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**OAKLEY DUCK DEATHS**

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**Courage under fire**



DeeAnn Niska, center, stands with rescuers Grace Johnson and Jay Johnson. Grace and Jay (no relation) came to the family's aid while they were trapped on a balcony outside of their burning apartment.

**Man rescues family from burning building**

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jay Johnson never thought of himself as a hero and still doesn't. But don't tell that to DeeAnn Niska or two of her children, 3-year-old Noah and 5-year-old Hannah.

It doesn't happen often, but sometimes regular folks — under intense pressure — become something other than regular.

They become heroes.

That's what happened to Jay on Wednesday when he stopped being an automotive-supply store worker at Keyline Automotive Warehouse Inc. and, for a moment, became a lifesaver.

He was at work in the warehouse's lower level when he heard screams. The sounds came from across the street and he knew someone was in trouble. As he raced up the stairs, a co-worker, Grace Johnson (no relation), entered the store hollering.

At first, Jay couldn't make out what she was saying. Then he heard it: "Fire."

"I don't remember how it happened. It was



**See it online**

To see an interview with Jay Johnson and DeeAnn Niska, visit [magvalley.com](http://magvalley.com)

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Firefighters with the Twin Falls Fire Department hose down the smoldering remains Thursday of the Key Ag Distributors Inc. building and apartment of Martin and DeeAnn Niska. The building caught fire Wednesday.

**Community rallies to help fire victims**

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The flames are extinguished and the fire crews have gone home. The victims, however, have not.

A fire Wednesday afternoon burned to the ground the apartment of Martin and DeeAnn Niska and their four children. The fire also destroyed the lower-level warehouse, Key Ag Distributors Inc., where Martin is employed.

A different fire burned the Niska family's

**Help the Niskas**

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- Donate money or clothing to Lincoln Elementary School, 733-1321.
- Donate money for the family through Magic Valley Bank, 736-2400, and Living Word Bookstore, 736-0727.
- Help Martin Niska finish rebuilding his home. If you have experience with wiring,Sheetrock or roofing, call him on his cell phone, 731-7479.

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**Changing waters**

IDWR director out, Otter to appoint replacement soon

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

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Karl Dreher

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**New schools chief Luna embellished his resume**

By Jesse Harlan Alderman  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Tom Luna, the incoming head of the state's public school system, misrepresented his position with the U.S. Department of Education on his resume during his successful campaign this fall.

In a biography on his Web site and a resume provided to Idaho Public Television for its campaign debate series, Luna wrote that he was "Appointed Senior Adviser to Secretary of Education Rod Paige by President George W. Bush."

However, Luna was not appointed by President Bush, said Bill Hansen, the former deputy secretary of education and Luna's immediate supervisor at the department. Paige named Luna as a "special assistant" in the Undersecretary of Education's Office, according to a detailed 2004 directory of executive branch appointments published by the Joint Congressional Committee on Government Reform.



Tom Luna

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**Breast cancer drop may be due to women quitting menopause hormones, doctors say**

By Marilyn Marchione  
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — U.S. breast cancer rates plunged an unprecedented 7 percent in 2003, the year after millions of women stopped taking menopause hormones when a study showed the pills raise the risk of tumors.

The startling new analysis, reported Thursday at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, does not prove a

link between hormone therapy and breast cancer, but strongly suggests it, many experts said.

"When I saw it, I couldn't believe it," statistician Donald Berry of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston said of the drop.

Cancers take years to form, so going off hormones would not instantly prevent new tumors. But tumors that had been developing might stop growing, shrink or disappear so they were no longer detected

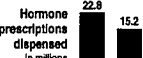
by mammograms, doctors theorized.

Cases dropped most among women 50 and older — the age group taking hormones. The decline was biggest for tumors whose growth is fueled by estrogen — the type most affected by hormone use.

The drop was seen in every single cancer registry that reports information to the federal government, and no big

**Breast cancer rates down**

Some experts believe U.S. breast cancer rates dropped sharply in 2003 because many women stopped menopausal hormone use.



SOURCES: IAS Health; Journal of the American Medical Association; National Center for Health Statistics

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Pleasant wind and periods of rain. Rain mixing with snow possible. Highs low 40s.
Tonight: Gradually clearing and drying. Loss windy too. Lows 20s.
Tomorrow: A mix of sun and clouds. Considerably colder. Highs low 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

CANCELLED: An evening of Christmas Classics and Country Hits, presented by "Peace with Music" with Goldenstein, Deam and Lopez has been cancelled.

"Rejoice in His Coming" Christmas Cantata, performed by the Gooding Community Chorus, 7 p.m., Walker Center Auditorium, 605 11th Avenue E., Gooding, free admission (free-will offering), 934-8227.

The Singing Christmas Tree, "Light of the World, A Christmas Musical," 7 p.m., First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N., Twin Falls, bring new, unwrapped toy, 733-5349.

"Murder at the Prom," the 9th Annual Dinner Theatre production presented by the Buhl High School Drama Department, 7 p.m., West End Senior Citizens Center, Buhl, \$28 or \$15 a single, 490-1392 or 543-8262.

A Taffeta Christmas, A '50s Christmas Reunion, 7:30 p.m., The King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, 88, 878-5464.

William Inge's "Bus Stop," presented by the Company of Fools, 8 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 reserved seats and \$18 for senior citizens and students, (208) 578-9122.

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., at the D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

Learn what's happening in the Magic Valley through the weekend.

See Three-Day Plan, C8

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Bingo, sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 7 to 10 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, \$11 per packet (20 games), 934-4412.

BUSINESS

Ribbon cutting for Banner Bank, 2 p.m., Commercial Office, 746 N. College Rd., Suite E, Twin Falls, 735-8057.

CHURCH

The Homecoming, a humorous musical about a Smoky Mountain Christmas, 7 p.m., Jerome Free Will Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland, Jerome, no cost, 324-8143.

EXHIBITS

The 3rd Annual Procrastinators Exhibit and Sale, with featured artist Janie Mack, other professional artists and craftsmen, spinning demonstrations, food and refreshments (served from 1 to 4 p.m.), 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, old Odd Fellows Building, 219 Main Street, Filer, free admission, 543-4690.

"The Circle" by Amber Socon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

"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., 934-5417.

"Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings of local artist Ben Browne in the Galleria Pequena and new works by memberartists in the Full Moon Gallery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-ARTS.

FAMILY

The Jerome Public Library family Christmas celebration, with stories, songs (a special help arrangement), an annual skill, refreshments from the Friends of the Library and a special visit from the "man in red," 10:30 a.m., in the library's Multi-purpose Room, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, no cost, 324-6426.

"Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-0068.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Buhl Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475. (Resumes Jan. 17)

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "The Christmas Stars" at 7 p.m. and "Starmobile" 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.

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Donald Brink takes the stand in murder trial

TWIN FALLS — In the early morning of May 29, 2005, Donald Brink blasted a 2-inch hole into Brent "Spook" Lillewold's chest in a basement home at 235 V. Range St. Brink is on trial this week on a first-degree murder charge with a weapons enhancement and may face life in prison if convicted. Angry, very frustrated — even obsessed, Brink said at his trial Thursday he never wanted to kill Lillewold. What obsessed him was getting back his van. SEE PAGE C1

Dreher not being retained by Otter

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State hopes \$300,000 grant goes to rural Idaho

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor plans to allocate less than half the \$250,000 grant for rural assistance approved by the state Legislature last session, and divide the remaining funds after the federal government decides whether to approve a \$300,000 grant request. Earlier this year, the Legislature passed a bill to assist rapidly growing rural cities in Idaho but whose budgets are too short to provide training and address planning and zoning concerns. SEE PAGE C1

Public input sought for new high school

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District is seeking community input to plan for the new high school. The district is searching for parents, teachers, students and other community members interested in forming planning committees in January. The committees will assist in making recommendations to the school board regarding design and policy issues for Canyon Ridge High School. SEE PAGE C1

OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Danielson, 88, Helen Elizabeth Askew, 87 Ruth Fern Nielsen, 101 Jack Pressell, 78 Kenneth Guy Dean, 75 Charles E. (Bud) Jacoby, 96 SEE PAGES C2-3

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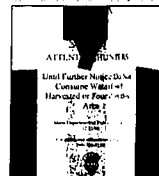
TWIN FALLS — Tonight's Billy Dean-Marvin Goldenstein concert at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium has been cancelled. For ticket refund information, call the CSI Box Office at 732-6268.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

Now we know why only Gov. Jim Risch criticized Marilyn Howard. The only Democrat elected to statewide office wasn't the state official giving taxpayer money to state employees. Some Republicans are guilty, too. Risch was right. The Legislature needs to put a stop to this. —Chris Steinback, editor

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IDAHO/WEST



Duck deaths climb to 2,500, cause unknown

BOISE — The number of mallard ducks that have died in a bizarre cluster along a southeastern Idaho creek bed has climbed to 2,500, as vexed wildlife officials await test results from tissue samples. Officials from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security hope Thursday to have results of tests on tissue from the ducks' abdominal tract and on water samples from the creek that might provide clues to the unknown illness. SEE PAGE C5

Post Falls shuts off water to trailer park

POST FALLS — Residents of a trailer park in this northern Idaho town are defying a Dec. 2 deadline to move out and are living without running water while awaiting eviction. "We're scared to death — that's the bottom line," said Tony Drake, who added that he and his fiancée, Deanna Carlson, will probably go to the Salvation Army or another shelter. "Right now, that's my only choice."

Six people are living in the park, which was sold earlier this year to C.R. Foster Construction. SEE PAGE C6

Lawsuit challenges wolf recovery program

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An environmental group went to court Thursday in an effort to force the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to expand a program to reintroduce the endangered Mexican gray wolf in New Mexico and Arizona. The Center for Biological Diversity, which has offices in both states, alleged in a lawsuit in federal court in Washington, D.C., that Fish and Wildlife has refused to implement recommendations of a scientific panel that reviewed the program. SEE PAGE C6

NATION/WORLD



S.D. Sen. Johnson in critical condition

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson remained in critical condition but was described as recovering and holding his wife's hand Thursday after emergency overnight surgery to repair bleeding inside his brain. His sudden illness had raised questions over whether the Democrats would hold their newly won slim control of the Senate. SEE PAGE A5

McCain tells Iraq's PM to break with cleric

BAGHDAD — Sen. John McCain told his controversial proposal for curbing Iraq's sectarian violence to Baghdad on Thursday, calling for an additional 15,000 to 30,000 U.S. troops and joining a congressional delegation in telling Iraq's prime minister he must break his close ties with a radical Shiite cleric. SEE PAGE A4

Army's top general calls for more troops

As President Bush weighs new strategies for Iraq, the Army's top general warned Thursday that his force "will break" without thousands more active duty troops and greater use of the reserves. SEE PAGE A4

OPEC to cut production in Feb.

ABUJA — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said Thursday it will take a half million barrels a day off the market beginning in February, cementing its apparent intention to do or say what it takes to keep oil prices around \$60 a barrel. SEE PAGE A4

American media consumption growing

WASHINGTON — Americans spend more time watching TV, listening to the radio, surfing the Internet and reading newspapers than anything else except breathing. SEE PAGE C7

SPORTS



Kimberly girls races past Buhl

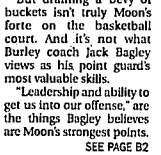
KIMBERLY — The Buhl Indians gave the unbeaten Kimberly Bulldogs a gallant first-half effort going to the locker room trailing 22-18. But Kimberly came out in the second half determined to put some distance between the teams and did so with a 55-38 home win over the Indians on Thursday. SEE PAGE B1

Minico boys fall to Idaho Falls

RUBERT — Streaky might be the best word to describe the Minico High boys basketball team's performance in a 50-53 non-conference loss to Idaho Falls Thursday. The Spartans had streaks in which they hustled on offense, rebounded well and crisis executed on defense. Then there were other stretches when Minico looked lost, lethargic and unmotivated. SEE PAGE B1

Moon leading unbeaten Burley

BURLEY — Certainly Calton Moon can be a prolific scorer. After all, the Burley junior dropped 30 points on Middleton last week and is averaging in the neighborhood of 22 per game. But draining a bevy of buckets isn't truly Moon's forte on the basketball court. And it's not what Burley coach Jack Bagley views as his point guard's most valuable skills. "Leadership and ability to get us into our offense," are the things Bagley believes are Moon's strongest points. SEE PAGE B2



Smith, 49ers hammer Seahawks

SEATTLE — Alex Smith's fourth-quarter play was reminiscent of former San Francisco quarterback. Keeping the 49ers' slim playoff hopes alive, Smith threw a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown passes and San Francisco prevented the Seattle Seahawks from clinching the NFC West "with a surprising 24-14 win Thursday night." "I think this team grew up a little bit tonight," Smith said. SEE PAGE B4

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB



INTERVIEW WITH A HERO

Man and the woman he saved from burning building speak about the rescue at www.magicvalley.com STREAMING VIDEO

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# Charity

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 previous residence last year. Earlier this week, Martin was struggling to finish rebuilding that home before DeAnn, who is nine months pregnant, gives birth.  
 Now those rebuilding plans are on hold while the family searches for shelter and basic necessities.

"They may be down, but they're not out."  
 Just hours after news of the fire broke, friends, family and community members rallied to aid the family. The Niskas stayed with friends Wednesday night. Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls began accepting donations and care items Thursday morning.  
 Early Thursday afternoon, Whitney Beem of the Twin Falls Chapter of the American Red Cross met with the Niskas about further help. They were reluctant to accept it, Beem said.  
 "DeAnn said, 'We don't

# Giving away Christmas

Some Magic Valley Christians give away their Christmas — lock, stock and holly — to those less fortunate.

## SATURDAY IN RELIGION

need to take a lot, and we don't want to take away anything from needier families," she said.

Nevertheless, the Niskas are without basic possessions this Christmas, and that's why the community is stepping in to help. Here's how:

- Donate money to the Twin Falls chapter of the American Red Cross by calling 733-6464.
- Donate new or gently used clothing to Lincoln Elementary School, 733-1321.
- Donate money for the family through Magic Valley Bank, 736-2400, and Living Word

Bookstore, 736-0727.

Also, Martin said he'd accept help rebuilding the family's old house from anyone with experience in electricity, Sheetrock or roofing. Call his cell phone at 731-7473.

The owner of the burned business and apartment, John Kelley, said he encourages people to help anyway they can. He let the Niskas live in the apartment after their home burned.

"I was real nice to have somebody like Martin down here at night to watch the business," Kelley said. "What do they say? No good deed goes unpunished!"  
 Kelley said his business will share the family's resilience.

"We're going to rebuild and the business will go forward," he said. "This is just a stumbling block — for everyone — and we're going to be here for our customers."  
 And each other.  
 "It's not easy to start over, you know," he said.

# Hero

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 so fast," Grace said about seeing the family trapped by the blaze. "I saw the flames and ran inside (the store) and started yelling, 'Call 911 and get a fire extinguisher.' I said, 'It's on fire and we need to get the kids out.'"

That's all Jay needed to hear. He rushed outside where DeAnn and her two youngest children were trapped on the balcony of a burning building.  
 "The Niskas lived in an apartment above Key Ag Distributors Inc., a seed-supply store where DeAnn's husband, Martin, works. The Niska family was living in the apartment temporarily — just until they could finish rebuilding their previous home that burned a year earlier in a Christmas-tree fire. They were trying to finish it before DeAnn had her baby, due next week."  
 "I was up there screaming for help," DeAnn said Wednesday. "We had tried to get out through the door, but it was too

hot, so we went out to the balcony and started yelling."  
 "And the screams and chaos. Jay ran into the burning warehouse below the trapped family. He needed a ladder."  
 "I was in there for maybe a minute," Jay said. "But it felt like forever."  
 Grace stayed outside, trying to calm DeAnn and the frightened children.

"I told her to stay calm, that Jay was getting a ladder and they'd be OK," Grace said.  
 An unidentified man from a nearby business arrived just as Jay found an extension ladder. He held it as Jay climbed toward the panicked family. First down

was Noah, still naked because the fire broke out when DeAnn was changing his diaper.

Next was Hannah, who refused to be held and opted to climb down on her own. DeAnn was last to be rescued. The fire department arrived as DeAnn embraced her rescuers.

Jay stayed and watched fire crews battle the blaze until about 2:30 p.m.

But by then, his work was done. A family was saved, and Jay was a hero.

Contact staff writer Matt Christensen at (208) 735-3243 or at matt.christensen@tcn.net.

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# Water

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 Dreher leaves at a pivotal moment in Idaho's water history. A pending state Supreme Court case will determine how the new director allocates water. Also, the water board is in the midst of setting up a management plan that will be submitted to the Legislature during the next session.  
 "I very much appreciate having the opportunity to serve in a significant role and move Idaho's challenging

water resource issues toward resolution," Dreher said in a press release.

A spokesman for the department, Michael Keckler, said Otter informed Dreher of the decision during a prearranged meeting Thursday.  
 Keckler said he wasn't sure why Otter was making the change.

Spokesman for Otter, Mark Warbis, said the decision simply reflects the governor's wish to fill his adminis-

tration with his own appointees.

"This isn't a matter of building a new team," Warbis said. "He's putting his own team in place." Dreher was appointed director by Gov. Phil Batt in 1995 and had expressed interest in continuing under the Otter administration. He will work through the end of this month and has no immediate plans to resign.  
 Laird Noh, former chairman

of the Senate Resources Committee and Idaho water-law expert, said Dreher was perhaps the best water director the state has ever had.

"It's one of the most high-pressure jobs in the state," Noh said in the nation. "I have the utmost respect and admiration for Karl Dreher and the work he's done."

Warbis said Otter will announce Dreher's successor soon as well as his other appointments.

# Luna

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 The Office of Presidential Personnel "signed off" on the appointment, Hansen told The Associated Press. Soon after, in April 2003, Paige named Luna director of a newly formed Rural Education Task Force, he said.

Elaïne Quesinberry, a Department of Education spokeswoman who now works for the Rural Education Task Force, described a similar hiring process.

"Tom Luna was the director of the Task Force, appointed by Secretary Rod Paige and approved through a White House vetting process," she said.

Luna is not listed in an archive of presidential nominations.

Brian McNicol, a spokesman for the Committee on Government Reform, said appointments such as Luna's are not defined as presidential appointments.

Luna said the White House Office of Personnel called him in November 2002 and asked him to file an application as a "senior education adviser."

He said the White House hired him in March 2003 to lead

an initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities and a month later he was asked to direct the Rural Education Task Force.

"That's how they refer to it. It's a political appointment where you apply through the White House," Luna said Wednesday. "I could tell you a couple of days after the election, I got a call from White House personnel saying 'Would you like to work for the president?'"

Last month, Luna, a Republican, defeated Democrat Jana Jones in his second run for the superintendent's seat. He takes over as head of the Idaho Department of Education and the state's 620 public schools in January.

Throughout the campaign, Luna offered his stint at the Department of Education as a rebuttal to criticism that he never taught in a classroom or worked in school administration.

Hansen said Luna was instrumental in reworking parts of the federal No Child Left Behind Act to provide more flexibility for rural school districts when hiring teachers. Luna also revamped funding formulas and helped restore grant programs for rural schools.

# Cancer

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 change occurred with any other major type of cancer. These are strong signs that the breast cancer decline is no statistical fluke or error.

"It's a big deal... amazing, really," said another of the researchers, Dr. Rowan Chlebowski of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles. "It's better than a cure" because these are cases that never occurred, he said.

About 200,000 cases of breast cancer had been expected that year, the drop means that about 14,000 fewer women actually were diagnosed with the disease.

A separate study by the American Cancer Society, currently in press with a medical journal, also documents the drop. Lead author Ahmedin Jemal attributes two-thirds of it to a decline in hormone use and the rest to mammography use leveling off, resulting in fewer tumors being detected.  
 "We are really trying to look at

the big picture," he said. "You cannot rule out the effect of screening."

Breast cancer is the most common major cancer in American women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women. About 213,000 new cases are expected to occur in the United States this year and more than 1 million worldwide.

Incidence in the United States rose almost 2 percent per year from 1990 to 1998, then began to slightly decrease, said Dr. Peter Ravdin, the M.D. Anderson doctor who led the new analysis and presented results at the Texas cancer meeting.

After more breast cancers and heart problems occurred among women taking estrogen-progestin pills, new warning labels on the drugs and doctor groups urged women to use the lowest dose for the shortest time possible. Prescriptions for hormone pill declined, as did breast cancer rates.

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**IRAQ**

**McCain tells Iraq PM to break with cleric**

**BAGHDAD** — Sen. John McCain took his controversial proposal for curbing Iraq's sectarian violence to Baghdad on Thursday, calling for an additional 15,000 to 30,000 U.S. troops and joining a congressional delegation in telling Iraq's prime minister he must break his close ties with a radical Shiite cleric.

The lawmakers' trip came as the bloodshed showed no signs of abating. At least 74 more people were killed or found dead, including 65 bullet-riddled bodies bearing signs of torture, and gunmen in military uniforms kidnapped as many as 70 shopkeepers and bystanders from a commercial area in central Baghdad in what was apparently an attack against Sunnis at least 25 were later released, police said.

