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap. Apply to dog with a towel. Bathe and rinse dog and, the society promises, the odor will instantly disappear. Do expect a

cosmetic side effect: a "highlight" effect on dark fur.

• Problem: Woodpeckers pecking woodchucks digging; grease hanging out.

Solution: Shiny party-stem balloons with big-eyed faces create a predator image and keep wild animals away. Hang the balloons

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# COUNTRY ROADS

## For straight-up blossoms, mixed drinks on the rocks:

Researchers deliver proof of alcohol remedy

By Adrian Higgins  
The Washington Post

If your paperwhite narcissus, growing tall in a bowl of pebbles and water, is ready to keel over — and let's face it, white narcissus takes time to turn to drink. The cure for tipsy paperwhites, it turns out, is tipsy ones.

Researchers at Cornell University have discovered that an old home remedy — top-heavy paperwhites — gin in the water — will indeed shorten the stems, lower the center of gravity and help keep them in place. And that these hot-climate daffodils are choosy. Other liquors are just as effective, including white and dark rum, vodka, tequila and whiskey.

"I've tried it and, lo and behold, it's true," said Bill Miller, a professor in Cornell's department of horticulture. The scientists are turning their attention to amaryllis.

This is big news, of course. Anyone who has tried to emulate the elegant paperwhite-in-a-bowl look so prevalent in glossy mags this time of year knows these bulbs have more than delicate and pungently fragrant white blossoms: They have a kinetic streak.

First they grow sideways, and then they become prone to topple, bringing water, pebbles and stones with them. Here's a recipe to help steady them: Start them in plain water, as usual, until the roots begin to show and the stems reach a couple of inches.

Then drain the water and replace it with a booze-water mix: one part liquor to seven parts water for a roughly 5 percent alcohol solution, assuming 80-proof liquor. Thereafter, keep them plied and they will stay stout and happy. Don't use beer, wine or flavored liquors — too sugary for the job. Bubbling alcohol works, too, though the ratio is one part rubbing alcohol to 10 parts water. If the mix is too alcoholic, the bulbs may die.

Other stunts grow by a third, to a half without affecting the size or production of the flowers. They smell just as pungent. Some people dislike the odor, others love it. I fall in the second camp: It's the fragrance of something noble: a yearning for spring in winter.

The booze treatment is newly proven. Miller believes it works by reducing water uptake in the plant cells — but older truths still hold for keeping paperwhites in their place. The cause of most paperwhite woes is "keeling" in rooms that are too dark and too warm. Warmth induces rapid growth and short-lived flowers, while inadequate light makes the bulbs stretch in a vain search for sunlight. Put them in a bright room where the heat has been turned down. Sixty degrees is much better than 70.

Another approach is to avoid the bowl altogether and find a container that will allow the bulbs to be set deeper, either in pebbles and water or in soil.

If you do this, remember one important tip: Paperwhites (and amaryllis and hyacinths) will grow with their roots in water but not their bulbs. Keep them watered but maintain the waterline below the bottom of the bulbs to prevent rotting.

A florist's trick is to fence in the paperwhites using decorative twigs of curly willow or birch. Trim the twigs to about 20 to 24 inches and sink them in the perimeter. They can be anchored in soil or in stone or gravel, if the container is several inches deep. Another's a little-known horticultural fact that may help in the bid to keep paperwhites vertical. Bulbs started now grow taller and take more time to bloom, while those started after the new year will be shorter and



For paperwhites that will remind you of spring, keep their bulbs dry and their roots hydrated with a bit of hard liquor.

quick-er to bloom, said John Fantom, of Fantom and Gals Greenhouses, a wholesale grower in Baltimore. The phenomenon is related to the age of the embryonic plant developing unseen in the bulb, he said.

Amaryllis stems are stronger but still benefit from some support. The best course, however, is the same as for paperwhites: Grow them in a bright, cool room to keep stems shorter and the flowers in bloom longer.

Back at Cornell, Miller is studying the effects of alcohol on amaryllis growth but needs to conduct more experiments, he said, before he can say for sure that it works.

This is our take on amaryllis: Bulbs that have begun to grow in store displays with no root growth are stressed and probably will, have smaller flowers. Pick a bulb whose bud tip is barely showing. Check, too, that a bulb is

still firm. A soft bulb may be rotting from being in an environment that is too warm.

Bulb kits tend to have cheap plastic pots, a bag of basic peat moss and a small bulb.

Larger bulbs generally produce two flower stalks instead of one. With smaller bulbs, there is also a higher risk of the flower embryo being too small to develop, giving you leaves but no flowers. Better to put your own kit together by buying a pretty pot, high-quality potting soil and a firm, large bulb.

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## Remedies

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from windows or downspouts or tie them to garden posts.

• Problem: Squirrels or raccoons on the patio, a tad too close to your door.

Solution: Remove any potential food lure such as cat food or birdseed. If the animals remain, run a vacuum cleaner for a few minutes, and the frightening sound will send them scurrying away. Simple enough.

• Problem: Sparrows or pigeons landing on balcony railings.

Solution: A Slinky stretched with an inch between spirals, secured on the sill, will keep birds from landing or nesting there. And might start a new look in your part of the county.

• Problem: Woodchucks in the garden.

Solution: Put up an L-shaped chicken-wire fence. The society says the two tricks are: 1) run the bottom part 12 inches out, parallel to the ground, secured with landscaping staples, to create a false bottom that the critters can't dig under; and 2) don't make the vertical part too taut — if it wobbles when the woodchuck tries to climb, the animal will be discouraged and stop trying.

• Problem: Birds crashing into windows.

Solution: Cut aluminum foil in one-foot squares and tape them to windows to prevent migrating birds from hitting the glass. It also works to prevent cardinals and robins from attacking windows, when they mistake their own reflection for that of a competitor, the society says.

• Problem: Deer munching on gardens.

Solution: Some homeowners have tried this recipe and claim it works: Mix 4 eggs, 2 ounces of red pepper sauce and 2 ounces of chopped garlic. Blend with enough water to make 1 quart. Strain and apply with spray bottle. (You decide where.)

• Problem: Skunks stuck in window wells.

Solution: Place a chunk of strong-smelling cheese in the bottom of a rectangular kitchen garbage can, and put the can on its side. After the skunk walks in to feast on the cheese, tip the garbage can up and raise it, elevator style, to ground level. Lower it on its side again to allow the skunk to amble out. Then — here's the important part — buy an inexpensive window well cover at a hardware store so it doesn't happen again.

