

TOP 10 LOCAL SPORTS STORIES OF 2006

**SUNDAY**  
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE!

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Brian Huettig, a Hazelton farmer, stands on a piece of his land that he is being paid to fallow through CREP.

**Contemplating CREP**

**How 100,000 acres of dry land may help solve Idaho's water crisis**

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

**HAZELTON** — From a snowy bluff overlooking miles of Magic Valley farms, Brian Huettig stares at a never-ending patchwork of fields below, then sighs.

The 29-year-old has a lot to think about these days. In the past two years, he got married, had a baby girl and bought a sizable chunk of the family farm.

But it is water on Huettig's mind now — or lack of it.

About three months ago, he volunteered to fallow 80 acres atop the bluff for 15 years in exchange for government money. A groundwater pump, Huettig just isn't sure he'll have water

down the road to sustain that land. So in October, he signed up for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program — a joint state and federal plan to conserve water by paying farmers not to irrigate. In exchange for keeping those 80 acres dry, he will collect about \$130 per acre for 15 years. He'll make more than \$150,000, but joining CREP is a tough decision for groundwater farmers like Huettig. Sure, they get paid to do nothing. But 15 years is a long time, especially when dairymen searching for space to dump manure are paying 10 times what land is worth. Huettig can only guess what someone a decade down the road might pay for those 80 acres — on what is now a break-even farm.

"Yeah, it makes me nervous to have it

locked in for that long when I won't be able to touch it," Huettig said. "But I think it was the right thing to do."

Times are dark for groundwater pumps, and nothing is certain. However, lawmakers and farmers see CREP as a beacon of light that may allow pumps to make money on their land when water is low. It may be the solution for a dwindling aquifer. And it may be the glue that binds Magic Valley agriculture during the most pivotal era in the history of Idaho water.

**How it works**

The program is designed to take about 100,000 acres out of production.

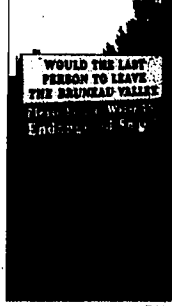
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**Slow and steady**

Planners designed the CREP program — just says farmers to fallow land — to accommodate 100,000 acres. Farmers have one year from this month to join. Here is the number of acres in the program, by county, as of December:

Bingham	6188.1
Cassia	2245.2
Jefferson/Clark	278.1
Jerome	398.4
Lincoln/Blaine	287.1
Mirdaka	3189.8
Total	12,582.7

**SAVING THE SNAIL**



A sign testifies to the notoriety of the endangered Bruneau hot springsnail in the Idaho community of Bruneau.

**Bruneau hot springsnail numbers still dwindling**

By Christopher Smith  
Associated Press writer

**BRUNEAU** — After clambering down a canyon wall, ducking poison ivy vines along a switchback trail and wading chest-deep across a lukewarm stream, Cary Myler squats down near a riverbank, spies some flecks that look like pepper sprinkled on a wet rock and announces, "Found some."

The pinhead-sized dots are Bruneau hot springsnails. The tiny mollusks that thrive in water as warm as 100 degrees are found nowhere else in the world but here, in the bottom of this southwestern Idaho desert canyon riddled with hot springs 70 miles southeast of Boise.

A decade ago, the snails were at the center of a national battle over federal laws designed to protect endangered species. Today, years after the lawsuits were decided and most of the rhetoric retired, they are closer to extinction than ever before.

That's because the level of the underground geothermal aquifer that feeds the seeps and springs of hot water where the snails live keeps dropping. Rock faces where films of hot water harbored thousands of the tiny algae-eating snails a few years ago are now dry and bare.

Some blame the decline in the aquifer on drought. Others, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, suspect groundwater pumping of the hot water to irrigate surrounding farmland is the primary cause.

Congress appropriated \$1 million six years ago for Bruneau Valley farmers to switch from flood irrigation to more efficient sprinkler plots on their land. Meanwhile crop land that had lain fallow for years under a federal conservation reserve program was put back into production.

And the amount of groundwater pumped from beneath the Bruneau Valley to irrigate the fields has increased to nearly 10,000 acre-feet annually, almost double what it was in 1995.

"We've put \$1 million into pivots and we're still seeing a decline in the aquifer," said Myler, a Fish and Wildlife

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**Saddam meets today's Iraq in his final moments**

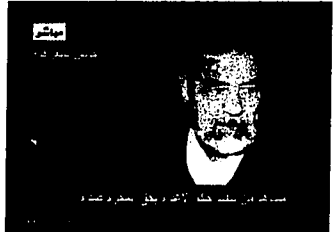
By Sadrasna Bagheran  
The Washington Post

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — In the predawn hours Saturday, ousted President of Iraq Saddam Saddam stood calmly at the gallows, a thick yellow noose around his neck, ready to die with an orderliness that now eludes Iraq. Three executioners, men in black ski masks and leather jackets, stood behind him. Saddam said "Ya Allah," preparing himself for the platform he stood on to open up.

Suddenly, witnesses recalled, the room erupted in Shiite religious chants, as the Shiite Muslims in the audience seized the moment they had long sought. One man yelled "Muqtada, Muqtada," unveiling his loyalty to radical anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Saddam smiled, said the witnesses, and said sarcastically, "Muqtada!"

In his final moments, shortly after the dawn call for prayer, Saddam came face to face with today's Iraq, which he had never met, having



This video image released by Iraqi state television shows Saddam Hussein's guards wearing ski masks as they lead the deposed leader to the gallows moments before his execution Saturday.

spent the past three years in American custody. Since his capture, the Shiites his government violently repressed have come to power. They were the last people Saddam saw before his death. "Go to hell," a voice yelled in response to Saddam's remark, according to a grainy video tape taken by a cell phone that was flashed on television networks on Saturday night.

"Long live Muhammad Bakr Sadr," yelled another voice. Bakr Sadr is the uncle of Muqtada al-Sadr and the founder of the Islamic Dawa Party, of which Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is a senior leader.

Then, Muqtadh Farouq, who prosecuted Saddam, yelled: "The man is facing exe-

cution. Please don't." The room quieted down.

According to accounts from five witnesses, as well as Iraqi and U.S. officials, as he neared death, Saddam wore ironed black pants, an ivory white shirt and a black, luxurious top coat. His shoes were polished to a shine. He dyed his hair black and trimmed his silver beard. He waited with dignity.

Saddam began to recite an Islamic prayer.

On Friday night, Malki's office informed 14 men that they might get a phone call, officials said. Since Tuesday, when Iraq's highest court upheld Saddam's death sentence, it was clear that his execution would arrive soon.

The Malki government had wanted to execute Saddam early Friday morning, said U.S. and Iraqi officials in interviews. But legal issues, security concerns and Iraq's political divide postponed the plan.

Shiite leaders, "and some

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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Monday
Partly to mostly cloudy and a.m. fog	Cloudy to mostly cloudy and dry	Mostly sunny and dry
High 32	Low 22	34 / 19

**MINI-CASSIA**

**Today:** Morning fog, then partly to mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the lower 30s.  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy and cold. Lows in the teens.  
**Tomorrow:** Patchy river bottom fog, otherwise partly to mostly sunny. Highs lower 30s.

**Complete weather report: See page C8**

**TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

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

**FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**"Renew" New Year's Celebration,** hosted by four Magic Valley youth groups with Ever Stays Red (Phoenix, AZ), Lystra's Silence (Idaho Falls) and local band Not Our Own; includes skits, videos, food vendors, games, a mechanical bull and ball-drooping contest in a drug- and alcohol-free environment, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), former Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, \$7, 420-5834.  
**New Year's Eve Bull Bash,** with bull and steer riders, ranch-hand rodeo events, "ring of fear," concessions, beer garden, dance (music by Head Waters) and more, Copus Cove Arena, 1731 E. 3900 N., Buhl, adults \$10, children (ages five to 12) \$5, free admission for children under age five, 731-6635.

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@magivalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

**GOVERNMENT MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**TUESDAY**

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
- Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7302.
- Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
- Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-3841.
- Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.
- Borley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
- Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-2699.
- Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A., 324-5189.
- Liberty Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.
- Porter City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.
- Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.
- Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main, 326-5000.
- Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Twin Falls Meditation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
- Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436.
- Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., senior center, 140 E. Lake, 837-8636.

**THURSDAY**

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
- Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 789-2128.
- Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W., 423-4556.
- Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.

**FRIDAY**

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

**COMING UP AT CSI**

**MONDAY**

All offices closed for New Year's Day.

**TUESDAY**

- All offices reopen after holiday break. Spring semester registration continues (semester begins Jan. 16).
- CSI Testing Center is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.
- CSI Adult Basic Education Center is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (also Thursday); 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday.
- CSI library is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday.
- University of Idaho, Idaho Cattle Association and Idaho Beef Council International Cow Symposium, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shields building and Fine Arts Auditorium (through Thursday).
- Annual CSI piano sale, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fine Arts building (through Saturday).
- Volunteer tax-side training, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (through Friday).
- Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Artistic:** Amber Scoon art exhibit, Herrett Center, Jean B. King Gallery.
- Single in the Jungle:** free family raffle program, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest exhibit.
- Herrett Family Night:** \$1 telescope viewing, 6:15 p.m., Centennial Observatory.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Thursday).
- OK Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

**YOUR MORNING BRIEFING**

**FAMILY LIFE**



**These are the good old days**

**TWIN FALLS** — Nostalgia hearkens to kinder, gentler times — whether in fact those times were actually kinder or gentler at all — and it's everywhere during the holiday season. "This is the time of year for turning the page, and in some sense, leaving the past behind," said Jim Gentry, history professor at the College of Southern Idaho. "But the past is sometimes hard to let go of."

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**IDAHO/WEST**



**Colorado motorists dig out after storm**

**DENVER** — National Guard troops in "tracked vehicles crawled through 10-foot snowdrifts and without conditions Saturday in eastern Colorado, rescuing motorists trapped by the region's second holiday season blizzard. The storm, which brought Denver to a standstill and hampered holiday air travel Thursday and Friday, was slowly moving east, spreading snow from New Mexico to the Dakota and generating strong thunderstorms in the lower Mississippi Valley. Blizzard warnings were posted for eastern Colorado and western Kansas and into parts of New Mexico, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

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**Sheriff's employees consider unionizing**

**BOISE** — Sheriff's office employees in the state's largest county are considering unionizing after commissioners passed a resolution that allows supervisors to fire employees without cause. The Ada County Sheriff's Employees Association will meet Tuesday to discuss forming a union, said Jamie Barker, the association's president.

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**OBITUARIES**

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**OPINION**  
 If you're going to do it, do it quickly  
 The death penalty has always seemed wrong to me, and I don't think executing Saddam Hussein will improve anything in Iraq. But I admit to liking the way Iraq is said to administer the death penalty. If you're going to do it, get it done quickly.  
 —Chris Stalsback, editor

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**SPORTS**

**Top story of 2006: CSI's change of guard**

**TWIN FALLS** — For the College of Southern Idaho's athletics department, 2006 will be remembered as a year unlike any other. In actuality, the year was marked by seven months of familiar Golden Eagles success followed by autumn's tumultuous fallout surrounding the resignation of longtime athletic director Jeff Duggan and the firing of arguably the most recognizable face in the NCAA volleyball coaching ranks, eight-time national champion Ben Stroud.

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**Fiesta Bowl matchup is a contrast**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** — Big-time bowl games are a birthright to the Oklahoma Sooners. If "Boomer Sooner" isn't echoing through a stadium in early January, it's been a bad year in Norman. Boise State, however, still is trying to gain notice for something other than its "Smart Turf," the Broncos' blue football field. Monday night's Fiesta Bowl, which not long ago gave us BCS-busting Utah, pits a powerhouse program against a program in a game that could show if their "Smart Turf" or the Broncos' blue football field.

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**NATION/WORLD**

**Ford's body arrives in nation's capital**

**WASHINGTON** — Gerald R. Ford returned in death Saturday to the capital he served as president and congressman, to his casket received with the firing of cannon and the muted pageantry he wanted for his farewell. As night fell, an aircraft from the White House fleet brought the body of the 38th president to Andrews Air Force Base from services near his adopted California home, where mourners stood in a casket in quiet remembrance of the even-keeled man.

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**Snowpack Levels**

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Salmon	120%	120%
Big Wood	120%	120%
Little Wood	120%	120%
Big Lost	120%	120%
Little Lost	120%	120%
Henry's Fork/Teton	120%	120%
Upper Snake Basin	120%	120%
Oakley	120%	120%
Snake Falls	120%	120%

\* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.  
 \*\* An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

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# Snail

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Service biologist who's now preparing a five-year status report on whether the snail deserves to remain on the federal government's list of endangered species. "More water is being pumped now than it was when the snail was listed and we're finding fewer hot springs every year."

First collected in this remote part of the Bruneau River in 1952, the Bruneau hot spring-snail was originally proposed for inclusion on the federal list of endangered species in 1985 after the Service documented a steady drop in the aquifer.

That triggered a pitched legal battle over just how far the Endangered Species Act should go in preventing human activities that might jeopardize a creature the size of a poppy seed. The snail became a cause celebre of the Sagebrush Rebel set, a symbol of government regulation run amok.

The local Farm Bureau, Owyhee County and the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association sued in 1992 to stop the listing, fearing it would drive family farms to extinction. Idaho's U.S. Senate delegation threatened to withhold funding for all endangered species if the Fish and Wildlife Service did not lock off on plans to list the microcritter.

Even former President Richard Nixon, who had signed the Endangered Species Act into law in 1973, wrote in a book shortly before his 1994 death that "manuscripts seized to protect endangered species such as bears, wolves and bald eagles are now being used to



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Cary Myler counts tiny Bruneau hot spring-snails that thrive in geothermally heated springs seeping along the Bruneau River in southwestern Idaho.

ON THE WEB: Fish and Wildlife Service recovery plan for Bruneau hot spring-snail: [http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/recovery\\_plans/2002/020930.pdf](http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/recovery_plans/2002/020930.pdf)

force Idaho farmers off their land for the sake of the thumb-nail-size Bruneau hot spring-snail."

Conservationists sued to force the listing, arguing politics were manipulating the scientific conclusion the snail was in danger of extinction.

The Fish and Wildlife Service, over the objections of the state of Idaho, listed the snail as endangered in 1993. Later that year, a federal judge in Idaho ruled that the agency had abused its discretion and removed the snail from the list — the first time an endangered species had been delisted by a court order rather than scientific evidence of recovery. But the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the ruling and

restored the snail to the list, where it's been since 1998.

The service has argued the Bruneau hot spring-snail is a classic canary-in-the-mineral-shaft species.