McCain's position puts him at odds with American public opinion and with the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, which recommended withdrawing substantial number of U.S. troops over the coming year. The Army in recent days has been looking at how many additional troops could be sent to Iraq if President Bush decides a surge in forces would be helpful.

Army officials say only about 10,000 to 15,000 troops could be sent and an end to the war would have to be in sight because the deployment would drain the pool of available soldiers for combat. Even if many experts warn, there is no guarantee a surge in troops would work to settle the violence.

**WASHINGTON**

**Death of jailed sheik could spark attacks**

The health of terrorist cleric Omar Abdel-Rahman, known as the Blind Sheik, is deteriorating — renewing fears that his death in prison could trigger an attack on the United States, officials said Thursday.

There is no credible indication that an attack on the U.S. is imminent, said several law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the situation.

In a two-page bulletin, dated Dec. 8, the FBI reported to federal intelligence officials that Abdel-Rahman had been rushed from prison to a Missouri hospital two days earlier for a blood transfusion. There, doctors discovered a tumor on Rah liver, according to the bulletin, which was described to The Associated Press by a law enforcement official.

But U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman Tracy Billingsley said Abdel-Rahman's condition had stabilized, and he has since been moved back to prison.

"His condition has improved," Billingsley said.

**Army's top general calls for more troops**

As President Bush weighs new strategies for Iraq, the

**AROUND THE WORLD**

Army's top general warned Thursday that his force "will break" without thousands more active duty troops and greater use of the reserves.

Noting the strain put on the force by operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the global war on terrorism, Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker said he wants to grow his half-million-member Army beyond the 30,000 troops already added in recent years.

Though he didn't give an exact number, he said it would take significant time and commitment by the nation, noting some 6,000 to 7,000 soldiers could be added per year.

Officials also need greater authority to tap into the National Guard and Reserve, long ago set up as a strategic reserve but now needed as an integral part of the nation's deployed forces, Schoomaker told a commission studying possible changes in those two forces.

"Over the last five years, the sustained strategic demand... is placing a strain on the Army's all-volunteer force,"

Schoomaker told the commission in a Capitol Hill hearing.

**NIGERIA**

**OPEC production to be reduced in February**

**ABUJA** — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said Thursday it will take a half million barrels a day off the market beginning in February, cementing its apparent intention to do or say what it takes to keep oil prices around \$60 a barrel.

The cartel, which pumps a third of the world's crude-oil,

helped stabilize falling oil prices back in October when it announced a cut of 1.2 million barrels a day. But expectations of slower economic growth and a non-OPEC supply surge in 2007 meant the market was still vulnerable to a price collapse.

To prevent that, OPEC sent a clear signal to the market and energy traders reacted, sending oil prices up by more than \$1 a barrel.

Wood Mackenzie oil analyst Ann-Louise Hittle described OPEC's action as "an aggressive approach" intended to put a floor underneath prices.

By delaying the cut until

February, however, the cartel left itself a window to change its mind if demand spikes due to a colder-than-expected winter or a stronger economy.

Saudi oil minister Ali Naimi said the price of crude didn't figure in the decision: "What we're working towards is to rebalance the market and this decision does this," he said.

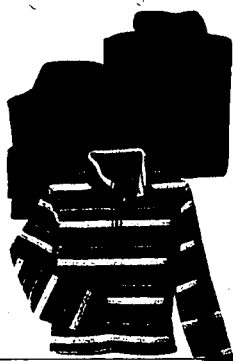
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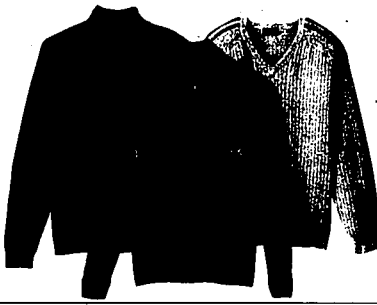
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# Dem. senator in critical condition, raising questions of Senate control

By Mary Clare Jalcovic and Tom Rame Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson remained in critical condition but was described as recovering and holding his wife's hand Thursday after emergency overnight surgery to repair bleeding inside his brain.

His sudden illness, had raised questions over whether the Democrats would hold their newly won slim control of the Senate.

The South Dakota lawmaker, 59, was on an uncomplicated postoperative course, the U.S. Capitol physician said after visiting him Thursday afternoon. Johnson suffered a hemorrhage in his brain caused by a rare and sometimes fatal condition.

"He has been appropriately responsive to both word and touch. No further surgical intervention has been required," said the physician, Adm. John Eisold. He had said earlier, "The senator is recovering without complication."

Johnson was responding to the voice of his wife, Barbara, and following directions after the surgery, the senator's office said in a statement. "He was reaching for and holding her hand."

Johnson was stricken as Democrats prepared to take fragile 51-49 control of the new Senate when it convenes in three weeks. Democrats seized control of both chambers of Congress from Republicans in November midterm elections.

If Johnson were to leave office, a replacement would be named by South Dakota's Republican governor, Mike Rounds. A Republican appointee would create a 50-50 tie and effectively allow the GOP to retain Senate control because of Vice President Dick Cheney's tie-breaking vote.

Johnson was rushed to the George Washington University Hospital at midday Wednesday after becoming disoriented and stumbling during a conference call with reporters.

Eisold, the Capitol physician, said doctors stopped bleeding in Johnson's brain and drained the blood that had accumulated there. "It is premature to determine whether further surgery will be required or to assess any long-term prognosis," Eisold said.

On Thursday afternoon, Johnson underwent an additional procedure to prevent blood clots. The procedure is standard after surgery, said Julianne Fisher, Johnson's spokeswoman. Otherwise, she said, there were no new developments. "No news is good news," she said.

Johnson's condition, also known as AVM, or arteriovenous malformation, causes arteries and veins to grow abnormally large, become tangled and sometimes burst. The condition is often present from birth.

Senate historian Donald Ritchie said senators serve out their terms unless they resign or die. He said there was precedent for senators remaining in the Senate even though illness kept them away from the chamber for long periods.

Just this year, Sen. Jay Rockefeller, a West Virginia Democrat, missed three months of votes because of back surgery. Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., was away for seven months in 1988 after undergoing surgery for brain aneurysms.

In 1989, another South Dakota senator, Karl Mundt, a Republican, suffered a stroke while in office. Mundt continued to serve until the end of his term in January 1973, although he was unable to attend Senate sessions and was stripped of his committee assignments by fellow Republicans in 1972.

The White House offered "best wishes." "Our prayers are with Senator Johnson," said White

House Press Secretary Tony Snow. "Look, he's a great guy, and it's one of these things where everybody's concerned and our thoughts and prayers are with him, his family, his staff, his colleagues."

The senator's wife, Barbara Johnson, said the family "is encouraged and optimistic." South Dakota's governor, elected to a second four-year term last month, has been widely seen as the Republican candidate with the best chance to challenge Johnson in two years.

Other than Rounds himself, top possibilities if a replacement senator were needed include Lt. Gov. Dennis Daugaard and state Public Utilities Commission Chairman Dusty Johnson, considered a rising star in the Republican Party. Retiring GOP legislative leaders, such as state House Speaker Matthew Michels and Senate Majority Leader Eric Bogue, also might be considered.



Johnson

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EDITORIAL

# Jerome Co. should nix dairy near Hunt Camp

Jerome County commissioners know all too well how difficult dairy issues are to explain to some local residents.

So you'd think they'd be just as cautious about explaining dairy zoning to national tourists.

Expect a horde of questions about local wisdom if the county approves a permit for an 18,555-animal unit live-stock confinement operation near the site of the Minidoka Internment National Monument east of Jerome. Given the blueprint for the monument development, the dairy seems an ill-suited fit for the future.

The LCO proposal was submitted by Eden businessman Ron McFarland on behalf of Big Sky Farms Unlimited Partnership. As with most dairy zoning issues, the controversy surrounds which came first — the dairy or the dairy neighbor. In this case, plans for the National Park Service have been in development since 2001 when President Bill Clinton designated the site as a national monument.

The Minidoka relocation camp, widely known as Hunt Camp, was created as a result of President Franklin Roosevelt's executive order requiring U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry to leave their homes for internment after the attack on Pearl Harbor. During World War II, Hunt Camp became one of southern Idaho's largest populated areas with 13,000 Japanese-Americans interned.

Fast forward to the 21st century, and the National Park Service has significant plans to develop the Minidoka camp as an educational and historical monument where lessons of that era are examined. Knowing those plans are in development, it's questionable why the county would consider such a large industrial dairy in the proximity to a potential tourism draw.

Other factors add even more doubt to the plan. A dairy operation of this size would use water rights in a location that has some questionable impact on the aquifer. Environmental impact statements done by the hydrogeologists, environmental scientists and engineers rates the site as a "moderate risk" for environmental problems, on a scale of high, moderate and low. Most EIS studies are commonly ranked as "low."

Making the issue more sensitive is that the proposed operation would be just over a mile from Hunt Camp. Under recent changes to the Local Land Use Planning Act, counties can limit public comments on proposed animal feeding operations to those who live within a one-mile radius of the proposed area.

That's just another reason to consider widening that radius.

Commissioners say they have an obligation to weigh the issue on facts and not emotion. But there's ample evidence just by looking at a map that this feeding lot wouldn't match future uses of the land.

Sixty years ago, Hunt Camp represented one of the more embarrassing chapters in our nation's history by internment American citizens. By putting heavy industrial ag uses so close to a historical destination, the county risks adding its own degree of embarrassment.

**Our view: Farmland near Minidoka Relocation Monument is a bad fit for a major confined animal feeding operation. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

# Dubya lets Democrats off the hook

In politics, you can win by losing — and lose by winning. The Bush administration is winning the battle to beat back the Baker-Hamilton commission. But what does that bode for Iraq? And for the 2008 elections?

The Baker-Hamilton commission will be remembered as a failed bid by the bipartisan centrist establishment to cook up a new policy for Iraq. But the opening sentence of the report — "The situation in Iraq is grave and deteriorating" — set a tone of criticism that understandably caused the Bush administration and its allies to bristle.

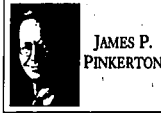
And so the Baker-Hamiltonians have been derided by the right as "appeasers," "surrender monkeys" and "betrayers." For their part, the Democrats have been mostly supportive of the report.

President Bush could have humiliated the Democrats by embracing Baker-Hamilton. If he had done so, many top Democrats would have been obligated to join him, politically speaking, in the quagmire of Iraq. That's the point about bipartisan commissions, when they're successful: Most in Washington feel compelled to dive in, too, lest they be accused of not coming together for the sake of the country.

Yet, Bush & Co. have mostly rejected the report. "Jim Baker can go back to his day job," the president said dis-

...the Democrats are no doubt readying their future talking points: "We tried to cooperate with the president ... but Bush wouldn't listen to any of us." ... So Bush has won the policy now, but he could lose the politics yet again in two years.

And oh, by the way, things could get even uglier in Iraq.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

missively on the day of its release. But in dismissing Baker-Hamilton, he also let the Democrats off the hook; disconnected from responsibility, they are now free to be critics. The Democrats don't seem poised to try to force any change in Iraq; their strategy seems to be: "Bush won on the policy; now let him stew in the juice of that policy. For the next two years." Are the Democrats really that Machiavellian? One answer, of course, is that they don't have a choice — Bush is commander-in-chief for another two years. Another answer is that, if the 2006 elections were good for them, based on Iraq, they have plenty of reason to think that 2008 will be even better for them if the war drags on. After all, even the fiercest

critics of Baker-Hamilton are hard-pressed to find reason for optimism on the war itself. Mark Steyn, for example, writing in *The Chicago Sun-Times*, compared all the Iraq commissioners to Neville Chamberlain — a harsh charge.

Steyn specifically savaged Baker and Hamilton's suggestion to talk to Iran and Syria, mocking also their idea of creating an international "support group" for Iraq, in Steyn's words: "So there you have it: an Iraq 'Support Group' that brings together the Arab League, the European Union, Iran, Russia, China and the UN. And with support like that, who needs lack of support?" Steyn is right: Most of the world looks forward to our losing in Iraq. But then one is left to wonder: If all those countries and conglomerations are against us, what are our prospects of victory? Without political support, can the United States win militarily? For all the bloodshed in Iraq, do either the Sunni or the Shia seem to be running low on suicide-

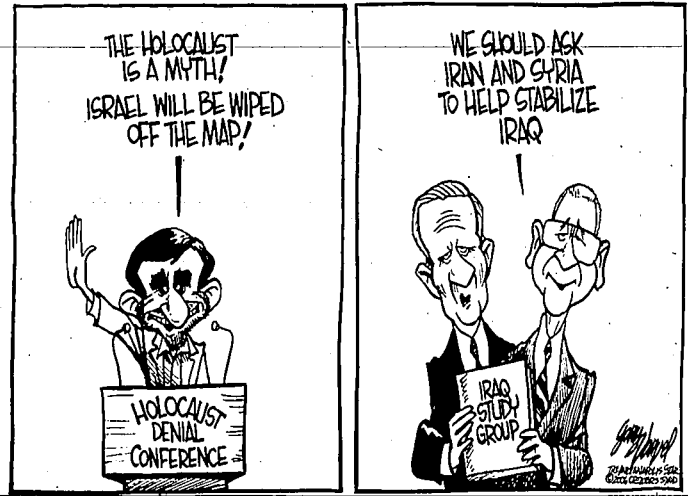
minded jihadists? No wonder that just 9 percent of Americans think that Iraq will end in a "clear-cut victory," according to a recent AP-Ipsos poll.

In strictly political terms, the successful pushback of the Baker-Hamilton commission means that Iraq is once again Bush's war. And so, if the president defies the experts and finds a way to win, he will reap the political credit.

But the Democrats are no doubt readying their future talking points: "We tried to cooperate with the president — we even worked with the bipartisan Baker-Hamilton commission — but Bush wouldn't listen to any of us. Now, dear voters, please make the same harsh electoral judgment on the Bush Republicans in 2008 that you did in 2006." So Bush has won the policy now, but he could lose the politics yet again in two years. And oh, by the way, things could get even uglier in Iraq.

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## LETTERS

### Insult of Neilsen was a heartless act

Regarding Carter Killinger's letter Dec. 10 in *Times-News*:

I'm glad you're still learning, because apparently you missed the lessons on respect and compassion. When a family is grieving the loss of a loved one, the last thing they need is negative input from jerks like you.

I have worked for Craig Neilsen since 1987 and had a very satisfied working history, as I'm sure many others have. Craig was one of the biggest employers in the Magic Valley. Of course, there are always those dissatisfied few who never own up to their own mistakes. They blame their misfortune — either a gambling loss, a drinking violation citation or even job loss due to

their own irresponsibility, etc. — on someone else.

I'll bet (What did you think? I'm in the gaming business) that if signatures were taken and counted, there'd be more under the heading titled "Life Benefited" because of Craig Neilsen than not.

And you, Mr. Killinger? Throwing stones as you chase ambulances to enhance your own income. Since you made a profit, should everyone blame you? How many lives have you supplemented and fulfilled in your occupational endeavors?

With a little more responsibility, everyone's life would be better. Some people's life would be better if they learned to keep certain thoughts to themselves.

RHONDA NOH  
Hollister

### Kimberly Road intersection a magnet for accidents

I am writing this letter because I do not know where to turn — the city, the county or the state!

Please read and help if you can — who to contact, where to start — share any positive ideas! We need to get out of the problem and into some kind of solution!

I was in a car accident in Hansen on Friday night, Dec. 8, of this year at about 7 p.m. We were in a passenger car and hit by a semi-truck pulling three trailers at the intersection of 3800 East and Kimberly Road. The fireman who helped me out of the mangled car said this was a very dangerous crossing. I was helped to the ambulance and on the way to the hospital and was told that more accidents happen there than anywhere else around. For the past four days, I have been told by at least 20 different people of all of the accidents at this intersection. It is only by the grace of God that we are all alive! Many others

have died there! This is a big problem!

Maybe some lighting or flashing lights, maybe the city does not know how serious the problem is or maybe it just needs some ideas as to how to make it better. Maybe the survivors of accidents there or caring friends and loved ones of those who did not make it should start some kind of fund. I do not know the answer, but I do know the question:

How many people must be injured or die at the intersection of 3800 East and State Highway 50 before something different is done?

ELAINE SPIVAK  
Twin Falls

**Downtown BID looks like a comedy of errors**

As business and property owners in downtown Twin Falls, we have, on several occasions, requested from the Business Improvement District's office a financial statement of the BID. We felt the request was justified since we are charged to sup-

port the organization. Each time, our request has been ignored or evaded.

The president of the BID board stated in a newspaper interview (*Times-News*, Dec. 12, 2006) that this information is public information and available to whoever wants it. Why then have we been unable to obtain a copy and why would a thief break into the office to steal only that?

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These questions are not being raised by me, but have been raised by the farcical comedy of errors now playing downtown.

Are the merchants and property owners downtown going to, chucking quietly, avert their eyes and allow this embarrassing comedy to continue its run? Is it time to abolish the BID?

JACK GOODMAN  
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**Story on campaign finance missed one side**

Thanks to your front page op-ed piece, I mean news item (*Times-News*, Dec. 11): Gov. Butch Otter was charged \$2.5 million by the media (newspaper, TV, etc.) to win. What did you charge the loser? Seems he forgot to report.

Might check your records for the number. Face it, the cost of political participation has gone up — must be that 2 percent increase in the cost of living!

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# Chartering understanding with the Muslim majority

Loyalty oaths in America have their roots in the Civil War era, but in the '50s, they were an ugly product of the "Red Scare" - some people, including university professors, were asked to sign them as testimony to their not being a communist, or a communist sympathizer.

Now comes a proposal for a different type of loyalty oath, which may help answer the question: how do we tell the difference between a peaceful Muslim and a non-peaceful Muslim who wants to kill us? Granting that the majority of Muslims are not terrorists, is there a method by which we can do a better job of excluding those who are?

This week, the "Proposed Charter of Muslim Understanding" is being presented to the European Parliament. According to Gerard Batten, a member of the European Parliament from London, who contributed the forward, and the charter's author, Sam Solomon, a Sharia law expert, the charter will "enable Muslims from all strands of belief to make it plain that they reject those extremist interpretations of their religious texts that promote or excuse violence and bring Islam into conflict with the modern world."

The charter calls upon Muslims to:

- Respect non-Muslim religions and issue a fatwa (an Islamic religious decree) prohibiting the use of force, violence or threats to their followers.

- Respect all civilizations, cultures and traditions and promote understanding of the precedence of national laws over Sharia law.

- Respect Western freedoms, especially of belief and expression and prohibit violent reaction against people who make use of these freedoms.

- Prohibit the issuing of any fatwa that would result in violence or threat against individuals or institutions.

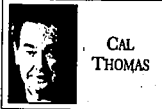
- Request Islamic institutions to revise and issue new interpretations of Qur'anic verses calling for Jihad and violence against non-Muslims. Solomon says, "We call on organizations representing the Islamic faith... to endorse and sign this charter as an example to all European Muslims." By doing so, they will make it clear that "Islam is a religion of peace... and that acts of terrorism committed in its name are the acts of misguided individuals who have misunderstood and misinterpreted its teaching."

In the charter's forward, Gerard Batten writes, "The Western European view of religion, achieved after centuries of bloodshed, conflict and division, is that religion is a matter of private belief and conscience. Islamic fundamentalists do not share this view... They believe in Islamic theocracy... Such views are simply incompatible with Western liberal democracy... The vast majority of Muslims that non-Muslims meet in everyday life are decent, respectable, law-abiding and hardworking. Western governments and societies have to offer them their support while standing firm against the extremists." The charter is "a great step forward in this process."

It certainly is, but what if someone signs it and doesn't mean it? Some Muslims claim the Koran allows them to lie to "infidels." What happens then? What would Solomon suggest be done to those who refuse to sign the charter, as many refused to sign earlier loyalty oaths? How does one encourage compliance? Sam Solomon answers that question via e-mail: "This charter is like a passport application. If someone lies, he will be prosecuted. Once agreed upon, it would give power to the authorities to bring them to justice. Though we know they can lie, this time it would not be an individual. It would be their leaders, and would be like putting their noses in the dust, and accepting it for what it is worth, that the real cause of terrorism is the interpretation of Qur'anic verses by certain factions of their religion. One way or another, they have never been challenged like this ever before."

As the European Parliament

is often much slower than the American Congress, the charter begins first as a discussion document. Sponsors hope it will create interest and discussion among the European public, as well as in the European Parliament. They are hoping one of the MEPs, possibly Gerard Batten, will put forward a proposal to introduce this charter as a bill. Batten and Solomon see this



CAL THOMAS

as a "no lose" proposition. If the bill passes with an enforcement mechanism, Muslim leaders who sign

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would be held accountable under the law for any violation. If they don't sign, the law and public opinion may have

something to say about their refusal. Does anyone have a better strategy for sorting out the

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## From 5 to 4? Preston proposes reclassification

By Brad Cairn  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Five years have passed since the Idaho High School Activities Association reclassified high school sports divisions, and the folks at Preston High School are proposing another change.

In September, Preston athletic director Coy Pratt submitted to the IHSSAA a five-page proposal that would take Idaho from five conferences to four.

