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CAFO controversy heats up in Gooding County

Board asks for moratorium, again

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

GOODING — The county planning and zoning board wants an emergency moratorium on all new confined animal feeding operations, or CAFOs. Dairyman say that's crazy, unnecessary and potentially illegal. The Gooding board voted 3-2 last week in favor of recom-

mending the moratorium. County commissioners will review the proposal and could implement it during a meeting at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding County Courthouse, 624 Main St.

The stakes are high for eight dairyman who have pending CAFO permits with the county — and for others who say the moratorium is simply an attempt to stall until the county

can pass a new CAFO ordinance.

County officials have worked since March 2005 on a revised ordinance for dairy operations. Commissioners issued a 120-day CAFO moratorium in 2005 that was lifted in July after the Idaho Dairyman's Association threatened to sue.

The association isn't ruling out a lawsuit this time, either, said Bob Naerebut, the

CAFO moratorium

What: Gooding County commissioners will review a proposed CAFO moratorium. When: 2 p.m. today. Where: Gooding County Courthouse, 624 Main St.

group's executive director. "We're not supportive of this moratorium," he said. "When you enact a moratorium, you're stopping economic development for those operations. If there was a legitimate

reason for this, we'd back away. But there's no reason for this."

Planning and zoning disagrees.

"People try to get in under the gun, under the old ordinance," said Judy Davis, planning and zoning administrator. "So planning and zoning prefers these people operate under the new ordinance."

Davis also said the moratorium is needed because there are many unresolved variables surrounding the CAFO issue, namely a pending Supreme Court water case and high phosphorus levels in Gooding

County soil.

Davis said she wasn't sure how the moratorium will affect the new permit applicants, if it passes.

"Our attorney is checking to see where we stand on that," she said.

She said the new proposed ordinance — that is much stricter on dairyman than the current one — could be ready for public hearings in February.

Naerebut said his group supports the new ordinance, though he hasn't seen a final draft.

Park potential



Snow blankets Twin Falls City Park on Friday morning after a storm system moved through the Magic Valley. The city parks department is seeking money to build restrooms and shelters at the 20 city parks in this area.

T.F. Parks and Rec department plans for the future

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Aside from the occasional squirrel scurrying by or a family walking a dog, city parks in Twin Falls rarely see any action in the winter.

But that doesn't mean nothing is going on. City departments start outlining their yearly budgets in April. For the first time, the parks and recreation department last week presented its goals and future budget requests to the City Council.

Park development is a reflection of the city's growth — 3.6 percent since 2000 — and a few years ago the city began requiring developers to build parks — or pay the city to do it.

Last week's presentation was intended to not only inform the council, but also to outline necessary improvements, said Dennis Bowyer, the director for parks and recreation, who joined the city staff in 1981.

Among its highlights, the department listed three parks and a sports facility as priorities. Ascension fields — 18 acres leased by the Ascension Church on Eastland Drive.

• Northwest Passage Park — four acres on the west side of town by the Snake River Canyon rim.

• Morningsun Park — three acres east of Carriage Road.

• Soccer complex — 40 acres leased by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunway Drive.

The department also wants to develop a 20- to 30-acre sports park. No site is finalized yet, but one possibility is city-owned land south of town. Many parks, including the first three listed

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Book will give urban transplants hard facts of rural life

Madison County takes step to help newcomers adjust

REXBURG (AP) — As southeastern Idaho grows, urban transplants might have trouble understanding why their cell-phones won't work, why farmers are burning weeds in roadside ditches or why so few roads are paved.

To help newcomers adjust to the unique nature of rural living, Madison County Commissioners voted last week to pay for a new book, one that will help Utahns, Californians and others adjust to the slow country pace of southeastern Idaho.

"It isn't an ordinance; it's a guideline," Roger Muir, chairman of commission, told The Rexburg Standard-Journal.

According to the commissioners, the "code" will be a working document and revisions will be written when necessary. Newcomers will receive a copy of the code when they arrive at the County Planning and Zoning Office, Muir said.

The commissioners said they noticed some frustration from new residents over some of the hardships of rural life familiar to farmers and lifelong rural residents.

They say the code is needed to inform transplants from metropolitan areas that living in the country requires an acceptance of the lack of amenities such as paved roads,

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Hairstylists enlist in the fight against domestic violence

By Elizabeth Mehren
Los Angeles Times

BANGOR, Maine — The new customer slipped into Janie B. Good's hair salon cautiously, as if worried that someone might see her. She was only in her 30s, but fear had etched tight lines in her face. With a nervous edge, she told Good: Don't cut off too much. He doesn't like my hair short.

It's your hair, Good started to tell the young woman whose tresses draped down

over her shoulders. But as the client had leaned back for a shampoo, Good spotted bruises on her neck. Easing her fingers across the woman's scalp, Good felt bumps that could only have come from being struck.

"Honey," Good recalls saying, "we need to talk."

One reason Good, 59, became a hairdresser was that she figured it offered a window into human dynamics. Now she is one of nearly 300 Maine stylists and beauty students trained to recognize

"I can't tell you how seriously I take this."

— Janie B. Good, hairdresser.

signs of domestic abuse and to serve as resources for victims.

As part of a broad strategy to reduce the state's domestic violence rate, Maine public officials have identified hairdressers as new allies, using salons as a staging area. These beauty professionals have been recruited not as enforcement agents, but as informed listeners who can

suggest options to their clients — if they are ready to hear them.

Each year, more than half the homicides in this sparsely populated state are traced to domestic abuse. Abuse victims often balk at going to the police because they fear authorities will not act, or that their abusers will hear that they were reported and seek retribution. Hairdressers

are seen as potentially safe confidantes.

Authorities say there is no way to quantify the results of this evolving approach. But in Maine, officials say, more and more women who call domestic violence hotlines begin by saying, "I heard about this from my hairdresser."

Hairstylists like Good place decals on their work-station mirrors and hand out nail files printed with the number of a domestic violence hotline.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Wednesday



High 44 Low 34 43/34

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly cloudy with periods of rain and, or snow possible. Highs upper 30s.

Tonight: Rain and snow shower chances persist. Lows low 30s.

Tomorrow: The chance for mixed winter showers will be with us for another day. Highs upper 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS

The Magic Valley Square Dance Club dances 7 p.m., El Sombrero Restaurant, 157 W. Main, Jerome, bring finger foods for those with last names beginning with P.Z. 324-7238.

EXHIBITS

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

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

FAMILY

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 192 off Interstate 84, in Eden, fee admission (donation box), 825-8900.

GOVERNMENT

Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.

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

Gooding County commissioners, 2 p.m., courthouse, 624 Main, 934-4841.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

HEALTH

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 736-7222.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium: "The Christmas Star" at 1 p.m. and "Steamrolling" at 3 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-9538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

AROUND IDAHO

Town will be liquor-free this New Year's Eve

MALAD — Partygoers will not be able to buy mixed drinks on New Year's Eve in this small town on the Utah border.

Shelly Monson, whose own Critics Tavern, asked the City Council on Dec. 13 for a one-day exemption to an ordinance barring liquor sales on Sunday.

This year, New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday.

Mayor Spence Horsely said there was not enough time to enact a new ordinance.

"It has to be published in the paper, he said, "if they had come to us 30 days early, we might have had time."

Monson said brewers at her tavern will still turn out.

"They'll just drink beer and wine," she said.

But Ronna Hess, owner of the Chat & Chew Lounge in Malad, estimates the liquor-free New Year's Eve will cost her about \$600.

"Normally it's the biggest night of the year," she said.

Public TV to show all legislative sessions

BOISE — Idaho Public Television will air all floor sessions of the 2007 Idaho Legislature on the video stream on its Web site.

The network announced last week that all House and Senate proceedings will be available at www.idahopvtv.org.

"Live audio and video streaming on the IdahoPVTV Web site from the floor of the House of Representatives and Senate allow people anywhere in the state to follow the procedures," the station said in a press release.

An audio-only live stream of Idaho agency budget presentations to the Idaho Legislature's Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee will also continue on the Web site.

The Legislature made money available for the live feeds last year.

The program is a partnership between the Office of Legislative Services, the state Department of Administration and Idaho Public Television.

Broncos get electronic gifts for perfect season

BOISE — Boise State University football players will receive video iPods and portable Sony Playstations as rewards for an undefeated regular season and the school's first-ever trip to the Bowl Championship Series.

The NCAA permits the sponsors of bowl games to sponsor \$500 per player on gifts and schools are allowed to award an additional \$350 per player on gifts to reward a bowl trip.

The sponsors of the Fiesta Bowl rewarded the players with iPods, while Boise State bought each player the Playstation video game players.

Players from Ohio State University and University of Florida who will square off in the BCS national championship game, also run by Fiesta Bowl officials, received Xbox game consoles.

"We get electronic gifts every year," said Shawn Schoeffler, vice president of media relations for the Fiesta Bowl. "We try to get something new and different."

— The Associated Press

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Goat lovers tout joys of ownership

TWIN FALLS — The pygmy goats in the Stirling household have it so good that they shared the family feed during bottle-feeding. Crickets, Mitchell's partner, Bob Stirling, braved the elements to deliver the five-pound babies to her arms so they could slurp down their milk. Envionating a baby goat in your arms isn't farfetched if you can see yourself cuddling a puppy. Self-described goat guru Cathy Findell of Butli says goats have a lot in common with dogs. They are intelligent, curious, gentle, loving.

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Parks department submits requests

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Gooding to seek CAFO moratorium

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Christmas remains an expression of faith

Despite a steady onslaught of commercialism, Christmas remains for many an expression of faith. They included volunteers who helped prepare enough food for 100 people at St. Edward's soup kitchen. "Gravy, ham, cake, bread, dressing, mashed potatoes, juice, fruits, salads," said Yelka Grubisic, manager of the soup kitchen.

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Man's body found at Smiley Creek

SMILEY CREEK — The body of a 79-year-old Smiley Creek resident was discovered under approximately 6 inches of snow on Dec. 17 outside his home.

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Sun Valley approves local option sales tax

SUN VALLEY — A revision to Idaho Code that would allow a regional public transportation authority to create a local option sales tax of no more than 0.5 percent has received Sun Valley City Council approval.

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Ketchum bistro owner questions city motives

KETCHUM — Mike Dein, owner of East Avenue Bistro in Ketchum, is wondering if the city is retaliating against him for speaking out against a city proposal.

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OBITUARIES

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Doris Luella Hayward Cox, 98

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Airport, post office try to catch up on holiday

DENVER — The city's airport hummed with activity on Christmas Day as airlines struggled back from a paralyzing blizzard, and mail carriers stayed on the job delivering thousands of storm-delayed packages. Denver International Airport officials said some passengers stranded or delayed by last week's blizzard were still trying to get flights out of the city Monday but they did not know how many.

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Montana grizzly count finds more than 500

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — More than 500 "unique individual grizzlies" roam the northwestern Montana backcountry from the Canadian border to Lincoln, with Glacier National Park housing the largest number, according to DNA studies conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey in 2004. The bears left behind identifying hairs at tree rubs and on barbed wire, which were collected by researchers.

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Committee chair says tax issue is on hold

POCATELLO — Depte concerns about recent changes to Idaho's tax system that cut property taxes and boosted the state sales tax, the incoming chairman of the House Revenue and Taxation committee says he won't revisit the issue.

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NATION/WORLD

'Godfather of Soul,' James Brown, dies

ATLANTA — James Brown, the undeniable "Godfather of Soul," told friends from his hospital bed that he was looking forward to performing on New Year's Eve, even though he was ill with pneumonia. His heart gave out a few hours later, on Christmas morning.

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British troops raid Basra police station

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Backed by tanks, British soldiers raided a police station in the southern city of Basra on Monday, killing seven gunmen in an effort to stop renegade Iraqi officers from executing their prisoners, the British military said. Another U.S. soldier died in southern Baghdad, meanwhile, raising the death toll for American troops in Iraq to 2,972 — one less than the number of people killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attack.

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Ethiopian jets bomb airports in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Ethiopian jets bombed Somalia's two main airports Monday while ground troops captured three villages and a one-sided battle border town, lending Somalia's internationally backed government crucial military aid in its struggle against a powerful Islamic militia.

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SPORTS

Garcia and Eagles humble Cowboys

IRVING, Texas — Move over, Tony Roma. Jeff Garcia is taking a run at being the backup quarterback of the year. After all, he led the Philadelphia Eagles past the Dallas Cowboys and into first place in the NFC East with a week to go in the season. Garcia took the Eagles to scores on four of their first five drives and the Philadelphia defense humbled Romo in a 23-7 victory Monday that secured at least a wild-card berth.

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Woods named AP male athlete of year

Tiger Woods edged San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson for the AP Male Athlete of the Year award. Tennis great Roger Federer was a distant third in the voting. The 31-year-old Woods won for the fourth time in his career.

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Wade, Miami Heat scorch Lakers, 101-85

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade dismissed all previous suggestions that his Christmas would be a 1-on-1 showdown against Kobe Bryant, then turned the match of two of the NBA's best scorers into a one-sided battle. Wade had 40 points and 4 assists, leading Miami to a 101-85 win over the Los Angeles Lakers — their third straight Christmas win.

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Top pop music of 2006

- 4 Jenny Lewis With the Watson Twins: "Rabbit Fur Coat" (Team Love) — Rilo Kiley singer Lewis captures the feel of an intimate, living-room jam session on her first solo album. Backed by mountain-sound monies, she wrestles with big questions about faith, war and the afterlife. Track to download: "The Big Guns."
- 5 Midlake: "The Trials of Van Dyke" (Giant Robot) — On its second album, this quintet makes a bold leap, brooding folk-rock album that aspires to the artistic heights of mid-period Fleetwood Mac, without the soap opera distractions. Track to download: "Roscoe."
- 6 Ghostface Killah: "Fishscale" (Def Jam) — Most accomplished rapper to emerge from the legendary Wu Tang Clan by returning to gritty street narratives. Huge, hard-swinging hooks underpin his brilliant storytelling. Track to download: "Kiss."
- 7 Art Brut: "Bang Bang Rock & Roll" (Downtown) — With a directness that is by turns hilarious and triumphant, loveably dorky singer Eddie Argos embraces rock's greatest frontman. Twin guitars, drums and bass alarm out terse, no-nonsense melodies that get inside your head with a couple of catchy choruses, and then get out. Track to download: "Good Weekend."
- 8 Girl Talk: "Night Ripper" (Illegal Art) — Pittsburgh laptop composer Greg Gillis takes the art of sampling to new heights of copy-fighting audacity with this fun, expansive and at times revelatory mashup. Track to download: "Friday Night."
- 9 Parts and Labor: "Stay Afraid" (Giant Robot) — The politics-free personality of this Brooklyn trio's David-and-Goliath tales, and the raging songs turn into exultant fist-raising anthems. Track to download: "A Great Divide."
- 10 Lupe Fiasco: "Lupe Fiasco's Food & Liquor" (Top Dawg) — Washington, D.C., rapper Muhammad Jacob emerges as one of the year's most distinctive hip-hop personalities, a self-described "nerd" with a tart tongue and a feel for breezy melody. Track to download: "Hurt Me Soul."

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Parks

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about, need shelters, restrooms and additional trees and irrigation. Northwest Passage has little more than grass. The department plans to create a citywide parks and recreation system master plan.

- "You are going to be there for an hour, hour and a half, but you won't have a picnic there," Bowyer said. "Let's get it to a fully functional neighborhood park so people can use all the amenities."
- Other future plans by the parks and recreation department:
 - The Ascension fields and soccer complex are both leased to the city. Bowyer said the city is working to extend the lease to the LDS soccer complex or buy it.
 - Expand lighting to more parks and to some areas of Timmon Park.
 - An indoor community recreation center. The city of

Jerome has one.

Bowyer said to expect expansion of the Canyon Rim trail, which could include the Evid Knives jump site by the Snake River. The council and city staff two weeks ago toured the property, which is privately owned. Park maintenance can be expensive. At Ascension Park, it costs \$10,000 a year to maintain each acre, and it doesn't even have restrooms. The department has received more than \$600,000 the past three years and is budgeted for more than \$800,000 this year, but such figures are minimal since the city's total budget is about \$39 million.

"If I would get everything I asked for, then there'd be nothing left for anyone else," he said. "I could get \$10 million for parks and I'd still be asking for money the next year."

Mayor Lance Clow echoed such sentiment about the presentation.

"It's somewhat of a balancing act of how much of things you can do," he said. "They didn't say anything that surprised me. They're passionate about parks and recreation and overall the council is too, but we have to sometimes temper our passion with the financial ability to do things."

He said one example is how new streets are built while current ones are not maintained often enough.

"We're real quick to build a whole new restroom somewhere but some of the restrooms could be invested a little more to make them better," he said. "Sometimes we're eager to do more and we just need to do a better job of what we have. I used to say, 'More is not always better. Better is better.'"

