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Kids playing hooky might end up in court now

Twin Falls School District revives truancy court

By Jessica Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the past, schools would just call the parents if a student skipped class. Today, they call them into court.

It goes by many names — attendance court, truancy court or little people's court — and now it's back, summoning students and parents each month for failure to appear in school, that is.

The Twin Falls County Juvenile Prosecutor's Office and the Twin Falls School District have reinstated the truancy court after shutting it down more than two years ago. And with the school district stepping up efforts to increase attendance, the program could

"The idea is to get the kids back in school before it has to go to the legal system, and to let their parents know that education is important and it's the law."

— Letha Black, assistant principal at Lincoln Elementary School

see a rise in the number of cases that pass through the court.

"In September, they started hearing cases from the year

before, and it has improved our attendance dramatically."

The program is used in all the elementary schools in the Twin Falls School District. Court is held about once a month at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center.

Although Magistrate Judge Roger Harris usually requires parents to work with case-workers to change truancy habits, he does have the authority to send parents to jail for failing in their parental responsibilities.

"It's not really considered as much of a punitive court as it is a corrective court," Black said. "The idea is to get the kids back in school before it has to go to the legal system, and to let their parents know that education is important and it's the law."

She said students as young as first and second grade have attended the court with their parents.

According to district policy,

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Study says holiday stress may cause more overeating

By Rodrigue Ngowi
Associated Press writer

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Eral Fujiwara's holidays can hardly be called that as she juggles a full-time job and evening studies and tries to find money and time to buy presents, organize parties and cook for family and friends.

The 26-year-old trainee nurse, who works at a children's hospital, says she indulges in comfort eating during what she describes as the most stressful time of the year. The seemingly endless invitations to parties and dinners make it easier to overeat, she said.

"Well, I am a cracker-and-cheese and wine kind of girl. Once I see all that out there, it is trouble for me," she said after going to the store for the first time in weeks, seeking to burn off excess calories.

Nearly half of all women in the United States suffer from increased stress during the holidays, a condition that contributes to rising levels of comfort eating, drinking and other coping mechanisms that can lead to weight gain, according to a survey conducted in October by the American Psychological Association.

A national stress survey the association conducted in January showed one in four people in the United States agrees that "when I am feeling down or facing a problem, I turn to food to help me feel better." The October survey showed that the proportion increases to one in three people during the holidays.

Comfort eating and unhealthy drinking increases among men, too, but is more common among women.

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Burnin' for leamin'



Five-year-old Kolby Slagel, left, talks to his father, Devin Slagel, a firefighter with the Twin Falls Fire Department, as other firefighters observe a controlled burn at the corner of Washington Street and North College Road in Twin Falls.

Vacant house torched to help train four new Twin Falls firefighters

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — There was smoke, but no fire.

Eight firefighters and the chief stood outside the old tar-papered house on Saturday, peering in through the back door, waiting for it to burst into flame, but the flames didn't appear.

"We're not so good at startin' 'em," said Twin Falls Fire Department Battalion Chief Gary Earl, a bit sheepishly.

Ten minutes later, after firefighters added dried sagebrush and some construction debris to a smoldering pile of wood and paper, the smoke turned dark and flames began licking out from the doorway.

Soon the entire abandoned house was engulfed in flames, the tar paper falling in burning tatters around the foundation. Families of the firefighters, including one young boy outfitted in a hat and reflective-striped suit just like his dad's, joined other bystanders to gawk as the house burned.

The house, at the northwest corner of North

College Road and Washington Street, was donated to the fire department by the Twin Falls School District, and has been used for training, including Saturday's controlled test burn.

Sometimes the department is offered donations of structures that aren't useful for educational purposes, Earl said, often because of the type or quality of the structure.

"There has to be training value or we won't burn them," he said. "It all depends on who's getting rid of what, and the burn value."

The training, which included learning how to make venting cuts in the roof and floors of the house, was primarily for four new firefighters in the department.

"This is my first fire experience," said trainee Andy Stephenson, who saw textbook descriptions come to life as the fire moved through the house.

"Everything's pretty much by the book."

Because fire isn't very predictable, Earl said, textbook descriptions aren't



Firefighter Andy Stephenson, a trainee with the Twin Falls Fire Department, takes part in the controlled burn Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

always enough for students to gain the kind of experience they need.

"It kind of surprised me how fast it progressed, and how little heat it takes to do damage in the house," said trainee Sean Burgess. Police and firefighters

kept curious bystanders at a distance from the fire, cautious even in Saturday afternoon's controlled situation.

"We're real careful with live fires," Earl said. "You never can be sure what the fires going to do."



Brian Hall, left, and Kelly James embrace each other in February 2006 in Dallas. Hall and James are two of the three climbers missing on Mount Hood since Dec. 10.

Body found in Mt. Hood snow cave

By Joseph B. Frazier
Associated Press writer

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Rescuers looking for three missing climbers on Mount Hood found a body Sunday in the area where one of the climbers made a distress call last week, authorities said.

"We've found one deceased at this point," said Pete Hughes, a spokesman for the Hood River County Sheriff's Office. He said the body had not yet been identified.

The victim was believed to be one of the three climbers who went missing near the 11,239-foot summit of Oregon's highest peak a week ago, authorities said.

The body was found in a second snow cave near another snow cave where rescuers found a sleeping bag, ice axes and rope, officials said.

Rescuers were coming off the mountain early Sunday evening, said Capt. Mike Bralich, spokesman for the Oregon National Guard.

"We remain hopeful," Bralich said. "We are going to still collect information and pursue the rescue of the two other climbers."

Teams of climbers and a helicopter will work together on Monday to remove the body from the mountain, said Marc Smith, also a spokesman for the Hood River Sheriff's Office.

The search for the two others will resume on Monday, he said.

Near the first snow cave, helicopters had spotted rope that had been intentionally laid out in a Y-shape, which climbers often use to indicate the location. There was also an ice spike and footprints, said Sgt. Gerry Tiffany, another spokesman for the Hood River County Sheriff's Office.

The footprints appeared to head up the mountain toward the summit, but were blown out by the wind at higher points, Tiffany said.

Searchers dug through the first cave, about 300 feet below the summit, to ensure no one was there and took the equipment, which will be examined for clues.

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NATION

No day of rest as astronauts prepare for fourth spacewalk

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Instead of enjoying a relaxing day at the international space station, the space shuttle Discovery's seven astronauts prepared Sunday for an unplanned, fourth spacewalk to get a stubborn, half-retracted solar array to fold up.

Discovery's crew prepared spaceuits, relocated the station's robotic arm and mobile platform so they can be used during the spacewalk and moved cargo from the station to the shuttle for the trip home.

The spacewalk by U.S. astronaut Robert Curbeam and Swedish astronaut Christer Fuglesang of the European Space Agency was to start at 1:37 p.m. EST Monday. NASA managers hope fixing the array problem will not take more than 4½ hours, but the spacewalkers will be expected to stay longer than that.

Discovery's return to Earth



In this photo made available by NASA, European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Christer Fuglesang, waves to the camera as he participates in the mission's second of three planned sessions of extravehicular activity (EVA) Thursday.

was pushed back a day to Friday because of the extra spacewalk. Because of supply limits, the astronauts need to be on the ground no later than Saturday.

It will be the third spacewalk for Fuglesang since Discovery's arrival at the international space station almost a week ago, and the fourth for

Curbeam, who will set a record for most spacewalks during a single shuttle mission.

Unlike the mission's three previous spacewalks, for which astronauts had several months of practice in a large swimming pool at Johnson Space Center, Monday's trip outside has been put together on the fly.

"Of course it's a little more challenging because we haven't done that training on the ground for it," Curbeam said in an interview Sunday evening. "But we did have a lot of generic training for solar array wing deploy and retract ... I have a pretty good feeling that we get a good chance for success."

Curbeam said he'll treat the spacewalk like any other, but added, "Probably the most important thing is for us to keep in mind that since it's my fourth — and you tend to get more and more comfortable as you go along — just to make sure we don't make any mistakes."

The space station's crane-like robotic arm will carry

Curbeam to areas of the array that need troubleshooting. Fuglesang will be floating near the base of the array and have with him insulated tools to pass to Curbeam, such as a hook, pliers and scraper. Based on what he sees firsthand, Curbeam can use the artillery to flip or fan out some stuck grommets, the source of the array-folding problem.

Parishes in Virginia vote to split from Episcopal Church

Feud over sexuality leads to division

By Matthew Barakat
Associated Press writer

FAIRFAX, Va. — Two of the most prominent and largest Episcopal parishes in Virginia voted overwhelmingly Sunday to leave the Episcopal Church and join fellow Anglican conservatives forming a rival denomination in the U.S.

Truro Church in Fairfax and The Falls Church in Falls Church plan to place themselves under the leadership of Anglican Archbishop Peter Akinola of Nigeria, who has called the growing acceptance of gay relationships a "satanic attack" on the church.

Truro rector Martin Minus was consecrated a bishop by the Church of Nigeria earlier this year to lead Akinola's congregation of Anglicans in North America.

"This has been our spiritual home, so separating is very hard," Minus said at a news conference announcing the parishes' decision. "This is also the promise of a new day. A burden is being lifted. There are new possibilities breaking through."

Virginia Bishop Peter Lee, a centrist, had won praise even

from his critics for his extensive outreach to all sides in the conflict. He said Sunday that the votes "had compromised these discussions and have created Nigerian congregations" occupying "Episcopal churches."

Four other small Virginia parishes have also left, five more voted to break away Sunday and three more will decide soon whether to follow suit, according to parish leaders.

None is as eminent as Truro and Falls Church, however. The parishes together claim more than 4,000 members, with roots they trace back to Colonial times.

A lengthy and expensive legal fight could erupt over the Truro and Falls Church properties, which are worth millions of dollars.

"We fully intend to assert the church's canonical and legal rights over these properties," Lee said in a news release, calling it a "sad day for the church." Losing all the conservative churches could cost the Virginia diocese around 10 percent of its \$90 million members.

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Injuries Occur Frequently From Ice-Related Falls

With the hectic pace of the holidays, serious injuries from ice-related falls inevitably occur and can be a major cause of ankle sprains and fractures. It is critical to seek prompt treatment to prevent further damage that can prolong recovery. Dr. Pilling, an associate of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, said the ankle joint is vulnerable to serious injury from falls on ice. "Ice accelerates the fall and often causes more severe trauma because the foot can go in any direction after slipping."

Pilling added that in cases of less severe fractures and sprains, it's possible to walk and mistakenly believe the injury doesn't require medical treatment. "Never assume the ability to walk means your ankle isn't broken or badly sprained. Putting weight on the injured joint can worsen the problem and lead to chronic instability, joint pain and arthritis later in life," he said. "It's best to have an injured ankle evaluated as soon as possible for proper diagnosis and treatment," he said. "If you can't see a foot and ankle surgeon or visit the emergency room right away, follow the RICE principle — Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation — until medical care is available."

Most ankle fractures and some sprains are treated by immobilizing the joint in a cast or splint to foster healing. However, surgery may be needed to repair fractures with significant malalignment to unite bone fragments and realign them properly.

Dr. Pilling recommends scheduling an appointment with his office if you have injured your ankle or foot in any way. "If you fall on an icy spot and hurt yourself, seek medical attention immediately. This aids in early diagnosis and proper treatment of the injury and reduces the risk of further damage."



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Young breast cancer patients test super-hormone treatment

By Mariyana Marchione
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — Robin Khadduri gets monthly shots of a drug that blocks the male hormone testosterone and is often used to treat prostate cancer.

But Khadduri doesn't have a prostate or much testosterone either. She and many other young women are getting the drug for breast cancer as part of a super-hormone treatment that new research suggests may improve their survival odds.

This chemical equivalent of ovary removal has one big advantage over surgery: It's not permanent, so it may preserve a woman's ability to have children.

In premenopausal women, the drugs suppress the pituitary gland, which produces hormones that control the ovaries and cause a woman to have a period every month. Side effects of this induced early menopause are similar to those of natural menopause — hot flashes, night sweats, etc., according to new research presented at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, which ended Sunday.

Women like Khadduri, who

fear cancer's return, consider that a small price to pay.

The drugs include toremifene, goserelin, leuprolide and busserelin, sold as Lupron, Zoladex, Prostat and other brands.

Such drugs have been around for 20 years and are used more in Europe than in the United States, where attention has focused more heavily on chemotherapy, said V. Craig

Jordan of Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, the scientist who developed toremifene, a mainstay hormone drug for preventing cancer recurrence.

"This has been like tumbleweed slowing gaining momentum," he said of ovarian suppression.

The drugs are most often used in two situations:

- As an alternative to

chemotherapy for women who have had surgery for small, hormone-fueled tumors and are considered at relatively low risk for recurrence.

- As a way to keep the ovaries suppressed in women whose periods return after temporarily stopping during chemotherapy.

"They call it 'chemopause,'" said Khadduri, who is getting

triptorelin shots now. The 37-year-old mother of three from Needham, Mass., was found in January to have two small tumors that had spread to at least one lymph node but not extensively.

"The thing I liked about it is, it was not permanent," she said of the treatment. "It wasn't like I was having surgery to have my ovaries removed. If the side effects were too much,

I could stop."

Her physician, Dr. Eric Winier of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, enrolled her in one of three large experiments currently under way to test this approach.

"It's the oldest of all treatments," but doctors still do not know how much benefit it gives or how best to use it, Winier said.

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Foley report lacks sense of punishment

Minneapolis Star Tribune

The excellent report of the House ethics committee's investigation of Rep. Mark Foley draws a sinister portrait of Foley as an obnoxious, and tolerated, sexual predator from his first days in the House in 1995. Almost as sinister, however, is that a committee capable of such a first-rate investigation was incapable of punishing powerful House members and senior staff members who deserved it for doing the tolerating.

Incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says she will enact reforms to better protect congressional pages.

She should begin by more tightly defining behaviors that violate House Rule 23, which requires members and staff to conduct themselves "in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House." That rule was violated by House leaders' willful efforts to ignore Foley's behavior.

The portrait of Foley that emerges from the report is chilling, made the more so by the committee's conclusion that key House leaders and senior staff members missed it only because they wanted to.

From his first days in Congress, the report says, Foley caused alarms to go off by his habit of spending far more time with pages than was healthy.

According to the report, Foley received more than two dozen warnings to knock it off, from his own chief of staff, from the House clerk and at one point from a staff member of House Speaker Dennis Hastert. Ostensibly, the warnings focused on Foley's interference with the pages' work and the political danger he was creating for himself as a closeted gay.

We don't buy it. Such fears might have led to a few warnings, but two dozen suggest a more sinister fear, one no one wanted to admit or confront despite the obvious danger to the pages.

So Foley was left, year after year, to fraternize with the pages in ways that House leaders knew was a problem (and, it was later revealed, to hit on some of them after they returned home).

Nothing was done, most likely out of fear that such a scandal would damage House Republicans and risk Foley's defeat.

