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2006: Idaho went red, elk went free and Albertson's just went away

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — In 2006, Idaho's voters went red, its elk went free, one of its largest employers went elsewhere, and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne left to run the Department of Interior.

During the Nov. 7 election when war- and scandal-weary Americans elsewhere were busy chucking Republicans from power, voters here made libertarian C.L. "Burt" Otter their governor, sent social conservative Bill Sali to Congress and put every statewide elected office in Republican hands for the first time in more than a half century.

The winners in those political races argue the results answer a lingering question about how newcomers piling into fast-growing Idaho will change the state's fabric.

"People are coming not because they want to change Idaho, but because they like what they see," said Gov. Jim Risch, who, in a rare turn of events, won a new term as lieutenant governor after Kempthorne's appointment as Interior Secretary elevated Risch into the top job for a few months.

Starting at the beginning of the year, a look at the top Idaho news in 2006:

Albertson's Exit: Until this year, the second-largest U.S. grocery chain that started on a Boise corner in 1939 had been a reminder that isolated Idaho could produce an economic juggernaut. Still, billions of dollars in takeovers in recent years failed to boost earnings, making the company itself a takeover target.

On Jan. 23, SuperValu Inc. of Minnesota more than doubled its size after buying Albertson's for \$9.7 billion. The buyout is already having an impact: SuperValu is transferring at least 400 positions from the former Idaho headquarters to its corporate offices in Minnesota, and other jobs have been eliminated.

Kempthorne Gets Call: After Gale Norton quit her post as interior secretary, President Bush announced March 16 he wanted Kempthorne to replace her. Bush and Idaho's 30th governor had become friendly the summer before while vacationing at the Tamarack Resort near Boise. Kempthorne becomes the second man from Idaho — Cecil Anderson, under former President Carter

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Man's mission is to get Christmas trees to troops

A desire to cheer up his daughter serving in Iraq is snowballing into national effort

By Ann R. Paley
The Washington Post

It's not easy to ship a Christmas tree to Iraq. Jim Ward knows. In an elaborate and admittedly eccentric campaign dubbed Operation Christmas Tree, he managed to get 75 live conifers to homesick troops in

Iraq and Afghanistan this winter. Now his effort is snowballing into a massive national drive to ensure that each of the 150,000 U.S. troops in the two war zones receives a tree next holiday season.

"These soldiers are risking their lives over there and can't even spend Christmas with their families," said Ward, 33, a

truck driver from Westminster, Md., who delivers trees for a nursery. "Don't they at least deserve a Christmas tree to remind them of home while they're stuck there?"

Ward's Christmas tree effort started with one soldier: his daughter, Army Spc. Luisa Gonzalez, a 22-year-old medic who was deployed two months ago to a base north of Baghdad. When he thought of

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Jim Ward, his wife, Betty, left, daughter, Elizabeth Gonzalez, 19, second from left and Army Spc. Luisa Gonzalez, 22, stand in front of their tree in Westminster, Md.

Bright Lights



Lights twinkle in the tiny houses of the Christmas village that Virginia Anderson has set up in the living room of her home in Filer.

Filer woman celebrates Christmas spirit with hundreds of sculptures

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

FILER — Virginia Anderson of Filer sets up in her home each Christmas a skating rink, a carousel and a black, rusty locomotive.

Anderson is not holding the world's most crowded carnival. She is basking in the holiday spirit — one, miniature Christmas sculpture at a time.

For the past 30 years, the 73-year-old retired registered nurse has assembled hundreds of sculptures to create a small winter wonderland, or as she says, "a mouse village." Encompassing four tables, half a dozen shelves as well

as two end tables, the village transforms her living room into a white light and reindeer spectacle.

"It brings the child out of you, brings the kid out of you," she said. "It makes you think of what Christmas is really about."

Anderson buys the objects — brightly-lit homes, miniature Santa and enough reindeer to make children jealous — wherever she can find them, such as Lowe's, garage sales and flea markets.

"Mentally, I am shopping all year," she said. "If I'm at a garage sale and see something good, I'll snag it."

Anderson said she has probably



Virginia Anderson, 73, poses in front of her Christmas village Thursday at her home. Anderson says she shops for the village year-round.

invested thousands of dollars in December and removes by Jan. 1. her village, which she typically sets up at the beginning of

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Technology lets you be in two places at once for family dinners

Accenture researchers Daron Wan, right, and Adam Pflon demonstrate a video-conferencing service Dec. 15 that allows families to dine together from different locations.



By Don Bahra
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Harvey Bumpus doesn't like to eat alone.

But his wife died more than a year ago and his family is scattered across the country. Most nights, he heats up a simple meal of oatmeal or hot dogs and eats alone.

"I don't have much choice," said the 62-year-old retired correctional officer who looks forward to Christmas as one of the few days each year when he gathers with his family.

See it online

Watch an AP video of this new technology at the Times-News Web site, www.magicvalley.com.

But when the planes, trains and automobiles that brought everyone together take his family away — he, like millions of other elderly people, will be alone again.

Now, the technology consulting company Accenture is developing a system called "The Virtual Family Dinner" that

would allow families to get together — virtually — as often as they'd like.

The concept is simple. An elderly woman in, say, California, makes herself dinner. When she gets ready to sit down and eat, the system detects it and alerts her son in Chicago. The son then goes to his kitchen, where a small camera and microphone capture what he is doing. Speakers and a screen — as big as a television or as small as a picture frame — allow him to hear and see his

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 42, Low 32, 36/26).

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Today: Holiday snow showers passing through. Highs, lower to mid 30s.
Tonight: Snow showers continuing. Lows, lower to mid 20s.
Tomorrow: Mixed showers or morning snow, then partial clearing. Highs, 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

FAMILY

Anderson Camp's annual drive-through Christmas Nativity Pageant, featuring full-sized figures painted by local artist Gary Stone amid trees lighted with over 20,000 Christmas lights, 6 to 9 p.m., Anderson Camp, located at exit 182 off Interstate 84 in Eden, free admission (donation box), 825-9800.

List your event

To list events in the daily calendar, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@magicalvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today

Campus is closed for Christmas break; all offices reopen for spring semester registration at 8 a.m. Jan. 2.

Tuesday

Annual CSI baseball camp, all day, Expo Center (through Friday).
Herrett Center for Arts and Science open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Far Out Space Places, 1 and 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Circle, Amber Scon art exhibit, Herrett Center, Jean B. King Gallery (through Jan. 20).
The Christmas Star, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Steamrolling Through the Holidays, 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
Wednesday-Thursday
Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m.
The Christmas Star, 1 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Steamrolling Through the Holidays, 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Friday

Huggo Bears Narcotic Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Friday-Saturday

CSI Junior Eagles basketball camp for boys and girls, ages 5-14, 9 a.m. to noon, gym.
Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday.
Far Out Space Places, 1 and 3 p.m. Friday; 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Faulkner Planetarium.
The Christmas Star, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
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IN THIS WEEK'S TIMES-NEWS

Vertical list of featured articles with small images: GET A GOAT, TAMALES FOR ROOKIES, AN IDAHO TOAST, BELLA LUNA, THE YEAR IN FAITH, AULD LANG SYNE.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Answers to some burning questions

TWIN FALLS — Now that the gifts once placed neatly under the tree have had their mysterious contents revealed, go ahead and put on that new pair of socks while you take a minute to evaluate the hidden benefits of a few of those gifts. If you're looking to shed a few pounds after the festivities, you probably already know activities such as skiing, jogging and swimming are an excellent way to burn off the calories. But even the simplest pursuit will burn at least a few of those holiday-celebration calories.

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Filer woman keeps Christmas spirit alive

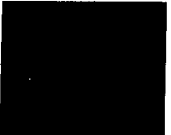
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Twin Falls farmer leaves legacy of service

TWIN FALLS — Robert Coimer, a longtime farmer and well-respected community member, died Dec. 17. He was 84.

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Wendell adopts new logo to boost image

WENDELL — The city of Wendell has changed its 'Hub City' logo to better reflect its claim to fame.

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Key Club continues Christmas effort

FILER — The Filer High School Key Club continued a tradition of reaching out to the community this Christmas season.

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Many offices closed for Christmas holiday

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed for Christmas.

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OBITUARIES

Helen E. Peters, 90

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CORRECTIONS

CSI class catalog will be published Jan. 1

A Page One headline in Sunday's edition was incorrect regarding the College of Southern Idaho's class catalog. The catalog will be in the Jan. 1 edition of the newspaper.

Domestic elk farm does not offer hunting

A story about domestic elk farms published on Dec. 20 contained two errors. First, David Miller, part-owner of a domestic elk farm north of Jerome, does not offer hunting at his elk farm. Also, Wyoming banned elk farms 30 years ago, not Montana. The Times-News regrets the errors.

IDAHO/WEST



Town had brush with famous NFL player

ISMAY (or should we say JOEY, Mont. — Sixty miles east of Miles City, next to a northbound dirt road off U.S. Highway 12, sit two signs. One tells travelers that a place called Ismay can be found somewhere off in the dusty distance. The other says no, it's Joe Ismay? Joe? Whoever it is, we've got to go, and six miles later we drop down into a gully, and into the smallest incorporated town in all Montana. It has a population of 14.

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BLM to host job fair on Wednesday

ELKO, Nev. — The Bureau of Land Management will host a job fair at the Elko Field Office, 1300 East Idaho St., Elko, Nev., from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Gov. Schwarzenegger to have surgery on leg

SAN FRANCISCO — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recuperated at his home in Sun Valley, Idaho, on Sunday, a day after he broke his right leg while skiing. A spokeswoman for the governor said he planned to stay in the ski resort town where he often vacations at least through Christmas and was "continuing to do well."

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AP picks 10 top Idaho stories for 2006

BOISE — In 2006, Idaho voters went red, its elk went free and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne went to Interior. These stories are among The Associated Press's choices as the most significant to emerge from the Gem State this year, in part because they reaffirm Idaho's reputation as a quirky place on the American frontier.

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Locals seek to protect land from development

DANIEL, Wyo. — In a state graced with mountain ranges like the Tetons and Wind Rivers, the Wyoming Range isn't well known, even in its namesake state. But to residents living within its late afternoon shadows, the Wyoming Range is no less awe-inspiring. The experience of the Wyoming transcends all talk about them," resident Pete Doenges said. "They are a treasure and a sacred place, and getting people out to feel the healing power of this place can leave deep impressions."

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'Zuzu' still thinks it's wonderful life

Fairly Grimes has parlayed her six minutes in the beloved 1946 film 'It's a Wonderful Life' into a late-life career. After enduring heartaches that make George Bailey's troubles look small, she has become a feel-good ambassador for the film and one of its last living links. "I'm that little girl and I stand for something those people love," she says.

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Ethiopia attacks Somali Islamic movement

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SPORTS



BSU fans get ready for the big one

TWIN FALLS — Tickets, airfare, hotels, tailgating plans and the arid Southwest sums up the holiday plans for Boise State senior linebacker Corey Hall's family. Hall, a Glens Ferry native, and the Broncos have an appointment with the Oklahoma Sooners on New Year's Day, and it's guaranteed to be a family affair.

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, in-laws and family friends are all making the trek down to Glendale, Ariz.

"I had to deal with almost 75 tickets," Hall's mother, Karen, said. "It's been wild."

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Holidays offer CSI a break from basketball

I'm pretty sure that in some American households, Christmas and basketball have found a way to coexist.

The Larsen household, however, has little recollection of any feat of athletic prowess more organized than my dad, Ron, balancing his favorite mug on his stomach while asleep on the couch every Dec. 25.

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Pats edge Jags to clinch AFC East

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Tom Brady and the New England Patriots may have knocked Jacksonville out of the playoffs for the second consecutive season — while clinching their own division, title.

Brady directed three long touchdown drives, capped one with a perfect touchpass to David Thomas, and helped the Patriots clinch their fourth consecutive AFC East crown with a 24-21 victory against the Jaguars on a rainy Sunday.

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## Village

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She bought two toy mice on a salesman years ago and decided to do something new each year. This year she bought a ladder display with bright, starry moon. She grew up in Glenns Ferry but soon became enamored with the miniature snow villages as a young girl.

Anderson's late husband initially was not a fan, but he soon became a big fan.

"He'd say, 'When are you going to put up the village? I want to see it, I want to see it,'" she said. "He was Norwegian, so he probably never had preferred trolls."

Today, Anderson said she assembles the village not only for the memories, but to keep up holiday cheer. She said most have forgotten "I just love it," she said. "Why not light it up and have a party?"

Reporter Iarel S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com

## Virtual

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mother, who has a similar setup.

"We are trying to really bring back the kind of family interactions we used to take for granted," said Dadong Wan, a senior researcher in Accenture Ltd.'s Chicago labs.

Experts say such interactions could address a growing problem: elderly people who eat alone often don't eat enough or eat the wrong kinds of food. It can trigger a host of physical and mental problems that eventually can become life-threatening.

"To physically eat with others, to be able to do that, there are not only social benefits, but health benefits," said Dr. Julie Locher, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, who specializes in eating issues among older people.

Locher, who suspects virtual meals could forestall hospitalization or placement in nursing homes, was so intrigued with Accenture's project she plans to study it.

When a prototype becomes available, possibly in about two years, it likely will cost \$500 to

\$1,000 per household, Wan said. Senior Accenture manager Peter Glaser said he hopes insurance companies and government agencies help pay for the system, much as they do for home health care workers, once they see its benefits.

In Accenture's lab, projects are mounted on the ceilings of two mock kitchens — Wan is in one and Glaser is down the hall in the other. In each, activities taking place in the other room are projected onto a large window, allowing the men to watch each other; microphones allow them to carry on a conversation.

In homes, cameras and microphones could be placed on top of a counter or TV set or built into "smart picture frames that capture what is going on in one kitchen and display it in the other," Wan said. The screens can show just the person or the entire room, depending how the cameras are set up.

The system could incorporate computers, television sets and broadband already in many homes, so customers could have the same as they do cable television, Glaser said.

Wan said the Virtual Family Dinner goes further than today's video conferencing.

For example, when an elderly person puts a meal on the table, the system's software automatically finds family members who are similarly wired and determines who might be available. That could be done in any number of ways, including determining whether a networked family member is watching television. It would then send a message that could be displayed on the TV.

Other companies are conducting research into remote monitoring of the elderly, but no one is focusing on daily casual dining, Glaser said.

Such a window into the lives of elderly loved ones is an exciting prospect for Dr. Cai Glushak, a Chicago physician who is the caregiver for his parents in New York. Glushak is medical director for AXA Assistance, which has a program in which elderly patients are monitored by the company. What makes Accenture's work so compelling, he said, is that it extends to him the same kind of access that AXA's program allows medical professionals.


"I feel very limited by only being able to talk on the phone most of the time," said Glushak. one of an estimated 34 million Americans caring for a person age 50 or older.

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In the 1970s, was the first — to run the federal agency that oversees vast swaths of public land, endangered species, American Indian issues and the National Park Service.

**West Nile Virus:** The disease from Africa contributed to the deaths of at least 14 people in Idaho and sickened 869, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Heavy spring rains led pools of standing water, providing ideal breeding conditions for the mosquitoes that transmit the disease.

**Idaho Burns:** More than 1,800 wildland fires torched about 933,000 acres of forest and grassland, turning Idaho skies ash-gray and

prompting air quality alerts. Four firefighters died in a helicopter crash.

**Elk Breakout:** On August 14, as many as 160 farm-raised elk escaped from the Chief Joseph private hunting reserve near Rexburg, raising concerns they could spread disease or breed with wild elk from nearby Yellowstone National Park. Rex Hammell, the elk's owner, was arrested several times, including for allegedly obstructing officers after Risch ordered an emergency hunt. Hammell's daughter, 2007 Miss Idaho USA Amanda Hammell, vowed never to be photographed with Risch.

**Special Session:** Making good on his promise not to be a "caretaker government," Risch won passage of a

plan to eliminate the \$260 million in property taxes that paid for public school maintenance and operations. Lawmakers made up the difference by boosting the sales tax and tapping a budget surplus.


**Duncan Pleads:** In October, child molester Joseph Duncan III pleaded guilty to murder and kidnapping in Coeur d'Alene. He received a life sentence without parole for the hammer deaths of Brenda Greene, her fiancé, Mark McKenzie and Greene's 13-year-old son, Slade, in May 2005. Duncan could still get the death penalty in a separate federal case where he's accused of killing Greene's 9-year-old son, Dylan.

Just one person, kidnap victim Shasta Greene, survived the attack.

**Wilderness Spatters:** Plans for a new 315,000-acre federally protected wilderness in the Boulder and White Cloud mountains of central Idaho filed in Congress this month. U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, the bill's sponsor, has vowed to resurrect the bill in the new Democratic Congress, but it may face troublesome environmental groups that oppose the measure's public land transfers and mining and development provisions.