• Problem: Squirrels in the attic.

Solution: An inexpensive

strobe light encourages squirrel families to leave your attic and find a less disconcerting place to raise their young.

• Problem: Barcoons or squirrels in the chimney.

Solution: Loud hard rock music and a bowl of ammonia rocks for raccoons. Place a radio and the ammonia on a foosball in the fireplace at dusk to convince mice that you move the kids. For squirrels, a long, 3/4-inch diameter rope hung down the chimney and draped over the side of the house will allow them to climb out. For a permanent solution, the society adds, have a chimney cap installed.

Most of those remedies sound reasonable, simple, humane and not terribly smelly. But I'm having trouble thinking I'd ever be brave enough to put a garbage can into a window well that already holds a skunk.

If you try that one at home, let me know how it works out.

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## Working together during the Christmas season

### CSI students reach out to high school leaders

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They sang together, they decorated together and they did it all in hopes that they can work together.

The student senate from the College of Southern Idaho and student officers from Twin Falls High School spent Monday afternoon singing for the elderly and decorating the CSI Christmas tree.

Although the activities were centered on serving others during the holiday season, the main reason for the afternoon gathering was to bring the two groups together.

The recently elected CSI Student Senate is hoping to work closer with student government officers at surrounding high schools to become more involved in the community.

The emphasis on community interaction is a new

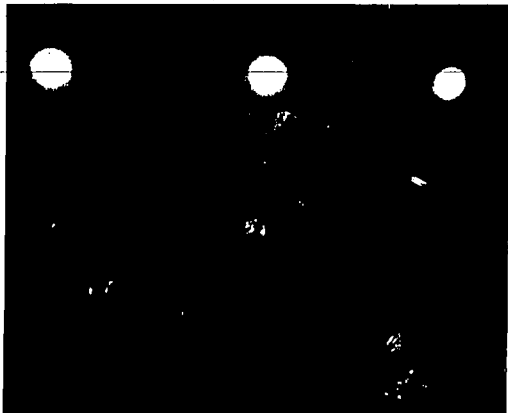
direction for the CSI Student Senate, which has focused primarily on students enrolled at the main campus.

"One of our goals is to be involved with Twin Falls and other high schools in the area," said Angela Essma, the recently elected student body president at CSI. "This is a brand-new idea, but we think it will benefit them (student officers) to see how the college student government works and to gain some exposure to the campus."

Graydon Stanley, the dean of students and student senate adviser at CSI, said the group has a lot to offer by coordinating the college's resources with local high schools. Recently, the senate worked to have Prince Cedza of Swaziland, the grandson of Nelson Mandela, speak at Twin Falls High School after addressing students at CSI.

Thomas Watson, a CSI student senator, said the holiday season was an ideal time to bring the two groups together.

"Doing charity is a great way to bond, and we managed to do it by bringing in the Christmas spirit," he said. And Jordan Stanley, Graydon's son and the student body president at Twin



Graydon Stanley, dean of students at CSI, decorates the school Christmas tree. Student officers from CSI and Twin Falls High School spent the afternoon together singing for the elderly and decorating the tree.

Falls High School, said it was helpful for student officers who planned to enroll at CSI after graduation.

"We thought it would be a

real good thing to interact with each other," he said. "You know, for those of us who are staying near and going far."

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### City home permits set November record

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls issued a November-record 60 housing permits for single-family homes last month. Monthly records were also set in January, March and May.

The previous November high, 59, was set in 2005.

Building permits are often a good indicator of the amount of growth in communities. Since 2000, the yearly total has increased each year.

Through November, 535 total permits were issued. Last year, the city issued a record 666 permits.

### County seeks two volunteers for board

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County is still accepting applications for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Due to retiring members, two positions will open beginning Jan. 1.

Positions need to be filled from the College of Southern Idaho's Surgical Technology Club are selling raffle tickets for a package of local restaurant gift certificates worth approximately \$400.

One winner will receive all of the gift certificates and will be notified by phone Friday.

Tickets are \$2 each and are available from any CSI Surgical Technology student or at the Health Science office in the CSI Aspen building.

For information or tickets, call Janell Jackson at 309-0308.

### Raffle prize to be \$400 in food

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### Jerome plans fiery New Year's Eve

JEROME — The Jerome Centennial Commission is planning a series of events to celebrate the history of the community for its centennial in 2007 and will kick off the festivities on New Year's Eve.

A New Year's Eve Gala will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 at the Jerome Recreation District. The band HighStreet will perform and fireworks will light up the skies at midnight.

Tickets are available at Washington Federal Bank downtown. Billy's Grocery on South Lincoln is the best Western Sawtooth Inn south of Jerome and at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Individual tickets are \$15; couples are \$25 and a family ticket is \$35.

For more information, call 324-2711.

### Republicans plan southern Idaho party

JEROME — The Region 5 Republican Committee is hosting a "Grand Old Party Christmas Festival" on Dec. 14 at the Jerome Recreation District, 649 Golf Course Road.

Clayson Ronk of Boise, executive director for the Idaho Republican Party, will speak on the 2006 Idaho election results and a look ahead to the 2008 elections. All Republicans are invited to attend.

A social hour with no-host bar begins at 6 p.m. A buffet dinner featuring prime rib and broiled salmon starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person.

To RSVP, contact Cathy by phone at 324-0220 or 308-5034 or by e-mail to [cm@republicanparty.com](mailto:cm@republicanparty.com).

Reservations by noon Dec. 14.

Region 5 includes Blaine, Camas, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka, Jerome, Cassia and Twin Falls counties.

## Kollmeyer new supervisor at Sawtooth National Forest

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A 27-year veteran of the Forest Service has been named supervisor of the Sawtooth National Forest.

Jane Kollmeyer is currently the deputy forest supervisor of the Helena National Forest in Helena, Mont.