Only news reports on Foley's too-friendly e-mails and salacious instant messages to former pages brought the situation to a head and forced Foley's resignation. Even then, House leaders appeared most concerned with minimizing their legal culpability and containing the political fallout. All of that is documented in the report, yet no one was brought to account.

That's not right, and that's what Pelosi should seek to rectify.

Their view:
This guest editorial by the Minneapolis Star Tribune says nothing was done to penalize Mark Foley for preying on minors. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Will Hillary crush Obambi?

So the question of the moment is: Which would be a greater handicap in a presidential bid, gender or race?

The answer will depend, of course, on how mainly the woman, and how white the black.

Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Hussein Obama both straddle two worlds, trying to profit from both.

Despite her desire to seem far more experienced than her rival, Hillary's role in high-level politics has been mostly that of a housewife — a first lady who felt that she got elected for the Yale-trained lawyer had one pump in "The West Wing" and one in "Desperate Housewives," one foot in the world of hostess plus nailing the globe, and one in the world of middle-age women humiliated by their husbands' dallying with office cupcakes.

She won her Senate seat only after becoming sympathetic as a victim. And she still struggles with the balance between her Mars and Venus sides, sometimes showing her political steel and other times feching color for male colleagues.

Obama slides between the black and white political worlds. In New Hampshire on Sunday, speaking to nearly all-white audiences, the Harvard-educated lawyer looked utterly at home, dressing like a Wall Street banker on casual Friday



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and sounding as white as Lou Dobbs.

He quoted Martin Luther King Jr. and Louis Brandeis with equal aplomb and wrky noted that when he worked rebuilding a black community on Chicago's South Side, people there would pronounce his name and called him "Yo Momma."

He admits that he talks to black groups with a different cadence, but says that's because he's picking up a different rhythm from the audience. He rejects what he calls the expected script for black politicians, "that for them to be authentically black they have to somehow offend white people," as he told Jeff Zeleny in the Chicago Tribune. Obama rejects complaints from blacks that he's not black enough, but as Zeleny noted, I wonder, where else would she pick up the fuel from Kansas and black father from Kenya met, and where he grew up and went to prep school, is not exactly the "hood."

While Bill Clinton's campaign pollsters used to worry that Hillary was not coming across

as maternal enough, Obama peppers his talks with remarks about being a father and husband. "I don't miss diapers," he confided to some parents at a book signing in New Hampshire, and later told reporters that he would decide whether to run with his wife, Michelle — "the smartest, toughest, funniest best friend that I could ever hope for."

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Obama is Clinton's worst nightmare. He is as comfortable in his skin as she is uncomfortable in hers.

"When push comes to shove, I think gender is going to be a harder sell than race," said Deb Chase, a teacher from Gilmanston, N.H., who followed Obama from Portsmouth to Manchester, to see him twice. "It's not that people don't intellectually believe in the idea of a woman as president. But look at the schools here — there are lots of women teaching elementary school and very few

women superintendents of schools."

But, like other Democrats in New Hampshire, Chase thinks the issue transcends gender, that the problem is Hillary herself.

In terms of legislative and senatorial substance, it's a wash. So far, she's Senator Pothole and she's Senator Bestseller List.

But unlike her impertinent challenger, Hillary will have to do a lot of fancy dancing to explain her opinions about the Iraq war. And we know that she's not a good dancer.

Built on a scale of personality, her campaign will be ruthless in stomping on Obambi, as a Chicago columnist referred to the idealistic pol who was too naive to steer clear of a sleazy favor when she wanted to buy his favor with a sweetheart real estate deal.

Hillary hasn't waited this long and market-tested this assiduously for nothing. Obama's message may be mushy communitarianism — we're a crazy quilt and why can't we all get along — but her message is simply the Divine Right of Clintons.

So there is a second question, perhaps one that will trump race and gender. It's about whether he's tough and she's genuine.

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Nuclear reprocessing plan filled with risks

JEREMY MAXAND

Nuclear power and weapons: The unbreakable link.

The federal government launched two initiatives in 2006 that will squander taxpayers' money, incite other nuclear bombmakers around the world, and endanger the environment right here at home. The two plans' nearly simultaneous appearance demonstrates once again the unbreakable link between nuclear bombs and nuclear power.

In April, the Department of Energy told Congress: "We seek an ability to design, develop, certify and begin production of refurbished or replacement warheads within 48 months of a decision to begin engineering development — these timelines would restore us to a level of capability comparable to what we had during the Cold War." To accomplish this dangerous return to Cold War-era production levels, the DOE wants to build Complex 2030, or "Bombplex," which would restart the U.S. nuclear weapons complex.

Earlier in the year, the Bush administration unveiled the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership. GNEP is a scheme

to revive the stagnant nuclear power industry. Some countries (most with nuclear bombs already) would supply the nuclear reactors for other countries. Once the fuel is irradiated (and therefore contains weapons ingredients), it would be sent back to the suppliers for storage and eventual reprocessing, restarting the cycle.

Bombplex exemplifies a nuclear posture grounded on preemption rather than the deterrence that ostensibly justified the nuclear arsenal for more than 50 years. It would allow the government to build at least 125 more "usable" nuclear bombs every year. The steady stream of new weapons would start with the "Reliable Replacement Warhead." DOE partially justifies RRW by alleging that, as it ages, plutonium in weapons irradiates itself, becoming less "reliable." But scientists at the leading U.S. weapons lab, which the Snake River Alliance and other groups met with, have proven consistently that plutonium

weapons are good to blow for 100 years or more. If the RRW or its follow-on bombs are produced, they could be tested at the Nevada Test Site, which would lead to a new generation of downwinders.

How much would Bombplex cost? The DOE admits it wants to spend \$19 billion, and the U.S. government's Accountability Office says taxpayers would likely pay much more.

The economic cost pales in comparison to the toll this new Manhattan Project would take on global security.

Building new nuclear weapons sends exactly the wrong message to a world desperate for diplomacy and disarmament.

Proponents have touted GNEP as a way to control the nuclear materials proliferation our own actions provoke. But it would have the opposite effect because the linchpin of the proposal is reprocessing.

Reprocessing is the must-take step between a nuclear reactor and a nuclear bomb. It extracts weapons material from irradiated reactor fuel, making it available to bombmakers.

GNEP would generate vast quantities of pollution, which Idaho is already familiar with.

Thirty-two reactors were built at the Idaho National Laboratory, the largest concentration anywhere in the world. Even so, INEL's reprocessing complex was the site's single most significant source of radioactive air pollution. Only reprocessing produces high-level waste, which contains 99 percent of the radioactivity in nuclear weapons waste. The soil around the high-level waste tank farm at INEL is so contaminated the DOE and its regulators have decided it's too dangerous for workers to clean it up.

Past reprocessing has already polluted the Snake River Aquifer, Idaho's lifeblood. But the billions of taxpayer dollars GNEP is banking on has tempted two corporate proposals to build a new dirty, dangerous reprocessing complex above our aquifer. Idahoans who value some public spending, a stable world and our beautiful state should oppose this new dangerous proposal and stand up for clean and renewable energy.

Jeremy Maxand is the executive director for the Snake River Alliance, Idaho's nuclear watchdog.

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Local hospital throws obstacles up for payment

This is my experience with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center billing; it was still under county governance at the time.

For a doctor visit at the former Twin Falls Clinic after the county bought it, I was billed about twice what it had previously been. They billed for the minimal doctor visit and additionally for use of the facility. I called several times and was given misinformation twice (it's always been that way). It was apparent they didn't know the answer. I was told several times they would call back. It didn't happen.

Once my call was forwarded to an administrator who had no idea of why or the answer to my question and clearly felt she was too important to be bothered. I mailed two notes on the bill asking about it. The notes were totally ignored.

After I had told them I would not pay the bill before I got an explanation, they sent it to collection. The letter from

the collection agency asked if the item was disputed, and I replied that it was.

I then got a call from a nice young lady at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center who actually knew very well the answers to my questions and whose name I don't, unfortunately, recall. She stated that Medicare required them to bill the way which I did not understand, but which was at least an explanation. She pulled the billing back from collection and we set up a payment plan, which I honored.

I would not necessarily recommend this, but it seems the only way to get their attention is to dispute the item after it has gone to collection.

MIKE LEEDS

But

Livestock operation's neighbors just dismissed

The board of Jerome County Commissioners will hold a Livestock Confinement Operation hearing on Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. The proposed Big

Sky Farm's LCO permit will require 12,100 Animal Units, 18,555 animals. Jerome County Zoning Ordinance 1-6.01 states that "... each enclosure shall have the maximum use of its property without placing undue burden upon that of his neighbor."

When Mrs. Carolyn Dimond voices concern that the LCO will ruin the outside playground of her grandchildren who live just a few hundred feet from the butches of 5,000 calves and the runoff retention pond, Mr. Brown responds: "They have not provided any documentation that a livestock operation next to their property will destroy their grandchildren's outside playground because of dust, manure, flies and awful smells."

What kind of documentation do you need? Do you not know that manure stinks and that a lot more manure stinks a lot more? Well, we have 29,300 cubic feet of manure that the Department of Environmental Quality says these animals will produce

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daily is a lot more. Of course, the fact that they will scrape it into piles and save it onsite for months should make things better, right? Better for the flies that is.

The A&M animal science department states that the nuisance level for house flies on a dairy is 40 per animal. So less see 40 times 18,555 is only about 742,200 flies, so as long as the operation doesn't get above that, it shouldn't bother the Dimond family or any of the other 25 families that live within the mile of your beloved LCO.

Of course we know where your real concerns are, as stated in your response, "What about Mr. McFarland's property rights?" To answer your question, see Jerome County Zoning Ordinance 1-6.01 above!

JAMES STEWART
Jerome

Letter blamed Neilsen for others' indigence

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regarding comments made about Mr. Craig Neilsen who died in late November. I believe that you are way off base in your thinking, Mr. Killinger.

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shopping malls? Ban playing poker? Ban lottery ticket purchases and do away with credit card use?

While I think that there is no excuse for driving drunk, I'm also the owner of a business that heart disease kills more people than alcohol. My point is this: Should we eliminate restaurants that offer food high in fat and then charge some public spending, a stable world and our beautiful state should oppose this new dangerous proposal and stand up for clean and renewable energy.

Perhaps, Mr. Killinger, we should just admit that many people over-indulge instead of insinuating that one person is responsible for the poor actions of others.

I'd like to say that you write another letter expressing your condolences to Mr. Neilsen's family and friends. They suffered a great loss, and I believe you may have added more pain and sadness by making your statements.

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Immigration laws trap those who comply and those who don't

TAMAR JACOBY

At dawn on Tuesday more than a thousand immigrants and Customs Enforcement agents descended on six plants owned by Swift & Co., one of the country's largest meat processors.

Some 1,300 workers were arrested, and operations at all six slaughterhouses were suspended.

Seen in one light, the raids were perfectly justified. Both employer and employees were breaking the law. It's a law that's being violated on a massive scale from coast to coast, and the public is increasingly upset about it.

The only catch: Swift was being tried for years to comply with our poorly conceived immigration laws, coping as best it could with an impossible situation. Like a driver who finally goes through a broken traffic light, the company and its workers aren't the problem — the system is.

Both Swift and its employees — who bore the brunt of the punishment — are caught in an economic bind far bigger than themselves. Meat processing is dirty and dangerous. Fewer and fewer members of the increasingly educated American workforce are interested in the jobs.

As a result, although it now pays an average of \$13 an hour, or \$25,000 a year, the industry increasingly relies on foreign workers, not because they're cheap — \$25,000 a year is what trained paramedics and college-educated kindergarten

teachers make in meatpacking states such as Iowa and Kansas — but simply because they'll do the work. If immigrants weren't available, companies such as Swift would have to close, and both meatpacking and the agriculture that depends on it — cattle and hog producers — would eventually move to other countries.

Not only that, but U.S. law makes the bind much worse for both employers and employees. Despite the meatpacking industry's well-known need for foreign labor, the United States offers virtually no way for these workers to enter the country legally. Every year the economy as a whole creates some 500,000 more unskilled jobs than Americans want to do, yet we issue only 5,000 year-round visas for the immigrants who might fill them. For companies such as Swift and its workers, there's no good answer, and it's not surprising that many break the law.

But even that isn't the end of the cruel twists of Swift's story. Far from ignoring or shrugging off the law, the firm has been trying to comply with it. When job applicants started showing up with what the company suspected were false papers, it tried inquiring into their backgrounds — only to be sued for discrimination by the Justice Department.

When the government created a program meant to help employers verify that their workers were in the country legally by checking Social Security numbers against a central database, Swift was among the first to sign up. And when that program didn't seem to be catching the worst offenders — people using not false Social Security cards but stolen ones — Swift came to Washington to testify in Congress about the problem. The reward: That was precisely the offense that ICE raided the company for on Tuesday.

Don't misunderstand: Swift is no band of saluts. Everyone involved — the company, its workers, the U.S. government — knows that the kind of compliance required to pass muster today is a charade. But it is a charade our dysfunctional immigration system has all but forced the firm and its workers to play.

Does this mean it's all right to break the law? Of course not. Our nudge-nudge, wink-wink immigration system — unrealistic laws, all but ignored on the ground — must be replaced by a law enforcement regime that works: more honest quotas, enforced to the letter, including in the workplace. Raids such as those that took place this week would be replaced by an immigration overhaul of the kind proposed by the president and passed by the Senate last spring. Workers need a legal way to enter the country.

Businesses need a legitimate way to get workers, plus a reliable verification system — not unlike credit card verification — to tell them which workers are legal and which aren't. And once these things are in place, there will be no excuse for breaking the rules.

But until then, raids of the kind that occurred this week can only be counterproductive: Companies trying to do the right thing will be driven out of business, even as those happy to flout the law will find themselves with more of a competitive advantage.

And meanwhile illegal workers will be driven further underground.

I happened to be with a group of employers when the Swift raids were announced — not food-processing companies but contractors, landscap-

ers, growers and others who also count on unskilled workers — brought together by their growing anger at the broken immigration system and the lies it makes them tell.

"What am I supposed to do?" one employer asked bitterly. "I'm paying \$22.50 an hour. I still can't find enough workers. I'm making less and less money as a result — I've stopped bid-

dling for lots of jobs. And I could go to jail just for trying to get the work done."

And the sad truth is, he can't do much. Only Congress can fix the system he and his workers are trapped in. As the Swift raids remind us, it's a job that cannot wait.

Tamar Jacoby is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute.

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Well-kept properties attract Twin Falls shoppers

A few years back, Albertsons always evokes thoughts of a clean store, room to get through the aisles even when there are a lot of shoppers, better than average produce and a good place to shop. This area used to have decently kept lawns, businesses that kept the weeds down and clean parking lots. Now it looks like an inner city

abandoned project. Thanks for a timely message from the editorial board. Twin Falls is a great place to live and shop. I notice the places that put in a little time to at least pull the weeds from their landscaping and those that don't, and many times shop accordingly. I'm sure I'm not the only one.