"The snail is the messenger telling us that a water problem exists and must be dealt with or the ecosystem and agriculture upon which human beings depend will continue to crumble," Mollie Beattie, the director of the Service at the time, told the National Press Club in 1993. "Once again, the local reaction is quite literally to kill the messenger rather than heed the message."

Today, as the service prepares a status report on the snail's future in the face of a continually declining aquifer, some of

the veterans of the snail wars are bracing for the next round.

"Nobody is taking a swing at anybody yet, but we all wonder how low does that water have to go before the Fish and Wildlife Service must step in and take that first swing?" said Quoy Johns, a Bruneau farmer who was president of the Farm Bureau when it sued the government over the listing. "The water hasn't run out, and we are going to keep going until there isn't any more. That's just the way you farm."

The Service and the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources have proposed an experiment to determine if reducing the pumping of irrigation water will raise the aquifer level. The owner of one of the major irrigation wells in the area, agribusiness giant J.R. Simplot Co., would be paid \$19,000 by the Fish and Wildlife Service to stop pumping for one growing season starting in March. The two agencies would then monitor the aquifer level from six surrounding wells to see if turning off the pump stops the drop. Simplot officials have yet to agree to the proposal.

"It's the pumping that's causing the decline, but we don't have a lot of money to work with in solving it," said Shane Bendixon of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Johns said if shutting off the Simplot pump raises the aquifer level and resurrects some of the dried-out hot springs where the snails live, the fight over farming's future in the Bruneau Valley may be renewed.

# CREP

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which equates to about 200,000 acre feet of water annually over the next 15 years. An acre foot is enough water to cover one acre with one foot of water.

The \$250 million program, which began in May, is funded largely by the federal government, with the state paying a small portion. Groundwater districts borrowed \$3 million from the IDWR for sign-up bonuses.

Friday, Huettig became the first Magic Valley farmer to receive his signing bonus: \$1,869. His first CREP check will come in October after he's been in the program for one year.

Lawmakers and farmers say the money is worth it if the program conserves water. Following land that may be unproductive frees up water for other irrigators and may spread water to areas that used to be recharged the depleted Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

Farmers like Huettig have been voluntarily curtailing about 10 percent of their land for several years as a gesture of goodwill toward senior water-right holders. Now, he sees a chance to make money on that land and contribute to a program that, he says, "can help solve the problem."

How it will help

Declining water levels in the aquifer, in addition to recent years of drought, have pitted surface-water users with priority rights against junior-right groundwater pumpers.

Junior users face mandatory curtailments when senior holders demand water. CREP is an incentive to curtail voluntarily. The program allows farmers like Huettig to make money on land that, if their water is curtailed, would be unprofitable.

Water experts say voluntary curtailments could equate to more water for senior users making the demands because groundwater from the aquifer and surface water are interdependent.

Also, the CREP program is a major component of an ESPA management plan being developed by the IDWR board. The aquifer plan, expected to be presented to the 2007 Legislature, could be a protocol for aquifer recharge.

How it might fail

Initially, farmers representing about 200,000 acres expressed interest in following land when sign-ups began in May. However, less than 20 percent of that land qualified for the program.

"We've had a lot of folks having glitches because of all the red tape," said Lynn Carlquist, chairman of the North Snake Groundwater District — one of many groups of groundwater pumpers. "There's a lot of hoops to jump through."

For example, the program requires the land to have been irrigated last season. Some acres already in government programs aren't eligible. And, of course, irrigators must prove access to groundwater rights to join.

It's the access to water that has some farmers scrambling to join the program before the Supreme Court rules on a pivotal water case involving pumpers against surface users who have

demanding curtailments.

Some fear that if the court sides with the surface users, many pumpers could lose access to water. If that happens, those pumpers won't get into CREP — meaning they won't be able to raise a crop or take the payout.

Farmers have until December 2007 to join, but to date, only 12,582 acres have been approved for the program by the Farm Service Agency.

"That worries people close to CREP." "I guess folks don't realize they're vulnerable to curtailment," said Chuck Pentzer, state CREP coordinator with the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission. "And to be honest, each month that goes by is one less month they can receive payments."

The program's future rests largely in the state Supreme Court's hands. If large numbers of pumpers are curtailed, the program will be ineffective.

But don't tell that to Huettig. He's safe, and he'll

get the payout, even if his water is curtailed. Now, perhaps, his mind can rest.

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**Americans optimistic about the future**

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Good year  Bad year

59% Good year 59% Bad year

And looking back at the year 2006, overall would you say this was a good year or a bad year for you and your family?

76% Good year 24% Bad year

Overall, are you optimistic or pessimistic about what the year 2007 will bring for the country?

Optimistic  Pessimistic

72% Optimistic 28% Pessimistic

Overall, are you optimistic or pessimistic about what the year 2007 will bring for you and your family?

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NOTE: Poll of 1,000 adults taken Dec. 12-14, 2006; margin of error ± 3 percentage points. "don't know" and "not sure" were omitted.

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**AP poll: Optimism reigns for 2007**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The news from Iraq and other national headlines may be grim, but in Greenville, N.C., John Given has a new baby and his first home, and life is good. So, too, for Sandra Trowbridge in tiny Magnet Cove, Ark. The situation in Iraq makes her feel pessimistic about the state of the nation, but at home, at least, all is well. Even if nothing special has happened to her family, she says, "we still love each other" and that's enough.

And so it goes for most Americans. An AP-AOL News Poll finds that while most Americans said 2006 was a bad year for the country, three-fourths thought it had been a good one for them and their families.

"In a time of war, so little has been asked of us as citizens," said Given, who teaches ancient Greek at East Carolina University. "We haven't had to sacrifice anything. We've been allowed to live our lives very, very well."

Looking ahead, optimism reigns. Seventy-two percent of Americans feel good about what 2007 will bring for the country, and an even larger 89 percent are optimistic about the new year for themselves and their families, according to the poll.

That fits with a long-term trend suggesting that Americans are generally an optimistic lot. Polling over recent decades is replete with optimism, and with a tendency for people to feel more positively about their own situations than that of the country overall. Self-proclaimed optimists and pessimists think they understand why.

Krista Greninger, communications director for Optimists International, a volunteer service organization based in St. Louis, Mo., says it's easier for people to be optimistic about their situation "because they feel they have more control over their own lives. It kind of goes along with the American dream: If you really want something you can go out and get it." Iowa Jack Duvall, who organized a tongue-in-cheek countervailing group called the Iowa City Benevolent & Loyal Order of Pessimists, says that when people look at the country, "it's easy to say, 'No, I'm not optimistic.'" But on a micro level, he says, "We insist on seeing our lives as having hope."

Pessimists aren't unhappy, he said, "they're just not disappointed as often as optimistic people are." The current optimistic outlook among Americans does not extend to their assessments of the war in Iraq. Forty percent of those polled expect the situation there to get worse in 2007, and 31 percent see no change on the horizon. Just 27 percent expect the situation there to get better.

Eric Wolley, of Upper Marlboro, Md., paused to look ahead and back last week as he and his 8-year-old daughter, Ilyana, took pictures outside the White House.

"For me, personally, financially, it was great," Wolley, a real estate agent, said of 2006. "Family and everybody's healthy, so everything's been going pretty good." But as for Iraq, he said, "I wish we could go in and get that figured out."

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# Ford mourned in U.S. capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gerald R. Ford returned in death Saturday to the capital he served as president and congressman. His casket received with the firing of cannon and the muted pageantry he wanted for his farewell.

As night fell, an aircraft from the White House fleet brought the body of the 38th president to Andrews Air Force Base from services near his adopted California home, where mourners streamed past his casket in quiet remembrance of the even-kneed man summoned to the presidency in a time of national trauma 34 years ago.

Vice President Dick Cheney, Ford's chief of staff long ago, attended the brief arrival ceremony and was one of the honorary pallbearers. The arrival opened the Washington portion of Ford's state funeral, with a route taking his casket from Maryland to Virginia and then over the Memorial Bridge — dressed in flags and funeral bunting — to the World War II Memorial, past the White House and on to the U.S. Capitol for the first service and a lying in state that continues until Tuesday morning.

Among other pallbearers: Donald H. Rumsfeld, defense secretary for Ford and again, until recently, for President Bush; former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan; and Ford's half brother, Richard Ford.

The Capitol commemorated a man whose highest ambition, never realized in an era of Democratic control of Congress, was to become House speaker.

History intervened; he became vice president when Spiro Agnew resigned in scandal, then president when Watergate shattered Richard Nixon's presidency. "A funny thing happened to me on the way to becoming speaker," he once cracked.

In Palm Desert, Calif., a 13-hour period of public viewing ended just as the sun rose over the resort community where Ford and his wife, Betty, settled nearly 30 years ago. People waited up to three hours to pay their respects at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

The funeral procession to the Capitol lacked the full trappings, by the design of Ford and his family. A motorcade was arranged instead of the horse-drawn caisson most familiar to Americans from the funerals of Ronald Reagan in 2004 and John Kennedy in 1963.

Ford, a man of modest character whose short presidency lacked the historic drama of JFK's and Reagan's, also was mourned without the riderless horse customarily included in the procession. Instead, Ford's procession included a stop at the war memorial, in joint tribute to the Navy veteran who saw action on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific theater and to his comrades in arms from that conflict.

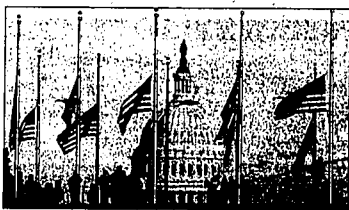
The thundering military flyover that's also part of a full-throated funeral in Washington will happen instead in Grand Rapids, Mich., where Ford will be entombed Wednesday on a hillside near his presidential museum. Ford represented the city in the House for 25 years.

Ford died Tuesday at age 93. He became president when Nixon resigned in August 1974 and then was defeated by Jimmy Carter in the 1976 election.

Six days of national mourning began Friday with military honors and a simple family prayer service at St. Margaret's, where the Ford family has worshipped for many years. Mourners ranging from children to the elderly had walked through quickly and then boarded their buses — a process taking less than two minutes.

Barbara Velth, 69, said Ford's "everyman" persona drew her to the viewing. "It's something personal about his passing even though we didn't really know him," Velth said. "He just kind of had an everyman quality to him though he was far from it

— he was the president." During his weekly radio address on Saturday, President Bush called Ford a "courageous leader, a true gentleman and a loving father and husband."



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# Guideline: All pregnant women should be screened for Down syndrome

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a big change coming for pregnant women. Down syndrome testing no longer hinges on whether they're older or younger than 35.

This week, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists begins recommending that every pregnant woman, regardless of age, be offered a choice of tests for this common birth defect.

The main reason: Tests far less invasive than the long-used amniocentesis are now widely available, some that can tell in the first trimester the risk of a fetus having Down syndrome or other chromosomal defects.

It's a change that promises to decrease unnecessary amnios — giving mothers-to-be peace of mind without the ordeal — while also detecting Down syndrome in moms who otherwise would have gone unchecked.

The new guideline is published in the January issue of the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

About one in 800 babies has Down syndrome, a condition where having an extra chromosome causes mental retardation, a characteristic broad, flat face and small head and, often, serious heart defects.

Age 35 was always a somewhat arbitrary threshold for urging mothers-to-be to seek

testing. Yes, the older women are, the higher their risk of having a baby with Down syndrome.

But it's a gradual increase in risk — from one in 1,200 at age 25 to about one in 300 at age 35. Nothing suddenly changes at the 35th birthday. Indeed, because more babies are born to younger women than older ones, women under 35 actually give birth to most of the nation's children

with Down syndrome. "It's clear there's no magic jump at 35," said Dr. James Goldberg of San Francisco Perinatal Associates, a member of the ACOG committee that developed the guideline.

"We've done away with age 35 because the screening tests have gotten much better."

It's not just a question of whether to continue the pregnancy. Prenatal diagnosis also is important for those who

wouldn't consider abortion, because babies with Down syndrome can need specialized care at delivery that affects hospital selection, he added.

The original age-35 trigger was chosen years ago when doctors had less information about the risk of Down syndrome, and the only choice for prenatal detection was an amnio, using a needle to draw fluid from the amniotic sac, he

said. Amnios are highly accurate, but were reserved for women at higher risk of an affected pregnancy because they occasionally cause miscarriage. A study this fall put the miscarriage risk at one in 1,600 pregnancies, far lower than previous estimates.

Also today, women have more options. Doctors already frequently offer younger women blood tests that don't definitively diagnose Down

syndrome like an amnio or a similar invasive test called chorionic villus sampling — but that can signal who's at higher risk.

The newest method, topping ACOG's recommendation for everyone, is a first-trimester screening that combines blood tests with a simple ultrasound exam, called a "nuchal translucency test" to measure the thickness of the back of the fetal neck.

## Investigators probe Interior officials' ties to oil firms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal investigators are looking at whether Interior Department officials played favorites or took money from companies vying for big oil and gas contracts.

The probe is the latest in a series of investigations into Interior's handling of \$10 billion a year in royalties paid by companies on the \$60 billion in oil and gas they produce from leased public lands.

The latest investigations into Interior's handling of oil royalties were reported Saturday by *The New York Times*, which cited unidentified officials speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigations were not yet made public.

Those royalties are the federal government's second-biggest source of revenues, behind only taxes. Other investigations are looking at multibillion-dollar shortfalls in royalty payments.

The Justice Department is investigating the allegations based on the work of the Interior Department's inspector general's office, an internal watchdog. Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., said his staff were told earlier this month of two related matters that the interior inspector general's office referred to the FBI and Justice Department.

Markey said Saturday in a statement given to *The Associated Press* that it was "beyond the pale" that several Denver-based officials in Interior's Minerals Management Service may have

illegally benefited by acting as paid consultants to some of the oil and gas companies. At issue is whether the officials steered oil-trading contracts to favorite companies. The Minerals Management Service helps

administer a program the Bush administration has promoted that allows companies to pay "in-kind" amounts of oil and gas, rather than cash royalties, for drilling federal lands. Such payments total about \$2.7 billion in oil and gas a year.

Interior sent most of the oil and gas to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, but lately has sold it by letting private companies that solicit bids through bidding, companies offering the highest premium over daily market prices is supposed to win the oil-trading contract.

The allegation that a senior official who is responsible for collecting royalties from companies that drill on public lands is also taking money from those companies as a consultant is being a conflict of interest, if true, it is a crime, according to the statement Saturday from Markey, a senior member of the House Resources Committee.