She will take over in January from Doug Gochnour, who was named acting forest supervisor when Ruth



Kollmeyer

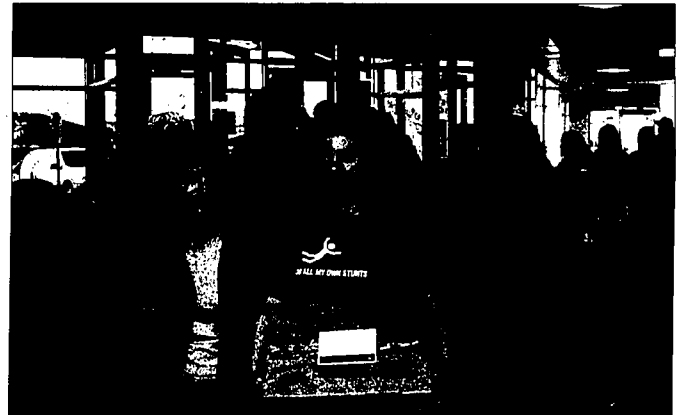
"I am very pleased to welcome Jane to the Sawtooth," said Jack Troyer, regional forester for the USDA Forest Service's Intermountain Region. "Jane has outstanding qualities that will be an asset to the Forest and the Intermountain Region. Her broad forestry background and great leadership skills will be a wonderful contribution."

As supervisor, Kollmeyer will have the primary responsibility for the management and protection of the 2.1 million acre Sawtooth National Forest, which stretches from the Raft River Division in northern Utah to Stanley and the Salmon River in the north. The congressionally designated 750,000-acre Sawtooth National Recreation Area also is part of the forest.

Kollmeyer, a native of

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# Delivering Christmas



Tom Hunt of Kimberly, right, carries a package for his mother, Carol, while awaiting their turn Monday afternoon at the Pioneer Station post office. Monday marked the beginning of the U.S. Postal Service's holiday rush.

## Post office gears up for annual onslaught

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Santa Claus may bring gifts to the homes of good boys and girls on Christmas night, but that doesn't mean he isn't getting a little help.

Monday marked the beginning of the holiday rush to mail gifts in time for Christmas, and postal workers say they expect this season to be even busier than last year.

Lines began forming as early as 9 a.m. Monday at the U.S. Postal Service's Pioneer Station, 1376 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls. And by early morning, the office had processed more than 6,000 packages for delivery in the Magic Valley.

James Chambers, customer service manager, said the holiday rush usually begins its first Monday in December. However, he said what was unusual is that the number of small items such as catalogues is not declining.

"We usually see that drop off this time of the year, but it's not happening this year," he said. "And that means we will probably have a higher workload this year. The post office hired three additional employees to

"On an average day, our delivery people will deliver about 15 parcels per day. But during Christmas, they will deliver anywhere from 70 to 120 parcels per day."

— James Chambers, customer service manager

### Ways to avoid post office lines

The Automated Postal Center at Pioneer Station, 1376 Fillmore St., allows people to mail packages using a debit or credit card. The APC is open 24 hours a day. Click-N-SHIP is a new online service from the U.S. Postal Service that allows senders to print mailing labels from their home computer and schedule a pickup by a postal carrier. The service is available 24-hours a day and can be done from your home. To learn more about Click-N-SHIP, visit: <https://sss-web.usps.com/cns/landing.do>

work in its 24-hour sorting facility during the holiday season. Pioneer Station sorts all mail for delivery in the Magic Valley.

Besides stepping up the sorting process, the post office also is replacing small parcel carts with large metal cages to accommodate the influx of packages.

"On an average day, our delivery people will deliver about 15 parcels per day," Chambers said. "But during Christmas, they will deliver anywhere from 70 to 120 parcels per day."

Post offices expect the rush to continue for more than two weeks — the busiest day being the second Monday in December. However, as general deliveries start to decline, the number of express-mail deliveries increases.

### The good, the bad and the annoying

The good: A common gift this time of year is the coconut. Oddly enough, it's permissible to mail the coconut with the mailing address and stamps directly on it — no wrapping required.

The bad: Perfume and cologne. Check with your local post office about how to mail these gifts so they don't arrive damaged.

You may enjoy the scent, but hundreds of postal workers might not. The annoying: Hundreds of singing dolls, talking action figures and musical instruments being bumped around a warehouse 24 hours a day — enough said.

carrier to get to their house," he said. "When one person stops them during their route, all the deliveries from there on down are delayed."

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## Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg. season	% season peak
Salmon	78%	17%
Big Wood	77%	17%
Little Wood	70%	15%
Big Lost	70%	15%
Little Lost	73%	18%
Honey Fork/Teton	73%	17%
Upper Snake Basin	72%	16%
Owyhee	105%	20%
Salmon Falls	87%	18%

As of Dec. 4

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

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



OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

**Evelyn M. Laudert**

WENDELL — Evelyn M. Laudert, 85, of Wendell, passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2006, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, surrounded by her loving family.

Mom was born Nov. 15, 1921, in Lisbon, N.D., to Earl and Winona Claus. She married her sweetheart, E.J. Laudert, at a barn dance, and they were married Sept. 20, 1942. In 1949 after a tornado destroyed their home, they moved to Reichfield, Idaho. They purchased a farm in Wendell, Idaho, in 1959, where they resided for 44 years. Some of mom's favorite things were sewing, gardening and her registered Hereford cattle.



Mom is survived by her husband of 64 years, E.J. Laudert; sons, Keith (Florence) of Gooding, Allen of Reichfield and Gary (Jerrine) of Wendell; daughter, Linda (Joe) Laudert-Garner of Heyburn, Idaho; and her little sister, Janice (Chal) Koerner of St. Paul, Minn. Mom has 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the New Life Community Church in Wendell. A luncheon will follow.

The Laudert family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center for the excellent care mom received during her short illness.

Mom, we'll miss you, and we love you forever. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Wendell Chapel.

**Opal J. Carpenter**

SHOSHONE — Opal J. Carpenter, age 77, lost her courageous battle with cancer on Dec. 1, 2006.

She was born in Superior, Neb., on Jan. 17, 1929, to Roy and Mary Walker. Her family moved to Idaho in 1946. Shortly after, she met the love of her life, LaVern Carpenter. Shoshone was their home base, but they traveled extensively for LaVern's construction jobs. Opal was a homemaker and expert Scrabble player. While raising three children, she also played a crucial role in running their ranch. She was very compassionate and took everything under her wing from butterflies to dairy cows. She was quick-witted and always willing to share funny family stories. Upon retiring from ranch work, her restless nature would not allow her to settle down, so Opal began working for the Golden Years Senior Center.

She also belonged to the Women's Northside Grange Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister. She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, LaVern; three children, Tom (Juli) Carpenter of Glenns Ferry, Nancy (David) Lewis of Boise, and Randy (Janet) Carpenter of Shoshone; as well as her siblings, Darlene Wells of Mountain Home, Wanda Race of Shoshone, Delbert (Marilyn) Walker of Peck, Idaho, and Larry Walker of Mountain Home. She also is survived by nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Viewing is from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demary Funeral Home in Shoshone. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Baptist Church in Shoshone. A graveside service will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery.