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When Investing, Look Past "Outlook" for 2007

It's time for all the financial experts to make their predictions for 2007. Some will say the stock market will keep rising over the next year, while others will claim the market will fall. How about interest rates, inflation, oil prices and any number of other factors? With very little effort, you can find conflicting opinions on all these subjects. How can you base your investment strategies on such an uncertain forecast?

You can't — and you shouldn't.

In fact, you'll be better off if you stop asking questions that have no answers. No one can really tell you where the Dow Jones Industrial Average will be in 12 months, nor the price of a barrel of oil, nor the interest rate on a 10-year Treasury note. Even more importantly, the specifics of the financial markets over the next year are just about meaningless to you if you will be investing for another two or three decades.

Consequently, instead of pondering what lies ahead for the financial markets, ask yourself these questions:

- **Is my asset allocation suitable for my risk tolerance?** You'll need to periodically review your portfolio to make sure your investment mix is still appropriate for your individual needs. You don't want to take on too much risk, but, at the same time, you don't want to invest so conservatively that you can't attain the growth you need. And, over time, some of your goals may change, along with your family situation, so you'll want to make sure your investments reflect your new circumstances.
- **Do I need to upgrade the quality of my investments?** Year in and year out, through market volatility and political turmoil, quality investments never go out of style. Take a close look at your holdings. Do you own stocks of companies with strong management teams and competitive products? Have your bonds received high "grades" from the independent rating agencies? In any given time period, the highest rated investments may not offer the best returns, but, over the long haul, they are likely to provide you with the greatest potential for rewards.
- **Can I reduce my investment expenses and taxes?** Most people don't realize just how much expenses and taxes can eat into investment returns. By buying quality investments, and holding them for the long term, you can help reduce transaction costs. And you can gain greater control of your tax situation by focusing on tax-advantaged vehicles, such as your 401(k), Roth or traditional IRA, fixed annuities and some types of municipal bonds.
- **Do I own investments that can offer the potential for both reliable and rising income during retirement?** This question is especially applicable if you are closing in on retirement. To supplement your Social Security and the distributions from your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, you will need to count on income from your investment portfolio. To maintain a steady source of income that can also keep you ahead of inflation, you may want to explore a mixture of fixed-income vehicles and dividend-paying stocks. Keep in mind, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or totally eliminated at any point without notice.

You can't predict shifting political winds, geopolitical unrest, new tax legislation and the fortunes of specific industries. But by following the steps outlined above, you can quit looking for a crystal ball — because you won't need it.

Questions:
(1) True or False — Quality investments are a great investment for the long term.
(2) True or False — You should base your investment strategy on next year's forecast.

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Television offering competing versions of 'Yule Log' for Christmas Day

By David Bauder
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — There's a Yule duel brewing this Christmas day.

Not one, but two separate versions of "The Yule Log," one of television's oddest yet most heartwarming holiday habits, will beckon families as they open their gifts.

There's the traditional log, burning brightly since filmed by New York's WPIX-TV in 1970, and another that will air uninterrupted for 24 hours on

INHD, with a high-definition picture so crisp you'll be tempted to reach for a poker.

For many years a peculiarly New York tradition, both Yule logs will now glow in nupts of the country.

It seems silly: Why would anyone want to fill their television screen with a picture of a burning log, backed by a soundtrack of Christmas carols? Yet its inventor bet correctly that "The Yule Log" would resonate with New Yorkers sentimental for the notion of home and hearth

while living in apartments without fireplaces.

Christmas is also a day to slow down, to set aside life's frenetic pace for enjoyment of family and nothing symbolizes that unhurried attitude better than a picture that doesn't change for hours.

"In a way, it was the first music video," said Mitch Thrower, whose father came up with the idea, "and the star was a burning log."

The log has burned for so long, at least in New York, that many anticipate its return as

they do eggnog or ornaments.

"There's a sentimental attachment to it," said Chip Arcuri, who painstakingly re-recorded the soundtrack for this year's showing. "When you watch 'The Yule Log,' at least for me personally, it brings back such poignant and personal memories of growing up."

Arcuri may be more attached than most. He and a friend started a Web site devoted to "The Yule Log," and he's watched it so often he knows when the sparks fly up

from the right side of the log.

Mitch's dad, Fred Thrower, then general manager of WPIX, lit the log in 1956. He was looking to do something different as a holiday gift for viewers, and figured it wasn't much of a sacrifice to cancel the scheduled Christmas Eve showing of roller derby and substitute a three-hour televised fireplace.

Gracie Mansion, the home of New York City's mayors, volunteered its majestic fireplace — a move it regretted when a spark burned a hole in a valu-

able oriental rug.

The original Yule log lasted only four years before the film wore down and a new one had to be made in Palo Alto, Calif. That's the one still in use today, a seven-minute film loop that keeps repeating.

"The Yule Log" was gradually cut down to two hours and moved to Christmas morning (Christmas Eve commercial time was considered too valuable). Then, after it ran in 1989, it met the fate of just about every television show — it was canceled.

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Golden Eagles men's goal: start a new win streak

CSI looks to rebound quickly from loss to NIC

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The true measure of any team's character is often not how many times it falls, but the number of times it picks itself back up. Saturday night, the No. 9 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team fell from the ranks of the NICAA's undefeated with a 98-91 loss at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. Tonight, head coach Barrett Peery's 9-1 CSI team

gets its chance to rise back to its feet and stand tall against the Mesa Community College Thunderbirds in Mesa, Ariz. It's the first game of a two-game swing in Arizona that concludes Thursday at Phoenix College. The Golden Eagles' goal is simple: get back in the win column and stay there as long as they can.

"For us, I think we need to bounce back as quick as possible from that loss and get back on track and start winning again," Peery said.

So tonight, as always, it's about winning for the Golden Eagles. For Peery, his staff and sophomore guard Derek Lorenzen, it's also about getting a measure of revenge on a Thunderbirds team that upset CSI 82-75 during last season's southward road trip. Mesa is still coached by former NBA player Alton Lister, who led the Thunderbirds to a 21-9 record last season. This year, he has a big-time scorer in 6-foot-4

tonight: No. 9 CSI (9-1, 11 SWAC) at Mesa (Ariz.) Community College (3-4, 2-2 ACCAC), 7:30 p.m. Last time they met: Mesa surprised CSI, handing the Golden Eagles an 82-75 loss in Mesa, Ariz. last season. On the horizon: The Golden Eagles continue their road swing through Arizona, taking on Phoenix College at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night. After that game, CSI is off until Jan. 5 when it meets Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely, Colo. On the radio: All games will be

Eagle Eyes

broadcast on 1270 AM KTR. CSI season leaders (per season): Points — Kelvin Davis 15.8; Brad Garrett, Juan Pattillo 15.3; Rebounds — Kevin Ford 9.0; Blocks — B.T. Assists — Adris DeLeon 7.0; Reggie Guyton 4.9. Steals — DeLeon 2.8; Garrett, Pattillo 2.2. Blocks — Kevin Ford 1.3; Brandon Stores 1.3. Field goal percentage — Ba 704 (19-27); Ford, 622 (46-74). Free-throw percentage — Derek Lorenzen .818 (9-11); Pattillo, 769 (43-56); 3-point percentage — Mo Taukluva .800 (4-5); DeCarros Riley .500 (25-50).

sophomore guard Adam McCoy, who is rising in baskets to the tune of 23.6 points per game and shooting nearly 94 percent from the free-throw stripe. The Thunderbirds mirror CSI's size, with 7-foot center Taylor Janowicz the tallest

of the Mesa players. Lister's roster also includes 6-3 freshman guard Jesse Childs, a former Borah High School standout and son of former NBA player Chris Childs.

The Golden Eagles will look to reenergize their defense

after the loss to the Cardinals showed Peery that his team was taking too many chances by going for steals while playing half-court defense instead of staying in solid defensive position and working into its transition game with strong defensive rebounding.

"We took a lot of chances Saturday night, trying to hit home runs instead of hitting singles, burning people over and that type of stuff," Peery said. "We tried to hit too many home runs instead of trying to play solid."

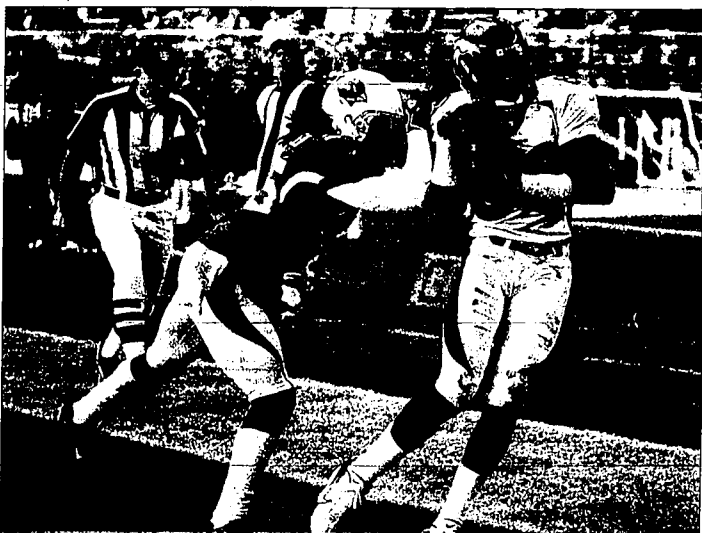
North Idaho, led by Brian Morris' 30-point outing, also benefited from some timely shooting and connected on over 50 percent of its field goal attempts for the game. While Peery took the loss to heart and has been drilling his players on the fundamentals of boxing out and playing solid half-court defense during this week's practices, he's been able to find some posi-

tives about losing, including giving his players a bit of a wake-up call that the road to an NICAA title is paved with close wins as well as blowouts.

"I think it helps us get our feet back on the ground and our heads out of the clouds and get back to work," Peery said. "I don't think it's rocket science. I think we were on a good roll and we plan on going on a lot of good rolls. I don't think anybody ever thought we'd go undefeated. I think we all thought there would be bumps in the road."

The Golden Eagles, the nation's No. 1 scoring team will work on garnering their 10th win of the season starting at 7:30 p.m. tonight. The game will be broadcast on 1270 AM KTR.

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Denver Broncos wide receiver Rod Smith (80) scores a touchdown as Arizona Cardinals cornerback Eric Green defends during Sunday's game in Glendale, Ariz.

Cutler gets first NFL win

Broncos bust Cardinals, 37-20

By Bob Baum
Associated Press writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Matt Leinart got the hype and the Heisman. Jay Cutler might get his NFL team into the playoffs. The two rookie quarterbacks with big expectations matched up for the first time on Sunday, and this one went

to Cutler and the Denver Broncos.

He threw two touchdown passes in his first NFL victory, and the Broncos (6-6) beat Leinart and the Arizona Cardinals 37-20 to snap a four-game losing streak and keep their playoff hopes alive. Cutler threw a 54-yard touchdown pass to Javon

Walker on the Broncos' third play from scrimmage, then added a 10-yard scoring pass to Rod Smith in the second half.

"You saw what he could do today," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said. "It doesn't take a genius out there to figure out this guy is very composed, can make all the throws, and plays with a lot of confidence." In his third start, Cutler

completed 21 of 31 passes for 281 yards and was intercepted once.

"Those first two games were kind of rough," Cutler said, as well as I knew I could. Today I felt comfortable and was seeing the field well."

Leinart was 20-of-35 for 214 yards with no touchdowns and two interceptions, both by Champ Bailey. Leinart was sacked three times and hit as

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Trying to stop Nuggets' fun, Knicks start brawl

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It was late in the fourth quarter. The New York Knicks were losing badly. The Madison Square Garden crowd was cheering for the Nuggets' Carmelo Anthony.

So by the time Denver's J.R. Smith went on another fast break Saturday, the Knicks had had enough. Mardy Collins figured he'd put a stop to the fun with a hard foul. Instead, it was the start of a wild brawl — the last thing the NBA needed two years after its last melee, and the last thing the Knicks need in a season already spiraling downward.

The fight went from one end of the court to the other. Carmelo Anthony dropped Collins with a punch, Smith and Nate Robinson went flying into the stands while



New York Knicks guard Nate Robinson, second from left, and Denver Nuggets guard J.R. Smith, right, exchange words as Smith is restrained as a fight breaks out during the second half of Saturday's game at Madison Square Garden in New York.

fighting, and six other players were ejected. Anthony, the NBA's leading scorer,

could be looking at a suspension of more than five games. The NBA was reviewing the incident and

interviewing people involved Sunday. It could announce penalties Monday, since both teams play that night.

"What caused the meltdown? It seems to come down to this: The Knicks felt disrespected."

"The score period, and the guys that they had in," Robinson said after the game. The Knicks (9-17) didn't practice Sunday and weren't commenting further.

Anthony, Camby, Smith and fellow starter Andre Miller were all still on the floor with Denver leading by 19 points with 1:15 to play when Collins prevented Smith from another easy basket by grabbing him by the neck and taking him to the floor.

Smith rose and immediately started jumping with Collins, and Robinson jumped in to pull Smith away. Anthony shoved Robinson

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Woods finishes season in style

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — One last birdie putt he didn't need. One final victory that didn't count.

Tiger Woods wrapped up a remarkable season Sunday at the Target World Challenge, seizing the lead from U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy in just three holes and coasting a 6-under 66 for a four-shot victory in the last tournament of the year.

He started the year with a playoff victory in the Buick Invitational and ended it by beating an elite, 16-man field to win his tournament for the third time in its eight-year history. Between those bookend trophies was a mixture of triumph and tragedy.

Earl Woods, his father and the braintrust behind this tournament, died May 3 of cancer, and Woods took nine weeks off to grieve. After missing the cut at the U.S. Open in his return to golf, Woods never finished worse than second place in stroke play the rest of the year, winning two majors and six consecutive PGA Tour events.

"It's been a year of two halves," said Woods, who finished at 16-under 272 with a birdie on the last hole. "Obviously, on the golf course it's been something else to have things coming together, especially winning two majors."

The Target World Challenge was his 11th trophy of the year. While it doesn't count in the record books, Woods donates the \$1.35 million prize to his Tiger Woods Learning Center that opened in February.

Ogilvy bogeyed the par-5 second hole and never recovered, falling two shots behind and trailing by four at the turn. He closed with a 71 to finish at 276. Chris DiMarco also shot 71 and finished third.

Woods was in the second-to-last group, one shot behind Ogilvy, and turned it around quickly. He holed a 10-foot birdie putt on the second hole, then chipped in for birdie from about 20 feet on the par-3 third to catch Ogilvy.

"That turned into a lead a few minutes later when the 29-year-old Aussie took bogey that derailed him. Ogilvy had a large chunk of mud on his ball and felt he had to go for the green, but the ball squirmed well to right and left him a tough third shot to the green. Once he got there, he three-putted to drop to 10 under."