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# Saddam

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moderate Sunni Arabs, wanted to hang Saddam swiftly, fearing any delay could inflame violence and deepen the nation's sectarian rifts. The Kurds wanted to execute Saddam at the end of the ongoing genocide trial. In which Saddam was charged with orchestrating the killings of tens of thousands of northern Kurds, many with chemical weapons. Other politicians worried about turning Saddam into a martyr if they executed him during the Islamic holidays of Eid al-Adha.

"Up to the last moment, the matter was being debated," said Mariam Rayis, a Maliki adviser.

But by late Friday, Saddam's execution papers were signed. Muneer Haddad, a judge on Iraq's appeals court, received the call at 1:30 a.m. A voice said: "Come to the Prime Minister's office at 3:30 in order to carry out the execution," recalled Haddad.

He arrived, along with Farouq, and joined the rest of the group. They included the acting Minister of Justice, national security officials, members of parliament, and several top Maliki advisers. Around 5 a.m. they stepped into two U.S. military helicopters, seven in each. They flew 15 minutes to an Iraqi army base overlooking the Tigris River in Baghdad's Khadimiya neighborhood, recalled Haddad. It once housed Saddam's former military intelligence service, where his opponents were executed.

Around the same time, U.S. military officials took Saddam from his prison cell at Camp Cropper, near the Baghdad airport, and flew him to the Green Zone, the fortified enclave that houses the U.S. embassy and senior Iraqi officials. There, they handed Saddam over to the Iraqis, according to U.S. officials. The Iraqis then drove Saddam in an armored convoy to Khadimiya.

When the helicopters landed, Haddad, Farouq and acting Justice Minister were rushed into a small, and spare room with a desk, several chairs and a refrigerator. Ten minutes later, Saddam walked in. He

wore a wool hat and sat down on a chair before Haddad, who was behind the desk. Saddam's hands were locked in front of him with plastic handcuffs.

"He seemed normal, not confused nor afraid," recalled Haddad.

Haddad, following Iraqi law, started to read to Saddam the verdict and the ruling by the appeals court. But as he read, Saddam shouted: "We are in Heaven and our enemies are in Hell" and "Down with the Persians and the Americans."

But Haddad kept going.

"He tried to raise his voice, but my voice was higher than his," said Haddad.

At the end of the reading, Saddam's hangmen arrived.

They took Saddam to a large room with no windows with a staircase that leads to a tall gallows with a large pit at the bottom.

"It was very cold," recalled Haddad. "It had the stench of death."

Haddad and Farouq walked with Saddam and his hangmen to the steps of the gallows. Then, one of the masked men, Haddad recalled, turned to Saddam and said:

"You have destroyed Iraq, impoverished its people, and made us all like beggars while Iraq is one of the richest countries in the world."

Saddam replied: "I did not destroy Iraq, I made Iraq into a rich powerful country."

Farouq stepped in and ordered the hangman to back away.

Saddam carried a dark green Koran in his clasped hands, said witnesses. At the steps of the gallows, he turned to Farouq and asked him to give the book to the son of his co-defendant, Awad Bandar.

Bandar, like Saddam, was sentenced to death for the killings of 148 Shiite men and boys in the northern town of Dujail.

"What if I don't see him," asked Farouq.

"Keep it until you meet with any of my family members," Farouq recalled Saddam saying.

Saddam took his hat off. The hangmen unfastened his hands, then placed them behind his back, and recuffed them. They also tied his feet

together, said witnesses.

One Iraqi official asked him if he was afraid, recalled Haddad.

"I am not afraid, I have chosen this path," Saddam replied.

Then, the hangmen slowly helped him up the stairs.

The chief hangman offered Saddam a black hood and asked him to place it over his head, but he refused. The man explained that his death would be more painful. Saddam again

refused, said witnesses. So the hangman folded the hood and wrapped it around Hussain's neck like a neck warmer.

"He was shivering and his face was pale," said one witness who asked not to be identified because he feared for his safety. "I think up to the moment when they put the rope around his neck, he was not believing what was happening."

Farouq saw a different Saddam. "He was holding

tight. He was not scared," he said.

Saddam stepped onto the platform.

As Saddam recited his Islamic prayer for the second time, the chief hangman asked for silence. Then, the floor of the gallows was opened.

"He died in a tenth of a second," said Farouq. "He did not move a leg or foot."

Then, it was brought down and covered in a white sheet. A doctor examined him, and then turned around to the audience. "It's finished," he said, according to witnesses.

Saddam's body was loaded into one of the helicopters and flown to the Green Zone, where an ambulance transported his body to an unknown destination.

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# Colorado digs out after storm

DENVER (AP) — National Guard troops in tracked vehicles crawled through 10-foot snowdrifts and whitout conditions Saturday in eastern Colorado, rescuing motorists trapped by the region's second holiday season blizzard.

The storm, which brought Denver to a standstill and hampered holiday air travel Thursday and Friday, was slowly moving east, spreading snow from New Mexico to the Dakotas and generating strong thunderstorms in the lower Mississippi Valley. Blizzard warnings were posted for eastern Colorado and western Kansas and into parts of New Mexico, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

The Guard pulled about 20 people out of cars stranded on rural highways from Friday night into Saturday and took them to emergency shelters, said Maj. Gen. Mason Whitney, the state adjutant general.

"They're telling me it's zero visibility," Whitney said. "They'll kind of bump into something and I'll turn out to be a car with people in it."

No injuries were reported. Interstate 70 and several other major east-west highways were closed Saturday from the Rockies east across Colorado into western Kansas. Interstate 25 heading south into New Mexico was closed near the state line.

All major roads from Kansas into Colorado were closed Saturday, including Interstate 70. A Kansas Highway Patrol dispatcher said the roads would remain closed until Colorado officials decide to reopen their routes.

One traffic death was blamed on the storm in Colorado and a tornado killed one person in Texas on Friday. A massive tornado struck a rural part of south Louisiana early Saturday, damaging homes and ripping down power lines, but there were no immediate reports of injuries. Acadia Parish Sheriff Wayne Melancon said.

About 500 travelers spent the night at Denver International Airport, not stranded but hoping to get an early start on ticket lines, said airport spokesman Chuck Cannon.

The nation's fifth-busiest airport was closed for two days by the storm that struck just before Christmas, but it was only slowed by the latest storm, with the major carriers canceling about 20 percent of their scheduled flights.

Airlines planned to fly full or nearly full schedules Saturday, Cannon said.

In southeastern Colorado, about 50 Guard troops operated four SUVs, or "snow utility sustainment vehicles" — a military version of the sno-cat. The vehicles travel on tracks and can carry 12 people or supplies, Whitney said.

The troops were working around the clock through snowdrifts standing 7 to 10 feet deep, Whitney said.

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# Business at the Statehouse

## Local chamber discusses 2007 legislative priorities

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the owner of a small business in Twin Falls, Tom Ashenbrenner is naturally concerned about sales taxes.

"When they change the property tax and increase the sales tax, it's an immediate concern," said Ashenbrenner, owner of Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise and a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. "We're the tax collector. It affects sales."

But Ashenbrenner and other local business leaders are concerned about other issues as well. For instance, they want to know enough skilled workers will be out there come hiring time. They're concerned about the futures of the local community college, roads and methamphetamine abuse. Why? Because all these things affect business.

They're just some of the issues on the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's 2007 list of legislative priorities. As Idaho lawmakers return to business at the Statehouse, members of the chamber's Governance Affairs Committee will chat with local lawmakers weekly via conference calls to keep track of how those issues are being addressed.

Here's a look at the chamber's list of legislative priorities and why they're important to business in the Magic Valley.

### Work force development

Finding skilled workers is a challenge, especially in a region with such low unemployment. Twin Falls County's November jobless rate was just 2.9 percent.

"It's a two-edged sword," said Shawn Barigar, the chamber's president and chief executive. "It's great people are working, but if you're trying to expand your business, you have a really small pool to choose from."

So the chamber supports assistance to Idaho businesses to retain and recruit qualified workers, work force training programs, funding for technical education and other economic development support from Idaho Commerce and Labor.

"We're not sure how much can come out of the

Legislature," said Tony Brand, chairman of the chamber board and general manager of Magic Valley Compost in Jerome. "A lot of work force development will have to be started at the grass roots locally, but any incentives from the Legislature would be helpful to that. Let the minds wander and be creative."

### Local governance for community colleges

When it comes to training workers, and recruiting new businesses to south-central Idaho, the College of Southern Idaho is one of the business community's best assets. Controlled locally, it can pull together a training program almost overnight. That's one of the main reasons Dell Inc. decided to open a call center here five years ago.

While the chamber supports the concept of a statewide community college network, it wants lawmakers to allow colleges to continue making the decisions and to involve the community in these decisions.

One of the reasons communities have a hard time starting their own local colleges is that it requires the approval of two-thirds of voters. Business leaders would like to see that percentage at 60 percent.

"We do definitely support less than a supermajority for the formation of a community college district," said Kent Just, executive director of the Idaho Chamber Alliance, an association of chambers across the state that works directly with lawmakers, the governor's office and state agencies to bring results for Main Street business issues. "I do think there will be a push to move it to 60 percent, and we support that."

### Programs to address meth abuse

Some might not think of methamphetamine use as a business problem. But it is.

"It has such an impact on the work force and being able to find good workers," Barigar said. "There can be 20 percent to 30 percent of applicants who can't pass a drug screen."

The already-small hiring pool shrinks further. Local business leaders want to see the Legislature support proven programs for substance abuse intervention,



Tom Ashenbrenner, owner of Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, prices wine Wednesday afternoon in the downtown Twin Falls store. Ashenbrenner and other local business leaders will keep close tabs on bills introduced during the 2007 legislative session and how they might affect Magic Valley business.

## Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's 2007 legislative priorities:

- Work force development issues
- Support for programs to address methamphetamine abuse
- Leadership in the resolution of water issues
- Support for local governance and decision making for community colleges
- Implementation of county-by-county sales tax reporting
- Funding for transportation projects

Source: Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

education, prevention and treatment. Addressing the meth epidemic was on the chamber's list of legislative priorities last year, too.

"One thing we heard from legislators was, 'Yes, there is a problem. Help us with solutions,'" Barigar said.

So the chamber decided to support the recommendations of Idaho's drug czar which include enhanced communication among agencies, consolidated funding for programs like drug courts and an interagency strategic plan with performance measures.

### Leadership in resolution of water issues

Water is a precious resource in the Gem State, extremely important to the state's economy.

"We realize how vital water sources are to the whole community," Brand said. "It includes everyone—the farm producers, the processors, the municipalities. Virtually everybody is affected by water and the decision of how to regulate the water."

The local chamber is encouraging the Legislature, in cooperation with the Executive Branch, to lead aggressively and decisively to stabilize and recover water resources for the public good and economic development. To do this, the chamber wants lawmakers to:

- Develop and fund water recharge programs that are in accordance with Idaho's water right priority and the protection of property rights.
- Eliminate over-appropriation and ensure that market-

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driven water right exchanges are unencumbered by archaic statutes and zoning laws.

But lawmakers' hands might be tied this legislative session as a case pending in the state Supreme Court regarding the conjunctive management of senior and junior water rights.

"We realize there might not be a lot that can be done until it gets through the court part of the process," Brand said.

### Other chamber priorities

Under the current sales tax reporting system, companies with multicounty sales do not report sales by county — which makes it difficult for companies thinking of locating here to evaluate the area's demographics. The chamber wants the Legislature to modify the system and fund the State Tax Commission to pro-

vide for county-by-county reporting to improve the information available to business and government.

Roads are also on the chamber's priority list. The chamber wants funding for the U.S. Highway 53 alternate route corridor, the reconstruction of Washington Street North and the rerouting of U.S. Highway 30 between Kimberly Road and Addison Avenue.

All in all, the issues important to local business leaders are equally important to the communities in which they live. Ashenbrenner said it's quality of life that really matters.

"It's hard to separate important issues," Ashenbrenner said. "If it's bad for business, it's usually bad for the community. And if it's bad for the community, it's usually bad for business."

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# All business: A look back at business in 2006

By Rachel Beck  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — At the start of 2006, investors had little interest in the words "pretexting" and "backdating," the housing market was forecast to make a comeback and stocks were considered range bound at best.

Over the course of the next 12 months, those ideas got turned on their head. From the handling grabbing scandals to Wall Street's record surge to Ken Lay's sudden death, it was business unusual in 2006.

Warren Buffett richest man, the world's second richest man, announced in June that he would donate \$30 billion, the bulk of his fortune, to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Run by the world's richest man, its goal is to seek cures for the world's diseases and to improve American education.

Buffett also made news for his warning to top managers at the Berkshire Hathaway Inc. that they should resist the temptation of dabbling in wtfonding just because their peers might be. "The five most dangerous words in business

may be 'Everybody else is doing it,'" said the 76-year-old Buffett.

That lesson apparently came too late for many other executives. At least that's the way it looks from the widespread corporate admissions that they had backdated stock-option grants so top officials could reap higher rewards when they later exercised the options and sold shares of their companies. Allegations of such questionable behavior first hit in March, and like a virus quickly spread to more than 190 companies, including UnitedHealth Group Inc., Home Depot Inc. and Apple Computer Corp. Nearly five dozen executives — including 18 CEOs — were out of work as a result.

"The backdating of stock option grants is akin to picking lottery numbers on the day after the winning numbers are announced," said a shareholder lawsuit against Caremark Inc., one of the companies being investigated. Caremark officials have denied any wrongdoing.

Hewlett-Packard Co. found itself suddenly in the scandal spotlight. In September, HP

disclosed it hired investigators who lied to gain access to phone records and other information about board members who discussed company business with journalists. Congress passed a law outlawing this practice, known as pretexting.

Investigations of the company agreed to pay \$1.5 million to settle a lawsuit brought by California Attorney General Bill Lockyer accusing the companies.

"If I knew then what I know now, I would have done things very differently," former board chairman Patricia Dunn told a congressional panel investigating the scheme. Still, she said, "I do not accept personal responsibility for what happened."

Prosecutors aren't buying her excuses. They've filed criminal charges against Dunn and four others.

Another high-profile business case unfolded in Houston where former Enron chairman Ken Lay and CEO Jeffrey Skilling were convicted in May of defrauding investors.

"Our stockholders and our owners knew exactly what they needed to know," Skilling said

during his testimony at the four-month trial. But he failed to win the jury's sympathy and was sentenced to more than 24 years in jail.

Lay won't be serving any time. The 64-year-old died in July before being sentenced. "That means his conviction was voided and prosecuting wasn't able to take \$43.5 million in restitution from his estate."