**Bennie Willie McGhee**

GOODING — Bennie Willie McGhee, 78, of Gooding, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the Veterans Hospital in Boise.

Bennie was born Aug. 24, 1928, in Wood, S.D., to Walter W. and Ida Francis Nebalo McGhee. The family moved to Gooding in 1939, where Bennie resided until the time of his death. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Bennie had worked for several different farms in the Gooding area before he retired.

Bennie is survived by his brothers, Earl (Margaret) McGhee of Boise, John McGhee of Hagerman and Ed (Dorothy) McGhee of Pocatello; and his sister, Shirley (Ivan) Stroud of Bliss; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Demary's Gooding Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**Ruth Ann Sterling**

TWIN FALLS — Ruth Ann Sterling passed away peacefully in her sleep at Rosetta Assisted Living on Dec. 1, 2006. She was 78 years old.

She was born Nov. 11, 1928, in Okma, Okla., to Herman and Dollie Reeves. Known as "Ruthy" by those who loved her, she moved to Twin Falls from Long Beach, Calif., in 1999; to Burley, Idaho, in 2002. Her husband, Jim; her son, Ron; and recently on Nov. 8, 2006, her youngest son, Thomas Lingenfelter, preceded her in death. Surviving Ruth are her sons, James (Marie) Sterling of Ravenswood, W.Va., Kenneth (Deborah) Sterling of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Barbara Sterling of Twin Falls and Janice Spinelli of Desert Hot Springs, Calif. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She will be missed greatly by all, especially by her great-granddaughter, Heather.



At her request, no service was held. Cremation and private inurnment are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Leo Watkins of Oakley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Marion L. Allen of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls First Christian Church (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Michael L. Leonetti of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at Tribes Church, 203 Fifth Ave. S., in Twin Falls (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Ruth Elizabeth Sheffield Evans of Hagerman, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the Malad City Cemetery; friends may call from 2 to 3:45 p.m. today at the Hagerman Funeral Home, 132 W. 300 N. in Malad, Idaho.

George W. "Bill" Clark of Boise, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

**James Arthur Hackney**

TWIN FALLS — James Arthur Hackney passed away Nov. 26, 2006, at his home in Twin Falls.

He was born March 25, 1951, on an Easter morning in Burley, Idaho. His family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1954. He was the youngest of five children. Jim was educated by the Twin Falls School system, graduating in 1969. His loves were quiet places, the sciences, religion and philosophy. He came to believe that the more one learned the less he knows. Jim was preceded in death by his four grandparents; his beautiful sister and eternal friend, Marcia Ann Hackney; his brother in spirit, Ronald B. Timpon; his dear parents, Joe and Beverly Hackney; a cousin; one aunt; and uncles



and far too many close friends. He is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Gar and Carol Hackney of Boise, Idaho; two aunts; four cousins; and special friend, Verlene Claiborne. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. at the Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls. Following the service, Jim will be placed in the Ascension Episcopal Columbarium next to his parents and his sister, Barbara. Ruthy never failed to bring a smile to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She could make you laugh with her quick wit and her funny ways. Her husband, Jim; her son, Ron; and recently on Nov. 8, 2006, her youngest son, Thomas Lingenfelter, preceded her in death. Surviving Ruth are her sons, James (Marie) Sterling of Ravenswood, W.Va., Kenneth (Deborah) Sterling of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Barbara Sterling of Twin Falls and Janice Spinelli of Desert Hot Springs, Calif. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She will be missed greatly by all, especially by her great-granddaughter, Heather.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Ruth Chatfield**

TWIN FALLS — Ruth Chatfield, 86, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Kenneth R. Hawkins**

BOISE — Kenneth R. Hawkins, 84, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at a local care facility. The funeral will be held at

noon Thursday, Dec. 7, at the LDS Church on Curtis and Cassia in Boise. Viewing will be held one hour before the funeral. Burial will follow at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell Funeral Home in Garden City.

**David A. Hall**

JEROME — David Aaron Hall, 36, of Denver, Colo., and formerly of Jerome, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2006, in Denver. The funeral will be conducted

at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Burial will follow in the Jerome cemetery. A full obituary will appear at a later date.

**Jack E. Sturm**

FILER — Jack Emmett Sturm, 78, of Filer, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A service of remembrance will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, in the funeral home at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Gooding bridge club announces results**

GOODING — Gooding Duplicate Bridge announced Dec. 1 results. Section A: First: Nathan and Kay Higer; second: Riley Burton and Joe Blackford; third: Mary Steele and Susan Faulkner; fourth: Edna Pierson and Carl O'Harrow; and fifth: Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith. Section B: First: Susan Faulkner and Mary Steele; second: Edna Pierson and Earl O'Harrow; third: Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith; and fourth: Shirley Ischmann and Kathy Rooney. Duplicate bridge is played at

1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For partnership information or directions, call Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

**Oldtime Fiddlers to meet, eat, and jam**

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers Association District 6B will hold a brief meeting at 1 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the Golden Corral, eat their meal and then jam for the customers. Members are encouraged to attend, bring instruments and the cost of the meal. The Oldtime Fiddlers seek new members. For more information, call Kathy at 735-1580.

**Castledorf music program Friday**

CASTLEFORD — The Castledorf All School Music Program will be held at 1:45 p.m. Friday in the Cobern Memorial Gymnasium. The musical, "Close Encounters of a Christmas Kind," will be presented by the fifth grade.

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TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center has partnered with an Internet-based education service, ed2go, to offer online courses.

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Youth Appreciation winners for 2006 were Jordan Stanley and Allison Tucker, middle. They were nominated by the Twin Falls Optimist club to receive this annual award given by the Twin Falls Optimist club to recognize community involvement and volunteerism. The presentation is part of Youth Appreciation Week set aside by Optimist clubs around the country to celebrate the positive contributions made by young people to local communities. Barry Knoblich, left, Youth Appreciation chairman, and Tony Brand, Twin Falls Optimist president, presented the awards.

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# Emergency helicopter landing kills four U.S. troops

By Nancy Trejos  
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Four American troops were killed over the weekend when their helicopter made an emergency landing in a lake in western Anbar province, the U.S. military said on Monday.