The document states that the 5A classification, reserved for schools with the highest enrollment, would be dropped and the cutoff numbers for student enrollment would also be redefined. The state would not go back to the old A-1 through A-4 system in which A-1 was the highest division, but keep with the current system in which 4A would be the highest.

Among some of the reasons for a reclassification include saving travel costs for geographically spread-

### Proposed realignment of District IV by Preston High School

Division	Current	Proposal
5A	1,250+	eliminated
4A	640-1,279	1,000+
3A	320-639	350-999.5
2A	160-319	155-349.5
1A	159 and under	154.5 and under

**Varsity District IV**  
**Class 4A Region IV**  
Century, Highland, Minico, Pocatello, Twin Falls

### Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference

Buhl, Burley, Flax, Jerome, Kimberly, Wood River

### Class 2A Canyon Conference

Declo, Glenns Ferry, Valley, Wendell

### Class 1A

**Magic Valley Northside:** Bliss, Camas County, Carey, Dietrich, Richfield, Shoshone

**Magic Valley Southside:** Castelford, Hagerman, Hansen, Magic Valley, Christian, Murtaugh, Oakley, Raft River

### Source: Idaho High School Activities Association Web site

\* List was drafted before Lighthouse Christian was voted as a full member of the IHSSAA.

### Notes

- List does not include 2009 addition of the Canyon Ridge (Twin Falls) High Riverhawks
- Schools' placement based on enrollment for 2006-08 cycle
- List does not reference either keeping or dropping Divisions I and J for 1A football

out conferences, such as Region Four-Five-Six. Under the current system, Twin Falls' closest conference opponent is Highland in Pocatello, and its farthest is Madison in Rexburg. Preston High officials also argue that long road trips are not suitable for student-athletes when games are held on school nights, and that if more local teams are part of the same conference, attendance and gate

receipts would benefit.

The full text of Preston's 11-point proposal can be read at the IHSSAA's Web site, <http://www.ihssaa.org>.

Recently, district representatives from the state met in Boise, and the system change was one of the many topics discussed.

The consensus, according to Pratt, was that there was too wide a margin when it came to student enrollment.

Under the new system, Class 3A would consist of schools with a student population range of 350-999.5, which at approximately 650 students is the largest margin.

"The main thing is that it affects (current) 3As and 4As," Pratt said. "The spread between 350 and 999 is too big, and I understand that. The others are still comparable. Football would be the most difficult to match up."

Class 4A would set a 1,000-student minimum. Class 2A would fall between 155-349.5 students, and Class 1A lists 1-154.5.

"It depends on the school," Jerome athletic director and IHSSAA board member Ty Jones said. "It puts us in a conference where we'd be the biggest school — the old A-2. For three or four years, it would be good for Jerome."

However, if the school grew into the 4A division, it would be one of the smallest in the conference, a matter that concerns Jones.

### Tournament time

Another change Preston wants to see is the expansion of state tournament brackets from eight seeds to 16.

These changes seem to address tournament sports like basketball, soccer, volleyball and others, but not for football playoffs. Additionally, the proposal does not address the fact

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# Still unbeaten

## Bulldogs remain perfect with 17-point home win over Buhl

By Diane Pflülin  
Times-News writer

**KIMBERLY** — On the positive side, the Buhl girls' basketball team continues to show great effort and desire. Unfortunately, that combination isn't putting enough points on the scoreboard.

The Indians gave the unbeaten Kimberly Bulldogs a gallant first half game, trailing just 22-18 at intermission. But Kimberly came out in the second half determined to put some distance between the teams. In the first nine seconds of the second half, freshman Alex Pfefferle put in a 3-pointer and the Bulldogs never looked back as they moved to 3-0 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference with a 25-39 home win over the Indians on Thursday.

Pfefferle caught fire in the third quarter scoring 10 of the Bulldogs' 18 points in the period. Her output was one more than Buhl scored in the quarter.

Kimberly's largest lead of 19 points came in the fourth quarter at 52-33 on a bucket by Kassie Newberry with 2:09 remaining in the game.

"We encouraged each other at halftime and said not to get down," said junior post Newberry.

Newberry had 13 points in the second half on her way to a game-high 20 points and freshman Pfefferle finished with 17 including a pair of treys.

"We got through the night," said Kimberly coach Rich Bishop. "We are pretty banged up. We got flat and tired in the second quarter but the girls turned in a gutsy performance in the second half."

After the first quarter, the Bulldogs (11-0) held a 16-6 lead. Buhl scored the first 10 points of the second quarter and tied the score on a free throw by sophomore Ellie Spencer. Meanwhile, Kimberly didn't put a point on the board until 1:14 remained in the game.

The Bulldogs were without the services of junior Kayle Hutcherson who was nursing a pair of injured ribs, and point guard Kyle Butler was playing on 4 sprain knees. Butler still managed to score 10 points.

Courtney Azevedo led the Indians with 13 points including two 3-pointers as Opanrico shuffled his starting lineup giving the freshman her first varsity start.

"We have to get rid of our turnovers and get in synch a little more," said Buhl coach Mitch Opanrico. "We are improving and continue to get great effort and desire from the girls. We had several girls sick and they just need to work through it. Not everybody is in game shape."

Said Bishop: "We have a big game in Declo on Tuesday and we will have to be ready. They play very good on their home court."

Buhl (1-9, 0-4) hosts Marsh Valley on Saturday.



Kimberly's Bailey Kallier, left, battles for control of a rebound with Buhl's Traiza Weensch during the first quarter of their game Thursday in Buhl.

"We got through the night. We are pretty banged up. We got flat and tired in the second quarter but the girls turned in a gutsy performance in the second half."

— Kimberly coach Rich Bishop on Thursday's win over Buhl



Minico's Bill Carney (left) makes a post move on Idaho Falls defender Chase Wilde during the Tigers' 60-53 win Thursday at Minico High School.

## Minico boys inconsistent in home loss

By Ryan Howe  
For the Times-News

**RUPERT** — Stray might be the best word to describe the Minico High boys' basketball team's performance in a 60-53 nonconference loss to Idaho Falls Thursday.

The Spartans had streaks in which they hustled on defense, rebounded well and crisply executed an offense. Then there were stretches when Minico looked lost, lethargic and unmotivated.

"Will the real Minico Spartans please stand up?"

"We have no real idea of where we're going as a team," said Minico coach Mike Gracie. "We're waiting for leaders to step up and we're waiting for people to buy into what we're trying to do. Until we do that with all 12 guys, then we're going to be (inconsistent)."

Minico (2-4 overall) led 15-13 when Anthony Garcia hit a 3-pointer to end the first quarter. The Tigers applied a full-court press in the second period, but Minico didn't have much trouble breaking it. Once they did, however, the Spartans' offense wasn't clicking.

Sometimes (shots) are dropping, sometimes they're not," said Minico junior Jason Harper. "There's nothing you can do about it, really, except keep playing defense and stop them."

Minico didn't do much stopping in the third quarter as Idaho Falls went off for 24 points. The Tigers expanded their five-point halftime lead by as many as 18 in the third period.

Despite the large deficit, the Spartans again pulled their Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde routine when they rallied for 12 unanswered points to start the fourth quarter. The run got Minico to within four points with 5:34 to play, but Idaho Falls was able to drain the clock by working its offense.

Minico was forced to foul to stop the clock, and the Tigers went 0-for-6 from the line in the final minute. The Spartans couldn't capitalize, however, as they hoisted desperate 3-point shots that didn't fall.

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VARSITY BASKETBALL
STANDINGS

Table with columns for Boys and Girls, As of Dec. 23, Team, Conf., All, and various class divisions (Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, Class 2A, Class 1A).

Moon leading unbeaten Burley

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Certainly Colton Moon can be a prolific scorer. After all, the Burley junior dropped 30 points on Middleton last week and is averaging in the neighborhood of 22 per game.



Colton Moon

Leadership and ability to get us into our offense," are the things Bagley believes are Moon's strongest points. Moon agrees. "I like assists more than I do points," said Moon. "That's how I was raised, learning the game from my dad and grandpa — get the assist first."

Both Moon and Bagley predicted Burley's scoring lead will be more evenly dispersed as the season progresses. And that suits Moon just fine as he'll get the chance to get back to what he does best. "I can see the court really well, see the open man," said Moon.

wing man Ben Seagle out of action early in the season. Moon has had to pick up some scoring slack with a young supporting cast around him.

Magic Valley Prep Athlete of the Week

But Moon defers to teammates Casey Miller and Brad Caresta when it comes to being Burley's top defensive players. During his high school career, Moon has already had knee surgery on both of his knees, the most recent due to a torn meniscus. But now the knees are feeling fine and Moon is thriving on the court.

Records as of Dec. 12

Records as of Dec. 12 table for Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, Class 2A, Class 1A.

Idaho Media Boys Basketball Poll

Idaho Media Boys Basketball Poll table with columns for Class 2A, Class 3A, Class 4A, Class 1A.

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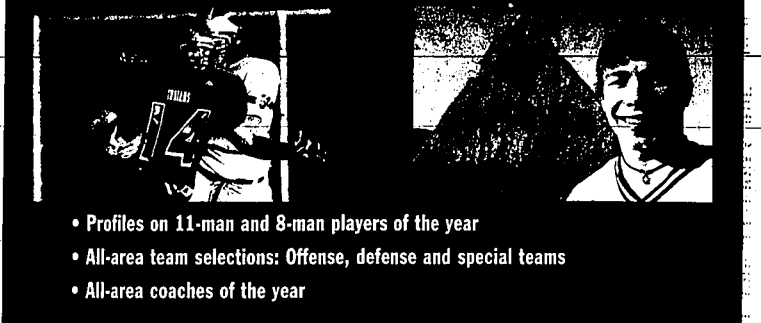
Kepkey, Passey take home SWAC player of the week honors

SAIT LAKE CITY — College of Eastern Utah sophomore point guard Tyler Kepkey was named the South West Athletic Conference men's basketball Player of the Week, while Salt Lake Community College sophomore Amy Passey took home the same honors in women's basketball.

Realignment

Continued from page B1 that Class 1A is currently split into two divisions for football, each with its own state championship. What's next? Preston officials may or may not make changes by February when it would consider calling for a resolution on the matter.

Coming Sunday ... THE TIMES-NEWS ALL-AREA 11-MAN AND 8-MAN FOOTBALL TEAMS



Appalachian State looking for I-AA title repeat

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Once the season began, Appalachian State coach Jerry Moore mostly avoided talking about last year's national championship run. Now the Mountaineers are back in the Division I-AA title game with a freshman quarterback, hoping to be the first team to win consecutive crowns in six years.



SPORTS

# Lamar Hunt remembered as a gentleman who touched lives

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The low-level employee herding people into a crowded elevator atop Arrowhead Stadium seemed in a foul mood.

"It's full," he growled. "Everybody else will either have to wait or take the stairs."

But amid the noise and confusion, somebody kept pressing against his back.

Finally, with an annoyed look, the young man glanced over his shoulder, saw who he was barking at, and turned pale.

"Oh, I'm sorry," he stammered. "I didn't realize it was you, Mr. Hunt. Please — we can make room."

But there came a reassuring reply in a soft Texas twang.

And then the visionary billionaire who founded the AFL, helped pioneer modern professional football and gave the Super Bowl its name disappeared into the masses without complaint and walked down four flights.



Kansas City Chiefs founder Lamar Hunt, left, gestures, Aug. 31, at Arrowhead Stadium. Hunt died Wednesday.

That's the kind of owner Lamar Hunt was.

More than anything else, Hunt was a sportsman who always put the good of the game — any game — ahead of himself.

"God's blessing of great wealth was not wasted on Lamar Hunt," said

Missouri Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, the former mayor of Kansas City. "Money had no negative impact on Lamar whatsoever."

Requested a vast fortune by his oilman father, the unpretentious Texan who helped shape the richest and most successful sports league in the world never flew first class, always coach. He never meddled. Unless he was cherishing his beloved Kansas City Chiefs, he was never heard to raise his voice.

Unlike so many of his ego-driven counterparts, Hunt never sought the spotlight. But he loved to mingle with fans and hated it when his younger peers would put the interests of their individual clubs above those of the NFL.

"Many times Lamar has sent me to the NFL meetings with instructions to support this or oppose that," said Carl Peterson, Chiefs president and general manager since 1989. "I would

point out to him that it might benefit the Chiefs more if we took a different position. He would say, 'Yes, but this is the best course in the long term for the league.'"

"Lamar has touched so many lives. And he improved every one of them." Whether it was in business or in the NFL or in tennis or in soccer, where he was a founding father of both the NASL and MLS.

It was this attitude, shared by many other early-day owners, that helped the NFL avoid the big market-small market disparity that often divides major league baseball.

"In my opinion, he is one of the founding fathers of the National Football League as we know it today," said San Diego coach Marty Schottenheimer, who led the Chiefs from 1989 through 1991. "He's the most remarkable, unique human I've ever known."

Added Don Garber, commissioner

of the MLS: "He was probably more influential in this sport. His contribution is far-reaching as a founder, he helped create the plan and moved the plan in a direction to ensure our future forever by building the first soccer-specific stadium. There would be no MLS without Lamar."

Friends and employees would sometimes chuckle — a behind his back, of course — at Hunt's unassertive business suits that looked as though they'd come straight off the rack.

"And they probably had," said Len Dawson, the Hall of Fame quarterback who led the Chiefs to their only Super Bowl victory in 1970.

On game day at Arrowhead, flamboyant owners and visiting celebrities would come tooling up in chauffeur-driven stretch limos, their entourage in tow. Right behind them in a rented Ford or Chevy would come Lamar and Norma Hunt.

## Spurs crush New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — Manu Ginobili scored 24 points and Tony Parker added 19, leading the San Antonio Spurs to a 103-77 victory over the undermanned New Orleans Hornets on Thursday night.

Tim Duncan had 11 points and nine rebounds for the Spurs, who never trailed.

The Hornets (10-11) dressed only 10 players and were no match for the Southwest Division leading Spurs (18-6), who led by 75-55 in third quarter after Brent Barry's driving floater that went in off the glass as he was fouled.



The New Orleans crowd had little to cheer about in the second half, other than when the scoreboard video screen showed Salts running back Deuce McAllister in the audience. That drew howls of "Deuce" and a standing ovation.

The Spurs won their third game in a row and seventh out of eight.

Rastal Butler scored 16 points for New Orleans, while Desmond Mason added 16 points and nine rebounds. Chris Paul had 12 assists, but was held to only six points — 12.8 below his average — and spent the fourth quarter on the bench. San Antonio started hitting from long range early and led 13-2 after Ginobili, who had 16 points in the first half, hit a pair of 3-pointers and a layup.

New Orleans got as close as 25-20 on Linton Johnson's turnaround jumper from 13 feet, but San Antonio went ahead 38-28 on Michael Finley's 3-pointer and kept a double-digit lead through most of the second quarter. The Spurs led 53-42 at halftime.

## Bobcats 99, Magic 89

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Sean May scored a career-high 32 points to help Charlotte snap a four-game losing streak with a victory over Orlando.

Rookie Adam Morrison added 22 points for the Bobcats, his best outing on Charlotte's home court since scoring 27 against Miami on Nov. 25.

Eneka Okalor had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Raymond Felton scored 12 points, and Gerald Wallace 12 for the Bobcats, who posted their first double-digit win of the season.

Keyon Dooling scored 20 points for the Magic, who lost their third consecutive game. Carlos Delfino scored 13 points and Travis Diener 12. Dwight Howard pulled down 12 rebounds, but was held to eight points, nearly 10 below his average.

— The Associated Press

## No. 19 Memphis tops Austin Peay

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Chris Douglas-Roberts scored a career-high 28 points on 10-of-12 shooting to lead No. 19 Memphis to an 88-63 victory over Austin Peay 67 Thursday night.

Douglas-Roberts, a sophomore guard, also was 8-of-10 from the line and had five assists for Memphis (8-2). The Tigers shot 62 percent from the field.

Donal Mack, Jeremy Hunt and Kareem Cooper added 11 points each, and Joey Dorsey finished with 11 rebounds. Cooper hit all five of his shots.

Derek Wright led Austin Peay (3-5) with 18 points, and Fernandez Lockett had 12.

Memphis scored the game's first 10 points and built a 22-2 lead. Governors coach Dave Loos called three early timeouts to try to reverse the Tigers' momentum. It didn't help, and Austin Peay never threatened the rest of the way.

# Smith, Niners thump Seahawks

SEATTLE (AP) — Alex Smith's fourth-quarter play was reminiscent of former San Francisco quarterback.

Keeping the 49ers' slim playoff hopes alive, Smith threw a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown passes and San Francisco prevented the Seattle Seahawks from clinching the NFC West with a surprising 24-14 win Thursday night.

"I think this team grew up a little bit tonight," Smith said.

Smith threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Vernon Davis early in the fourth, then capped a 10-play, 73-yard drive with a 20-yard TD pass to Frank Gore with 4:01 left that sent wet — and shocked — Seahawks fans for the exits.

One play after a delay-of-game penalty on third-and-1, Smith stepped out of Kelly Herndon's grasp, scrambled and found Gore behind defense at the goal line. San Francisco's players erupted into celebration, as the 49ers (6-8) broke a three-game losing streak and swept both games from Seattle.

It wasn't enough, though. Smith faked the entire Seattle defense and jogged 18 yards for a touchdown with 1:42 left to cap a night when he looked more like Steve Young and Joe Montana than first-round draft busts of the past.

Seattle (8-6) lost its second straight divisional game, ending any hopes of getting a first-round bye in the playoffs. The performance only added to the questions about the Seahawks' inconsistent play.

Smith finished 14-of-25 for 162 yards, a far cry from the first half when the former No. 1 draft pick was 5-of-12 for 38 yards and the 49ers best offensive play was a 33-yard run on a fake punt.

It was Smith's completion to Antonio Bryant late in the third quarter that finally got the 49ers offense untricked.

Smith's 11-yard completion to Bryant with 48 seconds left in the quarter was San Francisco's first first-down of the half. On the next play, Arnie Bennett beat Herndon off the line of scrimmage and Smith hit him in stride for a 54-yard completion.



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Alex Smith reads a throw against the Seattle Seahawks in the second quarter in a football game Thursday in Seattle.

Smith later scrambled 8 yards for a first-down and hit Battle for 13 yards on third-and-10 at the Seattle 22. Two plays later Smith rolled right. Davis got separation from safety Jordan Babineux, and Smith threw a perfect strike.

"The boy just became a grown man today, baby," Gore said of his quarterback. "There's a lot more to come."

With Smith finding holes in Seattle's secondary, Gore put the game away. Gore, who ran for a franchise record 212 yards in the first meeting between the two teams, had 104 of his 144 yards in the fourth quarter.

"As we kept going at it, we just wore them down," he said.

Matt Hasselbeck threw 22-yard touchdown to Jeremy Stevens with 8 seconds left for the final margin, but Hasselbeck was outplayed by

Smith and Shaun Alexander never found holes to run.

Hasselbeck finished 20-of-37 for 220 yards, but threw a pair of interceptions, the most damaging on the first possession of the second half.

On second-and-11 at the San Francisco 20, Hasselbeck tried to hit D.J. Hackett on a seam route in the end zone. Instead, 49ers safety Mark Roman stepped in front of Hackett and intercepted the pass, returning it to the 27.

Seattle's offense threatened only once more before Stevens' touchdown. Alexander and Mack Strong were both stopped needing just one yard with 5:37 left, turning the ball over on downs and causing coach Mike Holmgren to flail his arms on the sideline in disgust.

"We realized that was at stake and we didn't play very well," Holmgren said.

## Girl suing Vick for \$6.3 million

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A 17-year-old girl who claims she has had an almost two-year sexual relationship with Miami Dolphins running back Vick has filed a lawsuit against him, accusing him of sexual battery upon a minor, fraud and other charges.

The lawsuit — filed Wednesday in Montgomery County Circuit Court — states that the girl was a 15-year-old honor student at Christiansburg High School when she first had sex with Vick in January 2004 while he was a quarterback at Virginia Tech.

The lawsuit says Vick and the girl, identified only as Jane Doe, had a sexual relationship through December 2005.

"As a direct and proximate result of Marcus Vick's unlawful sexual intercourse with Jane Doe, the plaintiff suffered, and will continue to suffer, psychological trauma associated with the child sexual abuse perpetrated by defendant Marcus Vick," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit also says Vick wanted her to have sex with other men and contends that Vick offered her alcohol and marijuana several times. It also names the girl's grandmother as a plaintiff.

The 22-year-old Vick is the younger brother of Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick.

"She's maybe seeing this thing in a different light now," the girl's Christiansburg-based attorney, Stephen Haga, said Thursday. "I think she's now seeing that her mother was wrong when she was a 15-year-old." He says she is aware of the case.

"We're just going to deal with it through the court process," he said.

# Daly trying to find the right course at Target

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — John Daly described his back nine as a jigsaw puzzle Thursday, when he tees off together bogeys and birdies and create a pretty picture on his scorecard at the Target World Challenge.

His life is a puzzle, too, with pieces scattered everywhere this year.

After his big back-and-forth contributed to his worst finish ever on the PGA Tour money list. His season began by Daly being unaware his wife was sent to federal prison, and ended with husband and wife in a race to the courthouse to file for divorce.