Even though the demise of Enron and other companies in recent years showed the need for corporate reform, some in the business world are calling for a rollback in parts of the Sarbanes-Oxley anti-fraud law. Their view is that over-regulation is hurting the competitiveness of U.S. capital markets.

That overhaul might be a tough sell right now, given the run-up on Wall Street this year that no one saw coming. The Dow Jones industrial average soared over 12,000 for the first time, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index jumped to a 6-year-high record buyout activity to the tune of \$3.65 trillion worldwide, helped fuel that rise.

Such gains have made index funds among the top perform-



Attorney Daniel Petrocelli, second from right, consoles former Enron CEO Jeff Skilling, left, as they leave the federal courthouse after Skilling was sentenced to 292 months in federal prison, in this Oct. 23 file photo, in Houston. Skilling was convicted in May of 19 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors.

ers in 2006. Hedge funds — which have long used their ability to outpace the overall market as a way to woo investors — have scrambled to

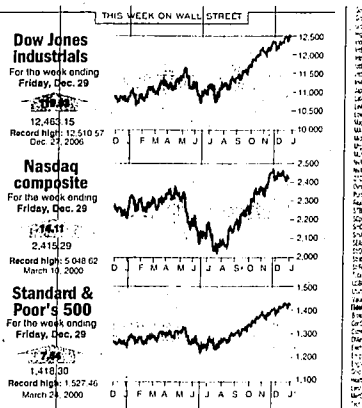
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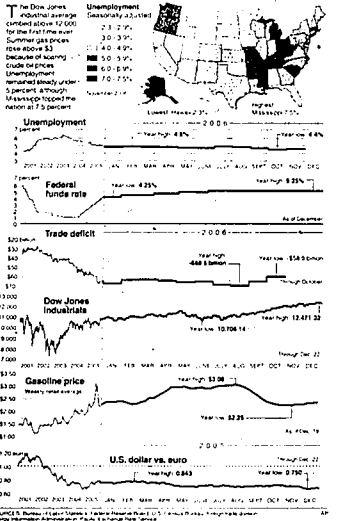
late-year surge. Few anticipated they would rally from a midyear slump given the magnitude of the housing market collapse. Sentiment in housing has changed dramatically over the year, resulting in steep declines in new home construction, sales and building permits.

Luxury builder Toll Brothers Inc. is among companies with a higher share price but lower profits. Its CEO, Robert Toll, has reassessed this year in his assessment of the housing sector's outlook — from a projecting a soft-landing, to a hard fall, to who-knows-what-will-happen next.

After saying in November that he hadn't seen any kind of turnaround in business, he hinted on a Dec. 5 conference call that maybe the housing market had hit bottom. Few analysts on Wall Street bought it. Which Kool-Aid are you drinking because I want some ... No one else in the industry is willing to stick their neck out." Credit Suisse home-building analyst by Zellman said during the call, according to Thomson Financial's StreetEvents.

What happens to the housing market next as well as stocks, bonds, the dollar, any one interested in acquisition activity, and more — might rest largely on how the Federal Reserve proceeds with interest rates. The U.S. central bankers have held the overnight bank loan rate steady at 5.25 per-

Stock market hit milestone, economy steady



cent since August after raising it 17 times in quarter-point increments over the previous two years.

The curious state of the economy poses a big challenge for new Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, who took the helm in January from Alan Greenspan. While growth has slowed and oil prices have retreated from highs topping \$70 a barrel in January, Bernanke is still warning that inflationary pressures exist. "A failure of inflation to moderate as expected would be especially troublesome," Bernanke said this fall.

Of course, not everything in 2006 was a surprise. Like every year, hedge funds imploded, executives got paid more than shareholders deemed fair and China gained more strength as an economic powerhouse.

But in a year packed with so much that is no one saw coming, it's no wonder that business as usual got overlooked.

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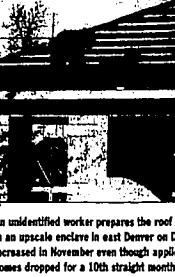
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An unidentified worker prepares the roof of an high-dollar home for shingles in an upscale enclave in east Teton on Dec. 11. Housing construction increased in November even though applications for permits to build new homes dropped for a 10th straight month.

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Twin Falls library gets donation from ConAgra

The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation is one of 12 winners nationwide of the 2006 ConAgra Foods Foundation Community Service Awards. They have been awarded a \$7,500 grant. The money will be used for the new Young Adult area at the Twin Falls Public Library. Con Agra Foods Foundation Community Service Awards are given semi-annually to nonprofit organizations that provide exceptional service to communities where ConAgra Foods has operations. The Foundation was nominated for the award by ConAgra Foods/Lamb-Weston Twin Falls Plant which employs 700 people. Mike Carrow, operations manager of the ConAgra Foods/Lamb Weston Twin Falls plant, says

"The Twin Falls Public Library, as one of the community's centers for learning, is very important to our ConAgra employees and their families. Sound library resources are a basic and essential building block of a strong community. The programs supported by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation are focused on enhancing the resources available to our young people. It gives us great pleasure to assist in the fundraising for the much needed new Young Adult area with this grant, and we hope it stimulates further support by other companies in Twin Falls. We look forward to the achievement of the \$100,000 fundraising goal by the Library Foundation and the Young Adult area becoming a vital part of the Twin Falls Public Library service to our community."



Heather Jensen and her family enjoy treats at the Twin Falls Dairy Queen.

Buhl woman wins Dairy Queen sweepstakes

Heather Jensen of Buhl was the lucky winner of the Blizzard Fan Club sweepstakes. She and her family will enjoy a fun-filled trip to Blizzard Beach at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. "We are still in shock but are so excited," said Jensen. "My family is so thankful to Dairy Queen for this vacation. We will have wonderful memories to cherish forever." Jensen's name was randomly selected in the sweepstakes, which celebrated the Blizzard Fan Club's million member milestone. Jensen had a choice of a trip to the Ice Hotel in Quebec City or a trip for four to Blizzard Beach. The Jensen's visit their local Dairy Queen in Twin Falls at least twice a month. "The Jensen's are a wonderful family and great customers," said Twin Falls Dairy Queen operator Mike Parry. "We couldn't be happier that they are the winners of this fantastic vacation."

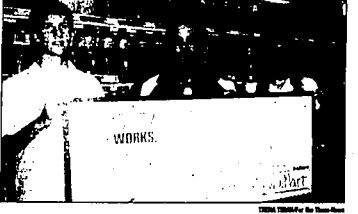
Qwest Foundation gives \$10,000 to ISU

A \$10,000 gift from the Qwest Foundation to the Idaho State University Communication Sciences and Disorders, and Education of the Deaf Department will benefit ISU speech and language clinics, and be a learning boost to students studying at the clinics. The donation from Qwest will allow ISU to purchase augmentative communication devices, specialized software, access switches, and other adaptive equipment," said Beth Guryan, ISU assistant professor for Communication Science and Disorders and Education of the Deaf, who works with students at the ISU Boise. The grant will enable ISU speech language pathology graduate students to have hands-on training with programming devices and using software. The students will be better prepared to work in public schools, clinics and hospitals because of their experience with this state-of-the-art equipment. ISU Speech and Language Clinics primarily serve pre-K-12 students who have severe communication impairments.

The grant from Qwest combined with a smaller donation by the ISU Kasiski College of Health Professions will contribute toward fulfilling the terms of a matching grant from the CHC Foundation in Idaho Falls. ISU has the only speech language pathology graduate program in Idaho.

The program trains the speech language pathology professionals who work in the schools, hospitals and rehabilitation centers throughout Idaho. Speech language pathologists are seen as the experts in determining if a child could benefit from assistive technology. Additionally, these professionals have the training to provide on-going therapy services to children and adults with severe communication impairments.

TRACK RENOVATION GETS DONATION



Accepting a \$1,000 donation from Wal-Mart for the Burley High School track renovation are members of the Burley High School Cross Country Team, Tim Johnson, left, and Diana Blauer, right. Pictured at center is assistant track coach, Gary Elsensohn.

Ronald Peck

CAREY — Ronald Peck was recently inducted into the Idaho Music Educators Hall of Fame for his 32 years as a music educator in Idaho. Peck graduated from Carey High School in 1942. He joined the Navy after high school and was a crew member on the USS Wintle, a destroyer escort 21 ship. He attended the University of Idaho and earned a bachelor of science degree in music education, with minors in U.S. history and media specialist. He began teaching in 1950 traveling between Carey and Halley Schools teaching K-12 band, choir, history, and working as the librarian until 1952 when he went on an LDS teaching mission to the Tongan Islands, where he taught at the Iaiahona School from 1952 to 1955, teaching band, choir and reading. He then returned to his teaching career at Carey School from 1955 to 1985 teaching first through 12th grade band and choir, history and working in the library.

Peck and his wife Wanda enjoy living on their 160 acres north of Carey. They have been married for 51 years and are the parents of seven children, 6 boys and one girl. They currently have 22 grand children and one great grandchild and continues to ranch and raise beef cattle and enjoys working with wood in his shop during his spare time.

Shawn Harney and Chris Standley

TWIN FALLS — Warm Art Tattoo and Body Piercing LLC located at 124 Main Ave., No. 203 announced the addition of two new employees. Shawn Harney is a lifetime resident of Buhl. He is married to Joanie and has two children, Karlie, 11 and Allison, 8. He has over three years of tattooing experience and has worked for The Sing in Davenport, Iowa and Slingers Ink in Buhl. Chris Standley is a lifetime resident Twin Falls and enjoys music and art but is primarily a home body. He has over three years of tattooing experience and has worked for The Sing in Davenport, Iowa and Slingers Ink in Buhl. For their clients safety, Harney and Standley use only sterile needles that are disposed of after each use, and have had training in CPR first aid and cross contamination. For more information, visit www.warmartink.com

Valentin Celaya

TWIN FALLS — Valentin Celaya has transferred to the agrubusiness division of Northwest Farm Credit Services in Twin Falls. Celaya joined Northwest FCS in 1997 as a Dairy Officer. He is currently a trainee in Pasco, Wash. In 2004, he began working as account manager in the Twin Falls office. Celaya was raised on a row crop farming operation in Gooding. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho.

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Charlotte K. McClusky

ATLANTA, Ga. — Charlotte K. McClusky (Smith), daughter of Paul and Beth Smith, and daughter-in-law of David and Sue McClusky, was recently elected to partnership in the law firm of Little Mendelson, P.C. Litter is a national law firm of over 500 attorneys specializing in employment and labor law on behalf of business. She has worked for Litter's Atlanta, Georgia office since 2001, and she is admitted to practice law in the states of Georgia and Alabama. She specializes in federal employment discrimination litigation and non-competitive law. She also counsels on the practical and legal implications of everyday employment decisions. McClusky graduated from

Twin Falls High School in 1989, from Whitman College in 1993, and cum laude from Loyola University of Chicago School of law in 2000. She is married to David McClusky, who is completing his surgical residency at Emory University this same year. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1990, Whitman College in 1994, and Northwestern University School of Medicine in 2000.

Nola Tolk

TWIN FALLS — Nola Tolk, a certified bookkeeper and accountant at Stevens Pierce and Associates Certified Public Accountant's, has completed the following QuickBooks Training towards her 2007 Advanced Certification: Advanced Financial Reporting and Analysis; QuickBooks, The Deeper Meaning Behind the Numbers; Advanced QuickBooks Integration with Excel, Work, Outlook, Lacerate and Other Software Workshop; Expert QuickBooks Consulting in Pursuit of Service Excellence Seminar; and Tracking Your Client's Profitability Using Job Costing. How it All Adds Up Seminar.

Sharon Galindo and Cathy McKay

GOODING — Gooding Rehab and Living Center announced the addition of two new employees. Sharon Galindo has been hired as administrator. She has 26 years of administrative experience in the long term care field and is held with

high esteem among the nursing home industry and the community. She has worked in many capacities in long term care. She has been an aide on the floor doing daily cares, activities leader, restorative nursing, social services, office manager and has also worked in medical records. Cathy McKay has been hired as director of nursing. She is returning to Gooding Rehab with 13 years of nursing directing experience. She has also taught the certified nursing assistant class for four years and has done nurse consulting for six years.

Melinda Sander

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Melinda Sander, CFP, Wealth Advisor for Morgan Stanley recently assisted the first-ever "Top Women Advisors Summit" hosted by Barron's magazine and R.J. Shook, author of "The Winner's Circle" books rating America's top financial advisers. The invitation-only conference on the business of delivering wealth management for high-net-worth individuals and institutions was held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Grand Lakes from Nov. 15-17.

In addition to Melinda Sander were 77 of the Top 100 women financial advisors in the U.S., as ranked by R.J. Shook and published in Barron's June 12, 2006. Issue. These elite advisors led breakout sessions that explored current issues in wealth management, from building a team and compensation issues, to incorporating foundations and endowments into your practice, to using media relations to build a brand.

Kelly Ryan

BOISE — Idaho Public Television announced that Kelly Ryan has joined IDTV as director of corporate sponsorship. In her new role, Kelly Ryan helps business enterprises partner with public television. Before coming to IdahoTV, Ryan was a sales representative for Academic

Funds of funds rule change could help make underlying expenses clearer

By Tim Parasad  
Associated Press writer  
NEW YORK — Mutual funds that invest in other funds can bring diversity to a portfolio, but can also add layers of expenses. A new rule of funds to disclose costs from underlying funds could result in surprises for some investors. Previously, funds were required to list only the expenses added at the top—the funds of funds level. Under the new rule, which takes effect with the new year, investors could see expense ratios of their funds of funds

jump. While advocates say it adds an important layer of transparency, managers of some smaller funds of funds are crying foul, saying the rule will paint their funds as more expensive than they essentially are. "In many cases, funds of funds have layers of fees taking place. This will help provide investors with a better understanding of the actual costs of investing in a fund of funds," said Susan Ferris Wyderko, executive director of the Mutual Fund Directors Forum, an organization for independent mutual fund

directors. "It's the actual cost of investing as opposed to hiding some of the expenses," said Wyderko, who spent 20 years at the Securities and Exchange Commission. Wyderko said investors will have an easier time determining how much will be lost to expenses with the new rule. Opponents argue that the disclosures will penalize funds of funds by making their expense ratios appear disproportionately large. They argue the expenses in the underlying funds are already reflected in the net asset value of those funds.