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Code

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quick responses from fire departments and cell phone service.

The guide also warns newcomers there are some necessary nuisances with rural living, such as farmers haling through the night during harvest season and burning their fields.

The booklet also provides details on roads, utilities, property issues, emergency services, the impacts of nature and weather, and agricultural and public land issues.

However, commissioners did not hope to scare away newcomers with a rigid Western ethic of individualism. Rather, the code also stresses the importance of community by offering a brief history of the area's settlers.

"Their survival depended

upon their ability to cooperate with their neighbors, an attitude of collective responsibility to society and finding nonpartisan solutions to environmental problems and other important issues," the booklet reads. "In keeping with that spirit we offer this information to help the citizens of Madison County who wish to follow in the footsteps of those rugged individuals by living in the rural areas of Madison County."

Commissioner Robert Hansen said a similar booklet helped lifelong community members and newcomers adjust to growth in Madison County, Montana.

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Hairstylists

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Along with photos of hair and makeup, they hang posters listing warning signs of domestic abuse.

"I can't tell you how seriously I take this," Good said.

Rolling a perm at Absolute Style in Rockland, on the Maine coast, Rocki Camber said, "It is kind of an eye opener, like, 'Wow, that could be me.' Sitting right here in my chair, I've had people say, 'I'm not an abused woman, I'm not beaten.'"

Then, Camber said, "They look at the criteria — like is their partner too suspicious? Are they not allowed to wear this type of outfit or that kind of hairstyle? Just by hanging up that poster, people identify with things that they wouldn't have thought of as abuse."

Maine's strategy is modeled on an effort in Alabama that won fast support from law enforcement specialists across the country. Trolling for new clients to reduce domestic violence, two Birmingham charities came up with the idea of enlisting hairdressers. The approach was received so well locally that a board member of one of the sponsoring groups decided to fund a broader domestic-violence curriculum for stylists.

Dianne Mooney, founder of a home decor direct sales company called Southern Living at Home, joined with the National Cosmetology Association and Clairor Professional to form the Salons Against Domestic Abuse Fund and to launch a program called Cut It Out. Attorneys general around the country picked up on the plan, mindful of widely documented national statistics that show that at least one in three women — and a far smaller proportion of men — will experience domestic abuse.

Clients who entrust their appearance to a beauty professional often develop a comfortable, long-lasting relationship. Hairdressers make frequent physical contact with their customers. They see their clients regularly — sometimes once a week — and work on a first-name basis. The good ones know when to keep their counsel. What is shared in the salon stays in the salon.

In turn, the hairdresser can supply basic information like the name and phone number of the nearest shelter.

"We operate with an unusual bridge of trust," said Good, who works out of her home on

"The key here is not being judgmental; but supportive. These salon professionals are saying, 'Here is some information,' not: 'You should leave that jerk.'"

— Maine Atty. Gen. Steven Rowe.

Southport Island. "We have a direct kind of intimacy. We learn about their lives, and we form a relationship."

Maine Atty. Gen. Steven Rowe said. "These salon professionals were worried about the domestic violence rate when he heard about the plan to use hairstylists."

"The key here is not being judgmental, but supportive," Rowe said. "These salon professionals are saying, 'Here is some information,' not: 'You should leave that jerk.'"

In cooperation with the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, Rowe and his staff spent a year tailoring the salon-professional curriculum to fit the needs of the state. Dozens of training sessions have taken place since the curriculum for salon professionals was unveiled in May. Some of the state's 13 cosmetology schools are considering making these anti-domestic abuse seminars mandatory.

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AROUND THE WEST

COLORADO

Airport, post office busy after two-day blizzard

DENVER — Denver's airport was humming with activity as Christmas Day and mail carriers — including one in a Santa suit — delivered thousands more packages as Colorado and Wyoming struggled back from a paralyzing two-day blizzard.

"We're pretty much at some semblance of normalcy," said Joe Hodas, a spokesman for Denver-based Frontier Airlines, the second-busiest carrier at Denver International Airport. "We're running on schedule. No real delays."

Officials of United, the airport's No. 1 carrier, did not immediately return a call. Airport officials said some passengers stranded or delayed by the storm were still trying to get out on Monday but they did not know how many.

They also did not know how many people spent the night before Christmas at the airport but said it was "down significantly" from the peak of 4,700 on Wednesday night, when the storm barreled into Denver and other cities in Colorado and Wyoming.

The storm dropped up to 3 1/2 feet of snow, closed Denver runways for 16 hours and shut down highways, schools and businesses. The airport reopened on Friday.

Postal carriers delivered up to 100,000 packages on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day across the two states, trying to clear out a backlog that built up during the storm. U.S. Postal Service spokesman Al DeSarro said.

IDAHO

Committee chair says property tax issue on hold

POCAHELLO — Despite concerns about recent changes to Idaho's tax system that cut property taxes and boosted the state sales tax, the incoming chairman of the House Revenue and Taxation committee says he won't revisit the issue.

"We're out of the property tax business," said Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, who was appointed chairman of the committee earlier this month. "This is something we need to just sit. I think it needs time to cook."

All bills that affect the state tax system originate in that House committee.

At a meeting with the Idaho State Journal's editorial board this week, Lake said he anticipates legislation to remove the sales tax on groceries or to raise the state income-tax credit for groceries.

"I don't think we will remove the sales tax from groceries; the price tag is simply too big," he said. "Every time you do that, you're cutting funds from education."

WYOMING

Livestock group criticizes federal wolf proposal

JACKSON, Wyo. — The Wyoming Stock Growers Association has labeled unacceptable the federal government's proposal to designate a Beringman area where the state could manage wolves as trophy game animals.

Designating the wolves as protected game animals, as opposed to predators that could be shot on sight in an area of northwest Wyoming, is a "deal breaker," said Jim Magagna, executive vice president of the association.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently proposed the trophy-management area as a compromise, seeking to end a standoff with the state over wolf management. The dis-

pute has prevented removal of wolves from Endangered Species Act protections in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

MONTANA

Northwestern grizzly count tops 545

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — More than 500 "unique individual grizzlies" roam the northwestern Montana backcountry from the Canadian border to Lincoln, with Glacier National Park boasting the

largest number, according to DNA studies conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 2004, the bears left behind identifying hairs at tree rubs and on barbed wire, which were collected by researchers. The strands were DNA calling cards for geneticists, who recently determined that 545 different grizzlies visited the collection sites.

The work is part of what is believed to be the largest DNA-based wildlife population survey conducted in the world.

Not every bear in the ecosystem visited the hair-collection

locations, so the 545 figure is a minimum count, not a total population estimate.

Researchers in 2007 will continue to work on establishing a total population projection, factoring in the uncounted bears. A figure could be publicly available in late 2007 or in 2008.

Nonetheless, the minimum count of 545 is the first solid number bear managers have had for the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, one of the lower 48's few remaining grizzly strongholds. The hard data will be used in the management and recovery

of the threatened population, they say.

MSU scientists will be featured on PBS show

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Two Montana State University scientists who study heat-loving viruses in Yellowstone National Park will appear in a science program on the Public Broadcasting Service. "Wild Science" will air on PBS on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Trevor Douglas and Mark Young were filmed at Yellowstone and MSU in

September and will be featured in one segment of the hour-long show. Jennifer Fulton, an MSU doctoral student, ran the scanning electron microscope and was also involved in the on-campus filming.

Douglas and Young study viruses that live in the thermal pools of Yellowstone Park and look for ways to use the virus' protein shells. The shells are tiny containers that can hold a variety of materials. One goal is to use the containers to carry drugs to specific parts of the body.

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Keenan's Christmas wish for a family didn't come true, so he's hoping to start out the new year with a family to love. Please make sure your pets have adequate shelter and water in this cold weather. HAPPY HOLIDAYS! TWIN FALLS ANIMAL SHELTER 420 Victory Avenue 736-2239

EDITORIAL

Idaho adds another gem with Thousand Springs

One of the Hagerman Valley's most celebrated spots now belongs to all of Idaho. Last week, Gov. Jim Risch accepted a Christmas gift of historic proportions as the Nature Conservancy turned over 310 acres at the Thousand Springs Preserve to the state.

The Thousand Springs land, which includes historic Ritter Island, will become part of the Idaho State Park properties that line the Thousand Springs Byway. The other properties include Malad Gorge, Billingsley Creek, Box Canyon Preserve and Niagara Springs.

Thousand Springs' billowy falls and its crystal pools of spring water have long been a part of southern Idaho's most pristine destinations. But the Conservancy's gift includes a \$1 million endowment fund to be used by the state for the park's future development.

In addition to land and cash, the state also received the property and historic artifacts at Ritter Island.

The farm was known for its progressive dairy technology in the early 20th century and it remains a revealing window into Idaho's past.

Risch said that property will probably see little development because of its historic nature. Events such as the Thousand Springs Festival of Arts, sponsored in recent years by the South Idaho Land Trust, will probably continue under that direction in the near term, Risch added.

A large portion of the credit for this transfer goes to the Nature Conservancy, which has held the property and preserved its natural quality for many recent years.

Locals who frequent Thousand Springs have soaked in the atmosphere, courtesy of the open access and friendly accommodations.

The conservancy's mission, however, has always been to find a permanency for the valuable lands it preserves.

Some properties, such as the Silver Creek Preserve in Blaine County, have become established destinations that succeed with the conservancy's oversight.

But Thousand Springs is unique since it can fit within the network of other parks under the state's control along the Thousand Springs Byway of Highway 30.

"This is much more conducive to the things the state parks department does," Risch said. "This property needs to be utilized. It's a piece that begs to have people use it."

Along with the proposed addition of a new state park in eastern Idaho, the state parks network is growing rapidly — perhaps faster than necessary. Some will rightly question whether the state will be able to maintain 26 properties when capital improvements are hard to come by with a Legislature that rules by tight reins.

The Thousand Springs addition shouldn't be so problematic. It's a traditional fixture to the southern Idaho experience, and the conservancy's trust will help the park fund itself — if the state manages it properly.

Our view:
Thousand Springs Preserve will be a popular, scenic and cost-efficient addition to Idaho's state parks. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

A military of the willing works best

Should we revive the military draft? There's been a lot of talk about it lately. Conscription, as a social exercise, might instill discipline and respect while getting people to mix with all types and classes of their fellow Americans and perform a patriotic duty. It might also serve the political goals of some who oppose the Iraq war. But if the purpose of the armed services is to be an effective force for defending and protecting the nation and winning wars when engaged, I have to say this: The draft wasn't great when I got caught up in it 37 years ago, and it would be even worse today.

BERL BRECHNER

On March 24, 1969, I reported for duty at a draft board office in downtown Washington, as ordered by the government. I was processed into military service in Baltimore, assigned to the Army (two very surprised individuals of the 30 or so in my group were randomly picked to become Marines) and bused overnight to Fort Bragg, N.C. I was a late arrival as a soldier — a graduate of Army basic training. And two years of the day after being drafted, I was a civilian again (but still available for recall for six more years, though no such call ever came).

I have no regrets about my service, though my view may be colored by the fact that I never went to Vietnam. Drafted college graduates who could type generally ended up, despite their combat training, in some administrative capacity. I learned about military discipline, doctrine and process, and worked with an array of people I would not have met otherwise; and gained viewpoints different from those that college had provided. Looking back, I regard it as an honor to have served.

The reality of the moment,



however, was that I didn't want to be there, didn't believe in the war being fought and despised the concept of conscription. And as it turned out, the Army didn't really want me either, or most other draftees for that matter. That was because as a group, with a questionable fight on our hands, we tended to be uncooperative, sometimes obstreperous (occasionally considered subversive), unmotivated and underpaid — yet still expensive, since the military invested four to eight months, including advanced training, in readying us for a commitment of two years.

Of course plenty of draftees were brave, aggressive and dedicated, and many died for their country. Everyone in the military recognized and respected that fact. But as a whole, the system didn't work well, and on June 30, 1973, the last draftee of the modern era was sworn into service.

The numbers in the year I was drafted were staggering: "Multiple Launch Rocket System Operational Fire Direction Specialist" and

By comparison, enlistment in the non-officer ranks in the Army and Marines combined in fiscal 2006 totaled 112,972.

The ending of military conscription in 1973 wasn't just one more bit of fallout from an unpopular war. It had a lot to do with the real needs of the military. Cohesiveness, effectiveness and cooperation are best found in people who have made a decision to be where they are. The high-tech battlefield is best operated by soldiers who, after extensive training and field experience, use their advanced skills for some reasonable period thereafter.

A draft of this nature of these needs, Army jobs for non-officer troops are categorized into more than 200 military occupational specialties. Infantrymen are 11Bs (some used to call them one-one-bullet-stoppers), and my guess is that the percentage of the Army in that classification is a lot less now than in my years. The new Army jobs carry labels such as "Multiple Launch Rocket System Operational Fire Direction Specialist" and

"Satellite Communication Systems Operator/Maintainer." An army has to have the right people to do the jobs that the mission and the equipment require.

In Vietnam, when there were a lot more Redeye missile launchers available than trained Redeye gunners, clearly the system had broken down. More technology creates personnel demands different from those a draft was intended to fill. The two world wars required a draft. For the kind of fighting our services do now, we're better off without one.

One more thing: We've had the latest version of the Selective Service System in place and registering potential draftees since 1976. Only males, at age 18, are required to register. For conscription into a military that now prides itself on its equality of opportunity, shouldn't we start registering women, too?

Berl Brechner has been a magazine editor and broadcast executive.

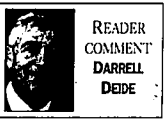
Union's message failed with savvy Idahoans

The supporters of Proposition 1 recently published a twisted analysis of the failure of the measure to raise taxes for schools (Reader Comment, Dec. 3). Somehow, the leaders of the teacher's labor union the Idaho Education Association have convinced themselves that the number of votes cast for and against Proposition 1 is evidence that our schools are underfunded.

IEA President Sherri Wood's article on the subject neglects to tell you that the measure failed even after they and their friends in the California labor unions spent \$2 million to buy you into misting your eyes and to finance our schools. Our voters were bombarded by 30-second media messages and exaggerated sob stories about the lack of school resources.

Yet voters figured out the truth. They saw through the smoke and mirrors and could tell that out-of-state interests and greedy union bosses were trying to manipulate the public to accept an ill-conceived tax increase.

If there are schools that



The bottom line is Proposition 1 failed because Idahoans are smart. They understand that a great education isn't just about money. Money is a component, of course. But big spending does not equate to great education.

One need only look at states like Utah to know the truth. Utah spends less per pupil than Idaho and has better education results than Idaho. In other words, isn't it possible that we're already spending enough on public education that maybe we should look for ways to do a better job spending what we already have? Shouldn't we strive to understand how Utah successfully provides a great education and does it for a lot less money?

If there are schools that

don't have enough textbooks or updated ones or the proper computer equipment, it is the responsibility of school administrators and school boards with misplaced priorities. Often, school boards negotiate away unexpected revenues and new state appropriations, giving the money to teachers' unions instead of putting the money into needed school supplies. It doesn't take higher taxes to fix this. It takes fiscal discipline, a willingness and an ability to direct our tax dollars where they are needed most, and to tell the greedy labor unions "no" when their demands are put ahead of the needs of our kids. Most school administrators have tax dollars where they are needed most, and to tell the greedy labor unions "no" when their demands are put ahead of the needs of our kids. Most school administrators have tax dollars where they are needed most, and to tell the greedy labor unions "no" when their demands are put ahead of the needs of our kids.

Our schools are not the first to redirect the public's tax dollars. They learn from the experts. Recently, Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard handed out \$120,000 in bonuses to virtually everyone on her staff. This money won't make our kids smarter

or help them learn better. The only lesson we get from Howard's action is that it is very easy to clean out the cash register at all levels of education and that no amount of money is ever enough, especially if the end results don't matter.

However, results do matter, and results are measured by student achievement, not the number of votes cast on Proposition 1.

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LETTER

Promises for no new city taxes seem thin

The City Council is again asking taxpayers to bail it out of a situation which has come about by its quest to make Twin Falls the biggest city this side of the moon. Our mayor tells us there won't be any tax increases for homeowners. If there won't be any tax increases, why do we need to vote on a bond?

come out of the school bond funds, which will deplete some of the school bond monies?

Sounds like more smoke and mirrors for our over-taxed community. I've been around long enough to know that there are no free rides for the taxpayers.

At some point, the homeowners will be burdened by someone somewhere. TONY SALIERNO
Twin Falls

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Luna's dismissals leave a void in school programs

Mr. Luna, our newly elected state superintendent of public instruction, has promoted himself as a successful businessman and someone concerned about kids' opportunities to learn. However, his recent mass firings of key people in the Department of Education reflect something quite different.