But after Daly shot a hard-earned 69 at Sherwood Country Club to finish three shots behind Henrik Stenson, he walked out of the scoring tent with a wedding ring on his finger and his wife waiting atop his hill.

"We're working it out," Daly said. "We love each other just a little more now."

Life is looking up for Daly. It starts with him even being at the silly season event hosted by Tiger Woods.

He was 193rd on the money list and will not have full status on the PGA Tour's next year for the first time since he shocked the world with his victory in the 1991 PGA Championship, the first of his two majors. But he received one of two

wild-card invitations to Target, and is trying to use this week to find something positive out of a year gone bad.

It helps that first place pays \$1.25 million, and that even a last-place check of \$170,000 would be his biggest check of the year.

"Wherever he goes, he brings one of the biggest galleries," Woods said after his 66, sounding more like a tournament director than the No. 1 player in the world. "We're running a business, and we're trying to obviously make as much money as we possibly can to put everything to our earnings center. Obviously by John being here bringing all the fans out, it brings more awareness to what we're trying to do."

The biggest crowds still chased after Daly, who had two three-putts in an otherwise solid round that looked as if it belonged to someone who hasn't finished worse than second in stroke play since June.

Hardly anyone paid attention to Stenson, who boled the winning putt in the Ryder Cup or Europe. Three straight birdies late in his round on a gorgeous day at Sherwood sent him to a 6-under 66, and he is sure to get more attention on Friday.

"I'll have my big galleries tomorrow," Stenson said with a laugh, noting that he would be paired with Woods.

U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy



John Daly smokes a cigarette as he waits to hit on the 18th hole during the first round of the Target World Challenge Thursday in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

had a great start and a miserable finish. After flying back-and-forth over the Pacific the last month to play in Australia and Hawaii, he was at 6-under until he whiffed on a sand wedge from an awkward lie around the bunker on the 18th green and

took double bogey to join Woods at 68.

Fred Couples, who got the other sponsor's invitation, and Colin Montgomerie joined Daly at 69.

Woods was surprised to hear that Daly didn't earn a single paycheck over \$100,000 this year, although he can understand given the distractions.

On the eve of the Buick Invitational, Daly got word that his wife, Sherrie, was on her way to prison to serve a five-month sentence. She was indicted a week after giving birth to their first child, and eventually pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to structure a transaction to evade reporting requirements involving an alleged drug and gambling ring.

Then came the nagging injuries, first to his back, then to ligaments in his left hand, ultimately a broken pinky on his left hand when he was trying to make compensations for his grip.

"The injuries killed me this year," Daly said. "That stretch in June or July with my back when I had that sciatic nerve for six or seven weeks, I tried to play and couldn't play. That cost me six, seven, eight tournaments over the year. My leg broke. Just been a year with a lot of injuries. It was just one thing after another."



# Strong earnings, drop in jobless claims lift stocks

By Madlen Radd  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street returned its fourth-quarter rally Thursday, pushing the Dow Jones industrials to its first close above 12,400 after a series of strong company earnings and a drop in unemployment claims revived investors' confidence in the economy.

The market, which stalled earlier this week on interest rate and economic concerns,

was reinvigorated by robust quarterly profits from Bear Stearns Cos., Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Costco Wholesale Corp., as well as a healthy outlooks from Citigroup Inc. and Honeywell International.

Wall Street was also boosted by the Labor Department's report that the number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits plunged for a second straight week. The data suggested the U.S. economy won't cool as quickly as

some investors feared.

"As far as I can tell, consumers keep spending as long as unemployment is low," said Ed Peters, chief investment officer at Panzgora, Asset Management Inc.

Airline stocks were pummeled by rising oil prices, after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said it is keeping its oil production target stable for now, but making cuts in February. Overall, though, the stock market was unfazed by the possibility of

higher fuel prices dampening consumer spending and hiking companies' materials costs.

According to preliminary figures, the Dow rose 99.02, or 0.80 percent, to a new closing record of 12,416.52, after hitting a new trading high of 12,431.26 earlier in the session. The Dow's last record close of 12,342.56 was reached on Nov. 17.

Broader stock indicators also rose sharply. The Standard & Poor's 500 index

was up 12.28, or 0.87 percent, at 1,425.49, after reaching a six-year trading high of 1,427.23. The technology-laden Nasdaq composite index rose 21.44, or 0.88 percent, to 2,453.85.

Bond prices fell again Thursday, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.59 percent from 4.50 percent late Wednesday. The dollar rose against other major currencies, and gold prices rose as well.

## Northwest moves to make business 'salmon safe'

By Lynn Marshall  
Los Angeles Times

SEATTLE — This is a city that takes its salmon very seriously — as a delicacy and as a regional icon.

Now a new citywide ad campaign is asking grocery shoppers to step up and do their part to save the salmon.

The bus ads remind shoppers to look for the "Salmon-Safe" label, which blesses fresh locally produced eggs, milk, wine and produce. This label assures the customer that the agricultural practices of the farm or vineyard in question does not harm salmon habitat.

Stewardship Partners, a local nonprofit that works with private landowners to restore and preserve the natural landscape, has been running the Salmon-Safe program in the Seattle area since 2004. The bus campaign and recent radio spots are the first large-scale promotions of the label.

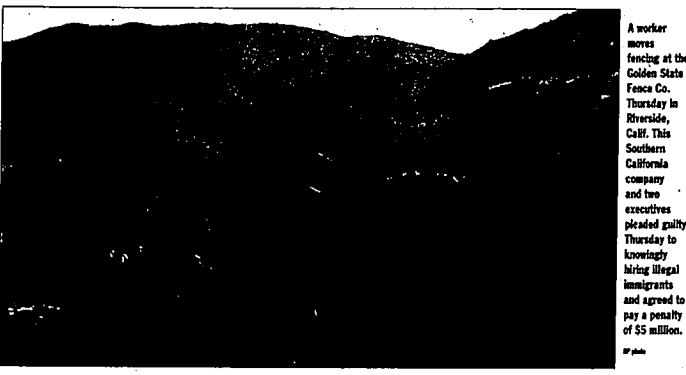
The Salmon-Safe program dates to 1995, when it was developed at the Pacific Rivers Council. Now the certification standards are set by Salmon-Safe Inc., a nonprofit in Portland, Ore., that looks for groups like Stewardship Partners to administer the program locally. Oregon, Washington and California's Marin County are among its partners.

Overall, the program has certified more than 150 farms and wineries.

The certification inspection takes into account a producer's water use, erosion control, pesticide management and maintenance of biological diversity, among other factors. A producer need not be certified organic to qualify, though many are.

Salmon-Safe's managing director, Dan Keay, says the program's growth and success in Seattle has been "phenomenal."

# Immigration raids



A worker moves bedding at the Golden State Fence Co. Thursday in Riverside, Calif. This Southern California company and two executives pleaded guilty Thursday to knowingly hiring illegal immigrants and agreed to pay a penalty of \$5 million.

## California company, execs plead guilty to hiring illegal workers

By Elliot Spang  
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — A Southern California fence-building company and two executives pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to knowingly hiring illegal immigrants and agreed to pay a combined penalty of \$5 million, marking a rare victory for the federal government in prosecuting employers for immigration crimes.

Met Kay 64, the company's founder, chairman and president, and Michael McLaughlin, 42, manager of the company's Oceanside office, pleaded guilty to the charge as a misdemeanor and agreed to pay \$4.7 million to the federal government. It admitted hiring illegal workers between January 1999 and November 2005.

Met Kay 64, the company's founder, chairman and president, and Michael McLaughlin, 42, manager of the company's Oceanside office, pleaded guilty to the charge as a felony. Kay agreed to pay a \$200,000 fine and McLaughlin agreed to pay a \$100,000 fine.

The men, who admitted hiring at least 10 illegal immigrants, were released on their own recognizance.

U.S. District Court Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz set sentencing for March 20. The charges carry jail time, but it was not known what the judge would impose. The government will recommend six-month

terms, said Richard Hirsch, attorney for Golden State and Kay. The maximum is five years, the government said.

"People slip through the cracks and that's what happens. Mistakes were made," Hirsch said outside court.

Hirsch said that Kay and the company pleaded guilty to close the matter.

"This settlement and guilty plea clearly show that employers who knowingly and blatantly hire illegal workers will pay dearly for such transgressions."

— Julie Myers, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

group that advocates tighter immigration controls.

"You have to show a kind of criminal conspiracy," Camarota said in an interview. "The mere hiring of illegals is not enough."

The plea deal comes the same week as a sweeping workplace crackdown on illegal immigrants. On Tuesday, federal agents raided meat processing plants in six states for what they described as an investigation into the stealing and selling of identity documents so illegal immigrants can get jobs.

The government first audited Golden State Fence Co.'s employee records in 1999 and launched a criminal investigation after a second audit in 2004.

The following year, government agents raided the company's Riverside headquarters and concluded that 110 employees were unauthorized to work — including three who the company had been ordered not to employ after the 1999 audit.

## Classes on business planning, taxes

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Attention entrepreneurs.

The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern will offer the "NEXT LEVEL" for Entrepreneurs Business Planning Course," a 12-session, 36-hour hands-on, face-to-face program designed for business owners, managers and professionals who want to expand the existing business. Business Development Center, call 732-6455 or see the Web site at www.csi.edu/isbdc.

For more information on courses and resources at the Small Business Development Center, call 732-6455 or see the Web site at www.csi.edu/isbdc.

Course participants develop a comprehensive business plan to act as the road map for future growth. Here is a listing of session topics:

- Session 1: Overview and Entrepreneurship
- Session 2: Business Planning & Research
- Session 3: Management and Legal Structure
- Session 4: Market Analysis
- Session 5: Marketing Strategies and Implementation
- Session 6: Books, Records and Controls
- Session 7: Financial Planning, Budgets and Assumptions
- Session 8: Developing and Using Cash Flow Projections
- Session 9: Understanding and Using Your Cash Flow Projections
- Session 10: Financing Your Business
- Session 11: The Deal Making Process
- Session 12: Your Business Future: Managing Growth

Classes will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. two Thursdays per month beginning Jan. 4 and wrapping up Jan. 21, 2007. Bryan J. Matusioka, director of the Small Business Development Center, and Jerry Mottern, a consultant at the center, will teach the courses in Room 105 of the CSI Student Building. The cost is \$80 for the course manual and \$10 per session. The total course price is \$200.

Income taxes for immigrants

Income tax rules are always tricky and this is especially true for immigrants and migrant workers.

To help everyone understand the rules, the CSI's Small Business Development Center in cooperation with the La Posada Tax Clinic will present two workshops designed for tax preparers and accountants as well as immigrants and migrants tax filers.

The workshop, presented by Robert Wunderle, an AARP tax aid director and La Posada tax clinic director, will be held Jan. 6. The morning session from 9 a.m. to noon will cover correct filing status, IRS ITINs vs. Social Security numbers, how double tax treatment can cause problems with the IRS, immigration status and taxpayers' rights to claim exemptions and how multiple wage earner households can generate larger refunds.

The afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m. will cover ITIN applications, line-by-line instructions, Social Security mismanagement and where taxpayers can get help when having problems with the IRS. All who attend will receive copies of IRS publications to assist with Spanish speaking clients. CSI tax advisors will have lots of tax information. The cost for paid tax preparers is \$25 per session. Sessions are free to individual taxpayers.

## Market Watch

Dec. 14, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	12,416.76
Nasdaq composite	2,453.85
Standard & Poor's 500	1,425.49
Russell 2000	794.22

Stocks of local interest

Con/Inc	26.87	▲ 1.14
Dell Inc.	26.87	▲ .80
Libbia Motors	26.59	▲ .30
McDonald's	24.24	▲ 1.28
Supervalu	35.98	▲ 1.28

## Spanish women struggle to rise above glass ceiling

By Jessica Bernstein-Wax  
Associated Press writer

MADRID, Spain — Titiana Del Arroyo says she was qualified for an entry-level quality-control job at the food company where she was interviewing, but was warned by a male superior that she shouldn't bother applying.

The company hired women only for menial jobs, he said.

Arroyo, 35, lives in Madrid, Spain. She has worked for eight years ago.

But gender relations are changing in this traditionally macho society where just three decades ago women could not open bank accounts without a male family member's permission.

The Socialist government has made gender-equality a hallmark of its administration, appointing women to half of ministerial posts and introducing in parliament a bill dubbed "the law of equality." If passed, it would require companies to fill 40 percent of their board



Teresa Perucho works at her Motech company on the outskirts of Madrid Nov. 7. Spain still has one of the worst records in the Europe Union for paying women in top positions.

seats with women and improve their staff's gender balance.

Women are currently on the boards of 4 percent of Spain's top companies, compared with an EU average of 8.6 percent, according to a recent report by the Paris-based European Professional Women's Network. In contrast, women made up 14.7 percent of corporate boards at Fortune 500 companies in the U.S. in 2005, New York-based non-

profit research group Catalyst reported.

A male-dominated work environment, big disparities in pay and one of the longest work days in the EU have made it difficult for women to break through the glass ceiling—and still find time for family.

As a result, many women are seeking work at multinationals — where the possibilities for advancement are sometimes greater than at traditional

Spanish firms — and increasingly opening their own businesses.

Teresa Perucho, a 30-year-old mother of two and a lecturer at San Pablo CEU University outside of Madrid, had this in mind when she launched a biotech company with two other women last year.

But building a business has proved more time-consuming than a traditional job, Perucho said. Nonetheless, she is hopeful her schedule will become more flexible once the company is better established.

Last year her husband, Juan Jose Villacueva, took on a lower-paying job with shorter hours at a finance company so Perucho could devote more time to her business.

Villacueva said he knows of no other man who has changed jobs to help his wife with child-rearing.

"The social norm is that the man works — the mentality hasn't changed much," Villacueva said.

Commodities

Jan. oil	62.51	▲ 1.14
Light sweet crude by barrel	62.51	▲ 1.14
Dec. gold	626.60	▼ 1.3

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## YOUR WEEKEND



### Sounds of the season

- **What:** Country vocalist Billy Dean and pianist Marvin Goldstein will perform a Christmas and country music concert in Twin Falls.
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.
- **When:** Today, 8 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the door or by phoning 732-6781 or 732-6288.

### Doo-lang, doo-lang

- **What:** The Toffetas, four Mini-Cassia women who perform as a novelty '50s girl group, will sing a '50s Christmas reunion.
- **Where:** King Fine Arts Center, Burley.
- **When:** Today, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$8, are available at the door or in advance at Welch Music, A Child's World and Book Plaza in Burley and the Book Store in Rupert.



### Lost souls

- **What:** Company of Fools will present William Inge's "Bus Stop."
- **Where:** Liberty Theater, Halley.
- **When:** Today and Saturday, 8 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for students and senior citizens, are available the Company of Fools' box office at the Liberty Theater, 110 N. Main St., open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays. Tickets may be charged by phone during box office hours at 578-9122, or purchased at the Liberty Theater Box Office starting one hour before curtain time.

### Songs of Christmas

- **What:** The Gooding Community Chorus will perform the Christmas Cantata.
- **When:** Today, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.
- **Where:** Tonight at the Walker Center auditorium, 605 11th Ave. E., Gooding; Saturday at the Gooding LDS Church, 1228 Main St.; and Sunday at the Gooding Methodist Church, 805 Main St.
- **How much:** Admission is free.

### Holiday music

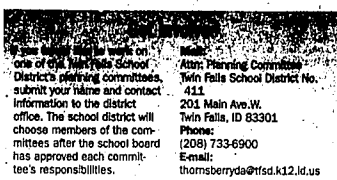
- **What:** The West End Community Singers will present a Christmas cantata, "Born a Savior, Born a King."
- **Where:** Clover Trinity Lutheran Church, 3552 N. 1825 E., Buhl.
- **When:** Sunday, 3 p.m.
- **How much:** Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be taken.

# District wants input on new high school

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District is seeking community input to plan for the new high school.

The district is searching for parents, teachers, students and other community members interested in forming planning committees in January. The committees will assist in making recommendations to the school board regarding design and policy issues for Canyon Ridge High School.



Donald Brink, on trial in the death of Brent 'Spook' Lillevoed, testifies Thursday at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

# 'The gun went off'

## Donald Brink takes stand in murder trial

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Donald Brink lost the lease on his jewelry store in Hansen, he thought he had hit rock bottom.

Although saddled in debt, Brink still had his work equipment and a 1990 Ford family van. But Brink, who had fallen back on meth and become homeless, turned frenzied when he learned there was a misdemeanor warrant out for his arrest.

"I knew if I just turned myself in I'd lose everything," Brink said. "I was going to gather up all my stuff and then turn myself in."

Then Brent "Spook" Lillevoed stole his van.

In the early morning of May 29, 2005, Brink blasted a 2-inch hole in Lillevoed's chest in a basement home at 233 1/2 Runge St.

Brink is on trial this week on a first-degree murder charge with a weapons enhancement and may face life in prison if convicted.

Angry, very frustrated — even angry, Brink said he never wanted to kill Lillevoed. What obsessed him was getting back his van.

In court Thursday, Brink said his hand bumped the trigger. He denied ever pulling it. He said he was backing up when the sawed-off shotgun in his hands went off. Brink was the only one in the room holding a gun. He had gone into the room after hearing Lillevoed's girlfriend's voice. He had not expected her or Lillevoed to be in the home but since they were, he saw his opportunity to reclaim his van.

He rounded them up at gunpoint. The four people he came upon held their ground at first, he said, and then closed in on him. None of them drew a gun. All of them were dangerous, he said, and each for a different reason.

Mark "Shaggy" Olson approached Brink from Brink's far right. Olson had threatened to kill his daughter, Tonya Jolley, Brink said. No one was reaching out and grabbing Brink's shoulder.

Shellina Mowrey was extremely high on meth, he said, screaming and frantically flailing her arms. She fidgeted in

her purse, looking for a weapon, Brink said.

"I thought she had a gun," Brink said. Mowrey held her purse out to Lillevoed so he could reach into it and pull out her gun, Brink said.

Greg Grob had been stalking Brink's daughter, Michelle Pullin.

"He knew that I knew he was the enemy," Brink said. Grob was moving forward, side by side with Lillevoed.

"Spook reached for the purse and for me at the same time," Brink said, imitating the motion of one hand reaching to the side and the other forward.

"Spook was within arms reach of me as I was backing up."

"My hand hit the trigger. The gun went off and shot Spook. They were attacking me," Brink said.

If Brink was attacked as he said, the blood spatter could possibly corroborate his story. Neither he nor the prosecution, however, has produced the weapon. Without knowing the gauge and barrel length of the sawed-off shotgun, it is impossible to determine precisely how the spray from the shotgun would have exited the gun. That means the specific distance traveled by the spray is also unknown.

A puddle of blood drenched the carpet three feet from the doorway, close to where Brink said he was standing. Another five feet past the puddle is where police found Lillevoed's body. It is also close to where the three other witnesses said they were when Brink fired the gun.

The defense began calling witnesses at 2:10 p.m. after the prosecution closed. Thursday ended with Brink's testimony, which he did not complete and will continue today.

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tees during January's board meeting.

"The committees will be doing some decision making regarding a number of areas involving the high schools," Thornsberry said. "My recommendation is to include administrators, teachers, parents, students and anyone else who really wants to work on the committees."

He said the board will decide on the number of committees to create, and the groups will address issues ranging from school colors at Canyon Ridge High School, to

the location of high school boundaries between Canyon Ridge and the existing high school.

Committees are responsible for researching specific issues and creating recommendations for the school board.

Thornsberry said committees working with policy issues will likely be made up of educators and administrators.

"There are some very real questions that we will need to

## Holiday cheer on display

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Santa Claus is making his list and checking it twice.

On Saturday, the jolly man will be making a stop in Castleford to make sure he has the children's Christmas wishes right.

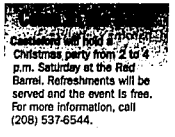
Santa's stop is part of the city's holiday gathering and the City Council honors residents will take part.

"We just wanted to do something nice that the town could enjoy," said Castleford City Councilwoman Nancy Pettit. "I think this will be fun."

The event takes place at the "Red Barrel" on Main Street in Castleford.

Along with Santa's appearance, the council is preparing fruit and "candy bags" for the kids and refreshments. The city's lighting contest winners will be announced at the party.

"If anybody in town has lights up on their home, they're automatically entered into the contest," said Twila Crawford, event chairwoman and city councilwoman.



Christmas tree display at the Red Barrel, refreshments will be served and the event is free. For more information, call (208) 537-6544.

# State hopes \$300,000 grant will go to rural Idaho

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For the farmers and ranchers in Idaho discovering the nuances in planning ahead for growth, don't worry. Help is on the way.

The Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor plans to allocate less than half the \$250,000 for rural assistance approved by the state Legislature last session, and divide the remaining funds after the federal government

decides whether to approve a \$300,000 grant request.

Earlier this year, the Legislature passed a bill to assist rapidly growing rural cities in Idaho but whose budgets are too small to provide training and address planning- and zoning-concerns. As a result, the Department of Commerce and Labor took 33 applications from cities for the assistance and awarded funding to 12 in Valley, Adams, Shoshone, Teton and Blaine counties.