"It already has a fixed expense rate included in there," said Curtis Teberg, manager of an eponymous fund of funds. "I'm not paying \$10 a share plus 50 cents per share in administration fees," he said, referring to his costs when buying shares of a fund. He said the Teberg Fund, whose assets total \$136 million, will see its reported expense ratio jump to about 4 percent from 2.33 percent. "I think it's a great disclosure. It will kill this type of product. This indicates to the people that we're a greedy part of the industry and we're not." Teberg expects only several

dozen funds of funds to be hurt by the rule change, as the bigger players can more easily hold down costs or use proprietary funds, as Andrew Gogerty, an analyst at Morningstar Inc., which rates funds, dismisses the argument that the just because expenses of an underlying fund are reflected in its net asset value the expenses shouldn't matter. "The (net asset value) is calculated after the expense hurdle," he said. "If investors have a potential idea about what type of hurdle they have when they buy an investment that can better evaluate the manager's potential to help them meet their investment objective." Many larger funds of funds, like those run by Vanguard Group, won't show a change in their expense ratios as many of the funds of funds they offer are built using in-house products. Vanguard's Total International Stock Index fund, for example, doesn't impose expenses of its own. The fund is made up of other Vanguard funds and the company can therefore simply absorb administrative costs for running the fund of funds. Advocates contend the gains in transparency are worthwhile.

**YOUR BUSINESS**

**MILESTONES**



Six lucky employees of D & B Supply Co. Inc. were sent on a fishing and rafting trip to southwest Alaska courtesy of Woolrich Inc.

**T.F. D & B Supply Co. store wins award**

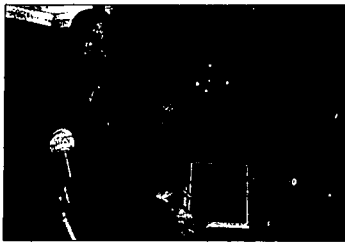
D & B Supply Co. Inc., an 11-store specialty chain with stores in Idaho and Oregon, recently won the 'World of Woolrich' Great American Display Contest sponsored by Woolrich Inc. The Twin Falls store was declared the best of the best for their display which the Woolrich judges felt best represented the variety and breadth of the Woolrich line of apparel and accessories

and embodied a rich sense of heritage throughout the scene. D & B Supply was founded in 1959, and has 360 employees. Its stores carry a mix of apparel and toys, as well as lawn and garden, agricultural, plumbing, electrical and automotive products. The store was chosen from entries from across the United States. The Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Initiative of the Conservation Fund was a sponsoring partner in the trip. The seven-day expedition

took the D & B adventures down the King Salmon River, a scenic, clear water river that originates in the Wood-Tikehik State Park. The river provides vital habitat for a large number of salmon returning annually to spawn and is famous for its terrific fishing. Woolrich has been a corporate contributor to The Conservation Fund since 2004. The fund is working throughout southwest Alaska to conserve key fish and wildlife habitat.

**Wendell dairy honored by Glanbia**

Van Dyk and Sons Dairy in Wendell, operated by partners Gary and Susan Van Dyk and their two sons, Cory and Ryan, were awarded Glanbia's highest honor, 2006 Quality Patron of the Year, at Glanbia's annual December awards banquet. As winners, they received two all-expense paid tickets to Ireland, Glanbia's headquarters. This annual award rotates between small, medium and large dairies each year. Last year, partners John Toledo and Zeke Ferreira of T and F Dairy in Wendell were recipients of this award for medium dairies.



Jeff Williams, left, president and chief executive officer of Glanbia Foods, presents the 2006 Quality Patron of the Year award to Susan and Gary Van Dyk, operators of Gary Van Dyk and Sons Dairy in Wendell.

Dairy, Buhl; Ballard Dairy, Gooding; Big Sky East No. 2, Jerome; Blom Dairy, Jerome; Box Canyon Dairy No. 1 and 3, Wendell; Bryant Dairy, Gooding; Clarkson Dairy, Gooding; Deeds Dairy, Richfield; De Kruyf Dairy, Buhl; Donley Farms, Shoshone; Faria Dairy, Twin Falls; Fleming Dairy, Wendell; Goodwill Dairy, Meridian; Guick Dairy, Jerome; Hubsmith Dairy, Richfield; Johnson Dairy, Gooding; Johnson Dairy, Richfield; Keanison Dairy, Buhl; Long View Dairy, Jerome; Manuel Silva Dairy No. 2, Buhl; Nunes Family Dairy, Buhl; Pearson Dairy, Buhl; Pereira Dairy, Wendell; R and L Dairy, Jerome and Richfield; Hiekerk Dairy No. 1 and 2, Wendell; Robison and Sorenson, Richfield; Si-Ellen Dairy No. 2, Jerome; Si-Ellen Farms, Jerome; Standing 16 Dairy, Jerome; Stolhus Dairy, Buhl; T and F Dairy, Wendell; T3 Dairy, Wendell; Ted Bear Dairy, Jerome; TLK Dairy North, Mountain Home; Toledo Dairy, Kuna; Tolman Family Dairy, Jerome; UR Farms, Jerome; Valentin Dairy, Jerome; and White Clover Dairy, Jerome.

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**T.F. downtown thanks participants**

Historic Downtown Twin Falls would like to thank all of the participants in the Festival of Lights Parade and all of the downtown businesses who participated in the window decorating contest. The winners for the contest are as follows. In the window decorat-

ing contest, Fashion Cents won first place, Idaho Youth Ranch won second place, and Living Word Christian Bookstore won third place. The winners of the floats were Kimberly Nursery, Best in Show; Magic Valley Bible Church, first place; Twin Falls Snow Mobile Club, second place; and LINC won third place.

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# Chicago barber shop that served Muhammad Ali must find new home

By Laurel Jorgensen  
Associated Press writer



Abdul Karim Shakir cuts the hair of Montgomery Proffitt, Jr., 10, at his barbershop on Chicago's South Side on Dec. 14. The University of Chicago is selling the building and has promised to help move the salon to a new location.

CHICAGO — A historic Chicago barber shop where Muhammad Ali used to go for his hair cut and Sen. Barack Obama still goes for weekly trims is moving after the building it's in was sold.

The Hyde Park Hair Salon, which has long served as a gathering place for the city's black leaders, is moving after about 80 years in business under different names and owners, said owner Abdul Karim Shakir.

But unlike in the movie "Barbershop" — in which a Chicago barber shop owner fights shady developers to save his historic shop — the sellers in this case, the University of Chicago, have promised to help move the salon to a new location, possibly just a few blocks away.

The university is selling the building to a development company for \$2.3 million, which plans to lease space to local and national stores and restaurants, according to the university.

"My heart just bleeds," said Leroy Cain, the salon's former owner. "I hate to see that shop move out of that building, period."

James Spiller, 41, stopped in

neighborhood, has changed over the years, Cain said. Staff and customers in the 1960s were mostly white, he said, but it began drawing more black customers after he bought it in 1965. Cain said the shop, which he renamed "Cain's," from "Joe's" when he bought it, got its current name in 1975 when he decided it would give the community a sense of ownership.

He said the shop's had an eclectic mix of customers that has included university students, Chicago politicians and baseball players.

Chicago's first black mayor, the late Harold Washington, was one of his personal clients, Cain said. But Ali, a former heavyweight boxing champion, preferred one of his assistants.

"At the time he came in for service, I was really backed up," Cain explained. "One of my assistants was available and he started cutting it and continued."

Shakir said Obama, a potential Democratic presidential candidate, visits weekly for his hair cut.

"He doesn't miss unless he's out of the country," he said.

The shop will have to move before construction begins next fall, although no specific date has been set.

"There are certain conversations you can only have in a barber shop. I will go to wherever they are to get a haircut."

— James Spiller, 41

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| 1  | New Years Day  | 17 | Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands                                     |
| 2  | Quilting at Senior Center 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.      |    | Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m.                                      |
| 3  | Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands                    | 18 | Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands                                      |
| 4  | Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m.                     |    | Quilting at Senior Center 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.                       |
| 5  | Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands                     | 19 | West End Men's Association 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands                   |
| 6  | Quilting at Senior Center 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.      | 20 | Community Breakfast at the Senior Center 8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. \$3.50 |
| 7  | West End Men's Association 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands  | 20 | Chamber Banquet at Clear Lake Country Club                            |
| 8  | January Jazz Jam at Eighth Street Center             |    | Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.                            |
| 9  | Adults \$15 and Students \$10                        | 22 | Bingo/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.                               |
| 10 | Castleford Men's Club at 12 noon at The Red Barrel   | 23 | Quilting at Senior Center 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.                       |
| 11 | Bingo/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.              | 20 | Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands                                     |
| 12 | City Council at City Hall at 7 p.m.                  |    | Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m.                                      |
| 13 | Quilting at Senior Center 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.      | 25 | Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands                                      |
| 14 | Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands                    |    | Quilting at Senior Center 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.                       |
| 15 | Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m.                     | 26 | West End Men's Association at Grandstands at 6:30 a.m.                |
| 16 | Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands                     | 30 | Quilting at Senior Center 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.                       |
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|    | Martin Luther King Day                               |    |   |
|    | Bingo/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.              |    |   |
|    | Chamber Lunch at 12 noon at Grandstands              |    |   |
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EDITORIAL

Thanks to Times-News' passionate letter writers

Regular readers of the *Times-News* noticed a number of changes in 2006. A new masthead, new sections, new features, reporters and online content. In a world where the only constant is change, variety was a driving element in the daily news.

But one thing we didn't overhaul — and never will — is our section for letters to the editor.

If the fervor of ideas was worth its weight in gold, *Times-News* letters to the editor would be Fort Knox of newsprint. Speech is just an idea until it finds a forum. With letters to the editor, you are the critical force that delivers the message — a message that came through praise, scorn, satire and most of all, conviction.

We did ask for one small change in 2006, that writers cut length of their letters to 300 words. That's still the largest word-limit for any large daily newspaper in Idaho, something we're proud of, and because we think the best critical minds are here in southern Idaho. By accepting that challenge, you made your prose tighter, more compelling, and even snappier with the more cogent ideas.

In 2006, the *Times-News* published a total of 2,130 letters. The bulk of those ran here on the Opinion page, with another 147 as letters of thanks, 41 in Religion and 19 in Sports.

A newspaper depends on its readers not only for business, but also to fuel the spirit of free ideas. Your contributions of voice and dialogue makes the Opinion page a product we're proud to deliver.

Here's our toast to the one part of the *Times-News* that's as consistent as it is passionate — the writers of letters to the editor.

Cheers to many more in 2007.

Brad Hurd . . . Publisher  
Chris Steinbach . . . Editor

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LETTERS

A family prays for a swift end to Iraq war

It's funny how we don't really care about something until it affects us personally. This time, it's the war in Iraq.

I am a military buff, so I knew what would be the end result of Bush's folly — stirring up the wasp nest. The wasps are out and they're ticked off. They're attacking everything that moves, including themselves.

My son, Chris, joined the Marines right out of high school. He was the youngest honor man, the highest and best soldier of his company that graduated at San Diego from boot camp — a rare honor. He also was top man of a platoon.

Every day is an eternity for us. Every time we hear of a Marine being killed, we lose our minds. This is a parent's worst fear. We can't protect Chris anymore. We are helpless.

If I could, I would go to Iraq in a heartbeat and make sure my boy came back to us safe. But I can't, so we pray. I pray for all of the boys and men and women in our military. I pray for their families.

I cannot imagine the pain of families who have lost a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister, a mother, a husband, a wife to this Bush war.

So this is Christmas. Please remember the sacrifices being made on your behalf by our best and our brightest. May they all come home soon. And for the ones who made the ultimate sacrifice, all I can say is thank you, rest in peace. Come back home, Chris. We miss you and love you so much.

WALLY KENDRICK  
Twin Falls

Neilson's projects gave much to community

I was disappointed that there wasn't a memorial service for Craig Neilson — a thought shared by others. We would have liked to pay our last respects.

My reason is every local needy project I worked on, there on campus, Peter's donation — Relay for Life, Valley House and Festival of Trees.

Craig was raised locally and gave back to his community generously. I'm surprised the chamber or hospital didn't head up a memorial.

I'm sad Craig never lived to see his dream of a hotel for his property with a panoramic view of the canyon.

Best views: Seattle, the Space Needle; San Francisco, the Golden Gate Tower; Niagara Falls, Canadian side from the Panosonic Tower.

Why do people feel a need to protest progress? A community place that will seat more than 200 is needed. I hope at least Craig's son will enjoy his dad's dream someday.

And for those criticizing Craig's casino — pardon, did he have a gun to your head? We go and enjoy the games — win, it's great; lose, paid someone's wages and a portion comes back to this community.

The drinks, pop, coffee and bottled water offered. No need to have alcohol. It's called responsibility, so be responsible. Simple.

A lack of know genes on a budget, has fun and says all her aches and pains go.

For me, thanks, Craig, for a nice place to play and eat — a destination for all our out-of-town guests. Hopefully, some day a beautiful hotel will offer an extraordinary view of our canyon.

JEANNE MEYER  
Twin Falls

'Villain' label was an insult to presidency

To put the office of the president of the United States and the president himself in the category of 2006 Heroes and Villains in your rag is not only un-American, it's criminal and shows a complete lack of class and respect on the part of the Associated Press and the *Times-News* for printing such garbage.

This is the liberal right at its best and the breakdown of our honor, our code of ethics and forget to replace those things with anything of value, then we will destroy ourselves from within, not from some foreign enemy carrying a banner under his shirt.

RAY ATKINSON  
Flacey

The best of letters — 2006

I would like to apply for work at any of the local meth labs.

I have some reservation about profiting from a drug that has wrought so much destruction in so many lives, including my own, and this is not how I had planned to use my education. But what the heck, lawyers do it every day and, unlike me, they all have jobs.

ROGER WELLS  
Twin Falls

I propose that we deny marriage to all teens, felons, persons who have been twice divorced, and to anybody who has been cruel, unjustifiably violent or sexually explicit with a human or with an animal before we exclude gays.

JOHN WALSH  
Burley

I've uncovered evidence of a plot to bring Twin Falls to a standstill.

We are being taken over by aliens from outer space or somewhere.

I questioned my conclusions until I recently drove to Filer and back several times. The slow drivers below the fast lane driving below the speed limit. The drivers following or exceeding the speed limit had to pass them on the slow inside lane.

It was the alien training ground before they were allowed to enter the rotation cycle in Twin Falls.

If you doubt me, pay attention to those driving past you

on our main arteries as you fail to attempt to get into the flow of traffic. They appear like you and I, but notice their dazed looks as they communicate on their cell phones with their masters.

ART SELIN  
Twin Falls

The other day, two political candidates asked for my vote with a computer-generated phone call. My thought was, what a way not to win an election.

TOM DAVIS  
Kimberly

When a cub reporter at the *Times-News* wrote a story about a porn video store moving to Main Street, it never occurred to me that the editors of the paper were advocating that the citizens should cancel church services and dash downtown for armloads of pagan titillation.