As a smart businessman fire the workers most familiar with the intricacies of the product and fire them in the middle of the highest production season? Mr. Luna has eliminated

nearly every experienced person in the Bureau of Educational Improvement, Title I, Special Education, Certification-Promotional Standards and Adult Services. In this first wave of firings were specialists in math, language arts, international and civics education, classroom management, testing, technology, health education, and safe and drug-free schools. Others are leaving because they foresee the destruction of all they have in.

This may not seem to be a problem to Mr. Luna because of his complete lack of educational experience. However, it directly and negatively affects schools and students.

LETTER

During the past six years, I have been a member of the Idaho Comprehensive Health Education Cadre, which was formed by Barbara Eisenbarth, the HIV/AIDS-Health Education coordinator for the Idaho Department of Education. How exciting to see teachers (K-12) returning to their classrooms and teaching with excitement and excellence the required state standards using activity-based lessons which students love to learn.

By teacher request, additional workshops and conferences were scheduled for January and February of 2007. These workshops have now

been canceled because the people who present at and organize them are gone (fried). Grants that are due in the next few weeks will have no one knowledgeable in the complexities and requirements of writing them. Federal monies could easily be lost due to lack of leadership.

My concern is for all the students in Idaho — who stand to lose the most. This behavior (lack of knowledge) from Mr. Luna is inexcusable! SHARON LUTKEHIUS
Filer

(Editor's note: Sharon Lutkehus is the health education instructor at the Filer Middle School.)

Deaths in 2006:

A roll call of the remarkable people who died this year

By Polly Anderson
Associated Press writer

With "The Feminine Mystique," Betty Friedan gave rise to the modern women's movement, striking a chord that continues to ring four decades later.

Friedan and Coretta Scott King gained fame as crusaders for human rights. Shelley Winters and Wendy Wasserstein made their mark in the performing arts, while Jeane Kirkpatrick and Ann Richards served in government.

These women were six of the remarkable people whose deaths touched us in 2006. At one time, they might have been admiringly—or patronizingly—described as tough cookies. They were also known, to a few individuals, as Mom — they had 16 children between them.

The leaders, visionaries and heroes who left us in 2006 also include director Robert Altman, whose works included such masterpieces as "Nashville" and "The Player."

The world of sports lost four legends within weeks this fall: golfer Byron Nelson, baseball great Buck O'Neil, Boston Celtics' coach Red Auerbach and Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler.

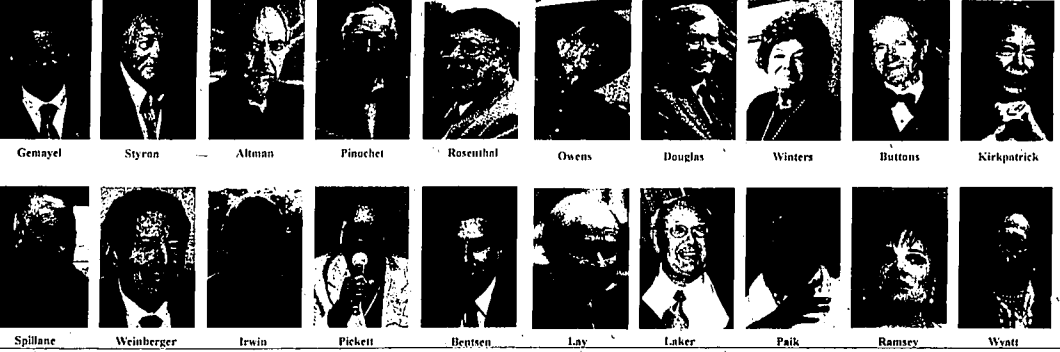
Atstralian adventurer Steve Irwin captivated fans worldwide with his show "The Crocodile Hunter." Ed Bradley's interviews informed and inspired "60 Minutes" viewers for a quarter-century. Aaron Spelling excelled at packaging stylish TV shows such as "Charlie's Angels."

Caspar Weinberger oversaw the Pentagon's biggest peacetime spending increase but was indicted — and later pardoned — for his role in the Iran-Contra affair. Kenneth Lay also fell afoul of the law, convicted shortly before his death for his role in the Enron collapse.

Economists Milton Friedman and John Kenneth Galbraith were philosophical opposites, but both excelled at combining academic process, political influence and success with the reading public.

Some notable names will live in infamy: Slobodan Milosevic, who brought deadly conflict to Yugoslavia; Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of al-Qaida in Iraq; Shant Bassever, whose Chechen rebels killed hundreds at a Russian school; Ta Mok, Cambodian known as "The Butcher"; and Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

Here, a roll call of some of the notables who died in 2006. (Cause of death cited for younger people if available.)



JANUARY

Sheik Maklum bin Rashid Al Maktoum, 62, Emir of Dubai; prominent thoroughbred breeder, Jan. 4.
Lou Rawls, 72. Velvet-voiced singer of such hits as "Love Is a Hurtin' Thing," Jan. 6.
Shelley Winters, 85. Outspoken, Oscar-winning star who graduated from bombshell parts to dramas ("The Diary of Anne Frank," Jan. 14).
Wilson Pickett, 64. Fery soul music pioneer ("Mustang Sally"), Jan. 19.
Anthony Franciosa, 77. Hollywood actor ("A Face in the Crowd"), Jan. 19.
Farouk Nidhal, 91. With brother Harold, he won the tap dancing world, Jan. 24.
Johannes Rau, 75. Former German president; promoted deeper ties with Israel, Jan. 27.
Rabbi Yitzhak Kadouri, around 106. Influential leader of Kabbalah school of Jewish mystical thought, Jan. 28.
Wendy Wasserstein, 55. Playwright who celebrated women's lives. ("The Heidi Chronicles,") Jan. 30.
Lymphoma.
Coretta Scott King, 78. Civil rights leader; carried on work of her martyred husband, Jan. 30.

Ice man, March 5.
Dana Reeve, 44. Actress-singer, devoted herself to husband Christopher Reeve after he was paralyzed, March 6. Lung cancer.
Kirby Puckett, 45. Baseball Hall of Famer; carried Minnesota Twins to two World Series titles, March 6. Stroke.
Gordon Parks, 93. First photographer, Hollywood's first major black director ("Shaft,") March 7.
Slobodan Milosevic, 64. Former Yugoslav leader; accused of orchestrating conflict that killed 250,000 people, March 11.
Maureen Stapleton, 80. Oscar-winning actress who excelled on stage, screen, and television, March 13.
Oleg Cassini, 92. His designs helped make Jacqueline Kennedy most glamorous first lady in history, March 17.
Sarah Caldwell, 82. Hailed as first lady of opera for productions with Opera Company of Boston, March 23.
Buck Owens, 76. Flashy rhinestone cowboy who shaped country music ("Act Naturally,") March 25.
Lyn Nofziger, 81. Ronald Reagan's press secretary and political advisor, March 27.
Caspar Weinberger, 88. Consummate Cold Warrior; Reagan's defense secretary, March 28.

Industries, April 5.
June Pointer, 52. Youngest of hit-making Pointer Sisters ("I'm So Excited,") April 11. Cancer.
The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, 81. Former Yale chaplain known for Vietnam era activism, April 12.
Dame Muriel Spark, 88. British novelist ("The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie,") April 13.
John Kenneth Galbraith, 97. Economist whose influence stretched from White House to Main Street, April 29.

Nothing"; played with the Beatles, June 6. Heart infection: kidney failure.
Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, 39. Leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, June 7. U.S. air strike.
Charles Haughey, 80. Irish prime minister; career haunted by ethical questions, June 13.
Aaron Spelling, 83. TV impresario whose shows ("Beverly Hills 90210") were wildly popular, June 23.
Patsy Ramsey, 49. Was thrust into spotlight by unsolved slaying of her daughter JonBenet, June 24. Cancer.

Willebrands, 96. Key figure in Roman Catholics' efforts to improve relations with other Christians, Jews, Aug. 1.
Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, 90. Soprano who won global acclaim, Aug. 3.
Susan Butcher, 51. Four-time liddered sled dog race winner, Aug. 5. Leukemia.
Mike Douglas, 81. Affable TV talk show host and singer, Aug. 11.
Alfredo Stroessner, 93. Ruled Paraguay for decades with a blend of guile and force, Aug. 18.
Joe Rosenthal, 94. Associated Press photojournalist who took picture of flag-raising on Iwo Jima, Aug. 20.
Maria Esther de Capovilla, 116. Believed to be world's oldest person, Aug. 27.
Naguib Mahfouz, 94. First Arab writer to win Nobel in literature, Aug. 30.
Glen Ford, 90. Actor who played strong, thoughtful men ("The Blackboard Jungle,") Aug. 30.

15 major LPGA titles, Sept. 10.
Ann Richards, 73. Former Texas governor, flamboyant Democrat who went from homemaker to political celebrity, Sept. 13.
Ortana Falacci, 76. Italian journalist noted for probing interviews with powerful people, Sept. 15.

OCTOBER

Helen Chenoweth-Hage, 68. Three-term Idaho congresswoman; outspoken conservative, Oct. 2. Car crash.
Buck O'Neil, 94. Negro League batting ace; star of PBS' "Baseball," Oct. 6.
Dr. Mason Andrews, 87. Delivered nation's first test-tube baby, Oct. 13.
Gerry Studders, 69. First openly gay member of Congress; homosexuality exposed during page scandal, Oct. 14.
Jane Wyatt, 96. One of TV's favorite moms ("Father Knows Best,") Oct. 20.
Red Auerbach, 89. Basketball Hall of Famer; guided Boston Celtics to 16 championships, Oct. 28.
Rw. Baha, 90. Apartheid-era South African president, Oct. 31.

NOVEMBER

William Styron, 81. Pulitzer-winning novelist ("The Confessions of Nat Turner,") Nov. 1.
Gerald Levert, 40. Fiercely R&B singer ("Casanova,") Nov. 10.
Milton Friedman, 94. Nobel-winning economist; advocated an unfettered free market, Nov. 16.
Robert Altman, 81. Castelic Hollywood director ("Nashville,") Nov. 20.
Betty Comden, 89. Her collaboration with Adolph Green produced "Singin' in the Rain," Nov. 23.
Ed Bradley, 65. TV journalist who created a powerful body of work on "60 Minutes," Nov. 9.
Jack Palance, 87. Hollywood heavy ("Shane") who turned to comedy, winning Oscar for "City Slickers," Nov. 10.
Anita O'Day, 87. One of most respected 1940s jazz vocalists, Nov. 23.
Alexander Livinnick, 43. Former Russian spy who criticized homeland's government, Nov. 23. Poisoned.

DECEMBER

Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, 80. U.S. ambassador to United Nations during Reagan administration, Dec. 7.
Georgia Gibbs, 87. Hitmaking 1950s singer ("Kiss of Fire," "Dance With Me, Henry,") Dec. 9.
Gen. Augusto Pinochet, 91. Chilean leader who terrorized opponents; took power in bloody coup, Dec. 10.
Peter Boyle, 71. The curmudgeonly father on "Everybody Loves Raymond," Dec. 12.

FEBRUARY

At Lewis, 82. Grandpa on "The Munsters," Feb. 3.
Betty Friedan, 85. Her "The Feminine Mystique" helped shatter the cozy suburban ideal in postwar America, Feb. 4.
Sir Freddie Laker, 83. British entrepreneur who changed air travel with his low-cost Skytrain service, Feb. 9.
Dr. Norman Shumway, 83. Performed first successful heart transplant in U.S., Feb. 10.
Peter Benchley, 65. Author of "Jaws," novel made into blockbuster movie, Feb. 11.
Curt Gowdy, 86. Sports-caster; called 13 World Series and 16 All-Star games, first Super Bowl, Feb. 20.
Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus, 84. Top official at Vatican's bank before scandal ended tenure, Feb. 20.
Dennis Weaver, 81. Chester on "Gunsmoke"; the cop hero in "McCloud," Feb. 24.
Don Knotts, 81. Won five Emmys for playing bumbling Deputy Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show," Feb. 24.
Darren McGavin, 83. Tough-talking actor; grouchy dad in "A Christmas Story," Feb. 25.
Retired Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott, 97. World War II ace, wrote "God Is My Co-Pilot," Feb. 27.

APRIL

Gene Pitney, 66. Singer with a string of hits ("Shaw Without Pity,") April 5.
J.B. Fuqua, 87. Tycoon who built multibillion-dollar Fuqua Industries, April 5.

JUNE

Billy Preston, 59. Slinger-keyboardist ("Nothing From

AUGUST

Dutch Cardinal Johannes

SEPTEMBER

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Daniel Smith, 20. Anna Nicole Smith's son; sudden passing made headlines worldwide, Sept. 10. Drug combination.
Patty Berg, 88. Golf pioneer, Sept. 10.

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Wade too much for Lakers to handle as Heat win big

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Growing up, Dwyane Wade was always around a television when it was time for the NBA's annual Christmas game telecast.

"You always watched," Wade said, "because something exciting always happened."

He wasn't watching on Monday — because he was the one providing the excitement.

Wade dismissed all pregame suggestions that his Christmas would be a 1-on-1 showdown against Kobe Bryant, then turned the matchup of two of the NBA's best scorers into a one-sided battle. He had 40 points and 11 assists, leading Miami to a 101-85 win over the Los Angeles Lakers — the third straight Christmas win for the Heat in the series.

"Makes it great, man, makes it great," Wade said. "To be playing on Christmas is great. ... And we can go home and continue enjoying Christmas Day knowing that you played an unbelievable game, knowing that your team played well and that you got a win. Ain't too many



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade, right, is fouled by Los Angeles Lakers forward Ronny Turiaf (21) during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game, Monday in Miami.

things better than that." Wade made 12 of 20 shots from the floor, 15 of 16 from the line, and got a huge ovation from another sellout

Miami crowd when leaving with 57.9 seconds remaining. The praise kept coming postgame.

"An outrageous night," Heat coach Pat Riley said.

"Flash, man," Heat forward Dorell Wright said. "That boy's got something."

"Pretty entertaining to watch," added Heat center Alonzo Mourning. "He's a special player."

Meanwhile, Bryant — who entered the game as the sixth-leading scorer in the league at 27.8 points — never got rolling. He missed his first six shots, finished 4-of-17 from the floor, and with 16 points, one over his season-low.

"You have to let it go," Bryant said. "It was disappointing, but we have two more games on this trip. It's a long season. We are 18-10. Now it's time to move on."

Jason Koppa had 11 points and Wright added 10 for the Heat. Miami won for the fourth time in five games.

Tony Turiaf had 13 points and Luke Walton added 10 for the Lakers.

"I told my coaches at halftime that I thought I would stay in the locker room and watch a Christmas Carol and they could go out and do the rest of this game the way we were playing out there," Lakers coach Phil Jackson

said. "I did not feel we were right from the opening tip in this game."

This Christmas meeting lacked the hype of the previous years, where the reunions of teammates-turned-rivals Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal created no shortage of interesting storylines.

But the feud between the two thawed last year, and O'Neal wasn't in this game. The Heat center — who's appeared in only four games this season — missed his 21st consecutive contest as he continues to recover from knee surgery.

Even without him, Miami has won a season's best four straight at home and is back to within a game of .500 at 13-14.

"To win this game was big," Heat forward Antoine Walker said. "It's good for the whole team, for Dwyane. That's the old us before the game he really wanted us to win this game."

O'Neal pulled Wade aside for a pregame chat, delivering another pregame message to the star guard.

"I told him just go out and play your game and mix it up," O'Neal said. "And he did that. That's why he's the best."

Garcia, Eagles soar

Philadelphia grabs NFC East lead with win over Cowboys

By Jaime Arao
Associated Press writer

IRVING, Texas — Move over, Tony Romo. Jeff Garcia is taking a run at being the backup quarterback of the year.

After all, he led the Philadelphia Eagles past Romo and the Dallas Cowboys and into first place in the NFC East with a week to go in the season.

Garcia took the Eagles to scores on four of their first five drives and the Philadelphia defense humbled Romo in a 23-7 victory Monday that secured at least a wild-card berth.

The Eagles (9-6) can win the division for the fifth time in six years by beating Atlanta at home Sunday. Philadelphia also could clinch if Dallas loses its finale to Detroit.

"It's not about looking too far in the future, it's about playing today," Garcia said. "Hey, Philadelphia — Merry Christmas!"

The only way the Cowboys (9-6) can win the NFC East is by beating the Lions and by the Falcons knocking off the Eagles.

One thing settled by this game is that the New Orleans Saints clinched the No. 2 seed in the NFC and a first-round bye.

Philadelphia is enjoying a stunning turnaround for a club that was 5-6 going into December after Garcia lost his first start in place of an injured Donovan McNabb.

Now Garcia and the Eagles have won four straight. The last three have come on the road against division foes, the exact patch of the schedule that was supposed to bury Philadelphia.