In the Magic Valley, Bellevue and Carey are scheduled to get money but plan to give some money to Fairfield. The federal grant would help the 21 cities originally identified.

The program, expected to be in full swing by the spring, will be used to help cities in planning and zoning, the management of subdivisions and comprehensive plans, said Greg Selbert, an economic development specialist with the Department of Commerce and Labor.

"It was targeted at communities that all of a sudden found themselves in the way of development," Selbert said. "This gives them some money to try and catch up."

The Department of Commerce and Labor on Oct. 10 requested an additional \$300,000 from the federal Rural Community Development Initiative, which is under the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A decision is expected by Jan. 1.

House Minority Leader

Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, who co-sponsored the bill with Rep. Cletis Edmanson, R-Council, said the training will benefit the communities.

"I'm really excited about the money," Jaquet said. "We don't need to reinvent the wheel. We just need to understand what the wheel is."

The difference between the two kinds of funding is that while the state itself chose the cities getting state money, the

## Real vs. artificial: Which Christmas tree is better?

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — O Christmas tree, are thy needles plastic? And if they are, is that better for the environment than real needles?

Ever since a toilet-brush company began manufacturing artificial Christmas trees in the early part of last century, the real versus fake debate has been argued over Christmas dinners, in a Charlie Brown TV special and, today, between two industries.

Real-tree advocates, represented by the National Christmas Tree Association,

laud the environmentally friendly benefits of real trees. The less-vocal artificial-tree advocates are championed by the Vinyl Institute, an Arlington, Va., trade group.

"From the standpoint of the environment, you'd have to go with a real tree because it was once growing in the wild and making oxygen and using carbon dioxide."

— Jo Ann Robbins, Magic Valley horticulturist

Most artificial trees are made of polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, a vinyl-based plastic.

Figning out which side offers the most environmentally friendly option can be as frustrating as stringing a tree with lights.

"Choosing a tree for environmental reasons can be complicated," said Allen Blakey, a spokesman for the

Vinyl Institute.

Case in point: The groups don't sign on much.

The NCTA says artificial trees pose a lead-contamination risk. Blakey says consumers need not worry.

Artificial-tree advocates say their trees are better because they last for years.

## Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg*	% season peak**
Salmon	85%	24%
Big Wood	81%	23%
Little Lost	76%	20%
Big Lost	70%	19%
Little Lost	72%	22%
Henrys Fork/Teton	80%	24%
Upper Snake Basin	71%	24%
Oakley	131%	34%
Salmon Falls	100%	28%

As of Dec. 14

\* A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 20-year average.

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

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Guy Dean

BUNLEY — Kenneth Guy Dean, 75, of Burley, passed away Friday, Dec. 6, 2006, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, Idaho.

cars and lawnmowers. Kenneth is survived by his children, James (Diana) Dean, son of Nampa, Idaho; Loreta (Pete) Parkin of Rupert and Kevin (Maria) Dean of Nampa; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Elmore (Fran) Dean of Conifer, Colo.; and sister,



Charles E. Jacoby

LEWISTON — Charles E. (Bud) Jacoby passed away Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Idaho, at the age of 96.

ing career in Bliss, and then in Ashton and Shelley, Idaho. He then went into the insurance business until he retired. Until retirement, he lived in Idaho and had a summer home on Palisades Lake and later resided in Boise, then Grangeville. He met and married Effie Bailey while in college, and their marriage lasted 70 years, until Effie's death in 2004. They

Jack Presnell

WENDELL — Jack Presnell, 78, of Wendell, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at his residence. Jack was born Sept. 6, 1928, at Rock Creek, Idaho, to Louis and Marie McCarty Presnell. Jack joined the Army, retiring after 20 years. After his retirement from the Army, Jack worked in all areas of farming. Jack married Marcella Dutt and they were later divorced. He then married Margaret Pomrenke. Jack and Margaret enjoyed fishing with the grandkids and family. Jack is survived by his wife,

had three children: Billie (and husband Darrell) Schnider of Gooding, Ed (and his wife Jean) Jacoby of Grangeville, and Bob (and wife Rebecca) Jacoby of Salt Lake City. He leaves eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. A celebration of his life will be held later. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to charity.



SERVICES

Leola Faye (Norris) Deatherage of Idaho Falls and formerly of Kimberly, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Berean Baptist Church, 2975 E. First St. In Idaho Falls, friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Swan Jering of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Betty Elaine Rowley Fulze of Boise and formerly of Hansen, funeral at 2:30 p.m. today at the Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

Myrna Halverson of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 8th St. Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

William Otis Baker of Declo, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, 1350 E. 16th St.

Emil Lorenzo Wilkinson of Gooding, memorial service at

Hallie (Joyce) Dickard, Dorothy Weeks, Betty (Charles) Hranac, Mary Ann (Bob) Johnson-Miller, all of Twin Falls; brothers, Raymond (Kay) Presnell of Kimberly, Joe (Ruby) Presnell of Washington; and sisters-in-law, Myrna Presnell of Florida and Carol Presnell of Twin Falls.

A special thanks to the Associates in Family Practice staff in Gooding, Hagerman and Wendell. A special blessing for Dr. Gies and all the other doctors. We want to thank Dr. Zuckerman and all

the staff at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise and the Gooding Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the Wendell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mike Hollomon officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to First Choice Hospice or the Wendell United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Chester Melvin Phillips of Rupert, funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert LDS 3rd Ward Church, 526 F St.; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

Shirley Rebecca Clark of Twin Falls, private family service in Twin Falls; funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church on State Street in Boise (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls and Summers Funeral Home in Boise).

Roberta Louise Helgate DeHart of Boise, memorial services at 2 p.m. Saturday at

FILER — Ruth Fern Nielsen, 101, passed away Dec. 12, 2006, at her home.

She was born Nov. 23, 1905, in Saskatchewan, Canada, to the Rev. Warren and Daisy Shock, the second of three children. They moved to Lordsburg, Calif., later named LaVerne. After graduating from high school, she took nurses training at the Pomona Valley Hospital in Pomona, Calif., graduating as a registered nurse in 1926. This was her career throughout her life, which she loved caring for others. She dated Jim Nielsen, and they were married Nov. 23, 1927, which was also her birthday. Later, on, they had a daughter, Beverly. Three years later, they moved to Spokane, Wash., then to Kellogg, Idaho, and also to Coeur d'Alene. It was a pleasant experience. Eventually, they moved back to Pomona, Calif.

Ruth worked for Casa Colina, a home for crippled children and teenagers. She attended the First Church of God in Pomona, teaching a Sunday

Ruth Fern Nielsen

school class. In 1965, they moved to Bellevue, Idaho, on a 200-acre ranch. Her husband worked at the Blaine County Hospital.



In Hailey, Ruth loved to fish, do crafts and work with her buttons; she joined the Pioneer Button Club in Twin Falls. After retirement, they moved to Jerome. Ruth and her parents attended the First Church of God in Jerome. Ruth loved the Lord, and it showed in her life. Her family will miss her so much. They enjoyed the time she was here, alert and sharp-minded right up to the end. She enjoyed telling stories about the "olden days."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; her parents; stepmother, Mary Shock Henard; brother, Ray Shock; and sister, Lois Wood. She is

survived by her daughter, Beverly (Dawn) Norton of Filiz; three grandsons, Rick (Liza) Norton of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Handy (Billie) Norton of Idaho; foster grandson, Marty (Sandra) Klee of Minton Fla.; 12 great-grandchildren; 13 nieces and nephews; and two sisters-in-law, Mary Smith of Gladstone Ore., and Edna Hlogan of Ontario, Calif.

The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with Pastor Ken Goslin and Pastor Garold Nielsen officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until shortly before service time Saturday morning.

The family wishes to thank the St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospice for their loving care and suggests memorial donations be made to them in Ruth's name. Ruth will be laid to rest in Pomona, Calif., mausoleum under the direction of Todd's Funeral Home.

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JEROME — Merle Huey, 72, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at the St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating. Inurnment will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Esther Whiting RUPERT — Esther Whiting, 90, of Rupert, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at the Mindkoda Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Burbage R. Justice

TWIN FALLS — Burbage "Bob" Rush Justice, 76, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Grant B. Humphries

JEROME — Grant B. Humphries, 80, of Jerome, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

LaRee Stephens

BURLEY — LaRee Stephens, 78, of Burley and formerly of Hazelton, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley following a long illness.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Hazelton Ward Chapel, with Bishop Doug Carlsquist officiating. Burial will be in the Hazelton Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church. The family suggests that those who wish make donations to a charity of choice in memory of LaRee. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Sumi Kobayashi RUPERT — Sumi Dorothy Kobayashi, 86, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at the Mindkoda Memorial Hospital. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with the Rev. Jerry Steacie officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Sherry L. Pratt TWIN FALLS — Sherry Lynn McDrummond Pratt, 40, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, near her home as the result of an auto accident. A

celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Levi and Hayden Pratt Educational Trust, in care of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Richard E. Short

BOISE — Dr. Richard Edmund Short, 78, of Boise, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at a local hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

Richard Shacklett

KIMBERLY — Richard "Rick" Shacklett, 59, of Kimberly, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Muriel Brown

JEROME — Muriel Brown, 69, of Jerome, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Helen Askew**

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BELLEVUE, Wash. — Helen Elizabeth Askew, age 87, of Bellevue, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Abundance Life Assisted Living in Bellevue, Wash.

She was born Feb. 4, 1919, the daughter of George Clarence Peck and Mary Christina Roddy in Colorado Springs, Colo. When she was 1½ years old, her family moved to Pleasant Valley south of Kimberly. Helen and her family sang at churches and on the radio for many years in her youth. She attended school in Kimberly all but her senior year when she went to Twin Falls. On June 6, 1937, she married Gerald Askew at her parent's home. Helen worked alongside her husband as they farmed north of Falls Avenue. She was active in the United Brethren Church.

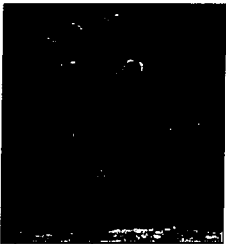
Gerald passed away in 2000. She was also preceded in death by two brothers and a sister. Helen is survived by two daughters, Dorothy "Art" VanAusdal of Mercer Island, Wash., and Judy "Jerry" Nichols of Wheatland, Wyo.; one grandson, Mike "Hjordi" VanAusdal of Horn Lake, Miss.; two great-grandchildren, Matthew and Emily, also of Horn Lake, Miss.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at White Mortuary, with Pastor Jerry Kester officiating. Visitation will be from 3 until 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, and one hour prior to service Saturday at the mortuary. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.



On Dec. 1, Twin Falls Police Chief James R. Mann Jr. presented Linda Johnson with the Chief's Partnership Recognition Award. Johnson provided key information to the police about a crime in Twin Falls. Her information led officers to the suspect, who was apprehended.

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**Ahmet Ertegun, founder of Atlantic Records, dies at 83 after weeks in coma**

NEW YORK (AP) — Ahmet Ertegun, who helped define American music as the founder of Atlantic Records, a label that popularized the gritty R&B of Ray Charles, the classic soul of Aretha Franklin and the British rock of the Rolling Stones, died Thursday at 83, his spokesman said.

Ertegun remained connected to the music scene until his last days — it was at an Oct. 29

concert by the Rolling Stones at the Beacon Theatre in New York where Ertegun fell, suffered a head injury and was hospitalized. He later slipped into a coma.

"He was in a coma and expired today with his family at his bedside," said Dr. Howard A. Biina, Ertegun's neurosurgeon at New York Presbyterian Hospital—Weill Cornell Medical Center.

**Mary Ann Danielson**

NEWPORT, Ark. — Mrs. Mary Ann Danielson, 88, of Newport, Ark., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006. She is survived by one son, Don. Nearing, two daughters, Edna Bullock and Betty Perkins; and six grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Jackson's Newport Funeral Home in Newport, Ark.

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# Duck deaths climb to 2,500; avian flu not likely cause

By Jesse Harlan Alderman  
Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — The number of mallard ducks that have died in a "bizarre" cluster along a southeastern Idaho creek bed has climbed to 2,500, as several wildlife officials await test results from tissue samples.

Officials from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security hope Thursday to have results of tests on tissue from the ducks' abdominal tract and on water samples from the creek that might provide clues to the unknown illness.

The battery of tests at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's national laboratory in Wisconsin, the University of Idaho and Washington State University are expected to rule out an avian flu outbreak.

The ducks mysteriously began dying last week around Laurel Springs Creek, near the remote town of Oakley, about 180 miles southeast of Boise. On Thursday, state workers cleared the last remaining duck carcasses from the area in pickup trucks. They brought the bodies to a nearby incineration site.

Migratory mallards from Canada and their local cousins staggered and struggled to breathe before collapsing, said Dave Parrish, regional supervisor for Fish and Game. He said Thursday every mallard in a radius of several miles has died — approximately 2,500, up from an earlier estimate of 1,000.

"I've never seen anything like this in 20 years here," he said. "There were dead mallards everywhere — in the water and on the banks. It was odd; they were in a very small area."

The massive outbreak is puzzling scientists because only mallard ducks are dying. Golden eagles, geese, magpies, crows and other birds in the area all remain healthy.

In the past, small outbreaks of botulism have killed water birds in Idaho, but the disease quickly spreads among different species.

"Typically, you'd see this spread into other types of waterfowl as well," Parrish said. Mark Drew, a wildlife veterinarian with the state

Department of Agriculture, said investigators were not ruling out any cause of death, but bird flu virus remained unlikely.

"The symptoms — bacterial lesions in the lungs and hemorrhaging in the heart wall — probably point to a bacterial infection, he said.

"The highly pathogenic bird flu that we see in Southeast

Asia has not been reported in North America," he said. "It would be extremely unusual that this would be the first occurrence of avian influenza."

Drew said the ducks likely were exposed to a single contamination source and gathered at the creek, their mutual roosting point, to die. He did not suspect the mallards were passing a contagious virus.

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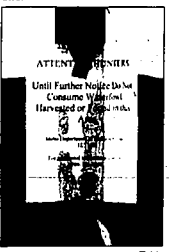
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# Water fight

## Post Falls shuts off water to trailer park residents

POST FALLS (AP) — Residents of a trailer park in this northern Idaho town are defying a Dec. 2 deadline to move out and are living without running water while awaiting eviction.

"We're scared to death — that's the bottom line," said Tony Drake, who added that he and his fiancée, Deanna Carlson, will probably go to the Salvation Army or another shelter. "Right now, that's my only choice."

Six people are living in the park, which was sold earlier this year to C.R. Foster Construction. The company plans to level the park and build a senior community. The six tenants said they haven't been notified that they need to leave.

"They messed up a lot of people's lives when they came and did this," resident Daniel Marks told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "It's the wrong time of the year to be kicking people out in the snow."

But Neal Foster, owner of the company that bought the park, said all the tenants were notified by former park owner Tom Berger on June 1 that they needed to leave after the company bought the park.

Foster said his company

sent out another notice on Aug. 1. State law requires that tenants who own their homes be given 180 days' notice.

"I've tried to give them the benefit of the doubt, but it will still end up in court next week," said Foster. "We're going to have to have (police) remove them. I had hoped that they would just move out like they're supposed to."

According to state law, mobile homes built before June 15, 1976, require a rehabilitation certificate before they can be moved. For many older homes at the mobile park, the cost of new wiring and other upgrades was too expensive to make it worthwhile.

The city shut off water to the park because of a \$3,400 water bill.

"The city is not in a position to leave the water on a long time without any payment on the bill," said Terry Werner, Post Falls' public works director. "In reality, someone turned the meter back on illegally and was stealing water from the city."

Foster Construction owes the water bill, and Neal Foster said it would be paid during the second phase of the construction project.

Some of the people still living in the park have electricity, while others are using generators and wood stoves.

"This (park) is like a war zone in Iraq," said Jeff Gertler, one of the tenants.

# Lawsuit challenges wolf recovery program

By Sue Major Holmes  
Associated Press writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An environmental group went to court Thursday in an effort to force the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to expand a program to reintroduce the endangered Mexican gray wolf in New Mexico and Arizona.

The Center for Biological Diversity, which has offices in both states, alleged in a lawsuit in federal court in Washington, D.C., that Fish and Wildlife has refused to implement recommendations of a scientific panel that reviewed the program.

The "hostility toward science is undermining the wolf recovery program," the center said.

Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Vickie Fox of the agency's Albuquerque office said federal officials haven't had a chance to review the lawsuit and do not in general comment on pending litigation.

However, she added: "Making critical management decisions for a program that has complex social impacts while ensuring that wolves return to their natural world takes time, and the service does not take its decision-making process lightly. It is committed to the cooperative effort for recovery of Mexican wolves in the wild."

Federal biologists began releasing wolves on the Arizona-New Mexico border in 1998 to re-establish the species in part of its historical range after it had been hunted to the brink of extinction in the early 1900s.

The program encompasses 4.4 million acres of the Gila and Apache Sigraevans national forests on the Arizona-New Mexico border and the 1.6 million-acre White Mountain Apache reservation.

The lawsuit seeks to force Fish and Wildlife to expand the area where wolves are allowed and to permit them to be released directly onto the Gila. Currently, wolves initially are released only in Arizona.

The lawsuit also wants ranchers who graze livestock on public land to take responsibility for disposing of carcasses to reduce the likelihood that wolves will become used to feeding on livestock.

The lawsuit said successful wolf recovery programs in the northern Rockies and the Great Lakes are not saddled with "such devastation and politically motivated limits."

The Center for Biological Diversity filed a petition in March 2004 asking Fish and Wildlife to take those steps.

The agency has not done so, and the lawsuit seeks to force the changes.

David Parsons, a retired Fish and Wildlife official who coordinated the wolf recovery program from 1981 to 1999, said Thursday that the program's guidelines aren't leading to the species' recovery.

Parsons said he's the architect of the rule that's not working.


When the rule was devised, the agency was under pressure to take into account various interest groups, especially the livestock industry, he said.

Concerns from that industry and the states led to conces-

sions in the program — boundaries, limits on where animals could be released and agreements to remove wolves that killed livestock, he said.

Parsons said the species is not recovering because of the flexibility built into the rule. But, he said, "you can't set up a rule that's so lenient it doesn't lead to recovery."

The program originally projected that there would be 100 wolves in the wild by now, but there are only about half that number — and only because new wolves are being released, Parsons said. The program originally projected that releases would stop in 2002 and the population in the wild would take care of itself.



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# Americans spending more time watching TV, listening to radio, surfing Internet

By Stephen Okuniewicz  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Americans spend more time watching TV, listening to the radio, surfing the Internet and reading newspapers than anything else except breathing.

In fact, media use has risen every year since the start of the decade, helped by faster and easier ways to get information and entertainment, according to statistics in a new government report.

Next year, Americans are projected to spend more than 9½ hours a day with the media, though hours spent doing two things at once, such as watching TV and using the Internet, are counted twice in the report.

"There are more TVs than people and there's a TV in many houses, in every room," said Patricia McDonough, senior vice president at Nielsen Media Research. "For teenagers, being on the Internet and watching TV at the same time are not mutually exclusive."

Next year, Americans are projected to spend an average of 4½ hours a day watching television, far more time than they spend on any other medium. Next come the radio and the Internet. Reading newspapers is fourth, passed this year by Internet use.

McDonough said an increasing variety of cable TV channels has cut into broadcast viewers, but it has helped increase overall viewership.

"Before, if you looked at kids' TV programming, it was on Saturday morning," McDonough said. "Now there is always targeted programming available for anyone in the household."

McDonough said she expects overall viewership to continue increasing as baby boomers get older. The oldest of the post-World War II generation turned 60 this year.

"People who are 50 watch TV more than people who are 20," McDonough said. "That will continue to drive this." The data on media use are

## Tuning in

The number of hours Americans are projected to use media next year in different categories:

- 1,555 hours watching television, up from 1,467 in 2000. The estimate includes 678 hours watching broadcast TV and 877 watching cable and satellite.
- 974 hours listening to the radio, up from 942 in 2000.
- 195 hours using the Internet, up from 104.
- 175 hours reading daily newspapers, down from 201.
- 122 hours reading magazines, down from 135.
- 106 hours reading books, down an hour.
- 86 hours playing video games, up from 64.

part of the Census Bureau's annual Statistical Abstract of the United States, a 939-page book of numbers quantifying just about every aspect of American life, to be released Friday. The Census Bureau assembles the statistics from government and private sources so researchers, academics and businesses can find them in one place.

Many of the media numbers are from the Communications Industry Forecast & Report by Veronis Suhler Stevenson, a private equity firm serving the media industry.

Next year, Americans are projected to spend an average of 3.5 hours using the media. That's up from 3.333 at the start of the decade.

Many people use multiple electronic devices at once, increasing media consumption, said Leo Kivirya, vice president of research at iFQ Media, a research firm. Also, new technologies make it easier to use electronic devices just about anywhere, from wireless Internet in airports to iPods and DVD players in automobiles, he said.

"We're not limited to just watching and using media in the home, as we were the past," Kivirya said.

# Wildfire record set in 2006, another hot year

By Randolph E. Schmid  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The nation set a record for wildfires this year and climate experts say 2006 will probably end as the third warmest year on record for the contiguous United States.