**Wolf Management:** Idaho appears set to get Endangered Species Act protections lifted from the predators. On Dec. 19, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dale Hall said he was planning in January to begin delisting in Idaho and Montana.

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December 11, 2006

Mr. Brad Hurd  
The Times-News  
1320 Fairchild Street West  
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Dear Brad:

The seasons change pretty quickly up here in Minneapolis. Now with a chill in the air, we are reminded that the holidays are soon approaching, and with them comes the warm feelings of being thankful for all that we have, and a need to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

A few months ago, I had the opportunity to speak at the NAA's Retail Advertising Forum. It was a great experience to personally meet and reconnect with so many of Target's newspaper partners. As I mentioned then, our strong relationship with newspapers is an important way to differentiate Target's brand and add value for our guests. Newspapers remain a critical part of our media mix, not just for their unique ability to deliver our circular message to guests, but more broadly for the leading role they assume in their local community every day.

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All my best wishes to you this coming holiday season.

Michael Francis  
Executive Vice President, Marketing  
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# AROUND THE WORLD

## SOMALIA

### Ethiopia launches attack on Islamic movement

**MOGADISHU, Somalia** — Ethiopia sent fighter jets into Somalia and bombed several towns Sunday in a dramatic attack on Somalia's powerful Islamic movement, and U.N.-backed interim minister said his country had been "forced to enter a war."

It was the first time Ethiopia acknowledged its troops were fighting in support of Somalia's U.N.-backed interim government even though witnesses had been reporting their presence for weeks in an escalating battle that threatens to engulf the Horn of Africa region.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi went on television to announce that his country was at war with the Islamic movement that wants to rule neighboring Somalia by the end of the year.

"Our defense force has been forced to enter a war to defend (against) the attacks from extremists and anti-Ethiopian forces and to protect the sovereignty of the land," Meles said a few hours after his military attacked the Islamic militia with fighter jets and artillery. No reliable casualty reports were immediately available.

Ethiopia, a largely Christian nation, supports Somalia's interim government, which has been losing ground to the Council of Islamic Courts for months.

"They are cowards," said Sheik Mohammed Ibrahim Suley, an official with the Islamic movement, which controls most of southern Somalia.

"They are afraid of the face-to-face war and resorted to airstrikes. I hope God will help us shoot down their planes."

Eritrea, a bitter rival of Ethiopia, is backing the Islamic

militia, and experts fear the conflict could draw in the volatile Horn of Africa region, which lies close to the Saudi Arabian peninsula and has seen a rise in Islamic extremism.

## IRAQ

### 12,000 policemen killed since '03, minister says

**BAGHDAD** — Some 12,000 Iraqi policemen have been killed since the ouster of Saddam Hussein, the country's interior minister said Sunday, as clashes, a suicide bomber and weekend explosions killed more than a dozen Iraqi officers and four American soldiers.

At a news conference in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani said despite the thousands of police deaths "when we call for new recruits, they come by the hundreds and by the thousands."

Among the deaths Sunday

were seven police officers killed when a suicide bomber hit a police station in Muqaddiyah, northeast of the capital. The bombing was followed by six mortar rounds. In Mosul, a drive-by shooting killed two policemen.

Though police have been targeted by insurgent attacks, they have also been blamed for violence. Gunmen in Iraqi army and police uniforms have been responsible for recent bank robberies in Baghdad and the kidnapping of more than 40 workers and volunteers at the Iraqi Red Crescent.

## WASHINGTON

### Dodd calls for troop withdrawal from Iraq

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Iowa is home to the first con-

test for the Democratic nomination for president.

In an op-ed in The Des Moines Register, the Connecticut lawmaker wrote: "The time has come for the United States to begin the process of getting our troops out of Iraq."

Dodd, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, argued in the column that the U.S. strategy in Iraq "... makes no sense. It never really did. It is as bad in person as it appears on television."

Appearing on ABC's This Week on Sunday, Dodd said that he is "trying to raise the necessary resources" for a possible run for the White House and whether he will formally declare is "something I'll evaluate over the next couple of weeks."

Dodd, who also visited Syria on his trip to the Middle East, responded to remarks by White House Press Secretary Tony Snow that trips by members of Congress to the country amount to a "PR victory" for

the leadership there.

The senator said in order to create stability in Iraq, "the job isn't to go to garden spots" it is to go to "hot spots."

### Report rebukes FBI over Oklahoma City probe

**WASHINGTON** — The FBI failed to fully investigate information suggesting other suspects may have helped Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols with the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, allowing questions to linger more than a decade after the deadly attack, a congressional inquiry concludes.

The House International Relations investigative subcommittee will release the findings of its two-year review as early as Wednesday, declaring there is no conclusive evidence of a foreign connection to the attack but that far too many unanswered questions remain.

The subcommittee's report will conclude there is no doubt

McVeigh and Nichols were the main perpetrators, and it discloses for the first time that Nichols confirmed to House investigators he participated in the robbery of an Arkansas gun dealer that provided the proceeds for the attack.

There have long been questions about that robbery because the FBI concluded McVeigh was in another state at the time it occurred.

The report also sharply criticizes the FBI for failing to be curious enough to pursue credible information that foreign or U.S. citizens may have had contact with Nichols or McVeigh and could have assisted their plot.

"We did our best with limited resources, and I think we moved the understanding of this issue forward a couple of notches even though important questions remain unanswered," Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., the subcommittee chairman, said in an interview.

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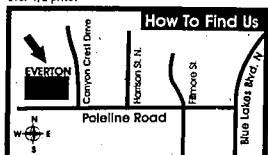
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## Trees

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her alone on Christmas in battle-scarred Iraq, he decided that the best way to give her some holiday cheer was to finagle a Christmas tree there.

But how do you get a 5-foot-tall, 70-pound tree into a war zone?

Ward despaired. The U.S. Postal Service couldn't guarantee its safe delivery, and no one could think of another way to get a tree that big to the Middle East.

"Then one day I'm eating dinner, and it just dawned on me, and I was like, 'Whoa!'" he recalled. "The answer is Charlie Browns."

Charlie Browns, 2-foot-high trees named after the classic Christmas cartoon special in which one was featured, were small enough to be easily shipped inside a box. And at just \$7.98 each, the trees were inexpensive enough that Ward could send them to dozens of other Americans fighting overseas.

He ended up shipping 35 trees to his daughter, Christine, and the rest to Marines from Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md., and his brother-in-law's unit in Afghanistan. "It just kept hearing me that my daughter was going to get one and other people there weren't," Ward said.

The live potted conifers arrived in a box emblazoned with the logo Operation Christmas Tree, along with battery-operated lights — for the soldier without access to electricity — and sparkly ornaments.

Anyone was just in shock. Here I was in the middle of Iraq, and suddenly it smells like Christmas," recalled Gonzalez, who joined the Army to pay for school and wanted to be a doctor. "And nobody could believe that the trees were actually alive. Eventually I had to say, 'Please take them out of the box and water them or they'll die!'"

Ward has set up a Web site, [www.operationchristmastree.com](http://www.operationchristmastree.com), to raise money to send trees to every member of the military in Iraq and Afghanistan next year. He spent almost \$200 in the winter (which was matched by the Armed Forces Foundation), but the expanded operation will cost tens of thousands more.

But Gonzalez is convinced fate is smiling on the driver: Gonzalez was randomly assigned a two-week leave that just happens to include Dec. 25.



WEST

# Town had brush with fame thanks to NFL legend

By Trace Derlin  
Lee Newspapers

ISMAI (or should we say JOE), Mont. — Sixty miles east of Miles City, next to a north-bound dirt road off U.S. Highway 12, sit two signs.

One tells travelers that a "face" called Ismay can be found somewhere off in the distance.

The other says no, it's Joe. Ismay? Joe? Whichever it is, we've got to go, and six miles later we drop down into a gully, and into the smallest incorporated town in all Montana.

It has a population of 14. One of them, Gene Nemitz, is the mayor. Two others, one of them Gene's brother Lee, make up the city council.

"We know Ismay has a population of 14, because former postmaster Loren Nemitz — that'd be Gene and Lee's mom counted them up for us on the fingers."

Gene Nemitz has been mayor of Ismay since 1969, and once did someone file to run against him. That'd be Gene's wife Rita, who campaigned against her husband after his first term in office.

Gene, who threatened to carry out a smear campaign against her, won in a landslide, carrying 89 percent of the vote. She got 8 votes. His wife told her she knows who voted for her.

"I did," Rita says. "I was afraid one else would vote for me." And I voted for myself," Gene says, "because I thought everyone else might vote for her."

It may seem, since they still hold two-thirds of the elective offices in town, that the Nemitz family has a grip on Ismay politics that might surpass the Daily family in Chicago, but really, it's just representative government.

Nine of Ismay's 14 residents are Nemitzes. The grain elevator that Gene took over from his father, Dave, dominates the Ismay skyline.

Widens signs on many of the recent lots in Ismay tell the story of a once-bustling plains community of 500 people that died to become the county seat of Fallon County. On this empty lot once sat the Wilson Grain Garage, on another the Brackett Hotel. Over here the Farmer and Stockgrowers State Bank, over there the McNamara Store.

Yes, 500 people once lived in Ismay proper, that was in 1908 — but the town's population was down to 28 people back in 1993, when town clerk Wayne Rieger was in the bath and the phone rang.

On the other end of the line was a Kansas City radio station with a proposition. Would Ismay consider changing its name to Joe? Joe Montana, the legendary quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, had just signed with the Kansas City Chiefs, and the radio station thought it would be cool if they could get complete in Montana on swap names in order to honor Kansas City's new QB.

If there's a George, Wash., couldn't there be a Joe, Mont.?

The station had already been started down flat by one other Montana community, Bearreek, but Mayor Nemitz saw possibilities in the idea. The town's old fire truck, for instance, needed \$3,000 to 4,000 worth of repairs.

Maybe they could change the name, sell some T-shirts and air the truck.

The council passed the name change. Ismay became Joe.

And that's when the fun started. The radio station's little publicity stunt worked. The town's name change made headlines around the world. Newspapers and TV crews showed up, and one TV crew made a documentary about the town.

"Joe Montana is a legend and a champion," said host Doug McConnell. "And now, he's a city."

Cut to the theme song, sung to the tune of "My Sharona" ("It's Juh-Juh-Juh-Juh Joe, Montana").

The crew came to document "Joe Day," the first of which drew 1,800 people to Ismay — er, Joe — despite a downpour that turned the city's dirt streets to gumbo.

There were high hopes Joe Montana himself would visit Joe, Mont., and despite rumors he had been spotted everywhere from Miles City to Baker, the quarterback never showed.

Still, they had fun, and it was the start of eight years of Joe Days, eight years where you could get a postmark that read "Joe, MT" and eight years of selling T-shirts, hats, jackets

and mugs. The temporary name change obviously didn't spur any growth in the city, but it did get enough money to repair the fire truck.

Not only that — they raised \$120,000 above that, enough to build a new fire hall and community center, where Ismayians for whatever they're called gather for potlucks and parties.

Joe has reverted back to Ismay, but the quarterback is not forgotten. The new building is called the Joe Montana Center.



Loren and Dave Nemitz and the other 12 residents of Joe, Mont., are a lot to the retired football star. The town changed its name from Ismay to Joe back in 1993. The change brought a short economic boom to the community.

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NATION

# Mark resembling Virgin Mary draws the faithful in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — To the faithful, the Virgin Mary appears as an apparition on a painting wall attached to Freddy Montero's garage. As soon as you walk up to it, you can feel her presence," visited Stacy Veloz said as she gazed at the image, which was hidden behind scrub brush at the edge of a red rock yard.

"She's trying to touch people that aren't believers, to say, 'I'm here. I'm real. What do you think now?'" Veloz told the Las Vegas Sun. "I have the chills right now."

Montero said he was washing his car early one month at his home in northwest Las Vegas when he was approached by a woman who told him that the house had burned, but the previous owners were spared a fiery death by the grace of the Virgin Mary.

Montero said he and his wife, Chiles, knew their home was once in a fire. He shrugged off the woman's comment, but said the woman advised them to look at the wall. "I am not religious at all, but it seems there is a shadow of her," Chiles Montero said. "You can see it best at night. I kid you not."

The couple called their Catholic friends, who visited and spread the word. Chiles Montero also posted a notice on an online message board.

The gawking peaked at midnight Dec. 11, when a small group gathered to light candles in celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe, whose apparition is celebrated annually on Dec. 12.

Holy images that appear in mundane forms, such as on a grilled cheese sandwich or the side of someone's garage, must

be formally investigated before the Catholic Church will offer any official endorsement, said the Rev. Bob Stoeckig, a Las Vegas Diocese official and pastor at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Church in Las Vegas.

"These things happen every once in a while," Stoeckig said. "If it ultimately leads people to a deeper faith in Christ, it's probably not harmful. But if it takes them off in another direction, it could be."

Not everyone is certain the image is divine. Mark Chambers, president of Skeptics of Las Vegas, a group dedicated to promoting science and skepticism, said people are programmed to project their own interpretations of shapeless things.

"All of these different sightings are the result of us ... trying to find pattern and organi-

zation and meaning in the world 'around us,'" said Chambers, a psychologist and former professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "We are pattern-seeking animals."

Freddy Montero decided the pattern was really dried salt residue from a long-gone sprinkler. He said he doesn't care to look at it anymore.

But family friend Gabriela Krozel and others still want to stare.



Guillermo Hernandez, a migrant farmworker from Mexico, stands before outdoor Mass near McConigle Canyon in Del Mar, Calif., on Dec. 17. For 20 years, many illegal immigrants have worshipped at an outdoor church, a concrete altar in a canyon.

## Illegal immigrants and their open-air church evicted from wealthy San Diego-area canyons

By Eliot Spagat  
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — For 20 years, many of the illegal immigrants drawn by jobs in tomato fields have worshipped at an outdoor church, a concrete altar in a canyon where they slept under the shelter of plywood and plastic tarps and bathed in a stream.

Today, however, McConigle Canyon is overshadowed by multimillion-dollar homes, and police and landowners want the eyesores gone. The squatters and their tree-covered place of worship, which the Roman Catholic church installed in the 1980s, are being expelled in one of the latest skirmishes in the nation's battle over illegal immigration and homeless squatters' camps.

"We're wandering pilgrims once again," Monsignor Frank Fawcett told about 75 people at a Mass earlier this month. The service was held in a dirt parking lot at the top of the canyon because rain turned the path leading to the altar into thick mud.

Many of the homes and strip malls that surround the makeshift chapel in McConigle Canyon are just a few years old.

"This is a 25-year-old problem, but now that new housing projects are right on top of them, it has brought more attention to it," said San Diego police Capt. Boyd Long. "This is just scratching the surface of a much bigger problem: Immigration, which is something our nation is struggling to deal with."

Anti-illegal immigration activists have tried to accelerate the evictions. They collected pay stubs in the canyon and called a boycott of the companies listed on them — nurseries, farms, a landscaping company. A sticker on a pest that once supported a basketball hoop reads "No

Amnesty to Illegal Aliens." Canyon squatters were estimated to have numbered in the hundreds, even thousands, in the 1980s.

In Carlsbad, a city of 100,000 some 35 miles north of San Diego, police closed a migrant camp of about 20 huts in June because big homes, a new golf course and new trail system made it impossible for them to stay, police Cpl. Kevin Lehan said. He estimates squatters in the city have dwindled from 300 in 1995 to fewer than 100.

The landowners and farmers are selling out because it's a lot more lucrative to sell your land for multimillion-dollar homes than to grow poinsettias," Lehan said.

Developers were required to preserve the canyon as open space to win permission to build, but now police-installed fences block cars from driving in. One developer, D.R. Horton Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas, has peppered huts with signs that warn squatters their belongings may be hauled away at any time. The altar — covered with blue, gold and pink tiles portraying the Virgin of Guadalupe — sits along the stream in front of four rows of wooden benches and six picnic tables. The church plans to destroy it as soon as the ground is dry.

Some squatters have already moved to nearby canyons; others sleep in the tomato fields.

Some decided to chip in about \$100 a month to share an apartment, but Juan Ramirez said that would mean less money to send home to his wife and three children in Mexico.

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EDITORIAL

# Good tidings of joy on Christmas Day

Following our Christmas Day custom, the Times-News editorial board is pleased to surrender this space for a seasonal and eternal holiday message from St. Luke.

Merry Christmas.  
The Editorial Board:  
• Brad Hurt  
• Chris Steinbach  
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Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taxed. This first census took place while Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem — because he was of the house and family of David — to register, together with Mary his spouse, who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will.”

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and they found Mary and Joseph and the baby, lying in a manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

And all who heard marveled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And all the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

... For today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord.