The *Times-News* has been taking a lot of heat for running the story. There is enraged talk of editorial turpitude and threats of cancellations. I find this a bit illogical.

Besides, if the *Times-News* hadn't mentioned that the place existed, the porn shop would not have been run out of town so quickly. Instead of slamming the *Times-News* editors, offended citizens ought to be thanking them.

BRENDA LARSEN  
Twin Falls

Mr. Otter also voted to criminalize good Samaritans.

This bill makes it a crime to offer physical or spiritual assistance to an undocumented person.

Finally, Mr. Otter, I noticed that your prior marriage was annulled to allow you to marry your longtime companion. To this I say congratulations, but I guess we all need a little amnesty sometimes.

KENT JENSEN  
Burley

Your jeer seems to imply that a "real man" — a native Idahoan instead of a Utah sissy — should feel no fear in the presence of a wolf pack. After all, you boldly declare, there has never been a recorded wolf attack in Idaho. I must admit that I have never been hit by lightning either but when it is storming outside, I do not stand in my front yard with a metal rod extended skyward tempting fate.

Besides, this rationale of no previous wolf attacks omits one key word — yet! That day will come and when it does, the state of Idaho is going to receive an enormous lawsuit that it is woefully unprepared for. How this state will respond to such a lawsuit is something truly worthy of an editorial opinion; belittling another person for their fear is not.

GARY ELLER  
Twin Falls

Vote yes on Prop 2. The city won't let me start a

pig feedlot on my half-acre residential lot. A vote for Prop 2 will not get monetary redress from the oppressive oversight of draconian zoning laws.

Again vote yes on Prop 2. I remember the money.

TAVIS STEEN  
Kimberly

I almost fell out of my chair when the *Times-News* gave Brady — after the Republicans you have endorsed — the nod. It was such a surprise. I had more drinks than normal. Yes, six cups of coffee.

RICHARD DAVIS  
Hagerman

My wish is that we, the readers of the *Magie Valley*, could vote with our dollars. If we only had a choice in the local print media, perhaps the *Times-News* would finally discover who it is that's actually out of the mainstream!

KEL WALTON  
Burley

The one-party system didn't work in Russia and it doesn't work in Idaho. We get a state controller with a GED education. We get an education superintendent with a degree off a matchbox cover. I bet if O.J. Simpson ran for office as a liberator and a Republican, he could win. Maybe Idaho can do better in 2008, and thanks again for the tax relief.

GARY L. WELCH  
Butte

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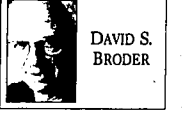
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Looking back at missed calls in '06



DAVID S. BRODER

The controversies of the year past — Iraq, immigration, domestic surveillance and the rest, plus the political battles culminated in the Democratic victories in November — all contributed to an exceptionally heavy load of reader-generated corrections and objections.

Thanks to e-mail, many more of you are now contributing to this annual year-end "goals" column, where I review and report some of the judgments and misjudgments of the past year.

To start with the simplest, in an August piece about Ohio politics, I wrote that Ted Strickland was trying to become the first congressman since Rutherford B. Hayes to be elected governor of Ohio.

Several of you pointed out that I had ignored two subsequent figures who moved from Congress to that governorship, James M. Cox and Frank B. Willis.

My error was trying to find the government of Iraq, allowing more authority for separate Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish regions. I commended the Biden proposal as a step forward from what was already, last May, a seriously stalemated and deteriorating situation in Iraq.

But after the column appeared, I received several communications from people with as much knowledge of Iraq as Biden possesses. They argued that such a step toward federalism had serious dangers. It would be difficult to apply in urban areas such as Baghdad, where populations are mixed, and it risked,

the correspondents said, inviting other countries such as Iran and Turkey to spread their influence into a partitioned Iraq.

Those same objections have blocked adoption of the Biden plan, but meantime, Iraqis fleeing violence have increasingly separated themselves into Shiite or Sunni strongholds, leaving the situation even worse than if there had been an orderly and legal division of authority.

Another column that drew great protest was one where I took my colleagues in the media to task for their treatment of Karl Rove in the Valerie Plame leak investigation.

When the special prosecutor announced he was not charging Rove with anything, I reviewed some of the many articles which had accused the White House aide of manufacturing the "outing" of Plame and said that an apology was in order.

The e-mail and letter-writers argued that the simple fact that Rove had escaped prosecution did not mean that he was innocent of using his position to harass and frustrate critics of the administration. He had, after all, congratulated the "outing" of Plame two days before working on the story. Even if the original leak came from elsewhere, these letter-writers said, Rove was no innocent.

But I still believe there is an important cautionary tale for the press in the Rove-Plame

story. Too many of us got way ahead of the facts and let our suspicions grow into assumptions and assertions for which we had no evidence. That tendency to get ahead of the story is rampant in the media just now. Fed by the speedup of news delivery through the Internet and cable. Just look at the stories announcing — in 2006 — who are "serious" candidates for president in 2008.

Speaking of politics, I'm embarrassed to say that the one state I wrote about that I got wrong was Michigan, where I spent enough time to have known better. I thought Gov. Jennifer Granholm was going to be sunk by the auto industry unemployment, but she put on a great campaign and won.

On the other hand, I saw both stages of the Connecticut race correctly — Joe Lieberman losing the primary but winning as an independent in November. And the downfall of the Republican Congress and rise of an independent breed of Democrats was forecast here from early March onward.

But a column about Hillary Rodham Clinton, touching lightly on the state of her marriage, drew lots of e-mails — a sign of that this subject will be a tough one to handle if she enters the presidential race. Bring on 2007.

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# Xavier a return to classical instruction

**O**n Nov. 30, Xavier Charter School Founders and Board of Directors submitted to the Idaho Charter Commission for review the most comprehensive petition presented in Idaho since charter school inception in 1998.

The state commission found Xavier's petition not only adequate but commendable. Xavier is a school with vigorous vision. "Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision coupled with action can change the world." (Joel Barker)

In this "great expectations" school, the Twin Falls community can expect teachers with positive, energetic attitudes and considerable knowledge concerning the subject matter taught. They will be teachers who possess the influence necessary to shape the attitudes of students, who encourage and believe in these students, and who require excellence in every detail.

Xavier Charter School purposefully embraces a classical approach to education. Such an approach emphasizes written and spoken language and expects the mind to work and dig deeply into concepts, asking the questions "why" and "how." We believe that systematic, rigorous study develops virtue in students. It is the heart of classical education. Our goal is to teach children how to think, not just regurgitate facts.

To this end, Xavier will implement the Core Knowledge Sequence K-8 Curriculum pioneered by E.D. Hirsch, author of "Cultural Literacy" and "The Schools We Need and Why We Don't Have Them." Core Knowledge



**READER COMMENT**  
**Becky Baird**

Twin Falls' first charter school will be a rare place indeed a place where the phrase, "curiosity killed the cat," will not only be unacceptable but unheard of.

relies on solid, sequential, specific and shared information. Our curriculum highlights explicit phonics and grammar instruction; essay writing in the upper elementary/middle school; and Socratic discussion in literature and other subject matter, building critical thinking and communication skills. Rather than basal reader instruction, students will read complete works (great books) ranging from *Aesop's Fables* and Kipling's "Just-So Stories" to "Julius Caesar" and "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

Our mathematics will be systematic and incremental. We will teach concepts behind mathematical and scientific problems in addition to procedures and formulas. Study in Latin and Greek roots as well as the romance languages will bring beauty and wholeness to the

educational experience. We will put our story back in history, paralleling World and U.S. History beginning in kindergarten and continuing each year thereafter.

Our curriculum will use original sources in addition to textbooks. Finally, a complete classical education utilizes a powerful fine arts program — including music, art, theater and dance/physical fitness — to feed and enhance its content-rich instruction.

Xavier will have a small-school environment where the teachers and staff truly know their students. Our students will be serious about their education and will work diligently on meaningful assignments. They will be articulate, thoughtful and hard-working. We know this to be valid because of the structure in place to aid students in the learning and acquisition of self-discipline. Character pillars such as citizenship, cooperation, courage, perseverance and respect will be explicitly taught.

"Twin Falls' first charter school will be a rare place indeed a place where the phrase, "curiosity killed the cat," will not only be unacceptable but unheard of. We at Xavier believe that although we have only one life to live, it should be a life full of curiosity, a life enriched by the passion to know more.

Vivere est cogitare — to think is to live!

*Becky Baird is the chairman of the board of directors for the Xavier Charter School. She wrote this letter on behalf of the school's founders and board.*

## LETTERS

### Make 2007 a year to create efficient government

Per your request for comments pertaining to the bonuses paid by Marilyn Howard to her employees, it appears that you gave a lot of space to her doing that. At least it was spread out to a large number of people. However, I do not condone the unrestricted waste of tax funds. Why wasn't as much space devoted to the \$200,000-plus wasted at the State School for the Deaf and Blind; the Anderson Lumber fiasco and the \$200,000-plus on the hospital study? Could it have been due to a political difference? Waste is waste whoever does it.

We are fast approaching the beginning of a new federal, state and county administration. The federal level should be looking at the Iraq fiasco, doing something positive for Medicare and social security, raising minimum wages, etc.

The state and local agencies need to look at enacting some common sense traffic problems, such as talking on cell phones while driving. The 18-wheelers on the freeway are a traffic hazard by improper passing, driving slowly in the fast lane and

other infractions. These are things of importance to everyone.

The state Legislature could put its energy to better things than domestic elk ranching. Maybe it could see about a trophy hunt for wolves.

Also, our city council should look at an ordinance to stop the local bars from allowing glass containers to leave the premises as you can see broken glass abundantly around them.

To the newly elected people: Remember, you serve the public not the party. The arrangement of Governor, etc. Other being sworn in

privately is appalling. Remember, Butch, you and the other newly elected officials were elected by the public. You can also be unelected.

Happy New Year!  
**DAVID LANCASTER**  
Twin Falls

### Don't mince words, Luna bloated his resume

To William D. Hansen, Washington, D.C., and others believers:

Tom Luna did "embellish" his resume and "misrepresented his position." Period.  
End of discussion.  
**PAUL E. OSTYN**  
Twin Falls



### is having auditions

For its winter show, "HOW TO EAT LIKE A CHILD And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grow-up"

The auditions will be held on January 5th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and on January 6th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Come prepared with a song to sing and a short recitation. If you would like to be a part of this fun and exciting musical production, call 423-6109 between the hours of 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm on January 2nd or January 3rd, to set up an audition time.

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**Obama stays out of public eye while supporters push for run**

**The Associated Press**  
**HONOLULU** — As Barack Obama decides if he'll seek the Democratic nomination for president, the Illinois senator has stayed out of the public eye in Hawaii last week. Obama didn't make an appearance at a small rally outside the federal building in

Honolulu on Thursday, where supporters tried to drum up grass-roots support for him to run for president in 2008. Obama's sister, who told The Associated Press the week before that her brother would decide if he'll run for president while on vacation in Hawaii, is now declining interviews. "The world will find out

soon enough," said Maya Soetoro, who has received several interview requests in the past week. Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, who organized the gathering of about 25 people, said Obama's island roots and aloha spirit single him out as the best choice for 2008. "He's a new generation of

people that will have our diversity define us rather than divide us," said Abercrombie, who held a sign that read, "If you run, we will be your feet" and showed a pair of flip-flops. "This is just a small number of the grass-roots force that is developing, a tsunami of support." Supporters have tried to find

ways to encourage Obama without intruding on the Honolulu native as he begins grass-roots campaign efforts. "We figure that the best way to get him to run is not to bug him right now while he's deciding and relaxing," said Brian Schatz, the state director of Hawaii's effort to urge Obama to announce his candidacy.

## New Year, New You

Call it what you want — triglycerides, flub, cholesterol, girth. The truth is that after the holidays, most of us have fallen victim to mom's Christmas candy, aunt Ruth's fudge, and countless bags of chips, snacks, and soda while enjoying a bowl game or two. Thank goodness for the New Year phenomenon, where our body seems to naturally crave a healthy change. We

seem a little more interested in exercise videos and health club memberships. And grilled chicken and a green salad suddenly sound like the best meal in the book. So to help, we are offering amazing prices this week on some of our favorite (and healthy) food items. And while you are in, be sure to sign up for a drawing to win a "his and hers" set of cruiser bicycles!



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## Is this January really necessary?

Here's a modest proposal about January: Abolish it.

With due respect to you Capricorns out there, January is a root canal of a month notable chiefly for cold, hangovers and start-to-finish gloom.

Shoot, the Middle Age Anglo-Saxons of Britain called the month "Wolf month" because wolves came to their villages then searching for food. And they weren't fussy what kind.

Janus, the two-faced Roman figure looking backward and forward, is pure propaganda. Nobody looks forward to January.



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

Plus, there's strong precedent for skipping on down to March in order to begin the year.

In the earliest Roman calendars there were no months of January or February at all. Romans loved the number 10—considered it lucky—and thus were tickled to schedule the year from March 1 until it was time to sing "Auld Lang Syne."

That's 304 days; the early Romans quite sensibly considered winter a stretch of time not worth wasting months on and were content to celebrate New Year's Day on the cusp of spring.

King Numa Pompilius is supposed to have added January and February, including enough days to equal a lunar year (355 days). Even so, January and February were demoted to the end of the line, back there behind December.

It stayed that way for 5 1/2 centuries, when two new consuls — they were the highest elected officials in the Roman Republic — were added to the government each Jan. 1.

Turns out it was a cheap campaign gambit, designed to permit the new consuls — who doubled as generals — to complete the elections and inaugurations and still reach their armies by the time the snow melted. It's as if we Americans moved Election Day, from November until February so the presidential candidates didn't miss out on the golf season in Florida.

And if that weren't just cause to repeal January, the month's just weird.

In parts of Medieval Europe on Jan. 1, a flat cake was stuck on one of the horns of a cow in every farmyard. The farmer and his hired help would then sing and dance around the animal until the cake was thrown to the ground. If it fell in front of the cow, that signified good luck; if it fell behind, it was time to look for work in town.

Tequila shooters will do that to you.

The Saxons, who moved from what's now Germany to Britain in the fifth century, quite sensibly believed Jan. 2 to be the unluckiest day of the year. Anybody born on that day, they believed, was fated to die an unpleasant death.