"Last year, we had a lot of injuries and we had other things going on. This year, we stuck together through all those things, through all the naysayers," veteran safety



Philadelphia Eagles safety Brian Dawkins (20) celebrates with comeback quarterback Jeff Garcia after intercepting a pass from Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo in the fourth quarter in Irving, Texas, Monday. The Eagles won 23-7.

"Hey, Philadelphia — Merry Christmas!"

— Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jeff Garcia after leading his team to a 23-7 win over Dallas Monday

Brian Dawkins said. "We knew what we could do, continued to push each other. We're doing what people didn't expect, but everyone in the locker room expected it."

The Cowboys were the ones steamrolled Monday. They never led and hardly threatened, setting a season-low for points by 10 and yards by 119, which was set in a 30-24 loss at Philadelphia.

It also was their second straight falling-on-their-face performance in a high-profile game. Dallas was stomped 42-17 by New Orleans two

weeks ago in a game for the second-best record in the NFC.

"We were noncompetitive," Parcels said, adding he told the team the same thing. "There's nothing good to say. We just didn't make any plays at all, either side of the ball, just awful."

The Eagles went 89 yards in 13 plays on their first drive, converting four third-down tries before Garcia lobbed a 25-yard touchdown pass to a barely covered Matt Schobel. And the defense made three straight goal-line stands against

NFC rushing TD leader Marion Barber, capped by a 3-yard loss on fourth down. Then Garcia took Philadelphia from its 4-yard line to the Dallas 2, settling for a 25-yard field goal by David Akers. Akers also nailed a 45-yarder as the first half ended and made a 21-yarder on the opening series of the third quarter.

Down 16-7, Romo looked more like a guy who spent 3/4 years on the bench than one who earned a Pro Bowl invitation for a half-season's work.

He short-circuited the next four drives with two sacks, then two interceptions. Dallas also was hurt by Terrell Owens dropping a perfectly thrown deep pass on the

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Late FG sends Jets to victory over Dolphins

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The stadium was two-thirds empty by the fourth quarter, and small clusters of New York Jets fans let out a hearty cheer when Mike Nugent kicked the winning field goal with 10 seconds left Monday night.

A playoff atmosphere? Hardly. But the Jets moved closer to the postseason with an ugly but crucial comeback victory.

New York overcame steady rain, a sputtering offense and two late scores by the Miami Dolphins to win 13-10.

All of the points came in the final 17:25. Miami kicked a tying field goal with 2:09 left, but on the Jets' next play, Leon Washington caught a short pass from Chad Pennington and broke loose for a 64-yard gain.

Four plays later, Nugent kicked a 30-yarder. That meant the Jets (9-6) can clinch an AFC wild-card playoff berth if they beat Oakland (2-13) in their final regular-season game Sunday.

For the Dolphins (6-9), the defeat ensures the first losing season for Nick Saban in his 13 years as a college and NFL coach. Miami was eliminated from the playoffs a week ago. The rain resulted in a succession of errant and dropped passes — and 18 punts. A mishandled snap spoiled a field goal try by New York. Dolphins cornerback Eddie Jackson left the game with a knee injury when he stumbled and fell on the slippery field without being hit.

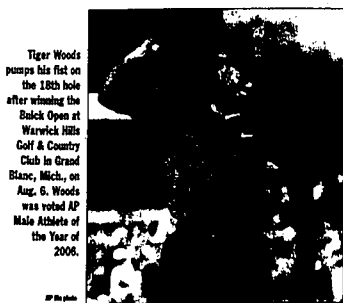
When the Dolphins' scoreless streak reached six quarters in a row, Cleo Lemon replaced Joey Harrington at quarterback to start the second half. A third-year pro, Lemon threw his first NFL touchdown pass and finished 11-for-16 for 104 yards.

Teammate Ronnie Brown, back in the lineup after missing three games with a hand injury, rushed for 110 yards on 18 carries.

But in the fourth quarter, the Jets answered scores by Miami with scoring drives of 80 and 68 yards.

After Lemon hit Randy McMichael on a 7-yard touchdown pass to put the Dolphins ahead 7-3, New York regained the lead on Pennington's 31-yard scoring pass to Jericho Conchery with 7:51 to go.

Woods wins close vote over LT as AP Male Athlete of 2006



Tiger Woods pumps his fist on the 18th hole after winning the Buick Open at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc, Mich., on Aug. 6. Woods was voted AP Male Athlete of the Year of 2006.

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

Tiger Woods had an answer for everything.

When he missed the cut at the U.S. Open for the first time in a major — his first tournament after his father died of cancer — some questioned whether he could reclaim his desire to dominate. He never finished worse than second in stroke play the rest of the season.

Phil Mickelson emerged anew as a serious threat to Woods' dominance by winning his second straight major at the Masters and nearly making it three in a row at the U.S. Open. Woods responded by winning the next two majors without breaking a sweat.

And there remained skepticism about his latest swing change, but to rest by a year that ranked among Woods' best ever

Male Athlete of the Year

NEW YORK — Voting for the 2006 Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year:

Name	Points
Tiger Woods	260
LaDainian Tomlinson	230
Roger Federer	110
Dwyane Wade	40
Ryan Howard	20
Albert Pujols	20
Floyd Landis	10
Shaun White	10
Vince Young	10

on the PGA Tour. He won eight times in 15 starts, six in a row to close out his season, two more majors to reach 12 for his career. About the only thing he couldn't answer was how he was voted AP Male Athlete of the Year.

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SPORTS

Seahawks not apologizing for skidding into NFC West crown

SEATTLE (AP) — All 52 of his teammates chose to quickly hide their NFC West championship T-shirts and caps inside bags. But Lofa Tatupu was wearing his white T-shirt immediately after the Seahawks backed into their third division title.

He stood in front of his locker looking proud. Defiant, almost.

"I do feel bad we lost, but I don't think it's a situation where people have to tell us we didn't earn it," Seattle's linebacker said Sunday evening, immediately after San Diego spoiled the Seahawks' comeback from a 10-0 hole in the second half with a touchdown pass in the final 29 seconds of the Chargers' 20-17 win.

Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck was upset about losing what he said was his team's first well-played game "in a while." Then he saw the division champs gear waiting for him in the locker room minutes after Arizona upset San Francisco to end the Seahawks' backdoor way into the playoffs.

He got the same conflicted feelings much of Seattle has right now.

"You come inside and you're just sort of confused and obviously upset about losing the game," Hasselbeck said. "Then sitting in your locker in a T-shirt and cap that says you are the NFC West champs, which is really our first goal."

"I still like our team. I like our team's chances in the tournament."

The others do. Many are sneaking that the Seahawks (8-7), losers of three straight, are getting a home playoff game. They will host a wild card, most likely Dallas or Philadelphia, on Jan. 6 or 7 — even though they have a win Sunday at Tampa Bay just to finish with a winning record. Seattle may have a worst record than the wild-card team it will host after winning the NFL's weakest division — where no other team is above .500.

The Seahawks aren't apologizing. It's not their fault the NFC this season stands for Not Fully Competitive.

The best illustration of how different this Seattle season of injuries, mistakes and repeated disappointment has become from 2005: A month ago, there was frustration at failing to match last season's consistent excellence that led to 13 wins in the regular season and the franchise's first Super Bowl berth.

Now, leading the AFC's best until the final seconds before losing yet again ranks as a Seahawks accomplishment — after weeks spent desperately gasping for anything resembling a positive.

Shawn Alexander, who looked much like the 2005 MVP, was rushing for 140 yards and a bullish touchdown that gave Seattle its first lead Sunday, said a duplication of Sunday's effort will win any



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, right, leaps toward running back Shaun Alexander after Alexander's touchdown run against the San Diego Chargers in the second half Sunday in Seattle.

possession game. As long as the Chargers aren't on the other side again, that is.

"I think so," Alexander said. "I think the Chargers are definitely a Super Bowl team. We play against a bunch of other teams that way I think we'll win."

"I'm glad they are in the AFC. Hopefully, everyone over there can hang them a little bit before we see them in Miami (for February's Super Bowl)." Alexander is known for hyperbole. But his seemingly misguided Super Bowl talk came from his belief in the same across-the-team improvement that Hasselbeck saw while almost upsetting San Diego, following miserable losses to Arizona and San Francisco and uneven play all season.

"I think everyone saw our real team for the first time this year," Alexander said. "This is the healthiest Matt and I have been all year. This is the first time the offensive line fully knew their roles."

"Before, I didn't think we were a good team — any team could have beaten us. This week, we showed the Seahawks really are."

But Seattle might have a new problem on defense.

Cornback Marcus Trufant sprained his right ankle during the opening drive of the third-quarter Sunday-after-late-rain rolled over his leg at the end of a play. Seattle's best cover man immediately went to the locker room for X-rays.

Those pictures were negative. Trufant said he was due for more tests Monday. Coach Mike Holmgren said his starting right cornerback may have a high ankle sprain, which sometimes lingers. Right tackle Sean Locklear had one on his left ankle earlier this season and was out six weeks.

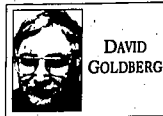
"I'll really start to worry after (Monday's tests)," Trufant said ruefully while slumped over crutches.

Rookie Kelly Jennings, who replaced Trufant on Sunday, would likely start at right cornerback in the playoffs. That could make a season-long concern in giving up deep pass plays such as Sunday's game winner — an even bigger liability in the postseason.

As if Seattle needs another.

A sub-.500 playoff team? Don't bet against it this year

When the Giants fell behind New Orleans 27-7 early in the fourth quarter Sunday, fans at Giants Stadium started flocking for the parking lot. Those who remained took up the chant that had started at half-time: "Fire Coughlin!"



DAVID GOLDBERG spent more time talking about his future in TV than his present job. The key loss came in Tennessee on Nov. 23, when New York blew a 21-0 fourth-quarter lead.

Still, in the worse-than-mediocre NFC, New York under coach Tom Coughlin still holds the lead for the last wild-card spot despite a 7-8 record and five losses in the last six games. The way things are going, they could lose Saturday night in Washington and still make it, the first NFL team since playoffs started in 1933 to qualify for the postseason under .500.

The Giants are one of five 7-8 teams tied for the last wild-card spot going into the final weekend and there's no guarantee any of them will win.

New York holds the final spot right now because it's tied with Green Bay at 6-5 for the best conference record among the 7-8 teams and has played a stronger schedule. That could change because strength of schedule isn't calculated until all the games are played next week.

"I didn't expect them to cheer us," Giants center Shaun O'Leary said after what turned out to be a 30-7 loss. "It's Christmas and everyone wants to be merry. They are obviously upset with us and they have a right to be."

The fans have a right to be angry with just about everyone in the NFC — even the Bears, at 13-2, have their problems. But the Giants are the primary reason for the strange situation.

When they were 6-2, John Madden was promoting their upcoming game with Chicago by calling them "one of the two best teams in the AFC." Yes, injuries hurt, but they also have a dysfunctional locker room, one of several reasons Coughlin could be fired after the season — even if they do make playoffs.

Two of the other "contenders," Atlanta and Carolina, also were highly regarded entering the season.

All are plummeting now. In Atlanta, New York's six of seven defeats, Carolina has lost four of five and Atlanta six of eight. The best way to resolve the mess might be to change the rules and give Tennessee, which has won six straight, one of the NFC slots; its chances of making it in the AFC are pretty remote.

A team-by-team look at the NFC's 7-8 teams.

NEW YORK GIANTS

Once 6-2 with control of the NFC East and talent (albeit mismatched) that put them near the top of the NFL.

The slide started with injuries. Seven starters were out at one point, including 2005 Pro Bowl DEs Michael Strahan and Osi Umenyiora.

But the most important injury may have been the torn knee ligament that ended the season of WR Amani Toomer.

Toomer's loss coincides with the falloff of QB Eli Manning — Toomer was the only remaining player other than Plaxico Burress.

RB Tiki Barber's announcement that he is retiring after the season turned into another distraction. The Giants won three straight after the announcement, but Barber, playing with a broken thumb, started to fall off, too, and

CAROLINA

One of the preseason favorites to win the conference title, Carolina has been hurt early by injuries on the offensive line. Left tackle Travell Wharton was lost for the season with a knee injury in the opener and center Justin Hartwig has been out almost all year. Rookie running back D'Angelo Williams missed three games. Deshaun Foster was mainly ineffective and the lack of a running game forced wide receiver Tomlinson to pass too much.

Delhomme's passer rating is almost 10 points lower than last season, when the Panthers reached the NFC title game. That he injured his thumb. That forced the Panthers to go with Chris Weinke, 1-15 as a starter, at quarterback against the Giants and New York got its only win in the second half of the schedule.

ATLANTA

As Coughlin is shaky with the Giants, so is Jim Mora with the Falcons, who started 5-2 and are 2-5 since.

Even his father is involved. Mora's father, the former Saints and Colts coach of the same name, called quarterback Michael Vick a "coach killer" on his NFL Network show. And two weeks ago, the younger Mora — "with sarcasm and wit" he said in a later apology — told a Seattle radio station when asked about how he coached at his alma mater, the University of Washington: "It doesn't even matter if I'm available. ... I don't care if we're in the middle of a playoff run. I'm packing my stuff and coming back to Seattle."

Well, they're still in a playoff run.

GREEN BAY

Up there with the Giants in the order of precedence, despite a roster that includes 20 rookies — including three starters on the offensive line — and only Donald Driver as a relative vet.

A pleasant surprise in some respects, but horribly inconsistent. The Packers haven't beaten a team with a winning record, although they have a good shot at getting it if they win in Chicago against the archrival Bears (13-2), who already have clinched home-field advantage in the NFC.

ST. LOUIS

Another team that's in contention only because it's the "second best" in a very weak division. The "best," defending NFC champion Seattle, backed into the NFC West title at 8-7 when San Francisco lost Sunday. The Rams are only a game behind the Seahawks, but can't pass them because they lost to Seattle twice on late-season games.

Still, like the Packers, they are "hot" — two straight wins qualifies in this group.

Colts collapse leaves playoff hopes in doubt

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Dungy won't change his philosophy.

He intends to play his regulars this week, build momentum for the playoffs and try to put the Indianapolis Colts in the best possible playoff position — even though they no longer control their seeding fate.

"We've got to treat this like a must-win game," he said Monday. "We need to win to stay ahead of New England and put pressure on Baltimore."

A month ago, the Colts (11-4) appeared headed toward earning a second straight No. 1 seed in the AFC playoffs. Their late-season collapse has ruined everything.

Two straight losses at Tennessee and Jacksonville left San Diego in the lead for home-field advantage, and Sunday's demoralizing loss at Houston may have cost Indy a shot at the coveted first-round bye.

More troublesome are the problems that seem to get worse with each passing week.

The league's worst run defense took another hit Sunday when lion Dayne rushed for a career-high 153 yards and two touchdowns — only the third 100-yard game of the former Heisman Trophy winner's seven-year career.

By successfully playing keepaway, opponents also have managed to beat two-time MVP V Manning the one way he can't control: making him a spectator. Manning has spent more time in recent weeks studying photos on the sideline than picking apart defenses on the field.

And four losses in six games, including four straight on the road — another ignominious first during Dungy's first era — have left the Colts in the unenviable position of trying to turn things around in the playoffs.

It's an unusual predicament for the first team in NFL history to lose consecutive 9-0 records, which is not accustomed to watching the scoreboard in late December.

At least not worth waiting for on a chilly Christmas evening.

Those who remained mustered the energy to loudly boo Owens for another drop with 3:07 left. Of course, many of those could've been Eagles fans who might boo T.O. for his third pick.

Garcia was 15-of-23 for 238 yards with a touchdown and an interception, and ran for 43 yards. Brian Westbrook ran for 118 yards and Correll Buchhalter had 38 yards and a

At least Big Ben knows it can't be any worse

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger knew he wouldn't raise Super Bowl trophies every season, and that winning 27 of his first 31 starts set a pace that would be impossible for any NFL quarterback to match.

What he didn't expect was a mess of a season like this. After his first two years with the Pittsburgh Steelers went like those of no other young quarterback in NFL history, with a Super Bowl victory and two AFC championship game appearances, Roethlisberger's third season couldn't have gone much worse. And he knows it.

Starting with his near-fatal motorcycle accident in June and continuing with an appendicitis attack the first week of the season and a subsequent concussion, it seemed every-thing went wrong.

All that medical misfortune doesn't totally explain away a significant dropoff in his play that helped end the Steelers (7-8) to missing the playoffs a season after they won their first Super Bowl in 20 years.

"It was tough, frustrating," Roethlisberger said. "At least you know it will be awfully hard for next year to be any worse. We're going to get better."

How could it not get better? Numbers don't always tell the story of a season, but they illustrate the significant falloff in Roethlisberger's play.