— Luke 2:1-20

## LETTERS

### U.S. should step up to save lives in Sudan

With supreme sorrow, I write you this letter as a student at Magic Valley High School. We try very hard to stay current with the news and current events happening locally and globally. This mass genocide I'm about to speak of is a heart-breaking and bone-chilling event. But it is because of the terrible nature of this mass genocide that it must be known. Please follow me through this informative and unbelievable letter as we discuss the inhuman events taking place in Darfur, Sudan.

Two and a half million people have already been driven from their homes in Darfur, Sudan. Of those 2.5 million, more than half have already been killed. The survivors now face starvation, disease and rape, while those who remain in Darfur risk displacement, torture and murder.

We in the United States sit in Iraq fighting a war for us while people are suffering simply for their ethnic and religious backgrounds. My opinion is that the conflict in Iraq is in vain, especially in when we could use the same means to a better end in Darfur. I hope that as light is shed on both of these events, it can take precedence over a war fought for selfish reasons. Stopping genocide is a far more important objective in this world than any “manhood.”

I'm sure you think this is pretty controversial, but to me, the truth has to be known and opinions do matter. So in conclusion, take the time to research the events in Darfur,

Sudan, so that the “second holocaust” does not continue. Thank you for your time. ELI WILLEN Twin Falls

### Recovering justice offer support to fight vices

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LOYD BAKEWELL Twin Falls

# The Christmas spirit of ‘Semper Paratus’

I all started with a Marine major general's widow, who wanted to donate her wheelchair to a Marine who needed it.

What would seem to have been a simple request became a daunting task. There were bureaucracies to navigate, regulations to untangle, privacy acts to plow through, and logistics to manage.

Leave it to the Marines to get the job done. The wheelchair at the heart of this story came to my attention the day after Thanksgiving when John Palermo, senior vice commandant of the Marine Corps League in Tamarac, Fla., e-mailed me for help finding a newly Marine.

Palermo already had been storing the chair for three months and was bumping into military privacy restrictions that prevented his finding a recipient.

The chair had belonged to Jane Hanson, widow of Maj. Gen. Arthur Briggs Hanson. She wasn't using the chair and wanted to honor her husband by giving it to a fellow Marine. It wasn't any ordinary wheelchair, but a new ShopRider Medical Power electric model worth several thousand dollars.

Palermo's e-mail set in motion a search that has involved dozens of people, mostly Marines, and a series of frustrating fits and starts that would prompt most to surrender. There's no shortage of newly Marines returning from Iraq minus limbs, but military rules made it nearly impossible



KATHLEEN PARKER

to get a name.

Moreover, the Veterans Administration, it turns out, does a pretty good job of taking care of the wounded. Most have wheelchairs and prosthetics made to order, though I've learned during “Operation Wheelchair,” as this effort came to be called, that the list of back-ordered prosthetics is long.

Cutting to the chase, I forwarded Palermo's e-mail to Russ Clark, about whom I've written before. Clark is a minister and former Marine who counsels veterans through Point Man International Ministries in Columbus, Ohio. He went to work.

For the next five weeks, Clark sent me periodic updates on what was beginning to seem like a futile search. Every day, he was getting closer, but then he'd hit a snag.

E-mails and phone calls crossed the country several times. I can't list the names of the void. Significantly, they bring families out for second and third visits, not just when the wounded first arrive.

That's what the Marine is getting depressed,” says Williams. “He left his unit in Iraq, his family is in Omaha or wherever. The poor Marine

For more information or to make a contribution to the injured Marine program, go to [www.leaguelineup.com/injuredmarinefund](http://www.leaguelineup.com/injuredmarinefund).

expected to serve about 50 amputees per year. The week before Christmas, recent arrivals included “a new quad.”

That chilling phrase — “a new quad” — doesn't roll easily off the tongue, but Richard Williams has learned to say it without flinching. An attorney and former Marine, Williams coordinates the Marine Corps League-Injured Marine Fund in San Diego.

Amputees are part of his life. They are also his vocation. When not practicing law, Williams raises money to help financially strapped families visit their wounded Marines at the amputee center.

Although the Marine Corps and other groups help families visit wounded veterans, most programs allow for only two family members for a limited time. Places such as Fisher House — which provides temporary lodging for military families at major medical centers — are almost always full and have long waiting lists.

Williams' group tries to fill the void. Significantly, they bring families out for second and third visits, not just when the wounded first arrive.

That's what the Marine is getting depressed,” says Williams. “He left his unit in Iraq, his family is in Omaha or wherever. The poor Marine

faces multiple surgeries and is left by himself again.” Williams has been instrumental in getting Hanson's wheelchair from Florida to California — no small feat. Because of FAA rules pertaining to things such as batteries, you can't just fly an electric wheelchair across country, he says.

After many calls and dead ends, a Marine recruiter was located in Delray Beach, Fla., who is picking up the chair and delivering it to FedEx in Fort Lauderdale for crating and ground delivery to San Diego.

Hanson's chair is expected to arrive at the medical center soon after Christmas — a gift from one Marine home to another. It's not exactly a happy ending, given the circumstances, but “Operation Wheelchair” reveals yet again what *semper paratus* means to the Corps.

It also puts holiday angst in perspective.

For more information or to make a contribution to the injured Marine program, go to [www.leaguelineup.com/injuredmarinefund](http://www.leaguelineup.com/injuredmarinefund).

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# Nuclear recycling plan fits global initiative

As the public has become more comfortable with nuclear power as a clean and safe energy resource, anti-nuclear groups across the country have stepped up their misleading rhetoric. The latest representation of nuclear energy appeared in the Times-News on Dec. 18, courtesy of Jeremy Maxand of the Snake River Alliance.

Mr. Maxand attempted to draw a connection between nuclear weapons proliferation and the recycling of used nuclear fuel. He used this connection as grounds for attacking the proposed Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, a visionary program announced by the U.S. government earlier this year. The goal of GNEP is to enable the ongoing global expansion in the use of nuclear energy to proceed in a way that doesn't add to concerns about weapons proliferation — exactly the opposite of Mr. Maxand's characterization.

GNEP envisions a future where nations with established nuclear energy capabilities provide assured nuclear fuel supply and disposal services to nations who agree to forego nuclear fuel enrichment and reprocessing. Three

### READER COMMENT



LANE ALLGOOD HAROLD MCFARLANE

years ago, a similar model was proposed by Mohammed ElBaradei, 2005 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Last September, the Nuclear Threat Initiative — the nation's preeminent nongovernmental anti-proliferation organization — pledged \$50 million to help guarantee that assured fuel supply would become a reality. Mr. Maxand's opposition, lacking both logic and expertise, simply defies credibility.

A GNEP future would include use of advanced nuclear reactors based on technologies pioneered right here in Idaho. More than 100 operating reactors already produce 20 percent of U.S. electricity while emitting virtually no greenhouse gases or air pollutants. For developing countries with smaller elec-

tricity needs, the United States and other countries would provide safe, proliferation-resistant nuclear reactors that can be used to supply electricity or meet other energy-intensive needs such as water purification.

The GNEP vision includes the recycling of used nuclear fuel, which will drastically reduce the long-term environmental burden of used fuel disposal and will increase the amount of energy extracted from the fuel by a factor of nearly 100.

In the years ahead, there will likely be legitimate debate about the pace and timing of GNEP's implementation, but its vision of clean nuclear energy benefiting humankind while reducing proliferation concerns will remain compelling.

Some groups think we should oppose the recycling of used nuclear fuel because it is possible to extract weapons-usable materials via recycling. If you follow that same logic, we should stop using fertilizer and diesel fuel because they were used to blow up the Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

As we all know, there are many technologies that can be used either to do good or

to do harm. The key is to put in place controls that allow the benefits of these technologies to be realized safely. GNEP proposes to do exactly that. In fact, Boise will be at the hub of GNEP for a few days next September when some 800 people from 25 countries assemble here to discuss advances in the nuclear fuel cycle.

Most of the rest of the world has decided to recycle its used nuclear fuel because it is a more efficient use of energy resources and it reduces long-term waste burdens.

The United States stopped recycling 30 years ago and tried to persuade other nations to follow our example. That strategy of attempting to lead from the rear has been an abject failure.

Whether you're talking about newspapers or aluminum cans or nuclear fuel, recycling makes the kind of sense that people understand. And no amount of anti-nuclear propaganda is going to change that.

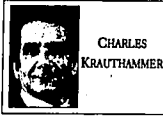
Lane Allgood is the executive director of the Partnership for Science and Technology, and Harold McFarlane is the president of the American Nuclear Society, both in Idaho Falls.



# We're ugly Americans, but we're no 'Oswald'

**FOUNDATIONS:** the ritual whereby a senior doctor goes from bed to bed seeing patients, maddened by a gaggle of admirers.

**FOUNDATIONS:** the art of distinguishing oneself from the gaggle with relentless displays of erudition.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

The roundsman is the guy who, with the class huddled at the head of the patient who has developed a rash after taking penicillin, raises his hand to ask the professor — obnoxious erudition is best expressed in the form of a question — whether this might not instead be a case of Shmendrick's Syndrome reported in the latest issue of the Journal of Rheologically Obscure Tropical Diseases.

None of the rest of us gather around the bed has ever heard of Shmendrick's. But that's the point. The point is for the prof to remember this hyper-motivated stuff who stays up nights reading journals in preparation for rounds. That's the upside. The downside, which the roundsman, let's call him Oswald, ignores at his peril, is that this apple polishing does not endear him to his colleagues, a slovenly lot, mostly hung over from a terrific night at the Blue Parrot.

The general feeling among

the rest of us is that we should have Oswald killed. A physiologist major suggests a simple potassium injection that would stop his heart and leave no trace. We agree this is a splendid idea, and entirely just. But it would not solve the problem. Kill him and another Oswald will arise in his place.

There's always an Oswald. There's always the husband who takes his wife to Paris for Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day! The rest of us schlubs can barely remember to come home with a single long stem rose. What does he think he's doing? And love is no defense. We don't care how much you love her — you don't do Paris. It's bad for the team.

Baseball has its own way of taking care of those who commit the capital offense of showing up another player. Drop your bat to admire the trajectory of your home run and chances are, the next time up the unappreciative pitcher tries to put your head off with high cheese that whistles behind

your skull. Now you might take this the wrong way and think that I am making the case for mediocrity — what Australians call the "tall poppy syndrome" of unspoken bias against achievement, lest one presume to be elevated above one's mates.

No. There is a distinction between show and substance. It is the ostentation that rankles, not the achievement. I'm talking about dancing in the end zone. Find a cure for cancer, and you deserve whatever honors and riches come your way. But the check-writer who wears blinding bling to the cancer ball is quite another manner.

Americans abroad have long been accused of such blinging arrogance and display. I find the charge generally unfair. Arrogance is incorrectly ascribed to what is really the cultural clumsiness of an insular (if continental) people less exposed to foreign ways and languages than most other people on earth.

True, America as a nation is not very good at humility. But it would be completely unnatural for the dominant military, cultural and technological power on the planet to adopt the demeanor of, say, Liechtenstein. The ensuing criticism is particularly glaring when it comes from the likes of

the French, British, Spanish, Dutch (there are many others) who just yesterday claimed dominion over every land and people their Captain Cooks ever stumbled upon.

My beef with American arrogance is not that we act like a traditional great power, occasionally knocking off foreign bad guys who richly deserve it. My problem is that we don't know where to stop — the trivial victories we insist on having in arenas that are quite superfluous.

Like that women's hockey game in the 2002 Winter Olympics. Did the U.S. team really have to beat China 12-1? Can't we get the coaches — there's gotta be some provision in the Patriot Act authorizing the CIA to engineer this — to throw a game or two, or at least make it close? We're trying to contain China. Why then gratuitously crush them in something Americans don't even care about? Why not throw them a bone? I say we keep the big ones for

ourselves — laser-guided munitions, Google, Warren Buffett — and let the rest of the world have ice hockey, ballroom dancing and every Nobel Peace Prize. And throw in the Ryder Cup. I always root for the Europeans in that one. They're lost entire empires, for God's sake; let them have golf supremacy for one weekend. No one likes an Oswald.

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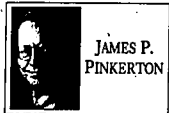


## Taxes doom yet another Bush

President Bush is willing to raise taxes. That reality was a big surprise to me 16 years ago, in 1990, when I was working in the White House. It's less of a surprise to me in 2006, when I am on the outside — because, after a while, you learn to identify the warning signs.

In 1990, the former President Bush broke his word on taxes and he broke his own presidency. In 2006, his son, President Bush, seems poised to destroy what little remains of his presidency. In both cases, both Bushes have been willing to talk about "process" and "common ground." But, when it comes to taxes, the opposing Democrats know two things: First, the Republicans have a winning issue on taxes — specifically, when they promise not to raise taxes. Second, if taxes are indeed to be raised, the Democrats want the Republicans to go first and say that taxes are "on the table." In other words, Democrats want Republicans to take the blame.

So here's the "on the table" language, right on the front page of Wednesday's *Washington Post*: "Signaling a new flexibility on issues in the wake of the Democrats' wins, Bush said he is willing to discuss Democratic ideas for solving the Social Security problem, including tax increases." The president is quoted as adding, "I don't see how you can move forward without people feeling comfortable about putting ideas on the



JAMES P. PINKERTON

table." Those are the magic words the Democrats were waiting to hear. As Post reporter Michael Fletcher explains, Bush's "new flexibility" is "part of a larger White House plan to renew the effort to tame the rising costs of government entitlement programs as the nation's population ages." And so, the Post reporter added, the administration is willing to consider "higher payroll taxes."

The Post, of course, has never met a tax increase it didn't like, and the Powerpoint paper is not above trying to cajole Republicans into generating more revenue for its *Belway* readership. But a look at the transcript confirms the Post's interpretation. Asked whether tax increases are on the table, Bush answered that the Democrats "can come to the table and talk about them." In D.C., that's code for opening up a discussion that leads, inevitably, to a tax increase. I know, because I was there the last time this happened.

It was May 3, 1990, when then-President Bush was asked if he would consider a tax hike, in light of his famous "read my lips, no new taxes" pledge from his victorious 1988 campaign.

At that 1990 news conference, a reporter reminded Bush, "I haven't heard any 'read my lips.'" To which the president responded, referring to the tax-hike-hungry Democrats, "No, you haven't heard it, because I'm going to sit down and talk to them." In other words, Bush was agreeing to put away the powerful "no new taxes" pledge. So the Democrats were free to talk about what they had always wanted, a tax increase — and Bush was free to destroy his own conservative, limited-government base. Which is exactly what happened. The president "negotiated" a real tax increase in return for illusory spending cuts, culminating in party-busting budget votes in October 1990.

Meanwhile, burdened by this new tax increase, the economy sank into recession, spending ballooned and the 41st president was soundly defeated for reelection in 1992.

So it's deja vu for me to see this President Bush about to repeat the same losing process. As he said at Wednesday's press conference, he wants to find "bipartisan cooperation" on Social Security financing.

Advisers are telling Bush that such bargaining will result in a solid domestic-policy legacy, as well as the shoring up of congressional support for the Iraq war. But history tells me that, if he raises taxes, he will demolish — as did his father before him — what little remains of his presidency.

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## Financial Lesson of the Week

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### Are You Really a Long-term Investor?

Many people have been investing for a long time and their goals, such as retirement, are years away. Therefore, they consider themselves to be long-term investors. But are they?

Real long-term investors aren't necessarily those people who have been investing for many years or who have their eyes on distant goals — although those two elements are important. True long-term investors share several common traits. Let's consider some of them:

- **They own the same investments for many years.** Investing is not a risk-free endeavor — and your investments will have their "ups and downs." But long-term investors choose quality investments and stick with them through good times and bad. These investors have the ability to look past all the events — political turmoil, high energy prices, market volatility, corporate scandals, etc. — that send some people to the investment "sidelines."
- **They don't deviate from their strategy.** Long-term investors establish a strategy based on their individual needs, goals, preferences, risk tolerance and time horizon. Then, once this strategy is in place, they follow it steadily through the years. For example, if they determine that their goals for a comfortable retirement require them to build an investment portfolio consisting of 70 percent stocks and 30 percent bonds and "cash" instruments, then they will try to maintain that proportion. This is not to say, however, that they are inflexible. If their needs change somewhat over time, they make adjustments — but they don't abandon their overall strategy.
- **They invest in companies — not stocks.** Successful long-term investors pay little attention to day-to-day (or even month-to-month) shifts in stock price. Instead, they focus on the companies themselves, and they ask the right questions: Is the management solid? Does the company have a sound business plan? Are its products competitive? Does it belong to a healthy industry?
- **They don't listen to "hot tips."** Long-term investors do whatever they can to avoid expensive mistakes — such as chasing after "hot" stock tips. Of course, these tips can come from anyone — from the so-called "expert" on television to the well-meaning brother-in-law. Unfortunately, many of these hot tips turn out to be not so hot. And even if a stock was hot at one time, it might already have cooled off by the time the investor acts on the tip. But more importantly, long-term investors know that not all stocks are appropriate for their individual needs. Consequently, they train themselves to take a pass on today's hot stock tips.
- **They get the help they need.** The investment world can be complex. It's not easy for most investors to analyze investment possibilities, stay current on changing tax laws, calculate their retirement income needs, balance their portfolio or do any of the many other tasks that go into successful investing. That's why long-term investors frequently turn to financial professionals for guidance and recommendations.