Their deaths bring to 14 the number of U.S. troops killed across Iraq so far this month. Over the weekend, eight of those deaths occurred in western Iraq's Anbar province, a base for Sunni Arab insurgent groups and the deadliest area of the country for U.S. troops.

"There's always been a tough fight going on in Anbar province, and it continued to be so," said Lt. Col. Christopher C. Garver, a U.S. military spokesman.

In recent months, U.S. troops have stepped up their efforts to quell reprisal killings between Sunnis and Shiites and tamp down insurgent activity. On Monday morning, they killed two suspected insurgents and captured six in a raid in northern Baghdad, according to a military statement. They also destroyed a vehicle packed with explosives in that incident.

The CH-46 helicopter that went down in Lake Qadhiyah on Sunday had 16 troops on board. One Marine was recovered from the water but could not be resuscitated. The bodies of three service members — one each from the Marines, the Army and the Air Force — were found in a subsequent search, the military said.

"We have recovered all of our comrades," Marine Lt. Col. Bryan Salas said in an e-mailed statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased."

The mayor of Haditha, Ibrahim al-Bayati, and Iraqi army Lt. Hussein Muslihi said the helicopter had been shot down by insurgents with anti-aircraft guns as it was taking off from the town, located near the Euphrates River.

A group that calls itself the Islamic State of Iraq posted a sign on a nearby mosque in Haditha announcing that the helicopter had 30 passengers on board and had been downed, according to a resident who read the sign.

The U.S. military strongly denied that machine-gun fire brought down the helicopter, saying that the aircraft experienced mechanical difficulties.

"The guys who own the helicopter say it is under investigation and that there is no evidence that it is the result of enemy action," Garver said.

The military is still investigating a crash in Anbar last week. That one involved an F-16 fighter jet and killed a major in the U.S. Air Force. Enemy fire was not suspected.

# Changes expected in U.S.-Iraq policy



President Bush looks at Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, an Iraqi Shiite leader, left, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Monday.

By Craig Gordon  
Newday

WASHINGTON — President Bush kicked off a week expected to bring changes in his Iraq policy by meeting with a key rival of Iraq's leader and declaring that efforts to stop the bloodshed aren't moving fast enough.

The Shiite leader, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, appeared to shoot down one of the expected proposals from a bipartisan panel this week, saying he opposes any attempt to solve Iraq's problems through a regional conference that goes around Baghdad's government.

"Iraq should be in a position

to solve Iraq problems," al-Hakim said after meeting with Bush in the Oval Office.

For Bush, it was the start of a rapid-fire sequence of events that marks this as a pivotal week in U.S. involvement in Iraq. Tuesday, Bush's nominee to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld as defense secretary, Robert Gates, goes before a Senate panel that is expected to send him on toward confirmation.

Wednesday is the main event, when the blue-ribbon Iraq Study Group releases its recommendations for the way ahead in Iraq, widely expected to call for a phased withdrawal of U.S. troops but stop short of setting an explicit

timetable. And Thursday, Bush meets with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, one of his last prominent world allies on Iraq.

Already, the White House has been buffeted in recent days by leaks of not one but two internal memos — one by national security adviser Steve Hadley criticizing Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's performance and another from Rumsfeld calling for a "major adjustment" in Iraq.

Hadley's memo raised questions of whether Bush's meeting with al-Hakim was designed to test out a possible replacement for al-Maliki, something the White House denied.

# Red Cross fears typhoon killed 1,000 in Philippines; Vietnam braces

By Oliver Torres  
Associated Press writer

GUINÓBATAN, Philippines — Officials could only apologize Monday when asked about the prospects of finding survivors in the towns and villages swamped by mudslides from devastating Typhoon Durian, which has killed an estimated 1,000 people in the Philippines.

"At this time, no more. I'm sorry," said Juan Garcia, mayor of the town of Guinobatan. "It's almost impossible. They have been buried under sand and boulders. I don't think they can survive."

Meanwhile, authorities evacuated tens of thousands in southern Vietnam, where a weakened Durian was expected to come ashore.

The typhoon's winds were clocked Monday at 82 mph. On Thursday, it lashed the Philippines with 165 mph

winds and a five-hour deluge that dislodged tons of debris from the slopes of the Mayon volcano. Walls of mud and boulders destroyed nearly every standing structure in their path.

"It was like howling," said Guinobatan Vice Mayor Gene Villarreal. Official figures showed 450 dead, 507 injured and 593 missing, but Sen. Richard Gordon, head of the local Red Cross, said he believed more than 1,000 died in the thousands of homes buried under volcanic debris, mud and floodwaters.

Fernando Gonzalez, governor of worst-hit Albay province, said the ground was too slippery for backhoes.

"There's no choice but to dig by hand," he told Radio DZBB. "Practically speaking, we are not very optimistic we'll find survivors."

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo declared

the area a national disaster, allowing the government to more rapidly release funds needed to bolster aid efforts. Arroyo said she instructed the Department of Environment to step up a project to map all hazardous areas, like Mayon, to help warn communities of possible dangers.

"We must not leave things to fatal luck when we can develop the tools to prevent harm," she said. In Vietnam, Khanh Hoa provincial disaster official Phan Van Gine said nearly 14,000 people were evacuated to schools, government buildings or safer areas, and that authorities were forcing from their homes another 10,000 who have so far refused to leave.

About 4,000 people were evacuated in Phu Yen province, where two fishermen were killed and another was missing after their boats capsized in strong winds.

# St. Louis residents struggle to keep warm

After recent storm, death toll at 23, homes without power at 260,000

By Betsy Taylor  
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — People slept among strangers and browsed a little longer in lighted bookstores during their search for warm surroundings Monday, the fifth day of a blizzard caused by a winter storm.

After staying at a shelter in a converted recreation center since Friday, Angela Lush hitched a ride with the National Guard to check on her apartment.

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Michigan, graduated in 1976 from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources with a bachelor of science degree in forestry. "I am thrilled and honored to be coming to the Sawtooth National Forest as forest supervisor," Kollmeier said. "The country is beautiful and I have been told that the

"It's terrible. You just had to uproot your life," said Luster, 28. "We have to live by other people's rules and regulations. It's difficult being around people you don't know."

The Missouri National Guard was sent to the area after Thursday's snow and ice storm to make sure people were surviving without electric light and heat during the sharply cold weather.

After a run of temperatures only in the teens, the St. Louis area got a break Monday afternoon with thermometers showing almost 40.