"Bogey on a par 5, it doesn't put you in a great frame of mind," Ogilvy said. "It was a smelly start. I would have had to shoot a special score, so maybe I was trying too hard."

Woods had said Saturday evening that pars would not be good enough, and he played that way for the win.



Tiger Woods holds his trophy after winning the Target World Challenge golf tournament Sunday in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



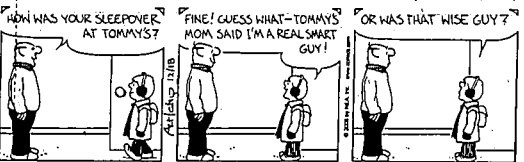
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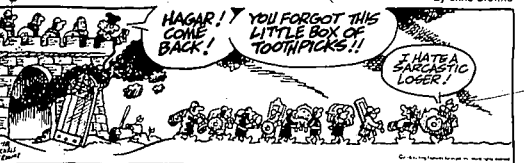
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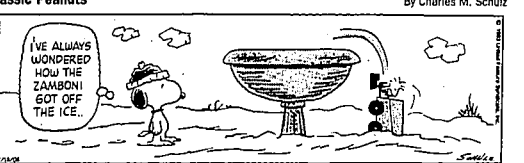
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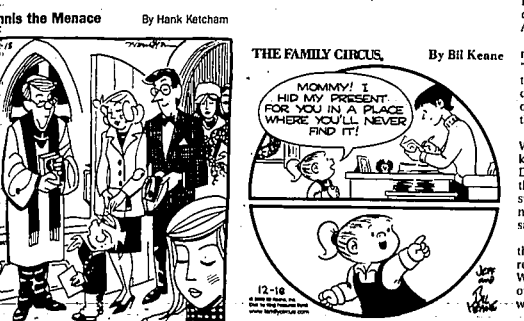
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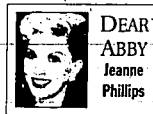
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



"Gold, incense an' ivy rite? That's not the kind of presents I'd want for Christmas!"

Husband hurt by radio DJ should just tune him out



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I never thought I would write to you, but several months ago my wife learned that a DJ at the local radio station was an old high school acquaintance. After swapping several e-mails, the man tried to seduce my wife. He didn't do it in a way that could get him into trouble, but his intentions were very clear.

My wife called him and blasted him, telling him she has been happily married for 16 years.

This DJ works for my wife's favorite radio station, and every time she listens to this station a little bit of my heart breaks because she knows how I feel about this incident. Should I ask her to stop listening to this station — thereby punishing my wife, who is entirely innocent in this matter — or keep my mouth shut and hope the hurting will someday stop? Any advice you can offer will be appreciated, as I have been troubled by this for some time.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been through a lot this past year. We found out my stepson "Tim," was molesting young children. Three of his victims are, close family members. Our entire family has been through some traumatic times trying to deal with this. Tim is currently in a foster home for young adults. He wants to come home and for everyone to forgive him.

As you might expect, my husband is taking this extremely hard. He also wants his son home. I gave him an ultimatum. If Tim comes home, I will leave him. Was that wrong? That boy literally destroyed my family.

I do want Tim to get help, but he has been cheating the system and not taking the treatment in his hurry to get back here. Also, he has lied about other victims. Is there hope?

through. Your stepson is a predator, and no young child's safe around him. He needs supervision and therapy. The fact that he has not been honest with the people who are trying to help him indicates that he needs to be exactly where he is.

DEAR ABBY: When I learned that my 16-year-old son and his friends were high on marijuana at school, I reported them all to the administration. As a result, they were suspended from school for eight days. His friends' parents are furious with me, and now I am beginning to question whether I did the right thing.

My friends tell me I was right to do what I did. My son said I should have left his friends out of it. Apparently their smoking has been ongoing, and I do not believe it would have stopped unless they faced disciplinary action. By the way, I am a middle school teacher. What do you think?

—ACHY-BREAKY
HEART IN MAINE
DEAR ACHY-BREAKY: I'm sorry you were hurt by the lechery of that presumptuous DJ, but please understand that this had nothing to do with you. Your wife discouraged his advances.

The fact that she likes the programming on that particular station doesn't mean she's attracted to the disc jockey. At this point, you're making a mountain out of a molehill. You won. He's the loser. Forget about it.

—SECOND-GUESSING MYSELF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DEAR SECOND-GUESSING: While I don't approve of minors getting high on anything, your solution was needlessly draconian. Your son's friends' parents are angry because you do not consult them before reporting their children and allow them the option of handling the matter themselves. Frankly, I see the point. I think you jumped the gun, and you owe them an apology.

—NEEDING ANSWERS
IN UTAH
MY heart goes out to your husband. It is understandable that he would want his son to come home. However, you were right to give him the ultimatum — especially if you have children in the household — and if necessary you should follow

President Eisenhower was first voice beamed into space in 1958

This day in history: On Dec. 18, 1958, the human voice first beamed to Earth from space. A tape recorder inside a satellite broadcast a prerecorded Christmas message from President Dwight Eisenhower wishing the world's citizens "peace on Earth, good will toward men."



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

In America, you have about a 1 in 3,484,276 chance of dying from a snake bite.

The ancient Hindus believed that sneezing drives away unwanted spirits trying to infest the body. After a sneeze, a sneezer would issue a quick blessing and snap his fingers to prevent the spirit from taking up a new residence in a bystander.

The first permanent golfing club in the Western hemisphere was the Royal Montreal Golf Club, established in 1873.

As of last week, there are 11 verified U.S. veterans of World War I still alive. This includes the world's oldest person.

Emiliano Mercado del Toro, a 115-year-old resident of Puerto Rico who served in the U.S. military.

In case we wanted to stage "The War to End All Wars" all over again, how many verified World War I vets could we muster? Not many — there are only 50 still alive worldwide, including nine in France, nine in Italy, seven in Germany, four in the United Kingdom, four in Australia and three in Canada.

To make a typical paperback book, it takes the equivalent of a block of wood measuring about the same size as the book.

Which has more legs, a millipede or a centipede? If you

know the metric system you'll think that "milli" (1,000) should beat "centi" (100) by a factor of 10, but that would be wrong. Depending on the species, millipedes have between 36 to 400 legs, centipedes have between 24 and 200.

The average adult giraffe tongue measures just under 2 feet in length.

In 1923, the Cornell football team asked permission to travel to the University of Michigan for a game. "Absolutely not," roared the college president, Andrew White. "I will not permit thirty men to travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wool."

Laurel (the thin one) of Laurel and Hardy fame was from England, while partner Hardy (the fat one), was a Georgia boy.

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Collector pays \$2.3 million for bill

DALLAS — An art collector has paid about \$2.3 million for a \$1,000 bill printed in 1890, according to the auction house.

To make a typical paperback book, it takes the equivalent of a block of wood measuring about the same size as the book.



This undated photo released by the Heritage Auction Galleries in Dallas shows the face of a \$1,000 bill that is one of only two known of its kind. An art collector has paid about \$2.3 million for the U.S. bill printed in 1890.

"This \$1,000 bill is one of only two known of its type; the other surviving example is in the museum of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco," Greg Rohan, president of Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries, said Friday.

Rohan said that type of bank note is known to collectors as a "Grand Watermelon" because the green-striped zeros in the denomination "1,000" printed on the back of the bill look like the fruit.

"Only two Grand Watermelon examples are known with red-color Treasury Department seals printed on the front; the half dozen other surviving Grand Watermelon notes have brown seals," he said in a news release.

The \$2,255,000 price is more than double the previous record for an 1890 Grand Watermelon note, the previous record for any bank note was \$2.1 million.

Rohan said the buyer was "a very advanced and sophisticated East Coast collector of art and rare currency."

Odds & ends

If man plays dress up, he may get lighter sentence

PAINESVILLE, Ohio — A man who shot his Great Dane in the head may have his jail sentence reduced if he dresses up as dog.

Municipal Judge Michael Cicconetti offered Thursday to cut Robert M. Clark's sentence to 10 days in jail if he wears a Safety Pup costume and visits the city's five elementary schools. The mascot educates children about issues ranging from traffic safety to drug abuse.

Clark, 38, pleaded no contest to an animal cruelty

charge and was sentenced to 180 days in jail for shooting his dog.

Cicconetti suspended all but 30 days of Clark's sentence if he pays the Lake County Humane Society for the dog's veterinarian bills. The judge then offered to cut an additional 20 days if Clark dresses up as Safety Pup.

Clark was arrested July 3 after neighbors reported hearing the dog's cries and police found the injured animal. The humane society took the dog to an emergency veterinary clinic but he suffered brain damage and had to be euthanized, the group said.

Clark is appealing the sentence, court officials said.

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N. Korea nuclear talks reconvene after 13-month boycott

By Bart Herman
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — For the first time since it exploded a nuclear bomb, North Korea returns to international disarmament talks. The United States says the choice is simple — negotiate or face sanctions.

The six-nation talks, which reopen today (Monday) in the Chinese capital, have been plagued by delays and discord since they began in August 2003.

"The U.S. has sought to line up support against Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions by enlisting its neighbors — including China, Japan, Russia and South Korea — in the discussions."

The North exploited divisions among the U.S. and its partners in an effort to change the subject and buy time to develop its atomic arsenal.

But North Korea's Oct. 9 nuclear test of a low-yield nuclear device seemed to stiffen the will of other countries — particularly China — to persuade it to disarm.

Beijing joined a unanimous U.N. Security Council resolution sanctioning North Korea for its nuclear test, and brought Pyongyang and Washington together just a few weeks later to agree to resume nuclear discussions.

North Korea had boycotted the talks and called for the U.S. to stop blacklisting a Mianou bank where the regime held accounts. Washington accused North Korea of using the bank in scheme to launder money and print counterfeit U.S. currency.

The U.S. insists its accusations against the bank are a separate legal matter, but Washington has agreed to conduct working-level talks about the topic alongside the nuclear negotiations.

Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, the U.S. nuclear envoy, says the main task now is to implement an agreement from September 2005 — the only accord negotiators have reached so far — when the North promised to abandon its nuclear program in exchange for security guarantees and aid. The alternative, he says, is sanctions.

"I hope that (North Korea) understands that, as the rest of us do, that we really are reaching a fork in the road," Hill said after arriving in Beijing.

Kim Kye Gwan, North Korea's chief negotiator, said Saturday that it is up to the Americans to take the first step. After arriving in Beijing, he called the lifting of the U.S. financial restrictions a "precondition" to further negotiations.

Hill, meanwhile, emphasized that U.N. sanctions imposed after the North's nuclear test would remain in effect until the North gives up its atomic program.

"Most of the world has told them that we don't accept

them as a nuclear state," he said. "If they want a future with us, if they want to work with us, if they want to be a member of the international community, they're going to have to get out of this nuclear business."

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell told CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday that "I don't yet see the contours of a breakthrough" in the diplomatic impasse over North Korea's nuclear program. But he said that a political solution can eventually be found.

All the chief delegates met for dinner Sunday, but Hill said he merely exchanged pleasantries with North Korea's Kim. He said that the North did not want bilateral

talks with any delegation before Monday's official start.

There is no scheduled date for the negotiations to end, but Hill said he hoped to return to Washington by the end of the week.

The latest North Korean nuclear crisis began in late 2002, when U.S. officials said the North admitted running a secret nuclear program. The program was shut in 1994 after talks with the U.S., in which North Korea agreed to halt its atomic development.

After its admission, North Korea withdrew from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, expelled international inspectors and restarted its main nuclear reactor in order to make plutonium for bombs.

Gunmen abduct Red Crescent workers

By Molly Hemmes-Fiske
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen wearing Iraqi army uniforms kidnapped more than two dozen workers from the Baghdad offices of the Red Crescent humanitarian group Sunday, and the U.S. military announced the deaths of three more American soldiers.

The gunmen pulled up to the Red Crescent building near downtown Baghdad's Andalus Square about 11:30 a.m. in two police cars and 20 other cars, a spokesman for the medical group said Sunday. Staff members thought the men were police and allowed them to enter the building, he said.

Once inside, the kidnappers separated men from women and abducted an estimated 28 men, according to the spokesman. The kidnapped included Red Crescent staff, visitors and three guards from the Dutch Embassy, which has been vacated but still shares space with the office, he said.

Red Crescent staff called the Iraqi ministries of interior and defense and were told neither had troops in the area, said the spokesman, who requested anonymity due to concerns for his safety.

"I do not suspect anyone, as we are a humanitarian organization that does no harm to any bloc," he said.

The Red Crescent, which is abided with by the International Committee of the Red Cross, has about 1,000 staff and 200,000 volunteers in Iraq, providing food, water and medicine.

The U.S. military announced Sunday that three U.S. soldiers stationed in Baghdad were killed Saturday by a roadside bomb while on a combat mission north of the capital.

Their deaths bring the total U.S. soldiers killed this month to at least 57, on pace to exceed last month, when 69 soldiers were killed, according to www.usasualties.org, which tracks casualties in the conflict. In October, 106 American soldiers were killed, according to the Web site.



Palestinian supporters of the Fatah Movement chant slogans as they march in support of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the (al-Jalila) refugee camp, northern Gaza Strip, Sunday. Gunmen attacked the convoy of the Hamas former minister and raided a training base of security forces allied with President Mahmoud Abbas in the evening of the Hamas fighting Sunday, a day after the Palestinian leader announced he would end nine months of Hamas rule by calling early elections.

Palestinian sectarian clash continues to escalate

By Rashid Abu Alouf and Richard
Los Angeles Times

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Fighting escalated between Hamas and Fatah on Sunday as the foreign minister's convoy and the president's residence came under fire in Gaza City a day after President Mahmoud Abbas announced that he would call early elections to try to end a political stalemate. Three people were killed in the latest fighting between the Palestinian factions.

Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh declared that his Hamas movement, which controls the Cabinet and parliament, would boycott an election and warned that any attempt to hold one could lead to "large disturbances."

A 19-year-old woman and an officer in Abbas' presidential guard died during a day of street and rooftop gun battles, medical officials said, and the body of a commander loyal to Abbas was found after being abducted. At least 20 other people, including a French journalist, were reported wounded.

Abbas, the Fatah movement

leader, was not in Gaza at the time of the attack on his residence. Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar, a prominent Hamas official, fled his vehicle after it came under sniper fire near his office and was unharmed.

The clashes were the heaviest in weeks between armed factions of the Palestinian Authority's two largest political movements. They have frequently skirmished for political control and over policy toward Israel since shortly after Hamas' election victory early this year ended decades of Fatah dominance over Palestinian affairs.

In the evening, Hamas officials said the two sides had reached a verbal agreement to halt the fighting, but no one showed up at a news conference at which a signed text was to be presented. Sporadic shooting continued late into the night.

Abbas said Saturday that early elections for president and parliament were the only way to break a deadlock between his faction, which wants to revive peace talks with Israel, and Hamas, which is sworn to the Jewish state's destruction.