So, there you have it — a few of the techniques employed by many successful long-term investors. Why not put them to work for you, too?

**Questions:**  
 (1) True or False — Serious long term investors look for solid management and companies that belong to healthy industries. (2) True or False — A long-term investor is someone who frequently trades companies that have been around for a long time.

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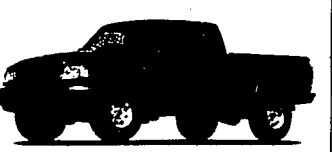


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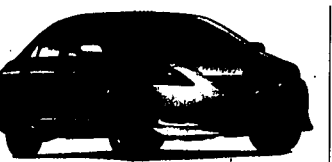


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## Chargers win late, but Seahawks win NFC West



San Diego Chargers' Vincent Jackson kneels in the end zone after catching the winning pass from quarterback Philip Rivers with 29 seconds left in the game to win 20-17 over the Seattle Seahawks in Seattle on Sunday.

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The San Diego Chargers stole Seattle's win, but left the stunned Seahawks with the NFC West title.

Philip Rivers, who missed on 22 of his first 28 passes, found Vincent Jackson alone in the end zone for a 37-yard touchdown pass with 29 seconds left to send the Chargers to their ninth straight win, 20-17 win over Seattle on Sunday.

But the Seahawks' sting was somewhat soothed by Arizona's upset at San Francisco minutes earlier. That meant Seattle (8-7) clinched its third consecutive NFC West title despite its third straight loss.

San Diego (13-2), the AFC West champion, knew it could not clinch the top seed in the conference because Baltimore (12-3) won earlier Sunday at Pittsburgh. The Chargers will need to beat the Cardinals at home next week to ensure home-field advantage through-out the postseason.

The Chargers clinched a first-round bye earlier Sunday, when the Indianapolis Colts lost to the Houston Texans.

Shaun Alexander ran for 140 yards and both Seattle touchdowns to rally the Seahawks from a 10-0 deficit in the second half. His spinning, 9-yard score put the Seahawks up 14-13 with 15 minutes left. A Josh Brown field goal with 5 min-

utes to go upped that lead.

But then Rivers, who struggled again following an 8-for-23, two-interception game last week, got going.

He completed two throws for 24 yards before Jackson caught safety Michael Boulware cheating up on a deep pass route. Jackson easily slipped behind Boulware for his second touchdown catch of the game.

Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren chose to look past the stunning finish and the two bad division losses that preceded it.

"This doesn't have to be a morgue," Holmgren said. "To be honest with you, I am more on the upbeat side than the

downbeat side. That's a good football team, the Chargers. ... There were a lot of good things that happened today. I'll take it."

San Diego set a franchise record for victories in a season despite a relatively modest day from the LaDainian Tomlinson, the favorite to win the league's MVP award.

Tomlinson had 123 yards on 22 carries, his ninth consecutive 100-yard game. But more than half of those came on one play, a 62-yard romp in the first half. The long run set up a 9-yard reception by Jackson for San Diego's first score.

Rivers missed on his first two passes and finished 10-for-30 overall for 181 yards.

## From Glenns Ferry to Glendale

### Hall family prepares to Fiesta in Arizona as Broncos play in BCS bowl game

By Brad Culpe  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tickets, airfare, hotels, tailgating plans and the arid Southwest sums up the holiday plans for Boise State senior linebacker Corey Hall's family.

Hall, a Glenns Ferry native, and the Broncos have an appointment with the Oklahoma Sooners on New Year's Day, and it's guaranteed to be a family affair.

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, in-laws and family friends are all making the trek down to Glendale, Ariz.

"I had to deal with almost 75 tickets," Hall's mother, Karen, said. "It's been wild."

Dan Hall, Corey's dad, said that at one point there must have been thousands of dollars' worth of tickets just sitting on the kitchen table.

Korey's oldest sister, Kasey, is a University of Idaho graduate, but doesn't let any rivalry come between blood as she supports her brother.

This is the biggest bowl game the Broncos have been invited to — the next largest being the 2004 Liberty Bowl — so the family was understandably excited even before the bid was awarded. Dan said he wasn't surprised to be taking a bowl trip.

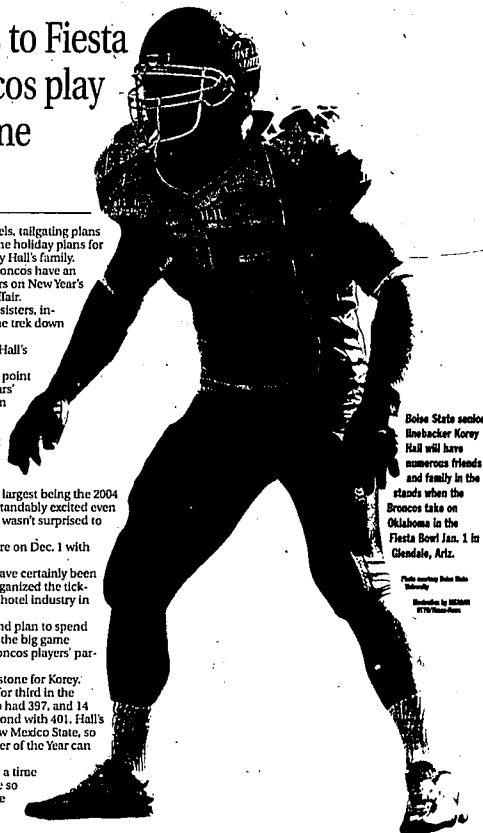
"Dan and I took a chance and got airfare on Dec. 1 with hopes that we were going," Karen said.

Family connections down in Arizona have certainly been a welcome help. While Dan and Karen organized the tickets, Dan said he relied on a cousin in the hotel industry in Arizona secure a number of rooms.

The Halls are going down on Dec. 27 and plan to spend some time with family before heading to the big game where they plan to tailgate with other Broncos players' parents.

The bowl game could also mark a milestone for Korey. With 388 career tackles, 11 more tie him for third in the school record book with Carl Kreever, who had 397, and 14 would tie him with Quintin Mikell for second with 401. Hall's game-high this season was 15 against New Mexico State, so it is possible that the WAC Defensive Player of the Year can pull it off.

"(Korey's) just been so lucky to get in at a time when they're up," Karen said. "It would be so exciting to win and show the east that (the Broncos) belong there."



Boise State senior linebacker Corey Hall will have numerous friends and family in the stands when the Broncos take on Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 1 in Glendale, Ariz.

## Saints en route to NFC playoff bye

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — If you want to know how quickly things change in the NFL, take a look at the New Orleans Saints and the New York Giants.

A year after enduring a "homeless season" in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the reborn Saints are a game away from a first-round playoff bye after beating the Giants 30-7 on Sunday.

In that same period, Tom Coughlin may go from the man who led the Giants to the NFC East title to the unemployment line.

"That would be a tremendous accomplishment considering everything that happened last year with these guys, what they went through," Saints quarterback Drew Brees said of the potential bye a year after New Orleans posted a 3-13 record.

"With all the new turnover, a new coach, new assistants, a lot of new faces, including myself, when you have a good group of people and you come together for one kind of purpose it's amazing what you can accomplish."

The Saints (10-5) got contributions from everyone in handing the Giants (7-8) their sixth loss in seven games.

Brooks sensation Reggie Bush ran for a career-best 126 yards and a touchdown. Deuce McAllister had 108 yards rushing and a TD and the defense limited New York to six first downs and 142 yards in a rout that turned Giants Stadium into a ghost town in the fourth quarter.

The Saints can clinch the No. 2 seed in the NFC if Dallas loses either of its final two games (Philadelphia on Monday and Detroit next weekend) or New Orleans wins at home against Carolina.

"It would be a huge getting a bye," said receiver Marques Colston, who caught a go-ahead 2-yard touchdown pass late in the first half on one of three successful fourth-down gambles by Payton.

Unbelievably, the Giants (7-8), who did not have a snap in Saints' territory all game, remain in the playoff hunt.

Atlanta, which was beaten by Carolina 10-3, the Panthers, Green Bay, and St. Louis also have the same mark heading into the final week of the season in the race for the now-tainted second wild-card berth in the NFC.

## All they want for Christmas: Holidays offer CSI a break from basketball

I'm pretty sure that in some American households, Christmas is and basketball have found a way to coexist.

The Larsen household, however, has little recollection of any feat of athletic prowess more organized than my dad, Ron, balancing his favorite mug on his stomach while asleep on the couch every Dec. 25.

This can most acutely be attributed to the equation that mixing Tom and Jerry's with Heat versus Lakers will always result in a family-wide napping epidemic. For as long as there have been NBA games televised on Christmas, I've watched those contests while passing in and out of consciousness so much that I'm not sure if Shaquille O'Neal has ever hit a free-throw, or if I was just dreaming it.

The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs apparently share my belief that Milken drills and mistakes be shared on common ground, as both men's head coach Burrett Peery and



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Eric Larsen

women's head coach Randy Rogers have given their teams their first extended breaks away from the hard-work since early September.

Both teams have carried the weight of defending the Golden Eagles' rich basketball tradition through 12 contests, so a respite, no matter how brief, is a welcome one.

As the Golden Eagles were preparing for last week's road trip to Arizona, I caught up with both Peery and Rogers to try and mix hoops with the holidays and find out their Christmas wishes. While Rogers didn't get everything he wanted for Christmas — a sweep of North Idaho

College eluded the Golden Eagles earlier in the month — a pair of convincing wins over Scottsdale Community College and Glendale Community College helped his team shore up some of the defensive and turnover woes they've experienced early in the season.

"I guess as a Christmas present for me, I'd like to fix those things over the next three weeks and come back strong after the break," Rogers said. "Get back into league play, go on the road to Colorado and then the big ones (against Salt Lake Community College)."

Peery's CSI men have been one of the most impressive teams in the nation at this early juncture of the season, but have yet to-but the court at full strength, due to Travis Blaker's preseason foot injury and a mix of the usual nicks and dings associated with college hoops. Peery's Christmas wish, as such, is simple.

"You know, I'm hoping that all of our guys have a good Christmas, get

### CSI women's Christmas wish-list

Before the CSI women's basketball team left for their two-game road trip to Arizona, I asked the Golden Eagles what they wanted for Christmas, giving the example that I wanted to wake up 20 pounds lighter on Christmas day. Here's what they came up with.

Any Bratvold: I want a car.

Anita Burdick: I want my grandma's pumpkin pie.

Kali Hees: I want a truck.

Any Higbee: Just want to be home with my family for Christmas.

Eva Bravova: I want my friends and family.

Jennifer Kloas: (not available) The Golden Eagles said Jennifer wants to

find her last math assignment and pass all her classes.

Da'Reya Kennedy: I just want to be on the court.

Brittany Moore: I want some new Jordans.

Haylee Moore: I want a little kitty.

Haylee Morales: I want to see my brother.

Ashley Thompson: I want to go home and watch my little sisters play basketball.

Whitney Thompson: To see my niece and nephew.

Tara Treanyme: I want to sleep in my own bed.

Alexis Tucker: I want four more inches.

a good rest, get rejuvenated and come back strong, and everybody's healthy and happy," he said.

Personally, I'm just hoping for more CSI home games, as not even the combination of my imagination and the radio play-by-play from 1270

AM KTFI's Jonathan Drew or Ken Simmons quite do justice to the athleticism of Juan Pantillo or the soft, arcing flight of an Any Bratvold jumper.

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Pats edge Jaguars to clinch AFC East

JACKSONVILLE Fla. — Tom Brady and the New England Patriots may have knocked Jacksonville out of the playoffs for the second consecutive season — while clinching their own division title.

Brady directed three long touchdown drives, capped one with a perfect touch pass to David Thomas, and helped the Patriots clinch their fourth consecutive AFC East crown with a 24-21 victory against the Jaguars on a rainy Sunday.

New England (11-4) also crippled Jacksonville's postseason chances. The Jaguars (6-7) need to win at Kansas City next week and get lots of help to return to the playoffs as a wild card.

Laurence Maroney, who missed the previous two games with torn rib cartilage, had a 27-yard touchdown run with 4:36 remaining to put the Patriots ahead 24-14.

Brady had 31 yards rushing, but was at his best in the pocket, completing passes to 10 receivers and picking apart the NFL's second-ranked defense. He finished 28-of-39 for 249 yards.

HOUSTON — Ron Dayne had a career-high 153 yards rushing in two touchdowns, and Kris Brown kicked the winning 48-yard field goal as time expired, giving Houston its first win over Indianapolis.

The loss denied the AFC South champions the chance to clinch a first-round playoff bye.

It was the first time Dayne had gained 100 yards since September 2001 with the Giants.

The Texans (5-10) used Dayne and rookie Chris Taylor to cut up the clock and exploit the Colts' suspect run defense, ranked last in the NFL, and broke a nine-game losing streak to Indianapolis (11-4).

Dayne had 429 yards rushing and five touchdowns in the past four games.

wrapped up a big day, with a 21-yard touchdown run in overtime and Marc Burger tied his career best with four touchdowns passes in a victory over Washington.

The Rams (7-8) rallied on the day the team's 95-game streak of regular-season sellouts ended. The franchise also had five playoff sellouts during the run that began in 1935 when it moved from Los Angeles, and it ended with an attendance of 62,324 — more than 3,000 shy of capacity.

St. Louis has won two straight after losing seven of eight, keeping alive four playoff hopes.

Ladell Betts tied a franchise record with his fifth straight 100-yard rushing game for the Redskins (5-10), and topped 1,000 yards rushing for the first time in his career.

Washington scored more than 20 points for the first time in seven games, getting 21 in the first half alone. But the Redskins' defense allowed more than 30 points for only the third time.

Detroit — Backup quarterback Brian Griese directed a 72-yard drive that set up Robb Gould's field goal midway through the fourth quarter, helping Chicago beat the Redskins.

Gould's fourth field goal — after Jon Klma made his NFL-high 30th turnover — gave Chicago a six-point cushion with 2:50 to go to end a drive that starting QB Rex Grossman watched from the sideline.

With a chance for a winning touchdown, the Lions drove to the Chicago 22. Kitna threw a pass into the end zone on the final play that leaping wide receiver Mike Williams got his hands on, but couldn't control it.

Both teams met without much on the line because the Bears (13-2) clinched home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs last week and Detroit (2-13) has been relegated to playing for pride since midseason.

CLEVELAND — Derrick Brooks returned one Tampa Bay's four interceptions 21 yards for a touchdown and Tampa Bay won its first road game in more than a year.

The Buccaneers (4-11) had lost eight straight outside Florida since winning at Carolina on Dec. 11 last season. But they had won the sideline. Holt returned a fumble 40 yards for a TD with 1:33 left.

Michael Pittman, filling in for injured starter Carnell "Cadillac" Williams, had an 11-yard touchdown run and former QB Matt Ryan had two of Tampa Bay's four picks against Derek Anderson.

Titum Rattay made his first start at quarterback for Tampa Bay and finished 16-of-26 for 212 yards.

Matt Ryan kicked five field goals, 24 and 37 yards for the Bucs, the NFC's lowest-scoring team.

DENVER — Cincinnati lost on a snowy day when Brad St. Louis' long snap on an extra point in the final minute sailed wide of holder Kyle Larson.

That was enough to hand a win to Denver (9-6), which can clinch a playoff spot with a win next week against San Francisco.

Needing only to beat the Broncos to get into the postseason, the Bengals (8-7) drove 99 yards in 12 plays, with Carson Palmer's 41-yard, 11-yard touchdown strike to T.J. Houshmandzadeh with 46 seconds left.

That came the wide and wobbly snap that doomed the Bengals.

Matt Ryan kicked five field goals, a three-game losing streak at home — got four takeaways, two from Champ Bailey, who recorded his NFL-high ninth interception and recovered Chad Johnson's first career fumble.

SAN FRANCISCO — Matt Leland passed for 162 yards before spraining his left shoulder in the first half, and Kurt Warner finished up with 105 yards passing in Arizona's fourth victory in six games that eliminated San Francisco from postseason contention.

Edgerrin James had 105 yards to become Arizona's first 1,000-yard rusher in eight years, and Marcel Shippen for a score as the Cardinals (5-10) jumped to an early 20-3 lead, then held on for their fourth straight win over the 49ers (9-8). Arizona is a division-best 4-1 in the NFC West, and owns a division's eighth consecutive losing season.