The St. Louis-based utility Ameren Corp. said it would be several more days before power is fully restored.

About 260,000 Ameren

customers in Missouri and Illinois were still without electricity Monday.

The storm also caused widespread power outages elsewhere as it blew snow and ice from Texas to Michigan last week and battered parts of the Northeast with thunderstorms and high wind.

The number of deaths blamed on the storm rose Monday to at least 23, with three more deaths reported in Missouri and one more in Illinois. The causes included weather-related traffic accidents, fires, carbon monoxide poisoning and exposure, officials said.

The combination of low temperatures, downed power lines, ice-covered poles and brittle tree limbs hampered repair efforts.

Jane likes to hike, camp, read and is learning to play golf.

She is an active member of the Rotary Club and Society of American Foresters.

# Truck driver convicted in deaths of 19 illegal immigrants in Texas

Smuggler says he didn't know they were dying

The Associated Press



Truck driver Tyrone Williams leaves the federal courthouse in Houston in shackles in March 2005. Williams was convicted Monday for his role in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt, in which 19 illegal immigrants died from dehydration, overheating and suffocation inside a sweltering tractor-trailer.

HOUSTON — A truck driver was convicted Monday in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer in the deadliest human smuggling attempt in U.S. history.

The jury will return on Wednesday to begin hearing evidence on whether Tyrone Williams, 35, should get the death penalty.

It was the second time Williams was found guilty in the case; an appeals court said the earlier verdict was flawed and ordered a new trial.

The federal jury deliberated a little more than four days before convicting Williams on all 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting for agreeing to drive the illegal immigrants from South Texas to Houston in 2003.

The more than 70 immigrants packed into the airtight trailer clawed desperately at the insulation, broke out the taillights and screamed for help as the heat climbed inside. Nineteen suffocated or died of heat or dehydration.

Williams abandoned the trailer at a truck stop near Victoria, about 100 miles from Houston.

Defense attorney Craig Washington said his client was not responsible for the deaths because he didn't know the immigrants were dying until it was "too late. Washington blamed another smuggling ring member for causing the deaths by overstuffed the trailer.

Prosecutors said Williams was responsible for the deaths because he didn't free the immigrants or turn on the air conditioning.

Williams showed no reaction when the verdict was read. He accepted a long hug from his lawyer before being

led away by U.S. marshals. "I am deeply disappointed," said Washington, a former congressman.

Williams, a Jamaican citizen who lived in Schenectady, N.Y., is the only one of 14 people charged in the case to face the death penalty.

Last year, a jury convicted Williams, but he avoided a death sentence because the jury couldn't agree on his role in the smuggling attempt. An appeals court said the verdict did not count because the jury failed to specify his role in the crime.

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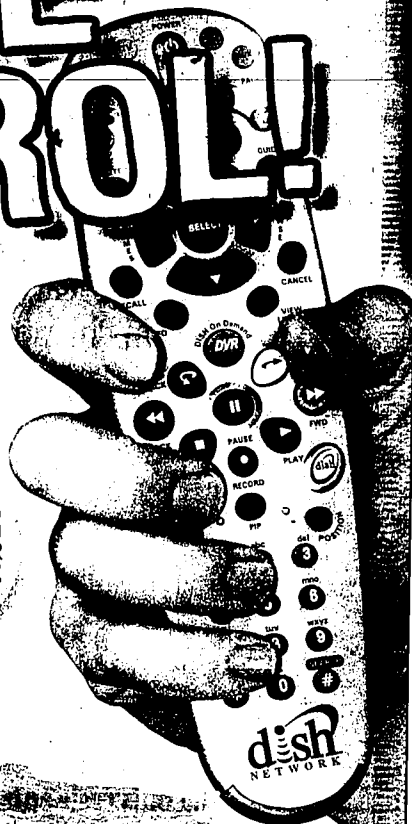
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## Simple invention saves fuel

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It sounds too good to be true.

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You can add that the device can dramatically increase horsepower. And it couldn't come at a better time, with gasoline prices skyrocketing.

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 where it had been accumulating sludge, varnish



SEEKING A BRIGHT FUTURE for the Condensator, Tom McDowell of Navona 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. (Lodge 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

wife's car but didn't tell her. Then she returned to the store and when she went, she complained there was something wrong, that when she pressed 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 canning 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 extensively, 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 an informal basis.

The picture changed recently, when neighbor Tom McDowell entered the picture. He asked Elmer for help with his 1966 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 Missouri 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

### 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 not 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 Vandeyde of Montana High Espresso 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," Vandeyde 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."

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. INVENTOR - ELMER BUSH points to an early

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 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 its acceptance has been impaired 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 there are certainly times when 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 has 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!

## Actual Testimonials - From People Like You

Gary and Liz are camp hosts at Avista campground at Pinley 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 up 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

skeptical 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 had

it off again. The tank would barely take two gallons (1.94) 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 circle of friends. Since June, over twenty Condensators have been installed for just his friends and associates. On the day we went up to install Condensators on the motor home and Jeep we ended up

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 Half Ton 4x4 pick-up, 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



### It Sure Pays to Listen to Mama!

pretty good results, and, to be prepared for anything. After 20 minutes the installation was done, Tom asked me to take it for a drive and I did notice it was a bit snappier. I could even tell the difference pulling up the Bull River hill.

Well we then went up to the Bull River junction and completely topped off the tank. We then drove as usual back up to Troy, and topped

a big Ford pick up 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 belong to two friends of Gary. One belonged to Dale K., from Bomers Ferry, Idaho. Dale later reported, not only does the engine start easier, run smoother, the RV has a noticeable increase in power.

Grades he used to struggle with were much more manageable. Same



"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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# True Tales, Continued . . .

Condensator - Saves Fuel • Improves Gas Mileage! • Dramatically Increases Horsepower • Cleans Engine Life!

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 Fry is, he's well pleased with the Condensator, and we need one for Dads truck.



*Fry's Dodge 1500 4x4 Gets 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 & 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, there's no doubt it's due to the Condensator. 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 Carrier!*

Gary and Liz have since sold the 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee. After installing the Condensator the first thing they noticed was a substantial increase in power. The next thing they 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., Nason, Mont.

I deliver the mail in Nason. I was never happy with the mileage we were getting with our 1999 Subaru



*4.8 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,  
writes in from Michigan:

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 more per gallon. Driving on 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 ran the new Toyota never kicked down, it now runs smoother, and the engine even quit chattering at stops. Rob was surprised to see black chunks 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! "I don't be surprised if you call me five years from now and find I've moved it to another car. I'm keeping it!"