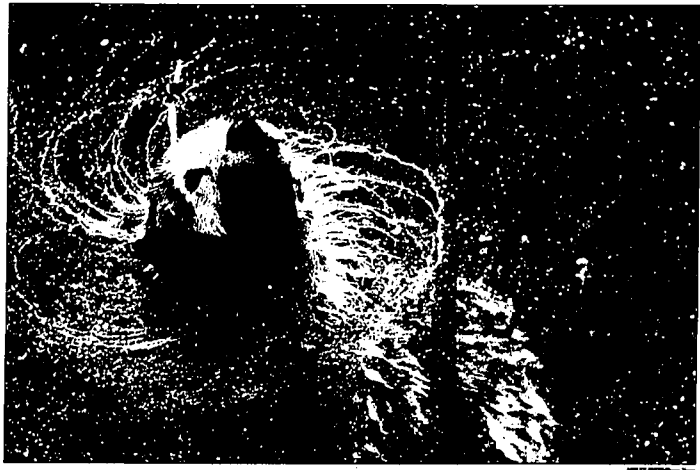
That's debatable, but those unfortunates certainly had the worst birthday of the year. Who has any holiday spirit — much less any money — left on Jan. 27?

My youngest stepdaughter, now 15, was born on Jan. 5. When she was younger, my wife would invite other kids — all of whom were in the final, cranky, hyperactive throes of Christmas vacation — to her birthday party.

They'd all show up, bringing their insufferable brothers and sisters along, too. Their parents were only too happy to be rid of them all for a while.

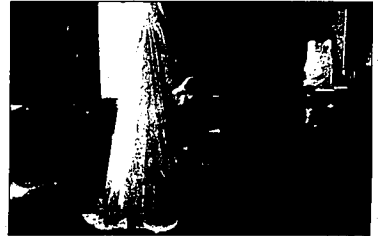
Sort of the same way we feel on Feb. 1.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3234 or [scrump@magicvalley.com](mailto:scrump@magicvalley.com).



Scarlet, a 2-year-old Siberian husky, gets a bath in June before an event at the AKC-sanctioned dog show at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

## Photographers' favorites of 2006



Christa Hamold, owner of Christa's Dress Shop in Twin Falls, poses the dress Lorraine Lesser will wear for the costume portion of the Mrs. Idaho pageant held at the end of April in Boise.



A barn owl sits atop a fence post east of Castleford. According to Mark Fuller, an adjunct faculty member at Boise State University, barn owls are one of the most widespread owls in the world, found everywhere except Antarctica.



Mist highlights visitors in April at the Shoshone Falls when about 16,000 cubic feet per second of water flows over the Magic Valley landmark.



Matthew Flores, 24, the 2005 141-pound state Golden Glove champion, takes a breather between sparring sessions during a practice in January at the Headhunters boxing gym in Twin Falls.



Dietrich School third-grader Bradley 'Buddy' Dotson reacts after spelling a word correctly in May during the school's spelling bee.



A farmer burrs a field Nov. 9 near Hanson after harvest as clouds move over the Magic Valley.



Storm clouds roll by the press box on an October night at the Flier football field during the Flier High School game against Gooding.

**OBITUARIES**

**Janet Child**

**BURLEY** — Jan Janet Rock Child, an 84-year-old resident of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at her home.



She was born Aug. 27, 1922, in Morgan, Utah, the daughter of Laurel and L. P. C. H. A. V. O. N. E. She grew up in Morgan, and on June 21, 1941, married the love of her life, Leslie Elwood Child. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on June 21, 1944. They moved to Burley, in 1952, to farm. They lived in the Pella area, and later both worked and retired from Ore-Ida Foods.

Janet suffered from rheumatic fever and polio as a child and was left with severe scoliosis, but she never let it slow her down. She and Les missed three active boys.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting, and collecting salt and pepper shakers. She was allergic to flowers, but took great pleasure in decorating her home for the seasons with silk arrangements and figurines. She and Les liked to fish and belonged to a club called the Kamper Hooks that they enjoyed traveling with. Janet was involved in the

youth of the LDS Church in various capacities, such as the Primary, Jr. Sunday School, and the Mutual program. She was short in stature and affectionately called the "little grand" but large in heart and generosity.

Both Les and Janet made people from all walks of life feel loved and welcomed. She dearly loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them.

Janet is survived by two sons, Gary (Judy) Child of Burley and Ronald (Billie) Child of Yakima, Wash.; a daughter-in-law, Merry Wilson of Rupert; 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dean (Myrtle) Rock of Mountain View, Utah. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Les; two sons, Laurel "Tyke" Child and Larry Child (stillborn); one brother; and two sisters.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Pella LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 160 W. 400 S., Burley, with Bishop Bret L. Robins officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Basmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

**Lewis William Myers**

**FILER** — Lewis William Myers, 83, of Filer, Idaho, passed away Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at his home after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.



He was born July 3, 1923, in Santa Rosa, Calif. He grew up in Santa Monica, Calif.

On Dec. 17, 1955, he married Margie Kay Poole. Lew was a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and served as a Weather Officer in the Army Air Force during World War II. He had a master's degree in meteorology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in Technology at Pasadena, Calif.

**Charles Edward Henley Jr.**

**TWIN FALLS** — Charles Edward Henley Jr., 86, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, at his home.

He was born in Sunburst, Idaho, on Sept. 26, 1920, to Charles and Anna Brooks Henley.

He was the eldest son of six children. Charles joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 and was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1945. He served under the Eighth Army Air Corps, 490th Bombardment Group and the 849th Bombardment Squadron (H) Mountain Home Air Force Base. He was assigned to Eye, England, during World War II. Charles married Ella May Dean Dec. 29, 1942, and they had three children. He was in the U.S. Army from Sept. 28, 1946, whom he met while stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

After the war, Charles went to work as an Aerospace Engineer in the Civil Service, ultimately retiring from NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, in Greenbelt, Md., in 1971. He then relocated to

Lew was a metallurgical engineer and a materials and process engineer, working for the Aerospace Industry on the Apollo and SR-71 Programs. He also anchored the Weekend Weather for KMVT-TV from 1986 to 1996.

Surviving Lewis are his two children, Patricia Myers and Mason Myers, both of Filer; and two stepsons, Stuart (Jan) Poole of White Sulphur, Wash., and Ralph (Nikki) Poole of Reno, Nev. Also surviving is his brother, Warren D. Myers of Walnut Creek, Calif. His wife, Margie, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Myers preceded him in death.

Private family services were held. Cremation and private inurnment are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Jerome, Idaho, in November of 1971, where he worked in Real Estate for Carl Butler Realty. After several years, he ventured off to help start Canyonside Realty.

While in the Magic Valley area, Charles was a member of the Church of the Nazarene and also served with the Gideon's International Organization. In 1999, Charles and Ella May moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, to be closer to their son.

He is survived by his wife, Ella May Henley (Larpm) of 60 years; and six children, Katherine Henley, Kenneth, James, Lynnette Thatcher, Ruth Payne, and Charles III; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by an older sister, Elizabeth Greene; and two brothers, James and Brooks.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Burial will follow in the Tanglewood Cemetery in Linville, N.C.

**Marvin E. Wisely**

**JEROME** — Marvin E. Wisely, 77, of Jerome, passed away Dec. 29, 2006, in Twin Falls, after a long battle with cancer.



He was born Feb. 20, 1929, in Rock Island, Ill., the son of Joseph T. Wisely and Bertha A. Wisely. Marvin grew up in Port Byron, Ill.

He spent most of his working life as a heavy equipment operator for Caterpillar Inc. In 1993, he settled in Jerome and worked for the Northside Canal Company.

Marvin enjoyed Western movies, guns, collecting old tools and old cars. He especially loved flea markets and garage sales.

Marvin is survived by three sons, Randy (Joyce) Wisely of Rock Island, Ill., Danny Wisely of Silvis, Ill., and Jody Wisely of Moline, Ill.; three daughters, Misty (Donald) Spriggs of Twin Falls, Keisha Wisely and Shyla (Nick) Bell of Jerome, Idaho, and Amanda, Willie, Shyanne Wisely, Jagger Sexton and Dante Bell. He is also survived by two brothers, one sister, many extended family members and friends, and his friends at the Northside Canal Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one son, one sister and three brothers.

Cremation arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83398.

**Marjorie I. Higgins**

**TWIN FALLS** — Marjorie "Marti" Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma surrendered her life to our Lord's care, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006.

She was born June 30, 1918, in Lindsay, Idaho, and remained an Idahoan through all but a few years of her life. She always called herself an Idahoan.

She was love incarnate and loved her family. She would do anything she could for anyone. She listed as her notable achievements "served as church school teacher from 1948. Also as church recorder, women's department leader, church secretary, and church school director." Her church was the foundation of her life.

She was educated from Gooding High School and took many college classes in California and Twin Falls. She married her soul mate Fred Higgins in 1936 and raised three children. She retired in 1980 from the city of Twin Falls.

She is survived by her three children, James Dean, Jerry Dean and Jeanette Marie; and her four grandchildren.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

**Carl C. Hoffman**

**BUHL** — Carl Calvin Hoffman, 73, of Elma, Wash., died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, in Olympia, Wash.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

**Dorothy E. Machacek**

**BUHL** — Dorothy E. Machacek, 95, of Buhl, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

**Martin A. Martinez**

**RUPERT** — Martin A. Martinez, 78, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Home of Twin Falls.

**Jesse Coates**

**HAZELTON** — Jesse Coates, 19, of Hazelton, died December 2006.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at the Hazelton LDS Church. Burial will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery. The family will get friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 1, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

A memorial fund has been set up in Jesse's name at D.L. Evans Bank in Twin Falls. Memorials may be made at any D.L. Evans branch.

**Nora A. Ward**

**TWIN FALLS** — Nora A. Ward, 90, of Twin Falls and formerly of Caldwell, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at the Desert Rose Retirement Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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**Thanks!**  
 The word, "Thanks," cannot adequately express the depth of how grateful, thankful and appreciative I am for the attendance (as well as the ones who wanted to be there and could not) at the "Celebration of Life" for my husband, "Coach" LaVere Gooch.  
 What a wonderful tribute to him personally, and to the influence and impact on anyone with whom he came in contact, especially students and athletes. I am so very proud of him! I have been so lucky to have had him in my life for 57 years of marriage.  
 Thanks to those on stage who presented the "Celebration of Life" and all those who helped me put it together. The whole "thing" was PERFECT! I couldn't have asked for it to be better.  
 To all of you who sent contributions, cards and flowers, called, and made other acts of kindness and strength, THANK YOU! It also goes without saying how much I loved and appreciated the health care individuals who helped both LaVere and me as well.  
**GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**  
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**SERVICES**

**Dale "Doc" Stukenholtz** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**J. Wayne Hoopes** of

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Kimberly, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Sitting Room of Bridgeway Estates, 1828 Bridgeway Blvd. in Twin Falls; viewing will follow at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Montana avalanche kills snowmobiler**

**WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP)** — A Minnesota snowmobiler died when he was crushed by an avalanche near here, Gallatin County authorities said.

Josh Scepanski, 19, of Avon, Minn., was caught in the avalanche Thursday on Lionhead Mountain and died of asphyxiation. Coroner Duncan MacNab said. Companions uncovered Scepanski after he had been under about 10 feet of snow for about 5 mi. (AP).

said Ron Johnson of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center. Scepanski was traveling across a ravine with seven other snowmobilers when the avalanche struck him, Gallatin County Sheriff Jim Cassell said. Scepanski and his snowmobile rolled about 100 yards down the ravine. West Yellowstone search-and-rescue workers who reached the scene nearly two hours after receiving a call found people still administered to. Scepanski was resuscitated to Scepanski.

**Happy New Year**  
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## Local libraries receive grant for reading program

The Hansen Community and Kimberly Public Libraries received a joint grant for the Let's Talk About It reading program. The theme is "Western Experience," and it examines life in the West from various viewpoints, looks at myths and stereotypes of the West and explores how various groups have adapted to unique physical and cultural environments in the West.

The programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24, 2007, at the Hansen Community Library, 120 West Maple and continue on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7 and March 21, 2007, at the same time and location. Books include "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather, "A Bride Goes West" by Nannie Alderson, "The Man who Killed the Deer" by Frank Waters, "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck and "Angle of Repose" by Walter Stegner. The series is part of a statewide project sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries (Idaho State Library), US Bank and Idaho Humanities Council.

For more information, call the Hansen Library at 423-4122 and Kimberly Library at 423-4556. Books are available at both locations for checkout.

### Gooding learning center names honor students

GOODING — The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center released second block grades.

All A's — Kayla Christopherson and Joshua Fitzgerald.

All A's and B's — Cody Diggs, Fuben Ferrasco, Frisco Merrill, Audra Shaw and Ben Uecker.

All B's — Kevin Blunt, Dacharie Fitzgerald, Jenny Fraser, Katerina Harper, Cesar Hernandez, Bradley James, Jordan McKinnon and Melissa Runyon.

Perfect attendance — Lanny Bieroth, Wolf Bliss, Kate Davis, Kelly Davis,

Nichole Graham, Katerina Harper, Cory Huntsman, Shane Knight, Kelsi Mason, Frisco Merrill, Ben Uecker and Juan Valdez

### Learning center announces gingerbread house winners

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Learning Center offered a Gingerbread Village Display and contest Dec. 7-10 at the St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees.

Community members of all ages competed for prizes. Entrants were judged on imagination, construction and decoration detail.

Winners were:  
 Gingerbread House: Amateur — 12 and under — Adrian and Kevin Blair; and 13-17 — Allison Meyerhoff  
 Adult amateur — Mary Michener  
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 Professional — The White House

Proceeds from the contest benefited the Southern Idaho Learning Center programs and scholarships.

### BJ Duplicate Bridge announces winners

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced Dec. 26 results.

North/south: Gary and Barbara Carney; second, Lois Stephenson and Jackie Bowser; third, Warren and Fran McEntire; and fourth, Shirley Harris and Vera Mai.

East/west: first, Donna Moore and Jane Keicher; second, Dona Kamau and Peggy Payne; third, Elise Heins and Linda Halouska; and fourth, Leo Moore and Dee Keicher.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For names and more information, call Steve Sams at 878-3997 or Vera Mai at 436-4163.

## Mayor faces charge over Internet porn incident

BOVILL, Idaho (AP) — Mayor Bradley E. Dorendorf has been charged in Latah County court with a misdemeanor count of computer crime, accused of using a city computer to look at internet pornography, according to a criminal complaint.

Dorendorf is a fuel-supply handler at the University of Idaho steam plant. Last year, he was re-elected to a third term as mayor after serving four years on the Bovill council. He could not be reached for comment.

The Latah County sheriff's office conducted a seven-month investigation of

Dorendorf, including a forensic analysis of a city computer and interviews with city employees who said the mayor had been seen sitting at a city computer when pornography Web sites were viewed.