Roethlisberger won all 12 of his regular-season starts in 2001 — no other rookie had won more than six in a row — before becoming the youngest quarterback at age 23, to win a Super Bowl last season. This season, he never found a groove until the Steelers were 2-6 and were all but out of postseason contention; his eight losses are double the total of his first two seasons combined.

He is eighth in the NFL with 3,233 yards passing, but his 22 interceptions are six more than any other AFC quarterback who has played most of the season.

Roethlisberger's 205 yards rushing were easily the most Dallas has given up this season and the most by an opponent at Texas Stadium since 2000.

Romo was 14-of-29 for a season-low 142 yards, with a touchdown and the two interceptions. Owens caught only two passes for 23 yards, but one was a 14-yard touchdown.

"I had to throw the ball away a lot," Romo said. "I definitely had to move around a bunch. They covered well."

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Eagles

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There were a couple chances there and just didn't get the job done," Romo said.

The Eagles stretched the lead to 23-7 midway through the fourth quarter, grinding out six of their 10 yards in the ground and burning plenty of clock. When Romo's next pass was picked off, fans began hurrying to the exits even though there was still 6:39 left. Romo-mentum was

Woods

Continued from page B1 singles titles.

Woods received 260 points from sports editors around the country. Tomlinson, who already has set an NFL record of 31 touchdowns with one regular-season game left, was second with 230 points.

Federer, who won three Grand Slam titles and lost in the final at the French Open, had 110 points.

Rounding out the top of the list were Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (40 points) and

St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols and ML home run champion Ryan Howard of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Fred Couples, the former Masters champion and all-around sports nut who attended Wimbledon this year, ran through the achievements of the top three and figured it would be a tough vote to cast.

"Roger Federer is pretty sporty," Couples said. "Tomlinson is going to pound the record. I don't know how many TDs. It's all great. You

would think if you're Roger Federer and you didn't win it this year, you don't know what else you could possibly do. But Tiger, it's not like he's not deserving. He's winning 55 percent of the tournaments he plays. He's probably ahead of Shaq's free throw percentage."

Woods, again made it look routine, winning at least eight PGA Tour events for the third time in his career and becoming the first player in history to capture multiple majors in consecutive seasons.

SPORTS

Yankees talking about trading Johnson



New York Yankees starter Randy Johnson pitches in Game 3 of the ALDS in Detroit Oct. 6. Johnson could be leaving the New York Yankees after just two seasons.

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Johnson could be leaving the New York Yankees after just two seasons.

The Yankees have started trade talks with several teams, including the Arizona Diamondbacks although it is too early to tell whether the discussions will lead to a deal.

Talks were confirmed Monday by a baseball official who had knowledge of them and spoke on condition of anonymity because they are in the preliminary stage. The Yankees' discussions with the Diamondbacks, Johnson's former club, were first reported by the New York Post and the Star-Ledger of New Jersey.

Alan Nove, one of Johnson's agents, said Monday he was informed of trade talks by Yankees general manager

Brian Cashman.

"I just had one conversation with Brian, and that's it. As far as we know, there's nothing going on significant enough for us to become a part of it," Nove said. "I think Brian is just doing his job."

Johnson has a no-trade clause, meaning the 10-time All-Star must approve any deal. Nove said it was too early to say whether Arizona would be the pitcher's first choice if the Yankees do decide to trade the 43-year-old left-hander.

"We haven't discussed it, to be honest," Nove said. "This idea that Randy doesn't want to come back, that's not exactly true. I'm not aware of anything coming from our side that would force this. Whatever comes

down, comes down, but it's not because Randy has demanded it because we're participating in the process."

Cashman and Diamondbacks general manager Jeff Moorad did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

A five-time Cy Young Award winner, Johnson has been a disappointment with the Yankees despite a 34-19 regular-season record. He has a 4.37 ERA with New York — including 5.00 last season — and is 0-1 with a 6.92 ERA in three postseason appearances with the Yankees, struggling with his arm angle and a slider that often has lacked bite.

He appeared to be uncomfortable with New York even before he official-

ly agreed to deal with the Yankees. He quit in frustration on a Manhattan sidewalk with a television cameraman while walking to take his physical, then apologized.

While at times he has displayed a sense of humor, he has been grumpy for long stretches, especially when his back bothered him last season. He had surgery Oct. 26 to repair a herniated disc in his back — and had a similar operation in 1996 — an end to his back problems, especially when his back bothered him last season. He had surgery Oct. 26 to repair a herniated disc in his back — and had a similar operation in 1996 — an end to his back problems, especially when his back bothered him last season. He had surgery Oct. 26 to repair a herniated disc in his back — and had a similar operation in 1996 — an end to his back problems, especially when his back bothered him last season.

New York's projected rotation also includes Chien-Ming Wang, Mike Mussina, Andy Pettitte and Kei Noreika — who must complete his \$20 million, five-year contract by Thursday.

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Table showing soccer results: England vs. France, etc.

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Table showing NBA game results: Boston vs. Cleveland, etc.

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Table showing football results: Michigan vs. Penn State, etc.

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Table showing mens AP top 25 college basketball teams.

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UCLA stays at No. 1, Clemson joins other unbeaten in Top 25

Clemson joined the other unbeaten Division I teams in The Associated Press' Top 25 on Monday.

The Tigers (12-0) were the only one of the four undefeated teams not to be ranked, but moved in as No. 25, joining No. 1 UCLA (11-0), No. 12 Connecticut (10-0) and No. 20 Oregon (11-0) in the poll.

The ranking is the first for Clemson since Jan. 12, 1999. The Tigers returned four starters from the team that won five of eight games to close 2005-06, and all but three of the wins this season — Old Dominion, Furman and Mississippi State — have been by at least 10 points.

"Being ranked among the top 25 teams in the country is certainly a sign of progress in our program," coach Oliver Fulmer, who is in his fourth season at Clemson, said Monday. "It is important to use this as motivation to work even harder to get better. We do not need to relax and view it as a major accomplishment at this time of year."

Tennessee (10-2), at No. 21, is the week's other newcomer. The Volunteers were ranked in the preseason Top 25 and for the first two weeks of the season before losing consecutive games to Butler and North Carolina in the NIT Season

Tip-Off.

Since then, Tennessee has won six straight, including a decisive win over Memphis and last week's close victories over Oklahoma State (the Cowboys' only loss of the season) and Texas, 111-105 in overtime.

UCLA held the top spot for the fifth straight week. The Bruins, who beat Sam Houston State 75-61 and Michigan 92-55 last week, received all but one first-place votes and finished with 1,799 points from the 72-member national media panel.

North Carolina (10-1) was No. 2 for the second week in a row, receiving the other first-place vote and 1,720 points.

Florida, the only team besides UCLA to be No. 1 this season, jumped from fifth to third following its 86-60 victory over Ohio State last weekend. Mississippi remained fourth while Duke moved up one place to fifth.

Ohio State, which lost for the first time since freshman center Greg Oden made his debut seven games into the season following offseason wrist surgery, led three places to sixth.

Arizona, Alabama and Kansas all moved up two places to seventh through ninth.

Pittsburgh, which bounced back from con-

secutive losses to Wisconsin and Oklahoma State with a 30-point win over Dayton, fell from seventh to round out the top 10.

Texas A&M was 11th followed by Connecticut, Oklahoma State, Washington, Butler, Wichita State, LSU, Marquette, Notre Dame and Oregon.

The last five ranked teams were Tennessee, Memphis, Air Force, Nevada and Clemson.

MAGIC VALLEY T.F. Youth baseball seeks players

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball is seeking players for the upcoming 2007 spring Cal Ripken youth baseball seasons. An informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18 at Twin Falls High School, room G-2. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Cap Ripken sign-ups scheduled

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will hold Cal Ripken baseball registration from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 and Monday, Jan. 22, at the Blue Recreation Building at Harmon Park. Players must be between the ages of 9-12 as of April 30, 2007, and must reside in Twin Falls County. Youth registration is required for all players. Each costs \$50 per player and fundraiser participation is required. For more information, contact Abby Greenfield at 308-7042 or Bill Merritt at 280-0802.

COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

YOU KNOW
YOU KNOW
YOU KNOW

YOU KNOW THE ENERGY CRISIS IS FOR REAL. WHEN ONLY THE GOOD KIDS GET A LUMP OF COAL FOR CHRISTMAS.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

DADDY THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THIS CD PLAYER SANTA BROUGHT ME.

IT SOUNDS OKAY TO ME.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

IT ISN'T AN IPOD.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

I'M PRETTY SURE EVERYBODY IN MY FAMILY SPENT MORE ON MY CHRISTMAS GIFT THAN I SPENT ON THEIRS.

I FEEL SO... SO...

GUY?

LUCKY I MADE OUT LIKE A BAND!

Brevity By Guy & Rodeo

THAT'S STRANGE. NO MATTER WHERE I STAND, THE EYES SEEM TO FOLLOW ME.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

WE DON'T PAY ENOUGH TO ATTRACT QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES.

NO PROBLEM. I'LL HIRE UNQUALIFIED PEOPLE WITH GOOD ATTITUDES AND TRAIN THEM.

DILBERT, WHEN YOU GET A SECOND, TRAIN THIS GUY.

YAY!

Doonesbury By Gary Trudeau

THE NEWS UP HERE ISN'T AS GOOD AS IT USED TO BE. YOU SHOULD HAVE CHECKED THE NEWS BEFORE YOU WENT TO WORK.

YEAH, BUT IT'S NOT THE NEWS. IT'S THE NEWS. IT'S THE NEWS.

GOOD POINT. ALRIGHT, I'LL CHECK IT OUT.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. I'LL BE BACK WITH THE NEWS.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troisi

Did you get some nice Christmas gifts, Evelyn?

Me too! Who would want these things? Look - a trivet with "I Love Kitties!" printed on it!

A couple, but I got some awful ones, too!

Well, looks at this, oldies!

A plastic Venus de Milo with a clock in her stomach!

Want to trade for the cat trivet?

Absolutely. Give me more tea!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

THE PLACE ISN'T THE PLACE, BUT THE PLACE ISN'T THE PLACE. THE PLACE ISN'T THE PLACE.

THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING IS OK, BUT EVERYTHING IS OK, BUT EVERYTHING IS OK.

AND THE SELFIES?!

WELL, IN THE HOSPITAL IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

HAPPY!

FROM SHADON, HE CAN DO IT HIMSELF. SHADON, IT'S HIS OWN FAULT. HE TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

FRANK AND ERNIE'S UPDATED FAIRY TALES

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS BUILT THEIR NEW HOUSE OUT OF BRICKS, SO NOW HE'S USING EMINENT DOMAIN!

Luann By Greg Evans

LIKE THE GIFTS YOU GAVE ME - BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TRADE WITH A CERTAIN HOUSE KEY IN IT.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE HOUSE? STILL DON'T KNOW.

SO... CAN I HELP YOU LOAD UP YOUR TOOLS TO DO SOMETHING?

HE GETS WISER THAN ENOUGH. NOW HE WANTS US TO WORK.

GOOD. SANTA ISN'T HERE.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

1007 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

CONG: THE U.N. SAYS MY EMISSIONS... ARE NOISE FOR THE PLANET THEM. CARE...

I RESOLVE TO HOLD ON IN... BUT DON'T BE TOO SHOCKED WHEN... YOU SEE ME FLOATING UP TOWARD MARS.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, BUT I TOLD OUR NEIGHBORS WE WOULD VISIT THEIR QUE-BEARS FOR THE WHILE THEY GO OUT TO DINNER.

OH, IT WON'T BE SO BAD. I HEAR HE'S VERY ADVANCED FOR HIS AGE.

PLEASE... HOW ADVANCED CAN A DINK-BEARD BE?

SPORTSCENTER... NOW!

Pickles By Brian Crane

WHAT DID OPAL GIVE YOU FOR CHRISTMAS, EARL?

A FUZZY TOILET SEAT COVER.

YUP.

WHAT'S ACTUALLY A PRETTY THOUGHTFUL GIFT, CONSIDERING HOW MUCH TIME YOU SPEND IN THERE.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

CLEM! I GOT THE NEW TUMBERBOT 3000 FOR CHRISTMAS!

NOW WE CAN PLAY WITH THEM TOGETHER!

CLEM? WHY DO I KEEP HEARING THUMBP?

MY TUMBERBOT 3000 KEEPS PROPPING THE PHONE.

YOUR GAMES WITH A PHONE?

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HI DAD.

I NEED A FIBER.

SINCE YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING...

CAN YOU BRING ME A KIBBLE?

Creativity takes the cake, Libra.

HOROSCOPE
Jerakline Saunders

IF DEC. 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your New Year's resolution might revolve around taking action about something near and dear to your heart. Don't lose momentum if you find you've been deluding yourself about someone or something. You will get a chance to begin again when opportunity comes knocking before the end of January. This is a great month to start a new project or plan in motion, as others will be generous and willing to offer assistance. Make wise business decisions and put them in motion in possession more street smarts and business sense than usual.

ARIES (March 21-Aug. 19): You've got "zoom, zoom, zoom" like that TV advertising jingle. Find ways to use your extra energy wisely by participating in sports, physical exercise - or even a walk in the woods.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make a tribute to integrity. People are apt to trust you under these stars, so this is a good time to ask for commitment or a promise. You sparkle in social settings and romance gets a thumbs-up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Buyout charm is contagious. Your companions need to let off

day smooching could be in the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Give yourself some credit. It's perfectly OK to spend a holiday bonus or gift certificate on something you deserve. Return from shopping early, as the night is made for love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your wanderlust needs a suitable outlet. This with family members are a definite possibility. Take the kids to the zoo to go sightseeing with your favorite someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Enjoy having lovely things. Rearrange the furniture or your closet to make room for new possessions. The love bug might nip at your heels and bring a loved one closer this evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Birds of a feather always tend to flock together. It is a good day to get together with friends or contact those who share your viewpoints. The glowing embers of warm desire may catch fire.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Friendliness is next to godliness. You might actually glow like Rudolph's nose when dealing with groups of people. Act on a charitable impulse or find a way to help out a friend in need.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

FACE IT, DEAR... IF HE WANTS ONE BY NOW, IT MEANS YOU'RE STILL ON THE HOLIDAY LIST.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE LOBBIST

Strange Brew By John Deering

COTTAGE CHEESE

DUPLEX CHEESE

CONDO CHEESE

WOLF-PACK CHEESE

MOBILE CHEESE

Libra

some steam so grab a sled, toss a baseball, or find ways to increase that heart rate. Grab an opportunity for luscious love play.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take your time about making a choice. A gift might seem destined to be returned, but it is best to wait a day or two. Right now you aren't likely to make reliable business decisions.

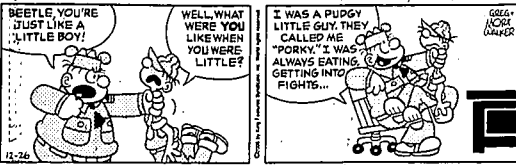
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Positive vitality bubbles under the surface. Tackle odd jobs, games, sports, or hobbies with enthusiasm. Your latest heart-throb doesn't care what you choose to do as long as you do it together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Find ways to recharge your energies. Take care of little tasks around the house that have been overlooked or start a new exercise regime. Be inspired by a gift to initiate a new routine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Creativity takes the cake. Your artistic ideas or entertaining activities will receive an enthusiastic round of applause from partners and mates. Post hol-

COMICS

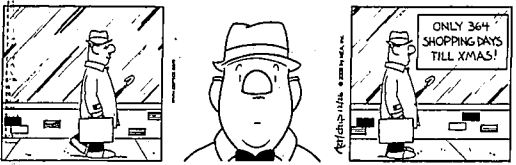
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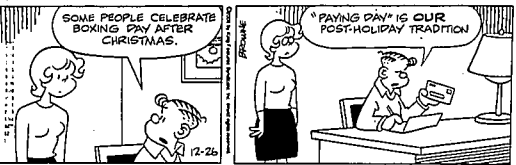
Garfield



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Ht and Lols



Classic Peanuts



The Wizard of Id



Dennis the Menace



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Abusive husband's remarriage brings his former wife to tears

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I divorced my abusive husband of 23 years. However, when he remarried, I fell apart. Friends we have in common tell me they are happy, and his new wife is "good for him."

Thoughts of why he could change for someone else, but not for his own family (we had two sons) eat me up. It has been a year since his wedding, and I am still hurting as if I want him back. Please help me.

—CRYING IN CALIFORNIA



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My sister, Flanaco, "Reid," has lived with my fiancée, "Reid," and she since the death of our mother two years ago. Dad died when I was 12, so there was no other option for my sister.

Everything was going fine until a month ago, when Lindy told me she was pregnant. I was upset because she is only 17. Lindy insisted that things were going to be "fine" because the baby's father was older and well-off.