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# SCOREBOARD

## BASKETBALL

| Team          | W  | L  | Pct. |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| Atlanta       | 26 | 25 | .510 |
| Charlotte     | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Chicago       | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Denver        | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Detroit       | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Golden State  | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Indiana       | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| L.A. Clippers | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| L.A. Lakers   | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Memphis       | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Minnesota     | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Phoenix       | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Portland      | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Sacramento    | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| San Antonio   | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Seattle       | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Utah          | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Washington    | 25 | 26 | .490 |

## GAME PLAN

### TV schedule

NBA  
12:30 p.m.  
ABC - L.A. Lakers at Miami

### NFL

NBC - Philadelphia at Dallas  
ESPN - N.Y. Jets at Miami

## SKI REPORT

**Bogus Basin** - Sat 1:21a packed powder machine groomed 29.34 base 50 x 2.7 of 7.7 mts. 100% open. Mon-Fri: 10e-10u. Sat/Sun 9e-10u.

**Chairlift** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Clear Fork** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Crystal** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Deer Creek** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Donner** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Easton** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Emerald** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Gallop** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Glacier** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**High Sierra** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Iron Horse** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Mad River** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Northstar** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Palmer** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Pinnacle** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Porter** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Red Top** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Rocky Mountain** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Snowbird** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Snowmass** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Snowmass Village** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Steamboat** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Telluride** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Timberline** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Winter Park** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

**Yukon-Charley** - Sat 5:45a party cloudy 12e-10u new powder machine groomed 59.92 base of 45 mts. 4 of 5 mts. 98% open. Mon-Fri: 9:30a-3:30a Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30a

## HOCKEY

| Team         | W  | L  | T | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|---|------|
| Atlanta      | 26 | 25 | 1 | .510 |
| Carolina     | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Chicago      | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Columbus     | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Dallas       | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Florida      | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Los Angeles  | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Nashville    | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Norfolk      | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Ottawa       | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Philadelphia | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Pittsburgh   | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| San Jose     | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Tampa Bay    | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Vancouver    | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Washington   | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Winnipeg     | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |
| Wrestling    | 25 | 26 | 1 | .490 |

## Collegiate Basketball Schedule

| Team                        | W  | L  | Pct. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|------|
| Alabama                     | 26 | 25 | .510 |
| Arizona                     | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Arkansas                    | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Baylor                      | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Brown                       | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Cal State                   | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Cincinnati                  | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Clemson                     | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Connecticut                 | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Duke                        | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Florida                     | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Georgia                     | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Illinois                    | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Indiana                     | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Iowa                        | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Kentucky                    | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Louisiana                   | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Marquette                   | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Michigan                    | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Minnesota                   | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Mississippi                 | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| North Carolina              | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Ohio State                  | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Oklahoma                    | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Oregon                      | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Penn State                  | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Purdue                      | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Rice                        | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Sacramento                  | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Saint Louis                 | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| San Diego                   | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Seattle                     | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| South Carolina              | 25 | 26 | .490 |
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| Texas Tech                  | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| UCLA                        | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| UConn                       | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Vanderbilt                  | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Virginia                    | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| Wake Forest                 | 25 | 26 | .490 |
| West Virginia               | 25 | 26 | .490 |
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**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

**Today:** Strong winds with passing showers, mixing with wet snow at times for Christmas Day. Highs, lower 40s.  
**Tonight:** Mixed showers switching to snow. Lows, lower 30s.  
**Tomorrow:** Cooler with rain and snow early, then tapering off. Highs, mid to upper 30s.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

**Today:** Holiday snow showers passing through. Highs, lower to mid 30s.  
**Tonight:** Snow showers continuing. Lows, lower to mid 30s.  
**Tomorrow:** Mixed showers or morning snow, then partial clearing. Highs, 30s.

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

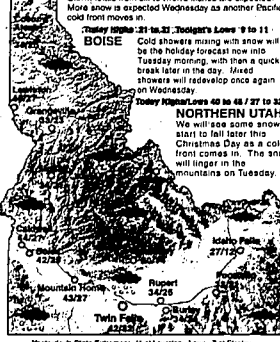
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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
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| Mixed rain and snow for Christmas Day | Some holiday snow showers | Rain/snow tapering off | Redeveloping rain and snow | Dries and partly cloudy | A chilly, partly cloudy day | City: High 42, Low 22<br>Yesterday: High 42, Low 22<br>Clear: High 42, Low 22<br>Partly Cloudy: High 42, Low 22<br>Cloudy: High 42, Low 22<br>Rain: High 42, Low 22<br>Snow: High 42, Low 22<br>Wind: High 42, Low 22<br>Humidity: High 42, Low 22<br>Visibility: High 42, Low 22<br>UV Index: High 42, Low 22<br>Air Quality: High 42, Low 22<br>Sunrise: High 42, Low 22<br>Sunset: High 42, Low 22 |

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

| Temperature             | Precipitation         | Humidity          | Barometric Pressure       | Sunrise and Sunset            |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Today: High 42, Low 22  | Today: 0.00 in        | Today: 72%        | Today: 30.1 in            | Today: 7:07 AM, 5:11 PM       |
| Record High: 51 in 1972 | Record Low: 0 in 1990 | Record High: 100% | Record High: 30.5 in 1972 | Record High: 7:07 AM, 5:11 PM |

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 More fresh snow is to the way this Christmas Day. Storm totals from six to twelve inches are expected. More snow is expected Wednesday as another Pacific cold front moves in.



Weather: Sky is cloudy, a drizzle to the heavy snow. In Boise, heavy snow, mostly cloudy with heavy rain. In Sun Valley, heavy snow, mostly cloudy with heavy rain.

**MOON PHASES**

|        |           |
|--------|-----------|
| Dec 27 | Full Moon |
| Jan 1  | New Moon  |

**MOONRISE AND MOONSET**

|   |
|---|
| Today: Moonrise: 12:30 PM, Moonset: none    |
| Tomorrow: Moonrise: 12:30 PM, Moonset: none |

**U.V. INDEX**

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| Today: 1 | Tomorrow: 1 |
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**REGIONAL FORECAST**

| City        | Today           | Tomorrow        |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Boise       | High 42, Low 22 | High 42, Low 22 |
| Idaho Falls | High 42, Low 22 | High 42, Low 22 |
| Pocatello   | High 42, Low 22 | High 42, Low 22 |
| Rupert      | High 42, Low 22 | High 42, Low 22 |
| Twin Falls  | High 42, Low 22 | High 42, Low 22 |

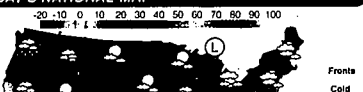
**NATIONAL FORECAST**

| City          | Today           | Tomorrow        |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Atlanta       | High 55, Low 35 | High 55, Low 35 |
| Boston        | High 45, Low 25 | High 45, Low 25 |
| Chicago       | High 40, Low 20 | High 40, Low 20 |
| Denver        | High 45, Low 25 | High 45, Low 25 |
| Houston       | High 60, Low 40 | High 60, Low 40 |
| Los Angeles   | High 65, Low 45 | High 65, Low 45 |
| Miami         | High 75, Low 55 | High 75, Low 55 |
| Minneapolis   | High 35, Low 15 | High 35, Low 15 |
| New York      | High 45, Low 25 | High 45, Low 25 |
| Phoenix       | High 60, Low 40 | High 60, Low 40 |
| Portland      | High 45, Low 25 | High 45, Low 25 |
| San Francisco | High 55, Low 35 | High 55, Low 35 |
| Seattle       | High 45, Low 25 | High 45, Low 25 |
| Washington    | High 45, Low 25 | High 45, Low 25 |

**WORLD FORECAST**

| City         | Today           | Tomorrow        |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| London       | High 50, Low 30 | High 50, Low 30 |
| Paris        | High 50, Low 30 | High 50, Low 30 |
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**Christmas takes deeper meaning for Wade**

The Associated Press

MIAMI — A kid jumped atop a picnic table, threw his tiny arms in the air and let out a loud, delightful shriek. "Here he comes! He's the boy, who couldn't be older than 8 or 9."

With that, the 250 or so underprivileged kids crammed in the back of a South Florida arcade, began stampeding toward the guest of honor. Their tiny hands walked by the windows he swayed by on his way to greet them, and they all began screaming indistinguishably as he neared the entrance.

Later, when asked what he thought of the tiny mob, Dwyane Wade shook his head and laughed.

"That was cool," Wade said. "Crazy. It's something that's very special to me."

The Miami Heat guard is an NBA champion, a finals MVP for his work against the Dallas Mavericks last June, a multi-millionaire and one of sports' most recognizable faces.

Yet he still marvels about making kids yell when he shows Florida, and throw a Christmas party.

"See, to us, this is what the holidays are about now," says Slovaughn Wade, Dwyane's wife.

It used to be different. The Wades would do what just about everyone else does Christmas morning: Wake up early, rush to the tree and start ripping into the pile of wrapped boxes.

That was before they could afford to give themselves whatever they wanted. These days, with Wade in the final year of his first NBA contract — one paying him \$3.84 million this season — and less than a year away from entering a new deal that should pay him somewhere in the range of \$8 million, the next four seasons, money is no longer a concern.

So how many elaborate gifts are awaiting Wade on this Christmas, when he'll lead his Miami Heat in a nationally televised afternoon game against fellow superstar guard Kobe Bryant and the Los



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade shoots baskets with his team as they compete against Heat teammate's Dorell Wright's team Friday at Boomer's in Dana Beach, Fla.

**Angelo's Lakers?**

Apparently, none. "People like us 'get' all the time," Slovaughn Wade says. "Constantly being constantly buying stuff, always getting something for free. So for the last three or four years, we haven't done the thing where we set a bunch of presents under a tree. We don't feel like there's a need anymore. Now, to be honest, we just give."

Wade arranged for his Converse shoes and brand of clothing to be distributed Saturday at his mother's place of worship, the New Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in southwest Chicago, and soon will be sending another 100 pairs of kids' sneakers to the same church for another giveaway.

He's sent shoes to soldiers in Iraq, and to people struggling after Hurricane Katrina. He's helped others privately, and truthfully he'd rather do it all without fanfare.

"It's about giving. That's what Christmas means to me more so than anything," Wade says. "It's just giving presents, giving certain gifts. It's about giving what you can. For me and my family, it's about giving love, about giving cheers, about giving joy, putting smiles on kids' faces because they're the future. Hopefully, when they get older, they'll pass it on and it'll

**keep going down the line."**

This holiday is a pretty important work day for Wade, too.

His Heat — still without Shaquille O'Neal, who's recovering from knee surgery — are floundering under .500, yet are only 3 1/2 games out of first in the Southeast Division with a 12-14 record.

"Defending the title has not been easy for Miami, which has not had its projected starting five of Wade, Udonis Haslem, Jason Williams, O'Neal and Antonio Walker together on the floor yet this season.

"I've got to try to get away from trying to put it all on myself — because we will turn it around. Trying times will judge a team. Trying times will judge a man."

Just as the last two Heat-Lakers Christmas games were being talked about as "Kobe vs. Shaq" extravaganzas fueled by rivalry between the former Tinseltown teammates, this one comes with a tangible sense of "Kobe vs. Dwyane."

Bryant is averaging 33.8 points to Wade's 23.6 in five head-to-head meetings. But Wade has come away with the

**win in three of those.**

"Two great players," says Heat forward Dorell Wright, one of Wade's closest friends.

"Kobe and D-Wade are two of the three best players in the NBA, along with Shaq. It's going to be fun."

Wade cringes at any notion of a Dwyane-versus-Kobe sort of buildup.

"Kobe makes you step your game up, step your leadership up," Wade says, "because you know he's going to do the same. But it's not a 1-on-1 matchup. It's not about that, at the end of the day."

In an 11-minute conversation this past week with The Associated Press, Wade used the word "blessing" four times.

It applies to his newfound fame and fortune. It applies to becoming an NBA champion at 24.

It applies to his son, Zaire, now 4, and the new baby Dwyane and Slovaughn are poised to welcome in about five months.

And he used the word when talking about spending a few hours three days before Christmas with those 250 kids who ate, drank, ran with him through the laser tag room and had a free throw contest — in which, by the way, one kid outscored both Wade and Wright, who came along for the party.

**Dolphins relishing chance to spoil Jets' playoff aspirations**

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins have spent the past few days saying all the right things about their approach to the final two weeks of another playoff-free season.

The stated goals are clear. They want to win their last two games and finish at .500, take some momentum into the offseason, proving to fans and themselves that there's reason for optimism for better things in 2007.

The Dolphins (6-8) can make the possible postseason path for the New York Jets (8-6) considerably tougher when the AFC East rivals meet Monday night in Miami. The Jets' best hope to get into the playoffs is by finishing the season with two wins, starting against a Dolphins team they've beaten in four of their last five meetings, including 20-17 on Oct. 15.

New York entered the weekend knowing there's tons of scenarios yet to clear up in the muddled AFC playoff picture, where 12 teams entered the

regular season's penultimate weekend at .500 or better. Playing on Christmas night certainly adds another dimension, but this isn't a rivalry that needs help with intrigue.

The Dolphins and Jets have played plenty of classics over the years, including:

- The 1983 AFC championship game in which Miami linebacker A.J. Duhe intercepted New York's Richard Todd three times in a 14-0 win;
- The 1986 game in which Dan Marino and Ken O'Brien combined for 927 yards passing and 10 touchdowns in the Jets' 51-45 overtime win;
- Marino's fake spike play in 1994, when he tricked the Jets and threw the winning touchdown pass to Mark Ingram for a 28-24 victory;
- And the 2000 game in which the Jets rallied from a 30-7 deficit entering the fourth quarter before posting a 40-37 overtime win.

No one knows if Monday's matchup will be the next entry on that list. But there is a tangible sense of excitement coming from the Dolphins.

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Since the holidays are also a time for giving, I asked both coaches which of the players' attributes they'd like to borrow. Peery, the former Snow College and Southern Utah University player, picked out traits of freshmen DeCarlos Hilley, Brad Garrett, and Terry Fields.

shooting, and Terry's attitude," he said.

"And what would that coach give Peery?"

"It'd be the best player alive," was his answer, with a smile.

Rogers found a similarly wide array of attributes he'd like to borrow from his 9-2 Golden Eagles team. "I'd take something from everyone," he said. "I'd take Ashley Thompson's work

ethic and try to put it in my game. I'd take four or five kids' smarts. We've got to know our own game, so I'd like to have their knowledge and understanding of life."

"I'd like to take two or three of their athletic abilities and put into my game. Then persuade each of them. If I could take a small piece of each of their personalities, I think you'd have the next

President of the United States."

"I'm not sure what the White House press corps would think of that, but at least the quotes and sound bytes would make more sense. In any case, Merry Christmas."

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# It's still a wonderful life

## Actress who played Zuzu one of film's last living links

By Michael Hill  
Associated Press writer

SENECA FALLS, N.Y. — Zuzu has a cold again. She sniffls and sucks on a cold pill as she signs autographs for fans lined up to the door in a coffee shop.

Karolyn Grimes jokes that she left her coat open, like her character Zuzu Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life." But a more likely culprit is the holiday crunch of appearances by the former child actress — from a Victorian festival in Puyallup, Wash., to the Colorado Country Christmas Show and now to Seneca Falls, which claims to be the inspiration for director Frank Capra's mythical Bedford Falls.

Around Christmas, this Finger Lakes village is gussied up like the snowy movie town with white lights and wreaths strung across the main street. And the 66-year-old Grimes has come for a weekend celebration.

Everyone who saw the movie remembers Zuzu. She gets to say, "Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings." And the petals from Zuzu's rose — stuffed into a pants pocket by Jimmy Stewart's George Bailey as he comforts his sickly daughter — become a symbol of life.

Grimes laughs about the petals getting more screen time than she did. But she has portrayed her six minutes in the beloved 1946 film into a late-life career. After enduring heartaches that make George Bailey's troubles look small, she has become a feisty ambassador for the film and one of its last living links.

"I'm that little girl and I stand for something those people love," she says. "... For some reason or other,



Karolyn Grimes, who played Zuzu in the movie 'It's a Wonderful Life,' poses in Seneca Falls, N.Y., Dec. 8. Seneca Falls is a small upstate New York town that closely resembles the storybook town of Bedford Falls from the 1946 film directed by Frank Capra.

that little girl embodies the image, or maybe the power to make them happy."

People tell her as much all afternoon at the Zuzu Cafe, where she sits with a Sharpie at a table laid out with "It's a Wonderful Life" stuff: DVDs, ceramic ornaments, memory books,

her own "Zuzu Bailey's It's a Wonderful Life Cookbook" and scattered rose petals.

"Do you know what a thrill this is?" "This is my favorite movie!"

"Thank you for giving us so much joy!"

For each person, Grimes neatly

signs her name with "Zuzu" in quotes and a little doodle of a bell. She usually adds a message like, "Enjoy life, it's wonderful."