Western nations and Israel have imposed a crippling financial blockade on the West Bank and Gaza in an effort to force Hamas to recognize Israel and renounce violence. Abbas tried for months to persuade Hamas to give way to a broad-based "unity government" acceptable to the outside, but their talks broke down this month.

Sunday's shooting started at dawn when militants with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades attacked a training camp for Abbas' presidential guard here, killing an officer and setting fire to the tents.

Later, the ambush of Zahar's convoy set off a round of armed exchanges. Presidential guard soldiers seized control of the Hamas-run agriculture and transport ministry buildings as they moved to secure a section of the city around Abbas' residence, which eventually came under mortar fire that wounded two guards.

Gunmen opened fire at an evening Fatah rally where thousands of people were marching in support of the president. Three people were wounded.

Reid says troop surge OK, but only for a few months

By Hope Egan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate's top Democrat offered qualified support Sunday for a plan to increase U.S. troops in Iraq, saying it would be acceptable as part of a broader strategy to bring combat forces home by 2008.

President Bush's former secretary of state, however, expressed doubts any troop surge would be effective, noting U.S. forces already are overextended. "The American Army isn't large enough to secure Baghdad," said Colin Powell, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman during the 1991 Gulf War.

Yet more American soldiers in Baghdad is precisely what Iraq's Sunni vice president said is necessary to quell sectarian violence — even though the Shiite-dominated government has proposed shifting U.S. troops to "the capital's periphery and having Iraqis take the primary role for security."

"Who is going to replace the American troops?" said Iraq troops, across the board, they are insufficient, incompetent, and many of them (are) corrupted," said Tariq al-Hashemi, who met with Bush in Washington last week.

There are about 140,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and about 5,000 advisers. Combat troops make up less than half of U.S. forces in Iraq.

Incoming Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, whose party campaigned in the November congressional elections on changing course in Iraq, said he would be open only to a short-term increase.

"If the commanders on the ground said this is just for a short period of time, we'll go along with that," said Reid, D-NeV., citing a time frame such as two months to three months. But a period of 18 months to 24 months would be too long, he said.

"The American people will not allow this war to go on as it has. It simply is a war that will not be won militarily. It can only be



In this photo provided by CBS, former Secretary of State Colin Powell speaks to the media after appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation" in Washington, Sunday.

won politically," Reid said.

At least three other Democrats did not support Reid's position on the additional troops.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., said that if it were a short-term increase, "won't our adversaries simply adjust their tactics, wait us out and wait until we reduce again? So I think you'd have to ask very serious questions about the utility of this."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said, "I respect Harry Reid on it, but that's not where I am."

Kennedy, like Reid a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said there would be widespread opposition by members of his committee if Bush proposed a troop increase.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-DeL., the incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said any proposal to send more troops should only follow a political solution that will end civil unrest. "The president and others who support the surge have it exactly backwards," Biden said during a speech in Manchester, N.H.

Powell said if more troops were proposed, commanders would need to make their mission clear, determine whether they can accomplish it and what size force is appropriate. "We have to be very, very careful in this instance not just to grab a number out of the air," Powell said.

Nearly 200 Somali government troops have defected to Islamists

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Nearly 200 troops serving Somalia's Western-backed government defected to the Islamic courts movement, an Islamic official said Sunday, as both sides braced for impending war.

Sheik Mohamed Ibrahim Bilal, head of the Islamic court in the Al-Bayan region, said the troops switched sides there late Saturday. Bilal told the Associated Press by telephone that the former government soldiers "are ready to be incorporated into the Islamic courts forces."

The court movement has

promised to launch a holy war Tuesday unless troops from neighboring Ethiopia, who are supporting the government, leave Somalia. Islamic fighters have surrounded the southern Somali town of Baidoa, the only town the government controls.

Al-Bayan, where the defectors are said to have taken place, is about 50 miles from Baidoa.

The government denied Bilal's claim. "The government has 6,000 strong soldiers who are well-trained and well-disciplined," said Salah Ali Jelle, the deputy defense minister.

U.S. military rehearses for Guantanamo hearings

Defense lawyers say outcome is preordained

By Michael Mella
Associated Press writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The U.S. military is rehearsing for hearings on whether 14 top terror suspects can be held indefinitely without charge as defense lawyers say the outcome is preordained.

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, and the 13 others will be the highest-profile detainees to undergo



In this Dec. 5 file photo, reviewed by a U.S. Dept. of Defense official, detainees sit inside a fenced area during his exercise period, at Camp 5 maximum security detention prison in Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba.

the so-called Combatant Status Review Tribunals, and the first to do so in two years. The proceedings, expected early next year, are open to

the media.

At the hearings, a military panel will evaluate whether the men should be classified as enemy combatants, a designation which allows them to be held indefinitely and prevents them from challenging their detention in the U.S. court system.

"The biggest thing we're doing is opening up the books, reviewing procedures and conducting rehearsals so that we do it correctly," said Navy Capt. Philip Waddingham, the lead officer at Guantanamo for the Pentagon-based office in charge of determining detainees' status.

It is unclear whether Mohammed, and the others — who until recently were being held in secret CIA prisons — will agree to attend the hearings. If they do, the military says they will remain shackled and would be forbidden to talk to reporters.

Legal Legal Legal

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING January 11, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission upon said request: A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Pine Martin, LLC on property consisting of approximately two hundred and eighty (218.8) +/- acres located in Section 02, Township 11 North, Range 16 East B.M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3461 North 2600 East, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide and adjust a property boundary creating a seven (7.0) +/- acre, a five point seven (5.7) acre and a two hundred six (206.0) +/- acre parcels. CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Glendon Ryan on property consisting of approximately eighty (80) +/- acres located in Section 23, Township 11 South, Range 16 East B.M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3151 North 2600 East, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide of approximately one (1) +/- acre for a Residential Zone. A CONDITIONAL USE by Swager Farms on property consisting of approximately eighty (80) +/- acres located in Section 21 Township 10 South, Range 15 East B.M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3772 North 1700 East, Twin Falls, Idaho. The intended use is to divide and adjust a property boundary creating a one hundred twenty two point five (122.5) square foot lot. A CONDITIONAL USE by Lance Godfrey (Raspberry Acres Subdivision) on property consisting of approximately twenty one (21.0) +/- acres located in Section 15 Township 10 South, Range 18 East B.M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3875 North 3600 East, Kimberly, Idaho in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to construct an eight (8) lot subdivision on approximately twenty one (21.0) +/- acres. A PRELIMINARY PLAT by Lance Godfrey (Raspberry Acres Subdivision) on property consisting of approximately twenty one (21.0) +/- acres located in Section 15 Township 10 South, Range 18 East B.M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3875 North 3600 East, Kimberly, Idaho in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to construct an 8-lot subdivision on approximately twenty one (21.0) +/- acres.

OTHER ITEMS: FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the 11th day of January at the Marvin Hemplington Twin Falls County Office Building, 248 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said requests.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a work session will be held on January 9, 2007 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 248 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the applications that are to be heard at the January 11, 2007 public hearing. A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests or agreements on the subjects being considered. Written materials or comments must be submitted by January 5, 2007 to the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 248 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Any party needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed hearing should contact Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Office by January 5, 2007.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2006 Gary Custer Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission Twin Falls County ATTES: Kristina Glascock Clerk Twin Falls County

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NOTICE OF SALE

Clear Lakes Storage, Buhi, Idaho will sell stored items of Irma Cindo, last known address is 800 2220 North 14th Street, Boise, Idaho. Her last known address is 4223 North 1410 East, Buhi, ID to an auction company of their choice after December 25, 2006. Call: 206-255-2066

PUBLIC NOTICE Actions planned and taken by your government are commonly known as public actions. The act of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, the newspaper charges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise these citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE KIMBERLY CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2007, in the City Council Chambers located at 120 Madison West, Kimberly, Idaho, to consider the request of Gary and Michele Jackson to rezone from Agricultural to Commercial General. The 10.27 acres are located in Township 10 North, Range 16 East, Section 17, Twin Falls County Idaho, City of Kimberly Impact Area. The application is on file with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests or agreements on the subject being considered. Written materials or comments must be submitted five (5) days prior to the public hearing to the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 132 Main N., Kimberly, Idaho. City residents and interested persons shall have the opportunity to appear and be heard on the above request at the hearing prior to the request being acted upon by the Planning and Zoning Commission. At/Poly Hulseay, City Clerk

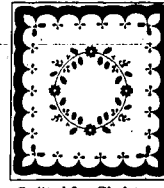
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FOUND if you lost Jerrone Gun Club on Saturday, please call me at 738-9900

FOUND kitten at East Middle School 12 weeks old, has brown stripes on nose. Call 208-735-2299

FOUND 1 Pin female, adult. 2. Min Pin male adult. 3. Spaniel X female, gold pup St Lukes Hospital. 4. Lab X male gold pup, St Lukes Hospital. 5. Rex X rided male 2100 E 3400 N. 6. Pit Bull white with black spots male adult water tower on Washington. 7. Spaniel Chocolate male adult 3600 E 2900 N. 8. Lab X ivory pup male Labor Camp Washington St. 9. Border Collie X black and white 2000 Black Filer E. 10. Lab Collie female pup 600 Black 2nd Ave E. 11. Aussie Spaniel X white and tan blue eyes Twin Falls Idaho. 12. Terrier X male adult 400 Tyler

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LOST kitten, white with brown/grey markings. Born at Middle School. She needs medicine in her left eye. Lost in our yard turning somewhere on the street between Smiths and Friers/Mays/West of Center. Call 208-738-6921.

LOST young male brown and white Bull Terrier on McInroe St on 12/11, 734-9041 or 428-0214.

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The Times-News is looking for an experienced Press Operator or entry-level worker with a desire to learn a 12-unit newsprint press. 4-color press, plate development and registration. Must be knowledgeable on working under heavy machinery safely and on familiar with mechanical maintenance and adjustment. Additionally, the ability to work well with others, to lift 85 lbs., to stand and walk the majority of the work shift and climb ladders is necessary. Hours of work are primarily 6 p.m. to 3 a.m., including weekends.
 We offer an excellent benefits package which includes medical, dental, vision, life insurance, 401(k) plan, employee stock purchase plan, paid holidays and vacation. Check out our website at www.magicalvalley.com
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NEWSPAPER Graphics/Prepress Specialist

The Times-News is seeking a graphic designer who can make informative and entertaining news graphics, assist with production of the newspaper and design classified advertising sections. Ideal candidates will have the ability to work on both Mac and PC platforms, be proficient in Quark, InDesign, Photoshop, Acrobat and Distiller. They will have the ability to work under tight deadlines, solve problems and work in a team-oriented environment. The ability to multi-task is a must. Good communication skills are very important. Hours of work are primarily 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.
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MAINTENANCE
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 Apply on-line or in person www.seastrom-mfg.com 456 Seastrom Street Twin Falls, ID 83301 ATTN: HR Department Drug Free Workplace/EOE

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- 10 Cautious
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- 17 Soap additive
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- 18 Arrive
- 19 Office fill-in
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- 24 Forum platforms
- 26 Caused delays
- 27 Fly, Fr.
- 32 Squid king
- 33 Florida snapper?
- 39 Razor sharpener
- 40 Stare intently
- 41 Tender places
- 43 Seven days
- 44 Laughs boisterously
- 46 Kentucky Derby follower
- 48 Six-out segment
- 50 Retirement grp.
- 51 Means of communication
- 54 Drinking aids
- 59 Overseas
- 61 Body of Jewish law
- 62 Match
- 65 Orderly display
- 67 Abominable snowman
- 68 As well
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- 71 Twelve months
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

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Progressing on the field and at home

TWIN FALLS — They took her place at the line. Her hands dangled at her sides, and her eyes pierced the 40 yards to her brothers — except when she was distracted by a cloud, or the mud, or the wind.

OK, maybe she wasn't Mike Singletary-like focused. She's 5 years old. But she was on the line next to me, ready for a football relay.



THE FOOTBALL WAY
Chris Baldus

Her also-5-year-old brothers were on the other line beneath a goal post at Twin Falls' Harry Barry Park. They were busy stomping in the mud.

"Ready, set, go!" she cried, and I sprinted toward the boys holding the green-and-yellow foam football in one hand like Walter Payton, high stepping to the goal. I like to imagine my form as anything other than a pear-shaped, middle-aged guy in sweats that don't respect me.

Coltie turned to see me coming, snapped his hands up and formed a triangle with his fingers. It was from an early lesson on pass receiving. I taught the kids the triangle, but the ball still routinely bounces off their heads.

I hadn't taught them hand-off techniques yet. If there is one thing I've learned about bringing football training into our lives, it's that you need to let 5-year-olds play free form.

Yep, we're all in training. That's what this is all about. I'm trying to get into shape by pulling out old high school and college conditioning drills. I've tried other ways to get healthy, but they all required lifestyle changes that just didn't stick with me.

But football — well, I played football about half my life. Started in elementary school and didn't stop until the NCAA said I was done. The lifestyle is in me and now I'm bringing it back out, mostly alongside my children.

...We've been at it for a month so far. We haven't been as regular with our training sessions as I hoped (three days a week is the goal), but our schedule is starting to fall into place. We're a family of seven, with Dad working odd hours. That's probably our biggest challenge.

But I'm seeing some progress in my health. Now keep in mind that all these are lists; they are condensed that way. Ours even forces me to do a little dance, shifting right, then shifting left until the little spinning dial breaks free and lands at its best life.

Last week, however, it said 285 or 286 — I couldn't tell because the scale was still trembling with laughter. I started this training at 293 pounds.

So, a half progress. And not just at my waistline. My little girl, Tracy, is developing a linebacker attitude. She's got quickness and a mean tackle. It might be just because she's taller than Coltie, but she wags her hips up and down — shoulders and drags him to the ground like a rodeo champ.

Colt, whose face is half smile when he's running with the ball, is a bruiser. His feet keep pumping even when he's taken down. The sign of a good player.

And brother Wolfe — he's channeling some of the best coaches I've had. Last week at the dinner table I was calling off practice because my throat was sore.

"What does your throat do to your legs?" he asked.

"We still didn't go, but I felt guilty."

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Keep track

News Editor Chris Baldus, a former college lineman, is training to play in an alumni football game next fall at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He's tracking this progress — and wandering off on tangents — in his blog "The Football Way," which you can read at www.magicvalley.com. **Bad news:** This page for his monthly updates in print.



Weathering winter ITCH

Winter's here, but your skin doesn't have to suffer

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Winter is nasty. Not only are we navigating slick roads, thawing pipes and shoveling the walk, but we have to do it all with scaled and irritated skin — a common condition dubbed "winter itch." From head to toe, the human body is covered with its largest organ, skin. In winter it can feel rough and dry. Worse, skin can become chapped, cracked and inflamed — talk about the winter blues.

Essentially dry, itchy skin is a moisture problem. Not only is winter air cold, but it is drier than in other seasons.