Ross Bennett  
Underwater 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 AC 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. Owning 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 TM can be installed on every Internal combustion engine powered; car, truck, RV, 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 4 to 10 percent of the fuel air mixture passes by the piston rings. This is commonly known as blow-by gases. 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.

Condensator™ using a patented process, separates these gases - allowing only the combustible hydrocarbons to feed back into the engine.

While an automotive system called the "Positive Crankcase Ventilation" (PCV) system has been in place on many gasoline 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, ruins 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 fuel will be trapped in the Condensator bowl to be later disposed of as used motor oil. In 1976, The California Air Resources Board (CARB) exempted the use of the Condensator™ and as a result, thousands and thousands of satisfied customers easily pass emissions tests.

All tests show significant emissions reductions.

### SAVE ON FUEL COSTS!

Taking into consideration that every 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 5% to over 100% have been reported.

### Save On Engine Wear!

Stopping the damage caused by the PCV system in Gasoline engines should be a high priority. What does not turn into oil pollution resides in the engine in the form of carbon deposits. Carbon deposits degrade engine longevity and hamper engine efficiency at all levels. Stopping the flow of heavy hydrocarbons back into the engine will allow the engine to begin to shed carbon build-up.

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.



*After 15,000 after 500 miles - Drained condensator! 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 add-ons.
- Makes both Good Economic, and, Practical Sense.
- Saving Fuel, Reducing Emissions, and, Prolonging the Life of Your Engine Will Allow You To...

## Breathe Easier!

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## 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, 110% 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 [Kalispell] 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 V-8 and about 4000 miles on it. The first thing I did was to check on the warranty issue, after being satisfied and then 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."

World I do it again? - In a heartbeat!  
Bill Leingang, Kalispell, 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



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 to put one on. Boy was 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  
Shippin Motors - Nissian, Mazda, Subaru - Kalispell, Montana

## I'VE READ INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR WILL GIVE MY VEHICLE MORE POWER. IS THAT TRUE?

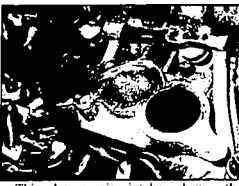
It sure is true. After the engine is no longer choking on heavy oil from the crankcase, it'll be running more efficiently. In addition to the unspent fuel contained in the blow by gasses are higher more volatile gasses ranging from Methane to Toluene, these higher aromatic gasses act as to increase the 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 Livants 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. The 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 motorcycles 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  
Frechtown, 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 his 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 now no longer bogs down with the AC operating.



Ron and Deb, Spokane, WA.

Ron then installed a Condensator on a 1990 Olds Cutlass Ciera 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 [condensatorales.com](http://condensatorales.com)

## HOW ABOUT GOVERNMENT VEHICLES?

"I contacted Tom about getting Condensators installed on a few of our City Buses in Kalispell. 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, Kalispell, 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 frown, '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 you couldn'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 that in 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 Baribault - President,  
SWIHIFT 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 4x4 with a 454 engine, and loaded with a compressor, welding & cutting setup and oodles 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 NEEDING 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 Vandelehey, Montana High Espresso, Plains Montana

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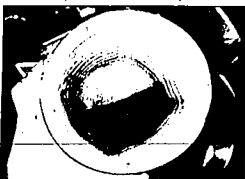
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# Frequently Asked Questions

## 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



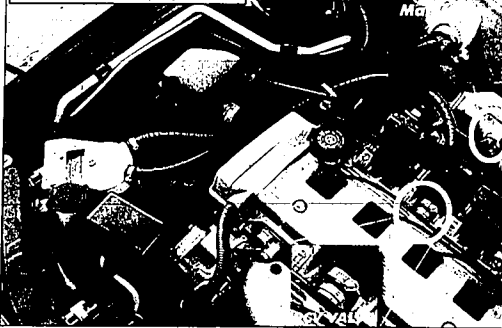
Typical Condensator collected gunk after 1000 miles on a new engine.

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 Corolla



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 HAVEN'T 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 Sanders 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. Bush 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 PULCHION MOLDS FOR THE IMPROVED CONDENSATOR IN 1990

ELMER BUSH IN EARLY 1980S WITH AN ORIGINAL CONDENSATOR

TOWARDS THE END OF THE 1980s, ELMER BUSH ENJOYING THE BULL RIVER LIFESTYLE

Our production is limited and demand is skyrocketing!

## Condensator Sales, a Montana Made Company

### 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, 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 Noxon, Montana on Highway 56, we're in the beautiful Bull River

Valley. I'm Tom McIlhenny 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.

We 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.

**Twin Falls Area Extended by Demand!**  
**ONE WEEK ONLY!**  
**FREE Installation!**  
**and More!\***



Schedule an installation in **Jerome** between December 4th & December 8th, 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!)

\*Installation Fee ..... Waived! (A \$49.00 VALUE) + Total Savings! ..... \$79.00  
(Total Price Before Discount + FREE Installation Is \$228.00)

**CALL 1-866-324-0101 before December 8th.**  
(You Must Call First To Make An Appointment!)

### BEFORE YOU CALL

Please Have The Following Vehicle Information Ready For Faster Service!

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Consult Owners Manual for Engine Size Information! All above information is required in order to complete your scheduled appointment.

### INFO

Offer applies to gasoline engines only! Diesel Units Not Available!

**HURRY!**  
**Special Offer Valid**  
**Dec. 4th - Dec. 8th, 2006**  
**ONLY!**

This 4 Page Condensator Section...

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**...For Family & Friends!**

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- Montana**
- In Kalispell: Conoco Car Care Center, Loren's Auto & RV Repair & Simpson Motors.
  - In Great Falls: Westgate Towing & Repair
  - In Missoula: Transolutions, and High Country Mini Motors
  - In Helena: J-4 Automotive
  - In Butte: GJ'S Performance Parts & Accessories
  - In Billings: Mountainside Auto Repair
- Oregon**
- In Ontario: Precision Automotive
- Washington**
- In Pasco: Columbia River Transmission & Auto Repair
  - In Spokane: Aarons Automotive
  - In Wenatchee: E&T Performance and Auto Repair
  - In Yakima: J&J Auto Repair
- Idaho**
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### FREE SHIPPING COUPON:

Fill out this coupon, mail to Condensator Sales, P.O. Box 49, Noxon, MT 59553 with **\*179** (check or money order) and we'll ship your Condensator freight free by return US mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle Year Make Model Engine \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Call the number below to schedule an install or to order a Condensator!**

**INTRODUCTORY OFFER! - FREE INSTALLATION AND MORE! • START SAVING \$\$\$ TODAY! • OFFER VALID DECEMBER 4th TO DECEMBER 8th ONLY!**

Condensator - Saves Fuel • Improves Gas Mileage • Improves Emissions! • Dramatically Increases Horsepower! • Extends Engine Life!