Grimes lives near Seattle, but retains a Midwestern cheeriness. She holds her smile for hours and laughs as she pops up for snapshots. She has

"I'm that little girl and I stand for something those people love ... For some reason or other, that little girl embodies the image, or maybe the power to make them happy."

— Karolyn Grimes, former child actress

a gold "Z" pinned to her blue velvet jacket.

She lost her nest egg in the 2001 economic downturn and relies on these appearances. As she signs, her husband sits beside her and asks, "Cash or credit card?" It's a job, but she clearly loves being Zuzu. After signing autographs all afternoon, she bumps into a fan at a diner who talks on her cell phone to her father.

Grimes happily accepts the phone. "Do you know who you're talking to?" she says to woman's father. "You're talking to Zuzu!"

Grimes had already worked with Bing Crosby and Fred MacMurray when she appeared in "It's a Wonderful Life." She grew up in Hollywood and was nudged into the business by her mother. Capra picked her to play Zuzu.

Grimes retains kid-centric memories of the movie: Capra kindly squatted to give her directions. "Mr.

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James Stewart, center, as George Bailey is reunited with his wife, played by Donna Reed, left center, and their children during the final scene of Frank Capra's 1946 movie, 'It's a Wonderful Life.' Stewart has his arm around child actress Karoly Grimes, who played his daughter Zuzu. Actor Thomas Mitchell, as Uncle Billy, stands at left.

Zuzu

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"Sweet" held her in his arms, take after take, for the end scene and always put her down gently. She loved the Baileys' big Christmas tree. At the time though, even to a 5-year-old, "It was just another job."

Grimes' movie career waned as her mother became ill. She lost her at age 14. Her father died in a car accident a year later. A court shipped the teenage orphan to Osceola, Mo., to live in a "bad home" with an aunt and uncle.

Still, she liked meeting people outside hyper-competitive Hollywood. She went to college, married, raised kids, became a medical technologist. Zuzu was the past. Her box of clips and pics stayed in the basement until 1980, when a reporter came to her door in Stilwell, Kan., and asked her a question:

"Did you play that little girl in the movie, 'It's a Wonderful Life'?"

"Now Grimes stands watching herself on a big-screen TV as a curly-haired little girl from 60 years ago. The pic the girl asks her dad to fix her flower, and she sneaks the wilted petals into his pocket."

"What do you think? Did I see it?" she asks the audience. Grimes is giving a crowd at the community center a tour of the movie with bits of trivia. Zuzu's name was inspired by an old brand of ginger snaps, she says. The snow coating Bedford Falls was made of soap flakes and chemicals; that's how it looks so soft sometimes. Rewinding the flower scene, she suggests Zuzu saw through her father's heartfelt lute and loves him all the more for it.

"I think what Frank Capra is trying to say is she knows her father isn't perfect," she said. The film about a suicidal, small-town money lender was a bit of a dud after its December 1946 release. "Wonderful Life" got a second life in the mid-'70s when a lapsed copyright allowed television stations to show the movie for free. The movie gathered iconic status through constant showings.

After the reporter's story, Grimes did local Zuzu events in the '80s and branched out by the '90s.

This was a difficult stretch personally; she knows anephros don't always save people. Her 18-year-old son killed himself in 1989 and her second husband died of cancer in 1994. Her first husband was killed in a hunting accident. She kept on.

"You have a choice," she says. "You can drown in your sorrows, be the grumpy old Mr. Potter and be hurt and be in pain ... but I think you need to put that behind you because, my gosh, life is a

"You have a choice. You can drown in your sorrows, be the grumpy old Mr. Potter and be hurt and be in pain ... but I think you need to put that behind you because, my gosh, life is a wonderful gift."

— Karoly Grimes

wonderful gift." Grimes, one of about seven surviving actors from the movie, says she's had troubled souls approach her sobbing at her appearances. She inspires smiles when she passes out a rose petal.

"I really feel like Zuzu is kind of a mission maybe, I don't know," Grimes says. "I think that there is a higher power at work and that I had to go through a lot of adverse situations in my life to understand other people's pain."

If it sounds like a corny sentiment out of a Capra movie, consider that after a day of "It's a Wonderful Life" autographs and interviews she becomes excited — really excited — by a small cutout of a bell stuck to a linoleum floor by her chair.

It has meaning, she explains; she walks out to the snowy sidewalks of Seneca Falls, past the decorated windows, the old-fashioned street lights and the wreaths hanging overhead. "I really feel at home here," she says.

People here argue about the Bedford Falls connection; though it's a circumstantial case. Both places have a "Falls" suffix and characters in the film mention nearby cities like Rochester and Elmira. Both places have classic American main streets, and the bridge here resembles the one where George Bailey pondered his morose in 1946.

Capra, whose movie village was a set built near Los Angeles, left no evidence to rule out other candidates, like Bedford, N.Y.

And yet the director could have passed through Seneca Falls while visiting an aunt in nearby Auburn. Retired local barber Tommy Bellissima even claims he cut Capra's hair before the movie came out. Bellissima recalls a friendly guy whose name stuck in his head: capra means goat in Italian.

Sometimes Christmas is what you believe," says county tourism director Maureen Koch at the Zuzu Cafe, "and don't make me prove it."

# Rechargeable battery developments driven by consumer concerns

By Emily Fradrix  
The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Batteries that can be recharged rather than tossed when the juice runs out are supposed to be more convenient for consumers. But for Wren Wright, they lose their power too quickly and unpredictably, sometimes leaving the shutter-bug with a lifeless digital camera.

Now, major battery makers are recharging their offerings with new models that promise to hold their power longer and don't have to be plugged in for hours before the first use.

Wright, who's been trying out Rayovac's new batteries, is impressed. In the month since he swapped them into his camera, he hasn't had to recharge them once.

"It's nice being able to just pop them in there," said Wright, an Athens, Ga. home remodeler who says he's been using his camera frequently.

Battery makers see a big potential in rechargeables, a small but steadily growing part of the \$3.5 billion-a-year battery industry. They're also improving the technology to address consumer complaints.

Madison-based Rayovac, the nation's third-biggest battery maker, is broadly launching its nickel hydride rechargeables in a few weeks. The batteries, which are fully powered out of the box, are now only available at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. locations with a suggested retail price of \$8.99 for a four-pack of AA or AAA batteries. Chargers cost \$9.99 to \$19.99.

The time spent recharging is a major complaint, said Sean Martin, a division vice president at Rayovac, a unit of Atlanta-based Spectrum Brands Inc.

"It's the inconvenience of I have to charge them before I can use them and then every time I go back to use them they discharge their power," Martin said.

The new Rayovac batteries, called Hybrids, not only ship fully charged but also can hold that power for about nine months when they're not used.

They're made of the same



Dorothy Beaster prepares Rayovac Hybrid batteries to be packaged Dec. 20 in Palmyra, Wis. With parents buying up new tech toys for gifts this holiday season, battery makers like Rayovac and Duracell are pushing developments in rechargeable batteries, a small but steadily growing part of the market.

elements as standard nickel-metal hydride rechargeables, but the nickel-metal alloy is treated with a chemical process that allows the batteries to hold their juice longer, the company said.

Hybrids will completely replace Rayovac's other rechargeables after the first of the year.

Electronics company Sanyo has a similar nickel-metal hydride rechargeable called the Enloop on sale at Circuit City, Ritz Camera and other chains, said David Isola, a Sanyo senior product manager.

He said the company has sold 10 million worldwide in the 10 months they've been on sale. The batteries, which also are fully charged out of the box, can hold their power for up to two years when they're not being used, Sanyo said.

Both No. 1 Duracell and

Evergreen, the No. 2 battery seller, have shortened the time it takes to charge their products to as little as 15 minutes with a \$25 charger.

"There is a lot of behind-the-scenes science to have the most efficient charge rate and complete this in the most efficient time period," said Tony Mazzola, product technical support manager for Energizer. "People like to get things done quickly and not necessarily wait overnight."

Duracell also has a new nickel-metal hydride charger with a lighted display that shows the progress for each battery. The Power Gauge Charger also allows people to charge gadgets via a built-in USB port.

Rechargeables currently make up less than 5 percent of all battery sales. Still, they're considered among the fastest-growing segments. All the major brands figure recharge-

able revenues are growing at least 20 percent a year.

As high-drain gadgets — like digital cameras — become more popular, rechargeable batteries sales will increase, battery makers say. Duracell said it expects more than 80 percent of households to have digital cameras by 2008, up from about 50 percent today.

But rechargeables aren't ideal for all devices, said Edgar Dworsky, a former Massachusetts assistant attorney general and founder of the consumer education Web site www.consumerworld.org.

"Traditional alkaline batteries, for instance, tend to keep their power longer when not in use. It makes sense, he said, to use them in flashlights that are stashed away for blackouts. Rechargeables, however, are a good choice for frequently used gadgets like cameras, he said.

Beth There, a mother of three in Ohio, has yet to buy a rechargeable battery mainly because of the initial cost — sometimes more than \$30 for batteries and chargers. She figures she spends about \$25 a month on batteries for Gameboys, electric toothbrushes, digital cameras and remotes.

She knows she'd eventually save money with a rechargeable but can't make the initial investment.

"I've got three kids and I'm a stay-at-home mom so whatever is cheapest is what I go with," There said.

Companies also are marketing lithium-ion batteries as ideal for people who may not want to spend as much for rechargeables but want a battery that lasts longer than standard alkalines.

Consumers are putting more thought into their battery decisions as dozens of gadgets in their homes need them for power, said Russ Reynolds, chief executive of Batteries Plus, a chain of 270 stores based in Hartland, Wis.

"When you start rattling off everything that takes a battery — from a garage door opener to security systems to fire alarms — it adds up pretty quick," he said.



Alton Warwick walks along Cayuga Street in Seneca Falls, N.Y., Friday, Dec. 8, 2006. Seneca Falls has many similarities to Bedford Falls as depicted in the 1946 movie 'It's a Wonderful Life.'

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 •Laborers  
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 We Need  
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 Idaho's largest in home care agency has the following immediate opening:  
**CNA Supervisor**  
 We are growing and need Supervisors for various areas in the Magic Valley.  
 This is a challenging position for a CNA with Supervisory experience. Will supervise, schedule and direct employees. Home health care experience a plus.  
**\$10.00 PLUS**  
 Per hour depending on level of experience.  
 To schedule an interview, please call:  
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V. EASY # 22

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

**MANUFACTURING**

**Seastrom**  
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**BIG NEWS!!**  
 Seastrom Manufacturing Co., Inc. is adding a 2nd shift!  
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 We are looking to fill the following positions:

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
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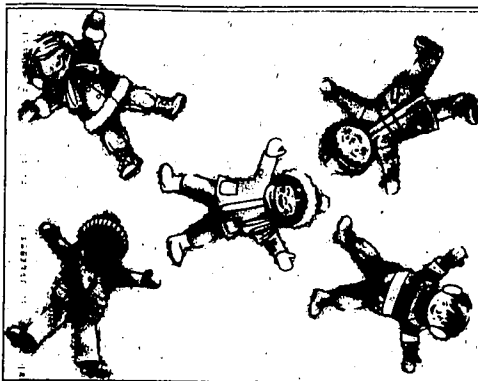
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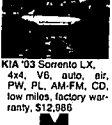
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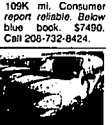
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Monday, Dec. 25, 2006

## THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"When constabulary duty's to be done, A policeman's lot is not a happy one."  
— W.S. Gilbert

Giving declarer a ruff and discard is not normally a winning defensive play, but here it was the only way to defeat a slam. Today's hand arose in the first round of the 2004 Schapiro Trophy, the main event at the Schapiro Spring Foursomes — newly named in memory of Boris Schapiro. This is one of the most pleasant events on the U.K. bridge calendar, a knockout tournament in which no team is eliminated until twice defeated. It deservedly attracts players from overseas.

David Price and Colin Simpson were defending. They represented England in the 2005 European Championships and also in the 2004 European Championships and subsequent Bermuda Bowl.

Simpson (West) led the heart king against the spade slam. Declarer won, drew trumps, then cashed two diamond winners before exiting with the heart jack to West's queen.

At this point Simpson could tell both from Price's carding and declarer's line of play that South had no further cards in the red suits. That, along with five spades, led him holding four clubs. So he had no difficulty in finding the return of his third diamond. One ruff and discard was insufficient for declarer's needs, and the slam failed since declarer was left with a losing club.

At some other tables, though, West panicked and returned a club at the key moment. By playing for the ruff and jack of clubs to be split, declarer could bring the slam home.

**NORTH** 12 25 A  
♠ A J 8 4 2  
♥ 8 2  
♦ A 8  
♣ A 10 9 5

**WEST** 12 25 A  
♠ 6 5  
♥ K Q 10 6 5  
♦ 9 7 2  
♣ J 6 4

**EAST** 12 25 A  
♠ 10  
♥ Q 10 6 5 4 3  
♦ Q 8  
♣ 8

**SOUTH** 12 25 A  
♠ K Q 9 7 3  
♥ A  
♦ K J  
♣ K 7 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: South

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT\* Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass  
6 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

### LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 9 6 3 2  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ 9 6 2  
♣ 8

South West North East  
1 ♠ 1 NT

All pass

ANSWER: There is no good answer to this problem. A club feels wrong, since your RHO is as likely to be long in the suit as partner, and a diamond, your best suit, may not find your partner with length. I'd lead the spade six (a rare case when second from a bad suit is acceptable) without any conviction at all.

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## A fresh look: Wendell remakes city logo

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — The city of Wendell has changed its "Hub City" logo to better reflect its claim to fame. "Long before Wendell got its name after being incorporated in 1909 it was known as the Hub City," said Councilwoman Irene Rounsefell, who designed the new logo. "The old logo didn't represent that very well." In fact, the first newspaper for the village of Wendell was named, "The Hub City Irrigationist," and often referred to the city as the "The Hub." Through 1989 and 1910 many businesses and organizations capitalized on their central location, utilizing the phrase in their name.

According to Rounsefell, the paper is quoted as saying, "Wendell is more

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than a center and circumference on a map, as constituting "The Hub." It is meant that the cream of agricultural resources center around and that equally distant from this point is Jerome, Buhl, Hagerman and Gooding, four splendid towns.

The same remains today but the previous logo didn't do the town's history or future any favors.

Mayor Rex Strickland described the original picture as one with a mountainous backdrop and what appears to be the Perrine Bridge over the Snake River Canyon.

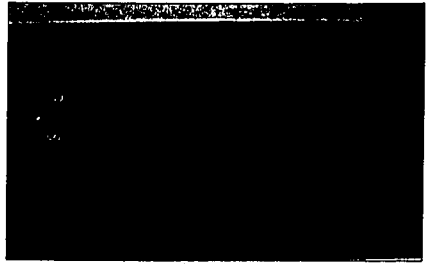
"Although it was very nice, our logo looked better for Twin Falls than it did for our city," Strickland said. "In an attempt to gear Wendell for the future, we thought that changing the logo would be a step in the right direction."

The new logo illustrates Wendell as the center of southern Idaho through the picture of a wheel with many spokes.

"I like it," said Wendell resident June Smith. "The logo is like the sign the city is trying to get back up. I think that it will give Wendell a unifying identity."

With future growth for the Gooding County town expected, creating an identity for the future was the plan.

"Wendell is a great city with a bright future," Rounsefell said. "We have and will continue to be the center of it all."



Rugs at the Wendell City Hall bear the new logo.

## Filer Key Club keeps tradition

### High school group gives food baskets to those in need

By John E. Swazy  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Filer High School Key Club continued a tradition of reaching out to the community this Christmas season.

With help from some of their fellow classmates, club members spent the last month collecting 800 items that were used to make up food baskets. Combined with contributions from civic organizations, churches and individual organizations, their efforts helped brighten the holidays for 49 area families.

Key Club is a Kiwanis-sponsored organization that encourages high school youth to develop lifelong leadership skills and take an active role in community service projects.

"I think this is a great privilege," Filer Kiwanis Key Club Sponsor Bob Paris said. "It's what Kiwanis and Key Club is all about."

Students were also offered an academic incentive for participating in the food drive. Several teachers, including mathematics instructor and club adviser Jim Waterman, gave their classes extra credit. Coordinated by the Filer Ministerial Association, volunteers spent part of Dec. 16 boxing food at the Filer First Baptist Church and making deliveries.

Tim Chandler, pastor of In His Name Christian Fellowship, said that this year saw a sharp reduction in the number of families requesting food.

"I don't really know why, but there were less than half the applications we had last year," he said. "It could be due to an increase in the availability of jobs or any number of things."