Drought and hot conditions contributed to the record wildfire season, with more than 9.5 million acres burned through early December, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

The annual climate report, released Thursday by the National Climatic Data Center,

says 2006 will most likely be the third warmest year on record, trailing only 1998 and 1934.

For the world as a whole, 2006 is expected to end as the sixth warmest year on record, the agency said.

Meanwhile, in England, the weather service — known as the Met Office — and the University of East Anglia also issued a joint statement proclaiming 2006 as the sixth hottest year on record worldwide.

Notable weather in 2006, according to the U.S. climate center, included:

- The nation's residential

energy demand was approximately 9 percent less during the relatively mild winter, and 13 percent higher during the hot summer.

• Summer included a heat wave that peaked during the last half of July. All-time records were set in a number of locations across the central and western United States.

• For the contiguous United States, five of the first seven months of the year were drier than average. Combined with unusually warm temperatures, drought conditions persisted

in much of the country. By late July, half of the contiguous United States was in moderate to exceptional drought.

• Above-average rainfall from August through November helped end drought in many areas, although in places such as western Washington, record rainfall in November led to extensive flooding.

• The 2006 hurricane season was near-normal. The nine named storms during the 2006 season is the second lowest since 1995. Only the 1997 season had fewer.



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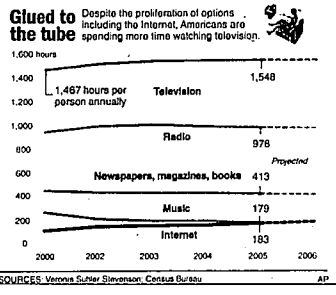
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#### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Dec. 16** The Dance Center's 1st Annual Winter Show, featuring the Top Hat Toppers, 4:30 p.m., in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, Twin Falls, \$5, (no cost for children age three and under), 736-3998.

**Dec. 16** "Murder at the Prom" the 9th Annual Dinner Theatre production presented by the Buhl High School Drama Department, 7 p.m., West End Senior Citizen's Center, Buhl, \$28 a couple or \$15 a single, 490-1992 or 543-8262.

**Dec. 16 and 18** A Taffeta Christmas, a "50s Christmas Reunion, 2 p.m., (16) and 7:30 p.m. (16,18), at the King Fine Arts Center, at 2100 Park Ave., Burley, 58, 878-5464.

**Dec. 16 and 17** William Inge's "Bus Stop," presented by the Company of Fools, 8 p.m. (16) and 3 p.m. (17), Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 reserved seats and \$18 for senior citizens and students, (208) 578-9122.

**Dec. 16** An Evening of Pinocchio, 7 p.m., Agnesis Senior Center, 210 Main N., Kimberly, no cost (bring your own treats), 423-4338.

**Dec. 18** Melanie's Ta Vaci School of Performing Arts, with a ride on the Polar Express to the North Pole for children age 4 to 12, 6:30 p.m., O'Leary Jr. High, Twin Falls, no cost, 737-9100.

**Dec. 18, 19** The Standards Christmas concert, 7 p.m., in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$10, 732-6781 or <http://www.thestandards.com>.

#### BENEFITS

**Dec. 16** Raffle drawing for uniquely designed quilt, to raise matching funds for a USDA grant for Kimberly Public Library, 2 p.m., at the library, 120 W. Madison St., Kimberly, 423-4556.

#### CHURCH EVENTS

**Dec. 16** "Rejoice in His Coming" Christmas Cantata, performed by the Gooding Community Chorus, 7 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1228 Main St., Gooding, free admission (free-will offering), 934-8227.

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

**Dec. 17** The Hallelujah Handbell Choir 2nd annual Holiday Concert, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 209 5th Ave. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-7023.

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

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

#### CLUBS

**Dec. 16** Magic Valley Model Railroads group, public is invited to bring and run their trains (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., Railroad building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flir, 404-2151.

**Dec. 19** The Magic Valley Singles Square Dancers Christmas potluck and dance, 7 p.m., the El Sombrero Restaurant, 157 W. Main Jerome, \$3 per person or \$6 per couple (bring a potluck side-dish), 324-7238.

#### EXHIBITS

**Dec. 16** The 3rd Annual Procrastinators Exhibit and Sale, with featured guest artist Jane Mack, other professional artists and craftsmen, spinning demonstrations, food and refreshments (served from 1 to 4 p.m.), 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Linn's Gate Gallery, old Odd Fellows Building, 219 N. Main Street, Flir, free admission, 543-4690.

#### FAMILY

**Dec. 16** Airport Christmas party "for the kids," Santa Claus will arrive via helicopter to visit and share candy with children, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Magic Valley Regional Airport, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5215, ext. 0.

#### SPORTS

**Dec. 16** Charlot racing, sponsored by the Silver Creek Charlot Racing Association beginning with aged team races, 1:30 p.m., Richfield race track (located along Hwy 26 just west of Richfield), 934-8687.

**Dec. 16** Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clay Shoot, a skins game, plus HOA, High Lady, High Junior, and High Vet (shooting for \$20.00 gift cards), 9 a.m. start time, 11 miles north of junction of I-84 and Highway 93, mile marker

64, \$22 for members and \$23 non-members, (208)733-6045.

#### MUSEUMS

**Dec. 16** Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places" at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., "The Christmas Star" at 7 p.m. and "Steamrolling" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

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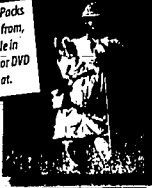
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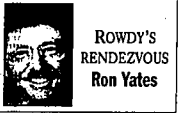
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## Don't drink the water

**C**hair Zink, to me, is proof that Idaho National Laboratory tainted aquifer water flows not toward Twin Falls, rather eastward, toward the Idaho Falls area, where I hunted this year.

When you hunt, fish, or for that matter bowl, you are quite likely to meet someone who gives that sport a bad name because of that person's association with that sport. We who are sportsmen cringe and sometimes shift our responsibility to gag offensive behavior of slobs. Yes, our actions must be illuminated by darn pure light to tell others to change, and this is rare; therefore we can only encourage others to change. Zink's barrage that follows left this writer's hunting partners in such befuddlement that they could only sit mute until Zink and his teenage son rode their four-wheelers away, (thankfully).



ROWDY'S RENDEZVOUS  
Ron Yates

As told to me: Zink spoke for 20 minutes, never visibly taking a breath. Under Zink's bushy mustache, his lips moved with the velocity of a high-powered rifle bullet.

"His first words? Not 'Hi.' 'Howdy' or the like. Instead they were: 'If the Fish and Game stops you and wants to see your tag, tell 'em to — and that you're hunting with a couple of weeks ago three walives were draped over the Linc Creek sign; real pretty too, each of 'em had a necktie on.'"

"I've walked this area for 28 years, there ain't a foot of ground 'tween the Sinclair station on the highway and Davis Mountain I ain't set foot on. I got six in my family that hunt. We've shot 24 cow and eight bull moose. The antlers of the largest bull killed in this area measured 58 inches. I killed a 52-inch. I killed a moose so close with my pistol that it had powder burns on its skull."

"Fish and Game don't care about these elk no more, and I don't care one bit for Fish and Game, or the Forest Service. No sir they can all go ... but I do give 'em the aerial elk count report, (Zink is a pilot) when Fish and Game calls and begs me to find the elk migration. Used to be that there was a week 'tween archery season and rifle season. The elk are all scared now; they used to have a week 'tween archery season and rifle season. The elk are all scared now; they used to have a week 'tween archery season and rifle season. The elk are all scared now; they used to have a week 'tween archery season and rifle season."

"There's resident elk in the timber. Each draw has two to seven, at least. Sneaky? They'll walk around you. They're in the timber, but — you'll have to get your own food for yourself to get the ATV and into the timber to get 'em. If you see a resident elk, don't shoot it, they get run so hard they don't taste no good."

"Zink's son piped up at that moment and said: 'I shot one last year and it tasted pretty good!' And tough. 'Zink continued, 'I shot one once and blood-trailed it from Commissary Ridge to Davis Mountain.' (A distance of 30 miles.)"

"See that mountain, (Zink motioned to the north 20 miles) 15,000 elk are behind it, wait'n. They won't migrate. They won't move even if there is four feet of snow; as long as the sun shines they'll wait. That's right; the weather has to be gloomy, and then the mountains will move. They'll herd through here in a five-3 miles long and 50 yards wide. If you ever see it, you won't be able to shoot. But if you do shoot, whatever you do don't shoot the first one, it'll get trampled and you won't never find it."

And about Zink's cinnamon bear? "You can talk to it; the black one though, he's just mean."

Zink was but one of several stuporous subjects encountered during our successful hunt. Hunters aren't all sportsmen. Thankfully, we brought our own drinking water.

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The author and his trusted outdoor companion Beau wade through some winter waters to catch cutthroat.

## No need to shiver

## Winter a great time to escape crowds, catch a big fish

James J. Krulich  
Times-News correspondent

"Burrer," and turning to mimic a shiver is how many people respond to the thought of winter fishing.

Those responses aren't all bad since negative ideas also help to keep many anglers off the streams and stationed in front of the TV.

Unlike summer, the streams are not crowded and the trout have received very little pressure and they can be relatively easy to catch. If a winter fisherman plans ahead, there's no need for a "burr" and a shiver; there's only a need to loosen up the casting arm.

Planning ahead should begin with examining the weather forecast. An ideal day is one when the peak, daytime temperature is at least in the upper 20s with little wind and no clouds. Of course, that is "ideal." More often than not, a day that is warm and somewhat sunny is what an angler must accept ... that is, if fishing is on the list and not inside boredom.

Time of day is another factor to consider when winter fishing. A good plan is to check the forecast and try to be on the stream during what should be the warmest hours. Fishermen should also consider that trout generally feed the best during the warmest part of the day. Sunlight hits the water and the water temperature will generally increase by a few degrees. Since a trout's metabolism is directly linked to the water temperature, it's a natural response.

Winter hatches are also keyed to temperature. Hatches won't be as prolific as in the summer but warm, sunny days can trigger some very spectacular action. Midges and blue-winged olives are what a fisherman should expect.

These insects aren't large but trout quickly respond when midges and olives are on the water. Blue-winged olive patterns should be in sizes 16 through 20. Midge patterns should be from size 18 and even smaller, sometimes as small as a size 24.

When it comes to leader selection, 6x is needed for the smallest of flies.

A heavier leader doesn't provide for a natural imitation and the tippet of a 5x leader is just about impossible to force through the eye of a size 22

midge pattern. For most other situations, a 5x leader is fine for winter fishing.

### Nymphing in winter

Casting nymphs is generally most productive on winter outings. Some days a hatch will occur and often a hatch never materializes or is short lived.

Nymphs are best fished with a strike indicator since the indicator does provide visual clue as to what is going on beneath the surface. The indicator also keeps the nymph suspended just off the bottom of the stream in the vicinity of where the fish are most often located.

Some fishermen use weighted nymphs and some use split shot. In either scenario split shot are needed because stream flow and depth vary. Adding weight and removing weight is just a part of winter fishing. The fly needs to bounce off the bottom periodically so that it is in the zone where most of the trout will be holding but a steady drag on the bottom means many snags and no fish.

There is an array of nymph patterns. Pleasant tail, prince, and hare's ear are old standbys but patterns such as the zebra midge have become increasingly popular during recent years. The main criteria should always be to focus on size. Large nymph patterns will still produce some fish during the winter but the



On sunny days, like this outing near the Big Wood River, the weather is accommodating, but the fish bite more with overcast skies.

catch ratio increases dramatically if patterns in sizes 16 and smaller are utilized. It's a good idea to call a fly shop and inquire what patterns are "hot," especially if new water is being explored.

No one ever said that casting nymphs was a pleasure. It isn't. If a person is fishing nymphs, expect a few tangles. One way to minimize tangles is to just slow down the cast. Let's face it; there's just a bunch of junk on the line since an indicator and split shot are attached. The fly line needs to straighten out on the backcast before the rod comes forward. If a fisherman rushes the process, the leader never straightens out, hits itself and what, there's one heck of a mess to untangle ... and with hands that are often cold.

### Winter survival

Hands, actually keeping them warm, is of prime concern during winter fishing.

Wool gloves which fold back and allow the fingers to be exposed are a good choice but there are many other materials that are also useful.

Gloves made of fleece or neoprene are just a few of many options. No one should forget that two pairs of gloves are needed. If one pair becomes wet, a dry pair is needed. Another thought is to keep one of two small sags in the vest. By using the rag when releasing fish, the gloves stay drier and the hands are warmer.

A hat or stocking cap is a mandate. Pending whose numbers one uses, as much as eighty percent of body heat may escape if the head is not covered.

Just as with gloves, it's a good idea to have an extra hat along in case a hat falls into the stream and becomes soaked.

To ward off the cold, layering is necessary. Long underwear and fleece make a very

good combination for under the waders. One pair of socks is OK but two pairs of socks really make a difference in terms of winter warmth.

Many anglers use waders constructed of neoprene for winter fishing but the newer, breathable waders are quite warm. The reason is that the breathable waders don't trap moisture next to the skin and cause coldness.

Layering clothing is an absolute necessity for winter fishing. A slight breeze may be punctuated by periodic bursts of wind throughout the day. An angler may have to stand in the shade of barren trees or in the shadow of a cliff. If extra layers aren't available, it's downright cold.

### Prepare for the worst

"Hope for the best but prepare for the worst" is a saying that directly applies to winter fishing. A day can be perfect with moderate temperatures and hardly any wind but the day can take a sudden change for the worse simply by making a faulty step and plunging into icy waters. Think like the Boy Scouts: be prepared.

In being ready for the worst, it's a good idea to have a thermos of a hot liquid in the vehicle. It's also a great idea to have an extra change of clothing in case winter fishing becomes winter swimming.

Winter fishing is quite rewarding if planning precedes the trip. Let's see ... here's the beginning of the list: Clothing, waders, rod, reel, flies, coffee ... where the heck is that fishing license?

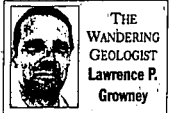


While Idaho anglers don't always get the frigid temperatures that these Wisconsin ice fishers experience, it's always wise to prepare for the coldest temperatures when heading out.

OUTDOORS

# Nevada's curious crescent of Contact

Anyone who has driven Highway 93 south to Contact, Nev., 16 miles south of Jackpot, has undoubtedly noticed the numerous light-colored knobs and spires of granite that outcrop along the highway in that area.

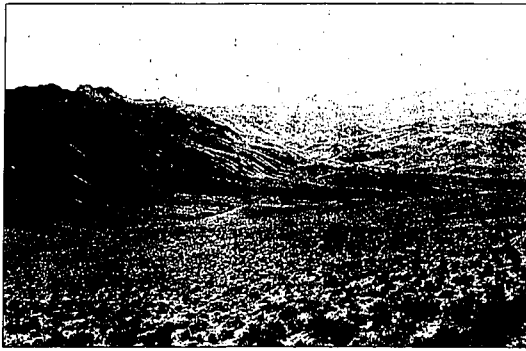


THE GEOLOGIST  
Lawrence P. Growney

The large mass of granite can be followed to the east for 11 miles and, possibly, an additional 10 miles farther east as scattered small knobs that terminate in the drainage of Little Goose Creek.

The outcrop of granite forms a stretched ellipse. This shape is not unexpected, as a blob of granitic magma crystallizing in the crust will tend to form a more equidimensional mass similar to a balloon or mushroom cap, or a more linear trend, like the Sierra Nevada Range.

What makes the granite in the Contact area so intriguing is the fact that a large area appears to be missing, creating the form of a crescent in the remainder of the outcrop area. The crescent extends easterly from Contact past White Peaks, then northwesterly toward the east side of Middle Stack Mountain, where it curves back toward the west and ends abruptly. The question is, "What happened to the granite along a northeast-



South-looking view across the area of missing granite. The view is from the north arc of the crescent with granite to the left and in the distance on the south arc.

erly line from Contact to Middle Stack Mountain?"  
Faulting has a lot to do with creating this outline and dropping the granite below the level of the valley. The west side of the Granite Range, which forms the east side of the crescent between White Peaks and Middle Stack Mountain, appears to have experienced subsidence along a fault. But I also wonder if the area just north and east of Contact was the site of a rhyolite eruption that produced short lengths of ring-shaped collapse as the crust dropped into the emptying magma chamber, resulting in the somewhat curvilinear modification of the general straight-line fault trends.

It's impossible to prove this conclusively without removing the cover of overlying material, but some support for this idea may be provided at the inside southeast corner of the crescent where a number of small rhyolite fissure eruptions appear to have followed faults through the granite and stand out as thin linear trends in the granite. Two appear to have erupted along faults somewhat parallel to the one along the west side of the Granite Range and two others along fault trends that are more perpendicular.

The outcrops of rhyolite are small and limited in extent, but they clearly show that a cross-cutting fault pattern exists here that could produce a roughly crescent shape, and that this shape could have been modified by the volcanic activity, producing a slightly more rounded outline in places.

Coincidentally, Mineral Hot Springs is located just off Highway 93 a mile north of Contact near the southern arc of the crescent.

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# Open houses planned on trophy rules, technology

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game wants to hear from hunters about proposed changes to the 2007-2008 moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat seasons and several potential changes to hunting equipment restrictions.

A series of open house meetings are scheduled during December at Fish and Game regional offices across the state. Officials will be on hand to answer questions and take public comments. Comments also may be submitted in writing.

Proposed changes to trophy species rules include changing the definition of a legal ram to "dry-ram" instead of the three-quarter curl requirement. Other changes include regional adjustments in bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose seasons.

Potential changes to equipment restrictions include: Centerfire: Maximum caliber restrictions and use of electronic devices, such as lighted reticles in rifle scopes.

Archery: Bow let-off, minimum arrow weight and length restrictions. Muzzleloader: Definition of traditional muzzleloader, caliber and projectile requirements.

For those unable to attend, the proposals and comment forms are available on the Fish and Game website: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>, or by calling Fish and Game regional offices.

Around mid-December, a list of trophy season proposals and a hunting equipment survey will be available on Fish and Game's website: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Contact regional Fish and Game offices for time and locations of open house meetings.

All comments will be summarized and presented to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for review before setting the final regulations during the commission meeting January 10-12 at headquarters in Boise.

## Fish and Game notes

### Hunters reminded to take deer jaws to collection sites

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is asking hunters to take the lower jaws from female elk and deer to one of several collection sites throughout the state. Hunters are asked to fill out a collection card and attach it to the jaw. This information is being used to determine the age structure of elk and deer populations in Idaho. For more information on collection sites, contact the local Fish and Game regional office.

The jaws will be part of an effort to estimate the age structure of certain elk and deer populations across Idaho.

"If we can collect enough lower jaws from female elk and deer, we can estimate the age structure of the female segment of certain elk and deer populations," said Craig White, wildlife research biologist in the Southwest Region. "That information is critical to better determine the status of these big game populations."

Hunters taking female elk or mule deer from units 23, 28, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 36A, 36B, 39, 43, 44, 45 (deer only), 48 (elk only) and 50 are asked to leave the lower jaw from their harvested animal at one of three locations: a Fish and Game check station, Fish and Game regional office or a jaw bar.

Barrels will be placed at strategic points for jaw collection, and information cards will be available at all collection points to record simple information, such as the unit where the animal was killed.

For information on the big game age structure study, contact the Fish and Game Southwest Region in Nampa (ID 208-465-8165 or in McCall see 208-634-8137). The Magic Valley Region in Jerome at 208-324-4359; or Salmon Region in Salmon at 208-756-2271.

# Time to remember new boat registrations

As the time to renew boat registrations in Idaho draws near, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation would like to remind boat owners that Idaho boating registration dollars help fund the county recreational boating services and marine law enforcement activities through the registration designation process.

IDPR will be mailing Idaho boat registration renewals, to registered boat owners next week.

The State of Idaho has a unique system in place that

allows boaters to decide what county receives their registration dollars. Boaters are encouraged to designate the county where they choose to boat most frequently. Boaters are also able to designate a second county. Designating certain counties will allow those counties to receive 85% of the registration fee for boating improvement projects and marine law enforcement activities.

"Idaho's boating registration designation program exists to offer enthusiasts the opportunity to pay where they play and support local waterways financially," said

Dave Dahms, IDPR Boating Program Manager. Annual registration fees are determined by vessel length. Boats 0 to 12 feet in length are \$13. Boats over 12 feet in length are \$13 plus \$2 per foot over 12 feet. Boats owned by nonprofit organizations are \$2.

Only sailboats and motorboats must be numbered and registered. A "motorboat" is a mechanically propelled boat using fuel or electricity. Boats that do not have to be numbered or registered include boats propelled manually (rafts, kayaks, canoes, etc., without a motor) sail-

boards, documented vessels, float tubes and boats properly numbered and registered in another state which are using Idaho waters for 60 consecutive days or less.

New boats can be numbered and registered by visiting a local boat registration vendor, a county assessor's motor vehicle office or the IDPR.

For information call IDPR at 208-334-4197. To find the boat registration vendor location nearest you or for additional information on boating in Idaho, visit [www.parksand recreation.idaho.gov](http://www.parksand recreation.idaho.gov).