*You are invited...* to join us for a Holiday Dinner  
**Held at Turf Club, Wednesday, December 13th, 4:00 p.m.**

Call today...In Twin Falls (208) 734-2900 • In Burley (208) 678-7600  
 • Reservations required • Please R.S.V.P. • Limited to 50 Guests

Fritz Kippes, owner of Professional Hearing Aid Services, and Dr. Mike Fox, a doctor of audiology and technology specialist from the Widex Hearing Aid Company, will unveil a new advanced hearing aid.

Call now to make reservations for this informative presentation. Bring a family member or friend.  
 You will enjoy a wonderful holiday dinner with us! **Join our hearing family!**

**Reserve your appointment time now!**

If you are unable to join us for dinner, you may still schedule an appointment for a personal demonstration,  
 either Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., or on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**What my friends and satisfied patients will tell you about my services and their hearing aids...**



"The quality of the hearing aids is unbelievable." -Gene Schiffer, Twin Falls



"My wife talks to me again now that I can hear what she's saying." -Carl Snow, Twin Falls



"You don't realize what you're missing until you can hear!" -Jeff McLeroy, Buhl



"I'll wear them the rest of my life." -Tenny Garner, Twin Falls



"At my age, I deserve the best and that's why I chose Widex hearing aids." -Elythe Rahus, Twin Falls



"You want the best from the best." -Steve Widner, Burley



Fritz Kippes, Hearing Instrument Specialist & Owner, Professional Hearing Aid Services

*"My patients have described the new Inteo as wonderful, unbelievable, and life-changing. You really have to experience the greater clarity, comfort, and convenience this new hearing aid provides. It is an awesome hearing aid! Additionally, you get unparalleled customer service you will not find anywhere else. This season give yourself the gift of hearing and I'll treat you to a holiday feast!"*



Dr. Mike Fox, Doctor of Audiology & Technology Specialist from the Widex Hearing Aid Company

**PROFESSIONAL HEARING AID Services**  
 "Our Difference is What You Hear"

**Twin Falls (208) 734-2900 • Burley (208) 678-7600**

260 Twin Falls Avenue • Suite A (Across from CSI) in Twin Falls  
 1301 East 16th • Suite 101 (in Farmers Insurance Building) in Burley

# Improving People's Lives

Professional Hearing Aid Services and the Widex Hearing Aid Company are partners in improving people's lives through better hearing, and the use of high-quality hearing aids. But more so, these two companies have something else in common that sets them apart from others.

When you visit Professional Hearing Aid Services,



**PROFESSIONAL HEARING AID Services**  
Our Difference Is What You Hear

**WIDEX**  
The World Leader in 100% Digital Hearing Technology™

you are visiting an office that has been in business, serving Twin Falls and surrounding communities, for more than 20 years and offering a combined 30 years of professional hearing care experience. We are locally owned and operated, not an out-of-town chain hearing aid store.

For 50 Years, the Widex Hearing Aid Company has been and remains a family owned and operated company. It has established itself in a highly competitive industry as a respected leader in the development of the world's finest hearing aids and digital technology.

## THE COMPLETE LINE OF FEATURE-RICH, "INTELLIGENT" AUTOMATIC HEARING AIDS BY WIDEX.

- Clear and natural sound as you go from one environment to another
- Dual microphones for wider sound and noise recognition
- Customized listening programs to your needs
- Improved speech-sound understanding
- High definition sound analysis
- Noise reduction
- No whistling



**Attention** to all of those wearing old-style hearing aids!

## UPGRADE EVENT

Discounts available when you upgrade your current hearing aids!

Offer expires on 12/31/2006

Available **Exclusively** in the Magic Valley and Mini-Cassia area at Professional Hearing Aid Services. Located at 260 Falls Avenue, Suite A, in Twin Falls, and at 1301 East 16th in Burley.

Cannot be combined with insurance benefits. Not valid on prior purchases, discounts, or other offers.



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...that may change your life...

*You are invited...* to learn about a new hearing aid at our holiday dinner. Join us at **Turf Club Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 4:00 p.m.**

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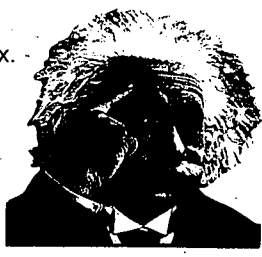
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Has hearing loss changed the way you live? When was the last time you had a conversation with a loved one or friend and understood each and every word? Do you still hear loud sounds but have difficulty hearing soft sounds? Do you avoid certain activities you used to enjoy because of your hearing loss?

Not any more! With today's advanced hearing aids, you don't have to give up enjoying special sounds or doing the things you love to do. We understand that *it's a quality of life issue and we know how to make it better!*

Try The World's Smartest Hearing Aid™ – The INTEO by Widex.

It is an advanced "intelligent" hearing system that helps you hear better in background noise situations around the house, at restaurants, during religious services, at work, in groups, meetings, while shopping, traveling, at family get-togethers or in one-on-one conversation.



**\$700 OFF MSRP**  
**Any Two Inteo**  
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Give Yourself the Gift of Hearing  
and I'll treat you to a Holiday Feast" - Fritz

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*Are you missing out on important conversation with loved ones, family or friends? Give us a call at Professional Hearing Aid Services. We can help!*

**Hearing loss: A Chronic Health Problem**

Hearing loss is among the nation's leading chronic health problems, with about 1 in 10 people, or 31 million, affected. It is especially common in patients 60 years of age or older, but becoming increasingly prevalent in the younger swing (45 years) and baby boomer (55+) generations. The good news is that a hearing loss can be properly managed with the right hearing aids and professional help.

**Don't miss out on this opportunity to improve the quality of your life through better hearing. Call now to attend our seminar dinner and learn about the hearing technology available to you. Be among those who did something about their hearing difficulties!**



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