## Snowpack Levels

| Watershed         | % of Avg. | Season Peak** |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Salmon            | 90%       | 110%          |
| Big Wood          | 86%       | 102%          |
| Little Wood       | 71%       | 100%          |
| Big Lost          | 72%       | 95%           |
| Little Lost       | 81%       | 110%          |
| Henry Fork/Forton | 81%       | 107%          |
| Upper Snake Basin | 81%       | 100%          |
| Oakley            | 123%      | 150%          |
| Salmon Falls      | 90%       | 120%          |

As of Dec. 24

\* A comparison of basin snowpack on this date with a 30-year average.  
\*\* Seasonal peak snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in March.

## WINTER'S SERENITY



Snow rests on top of rocks in the Snake River Canyon near the Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls. The Magic Valley has seen several inches of snow over the last several days and rain or snow is in the forecast for the next several days.

## Historian, farmer was well-respected for knowledge

By Jani Whitte  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Robert Coiner, a longtime farmer and well-respected community member, died Dec. 17. He was 84.

Before Coiner began farming west of Twin Falls, he served in the Army Air Corps as a pilot during World War II. On a trip transporting about 100 Jewish prisoners from a concentration camp to freedom, the sight of a man's open and bleeding stump where a hand used to be troubled Coiner, as did the sight of a man who, as he described later, "... was just skin and bones."

Among all of the prisoners that he helped transport and other sights during the war, the Jewish prisoners impacted him the most.

As he wrote, "... (they) did not look like human beings. It was a sad experience, but one I will always remember."

Upon his return to the Twin Falls area, he started farming. It was a job Coiner took seriously.

He served as president of the Idaho Potato Producers Association and the Idaho Food Producers Association

and served as chairman on the Idaho Bean Commission. "Bob was just a very progressive farmer," said Harold West of Boise.

West also served on the Idaho Bean Commission and said since Coiner was a bean farmer, he was especially interested in the different varieties.

When the bean commission helped expand the University of Idaho's research station in Kimberly, West said Coiner was very active in the expansion.

"He was always in the forefront in the activities of the commission," West said.

Coiner's interests were also in history, especially the history of the Middle East and the Bonneville Flood. He often made slide presentations of his worldwide journeys and enjoyed sharing them with others.

"Whenever we'd go on a trip, he'd make these presentations and go around to different schools and different organizations," said his wife, Betty.

Coiner served as president of Redfish Lake Enterprises, which ran Redfish Lake Lodge, was a member of the Twin Falls Rotary Club, Twin

### Robert J. Coiner

Born: Dec. 1, 1922  
Died: Dec. 17, 2006  
Survivors: Wife, Betty A. Coiner; daughter, Linda K. Coiner Butler (wife of Honorable John K. Butler) of Twin Falls; granddaughter, Sasha Joy Ackley (Alan Ackley of Santa Ana, Calif.); and two great-granddaughters, Hailey Laurel Ackley and Adison Joy Ackley.  
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Falls Toastmasters Club and was a board member of the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.

During the summer, Coiner volunteered at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center and donated a Santa suit in winter to visit friends' children. As Santa, he often rode a helicopter into the canyon to stop by the Blue Lakes Country Club, where he also was a member.

"He was always very active in everything and always enjoyed people," said John Butler, his son-in-law. Coiner also enjoyed read-

ing, writing letters and doing various art, including painting.

One year, Coiner's daughter, Linda, explained, people were raising money for something and he decided to make a sculpture. He just stripped on welding goggles and got to work. Another day he decided to make a mosaic table and just did it, she said.

"Anything he put his mind to he could do," Linda said.

To suggest a Life Remembered story or contact Jani, write to her at [jwhitte@cashleone.net](mailto:jwhitte@cashleone.net).

## 'The Arnold' recuperating in Sun Valley

The Associated Press

SUN VALLEY — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recuperated at his home in Sun Valley on Sunday, a day after he broke his right leg while skiing.

A spokeswoman for the governor said he planned to stay in the ski resort town where he often vacations at least through Christmas and was "continuing to do well today and looking forward to spending time with his family."

Doctors who examined Schwarzenegger after Saturday's accident told him he needs surgery to repair his fractured femur. The operation has not been scheduled and won't take place until he returns to Los Angeles, according to spokeswoman Julie Soderlund.

But he has no intention of delaying his second inauguration, Soderlund said. He is planning two days of events to mark the occasion, starting Jan. 4. He is scheduled to be sworn in on Jan. 5 in a ceremony at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium.

The governor's staff would not release any details about the events surrounding Schwarzenegger's injury or how it was affected by his holiday plans. Soderlund said he was not fitted with a cast and that she did not have information on whether he was using a wheelchair or crutches to get around.

## Christmas closures around the valley

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed for Christmas. Here's a roundup of what will be closed today.

- City and county offices will be closed.
- State and federal offices will be closed.
- Post offices will be closed.
- Local banks will be closed.
- The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
- Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be closed.
- Magic Valley Mall will be closed.
- Trash will not be picked up today; trash collection will be one day later.

## BLM looking for seasonal firefighters

Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — The Bureau of Land Management will host a job fair at the Elko Field Office, 1300 East Idaho St., Elko, Nev., from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Local fire managers will be available to answer questions and help applicants with the process. Computers also will be available for interested

applicants to use.

"We're having the job fair over Christmas break to make sure everyone gets a chance to apply for the summer jobs," said BLM Elko Assistant Fire Management Officer Jeff Arnerberg.

In addition to the regular summer seasonal firefighting and dispatching positions for the 2007 fire season locally and around the country, BLM

will also be filling positions for the Eastern Nevada Agency (ENA) of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on-call fire fighters and camp crew.

"The on-call firefighter and camp crew jobs are a good way for people to get their foot in the door if they don't get a full-time seasonal firefighting job with BLM," said Dylan Rader, assistant fire management officer with the

Eastern Nevada Agency. "We've got several full-time hotshot supervisors and engine crew members and people in other full-time positions who started with the Eastern Nevada Agency."

Firefighting hand crews consist of 20 men and women who travel to fires throughout the United

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OBITUARIES/COURT

**Helen E. Peters**

**TWIN FALLS** — Helen E. Peters, 90, of Twin Falls, the Lord took her home on Dec. 24, 2006. She was born on April 5, 1916, in Pasco, Wash. Helen lived in Twin Falls for the past 39 years, spending the last years living with her daughter Jean. She dedicated her life and music to the Lord. She was preceded in death



by her husband, George Peters, son, Henry Peters, granddaughters and grandsons and great-grandchildren, Pamela, Joshua, Alex and Anessa. Surviving are daughters Gail Snider, Jean Conger, Jackie Fraley, Donna Demarest and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Friends may call from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tue., Dec. 26 at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd. in Twin Falls. Funeral services will be 6:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 27.

**SERVICES**

Grace Ellen Cypher Hoskins of Twin Falls, service at 9 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation for family and friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Sharon K. Corey of Jerome, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Sharon's son, Lee and Karen Cook, 213 N. 200 W. in Jerome (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Marjorie Israel Traeder of Buhl, rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl; funeral at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl.

Glady's Elizabeth McRae Thompson of Boise, graveside memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Robert Lane Grubbs of Buhl, memorial service at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Howard A. Ransom of Burley, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 100 S. 200 W. of Burley; burial at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Grace Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W.

**For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.**

Main St. in Burley, and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Wayne Glen Anderson of Hayden, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Emerson LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in Paoli; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Mary (Gladys) McEath of Halley, memorial service at 11 p.m. Thursday at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Halley; funeral May 19, 2007, at the Halley Cemetery (Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding).

Wonda Dee Harmon of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Haroldine June Blaser of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Pauline Decker McCoy of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Dale "Doc" Stukenholtz of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Jan. 4, 2007, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Marvin Wisely**  
JEROME — Marvin Wisely, 77, of Jerome, died Dec. 24, 2006, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Angelo Carpenetti**  
JEROME — Angelo Carpenetti, 84, of Jerome died Sat., Dec. 23, 2006, at his home in Jerome. Services are pending under

**Audio book narrator Fleming, 41, dies**

**Los Angeles Times**  
Kate Fleming expected to be an actress but then discovered the world of book narration. The pleasures of reading aloud and the ancient tradition of story telling inspired her. She plunged into roles, researching

the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

**Helen E. Peters**  
**TWIN FALLS** — Helen E. Peters, 90, of Twin Falls, passed away Dec. 24, 2006, at her residence in Twin Falls. Funeral services will be held 6:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 27, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd. in Twin Falls.

the geography of a book's setting, developing her version of men's voices and checking the words' pronunciation of words. After more than eight years and 200 titles to her credit, Fleming, who often used the pseudonym Anna Fields, was a

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

**CITY OF TWIN FALLS Driving under the influence sentencing**

Joachim J. Houpt, 36, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 160 suspended, credit for one day served, 19 days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.  
James D. Hunt, 42, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for two days served, eight days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

Tia B. Humbach, 27, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

Carol D. Hoebry, 17, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

Lawanda K. Seeley, 31, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for one day served, four days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

**Misdemeanor sentencing**  
Jennifer L. Rice, 19, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; amended to frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$250 public defender fee; 15 hours work detail; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for two days served, eight days house arrest; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Scott A. Jynnes, 31, Buhl; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; 12 months probation.

**TWIN FALLS 5TH DISTRICT COURT**

Eric D. Berry, 35, Twin Falls; provide false information to an officer; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$900 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 161 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Luis J. Nevarez, 23, Twin Falls; driving the peace/disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.  
Steve M. Shirley, 40, Twin Falls; one count malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; \$700.85 restitution; one count disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 29 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; one count disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days in jail with nine suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; concurrent; one count trespass; dismissed by prosecutor.

Andrew J. Suwannti, 20, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served; 24 months probation.

Joseph K. Shores, 19, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; costs uncollectible; 180 days in jail with 154 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Regina L. Reynolds, 35, Rupert; petty theft; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; restitution to Shopko.  
Enrique M. Gonzalez, 23, Twin Falls; no insurance; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months probation.

Anthony W. Shields, 19, Twin Falls; resisting or obstructing an officer; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.  
Jamilee Fletcher, 19, Twin Falls; petty theft; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation; restitution to Fred Meyer.  
Robert T. Lagervall, 47, Twin

Falls; one count destruction of evidence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 60 days in jail with 60 suspended; 12 months probation; one count resisting or obstructing an officer and one count possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor.

Vincente Rosales, 22, Twin Falls; one count domestic battery; amended to battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 86 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; obtain anger assessment; one count interference with a 911 call; dismissed by prosecutor.

Travis R. Gerber, 18, Twin Falls; resisting or obstructing an officer; found guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; eight hours work detail.  
Jeffrey L. Hoyrend, 38, Twin Falls; one count resisting or obstructing an officer; amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; Alford plea; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 75 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; one count assault or battery on certain personnel; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 75 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; concurrent.  
Edward M. Todd, 37, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200

suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Mark A. Kelly, 28, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 120 days in jail with 120 suspended; two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.  
Ramiro Maldonado, 37, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

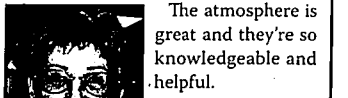
Amber R. Hite, 24, Filer; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended, 30 days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 18 months probation.  
Eugenia Guillen, 39, Hazelton; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended, 30 days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol.

**Misdemeanor dismissals**  
Russell Mueller, 30, Twin Falls; open container; dismissed by prosecutor.  
**Misdemeanor acquittals**  
Brandy McLaughlin, 30, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; found innocent.

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States. Crews can work up to 20 days at a time and work long hours in remote locations building fire lines to stop the spread of wildfires.  
In past years, local EMT firefighters worked in Elko County and across the western United States. In addition, they were assigned to the NASA space shuttle Columbia recovery effort in 2003 and Hurricane Katrina and Rita recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast region in 2005.  
"Even though the fire crews are only activated and paid during times of emergencies, it is an excellent opportunity to gain firefighter training, experience

and earn money at the same time," Butler said.  
Firefighters must be 18 years old prior to June 6, must be a U.S. citizen and must pass a pre-employment physical fitness test and drug test.  
The fitness test, or "pack test," consists of a three-mile hike over flat ground in 45 minutes or less while carrying a 45-pound pack.  
The Eastern Nevada Agency also is accepting application through May 1 for camp crew workers for the upcoming fire season.  
Camp crew members provide support for logistical needs in fire camps. Camp crew workers must be 16 years

old prior to June 1, must be a U.S. citizen and must pass a pre-employment physical fitness test and drug test.  
Applications are available from the front desk at the Elko BLM Office, 3900 E. Idaho St. in Elko, or at the To-Modak Tribal Administration building, 525 Sunset St. in Elko.  
Salaries for camp crew workers and wildland firefighters range from \$9.96 to \$12.84 depending on experience and qualifications. Applications submitted after the application deadline will not be accepted.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY 5TH DISTRICT COURT

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

**Driving under the influence sentences**

Aaron K. Gallegos, 28, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

John W. McCormick Jr., 21, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$800 fine with \$800 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

John W. McCormick Jr., 21, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$800 fine with \$800 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 18 months probation; concurrent.

Dean E. Goodwin, 44, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended; credit for one day, four days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

Francisco C. Rodriguez, 51, Burley; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 120 days in jail with 110 suspended, credit for one day, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school; one count driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.

Noel X. Galan, 34, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

**Misdemeanor sentences**

Rasim Alibasic, 47, Boise; pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs; found guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Christopher J. Olsen, 31, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Jace H. Hoskins, 40, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 160 suspended, 20 days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 18 months probation.

Roberto H. Garza, 41, Buhl; vicious dog violation; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation.

Donald L. Landis, 46, Gooding; exceed weight over axle; pleaded guilty; \$134 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Paulo S. Leon-Mercado, 24, Jerome; no insurance, second offense; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; eight hours work detail.

Edward S. Magyese, 24, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 18 months probation; one count no insurance; \$116.60 costs.

Brian W. Conger, 43, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended, credit for one day served, 29 days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 18 months probation; one count assisting or obstructing an officer; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended, credit for one day served, 29 days house arrest; concurrent.

Evan S. McNamir, 37, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 18 months probation; one count possession of a canceled driver's license; 10 days in jail, credit for three days served; concurrent.

Tamara J. Redgrove, 45, Kimberly; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count inattentive/careless driving; 10 days in jail, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; concurrent.

Augustine M. Gonzalez, 27, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 160 suspended, 20 days house arrest; 18 months probation; no alcohol.

Lamont J. DeWitt, 44, Buhl; resisting or obstructing an officer; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 82 suspended, credit for time served; 12

months probation; no alcohol. **Misdemeanor dismissals**

Laurie E. Freitag, 35, Burley; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor.

**Felony sentences**

Dennis Brookshier, 47, Elko, Nev.; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; two years indeterminate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$107.50 costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; \$521.44 restitution; \$537 court compliance fees; 100 hours community service; \$250 public defender fee; complete drug court.

Dawson C. Malone, 40, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; four years penitentiary; two years indeterminate; two years indeterminate; suspended; two years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$107.50 costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; \$500 public defender fee; \$122 court compliance fees; 100 hours community service.

Brad C. Reed, 48, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; three years indeterminate; two years indeterminate; \$107.50 restitution.

Sara J. Reynolds, 42, Twin Falls; attempted trafficking in methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; four years penitentiary; one and one-half years indeterminate; \$5,000 fine; \$107.50 costs; \$1,360 restitution.

Aaron S. Fuller, 18, Twin Falls; grant theft by possession of stolen property; pleaded guilty; four years penitentiary; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$97.50 costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; \$400 restitution; \$350 public defender fee; \$350 prosecution costs; \$250 court compliance fees; apologize to victim.

Wyatt Gould, 23, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; two years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections.

Daniel R. Garza, 26, Twin Falls; aggravated driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; eight years penitentiary; three years indeterminate; five years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$2,000 fine; \$112.50 costs; \$617 court compliance fees;

\$55,174.19 restitution; driving privileges suspended for three years.

Jason D. Ulrich, 32, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance and one count destruction or concealment of evidence; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary, per count; two years indeterminate; three years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; concurrent; \$1,000 fine; \$107.50 costs; \$86 court compliance fees.

**Felony dismissals**

Larry M. Seebold, 52, Kimberly; aggravated assault; dismissed by prosecutor.

Civil filings

H. Peter Doble II and Vivian M. Doble and Twin Falls Better Business Bureau Institute LLC vs. Anthony and Lori Ann James. Seeking judgment against the defendants requiring them to repay plaintiff's for the damages caused by fraud, embezzlement, and breach of written and oral contracts; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff's state that they entered into a business with the defendants. Plaintiff's allege that after starting said business together, defendants used money from the business for their own personal use and used two sets of books to deceive them and the accountant.

Ten Delucia vs. Deborah S. Clough, doing business as High Desert Tile and Design. Seeking judgment against the defendant for past and future medical expenses; general damages in excess of \$10,000; amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff alleges that after shopping at defendant's store, she was putting her items in the back of her vehicle when defendant negligently and carelessly closed the hatch of the vehicle and struck plaintiff in the head causing her to suffer serious, painful and debilitating injuries.