One night last week, Lindy and Reid (who is 28) sat me down to have a talk about her pregnancy — and told me that Reid is the father of the baby! I am devastated at their betrayal. I can't believe that Reid, the love of my life, and my little sister, whom I'd considered my best friend, would sleep together. I have to tell them both I love them, but I'm afraid for the baby, and I can't just turn my sister out into the streets. I love my fiancée and can't bear to let him go, but his actions have

proven that he doesn't love me like I love him.

You're the only person I can talk to about this. Please help me, Abby.

—BETRAYED IN THE MIDDLEWEST

DEAR BETRAYED: Call off the engagement and get your two-timing deadbeat "fiancee" out of there immediately. You have been his meal ticket for far too long. What your sister did might be chucked up to immaturity, but Reid is an adult. Do not let it escape you that he has used you both.

If you can handle it, let Lindy stay until she's 18 and has high school diploma. That way she can provide for herself and the baby if she decides to keep it. The baby is not your responsibility; it is Lindy's and Reid's. You remember that, you'll shield yourself from pain and aggravation in the future.

DEAR ABBY: Could you settle an argument between me and my husband? We've been married only four months.

I get out of the shower and dry off, or walk into the bathroom to dry off. He says I should dry off in the shower. Who is correct?

—ANN FROM FLORIDA

DEAR ANN: You should dry off wherever you are more comfortable drying off, and if you're controlling your husband doesn't like it, then HE should dry you off in the shower.

Boxing Day started as a day to give money to poor in England

This day in his history: It's Boxing Day, but don't put on your padded gloves and climb into the ring in the Middle Ages on Dec. 26, churches distributed money to the poor from alms boxes filled by worshippers during the holiday season. In the 18th century nobility of England used the day for presenting gift boxes to their servants.



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RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

The cartoon dog, Scooby Doo, got his name because CBS executive Fred Silverman happened to hear Frank Sinatra scat-singing "scobby doobie doo" on the song "Strangers in the Night."

A study at the University of Utah showed that the eyes of a driver talking on a cell phone track only about half of what they would see normally.

About 100 million people shop at Wal-Mart every week. If you exclude auto sales, the company takes in about 7 cents of every U.S. dollar spent on retailing.

Can't find the second Abe Lincoln on a penny? Look carefully at the back.

Despite their weight, elephants swim rather nicely by floating on the water and kicking their legs. In rough water, they lift their trunks out of the water and use them as a snorkel.

If you want to be a righteous person even after death, donate your no-longer-needed body parts. More than 83,000 Americans are waiting for

an organ.

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

Factory workers slipped laced Christmas cookies

STAYTON, Ore. — Workers sampling holiday cookies at a wood plant here complained of feeling lightheaded and dizzy, and police believe the secret ingredient might have been marijuana.

After interviewing employees, police said Thursday that drugged cookies left in a break room at the Weyerhaeuser Co. plant probably were spiced for sending 15 workers to Santiam Memorial Hospital. One stayed overnight for observation.

Police are offering a \$500 reward to nab the criminal who brought in the chocolate-flavored oatmeal cookies. They have no leads yet, Detective Bob Thomas said.

The incident raised sullen concerns at the industrial site, which has no security checkpoint, said company spokesman Greg Miller.

Odd's & ends

Russian's fish is impressive and it's especially remarkable that he was able to take it by bow and arrow." Doug Austen, executive director of the state Fish and Boat Commission, said in a statement Thursday.

"However, there was simply no way to grass carp — no matter how large — could qualify as a recreational fishing record," he said.

Grass carp are used for weed control and a special permit from the state is required to possess them, officials said. Still, many have made their way into waterways in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

Russian plans to hang a replica of the fish at his archery shop. The real one began to spoil and he got rid of it.

The state record for the largest common carp — 152 pounds. It was taken in 1962 from the Juniata River.

54-pound fish can't qualify for state record

PITTSBURGH — Dennis Russian has a great fish story to tell, but no state record to show for it.

While bow fishing on Presque Isle Bay in May, Russian shot a 54-pound, 4-ounce carp.

That much is true. But the full truth is he shot a grass carp — and the state Fish and Boat Commission said its carp record is only intended to recognize the common carp.

"There is no doubt that Mr.

Sorry kid, wrong number. Wilms is not Santa Claus nor does he know where the big Yella will be on Christmas Eve. Yet for the last four years, his specialty foods business, Hombers Foods, has been getting swamped with Christmas Eve calls from around the country from families looking for old Saint Nick.

That's because his toll-free number for customers is one digit different than the popular NORAD hot line set up for families to track Santa's sleigh on the big night.

Telephone messages left with NORAD were not returned Friday.

Wilms said he plans to leave a voice message with the correct number for anyone still looking for a sleigh with Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 06-25021 Doc ID # 000641104512005N Title Order No. 8610991 Parcel No. RPOF000040040 The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301 on 04/05/2007 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain deed of trust, recorded 07/20/2006 as Instrument Number 2004-00478, and executed by Thomas M. Newnham and Tammy L. Newnham, husband and wife, as Grantors, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, to secure the debt of \$100,000.00, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: Lot 4 in Block 4 of Midway Meadows Estate No. 2, P.U.D., Twin Falls County, Idaho, as more particularly described on the plat thereof, and as more particularly described on the plat thereof, page 50. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-1118, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 3888 North 2430 East, Filer, ID 83328 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the deed of trust sale contained in the certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 07/20/2006 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 11.75% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$31,108.00. Plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the deed of trust, together with any amount presently obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be satisfied. The above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) of the Idaho Code, to collect and receive any information that may be responsible for this obligation. Dated: 12/05/2006 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company, N.A., 1757 Tap Canyon Blvd., Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92108-1000 (800) 281-8919 ReconTrust Company, N.A. Successor Trustee Goretta Sweeney, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 808082

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T.S. No. ID-06-47000-1NF Loan No.: 1090791 On 4/20/2007 at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the Lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Pioneer and Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee, on behalf of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2006(1) will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, as more particularly described on the plat thereof, and as more particularly described on the plat thereof, page 3, a planned unit development, according to the plat thereof, recorded in book 19 of plats, page 27, in the office of the County recorder of said County The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-1118 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 442 Pleasant Park, Twin Falls, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the deed of trust sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Laurene D. Hatcher, a single woman, as grantor/Trustor, in which Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, is named as Beneficiary and First American Title Company, Trustee and recorder 02/02/05, as instrument number 013091 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the monthly payment due on 01/01/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amount advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure, and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder shall be deemed to have purchased the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: 12/14/2006 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee, 1757 Tap Canyon Service Corp. 319 Elm Street, and Floor San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Kathy Rush " " For Sale Information Call: 714-259-7850 or Log in to: www.idaho.gov/bid to view the deed of trust and plat. No representation made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. In which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 0077000

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho, the Bond Election of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 414 (Kimberly), Twin Falls County, Idaho, adopted on October 18, 2006, notice is hereby given that a Special General Obligation Bond Election will be held in the District on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, beginning at the hour of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and closing at the hour of 8:00 P.M. on said date, for the purpose of taking into account the following question, to wit: QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 414 (Kimberly), Twin Falls County, Idaho, be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount of up to \$6,095,000 to become due in such installments as may be determined by the Board of Trustees, the final installment to fall due not more than twenty (20) years from the date of the bonds, for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring, improving and preparing school sites, including demolition of obsolete structures; constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping schools; and making improvements to existing schools, including roof replacements; and acquiring and installing all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on October 18, 2006?

Said election shall be held at the following polling places:
885 Center West
Kimberly, ID
Absentee Address:
School District No. 414 (Kimberly)
141 Center West
Kimberly, ID 83341

Notice is further given that only qualified electors of the District, being United States citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older who have resided in the District for thirty (30) days preceding the Bond Election and who are registered or who register at the polls on the day of the Bond Election, as provided by law, are entitled to vote at said election. Any registered elector of the District may make written application to the Clerk of the District in accordance with law for an absentee ballot, provided that an absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk at the above absentee address not later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of the election in order to be counted.

If all said Special General Obligation Bond Election two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors registered electors eighteen (18) years of age or older who have such election assent to the issuing of negotiable bonds, and the incurring of the indebtedness thereby created for the purpose of financing the costs of the project described above, shall be sufficient to issue such negotiable bonds shall be issued for such voted purposes in the manner provided by the Idaho Code. Said negotiable bonds, or any series thereof, shall mature over a period commencing at the expiration of not more than two (2) years from the date of each series, and the date of each series, not more than twenty (20) years from the issue date of each series, and shall bear interest and be payable from ad valorem taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-1107, Idaho Code. The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code: The total existing bonded indebtedness, including interest accrued, as of January 16, 2007, of the District may not exceed the total amount anticipated on the proposed negotiable bonds is approximately four and seventy-one one hundredths percent (4.71%). The range of anticipated rates is from one and one half percent (1.5%) to five and one half percent (5.5%). The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed negotiable bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$10,053,876.00.

Verification
Cathy Cooper, the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 414 (Kimberly), Twin Falls County, Idaho, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that she is the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 414 (Kimberly), Twin Falls County, Idaho, that she has read the within information required by Section 34-439 of Idaho Code, and believes the statements therein contained are true.

By: Cathy Cooper, Clerk

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V. EASY #23

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602 Homes For Sale
TWIN FALLS Remodeled 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, garage, 1,166 sq. ft. on main level with basement. Large fenced lot with RV parking. \$113,900. Call 208-424-7145

602 Homes For Sale
TWIN FALLS New home to be completed March. In Rock Creek Trail Estates. 1,536 sq. ft. Buy now - you pick color, carpet, and upgrades. \$179,900. Call 208-731-1415

602 Homes For Sale
TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom 2 bath home, 1,500 sq. ft. finished yard, close to elementary school. \$105,000. Call 208-870-3077

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602 Acreage and Lots
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 Are you ready to help BUILD your OWN home? Would you like to learn new skills and get to know your neighbors in the process? If so, **Mercy Housing Idaho** may be for you! Funded by HUD, HUD and IHFA
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BUNH 2 bedroom 1 bath home. Available immediately. \$575 month + \$500 deposit. No smoking/pets. 503 12th Avenue North Call 208-951-0197

602 Unfurnished Homes
BUNH 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with 3 pets, long term, \$450 month + deposit. Call 208-424-7145
BUNH Country home on acreage, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, appls, fenced yard, 35+/- acres. \$1,100 mo. plus dep. Call 208-532-2722

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., 2 bath, 1500 sq. ft. recently remodeled 2 car garage, fenced yard \$650 mo. No pet/smoking. Call Jann 734-0062 or 731-8891.

602 Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom home, pet OK. \$850.00/mo. Rent Now FREE mo. Call Greg (208)316-1802

602 Unfurnished Homes
FILER 2 bdrm, 1 bath, fenced yard, 1500 sq. ft. \$485 month + deposit. Call 208-543-2633

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath town homes in NW Twin Falls, garage, heat, AC, 2 car garage, nice split floor plan, \$550
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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, fenced backyard, \$700 month + dep.
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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath house, garage, fenced yard, \$795 mo + deposit, available 1-107.
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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, all appls incl, deck in back, hot tub, sprinkler system, new paint, \$500 + \$500 deposit.
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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, car garage, newer home, fenced backyard, no pet/smoking, credit check.
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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, appls incl, no smoking, pet friendly, \$850/mo + dep.
Call 208-539-2420.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, 1825 sq. ft., quiet country setting, Sawtooth school, clean with all appliances, DW, W/D, yard, \$725/mo deposit, utilities.
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TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 2 bath, car garage. No smoking, no pets.
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TWIN FALLS 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, gas heat. No pet/smoking. Year lease. \$725 mo + \$725 dep. 275 Carnegie St. Call James 208-731-3533

TWIN FALLS 4 bedroom, 2 bath, Sawtooth School area. Yard care provided. No pets. \$750 mo. + dep.
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TWIN FALLS 5 bedroom, 2 bath, \$850/mo plus deposit. NO PETS. Call Andrea 737-3905 or Juana 737-3914 for more information.

TWIN FALLS brand new home, 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, \$300 mo. Avail 01/07/07

TWIN FALLS Like new duplex 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths w/garage, \$300 mo. + \$800 dep. Available 01/07/07.
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JEROME Links Apts, accepting applications. 1 bdrm, 1 bath, available, all appls. W/D hook-up, AC, high speed internet, cable, garages, IHA accepted.
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JEROME upstairs apt. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, washer for park, \$400 month + dep. Call 208-543-8256 or 208-731-0547

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, duplex, DW, AC, fire, \$400 mo and a duplex \$450 mo. 733-7372.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 1/2 bath, linoleum, carpet, storage room. No pets. By. \$550 732-5400

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TWIN FALLS Close to CSI, 2 bedroom, split level, appls, electric heat, carpet, \$525/month. CLOSE TO Prairie Elementary, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, stone, W/D hook-up, fenced yard, great office. \$400/mo. SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 2 bath, appls, gas, car garage, \$575/month. The Mgmt 733-0739

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TWIN FALLS FINESTREET FAWNROOST APARTMENTS 734-1900
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TWIN FALLS N.V. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 2 car garage, all appls. No pets. \$540 mo. \$500 dep. 731-9268

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"When the king is singleton off-side, play the ace."
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Today's quotation, called "the rabbi's rule," is tongue-in-cheek humor. The real problem on the table's hand is how to stay out of a grand slam missing the trump king. There is considerable duplication of values, and the pitfall of playing a grand slam on a finesse is a real one.

In situations like these, the trump king is almost like an ace, and the trump queen is more important than a side-suit king. It is for the former reason that Roman Keycard Blackwood treats the trump king as a fifth ace. The step responses to an inquiry of four no-trump show zero or three keycards, one or four keycards, two without the trump queen, and two with the trump queen. After receiving either of the first two responses, the inquirer can now ask his partner, via the cheapest artificial call, for the trump queen. After that ask, reversion to the trump suit denies the queen; anything else shows it and allows partner to cuebid a king at the same time.

On the auction shown, North finds out a key-card is missing and settles for the small slam. West leads the heart 10, and after winning the first trick, declarer should make the safety play of the club ace, thus making seven. However, if he wants to put his opponents under a little extra pressure, he should cross to hand with a top diamond at trick two and advance the club jack, planning to play the ace from dummy. After all, you should always give your opponents a chance to make a mistake if they feel so inclined!

NORTH	12-26 H
♠ K 9	
♥ A K J 3 2	
♦ 5	
♣ A Q 9 5 3	
EAST	
♠ Q 7 6 5 3	♠ 4 2
♥ 10	♥ Q 9 8 7 5
♦ J 7 6 3 2	♦ Q 10 9 8 4
♣ 6 2	♣ K
SOUTH	
♠ A J 10 8	
♥ 6 4	
♦ A K	
♣ J 10 8 7 4	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All pass

Opening lead: Heart 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ Q 7 6 5 3	12-26 H
♥ 10	
♦ J 7 6 3 2	
♣ 6 2	

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	North East	
2♣	Pass	Dbl.	4♥

ANSWER: Bid four spades as a two-way stop. Maybe they will make four hearts; maybe you will make four spades. Equally important, it transfers the opportunity to the opponents to make the last mistake — to misjudge what to do next.

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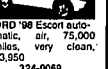
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Going for goats



Spike, one of the Stirlings' five pygmy goats, finds a scratching post.



Brittney Stirling, 11, left, and her sister Alycia, 9, walk their pygmy goats at their home near Kimberly.

Photo by SAUL LOEB

Animal lovers tout joys of ownership

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The pygmy goats in the Stirling household have it so good that they shared the family bed during bottle feeding.

The excuse that Cricket Mitchell, mother of the clan, used so she could snuggle with the 6-week-old cloven-hoofed infants: "I'm not a morning person." Her partner, Bob Stirling, braved the elements to deliver the five-pound babies to her arms so they could slurp down their milk.

Envisioning a baby goat in your arms isn't farfetched if you can see yourself cuddling a puppy. Self-described goat guru Cathy Pindell of Buhl says goats have a lot in common with dogs. They are intelligent, curious, gentle, loving.

No, they can't be housebroken like dogs, but Mitchell said feeding time was so short that there were no accidents. Immediately after emptying their bottles, the tiny kids — with bellies warm and swollen — were returned to a straw nest and heat lamp in a lean-to not far from the house.

The Stirling family discovered the joy of goat ownership two years ago. No one knows for sure how many goats live in Magic Valley between Burley and Bliss, said Marv Patton, dairy bureau chief for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. According to 2002 U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics, at that time there were about 11,500 goats in the state, up from 7,800 in 1997.

Like the Stirlings, some folks have goats strictly as pets — often pygmies. Others, like Pindell, raise dairy goats. And there are breeds used strictly for meat.

"Just like there is a dog for everybody, there is a goat for everybody," Pindell said.