Plus, we warm-blooded souls tend to stay indoors with the heater cranked or a fire roaring — which saps moisture from the air and our bodies. In an attempt to keep comfortable, we end up scratching. And scratching.

Chelsie DeMarco of Twin Falls takes comfort in periodic moisturizing facials to soothe her cranky skin. "My face is naturally oily. The winter is particularly harsh because it has a drying effect on my skin, in turn, produces more oil," DeMarco said. "My face freaks out, and facials help in calming it down."

You don't need a spa visit to keep dry skin at bay. We've found out how you can keep your skin looking radiant until the snow melts.

Sun's still out

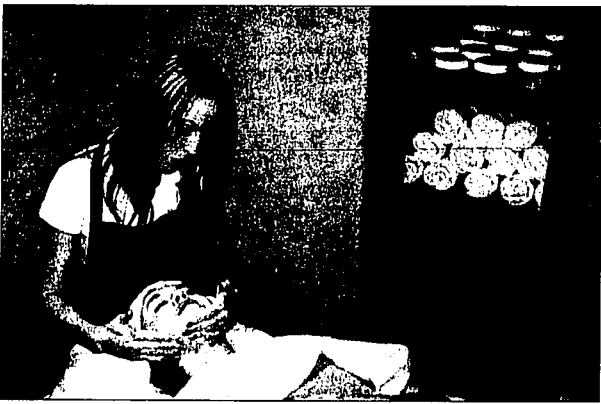
You can run, but you can't hide from the sun. Just because clouds hide the sun doesn't mean its rays aren't penetrating them.

"Sunscreen is a huge must," said Dr. Marilyn Rightt of Twin Falls Marrod Medical Spa. "Minimize exposure to the sun, and use a moisturizing sunscreen in combo with a physical skin block — like a silicone block."

If sunscreen isn't part of your daily skin care regimen, it is essential to start. Two damaging types of ultraviolet rays hit the earth. Unlike UVB rays, which UVA can penetrate clouds and are present each day. They can even pass through glass. Up to 80 percent of skin aging can be attributed to the rays, Rightt said.

"Another thing to remember is that winter brings snow sports, and the rays' reflection off the snow only intensifies them," she said. "Sunscreen needs to be applied everywhere exposure can happen."

Marrod Medical Spa site manager Trish Larson added: "If you can see



Marrod Medical Spa massage therapist Lacey Neilson gives a hydrating facial mask to Chelsie DeMarco at the Twin Falls spa. Natural properties in the cherry-and-pomegranate treatment are effective in giving your face the healthy glow it deserves in winter, Neilson says.

Your not-so-soothing shower

The weather outside is frightful, and a nice, hot bath sounds so delightful — but your skin may pay a price.

Love your daily bathing ritual? Fine, but don't indulge more than once a day. And alternating bath or shower days with simple sponge baths may help tame dry skin.

Dr. Chris Scholes, a Twin Falls dermatologist, said hot water can deplete skin's naturally occurring moisture. "It feels really good to take a nice, hot shower or bath, especially in the cold winter months, but keep them to a minimum," Scholes said. "It is better to turn the temperature down."

Wrap up your shower or bath by applying a moisturizer while your skin is still wet. Pat (don't rub) your body with the towel. Finish with a layer of sunscreen.

Lather down, not up

If you clean up may also lead to dry, itchy skin.

"Treat your skin gently and use a gentle cleanser, like Dove or Olay,"

Scholes said. "You don't need to soap up everywhere — a good guideline is to wash anywhere there is a fold in your skin." If you wash dishes by hand, use rubber gloves. Immersing your hands in hot water exacerbates dry skin — not to mention the harsh effects of dishwashing detergents.

Put on a sweater

Save money and your skin by lowering the thermostat at home. You want to be comfortable but not toasted. Using a humidifier may replenish air moisture, which will help your skin feel smooth.

"Heating units just suck the moisture out of the air, and in the winter you need all you can get," Scholes said.

Moisturize from within and without

"If you are thirsty, you're already dehydrated," Larson said. "Your skin needs moisture from within, so keep your body hydrated."

There is no need to count how many glasses of water you're drinking down a day — just keep a bottle handy so when your palate says it

wants a drink you've got it ready. Nourish your skin from the outside, too, with a thick moisturizing cream. Use a facial-specific lotion for your face, as "body" moisturizers are more likely to clog your pores.

The head treatment

Your scalp is not immune to winter itch.

"People need to be brushing their hair. So much of the time we just use a pick or something to style our hair, but I'm talking about taking a good old bristle brush to use for brushing your scalp," said Hair-itage Salon owner Debbie Hill of Buhl. "It is so important to loosen up the dead cells and buildup on your scalp before you shampoo."

Shampoos containing eucalyptus and tea tree oil are good for moisturizing — and minimizing that itchy feeling.

"Finish the wash with a cool-water rinse. This closes the pores and hair cuticles, keeping your head and hair healthy," Hill said.

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Online company sells luxurious pajamas to match your sheets

Newspay

It pays to ask smart questions in college. And not just in class. Missourian State alum Jeena Hunger recalls shop-

ping with her mom for dorm sheets in 1998 when an idea struck her. Why buy 500-thread-count sheets when I don't have 500-thread-count pajamas?

In 2005, she was a stay-at-home mom with two kids and that idea, still in the back of her head. Soon her "third baby" was born — BodyLinen, an online com-

pany that sells women's and men's pajamas made of Egyptian cotton in luxurious 300, 500 and 800 thread count.

They come in several

styles (nightie, cami, elastic top and bottoms), with mother-of-pearl buttons, monograms, and no itchy tags; \$50 and up on bodylinen.com.

IMAGE

Making strides

New treatments help patients live with congestive heart disease

By Hilary Waldman
The Hartford Courant

Barely on the other side of 30, Gretchen Anlienko was diagnosed with severe congestive heart failure. It seems absurd to call her lucky. But she feels fortunate. Recent strides in the treatment and management of heart failure are allowing the Ellington, Conn., woman to tackle life with a chronic disease, instead of wiling under the weight of a death sentence.

"When patients hear the term 'heart failure,' they think it's the end of the world," says Dr. Paul D. Thompson, director of cardiology at Hartford Hospital. "But these days we have such wonderful treatment, we can take them all the way to transplant (if necessary)."

Congestive heart failure occurs when the heart muscle becomes weakened by a heart attack or a virus or from years of the ravages of diabetes or high blood pressure.

About 5 million people in the United States are living with heart failure, and it is the leading cause of hospitalization for people older than 65. In the last decade, scientists have come up with a combination of medicines—including ACE inhibitors, beta-blockers and diuretics—that enable the failing heart to pump more efficiently.

Defibrillators smaller than an I-Pod are available to prevent the biggest killer of heart failure patients—a sudden shutdown of the heart.

It takes fewer than two hours to implant a defibrillator and after one night in the hospital, patients go home with the equivalent of a paramedic inside their chests.

Dr. Ravi K. Yargagadda, a cardiologist at Hartford Hospital, compares the implantable defibrillator to penicillin, which transformed streptococcus infections from killers to inconveniences in the 1940s.

Implantable defibrillators have radically changed the survival rate for heart failure patients," Yargagadda says.

And for a group of patients, whose ailing hearts beat out of synchronization, a new type of pacemaker can force the right and left sides of the heart to



Dr. Rick Soucier examines Gretchen Anlienko, 32, of Ellington, Conn., during a recent checkup at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, checking the scar where he implanted a defibrillator.

work together to pump life-sustaining blood to the organs more efficiently. Combined with moderate exercise and a strict diet that limits salt consumption, congestive heart failure no longer is the serial killer it once was.

That's the good news. The bad news is that despite the availability of life-changing treatments, 80 percent to 90 percent of heart failure patients still are not using one or more of the therapies that vastly can improve, if not prolong, their lives, says Dr. Gregg Fonarow, one of the nation's leading heart failure researchers.

"There's an urgent need to apply these proven therapies," says Fonarow, a professor of cardiovascular medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine.

One reason for what Fonarow calls the "treatment gap" is that most heart failure patients are managed by primary care physicians. With advances in heart failure treatment so new and rapidly evolving, Fonarow says he understands how difficult it can be for a busy generalist to keep up with the latest recommendations.



Jessica Accurso, left, helps Dr. Rebecca Andrews, an internist at the New Britain Community Health Center in New Britain, Conn., into a simulator that helps doctors to get an idea of what it feels like to have congestive heart disease.

In addition, proper care of heart failure patients can be time-consuming and expensive. Medications must be dosed and balanced carefully, which can take weeks or months of trial and error. Patients also must be taught to care for themselves by maintaining a low-salt diet and weighing themselves daily to recognize fluid retention—a heart failure warning.

Rarely are physicians paid for educating patients or checking up on their homework regimens, Fonarow says.

Congestive heart failure also can be tricky to diagnose.

To help general practitioners recognize the disease, drug-maker AstraZeneca brought a simulator to St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Conn., earlier this summer.

Doctors and nurses were strapped into a chair with a wide band that tightened around the ribcage.

As they watched a video of a gray-haired man walking along a wooded path, participants pumped foot pedals with increasing tension. As they watched the man walk, pressure increased on the participants' legs and chest.

Dr. Rebecca Andrews, an internist at the New Britain Community Health Center, said she was amazed by the fatigue in her legs when she completed the simulation.

"Prior to this I asked (patients) mostly about shortness of breath and getting up at night to go to the bathroom," says Andrews, who is 32 and athletic. "But now (leg) fatigue would be a more pointed question."

Taking naps can help you lose weight

Want to lose weight? Turn off the TV and take a nap.

That's what University of Michigan's Michael Sivak found when he studied the relationship between sleeping, eating and obesity.

Sivak said a person who sleeps seven hours a night and consumes 2,500 calories during the rest of the day can trim 147 calories simply by replacing an hour of "inactive wakefulness" with an hour more of sleep—or about 14 pounds a year.

Sivak found that people tend to chow down during these periods of wakeful inactivity. Each additional hour of sack time reduces caloric intake by about 6 percent, he reported in Obesity Reviews.

Health notes

quent and less-severe symptoms—such as hot flashes, mood swings and disturbed sleep.

Sporting injuries

As sports teams gear up, be careful out there. We don't want you to wind up in the emergency room.

- Emergency room visits per sport in the U.S. in 2005:
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- Bicycling, 465,000
- Football, 418,000
- Baseball/Softball, 261,000
- Soccer, 174,000

Source: Loyola University Health System

Eat your veggies, cont'd

Rhubarb shows promise as a treatment for hot flashes, say researchers publishing in the Journal Menopause.

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The look: Updating the shirtdress

By Suzanne D'Amato
The Washington Post

Shirtresses were once the uniform of 1950s housewives (at least on TV), but these days the style feels more daring, less Donna Reed. On a recent afternoon in Washington's upscale Georgetown district, three women demonstrated how to take the starch out of the classic look, layering their dresses over leggings or jeans and

leaving that prim collar unbuttoned—with nary a strand of pearls in sight.

Marni Tomljanovic, 28, of Washington, bought her grey tweed dress in Los Angeles this year. "I liked that it was a little different from a traditional shirtdress," she says. "The sleeves are a little bit of a ball, but not as puffy."

"I like '40s and '50s styles, classic American sportswear," Madlena Batts says. The 19-year-old Washington resident

bought her dress from a thrift store in New Orleans. "Everything in stores is lady-like Victorian or punk '80s right now," she says. "This is a clean look."

Natalie Davidson, 20, lives in Greensboro, N.C. She wears a dress by Wet Seal with contrasting flower and check prints. "I've got no shirt-dress," she says. "When it's colder I wear them over jeans, and when it's warmer, over leggings."



Natalie Davidson, 20, of Greensboro, N.C., wears a new version by Wet Seal.

How do You Treat Spider Veins?

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Because women earn less money than men, live longer than men, and are faced with different stereotypes than men, they need to take special care when it comes to their finances. A couple of common facts about women and their financial health may influence your future. For example:

- Women live longer than men. This means that the time horizon you plan for needs to be specific to you, not to a couple. Older women are one of the fastest-growing poverty segments. Current data shows that women live, on average, seven years longer than men.
- Women make less money. For all the improvement in women's rights, the average woman still earns about 75 cents of every dollar that a man earns. Women may have "come a long way, baby", but they certainly have not arrived yet, economically.

What can you do?

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Brain Injury Support Group meets

The Brain Injury Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Rehab, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Dr. Rick Yavruian will discuss emotional changes after traumatic brain injury, recognizing and coping with brain injury, and medications.

The support group is for people who have had a brain injury and for their family, friends or caregivers. The meeting is free. Call 737-2126.

To do for you

The course trains participants how to prevent, prepare for and respond to breathing emergencies.

Cost is \$34. Prepayment is required. To register, call 1-800-853-2570; go online at www.redcrossidaho.org; or stop by the Red Cross office, 853 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls.

About C-sections

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is part of the prepared childbirth course. Topics will include cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and nonconforming labors.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

Learn CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 26 in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Organizers invite new parents and grandparents to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and injury prevention.

The class is free. Pre-regis-

tration is required; call 732-3148.

Prepare for childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 27 through Jan. 24, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn including breast feeding and bottle feeding; and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148 or go online at www.mvmmc.org.

About weight control

A new program dubbed "Ending the Diet Roller Coaster" will begin in January with discussion on how to make peace with food, end chronic and yo-yo dieting, enhance body image and manage weight naturally. The group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays, beginning Jan. 8 and continuing for 10 weeks, in the conference room at the Times-News building, 184 Gooding St. W.

Megan Osborn, licensed professional counselor and national board certified counselor, will instruct.

Cost is \$20 per week including materials. Space is limited. To register, call Osborn at 734-0022 or e-mail megan@peacewithfood.com. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 5.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

'Baby and Me'

St. Bonifert's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic is "Financing Baby."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. Call 324-7262.

Alzheimer's support

SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 600 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The support group is open to Twin Falls-area residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. For information, call Steve Jones or Dawn Meyer at 734-0645.

Learn CPR

An adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the American Red Cross office in Twin Falls.

It's not the burp that bites

The Washington Post

Good news from the Netherlands: Burping does not raise your risk of cancer. Swallowing air, and the excessive burping that results, do not appear to cause acid reflux in people with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), according to a study in the American Journal of Gastroenterology.

To provoke belching, Dutch researchers infused air into the

stomachs of 12 healthy individuals and 12 who had GERD. While people with GERD burped far more than the healthy subjects — 52 burps over 24 hours for the GERD group and seven burps for the controls — the researchers found no increase in acid reflux linked to the air and all that belching.

That's good, since untreated GERD can raise the risk of Barrett's esophagus, a precancerous condition.

Testosterone and the brain

The Washington Post

Researchers at Yale School of Medicine have found that short periods (six to 12 hours) of elevated testosterone levels, such as those resulting from the use of muscle-building steroids, induce neurotoxicity — in other words, impairment of the normal activity of the nervous system — and can

cause significant loss of brain cells.