Paul and Jeanne Cunningham vs. Wm Tipton, doing business as Tipton Construction. Seeking judgment against the defendant for \$6,961 plus interest; \$2,500 attorney's fees; and costs. Plaintiff alleges that they hired defendant to construct a steel building for \$25,900. Plaintiff's further allege that they paid defendant \$5,961 for materials and he has failed to begin construction and refuses to return the money paid to him.

Kari Kingston vs. State of Idaho. Seeking post conviction relief for a felony insurance fraud and possession of a controlled substance sentence from 2004. Plaintiff alleges ineffective assistance of counsel and misconduct of probation officer.

Child support cases

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:

Robert I. Sullivan. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$226 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$165 for support for a prior period.

Brian P. Murphy. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$171 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,940.24 for uncovered medical costs.

Bryant D. Zamarripa. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$265 monthly support plus 41 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Meissa L. John. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$129 and \$155 monthly support plus 45 and 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,036.14 for uncovered medical costs.

Rose L. Chisum. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$121 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$452.77 for foster care and child support costs.

Martin C. Tiley. Seeking establish-

ment of paternity; \$169 monthly support plus 39 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Luke N. McBege. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$2,898.73 for uncovered medical costs.

Joshua W. Hopper. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$171 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Saul F. Garcia. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$154 monthly support plus 49 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Christina L. Donatson. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$147 monthly support plus 33 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Cole T. Robinson. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$156 monthly support plus 35 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,109.85 for uncovered medical costs.

Crystal L. Bass. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$404.92 for foster care and child support costs.

Chad E. McCallister. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$333 monthly support plus 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Michelle McCallister. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$142 monthly support plus 30 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Dyances filed

Misty Stogall vs. Rick Stogall. Juana P. Llamas vs. Valente Llamas Rivas.

Bonnie Rejta vs. Delois Rejda. Patrick T. Rocho vs. Misty D. Rocho.

Angel M. Majerus vs. Justin D. Majerus.

Lisa M. Hayes vs. Kevin S. Hayes.

Kelli A. McBride vs. Johnny B. McBride.

Crystal Burbank vs. Gavin Burbank.

Colo., Wyo. post offices deliver packages Sunday

The Associated Press

DENVER — An army of 1,500 mail carriers fanned out across Colorado and Wyoming on Christmas Eve, making rare Sunday deliveries to get hundreds of thousands of storm-delayed packages to their destinations on time.

"This is an unprecedented effort," Postal Service spokesman Al DeSarro said.

Normally about 100 carriers would be working on Sunday, he said.

A blizzard dropped up to 3½ feet of snow on Colorado and Wyoming last week, disrupting mail service for parts of three days amid the Christmas delivery crunch. The storm also shut down roads, businesses, schools and airports — including Denver International, the nation's fifth-busiest.

"There were flights of packages that didn't get in until Saturday morning," he said.

DeSarro said 300,000 packages had arrived at post offices in the two states on Saturday and Sunday.

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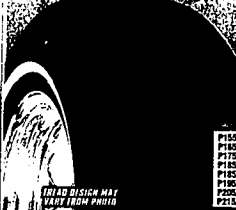
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## Grab a daily dose of gratitude

*"I don't regret what I've lost: I celebrate what I still can."*  
—Nancy Byles, living with ALS

Friend Nancy's recent comment while she and her husband, Chuck, were visiting friends in Twin Falls turned out to be a gift that's lingered beyond the bustle of the holiday season. It was just over two years ago that Nancy, a retired College of Southern Idaho educator who lives in Tucson, Ariz., was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease in which, as she describes it, you lose your ability to do everything except think.



**ALIVE AND WELL**  
Jan Mitteider

"Now that I have a terminal illness," she says, "I have the opportunity to show love to the people I care about and celebrate life with them while I still can." Although her disease is progressing slowly, her attitude remains nothing short of remarkable to the rest of us.

How is it that some, like Nancy, feel grateful in the face of challenging circumstances while others sink into despair? Can positive emotions such as gratitude guarantee better health? A growing body of research says yes. Gratitude, as a conscious practice, offers a host of health benefits.

### Why gratitude?

Although philosophers and religious leaders have cited the virtues of gratitude for hundreds of years, research on the topic is relatively new. A series of compelling studies shows gratitude promotes physical and emotional well-being, enhances heart health by interrupting the stress response caused by negative emotions, boosts immune function and bolsters positive interaction with others.

People who describe themselves as feeling grateful to others, to God or to creation, in general, tend to have more vitality, more optimism and less negative stress than the population as a whole, regardless of age, health or income. They were more likely to appreciate the interconnectedness of all life regardless of whether they belonged to a specific religion.

Grateful people tend to be less materialistic and suffer less anxiety about status issues or the accumulation of possessions. And you don't have to adopt a Pollyanna view of the world to reap the benefits. "To say we feel grateful is not to say that everything in our lives is necessarily great," says University of California researcher Robert Emmon. "It just means that you're fully aware of disappointments but, at the same time, you are thankful for the good that has happened to you."

### Cultivating the conscious practice

Grow your gratitude potential to improve your overall well-being with these three strategies:

1. Give yourself at least five minutes to focus on gratitude every day. Any time of day will do; just keep it consistent. Changing the focus of your thoughts can create a new reality from confusion to clarity. Too often the bad stuff gets too much attention and the small things remain underappreciated.

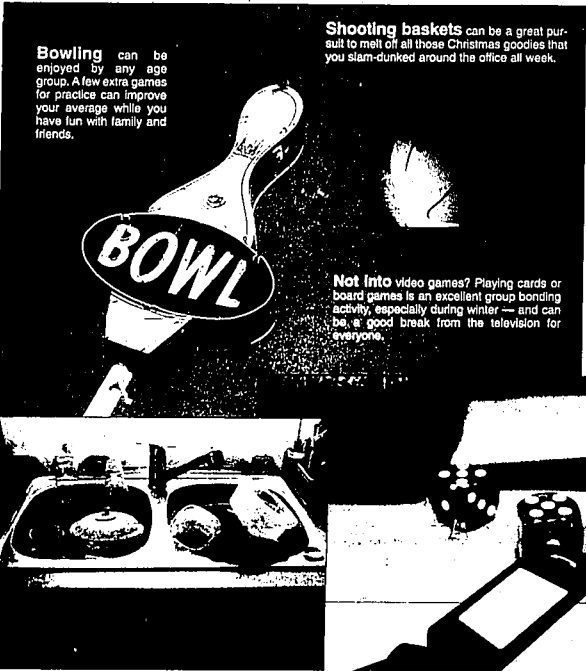
2. Record your gratitude thoughts. Writing as a reflective activity helps your thoughts stick. Emmon's research showed that people who keep weekly journals maintain more life satisfaction.

As Melody Beattie writes: "Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow."

*My message to readers: Happy holidays to each of you. May your joy be crammed with quiet joys, simple pleasures and great health.*

Health educator Jan Mitteider is coauthor of *The Over 60 Fitness Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho.*

# Answers to some burning questions



**Bowling** can be enjoyed by any age group. A few extra games for practice can improve your average while you have fun with family and friends.

**Shooting baskets** can be a great pursuit to melt off all those Christmas goodies that you slam-dunked around the office all week.

**BOWL**

**Not into video games?** Playing cards or board games is an excellent group bonding activity, especially during winter — and can be a good break from the television for everyone.

**Washing dishes** may sound like a good thing to pass off to someone else. But this activity will eliminate about 156 calories per hour — and you'll gain points with your spouse before sitting down to watch the game.

**Talking on the phone** may not be a major calorie burner, but you may get some comfort in knowing that you still can shed a few calories just taking care of calls.

## Some surprising ways to help take care of those calories

By Linda Brittain  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — Now that the gifts once placed neatly under the tree have had their mysterious contents revealed, go ahead and put on that new pair of socks while you take a minute to evaluate the hidden benefits of a few of those gifts.

If you're looking to shed a few pounds after the festivities, you probably already know activities such as skiing, jogging and swimming are an excellent way to burn off the calories. What you may not know is that even the simplest pursuit — for example, reading — will burn at least a few of those holiday-celebration calories.

Finally get that new bowling ball you've been waiting for? Just rolling a few games in an hour's time can burn about 204 calories for a 150-pound person — not to mention all the envious looks you'll get from the group on the new lane as you break in your new acquisition.

Maybe Santa brought the "kids" one of those new video game players this year. Even sharpening your basketball skills vicariously through a video game will burn about 68 calories an hour for that same 150-pound person — taking five hours of play to burn off that glass of eggnog you enjoyed this morning. However, hitting the court yourself to shoot some hoops will burn off the same glass of eggnog in about an hour or so — not to mention the other health benefits of physical activity.

Although calorie-burn data is not



Mark Kinder plays a video game on his Xbox 360 at his Twin Falls home. Game units are a popular Christmas gift that often get hours of play time — but you'd be better off bowling.

absolute, several studies have calculated the approximate number of calories a wide variety of activities will burn. But keep in mind that variables such as effort, along with the individual's weight, will bring different results. For instance, a thinner person will burn fewer calories than a heavier one while performing the same activity — and walking at a faster pace will burn more calories than a slower pace.

Here's another way to look at it: Your metabolism influences your energy needs, but it's your food intake and activity that ultimately determine your weight.

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example, it would require almost an hour of disco dancing to burn off the equivalent of one slice of apple pie, which weighs in with about 277 calories. Of course the trouble here is finding a place that offers disco dancing.

Praying that place will open soon? That will take care of about 68 calories per hour.

Perhaps you threw out all your disco clothes just the other day and you decide to put those new skis to the test. Downhill skiing or snowboarding will use up — or a little more than the calories contained in one cup of those chestnuts you no doubt roasted over an open fire.

Mark Kinder of Twin Falls owns about 60 video games and typically spends 10 to 15 hours per week with them. But as much as he enjoys them, he realizes the calories aren't exactly going up in flames — and he does take time for other activities. "I'm not really into sports," Kinder said. "But besides work I just mostly walk — I try and go at least once a week — and we have an exercise machine, too. I also go target shooting in the summer."

If video games aren't your thing and that special relative was thoughtful enough to give someone in your family an accordion, you can still take some comfort in knowing that he will burn about 122 calories playing for an hour or so — more, if he just can't put it down. Take the new dog for a walk and you can do yourself another favor as you burn about 204 calories introducing your new pet to the neighborhood.

Cell phones are another popular gift item, especially for the teens in your life. If you encourage them to stand while talking for an hour, they can burn about 20 calories more than if they sit during the entire conversation. Obviously the trick here is to get them to talk for at least an hour.

But if you didn't find exactly what you had in mind under the tree to fulfill your New Year's resolution to be more active and get more exercise, here's something to remember. Shopping (which may include returning gifts) for an hour will take care of about 156 calories — more than the equivalent of three pies. Since 't fruitcake you just couldn't resist.

### Calories in

Holiday foods and their approximate calorie content:

- 1 cup eggnog: 343 calories
- 6-ounce glass red wine: 127 calories
- 1 slice fruitcake: 139 calories
- 1 slice apple pie: 277 calories
- 1 cup roasted chestnuts: 350 calories
- 1 slice ham (100 grams): 145 calories
- 1 gingerbread cookie: 90 calories

Source: www.caloriefab.com

### Calories out

Calories burned per hour for a 150-pound person:

- Wrapping presents: 102 calories
- Praying, sitting or kneeling: 68 calories
- Walking, with dog: 204 calories
- Dancing, country: 306 calories
- Meditating: 68 calories
- Talking on phone, standing: 122 calories
- Talking on phone, sitting: 102 calories
- Skiing, downhill: 408 calories
- Playing video games: 68 calories
- Jogging: 476 calories
- Family reunion (sitting, talking, eating; not fighting): 102 calories
- Dancing, disco: 306 calories
- Washing dishes: 156 calories
- Vacuuming around home: 238 calories
- Shopping for Christmas presents: 156 calories
- Playing board games: 102 calories
- Bowling: 204 calories
- Playing cards: 102 calories
- Shooting baskets: 306 calories
- Playing accordion: 122 calories
- Reading newspaper, reclining: 68 calories
- Swimming, freestyle: 476 calories

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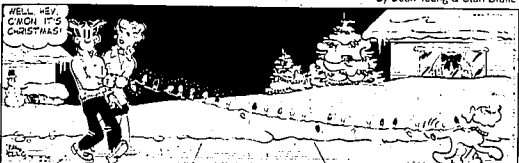
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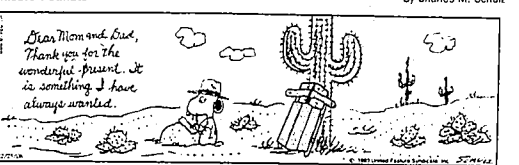
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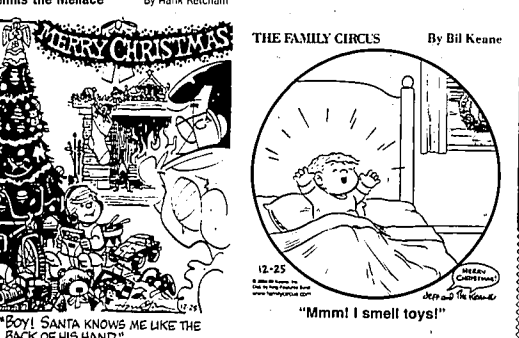
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# Unrequited childhood love morphs into teen depression

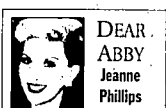
DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old who lives in northern Portugal, and while it's true that the vast majority of teens suffer from depression, mine is different.

Before I went to grade school, I was a happy kid, extroverted and showing some talent for the violin. When I was 6, however, I met a girl who I thought was so beautiful that I couldn't look at her.

As much as adults might insist that love in a 6-year-old is impossible, that is the only thing it could have been. The idea that she didn't love me back gave me many nights of pain and even a trip to the hospital for an emotional breakdown, from which I suffered very badly.

My parents were more supportive of my intellect than anything else. They didn't really have the time for my emotions. My intense, unrequited love turned me into a bitter person who has not been remotely happy in years. I find it very hard to wake up every day, and my family doesn't know the slightest about my inner self. What can I do to ease my pain?

DEAR BITTER: You appear to be highly intelligent and



with yourself, and with your parents' help, I pray you find it. But before you can begin that journey, you must find the courage to reveal your inner self to the people closest to you.

DEAR ABBY: Last night my wife and I went to a movie. A man in our row was talking, so I "shushed" him, but he continued to talk, ruining the movie for us.

What is the best way to handle someone talking during a movie? Thanks!  
— JIM IN OVERLAND PARK, KAN.

DEAR JIM: Talking during a movie is one of the rudest things a person can do, on the same level as answering a cell phone rather than turning it off while a film is in progress. Because your request for silence was ignored, you had several alternatives: Get up and move to a different location, or inform the theater manager about the distraction so he/she could handle it.

Your final solution would be to ask for your money back and see the film another time, or watch it on DVD in the comfort and quiet of your own home. That's what many people are deciding to do these days.

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## Birth of Jesus not celebrated until A.D. 336

This day in history: Live from the Apollo 11 On Dec. 25, 1968, American astronauts became the first humans to see the dark side of the moon.

For centuries after Jesus's life, church elders didn't allow Christmas celebrations, saying that it would be sinful to celebrate his birthday if he were a Pharaoh. They didn't celebrate Christmas until A.D. 336.

In Puritan England or America in the 1640s it would be against the law to celebrate Christmas — today, —talking about "the long, fat, hard Drinking, Leat Gaming, and mad Mirth of Christmas," they specifically outlawed singing Christmas carols, possessing a Christmas tree, baking mince pies, or holding Christmas

church services. After the American Revolution, Christmas fell out of favor, because it was considered an English custom by the colonists. Congress met as usual on Dec. 25, 1789, under America's new Constitution. Christmas wasn't declared a federal holiday until Jan. 26, 1870.

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

Dec. 25 was chosen as Christmas by Pope Julius I in the fourth century in compete with the popular winter solstice festivals of other religions, especially Rome's week-long Saturnalia, honoring the farming god, Saturn. That ended on Dec. 25 with a festival called Dies Natalis Solis Invicti ("Birthday of the Unconquered Sun"), celebrating the sun god's virgin birth.

From Saturnalia, Christians borrowed the traditions of gift-giving, feasting, and decorating evergreens with lights. From Yule, a pre-Christian solstice celebration from Northern Europe, Christians borrowed holly, a traditional ham, and the burning of a Yule log.

To church folks in the know, "Xmas" is considered perfectly acceptable, not part of some secular plot against Christmas. The first Greek letter in "Chris" is chi, shaped like our X, and Xmas, originated in church publications as a reverent abbreviation.

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