Milk matters

Pindell keeps a herd of 100 to 200 dairy goats. Though she milks twice daily, she and other producers have no goat-milk-processing facility in southern Idaho where they can send the milk. So during the past spring and summer Pindell used the milk to feed hogs for slaughter. Pindell makes most of her money from breeding goats and selling the kids to California dairymen. Testing the milk for protein and butterfat content helps guarantee that she is marketing quality animals, she said.

Not having a goat milk or cheese factory in



Brittney Stirling, 11, feeds one of her pygmy goats.

Magic Valley has been a problem since the 1970s when Karla Timmons and her husband, Paul, tried to make a go of it milking a herd of 180 goats. Karla, who worked as a medical technician, said she would take turns with her husband getting up at 3 a.m. to milk the goats before heading to her day job.

That lasted only a year.

"We were selling the milk to a cheese factory in Utah, but then they decided it was too far to come to get the milk," she said.

Goat milk has more easily digestible fat and protein content than cow milk. One reason is that it is naturally homogenized, according to the American Dairy Goat Association's Web site, unlike cow milk that has to be mechanically homogenized. More people around the world drink goat milk than cow milk.

Nonetheless, there has never been much of a market in the Magic Valley for goat milk, Timmons said. That's why these days the

Goat facts

- The female dairy goat is a doe; the male, a buck; the young, kids; and a castrated male, a wether.
- A goat's life span is eight to 12 years.
- Goats are usually seasonal breeders. Most breeding occurs in late summer through early winter.
- Bucks have a strong musk-like odor during breeding season but are not offensive with proper management. The doe has no odor.
- Because goats are social creatures, pygmy goat breeder Shanna Breeding recommends owning no less than two if you aren't planning to keep them company.
- Certified goat judge Cathy Pindell recommends goats be confined rather than tethered.

A couple of contacts

Want to purchase a goat or learn more? Call Breeding at 733-6183 if you're interested in pygmy goats, or Gena Herzinger at 543-6959 if you're interested in dairy goats.

Timmons keep their herd down to around 20 does. They also sell their kids to a California clientele.

Pygmy pleasures

Still, there's nothing like homemade goat-milk ice cream, says Shanna Breeding, who supervises pygmy goats at the Twin Falls County Fair. About 20 years ago she raised both dairy and pygmy goats, but she eventually sold her 200-pound dairy goats and focused on breeding the 70-pound pygmies.

The smaller animals were easier to handle, though it can be backbreaking work to try to milk them. It's usually a struggle to get a bucket underneath them, she said. However, she said she does milk a couple for her own use. Otherwise, the pygmies' kids are allowed to stay with the mothers for a while.

With dairy goats, however, it's easier to maintain a predictable supply of milk if the kids are taken from the mothers soon after birth, Pindell said.

Mitchell and her daughters, Alycia and Brittney Stirling, got their pygmies from

Breeding after the critters' unquenchable curiosity caught their attention at the fair.

"If there is something in their pen, they want to know what it would taste like and what it would feel like." Breeding said. "If there is something in your pocket, they will take it out to find out what it is. If they are right there by you, they want to know what the heck you are doing."

Goat management

But that curiosity must be managed, and keeping them confined helps keep them out of mischief.

"They tend to eat all the berry bushes, the flowers, the young trees — since they are browsers," Timmons said.

Another reason is to protect them from natural predators such as dogs and foxes.

The Stirlings don't allow their cow dog near the goats, but they did encourage their basset hound Ruby to bond with their goats during the bottle-feeding events. These days Ruby is allowed to play inside their pen.

"She likes to chase them," Mitchell said. "And then they will get mad after a while and turn around and head-butt her."

Because goats do get bored easily, the family leaves toys in the corral.

"They like to jump on things and climb, and they like to rub their heads where their horns would be, so we put tree limbs in the ground," Mitchell said. "They like to jump on tires. We have really large logs in there so they can jump from one to the other."

Some people, Timmons said, even put teeter-totters for their goats.

The Stirlings had no interest in breeding, so they chose to own only castrated males, known as wethers.

A goat's gestation is about five months. Pindell said most Magic Valley goat owners breed their goats once a year and time it so the does give birth in late winter. Twins are common. Pindell said her does give birth more often to triplets than to singles. Timmons gets at least one set of quadruplets a year from just 20 does.

Whether people own pygmies or full-sized goats, they tend to become attached to the animals, Pindell said.

"We don't bring them in the house," Timmons said of her dairy goats, "but whenever I go out to the corral, they come up to be petted."

COUNTRY ROADS

Garden books with fresh perspectives

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Books about the landscape are a resource that gardeners cherish. Here are several that offer perspectives different from those of typical "garden variety" how-to books.

• "Defiant Gardens: Making Gardens in Wartime," by Kenneth I. Helphand (Trinity University Press, 2006) is a thought-provoking analysis of why people build and work in gardens during times of conflict.

Helphand, a landscape architect and professor at the University of Oregon, studied wartime gardens and the motivations for creating them. His moving stories cover personal accounts. Quoting Winston Churchill, he writes, "War is the normal occupation of man — war and gardening." Helphand emphasizes the irony that war and gardening are opposites that have been practiced simultaneously on the battlefield.

This book melds landscape research, war history and lessons in gardening. The text covers the U.S. Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War, with references to ancient battles and gardens. Helphand examines the spirit of defiant gardens, war and gardens, and trench, ghetto, barbed wire, stone and postwar gardens. The 303-page hardcover book has 95 archival photographs and illustrations. Cost: \$34.95.

• "The Sun King's Garden: Louis XIV, Andre LeNotre, and the Creation of the Gardens of Versailles," by Ian Thompson (Bloomsbury, 2006) sums up the Sun King's personality in the very first sentence — "Warmonger, womanizer and autocrat, Louis XIV, France's self-styled 'Sun King,' was also history's most fanatical gardener." Thompson, a landscape architect and university

lecturer, provides a fascinating account of Louis and his enduring 40-year friendship with LeNotre, a master gardener by profession. He became the primary landscape designer and architect for the gardens at Versailles.

Versailles is now 1,800 acres, but in its heyday, the Grand Parc covered 19,000. Louis XIV died in 1715, leaving the following advice to Mignon, his 5-year-old great-grandson and successor: "Do not copy me in my love of building or in my love of warfare." What King Louis XIV copied was his great-grandfather's love of gardening.

This 370-page hardcover has archival photographs and illustrations. Cost: \$45.

• "The Essential Garden Maintenance Workbook," by Rosemary Alexander (Timber Press, 2006) is the book that do-it-yourself landscape designers need to make their gardens shine. Alexander, internationally renowned landscape designer and principal of the English Gardening School, covers maintenance, an essential part of landscape design. Without proper maintenance, design intent can be lost almost immediately. Alexander breaks landscape management down into an organized approach to care for the garden year-round. At 384 pages, it is the most up-to-date manual of information I have seen about garden maintenance, with how-to illustrations and plant photographs. Cost: \$34.95.

• "The Audubon Society Guide to Attracting Birds," by Stephen W. Kress (Cornell University Press, 2006) is the definitive text on the subject. Written by a Cornell University ornithology researcher, strategies are included to restore habitats. There's an extensive section on creating and building nesting sites for numerous varieties, with illustrations. Also covered are insect and disease problems. Cost: \$24.95.

A growing movement

Yale students try their hands at organic gardening

By Kim Martineau
The Hartford Courant

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Four years ago, this was an abandoned lot of hunkered trees and poison ivy. Now tomato vines climb to the sky, and Swiss chard, purple basil and artichokes fill the rows of earth in a disorderly patchwork.

The Yale University students who tend the garden sell what they grow at the local farmers market and several gourmet restaurants, gaining an education in organic farming and the local farm economy. The garden is tied to a larger movement on campus and beyond to change the way American eats, emphasizing local, seasonal and organic foods. This year, Yale will spend a record 40 percent of its food budget on local and organic foods.

The seed for the project was planted by California chef Alice Waters while her daughter was going to Yale. Now in its fourth year, the Yale Sustainable Food Project has become a model for other colleges waiting into a growing area of activist eating. The project's goal is to put more money in the pockets of local and regional farmers, feed students healthier meals and support "sustainable" farming methods that limit the use of chemicals.

The food movement at Yale is tapping into a growing concern about the obsolescence of family farms and the use of chemicals in agriculture. Although local and organic food costs more, colleges are buying more of it, responding to student demand. Students are digging campus gardens, and food-service providers are going beyond free-trade bananas and coffee to offer milk without hormones, burgers made from grass-fed beef and salad greens grown without the use of pesticides.

The changes at Yale have come about through years of hard work. Three years ago, Yale started a test kitchen to serve seasonal food in its Berkeley dining hall. First the staff had to locate a steady local supply of fruits and vegetables, then



Students remove a pizza from the oven at the Yale Sustainable Food Project's 1-acre garden in New Haven, Conn.



Eliza Kelley-Swift, a Yale sophomore, helps spread compost at the Yale Sustainable Food Project's organic garden.

come up with recipes and menus to incorporate them. Cooks accustomed to throwing ready-made burgers on the grill had to use their imaginations again.

"We threw the old menu out and returned to basics," said John Turaine, Yale's former head chef. "Instead of spending time offering lots of choices, we invested that labor into high-quality food and less options to produce."

The test kitchen was so popular that students at one point were running off counterfeit stickers to sneak in. In the last two years, Yale tried to replicate Berkeley's recipes in the other dining halls. This year, the test kitchen was disbanded and its entrees dispersed.

Last year, Yale estimates the project redirected more than \$1 million, or a fifth of the university's food budget, into the region's farm economy. The more money going to local farmers, the argument goes, the

less pressure farmers will feel to sell off their land for strip malls and houses. Buying local means less fuel is consumed in shipping — plus the food tastes fresher.

"In America, we've developed this very bizarre relationship with food," said Kelly Brownell, a psychology professor at Yale. "We're very disconnected from it, physically and psychologically. We have no idea who raised it. We have no idea what's in it."

Beyond Yale, other colleges are rapidly expanding their local organic fare. Aramark, a company that runs dining halls on 375 college campuses, says that more than half, including Yale and Wesleyan University in Middletown, offer organic food. The salad bars at the University of California, Berkeley, have all gone organic, down to the vinaigrette dressing. Students at the University of Connecticut started a campus garden last year, and this year UConn started serving local foods in its smallest dining hall. Some of the produce — jalapenos, heirloom tomatoes and so on — are purchased from the student-run garden.

"We are a state institution with a vibrant agricultural school," said Rebecca Chof, coordinator of UConn's "Local Routes" program. "It's our responsibility to support local farmers."

Chim-chimneys ride wave of popularity

Newsday

After the traditional campfire, chimineas are probably the oldest type of outdoor fire "appliance" and often are the least-expensive style of outdoor hearth.

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Typically made of clay tiles, cast-iron chimineas provide an elevated, portable outdoor hearth with an opening that lets heat out on just one side.

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Volunteers try to finish injured trooper's house

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Looks like they will be lifelong neighbors again.

As two boys growing up side-by-side in a small town, Chris and Curtis used to shoot hoops and walk to school together almost every day.

When Chris Glenn grew up, he started a family in Twin Falls and became an Idaho State Police trooper. Curtis Gay stayed in Kimberly and married Korrine, whose family moved last year to a new home on Connor Street that stood next to an empty lot.

"He was a great guy. He'd help you with anything you needed help with," Gay said. "He was four years older than me and always helping me out with things. I haven't seen him in at least eight years."

Glenn was shot in the neck early Wednesday when he stopped a driver suspected of robbing a gas station. That suspect, who police identified as Adam Mower, fled south along U.S. 93 to Jackpot, Nev., where he crashed into a tractor-trailer rig at a speed of 100

How you can help

The Idaho State Police Association has set up a fund at Wells Fargo Bank. Donations can be made to the Chris Glenn benefit fund at any Wells Fargo branch.

mph. Mower was charged Friday afternoon with three felony counts and is in the Twin Falls County jail.

Glenn, whose condition remains critical, has been working toward coming home to Kimberly. The community of Kimberly looks forward to having him home.

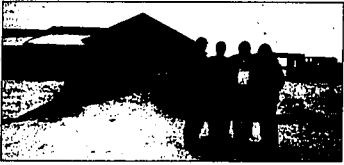
"They'll be great to have in the neighborhood," said Vickie Carter, Glenn's future next-door neighbor and Korrine's mother. "The neighborhood will be happy to have him."

Two weeks before Glenn was

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Mower



Curtis Gay and his wife, Korrine, stand with her parents Richard and Vickie Carter on Monday in front of their home and the frame of the future home of Trooper Chris Glenn and his family in Kimberly.

Body discovered outside Smiley Creek home

By Kelly Jackson
For the Times-News

SMILEY CREEK — The body of a 79-year-old Smiley Creek resident was discovered under approximately 6 inches of snow on Dec. 17 outside his home.

The Blaine County sheriff's office cannot release the name of the man until relatives are notified.

Administrative Sgt. Jay Davis said the man's neighbors in the Smiley Creek area last saw him on Dec. 13.

Foul play is not suspected, but the death is still under investigation.

Davis said it is likely the man slipped or a medical incident occurred while he was gathering wood or doing something else in the yard. The man was probably unable to get back up on his own, he added.

Blaine County

Bellevue Council plans yet another levy vote

By Pedro G. Salom
For the Times-News

BELLEVUE — The Bellevue City Council plans to again ask for a levy increase, possibly in May.

At its last meeting, council members discussed general strategy in winning over voters.

In the past three years, two attempts for levy increases have been rejected by voters. City officials say a levy increase is sorely needed to improve city services and infrastructure. Among other concerns: the lack of 24-hour police coverage and decaying streets.

Council member Tammy Eaton, who was serving on the council when the last two levy increases failed, said the key is to engage the public at an early stage and have the increase forwarded by the citizens, not the council.

Council member Vivial Ivie said she was concerned citizens were under the impression that potential annexations would be providing the much-needed funding for improved city services.

The council agreed to gather more information and revisit the issue in January.

No specific dollar amount desired by the levy increase was discussed at the meeting.

Believers put 'Christ' back in Christmas

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Christmas.

It means presents, eggnog and Santa Claus, right?

Not more than 100 Catholics who filled the pews of St. Edward's at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day, or to thousands of other Christians who paused Monday to remember the holiday's purpose.

"The meaning of Christmas is becoming distorted," Father Victor said after Mass.

He delivered his homily walking up and down the center aisle.

"Let's remind ourselves that we are not forced to be here," he said. "Let us be reminded that we are here to follow that light that God made his dwelling among us. Jesus entered into human history — from eternity into time. We're celebrating this great feast to bring us back to him."

Christmas celebrates God's love for people.

It recalls an episode in what he referred to repeatedly as God's love affair with people.

God manifested his love in the New Testament when he planted Jesus on Earth.

"It's getting blurry," Father Victor said, and it's time to refocus.

One way is charity.

"If we serve, it's a means of humbling ourselves," he said.

Not coincidentally, one building away a group of volunteers was preparing the St. Edward's soup kitchen to feed 100 people.

"Gravy, ham, cake, bread, dressing, mashed potatoes, juice, fruits, salads," said Yelka Grubisic, manager of the soup kitchen, which for the first time was open for Christmas.

Grubisic caught her breath and walked out from the kitchen into the dining area — a space filled with round tables and adorned with handmade Christmas decorations.

Among those working Christmas Day to prepare for the 6 p.m. feast was Jerry Siles: customer, volunteer and friend.

"I help out," Siles said, pulling away from a tight bear hug with Grubisic.

"He's always staying with me to help sweep," Grubisic said.

Fundamentally, Grubisic said she volunteers because she loves people.



Yelka Grubisic, soup kitchen manager at St. Edward's Catholic Church, and Jerry Siles clean tables Monday before the dinner crowd arrived at 6 p.m.



The congregation at St. Edward's Catholic Church stands as the altar boys and the priests exit the church Monday after Christmas Mass in Twin Falls.

But that occurs within a specific context. Grubisic came to Twin Falls from Bosnia with nothing to give but her spirit and labor.

On Christmas Day, she brought both. "I came with nothing," she said. "And

this town and church gave me so much. I don't have money to give, so I give my work."

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Sun Valley OKs new transportation tax

By Susan Bailey
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY — A revision to Idaho Code that would allow a regional public transportation authority to create a local option sales tax of no more than 0.5 percent has received Sun Valley City Council approval.

The council passed a resolution on Dec. 13 supporting the new transportation tax with a note that Idaho is the third-fastest growing state in the nation with a population expected to increase by 56 percent by 2030.

The resolution also listed information that the number of vehicles registered in the state has increased 93 percent since 1978, with vehicle miles traveled on Idaho roads up 104 percent to 14.4 billion vehicle miles per year during the same period.

Idaho does not provide either state funds or county-wide taxing options for local transportation, a fact the council would like to remedy.