The findings appear in the Journal of Biological Chemistry.

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Your father's IRA account passes to you free of creditor claim, so long as you are the beneficiary and his estate was not made the beneficiary. For this and other reasons (including tax deferral) it is wise to name an individual rather than an estate as beneficiary of an IRA or 401k account.

Life insurance proceeds are exempt from creditor claim at the death of the insured, so long as they pass directly to a beneficiary other than the decedent's estate. The rationale here is that the insured made a contract with the insurance company to pay benefits to a named beneficiary at the death of the insured. The decedent's estate has no right to these proceeds nor do creditors of the deceased.

Tip: Make sure estate planning — done during lifetime — and estate settlement — done at death — take these protections into account.

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'Coach' Gooch left 'wonderful legacy'

By Jamil Whitfield
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — For 30 years, Oren LaVere Gooch touched lives in ways people will never forget.

The coach and teacher, lovingly known to many simply as "Coach," died Dec. 10 at age 90.

He'd always had an interest in kids and sports, said his wife, Erma Lee Gooch, so with his brother's encouragement, he began taking classes at Albion Normal School.

He finished two years of college before he was inducted into the U.S. Army and served as a communications specialist in charge of getting messages to the front lines.

In 1945, he was honorably discharged and returned to Albion College, where he finished his four-year degree.

He moved to Jerome, where he served for 30 years teaching and coaching, all in Jerome. He retired in 1977 as a junior high school teacher.

Levar Butters said he enjoyed having Coach not only as a world history and PE teacher, but also as a coach. One unique thing about him was the way he seemed to motivate his students.

"You never felt like he was pushing you."

'Coach' Oren LaVere Gooch

at life remembered
Born: Feb. 8, 1916.
Died: Dec. 10, 2006.
Survivors: Wife, Erma Lee Skivier, two daughters, Debra and Linda; three grandchildren, T'lghe, Sley and Erin; and two stepgrandchildren, Casey and Paul; and brother, Robert Gooch.
Memorial: Memorial contributions to the Bertha Silver Teaching Scholarship or the Brad Craig Scholarship fund, in care of the College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83301, the Idaho Youth Ranch or a charity of one's choice.



Butters said, "You wanted to do things the right way."

Butters later joined him in the education field and said he always seemed to maintain a positive demeanor.

"There are a lot of great teachers," said LeRoy Craig, a former student. "But he was unique." Even many years after teaching or coaching, Coach still knew players and students and what they were up to.

"I don't know of anyone who could reach more people of all ages," Craig said.

Erma Lee said she still receives letters from

students thanking him for the tremendous influence Coach made in their lives.

Aside from coaching and teaching, he also found himself serving as a guidance counselor — even when he didn't have the official title.

"Kids found themselves heading for him and he knew how to handle it," Erma Lee said. "He always wanted to help everybody else that needed something. If they needed a buddy or whatever, he was always there."

For his many years of hard work and caring service, Coach received many honors. Among others he was named Teacher of the Year, received the American Legion Award and the Idaho Hall of Fame Wes Lowe Memorial for having an impact on students, even if it was behind the scenes.

"He just loved kids and he loved life," Erma Lee said.

Coach also was involved in many activities including the Lions Club and Jerome Country Club. Whether it was community projects, kids or sports, Coach seemed to simply enjoy being part of the community and keeping in touch with people.

"He really made his mark," Erma Lee said. "He left a wonderful legacy."

New airline for the airport?

City Council to discuss possibility tonight

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For now, Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport will remain a five-flight-a-day operation.

The Twin Falls City Council will hold a conference call with an airline consultant at tonight's meeting to discuss a study of whether a new airline should begin service at the airport.

Denver-based airline Frontier 9 asked 50 communities in October to determine if it would be a good fit.

However, an analysis of the airport by consulting company Mead & Hunt found that should Frontier come to Twin Falls, the airline would lose money. It studied two hypothetical roundtrip flights and a one-way flight, both of which would cost Frontier millions of dollars.

"Certainly, any additional air service is good for your community, but that depends on how well it will perform for the airline," said Airport Manager Bill Carberry. "Unfortunately, it doesn't show it as a profitable route for Frontier at this time."

Carberry did not rule out additional flights in the future, but said the airport is doing fine at the moment.

"For a market our size, the service we do have right now is very good, but we are always looking to improve it or expand it," he said. "We've done the right thing in looking at the route ... and we'll take a look at it a little more closely on Monday."

Frontier Airlines Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Frontier Airlines Holdings, is a low-fare airline that provides service from its Denver hub to 55 destinations in 29 states, seven cities in Mexico and one in Canada.

Coffee for a cause

Businesses donate to kids

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — One hundred percent.

That's how much Caffe Mocha donated of Saturday's proceeds to the Christmas for Kids program, all \$1,945 of it.

The coffee hot spot brought in lots of regular and new customers alike wanting to make a donation to the gift-giving group that provides Christmas presents to thousands of kids in the Magic Valley.

"We are all donating our day's wage and the proceeds from today's sales to the program so that even more kids will have a good Christmas," said employee Kolyn Greenwell of Twin Falls. "Plus, we'll have even more money from our raffle."

Many local businesses donated raffle prizes, ranging from a night away to tattoo studio gift certificates.

"There hasn't been a Christmas that we haven't done this," said employee Crystal Neil. "It has to be at least 10 years."

Even past employees like Shauna Silvester of Boise donated their time.

"When I worked here last year, this was like the funnest day of the year," Silvester said. "It feels good to give to such a good cause."

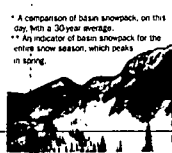
Saturday's effort will help 239 local children.

Times-News correspondent
Blair Koch can be reached by e-mail at blairkoch@gmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

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| Big Wood | 88% | 27% |
| Little Wood | 66% | 20% |
| Bg Lost | 71% | 21% |
| Little Lost | 81% | 20% |
| Henry's Fork/Teton | 85% | 27% |
| Upper Snake Basin | 86% | 28% |
| Oakley | 114% | 34% |
| Salmon Falls | 96% | 28% |

As of Dec. 17



A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.
** % indicates of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in January.

Spreading the cheer



Officers meet with children at Edge Wireless on Saturday morning for the 'Shop with a Cop' event. With the officers' help, children picked out Christmas presents for their families and themselves.

Local cops team up with children to do Christmas shopping

By Jamil Whitfield
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — What do you want for Christmas? For many of the kids who went shopping with some of Twin Falls' finest on Saturday, what they wanted most was gifts not for themselves but for their families.

Eleven children who otherwise may not have had a Christmas were selected through the Salvation Army and Health and Welfare to participate in the "Shop with a Cop" event and received a \$130 gift card to Kmart donated by local businesses.

"The kids were very excited," said Tina Brown, account executive of Edge Wireless who also helped organize the event. "Both the parents and the kids were very emotional. It's something they really appreciate."

Several off-duty police officers volunteered to take each child shopping. Most of the children and officers met at Edge Wireless, where treats and hot chocolate were provided before the kids left in police cars.

For two hours—the children picked out their presents with the

How to help

Businesses that would like to be involved in next year's event can contact the Twin Falls Police Department, 735-7200.

officers and then returned to Edge Wireless for pizza and to wrap their gifts.

"We're really excited about giving back to the community," said Justin Sterrett, Edge Wireless district manager.

Sterrett also served as the event's Santa Claus and he, along with his staff, enjoyed visiting with the children and seeing their happy faces.

"It's really great to see everyone come together," he said.

Eleven-year-old Richard Heinz said he wanted to get his brother some Legos and some Hot Wheels cars for himself. Some of the kids had medical problems that put a tremendous financial burden on their families. Jason Overlin, 6, recently underwent a bone marrow transplant and spent several months in a hospital—out of state. He wanted to give his brother a gi-

tar and his sister some cars, but his family is not able to afford much.

"This definitely helps us out this time of year," said his father, Wes Overlin. "We have a lot of family he wants to buy stuff for and we just don't have the money."

That statement fits a lot of families in this time of year.

Event organizer Isalah Day, an officer with the Twin Falls Police Department, and the many local businesses who donated money and support for the program hope that the program will help ease each family's worries.

It really helped Joanna McNamar. She brought her children, including Lillian McNamar, 6, and her brother Evan, 12, to the event and said she thought it was a great program.

"Being a single mom, Christmas can be overwhelming," she said.

She tries to teach her kids to look at the cops as being role models and that Christmas is about those less fortunate.

"I want them to be thankful that we have a roof and a car and things others don't," she said.

Albion teen chasing Triple Crown dream

By Renee Weiss
For The Times-News

ALBION — It's a long way from his childhood home in Albion to the high-stakes racetracks of Baltimore or Louisville, Ky.

But these are the places Travis Cunningham hopes to go in pursuit of his lifelong dream of being a Triple Crown jockey.

Cunningham, 18, considers himself a minor league player now, but he has stars in his eyes. "I want to eventually run in the Derby — the Belmont — with the big names," Cunningham said during a telephone interview this week from New Mexico.

He grew up on a horse ranch in Albion owned, by his parents, Vaughn and Linda Cunningham. He comes by his dream of being a jockey quite naturally. His father was a jockey and is still in the business of training racehorses.

Cunningham left Albion for New Mexico when a close family friend and former agent for his father offered him an opportunity to don the silks at Farmington, N.M., during the summer following his sophomore year at school in Idaho.

"I came down here to gallop horses for the summer and never returned," Cunningham said. "I could have come back to Idaho to finish up my schooling, but I decided to do it here, where I could ride all the time when I wasn't in class."

Cunningham is not going to be a big man. At 5 feet 2 inches tall, he is the right height, but admits he has had to "slim down" to ride.

"I was 120 pounds when I came down here," he said. "I've had to really discipline myself to get down to 108 pounds where I am now, and I have to constantly keep it in mind, although in New Mexico I didn't struggle with eating like I do down here."

He spent three weeks in New York and found, while he loved racing with the likes of Derby winners such as Edgar Prado, Jose Santos and Mike Smith, city life was not to his liking. So, with a chance to run Back to Back in one of his big stakes me, Cunningham returned two weeks ago to New Mexico, where he raced on the day of his return and each day since then.

He expects to be there for only a short time, though.

"I'm looking for something in California or Florida or back in New York," he said. "You just have to put up with the city life if that's what you want because that area is really where you have to be if you plan to do something in horse racing. It's like comparing the minor and major leagues in baseball. And it's the training grounds for the Triple Crown."

Out of six races in the past few days, Cunningham came out with one win, a set of seconds and three thirds. Those are minor leagues, though, and a long way from Kentucky.

"It's not easy to get someone to take a chance, on an 18-year-old kid with one and a half years of experience when there are eight or nine Broodmares Cup winners and three Kentucky Derby winners in the business," he said. "But if you like you, they'll give you a chance."

OBITUARIES

Walter B. "Wally" Haffner

TWIN FALLS — Walter B. "Wally" Haffner, 78, of Twin Falls, passed away Dec. 15, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born on Jan. 26, 1928, in Kilm, N.D., to Christian and Freda Haffner. He served in the US Army during World War I and was awarded a World War II Victory medal and an Army of Occupation medal for service in Japan. Upon his return he worked for Sears and later opened his own appliance business that is still in operation today as Wally's Used Appliances. Walter enjoyed playing Texas Hold'em, playing music, gardening, spending time with his family and the Christmas holidays. Walter is survived by his wife, Sherry, of Twin Falls; children Bonnie (Paul) Dodge of Jerome, Ron (Susie) Haffner of Shoshone, Wayne (Joyce) Haffner of Jerome, Susie (Marion) Sabla of Union

Grove, Ala., John Sabla of Fortonia, Peggy (Frank) Dillard of Hansen, Eddie (Aclade) Sabla of Twin Falls, Patrick (Christina) Hummer of Twin Falls; two brothers, Bill Haffner of Twin Falls and Howard Haffner of Colong, N.D.; three sisters, Dorothy Young and Ella Massie both of Twin Falls and Virginia Grewats of Kansas; along with 19 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Loretta, his parents, three brothers — Alvin, Clarence and Vernon — two sisters Esther Haffner and Phyllis Stanfield.

Friends may call Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. at Park's Funeral Home. The Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary will offer military honors.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

MALTA — Viola Valene Beebe Hodges, 80, was born on Feb. 22, 1926, in Blackfoot, Idaho. She was the second daughter of three children and was known by her family as "Six." She was raised by her grandparents. In Sterling, she married Ted M. Hodges on June 23, 1944, in Salmon, and they were later seated in the Logan Utah LDS Temple on July 3, 1945. Ted and Viola were blessed with six children — three boys and three girls — and also raised seven grandchildren.



Viola was a very loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was dedicated to her family and spent many hours using her talents and artistic abilities to make everything extra special for all occasions, including birthdays, Daddy Date boxes, and Valentine cards and boxes. Everything Viola did was centered around her children and grandchildren. She worked for the state of Idaho and

Viola V. Hodges

also on the farm to help provide and educate her children and grandchildren. Viola was a marvelous cook — anyone who ate at her house could relate to this. She was well-known in the community for the food she willingly shared.

Viola was a dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop J. Max Jones officiating. Burial will be in Valley Vu Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. on Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

Viola is survived by her husband of 62 years, Ted M. Hodges; her children, Shelby and Frances; Heyden of Wells, Nev.; Rosland Larsen of Malln, Ore.; Steven and Sherrie Hodges of Idaho Falls, Patrick and Susan Wadsworth of Fort Hall, Phillip and Kathleen Hodges of Green River, Wyo., and Jim and JoAnn Parker of Burley; a brother, Robert Beebe of

Rexburg; 32 grandchildren; and 69 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her eldest son, Teddy Merlin Hodges, in 1969 while serving in Vietnam; a son-in-law, Roger Larsen; a sister, Laura Ricks; and her parents, Harry Phillip, Bebe and Hazel Meljssa Bronson.

Viola was loved and respected by her family and will be deeply missed. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 22 at the Malta First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop J. Max Jones officiating. Burial will be in Valley Vu Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. on Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

Jazz bassist Booker dies

The Washington Post

Walter Booker, a bass player who provided the rhythmic foundation for Cannonball Adderley, Sarah Vaughan and many other prominent jazz musicians, died Nov. 24 of cardiac arrest at his home in New York. He was 72.

Booker, who spent his formative years in Washington, came to the bass at a relatively advanced age, first picking up the instrument at 26 while serving in the Army. He had completed two years of medical school at Howard University in the early 1950s when he left his studies to pursue music as a full-time career.

Edward Eugene Larson

JEROME — Edward Eugene Larson, 76, of Jerome, joined his wife Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, in Twin Falls.

He was born July 25, 1930, in a farmhouse in Jerome to Vick and Mervie Larson. He was of much love to his wife, Matilda, who preceded him in death in February 2003.