# Free Ski Day this Saturday in Blaine County

HAILEY — Blaine County Recreation District and the School staff will offer a free introduction to classic skiing this Saturday at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, seven miles north of Ketchum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of Ski Free Day. Skiers can also sample Galena Blend coffee and Nature's Valley granola bars.

Saturday's event will offer

free skiing all day long on the 500 North Valley Trail system, a free classic ski clinic, and free classic ski rentals from participating retailers.

The Elephant's Perch, Backwoods, and Sturtevant's in Hailey will offer free classic ski rentals for the day.

Cross-country skiing is one of the best aerobic activities. An "average" weight adult can burn up to 500 calories per

hour cross-country skiing depending on the pace of the workout.

For more information call Janelle Connors the Blaine County Recreation District 788-2117. Ext. 213, or e-mail [jconnors@bcdn.org](mailto:jconnors@bcdn.org).

Sun Valley ski resort starts to open more lifts  
SUN VALLEY — A seasonal

lift openings on Dollar and Baldy Mountain will include Grey Hawk No. 7 on Baldy, Dollar, and Half Dollar on Saturday.

These lifts will remain open for the remainder of the ski season.

For updated mountain reports please visit [www.sunvalley.com](http://www.sunvalley.com) or call 800-635-4150.

## ENSURING THE FUTURE OF ELK



The O'Connell of Elzing Drilling and Pump Company, left, accepts a plaque of appreciation from Paul Bach of the Magic Valley Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. O'Connell's company donated a domestic well with a retail value of over \$4,000 to the local RMEF Chapter. The mission of the RMEF is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat. Nineteen projects were funded in Idaho this year. People who love elk and hunting are invited to attend the next fund-raising big game banquet at the Radio Rodeo Building on Feb. 17.

# Nevada wildlife workers separate locked-up bull elk

RENO, Nev. (AP) — It's not all checking hunting and fishing licenses. Sometimes the issues are bigger. Like when a Nevada game warden was handed the chore of figuring out who to separate a bull elk who locked horns while sparring and couldn't untangle them.

The saga began Nov. 21 when a rancher in Reese River Valley spotted the two elk.

By the following day, the animals were gone and the rancher assumed they had separated.

A week later, according to Nevada Division of Wildlife biologist Tom Donham, the rancher was out looking for some of his cows and saw the elk again.

"Once we found out they were alive, I was hoping they couldn't move and would stay where they were. That didn't happen. When they ran off, I was hoping that they could not go very far. That didn't happen either."

— Brian Eller, game warden

was first seen.

"When we arrived where the rancher had last seen them, we found them pretty quickly. They were both lying on the ground and one of them was in a very uncomfortable looking position with his head directly above the other head and his nose pointing straight up to the sky," Donham said.

Eller said he wondered if they had survived their ordeal.

was hoping that they could not go very far. That didn't happen either," he said.

The elk may have been sparring at the outset, but Donham and Eller say they used teamwork to run for nearly a mile to evade the newcomers. "It looked like they had been doing it all their lives; serious cooperation. If I've ever seen it," Donham said.

rate the two.

Eller and Code helped hold the elk down while Donham used a hand saw to remove part of an antler off one of them.

As soon as they were apart, the bull that hadn't gotten a full dose jumped to his feet and Bryson, Brian and I quickly gave him all the room he wanted. He went off about 30 yards and lay down for about 10 minutes before finally walking up the hill and over the ridge, none the worse for wear," Donham said.

The other elk was treated with antibiotics and eventually walked off as well after the tranquilizer had worn off. "If these two bulls had not been discovered, and we never got the call, they more than likely would have both died. Watching the bulls walk away, and knowing that we likely saved them from a slow death was definitely one of those moments that makes this job rewarding."

# Jerome club shoot is Sunday

JEROME — Join the Jerome Rod and Gun Club for its final sporting clays shoot of the year this Saturday at 9 a.m. The public is welcome to join the 100-target event. Cost is \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. Juniors under 18 are \$15 for members and \$19 for non-members.

Participants are shooting for \$20 gift cards to Sportsman's Warehouse. High score on each station receives a gift card also. HOA, High Lady, High Junior and High Veteran. This is a skins game. There will only be one win per person.

If you have never shot sporting clays at Jerome Gun Club, your first 50 targets are free. Sign-up is at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

The club is located 1/4-mile east of Highway 93, at mile marker 64, or 11 miles north of the junction of I-84 and Highway 93.

The club's next scheduled shoot will be Jan. 21.

Winners from the Nov. 19 shoot were:  
110A: Curt Jerke, 83, High Lady; Essi Dease, 64; High Junior: Sam Fins, 39, High Veteran; Jim Nichols, 74.  
Sta. No. 1: Clay Schull, 10; Sta. No. 2: Mark Dease, 10; Sta. No. 3: John Courtney, 10; Sta. No. 4: Moose, 10.  
Sta. No. 5: Daniel Jerke, 9; Sta. No. 6: Scott Seifres, 10; Sta. No. 7: Ted Schlecht, 9; Sta. No. 8: Gordon Barry, 10.  
Sta. No. 9: Gregg Olsen, 8; Sta. No. 10: Fred Fingel, 8.  
For more information call Kenny Siemens at 733-6045.

# Casting their nets

## Tribal fishing boats take to the water in quest of salmon

By Peggy Andersen  
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE (AP) — In the shadow of a city bustling with high-tech hype, high-end coffee and high-flying jets, a tradition tuned to nature's quiet rhythm thrives at the start of November.

Small tribal fishing boats take to the water around the clock, crews setting their nets for coho and chum salmon.

The Muckleshoot tribe works the lower Duwamish River, where it strays into Puget Sound's Elliott Bay on either side of industrial Harbor Island, surrounded by massive ships, busy tug boats, and stacks of rusty cargo containers. The Suquamish tribe focuses on the north end of Elliott Bay.

"These are the salmon people," said Mike Mahavelich, who works as a fisheries biologist for the Muckleshoot.

The salmon are striving for spawning grounds 40 to 50 miles upriver, and despite population growth and industry that have changed it, the Duwamish remains "a very productive river," he said.

Early one recent sunny morning, as traffic began to clog city streets, Cal Ulberg scooted through the maze of canals that edge the island, calling out greetings, making sure there were

no conflicts between shipping and tribal nets. "Captain Cal" is one of three Muckleshoot monitors who cover the 24-hour day.

The Muckleshoot gillnets are attached to shore and marked at the watery end with fluorescent orange-red floating balls. Dozens bob in the waterways, where they are checked — and the catch cleared and iceed — at least twice a day.

Nets are lifted from noon Friday to noon Sunday to give the fish a chance to get upstream, where 5,000 are needed for the coho hatchery and the rest swim on to spawning streams. Passing through the mouth of the Duwamish on their way from the ocean to the Green River watershed, they virtually stop eating when they reach freshwater, focusing instead on reproduction.

Aside from the tribes, coho fishing is strictly recreational in Puget Sound, said Pat Frazer with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, although nontribal commercial fishermen target the less prized chum that follow.

"There's not enough for everybody," Mahavelich noted.

The 20 tribes that historically fished the runs were granted half the catch under a historic 1974 federal court decision that restored their access to "usual and accustomed" fishing grounds.

Still, the stress of pollution and habitat destruction have necessitated Endangered Species Act protections for some faltering Northwest salmon runs. A recent lawsuit challenging federal management of the chinook contends they are being overfished.

Before the 1974 ruling, Northwest tribes took less than 3 percent of the catch for ceremonial and subsistence purposes.

Rob Pursler, now fisheries manager for the Suquamish, didn't grow up with fishing but took it up with his father soon after the 1974 decision. "We had some relatives in Lummi with some skills. They brought them down and we used those," he recalled. One recent misty morning out on the water, noting that each of his own five children has helped out.

Like many tribal fishermen, Pursler fishes on the side — setting his nets at night and checking them at dawn. The Suquamish now have a couple dozen boats but only about a dozen full-time fishermen.

The Muckleshoot tribe has about 110 registered fishing boats and more than 200 fishermen. Most of the 16- to 20-foot Muckleshoot boats carry two people.

"Lots of fathers and daughters," Ulberg notes. And relatives, and friends. They haul the net over the gunwales, remove fish and occasion-

al flats, then straighten the net out as it drops back into the water.

The nets were not full, but it's been a good year for coho, or silvers. With the coho season near its end, a harvest of about 60,000 is anticipated — well above numbers in the 1980s, before the hatcheries got going in a big way.

The Suquamish and Muckleshoot have a joint hatchery operation for coho, with young fish raised in fresh water by the Muckleshoot and "eased off" in Elliott Bay net pens just north of the downtown waterfront. The number of coho in Elliott Bay more than doubled to 100,000-plus when that operation got under way, paid for with mitigation money — for effects on habitat and treaty rights — as Elliott Bay Marina was developed. Millions of dollars' worth of pleasure boats bob at the marina, just a few hundred yards from the nets.

"We've come a long way," said Mahavelich. The shelter of hatcheries and the pens brings the tribes' fish back to nearly 20 percent; wild fish return to spawn at a rate of about 1 percent, but he hopes that will increase.

At the Muckleshoot dock south of downtown, big ice-filled plastic "totes" were lined up to take the catch from the ley boat holds. The tribes' clients, including the Safeway grocery chain, Mahavelich noted.

"Probably the freshest fish there is," he said, "is the one- or two-day trip to store shelves. People are always going to want salmon."

The wild fish are running in Puget Sound from June through December. By contrast, farmed Atlantic salmon are harvested year-round. As they were widely available in the early 1990s, the market for wild coho suffered.

"All of a sudden here come these ecologically perfect fish. We were on the ropes for maybe 10 years," said longtime Seattle-based fisherman Pete Knutson, whose family sells to local farmers markets.

But over time, concerns about fish-farm impact on ecosystems — and pollutants in the fish themselves — helped reverse the trend, he said. "And we started getting the chefs involved. They were saying, 'Man, these taste like Vasoline.' It's like eating your goldfish — fish just sits there its whole life. Wild salmon are lean and buff — there's no comparison for texture and flavor."

Pursler, the Suquamish fisherman, agrees. "People are getting tired of that Atlantic stuff," he said as he and his daughter Heather motored their 28-foot gill-net over to the orange ball that marked their free-floating 1,200-foot-long net, set near the granaries south of Magnolia bluff.

## Judge orders new study in bear habitat dispute

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A federal judge has ordered the U.S. Forest Service to conduct a new comprehensive environmental study of government decision allowing maintenance of a grizzly bear habitat in northwestern Montana and portions of Idaho and Washington.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy ruled Wednesday that the government violated the National Environmental Policy Act by failing to address or acknowledge flaws in a study on which it relied in adopting the road management plan for the national forests.

Tim Preso, a lawyer for the environmental groups, said Wednesday he was pleased that the judge had "sent the Forest Service back to the drawing board."

Cami Winslow, a Forest Service spokeswoman, said officials were still reviewing the judge's 65-page opinion but noted that the judge sided with the government on two other issues the groups had raised.

The organizations sued the government in 2004, challenging decisions by the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that allow thousands of miles of roads to be maintained in the Kootenai, Lolo, Idaho Panhandle and Colville national forests.

The groups contend that grizzly bears in the Selkirk and Cabinet mountain ranges, about 80 bears total, already are struggling to survive and that the existing network of about 8,500 miles of roads contributes to poaching and the mistaken killing of grizzlies, which have been under federal protection since 1975.

In approving the road management plan, the agencies relied heavily on a study prepared in 1997 by Wayne Waddiken, a biologist with the Idaho Fish and Game Department, and Wayne Kasworm, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist.

That study was based on data derived from observing six collared female grizzlies in their home ranges and six collared male grizzlies in their home ranges. The researchers found the bears used more heavily roaded habitats than female grizzlies studied in the nearby Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem.

## DEER THAT'S 'A FREAK OF NATURE'



Richard Lisko, who lives near Wauscousta, Wis., holds out one of the extra legs located half way up the leg of a deer he hit with his truck last month on Wednesday in Wauscousta. Lisko hunts deer with a bow but got his most unusual one driving his truck down his mile-long driveway. The young buck had nub antlers, and seven legs. Lisko said it was also both male and female reproductive organs. It was definitely a freak of nature, Lisko said.

## Non-native deer to be killed off over 15 years

POINT REYES STATION, Calif. (AP) — The National Park Service has approved a disputed plan to eliminate about 1,300 non-native deer from Point Reyes National Seashore over the next 15 years.

Park officials said they would use a combination of shooting and contraception to kill off about 300 axis deer and 1,000 fallow deer in the 100-square-mile national park in western Marin County by 2021.

"We will now get a group of people together to begin to talk about how to implement the program," said John Dell'Oso, a spokesman for Point Reyes National Seashore. "Nothing will start until next year."

The plan was approved by John Jarvis, director of the Park Service's Pacific West region, and published in the Federal Register last week.

Park biologists are concerned that the invasive deer carry disease and compete with native black-tail deer and tule elk for food, water and cover.

But the effort to remove them from Point Reyes is opposed by many residents and animal rights activists who wonder whether the deer threaten the environment and argue that the animals shouldn't be killed just because they aren't native to California.

About three-dozen fallow

and axis deer, purchased by a landowner from the San Francisco Zoo, were brought to Point Reyes to be hunted in the 1940s; before the region became a national park in 1962.

Park officials shot the deer to keep populations in check until 1994, when they stopped shooting and contraception with the practice. With no natural predators to keep them in check, the populations have grown steadily since then.

Fallow deer, originally from Asia, Minor and the Mediterranean, come in a range of different colors, from white to brown; males grow large antlers. Axis deer, which come from India, are spotted. Both species can weigh as much as 200 pounds, breed year-round and live in grasslands.

Under the Park Service plan, and published in the Federal Register last week, Point Reyes would be rounded up and injected with a drug to prevent pregnancy, while the rest would be shot. Meat and pelts from the dead deer would be donated to food banks and other nonprofit groups.

Groups such as the Marin Humane Society have vowed to continue fighting. "The controversy may be in the books, but our work will continue to save the animals," said Diane Allevato, the humane society's executive director. "There is strong community opposition to this decision."

## Part of Rainier National Park to open to visitors

ASHFORD, Wash. (AP) — Visitors will be able to walk, bike or ski into the southwest corner of Mount Rainier National Park beginning this Saturday, but they'll have to leave their motor vehicles outside the flood-damaged park, which has been closed since early November.

Business owners in Ashford and other areas near the park's southwest entrance persuaded park officials to allow visitors to hike up State Route 706, the main route through the park, to the Boundary Trail and West Side Road.

The state highway, which runs alongside the Nisqually River at lower elevations, was washed out during the flooding and three sections must be repaired before vehicle traffic can return. Park officials say

access to Longmire and Paradise will remain closed until at least March.

Officials closed the park Nov.

6, when 18 inches of rain fell in 36 hours, swamping roads and bridges and cutting power and sewer lines.

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## Hold on to ideals, help other people, Sagittarius

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeralaine Saunders

IF DEC. 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You should be able to find the golden mean in many areas of your life in the next year. Whatever storms rage around you, you should be able to ride them out fairly effortlessly, so don't worry and don't brood. You also should be able to strike the right note in personal relationships and balance friendship and romance with aplomb.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Just in time for the weekend, your sex appeal skyrocketes. Look out world, here comes Aries! This much charisma can create more than romance—it is positively bankable. Both casual and committed relationships heat up.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Luck is going your way, but don't get so caught up in your wonderfulness that you forget basic good sense. You also have a sexy weekend in store, so make sure to make time for love.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Don't let frustration over responsibilities or restrictions propel you into doing or saying something unwise and regrettable. A break in your routine will be welcome if you can find a way to arrange it.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22):

There is a real danger of believing your own press now and becoming quite the tyrant or diva. Moderate your egocentric impulses with the knowledge that people can have long memories.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Hold on to your ideals. You can anchor other people and help them to act in service to all that is good. This can be a great time for self-examination, but leave time for love and romance, too.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can be a star in the footlights, not a deer in the headlights. Swallow self-encasement for now, but don't get drunk on power either. It's a delicate razor's edge, but you can walk it if you try.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Even if still waters don't run too deep today, you can still give that impression as long as you keep your mouth closed. Somehow it's hard to strike the right note today, even though in general you are on a roll.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You have many irons in the fire, and so many projects on the table your head could be spinning. Try to prioritize. You basically have today and tomorrow before you lose some of your momentum.

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

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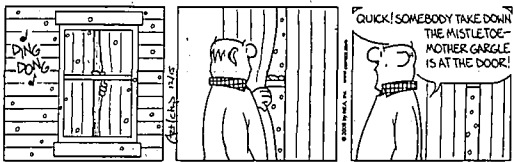
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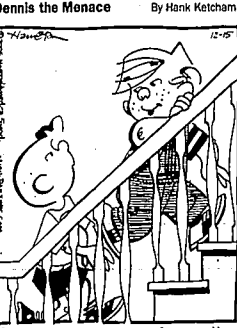
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



# Lost dog is found, thanks to kindness of stranger



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

news to his dad, who of course wanted to come with us. We all hopped into our pickup and headed for the address the man had given.

Only God knows what happened in that week Windom was gone. Somehow he had traveled from our rural home to a busy main road 6 miles away. When Windom left our yard, he was a 65-pound, long-haired mixed breed. After his excursion, he had lost 18 pounds and was an exhausted, dehydrated mess. His hair was so matted and thick with grime, I had to take him to a groomer and have him shaved. On his first day home, all he wanted to do was sleep and drink water.

Abby. In all the excitement, we failed to get that kind person's name. However, we want him to know how grateful we are that he took the time to stop on that busy road to help a lost dog find his family. We'll remember him always in our prayers.

— ROBERTA JONES, FORESTVILLE, N.Y.  
DEAR ROBERTA: While you're at it, you should thank God your dog was wearing current identification and didn't lose his collar. Your experience should serve as an important reminder to pet owners everywhere.

DEAR ABBY: I am a college student who is doing fairly well in school. I'm a good person who is on the right road to success. So why am I always falling for the wrong guys?

I get out of these bad relationships in time, but then I'm left with the pain and hurt they've given me. I can't seem to forgive myself for being so glib, and this causes me to treat men — even the good ones — like they're all bad. What do you suggest I do?

— GULLIBLE SWEETHEART IN MACON, GA.  
DEAR SWEETHEART: First of all, I recommend a "time-out" from men, during which you review those qualities that make your heart beat faster. Then ask yourself if you are holding men to higher standards than you would like to be judged. Too many women make the mistake of judging men by their looks, their athletic ability or their wallets — and entirely overlook kind, sincere, intelligent and sensitive men who would make excellent "candidates."

Having been beaten up emotionally time after time, no one can blame you for keeping your defenses up. However, not all men are abusive, self-involved, dishonest users — and the price you pay for keeping your guard can be well worth the emotional, remembering, dating is a losing experience. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

TO MY JEWISH READERS: Hanukkah begins at sundown. I would like to wish a happy festival of lights to one and all!

## Keep that corded phone: Cordless phones don't work when power is out



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

candy. Plastic pellets go into a hot metal cup with tiny holes in it. As the cup spins, the liquid plastic shoots out the holes in strings like cobwebs that immediately harden in the cooler air. These are collected, heated again and twisted (often with cotton or other fibers) into thread.

A husband and wife team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology inscribed the entire New Testament on a silicon chip 5 millimeters square. Each letter, inscribed in 24-karat gold, was the size of a single bacterium.

If you want frogs, get away from the coast. There are no known saltwater frogs.

Anthropologists say that people didn't start wearing pants until after the domestication of the horse. You can't ride astride in a toga, after all. What's more, the glob of gooey white string stuff inside the egg? It's the chalaza, and it's there to anchor the yolk in the center of the white. According to the American Egg Board, "they are neither imperfections nor beginning embryos."

Unlike ants or bees, termite colonies have kings as well as queens. The wood-chomping royals live in a passionate, monogamous relationship of a kind that's seldom seen in royalty of any species.

Depending on the species, the bands around an armadillo will number 3, 6 or 9.

## Seven legs prove unlucky for Wisconsin deer



Richard Lisko holds out one of the extra legs located half way up the leg of a deer he hit with his truck last month, Wednesday in Wausonota, Wis. Lisko hit the deer while driving his mile-long driveway. The young buck had seven legs and both male and female reproductive organs, Lisko said.

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — Rick Lisko hunts deer with a bow but found his most unusual one driving his truck.

One day last month, Lisko found a young buck with nub antlers — and seven legs. Lisko said it also had both male and female reproductive organs. "It was definitely a freak of nature," Lisko said. "I guess it's a real rarity."

He said he slowed down as the buck and two does ran across his driveway Nov. 22, but the buck ran under the truck and was hit.

When he looked at the animal, he noticed 3- to 4-inch appendages growing from the rear legs. Later, he found a smaller appendage growing from one of the front legs. "It's a pretty weird deer," he said, describing the extra legs as resembling "crab pinchers."

"It kind of gives you the creeps when you look at it," he said.

Doug Bilgo of the state Department of Natural Resources came to Lisko's property near Mud Lake in the town of Osceola to tag the deer. "I have never seen anything like that in all the years that I've been working as a game warden and being a hunter myself," Bilgo said.