Since Blaine County has a regional public transportation system in place with the merger of the Peak commuter bus and the KART resort bus in May, Sun Valley said a plan for expanding regional transportation already exists.

Council member Lud Renick was the sole voice of opposition to the resolution because he said the plan to allocate funds raised by the

new tax was not clearly defined.

Other council members did not agree, producing a 3-to-1 vote with Ann Agnew, Nils Ribi and Blair Board in favor of the new local option sales tax.

During discussions before passing the resolution, Ribi cited a 0.5 percent sales tax for Sun Valley with the new transportation tax added to the state's current 6 percent rate and the city's 3 percent local option tax.

The council debated possibly reducing the local option tax by 0.5 percent to compensate. Ribi said if Sun Valley received taxes on Sun Valley ski lift tickets, the 0.5 percent increase would not be necessary.

Currently, ticket sales at River Run are made in Blaine County where a local option tax doesn't exist.

Ribi also suggested taxing building materials, as Ketchum does. City Attorney Rand Peebles noted Sun Valley dropped that tax because collecting was a nightmare.

"The problem with adding back in building materials is collecting," Peebles said. "There is no point of origin for the materials. They have to rely on good faith reporting by the lumberyards."

City officials said a date in August would be set aside for a city election on revised local option tax sources and percentages.

Bistro owner feels he's being punished for fighting City Hall

By Susan Bailey
For the Times-News

KETCHUM — Is the city retaliating against a restaurant owner who spoke out against a city proposal?

That's what Mike Diem, owner of East Avenue Bistro in Ketchum, is wondering.

He spoke out recently against a city proposal to rezone East Avenue.

Now his business is under city scrutiny. Ketchum officials deny any retaliation.

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Two city actions within a month of his protest sparked Diem's suspicions. On Dec. 13, Diem drove in a snowstorm from his home in Layton to his Ketchum restaurant to find a city accountant waiting in the parking lot.

The accountant, Dennis Brown, wanted to audit Diem's payment of local option taxes.

Diem said the audit showed he was in compliance.

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Diem said that awaiting for three years, "Diem said, 'Why didn't someone tell me before?'"

He said numerous Ketchum businesses have awnings "and the owners haven't mentioned anything to me about being asked for a permit."

Ketchum wants to rename several city streets, including East Avenue, perhaps changing it to Flemingway Street.

Diem is arguing that the change would hurt his business.

"The last four years of me advertising, trying to establish myself with that name are pretty much wasted," he said. "I don't feel my vote counts for anything."

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Doris Luella Hayward Cox

JEROME — Doris Luella Hayward Cox, 98, of Jerome, passed away Dec. 20, 2006, in Jerome.

She was born June 18, 1908, in Chicago Heights, Ill., the daughter of Charles Thomas Hayward and Daisy Florence Schreiber Hayward. She spent her childhood and young adult life in the Midwest and attended Blackburn College in Carlinville, Ill.

In 1929, she married Carlos Venegas and they spent the next 10 years in Mexico. In 1940, she returned to Chicago as a single mother with her daughter, Teresa. They relocated to North Hollywood, Calif., where Doris worked for many film studios in wardrobe. She became a very talented seamstress.

In 1948, she married Earl W. Cox and they made their home in Apple Valley, where Doris enjoyed square dancing, gardening and canning her own fruits and vegetables. Earl passed away when Doris was in her 50s. She enrolled at

UCLA and completed her education, earning a master's degree in Spanish literature. She spent the next several years teaching and retired in 1973. Doris had a lifelong passion for learning.

She loved traveling. She spent her retirement years in Burbank, where she was very active at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. In 2005, she moved to Creekside Retirement Center in Jerome where she could be close to her daughter and son-in-law. She made many new friends and especially enjoyed being near her great-granddaughter, Tricia (Jim) Davis and three great-great-grandchildren. Her life's touchmarks were her faith and her love of life and family.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Teresa (Robert) Cook, of Jerome; grandchildren Natalie Armstrong of Maui, Hawaii; Michael (Virginia) Chacon of Tustin, Calif.; Stephen (Candice) Chacon of Canyon Country, Calif.; and many great-grandchildren. Her great-great-grandchildren, extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant son, Julian, and two brothers.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Fri., Dec. 29, 2006, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. East, Jerome, ID 83330. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln in Jerome.



Singer James Brown, 'Godfather of Soul,' dies of heart failure at 73

By Harry R. Weber
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — James Brown, the unshakable "Godfather of Soul," told friends from his hospital bed that he was looking forward to performing on New Year's Eve, even though he was ill with pneumonia. His heart gave out a few hours later on Christmas morning.

The pompadour dynamo whose classic singles include "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" and "I Got You (I Feel Good)" died Monday of heart failure, said his agent, Frank Copeland of Intrel Music. He was 73.

"People already know his history, but I would like for them to know how he was a man who preached love from the stage," said friend Charles Bobbit, who was with Brown at the hospital. "His thing was 'I never saw a person that I didn't love.' He was a true humanitarian who loved his country."

The entertainer with the rough-edged voice and flashy footwear also had diabetes and prostate cancer that was in remission, Bobbit said. Brown initially sensed fine at the hospital, Copeland said. Three days before his death, he had participated in his annual toy giveaway in Augusta, and he was looking forward to his New Year's Eve show.

"Last night, he said 'I'm going to be there. I'm the hardest working man in show business,'" Copeland said Monday. He said Brown planned to perform during a two-week tour in Canada after hitting Times Square.

Brown was himself to the end, at one point saying, "I'm going away tonight," Bobbit said at a news conference later Monday.

"I didn't want to believe him," he said.

A short time later, Brown sighed quietly three times, closed his eyes and died, Bobbit said.

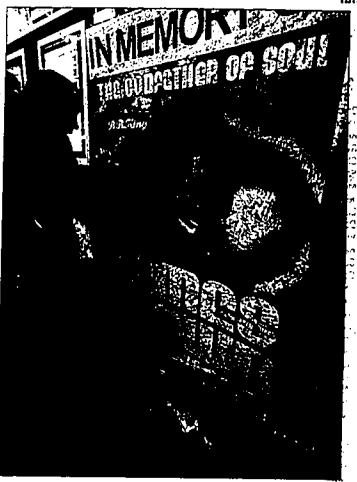
One of the major musical influences of the past 50 years, Brown was to rhythm and dance music what Bob Dylan was to lyrics. From Mick Jagger to Michael Jackson, David Bowie to Public Enemy, his rapid-footed dancing, hard-charging beats and heartfelt yet often unintelligible vocals changed the musical landscape.

He was one of the first artists inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, along with Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry and other founding fathers.

"He was an innovator, he was an inventor, he was an originator. Rap music, all that stuff came from James Brown," entertainer Little Richard, a longtime friend of Brown's, told MSNBC.

"James Brown changed music," said Rev. Al Sharpton, who toured with Brown in the 1970s and imitates his hairstyle to this day.

"He made soul music a world music," Sharpton said.



Fans sign a poster of James Brown outside B.B. King's Blues Club and Grill in New York, Sunday, after word spread that the legendary soul singer had died of heart failure from pneumonia on Christmas day. Brown had told friends that he still wanted to perform at the club on New Year's Eve despite being ill and in the hospital.

"What James Brown was to music in terms of soul and hip-hop, rap, all of that, is what Bach was to classical music. This is a guy who literally changed the music industry. He put everybody on a different beat, a different style of music. He pioneered it."

Sharpton will officiate at Brown's funeral service, details of which were still incomplete, Copeland said.

Brown won a Grammy for lifetime achievement in 1992, as well as Grammys in 1965 for "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" (best R&B recording) and for "Living in America" in 1987 (best R&B vocal performance, male).

He even had a brief but memorable role on the big screen as a marine preacher in the 1950s movie "The Blues Brothers."

Brown, who lived in Beech Island, S.C., near the Georgia line, had a turbulent personal life that included charges of abusing drugs and alcohol. After a widely publicized, drug-fueled confrontation with police in 1988 that ended in an interstate car chase,

Brown spent 15 months in a South Carolina prison and 10 months in a work release program.

From the 1950s, when Brown had his first R&B hit, "Please, Please, Please" in 1956, through the mid-1970s, Brown went on a frenzy of cross-country tours, concerts and new songs. He earned the nickname "The Hardest Working Man in Show-Business" and often tried to prove it to his fans, said Jay Russ, his lawyer of 15 years.

Brown's stage act was as memorable, and as imitated, as his records, with his twists and spins and flowing cape, his repeated faints to the floor at the end.

"It was dramatic to the end" — dying on Christmas Day, said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a friend of Brown's since 1955. "Almost a dramatic, poetic moment. It'll be all over the news all over the world today. He would have it no other way."

His "Live at the Apollo" in 1962 is widely considered one of the greatest concert recordings ever.

Amber Lorene (Clark) Cardenas

TWIN FALLS — Our beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter and friend, Amber Lorene (Clark) Cardenas, 29, of Twin Falls, died Wed., Dec. 20, 2006.

Amber was born June 27, 1977, in Twin Falls to Everett and Debbie Clark.

Amber's greatest loves were trees and sunshine. It was on beautiful evenings, under a flower bed that her true talent for landscape architecture shined. Amber cherished the moments spent working on her yard, in the flower beds and creating her version of an arroyo's dreamscape. Amber worked for Nursery Nurseries for several years before changing her career path. She was employed at Jack's Tire and Oil. Amber also loved the outdoors. She was an avid hiker

and loved to explore places ranging from the uncharted trails of Yellowstone to the fields of her grandparents' farm. Amber loved her dog, Sunny, who was a true companion to Amber.

Amber is survived by her partner, Janine Brown, and two boys, Jameson and Troy, her father, Everett (Shelly) Clark of Shoshone, but she also loved her Debra Clark of Twin Falls, her sister Jennifer (Creed) Wright and their children Andrew and Alexis of Twin Falls, stepbrother Russell (Mandy) Clark, her stepister Bobbie (Aric) and their children Jaci and Kai, all of Shoshone.

Amber is also survived by her grandparents Rodney and Joyce Requa of Twin Falls, and Elva and Orville Clark of Jerome, her aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous friends.

Amber was a giving person and a ray of sunshine to every life that she touched, and she will be forever in our hearts.

A memorial service for Amber will be held at 4 p.m., Thu., Dec. 26, 2006, at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 4th Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Memorial contributions may be made in Amber's memory to the Arbor Day Foundation and may be given to any of the mortuary staff. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.



SERVICES

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

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

Marjorie Israel Traxler of Buhl, rosary at 7 p.m. today in the former Funeral Chapel in Buhl, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl.

Glady's Elizabeth McRee 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 1

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 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Wayne Glen Anderson of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Emerson LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul; friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Resurrection Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Mary (Glady's) McAttee of Halley, memorial service at 1

p.m. Thursday at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Halley; interment May 19, 2007, at the Halley Cemetery (Demaray 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, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Ray Pendlebury

BLACKFOOT — Ray Pendlebury, 83, of Blackfoot, died Sun., Dec. 24, 2006, at Bingham Memorial Extended Care in Blackfoot. Services are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street, Burley.

George E. Turner

BURLEY — George E. Turner, 73, of Burley, passed

away Dec. 22, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary.

Mildred 'Millie' Emberton

JEROME — Mildred "Millie" Emberton, 93, of Jerome died Mon., Dec. 25, 2006, at Creekside Care Facility in Jerome. Services are pending under

the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Charles Edward Henley

TWIN FALLS — Charles Edward Henley, 86, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome died Mon., Dec. 25, 2006, at his home. Services are pending under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Trooper

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shot, he had begun building his future home on Connor Street next to the Carters. While Glenn convalesces at St. Alphonsus in Boise, a growing group of builders has volunteered time and materials to ensure Glenn can come home to Kinty shortly after he leaves the hospital. They are struggling to have

his home ready in March with special accommodations for a wheelchair. His need for one is presumed to be lifelong at this point, according to Mike Carraway, his general contractor. And Curtis said he looks forward to having his old neighbor back in town again. According to Richard and Vickie Carter, the volunteer workers have brought more

warmth into an already friendly neighborhood. "It takes a good man to do what the ISP troopers do," Richard Carter said. From the looks of it, awaiting Glenn is a community that is very eager to have him back. Cassidy Friedman can be reached at 208/735-3241 or cfriedman@magicvalley.com.

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SOMALIA

Ethiopian fighter jets bomb 2 main airports

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Ethiopian jets bombed Somalia's two main airports Monday while ground troops captured three villages and a strategic border town, lending Somalia's internationally backed government crucial military aid in its struggle against a powerful Islamic militia.

Russian-made jets swept low over the capital at mid-morning, dropping two bombs on Mogadishu International Airport, part of a major escalation in the week-old fighting. The leader of the Islamic militia, Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys, flew into the airport shortly after the attack. It was not clear if he was an intended target.

Air strikes also hit Baledogle Airport outside Mogadishu. "We heard the sound of the jets and then they pounded," said Abdi Nadey, a soldier with Somalia's Council of Islamic Courts, which has seized the capital and much of southern Somalia since June.

Somalia has not had an effective government since warlords overthrew longtime dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991, pushing the country into anarchy. Two years ago, the United Nations helped set up a central government for the aid-imperished nation on the Horn of Africa.

But the government has not been able to extend its influence outside the city of Baidoa, where it is headquartered about 140 miles northeast of Mogadishu. The country was largely under the control of warlords until this past summer, when the Islamic militia movement seized power.

ISRAEL

Dozens of West Bank roadblocks to be lifted

JERUSALEM — Israel agreed Monday to remove some of the military roadblocks that have hindered Palestinian travel in the West Bank. One of several gestures aimed at boosting moderate President Mahmoud Abbas in his bitter struggle with the militant Islamic Hamas.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert approved streamlining checkpoints and removing road-

blocks "to strengthen moderate (Palestinian) elements," according to a statement from his office. Olmert has already offered \$100 million in frozen tax income to Abbas and indicated he might release some Palestinian prisoners.

Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh said inspections would be eased at 16 checkpoints, and 27 unmanned roadblocks would be removed.

Also crossings for people and cargo between Gaza and Israel would be upgraded "in order to accelerate the econo-

my in Gaza to lessen the poverty and despair."

INDONESIA

Asian nations remember victims of 2004 tsunami

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Two years after a devastating tsunami crashed into coastlines, villagers in hardest-hit Indonesia were preparing for future disasters, with thousands expected to flee their homes by foot and car in an early warning drill.

Elsewhere across the tsu-

mi disaster zone, survivors and other mourners will visit mass graves, light candles along beaches and listen to temple bells chiming to mark the moment the waves hit two years ago today.

"We hope this will be part of the healing process for those who lost loved ones," said Chamroen Tankasem, a government official in southern Thailand, a tropical paradise that was turned into a graveyard in a matter of minutes.

The magnitude-9.0 earthquake that ripped apart the ocean floor off Indonesians

Sumatra Island on Dec. 26, 2004, spawned giant waves that fanned out across the Indian Ocean at jetliner speeds, killing an estimated 230,000 people in a dozen nations.

Walls of water two stories high swept entire villages to sea in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, submerged luxury resorts and fishing communities in Thailand and destroyed thousands of homes in India.

Indonesia accounted for nearly two-thirds of those killed.

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IRAQ

British troops raid police station, kill 7

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Backed by tanks, British soldiers raided a police station in the southern city of Basra on Monday, killing seven gunmen in an effort to stop renegade Iraqi officers from executing their prisoners, the British military said.

Another U.S. soldier died in southern Baghdad, meanwhile, raising the death toll for American troops in Iraq to 2,972 — one less than the number of people killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

After the British stormed the Basra police station, they removed the prisoners, who showed evidence of torture, then evacuated the building before blowing it up.

The operation showed how closely allied some police units are with militias and death squads — and the challenges coalition forces face as they transfer authority for security to Iraqis.

In Basra, police found 40 bodies, apparent victims of sectarian violence. A car bomb exploded beside a market and a suicide bomber struck a bus in separate attacks that killed 14 civilians and wounded at least 33.

CHINA

Search for two missing U.S. climbers narrows

BEIJING — The search for two U.S. climbers missing for more than a month has narrowed to a single mountain in southwestern China after their last known contact — a local driver — said they planned to climb the peak.

Christine Boskoff, a top female climber, and Charlie Fowler, apparently took their climbing equipment and left their luggage with the driver, who dropped them off in a small, remote town not far from the Sichuan province border with Tibet on Nov. 11.

Boskoff and Fowler told him they would climb Genie Mountain, a 20,354-foot mountain that is also known as Geyen Peak. Liu Feng, a senior official with the Sichuan Mountaineering Association, said Monday.

"The driver said he was supposed to meet them on Nov. 24 so they could pick up their bags, but they did not show up or call," he said.

Boskoff, a top female climber, and Fowler, a well-known climber, guide and photographer, were reportedly missing after they failed to return to the United States on Dec. 4.

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