Ed was also preceded in death by his son Tony and daughter Lois. He is survived by his son Russ and daughter Patty. Also surviving are eight beloved grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Being a first generation Italian, he had an active, diversified life in different industries. Straight out of high school he joined the U.S. Marine Corp. and played semi-professional ball in the Bay area where he met the love of his life. Life led him into the lumber industry where he was injured which

caused him to change his profession. Jim is a pioneer in the computer programming industry with IBM where his natural talents were realized.

He enjoyed playing cards, golf, hunting, gardening and sharing the fruits of his labor with loved ones. He was an active member of the Optimist Club where he enjoyed helping many others. Ed will be remembered as a gregarious individual who brought many laughs to those around him. Many benefited from his generous nature. Ever so patient, he was always calm and never complained. His crowning achievement was his gracious treatment of others.

The family would like to thank the caregivers and staff at Bridgewood Estates. "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. A memorial service for Ed will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Burley-Rowles Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert J. Coiner

TWIN FALLS — Robert J. Coiner, 84, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Isidro Lopez

JEROME — Isidro Lopez, 22, of Jerome, died Dec. 16, 2006 in Boise. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Jennie A. Kohntopp

JEROME — Jennie A. Kohntopp, 81, of Jerome, died Dec. 16, 2006, in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

William K. "Bill" Frodin

JEROME — William K. "Bill" Frodin, 48, of Jerome, died Dec. 16, 2006, in Wendell. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Barbara Belle Higgins

TWIN FALLS — Barbara Belle Higgins, 73, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, at her home. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Ernest Ramos

BURLEY — Ernest Ramos, 48, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, in Burley. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

SERVICES

Chester Melvin Phillips of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS 3rd Ward Church, 526 F St.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Muriel I. Brown of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Free Will Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland St. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Crystal Deanne Neal of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

LaRee Stephens of Burley and formerly of Hazelton, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hazelton Ward LDS Chapel; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Merle Irene McClure Huey of Jerome, interment of ashes at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Jack Preensell of Wendell, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Wendell United Methodist Church (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Jesus Abernasturi of Hearn, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 8th St.; viewing one hour before the service at the mortuary.

Elmer L. Young of Nampa, celebration of life from 3 to 6 p.m. today at his daughter's home, 9237 W. Beachside Lane in Garden City (Alisp & Persons Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

Richard Edmond Short of Boise, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise; memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Episcopal

Church in Gooding (Clovegrade Funeral Home in Boise).

Grant B. Humphries of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. in Jerome; visitation for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Burbage "Bob" Rush Justice of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2456 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; friends may call from noon to 5 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Sumiko Dorothy Kobayashi of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 16th St. in Burley, and one hour before the service Tuesday 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).

Bernice Lillith Badger DaSoglio of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 6th St. in Burley, and one hour before the funeral Mass Tuesday at the church.

Sherry Lynn Drummond-Fratt of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic

Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Esther Whiting of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church; rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral and the rosary. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Vicki Lynn Jensen Hoopes of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Stephen B. Ellis of Provo, Utah, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Oak Hills 2nd Ward Stake Center, 925 E. North Temple Drive in Provo; interment at 1 p.m. Thursday at the View Cemetery, 600 S. 750 E. in View. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Walker Mortuary, 85 E. 360 S. in Provo, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Richard "Ric" E. Shacklett of Kimberly, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2456 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Roxanne Martin of Bellevue, memorial service at p.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Halley (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Carol Ward Warren of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Star 1st and St. Ward LDS Church, 10-20 W. 200 W. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Thursday at the church.

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N. Idaho digs out after windstorm; some still without power

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Thousands in Northern Idaho were still without power as the temperatures dropped into the teens Saturday night. In the aftermath of a wind storm that whipped the Inland Northwest Friday, dropping trees and cutting power lines.

About 3,000 customers served by Northern Lights Inc., which provides power to some of the more isolated areas of Northern Idaho, including Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint, did not have power until late Saturday night, said company spokesman Elissa

Glassman. As of Sunday afternoon, 500 homes still weren't connected. Areas such as Colville, the Palouse, and the outskirts of Coeur d'Alene, which are serviced by Avista Utilities, may not have power until Monday.

Temperatures are expected to remain below freezing through Monday according to the National Weather Service. One Bonner's Ferry resident without power e-mailed The Spokesman-Review that she planned to use her own generator to keep her pipes from freezing.

Progress has been slower in these areas because crews are working in neighborhoods and remote locations that serve smaller blocks of customers. Avista said in a press release.

Wind gusts of up to 70 mph knocked out power to tens of thousands of people in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington Friday and felled hundreds of trees, sometimes onto buildings or vehicles. A home on Hauser Lake was badly damaged when a large tree fell on it, and a large Ponderosa Pine crushed three

cars in Post Falls, Idaho.

Tree service workers were scrambling Saturday to dig out houses and remove tree limbs dangling precariously over people's roofs.

"It's been pretty crazy," said Brad Baxter, a certified arborist and the owner of Arbor Care. "Every true guy I've seen is out there working."

Baxter said his crew has responded to calls for service all over the South Hill, Newman Lake and Spokane, Valley.

Rick McIntire, owner of Tall Tree Services, said his crew of

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Idaho schools switch to 4-day weeks to cut costs

ARIMO (AP) — As their enrollment numbers continue to trickle away, many of Idaho's rural schools districts are switching to a 4-day school week to save money — and are seeing some extra benefits.

At Marsh Valley High School, one of the latest school districts to make the switch as an experiment this year, teachers say attendance has gone up. At Bear Lake High, where they're in their second year of a four-day week, teachers say students show up fresher and ready to learn.

"I'm almost convinced the four-day week is better than chocolate," said Marsh Valley High Principal Gary Yearseley. "Personally, I'd hate to go back to a five-day now."

Public schools in Idaho are funded through state money, which is handed out on a per pupil basis. As these schools' enrollments decline, the

money they get from the state goes down with them.

The four-day week is meant to save money by cutting down through Monday according to Classroom thermostats at Marsh Valley High are dialed down from 70 degrees to 55 degrees on Fridays, and it's not uncommon to see teachers bundled up in the winter coats in their classrooms on Fridays getting in extra work.

By lengthening class period from an hour to 70 minutes, and lengthening school days by an hour, the district expects to save between \$60,000 and \$80,000 per year. At the Soda Springs School district, they've saved between \$130,000 and \$200,000 per year, depending on the weather.

The lengthened days mean students at Marsh Valley will actually be in class a few more hours this school year than last school year.

And, school officials say, the four-day week has led to an attitude change among students. Students are scheduling their activities and appointments on Fridays, Yearseley said, and they're less likely to cut classes when they know they've got a three-day week ahead of them.

It does seem more businesslike when you walk the halls," he said. "We have not had as many problems this year."

But some teachers say they've had to cut some material out of their teaching programs because of the new four-day week. Despite the increased class time, losing a whole class period makes it difficult to keep on schedule, said Marsh Valley teacher Tamara Christiansen.

She said she's had to cut some "fluff" out of her curriculum, including a project in

which her students pretend to be reporters and organize news programs.

Officials at Shelley School District No. 60, where the four-day week was tried and abandoned in the early 1990s, said districts shouldn't make the switch just to save money.

Shelley High School Vice Principle Dale Clark said while he saw the same attitude adjustment in students, his district saved very little money, and ultimately had to issue a levy to get back in the black.

"You're saving some little amount," he said. "The money issue is a terrible way to sell it and it's very little reason to go there."

BOISE

Auto accident claims lives of elderly couple

An elderly couple was killed and three others were injured in a two-car accident on State Street near Garden City this past weekend, Ada County Sheriff officials said.

Investigators said a GMC pickup was headed west on State Street just after 11 a.m. Saturday when a 1997 Lexus pulled out in front of it and the two cars collided. The Lexus landed in an irrigation ditch.

The two rear seat passengers in the Lexus, a 72-year-old man and his 71-year-old wife, were ejected from the back window. They pair — whose names have not been released pending notification of next of kin — were pronounced dead at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, said Lt. Scott Johnson of the Ada County Sheriff's office.

"Neither one was wearing a seatbelt, police said.

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— The Associated Press

POST FALLS

Few N. Idaho homes to place foster children in

As the number of children who need foster care continues to skyrocket, foster care workers in Northern Idaho are running out of homes to place children in, Idaho Youth Ranch workers said.

Even placing infants and toddlers, which families have lined up for in the past, are a challenge these days, said Maggie Morrison, a Youth Ranch foster worker. There are 275 foster homes in North Idaho and at least 350 children — a number that has doubled

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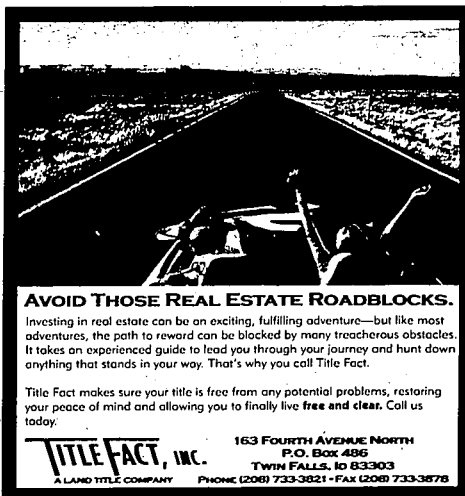
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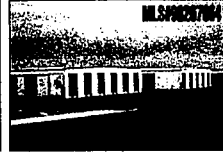
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Visibility – your business will be featured in Chamber publications, you will have members-only access to advertising opportunities, and when your new business joins we'll welcome you with special ribbon-cutting and open house events.

Flexibility – the Chamber refers ONLY Chamber members in response to the thousands of vacation, relocation, and general information requests we receive annually. Your business will also be listed in the Chamber's business directory and online on the Chamber's website.

Networking – take advantage of the opportunities to meet other Chamber members and learn how you can work with them to enhance everyone's business. Events include monthly Twin Falls Today luncheons, monthly Business After Hours get-togethers, the Annual Meeting and Banquet, the annual Success Breakfast, and other special events.

Representation and Advocacy – the Chamber is hard at work every day representing the interests of the Twin Falls area business community to ensure achievement of the organization's mission. The Chamber also works closely with local, state, and federal government to promote issues of benefit to the business community.

Involvement – the Chamber offers many volunteer committees, access to educational seminars and workshops, and networking events to help you and your business grow.

Beginning in 2007, your membership with the Twin Falls Chamber also includes representation with two other organizations – the Idaho Chamber Alliance and the US Chamber of Commerce.

The Idaho Chamber Alliance is a formal organization uniting the efforts of chambers throughout the state. ICA will advocate for issues important to Idaho business during the Legislative session as well as provide weekly analysis of the Legislative session by email, which will be forwarded to you.

The US Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions. Its core mission is to fight for business and free enterprise before Congress, the White House, regulatory agencies, the courts, the court of public opinion, and governments around the world. Your Federation Partnership membership with the US Chamber will give you access to the Small Business Center as well as discounts on products and services from US Chamber affinity partners. You'll receive more information on this new benefit from the US Chamber during the first week of January 2007.

Should you have any questions about your renewal invoice or the programs of the Twin Falls Chamber, Idaho Chamber Alliance, or U.S. Chamber Federation Partnership Program, please don't hesitate to contact us at the office.

Nominees for Person of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards

Nominees for Person of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards – The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors are seeking nominations for two awards to be given at the Chamber's annual banquet in January. The **2006 Person of the Year** will be chosen based upon major contributions to improve the business climate and/or the overall community spirit during the past 12 months. To recognize those members of our community who consistently give exceptional service to our community, the Chamber also awards a **Lifetime Achievement Award**. This award is given to a person who has been a

resident of our community for at least ten years and who has shown volunteerism, service, and dedication in his or her business and personal life that have significantly added to our area's quality of life.

A written nomination for either award may be submitted to the Chamber and should include the primary reason this person is being nominated, biographical information, and a listing of volunteer work (Chamber of Commerce, Club or Service Group, Church Activities, or personal volunteerism). The nominator's name and contact

information is also required. **The deadline for nominations is December 22, 2006.** They should be sent to Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, attn: Awards Nomination, 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Or you may email them to Jessica@twinfallschamber.com or fax them to the Chamber at 733-9216. Nominations will be reviewed in January and awarded at the Chamber's Annual Banquet. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 733-3974.

Business After Hours

Thursday, January 25, 2006
 - 5:30pm - 7pm -

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Twin Falls Today

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|--|--|--|----------|
| 17 | 18 | 19 4:30pm Ribbon Cutting for Re/Max American Dream Realty (155 2nd Ave. N) | 20 1:00pm Ribbon Cutting for Exit Realty (878 Falls Ave.) | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 8:00am Chamber office closed for Christmas | 26 | 27 | 28 12noon Legislative Sendoff Luncheon (Red Lion Canyon Springs — Reservations required! Call 733-3974) | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 1 8:00am Chamber office closed for New Year's Day | 2 9:30am Agribusiness (Chamber Office) | 3 | 4 | 5 1:30pm Ribbon cutting Rasmussen Real Estate (1146 Eastland Dr. N) | 6 |
| 7 | 8 5:30pm Ambassador's Meeting (Chamber office) | 9 12:00pm Twin Falls Today sponsored by Snake River Alliance at Garibaldi's | 10 4:00pm Ribbon Cutting St. Luke's Magic Valley Sleep Institute (450 Falls Ave. Ste 202 Eagle Crest) | 11 12:00pm Ribbon Cutting Best America Suites (1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. N) | 12 7:00am Government Affairs Committee (Chamber office) | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 12:00pm Economic Development Forum (Idaho Joe's Restaurant) | 17 | 18 | 19 7:00am Government Affairs Committee (Chamber office) | 20 |

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Annual Meeting and Banquet January 18

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual meeting and banquet on Thursday, January 18th at the

Radio Rondevo in Historic Downtown Twin Falls. No-host cocktails begin at 6pm with the annual membership meeting, dinner, and presen-

tation of awards — including the 2006 Person of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards — at 7pm. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be

purchased at the Chamber office. Stop in today to get your tickets or give us a call at 733-3974.

Last Minute Holiday Shopping Option

The Buzz Langdon Visitor Center is closed for the winter — but we've moved some of our more unique Twin Falls and Idaho souvenirs and local products

to the Chamber office. The items make great thank-you gifts for important clients and business contacts as well as out-of-state family and friends. Proceeds from the

sales support the continuing operations of the Visitor Center. Stop in to the Chamber office at 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. during regular business hours (Monday through

Friday-8am to 5pm) to see what we have and what you might like to stock up on for the holidays!

Family or friends coming for the holidays?

Keep your stress level **LOW** with these tips:



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2. **Keep 'em busy!** - Guests can get stale after a few days...so get out of the house and visit your own backyard! Stroll on the Snake River Canyon Rim Walking Trails, take a trip through the Herrett Center, or head for the hills and enjoy winter recreation. Local attractions and activities are highlighted at the "things to do" section of www.twinfallschamber.com.

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