No matter how freaky, the

deer was skinned and eaten. "It was tasty," Lisko said.

### Parolees lend a hand as yuletide bell-ringers

GREENWOOD, Ind. — Faced with a shortage of bell-ringers, the Salvation Army has turned to an unlikely source — parolees — to help bring in cash this holiday.

bell-ringers in Johnson County are nonviolent offenders finishing up community service sentences.

"When you're out there ringing the bells and seeing people a Merry Christmas you're giving back to the community," Hartman said.

Greenwood City Court Judge Lewis Gregory had to approve the program because "ringing people with misdemeanors raised safety concerns."

— The Associated Press

WORLD

# Israel's high court upholds military's right to assassinate

By Scott Wilson  
The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — Israel's high court upheld Thursday the military's right to assassinate members of groups the state defines as terrorist organizations, but cautioned that such operations should always be weighed first against the potential harm to civilian bystanders and the human rights of the target.

The unanimous decision departs little from guidelines the military says it already follows in carrying out "targeted killings," the terminology used by the government and by the court in its ruling. But it does say commanders should allow an independent investigation to follow each assassination and recommends that the military compensate "innocent civilians" harmed in the operation.

Under current practice, Israel's military works with Shin Bet, the domestic security service, to compile lists of Palestinians who are influential or active figures in armed groups. Using eavesdropping equipment, aerial surveillance and informants, air force pilots or drone operators receive detailed information about a target's movements, most commonly in the Gaza Strip, where the army no longer operates regularly on the ground. Military officers say the decision to strike is made — sometimes in a matter of minutes — by balancing the threat posed by the target against the potential for injury to bystanders. Many of the strikes have killed civilians in

## Fighting continues

Israel blocks Palestinian prime minister from returning to Gaza; Hamas gunmen seize control of Gaza's border with Egypt.

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addition to targeted individuals.

Israeli military officials said they would review the court's findings in coming days. But one senior officer who specializes in matters of international law said the ruling, although vague in places, appeared to be a "validation" of existing policies regarding assassinations, and he expected few new restrictions to be implemented.

The decision states that military commanders must have "strong and convincing" information before ordering an assassination, and should not do so "if a less harmful means can be employed", namely, arrest. The ruling also says that "every effort must be made to minimize harm to innocent civilians."

"It is not to balance casts a heavy load on those whose job it is to provide security," the three-judge panel wrote. "Not every efficient means is also legal. The ends do not justify the means."

The ruling has been awaited outside Israel for what it might add to the debate underway in many countries, including the United States, over how to ensure basic human rights in what the Bush administration calls the "war on terrorism."

Following Israel's lead, the U.S. military and intelligence agencies have also used drones to carry out assassinations, including a November 2002 strike on a car in Yemen that killed six suspected members of al-Qaida.

The decision, one of the last to be issued by retiring Chief Justice Aharon Barak, represented a disappointing defeat for Israeli and Palestinian human rights organizations that have called the tactic, pioneered during the most recent Palestinian uprising, a war crime.

Hawkish lawmakers and officials from Israel's security establishment expressed pleasant surprise at the ruling, given that Barak, an activist judge throughout his decades-long career, has often come down against the military in cases where human rights and security measures appear to conflict. The court said the state "must balance security needs and human rights."

The ruling stemmed from a petition filed by two human rights organizations — one Israeli, one Palestinian — challenging the state's right to assassinate members of Hamas, the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and other armed groups fighting the Jewish state. In its decision, the court said the "starting point of the legal analysis is that between Israel and the terrorist organizations active in the Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip" — referring to the territory Israel occupied in the 1967 Middle East war — "there exists a continuous situation of armed conflict."

# Princess Diana's death ruled an accident

By Kevin Sullivan  
The Washington Post

LONDON — Nine years after Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris, one of the most exhaustive official investigations in recent British history has concluded that her death was a "tragic accident" and not murder.

"I do not believe that any evidence currently exists that can substantiate the allegations of conspiracy to murder: there was no conspiracy and there was no cover-up," said John Stevens, who led a \$7-million Scotland Yard inquiry that took nearly three years and involved more than 300 witness interviews, computerized modeling of the crash site and even pregnancy testing on Diana's blood found in the smashed Mercedes sedan.

Stevens, at a packed news conference, declined to assess blame for the deaths, although he noted that Henri Paul, who was driving the car, had a blood-alcohol level three times the legal limit in France and was driving twice

the speed limit when the crash occurred. He also noted that the car was being pursued by a number of paparazzi photographers.

"A crash of this nature is similar to a major crash of an airliner," said Stevens, a former Metropolitan Police Chief. "There is a long chain of events. Take out any link of that chain and this would not have happened." Stevens said Diana "might not have died" if she had been wearing a seat belt.

The Stevens inquiry is part of a wider British government investigation into the death, which has been long-delayed by complex police investigations and a lengthy French investigation, which also concluded in 1999 that the deaths of Diana, 36, her companion, Dodi Fayed, 42, and Paul were accidental.

The British inquiry opened in 2004 but was suspended while Stevens investigated claims made by al Fayed's father, Mohammed al Fayed, that the pair had been murdered. Al Fayed alleged that the British "establishment"

conspired to kill them because Diana was pregnant, they were about to become engaged and the royal family "could not accept that an Egyptian Muslim could eventually be the stepfather of the future King of England."



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# Fierce gunbattle breaks out between Hamas, Fatah at Gaza border

By Ibrahim Barak  
Associated Press writer

RAFAH, Gaza Strip—Hamas gunmen seized control of the Gaza Strip's border crossing with Egypt on Thursday in a ferocious gunbattle with Fatah-allied border guards after Israel blocked the Hamas prime minister from crossing, with tens of millions of dollars in aid.

More than two dozen people were wounded in the fighting, deepening factional violence that has pushed the rivals closer to civil war. One of the injured was an adult son of Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh.

Haniyeh cut short a trip abroad and was trying to return to Gaza in a bid to quell the infighting between Hamas and Fatah. He finally was allowed to cross into Gaza late

Thursday, but it was unclear whether he brought money for the cash-strapped Palestinian government.

After he crossed, there was a new burst of gunfire and Haniyeh's convoy was forced to speed away. Officials said Haniyeh was unharmed but his son was shot and slightly injured in the clashes.

Earlier Thursday, pro-Fatah Palestinian officers arrested a Hamas-linked militant in the killing of the three young sons of a Fatah security chief. The militant's allies retaliated by kidnapping a security officer.

Thursday's gunbattle at the border erupted after Hamas militants, angry that Israel was preventing Haniyeh from returning, stormed the Rafah terminal.

The pro-Fatah Presidential Guard, responsible for securing the area, opened fire, set-



Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh from Hamas, center, is surrounded by bodyguards and supporters as he arrives at his house in Gaza City, late Thursday.

ting off a gunfire. Terrified travelers ran for cover, some carrying their luggage. Crying women and children hid behind walls and taxis, while

the European monitors who police the crossing fled. Two Hamas militants were among those wounded.

"God is Great, let's liberate this place" took over the arrival hall, and border guards escorted the European monitors to safety. Two loud explosions rocked the area and security officials said militants had blown a hole in the border fence about a half mile from the terminal.

The rampage destroyed furniture and computer equipment and plunged the area into darkness. Hospital officials said at least 27 people were wounded, two seriously.

With the terminal closed, Haniyeh was stranded on the Egyptian side of the border for several hours. Late Thursday, the Presidential Guard regained control of the terminal and the European monitors moved back in.

Thursday's unrest was likely to strain the U.S.-brokered

deal that turned over control of the crossing to the Palestinians last year after four decades of Israeli control. The border can only operate in the presence of European monitors.

Israel Defense Minister, Amir Peretz, working with the EU monitors, had ordered the border closed to prevent Haniyeh from bringing in tens of millions of dollars he raised during a tour of Muslim countries, security officials said.

A senior Israeli security official said they were not trying to block Haniyeh's entry, only to keep out the money. The official said Israel had information the money would be used to strengthen Hamas or fund terror attacks, but he declined to provide further details. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter with the press.

# Bush adds eight countries to U.S. initiative to combat malaria in Africa

Ben Feller  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Declaring that malaria can be defeated, President Bush on Thursday added eight countries to a U.S. initiative aimed at combating the disease in poor states by reducing its mortality rate by half in targeted nations.

"Last year, about a million Africans died of malaria," Bush said. "The vast majority were children under five. Their lives ended by nothing more than a mosquito bite."

The new countries were announced at a White House summit on malaria, intended to raise awareness of the mosquito-borne disease and to mobilize a grass-roots effort among voluntary, religious and nonprofit organizations to save millions of lives. The additional countries are Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali and Zambia.

"By bringing together such a wide variety of people, the

summit is sending a clear message that we are determined to defeat malaria," the president said.

"In this new century, there is a great divide between those who place no value on human life and rejoice in the suffering of others, and those who believe that every life has matchless value and answer suffering with compassion and kindness," he said. "The contrast is vivid, and the position of America is clear. We will lend the case of freedom, justice and hope, because both our value and our interests demand it."

Just before the summit, Bush told the president of Benin that the United States will commit resources, time and talent to help rich much of Africa of malaria, but added that Benin's government must be educating its citizens on prevention.

"We cannot succeed, however, unless there is an administration that is willing and capable to do the hard work necessary to educate people

and spread nets and insecticides necessary to deal with a disease that can be defeated," Bush said.

The program, known as the President's Malaria Initiative, is a five-year, \$1.2 billion effort that challenges the private sector to join the U.S. government in combating malaria in 15 of the hardest-hit African nations. Congress has approved \$30 million for the initiative, with another round of money expected in the upcoming budget.

Foundations, corporations and community groups are also committing money and volunteers.

Bush said more than 6 million people in Africa have benefited so far. The United States has a responsibility to help, Bush said, and "by helping others, the American people must understand we help ourselves."

"We're a nation that believes that we're fortunate, and that through our fortune we ought to help others," Bush said.

# N.J. lawmakers approve bill to legalize civil unions

Governor says he will sign off on it, paving way for gay marriages

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Under pressure from New Jersey's highest court to offer marriage to its equivalent, the Legislature voted Thursday to make New Jersey the third state to allow civil unions.

Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine said he would sign the measure, which would extend to same-sex couples all the rights and privileges available under state law to married people. The bill passed the Assembly 56-19 and the Senate 23-12.

"Love counts," Democratic Assemblyman Wilfredo Caraballo, a chief sponsor of the bill, said as the debate opened. "The gender of whom our loves should not matter to the state."

But Republican Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer said: "It's my personal belief, faith and religious practice that marriage has been defined in the Bible. And this is one time that I cannot compromise my personal

beliefs and faiths." Most states are the only state to allow gay marriage. Vermont and Connecticut have civil unions, and California has domestic-partnerships that work similarly. Among the benefits gay couples would get under New Jersey's civil unions bill are adoption rights, hospital visitation rights and inheritance rights.

Gay rights advocates welcomed the legislation as a step forward but said they would continue to push for the right to marry. The bill was drafted in response to a landmark New Jersey Supreme Court ruling in October that required the state to extend the rights and benefits of marriage to gay couples within 180 days. The court, in its 4-3 ruling, left it up to the Legislature to decide whether to call such unions "marriages" or something else.

Gay rights groups have argued that not calling such unions "marriage" creates a different, and inferior, institution. Steven Goldstein, director of the gay rights advocacy organization Garden State Equality, said he expects gay couples to be able to get married in New Jersey within two years.

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2007 BUICK LACROSSE SEDAN

## Comfortable accommodations

**RoadWorthy!**  
By Ken Chesler, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

Introduced back in 2005, the front-drive Buick LaCrosse was the first vehicle in the automaker's portfolio designed to reestablish the brand with premium products that offer timeless style, luxury features and relevant technologies. For 2007, LaCrosse will highlight OnStar's new generation of in-vehicle software with the availability of Turn-by-Turn Navigation.

As the first factory-installed, fully integrated GPS navigation system, OnStar's Turn-by-Turn navigation system is part of the Directions and Connections OnStar service package that is standard on LaCrosse. The new navigation system offers safe, simple interactions, with no data entry or touch screen to distract drivers from the road. To activate the system, the driver presses the OnStar blue button, give the advisor an address or point-of-interest destination and directions are sent to the vehicle. The instructions are voice-guided, delivered through the radio speakers to guide drivers turn-by-turn to their destination.

Available in CX, CXL and CXL models, LaCrosse receives its base power from the popular 3800 Series III 3.6L V6 mill, while the CXL is equipped with a performance-oriented all-aluminum 3.6L V6 with variable valve timing. Both engines are bolted to a sophisticated Hydra-Matic 4T65 four-speed automatic transmission.

On the road, the Buick sedan is smooth, quiet, comfortable and fluid - controlled and elegantly understated, but always capable. The sedan's body, suspension and powertrain were engineered using QuietTuning, an exclusive all-encompassing initiative aimed at achieving impressive ride quietness under all driving conditions.

Control hardware for the Buick sedan features a proven MacPherson strut coil-over-spring front suspension and a trailing arm/tri-link rear suspension. CX and CXL models are equipped with the standard suspension while the CXL is outfitted with the Gran Touring suspension. The Gran



The 2007 Buick LaCrosse - smooth, quiet and comfortable

**WHEELBASE:** 110.5; overall length: 198.1; width: 73.0; height: 57.4 - measurements in inches.

**ENGINES:**  
3.6L V6 - 200 hp at 5,200 rpm and 230 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm;  
3.6L V6 VTI - 240 hp at 6,000 rpm and 225 lb-ft of torque at 2,000 rpm.

**TRANSMISSION:**  
four-speed automatic.  
**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:**  
3.6L - 20 city/30 hwy; 3.6L - 19 city/27 hwy.

**CARGO CAPACITY:**  
18.0 cu. ft.

Touring suspension setup employs slightly larger stabilizer bars for an even flatter ride with improved handling response.

While both suspension levels use gas-charged, four-stage dampers that reduce suspension float, one of the most significant tuning upgrades is

**Price** - The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Buick LaCrosse sedan starts from \$22,230 for CX, \$24,845 for CXL and \$26,890 for CXL. Destination charges add \$485.

**SAFETY FEATURES:**  
Dual front airbags, head curtain side-impact airbags, enhanced traction control, four-wheel brakes with anti-lock, tire pressure monitor system, remote keyless entry, daytime running lamps, automatic headlamps control, programmable power door locks, OnStar communications system and PASS-Key III theft deterrent system. CXL adds key theft alert system, CDS side bag,

the use of new, taller jounce and rebound bumpers within the damper modules to provide better control and cushioning. In addition, a front strut mount, made of a compound that provides twice as much damping as earlier designs, is used in combination with the other suspension

links and full-range traction control. Optional safety features include Stabili-Trak, garage door opener, rear parking sensors and remote vehicle start.

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tuning and hardware enhancements to give the midsize Buick sedan controlled body motions on road splits - providing a secure and confident feel, without sacrificing ride isolation and comfort.

The passenger cabin was engineered to reflect a highly-

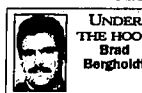
crafted, attention-to-detail interior. Upgrades and enhancements for 2007 include available heated front seats in cloth or leather upholstery, new sportier cluster graphics with red pointer gauges, Harvest Burl wood trim, air-shield emblem for the steering wheel and a tire pressure monitoring system.

The LaCrosse is available in either a five- or six-passenger seating configuration. Five-passenger models are equipped with a wide center armrest with a deep storage area and a console-mounted gearshift lever. Six-passenger models feature a 40/20/40-split front bench seat with a column-mounted shifter and a "flip-and-fold" seatback cushion that can be converted into a spacious center console/armrest with a large storage bin.

## Leaking Coolant?

Q. My car has begun to lose anti-freeze - though I'm not sure. I check all my under-hood fluids about once each month and find the radiator overflow tank is usually low. I haven't noticed any puddles where I park, and there isn't any sign of wetness on any of the engine parts. Do you have any suggestions?

-Randy Thomas  
San Diego



**UNDER THE HOOD**  
Brad Bergholdt

A. Let me start by complimenting you for performing regular preventive maintenance on your vehicle. Looking over the fluids, belts and hoses on a frequent basis can head off many problems before they become serious.

To answer your question, I need to ask a few of my own. Does the passenger-side carpet show signs of wetness? (Pull it up from the front edge and inspect the insulating pad beneath it to be sure). If so, the heater core is likely leaking. This small/stubby radiator-like device is located deep within the instrument panel.

Does the engine show signs of overheating? Has it ever been badly overheated? Have you noticed any white smoke from the exhaust, particularly after a warm restart? Does the engine sputter for a few seconds after starting? Does the engine oil appear milky in color? If you answered yes to any of these questions, it's likely the engine has a faulty head gasket, a cracked or corroded cylinder head, or faulty intake manifold gasket.

Overheating, smoking or sputtering usually indicates coolant is leaking into the combustion chambers and being vaporized. Milky oil means coolant is entering the crankcase and mixing with the oil. Both situations are serious business and should be fixed right away to avoid further, and expensive engine damage.

Could I have scared you needlessly with all this talk of expensive problems? Perhaps, as there is a chance coolant is escaping externally from the engine, yet is unnoticed. Start by running your fingers

around each hose connection, checking for signs of wetness (engine cool) and snug each hose clamp a quarter turn or so. Finally, using a small mirror and light, check for wetness or staining from the water pump weep hole.

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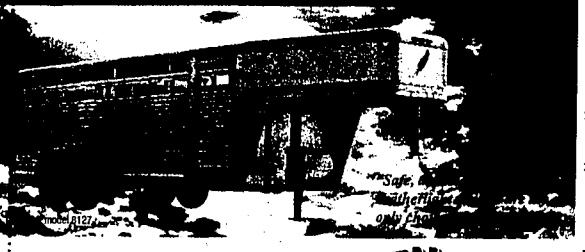
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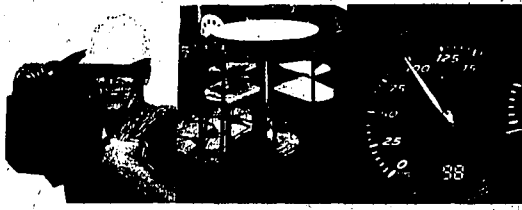
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**THE ACES ON BRIDGE** Bobby Wolff

"About sacrifice and the returning of sacrifices, sacrificial animals think quite differently from those who look on: but they have never been allowed to have their say."  
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The semifinals of the 1999 American Trials saw the Robinson team build up a reasonable lead over Wolfson. However, the Wolfson team held their opponents to just six IMPs in the next two stanzas and won comfortably. In the sixth set, the following deal came up, showing that Zia Mahmood's magic can occasionally achieve a result that, to the naked eye, might seem impossible.

The auction, ending in three trump, had put West off the diamond lead, but when the heart three went to the jack and queen, the defense had four more tricks in aces and kings to cash. However, back came a spade at trick two. (East quite reasonably did not want to open up the minors.) Zia won in dummy and played a diamond to the 10 — well, why not? West took his king and shifted to clubs, again not absurd. East won the ace and returned the suit, and Zia deceptively followed with the club 10 on the second round of the suit, cold-bloodedly sacrificing a club trick to make it look as if he had started life with only three clubs.

Can you blame West for winning the king and then taking his eye off the ball by returning the suit? That might have been necessary to ensure the maximum if Zia had the diamond ace and not the spade ace, but as it was, Zia's clubs became re-established as winners. Zia took three club tricks, four spades tricks, and two hearts to make his contract.

**NORTH** 12-15-A  
♠ K Q J 6  
♥ A K J 7  
♦ Q 6 4  
♣ J 4

**WEST**  
♠ 5  
♥ 10 4 3  
♦ K 9 8 5 2  
♣ K 9 5 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10 7 4 3 2  
♥ Q 6 5  
♦ A 7 3  
♣ A 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 9 8  
♥ 8 2  
♦ 10  
♣ Q 10 8 7 6

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: West

The bidding:  
South West North East  
Pass 1♦ Pass  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart three

**BID WITH THE ACES**

South holds: 12-15-B  
♠ 10 7 4 3 2  
♥ Q 6 5  
♦ A 7 3  
♣ A 3

South West North East  
1♣ 1♦ Dbl.

ANSWER: There is no need to go overboard here. The fact that both opponents are bidding means partner may be quite light. Start by cue-bidding two clubs to show a limit raise or better, but if partner does not show enthusiasm, do not go voluntarily beyond the three-level.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at [bobbywolff@midspring.com](mailto:bobbywolff@midspring.com).  
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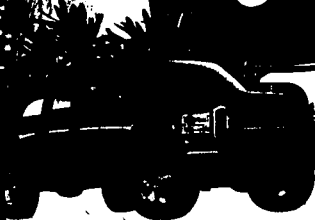
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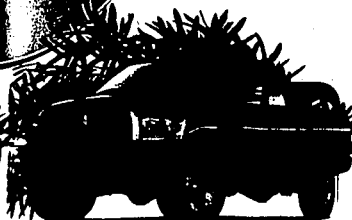


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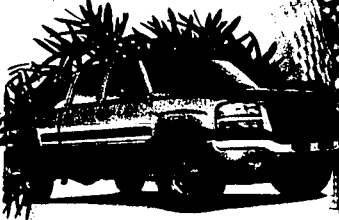


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