Prosecutor William Thompson Jr. said it is illegal to look at pornography on a city computer without authorization.

"According to Dorendorf, during the winter of 2005, he had sent an e-mail he had received at work to his e-mail address at the Bovill city hall," Sheriff's Cpl. Tim Bess wrote in a probable cause affidavit attached to the complaint.

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## Ada County sheriff's employees consider union

BOISE (AP) — Sheriff's office employees in the state's largest county are considering unionizing after commissioners passed a resolution that allows supervisors to fire employees without cause.

The Ada County Sheriff's Employees Association will meet Tuesday to discuss forming a union, said Jaime Barker, the association's president.

"We will discuss the merits and the drawbacks as a group and look for some consensus for what it is we want to do," Barker told The Idaho Statesman. "This union talk,

right now, it's just talk. I'm certainly not closing my ears to the topic and I'll let the association drive that."

Last week, commissioners in Ada County, which includes Boise and its suburbs, unanimously approved a measure that defines all 1,600 county employees, including sheriff's deputies, as "at-will employees."

At-will employees can be fired without cause.

When governments or private companies adopt an "at-will" system, they maintain better control over their work force, said Bill Nichols, an

attorney in Nampa.

"You have an employee who maybe they just do the bare minimum and their personality has a negative impact on the rest of the work force, but you just can't get rid of them," Nichols said.

That's where at-will employment comes in as a tool for management to improve the work force. To some extent, it's a severe one.

During the heated commission meetings on the at-will debate, Ada County Sheriff Gary Raney said other local police agencies aggressively recruit his deputies.

The diminished job security will influence Ada County's deputies to leave for other police forces, he said.

"I will offer process and protection to my employees," Raney said. "They work hard, they risk their lives for the people of Ada County and they deserve the respect of a supportive leader."

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## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

### Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is in need of volunteers who can help in the home by visiting with patients, relieving the caregivers or running errands. Office assistance is also welcome. For information about the volunteer program, call Susan or Grace at 734-4064 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

### Lift chair — An elderly lady is in need of a large-size lift chair. Call Roberta at 544-7720.

### Drivers — The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at the Office on Aging is looking for volunteers, age 55 and older, who are willing to drive clients to doctor appointments and go grocery shopping. Volunteers are needed in the Burley-Rupert area. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Kitty at 677-4872, ext. 2.

### Beds/clothing/household

### Want to help? This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteers.

### If you need a volunteer, call the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 320, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Call weekly to retain your request.

### Items — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of twin-size beds, clothing for men and women, and household items. To donate items, drop them off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1526 Highland Ave. E.; the office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call Teresa at 736-2166.

### Volunteers — Volunteers are

needed to help a family who has a loved one with a life-limiting illness. Volunteers can help by shopping, running errands, cleaning or sitting with their loved one, while the caregivers take a break. Call Flo at Hospice Vision at 735-0121.

## U of I mule-cloning expert leaves for Colorado State

MOSCOW (AP) — Gordon Woods, the University of Idaho veterinary scientist who helped create the world's first cloned mules, has left the school to take a job at Colorado State University.

In 2003, Woods, veterinary scientist Dirk Vanderwall and a University of Idaho research team, cloned Idaho Gem. The mule clone went on to success on the mule racing circuit in Nevada and California.

Woods and Vanderwall cloned several mules since Idaho Gem.

This semester, Colorado State named Woods the direc-

tor of its Equine Reproduction Lab. He will make \$135,000 per year in Idaho.

"The equine reproduction laboratory at Colorado State is pre-eminent," Woods, 54, said by phone Friday from his new office on the Fort Collins, Colo., campus. "It has been historically, and is today, considered one of the top programs in the world."

Woods told The Lewiston Tribune that his partner Vanderwall was stellar, but Colorado State offered a whole team of top scientists.

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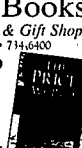
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**Edward Jones**

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# Ski town limits dog licenses, residents howl

By Paul Foy  
Associated Press writer

ALTA, Utah — Every January when dog licenses come up for renewal, dog lovers at this ski town go wild with anticipation. They start counting the dogs rumored to have died or moved away with their owners, hoping that a few of the finite number of licenses will be up for grabs.

And if the license lottery leaves them empty-handed, they can always try pestering the mayor, who can issue his own licenses for good cause or compassion.

"It's the worst issue I deal with," said Mayor Tom Pollard, who is manager of Rustler Lodge. "The day after I was elected I got my first call — I hadn't even gotten to the job. They disguised it as a question about garbage service, then finished with, 'Can I have a dog?'"

To protect the alpine watershed an ordinance in this former silver town limits the number of dogs to 12 percent of the human population, with few exceptions. No four-legged visitors are allowed, even inside cars, and violators can go to jail.

For now, the town council keeps the lid at 42 licenses, even though it could add two more dogs under the formula tied to Alta's population of 370 old-timers, ski bums, business owners and resort employees.

"I never heard of a place limiting dog licenses," said Stephen Otto, a hunter and legislative director for the Animal Legal Defense Fund, which tracks dog ordinances. "It sounds a little European."

And "it's almost impossible to get one. It took me 11 years of trying," said Mark Hoffman, a 56-year-old lawyer and avowed ski bum. "They'll have 17 people wanting a dog for only two or three licenses."

Alta occupies 4 square miles inside a national forest where a special act of Congress left Salt Lake City in charge of the water supply. The city and county police the canyons, keeping out nonresident or unlicensed dogs to curb bacterial contamination of streams and protect Salt Lake's drinking water.

The scramble for dog licenses in Alta has people chatting about dearly departed Kall that belonged to Alta's former mayor, Bill Levitt, and his wife, Mimi.

But the Levitts say they are not giving up the license. Under the ordinance, they have six months to find a new Fido to romp with kids at their Alta Lodge. Their shepherd mix, a stray dog they adopted at puppyhood, died of old age Dec. 4.

"She was the official greeter at Alta Lodge, a real sweetheart for 14 1/2 years," Mimi Levitt said. Property owners who live in Alta for at least six months of the year get first dibs on the dog licenses. Any leftovers are distributed at drawings held at high noon by a town marshal, and they go next to part-time business or property owners, then lastly to seasonal employees.

"A person who wants a dog finds it hard to understand," Levitt said. "They'll say, 'Well, how about that guy? He has a dog.'"

It's too early to tell if any of the 42 licenses will become available in 2007, but that's why the mayor has the power of dog pardon. He can throw dog lovers a bone, granting "compassion" licenses temporarily and signing off on things like dogs at weddings.

"It's one of the most critical issues I ever had to face,"

Levitt, who was mayor for 34 years until last January, said of the whole dog equation, "It is not a fun thing. I asked the new mayor, 'Do you hate dogs?' He said, 'No, I just hate the procedure.'"

Deputy town marshal Tom Bolen says he's heard practically every excuse from visitors caught smuggling dogs. They claimed not to have seen the warning signs or thought they referred only to a leash law or believed the ban was only for vicious dogs.

Three months into his job, Bolen said he had issued dozens of warnings to illegal dog walkers and two citations. Violations are typically are settled in justice court for \$65, but repeat offenders can risk 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

The crime blotter, a must-read in the town's monthly newsletter, reveals actual and perceived violations of the 12-page dog ordinance.

Many are cited for "having a dog in the watershed," but one woman complained she was picking up "more than her share" of dog poop in town. Deputies can summon dog walkers anytime to show proof of a plastic bag for cleanup. Non-possession is a violation.

The area's handful of avalanche rescue dogs don't count against the licensed dog limit — "as long as they have their little jackets on," town clerk Kate Black said. The same goes for service dogs for the disabled.

Maureen Hill-Hauck, executive director of the American Dog Owners Association,

called Alta's ordinance "totally ridiculous."

"No other town limits dogs. How can people live without dogs?" she said. "It sounds like a total and complete violation of a person's civil rights. How dare they?"

Alta has its own doubters who can be counted on to raise the deer-and-moose argument: "My gosh, look at all the wild animals up here that leave their trackings," as Black recounts it.

Town officials' rebuttal is that the manufactured or human food dogs eat makes for more potent poop than the forage wild animals browse.

Sometimes, despite the ordinance, a mayor just can't say no.

Sean Walton, manager of Alta's restaurant on the slopes, shares a tiny apartment with his fiancée and her invalid German shepherd atop a lift ticket office at Alta. Their temporary dog license — their second — was good only through the end of the year. Walton and his fiancée, a nurse, asked the mayor for another extension, long enough to get them to the next town drawing May 1, if anything's available.

The alternative, they said, was sending the dog back to the woman's ex-husband, a Colorado doctor who travels overseas doing surgery for Operation Smile. That would mean a future of dog kennels for 14-year-old Marta, who "gets real lonely," Walton said. "It would just kill me to see her live out the rest of her life without companionship."



Marta, a 14-year-old German shepherd, chews on her rawhide bone as Sean Walton writes Christmas cards in their condo at Alta Ski Resort on Dec. 1 in Alta, Utah. Marta has a temporary dog license that expires at the end of the month. It has been renewed.

Then came good fortune via the mayor. "We're both really happy about it," Walton said. "The mayor was as nice as you could expect. We just ran into him at the grocery store and he said, 'You've got your permit.'"

Pollard said he was giving Walton a compassion license

for the remainder of Marta's life.   
On the Net: <http://www.townofalta.com>



An Alta dog license hangs from the neck of Peaks, a 5-year-old mix on Dec. 10. The town council keeps a lid of 42 licenses.

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# Conservation group turns up heat on North Pacific right whales

By Mary Pemberton  
Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Having scored a win in getting more protection for polar bears, a conservation group is turning up the heat on the federal government to keep the North Pacific right whale from going extinct.

North Pacific right whales were thought to be headed toward certain extinction until a surprising number turned up a couple of summers ago in the Bering Sea. Despite that, it's believed there are fewer than 100 of them off the coast of Alaska. Their future is precarious at best.

The whales are the most endangered whale in the world. A few hundred may still be left off the Russian coast. Unlike polar bears, the plight of right whales is not surprising. They have been listed as endangered — meaning they are facing extinction — since 1973.

Pacific right whales were hunted nearly to extinction in the 1840s, when 15,000 were killed in a single decade, said Brendan Cummings, ocean

program director for the Arizona-based Center for Biological Diversity, one of three groups that led the legal fight to get polar bears listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

The Bush administration proposed Wednesday that polar bears be listed as "threatened" because of melting Arctic sea ice related to global warming. A listing of threatened is one step lower than endangered. It means the species is likely to face extinction in the foreseeable future.

On the same day, the conservation group scored another success, getting the Bush administration to propose that the North Pacific right whale get its own endangered listing, apart from right whales in the North Atlantic. The proposal must be finalized in a year.

While scientists view the North Pacific and North Atlantic right whales as genetically distinct, they are listed as the same species. A 1991 recovery plan for right whales makes scant reference to whales in the North Pacific, instead focusing on the North Atlantic where there are believed to be



This undated photo provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows a right whale breaching the ocean's surface. Having scored a win in getting more protection for polar bears, a conservation group is turning up the heat on the federal government to keep the North Pacific right whale from going extinct.

about 350, Cummings said.

The separate listing proposal is important because it will draw attention to the few right whales left in the Pacific, Cummings said Thursday.

"It is a statement that it is not acceptable for right whales in the Pacific to go extinct," he said.

The separate listing also will bring increased scrutiny to any

proposals for oil and gas development in the area where the whales have repeatedly been spotted.

"We have the most endangered whale in the world and a proposal to open up its most important habitat to oil and gas development," Cummings said.

Just this year, the center was successful in getting the

National Marine Fisheries Service to designate almost 36,000 square miles of the Bering Sea as critical habitat for the whales. Some of that designated habitat is within the North Alutian Basin, an area that the Bush administration has proposed to open up for oil and gas leasing, Cummings said.

The push for the separate

listing goes back to August 2005, when the conservation group filed a petition with NMFS requesting the separate listing. In January, the agency agreed that a separate listing may be warranted but then missed an Aug. 19 deadline to decide. Last week, the center filed a lawsuit over the missed deadline.

The new proposed rule for the separate listing was published Wednesday. It must be finalized in a year. The final rule would trigger a requirement that a separate recovery plan be developed specifically for North Pacific right whales.

A few North Pacific right whales have been spotted in the Bering Sea each year from 1996 to 2002, but they were all males. Then, scientists a few years ago spotted a cow and a calf. It was only the second time in about 100 years that a North Pacific right whale calf had been spotted.

In the summer of 2004, scientists looking for humpback whales in the Bering Sea got a big surprise.

They counted 25 right whales — twice as many than had previously been spotted.

# Exxon seeks court help to regain oil leases

By Steve Quinn  
Associated Press writer

JUNEAU, Alaska — Exxon Mobil Corp. wants a federal court to overturn the state's decision to revoke the company's leases in the North Slope's Point Thomson oil and gas field.

In a court filing late last week, the company asked for the reversal or "in the alternative, to remand the matter to the commissioner with instructions to make a new and different decision."

late Wednesday backed the Nov. 27 decision by the former commissioner, Mike Menge.

Menge found last month that Exxon Mobil — which operated the field on behalf of itself and other companies — failed to come up with a viable plan for developing the field's vast reserves. Menge was the commissioner under former Gov. Frank Murkowski.

Recently named acting commissioner by new Gov. Sarah Palin, Rutherford concurred with her predecessor.

"The facts clearly uphold Mike Menge's decision to terminate the Point Thomson Unit agreement," Rutherford said in a statement Wednesday. "I agree that

Exxon Mobil has not met its obligations, and I must deny them the relief they sought in their reconsideration request."

This lawsuit is among four, plus a complaint, filed as recently as Tuesday by oil and gas companies.

All are related to the Point Thomson issue, and are now being reviewed by attorneys for the state's natural resources agency.

Stripping Exxon Mobil of its leases, set off what the Irving, Texas, company says could be "protracted" litigation and detrimental to any agreement for an Alaska natural gas pipeline.

"This is a major setback for

an Alaska gas pipeline project since gas supply from Point Thomson is critical for the project," company spokeswoman Susan Reeves said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

"Exxon Mobil, on behalf of the PTU owners, has complied with the Point Thomson lease agreements, the Point Thomson Unit Agreement and all Alaska statutes and regulations," she said. "Litigation related to the termination of the Point Thomson Unit is likely to be protracted."

In the court filing, the company said the Menge "breached a covenant of good faith and fair dealing."

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# The ultimate Low roller's guide to Las Vegas



South Point Hotel Casino, until very recently called South Coast, is a 20-minute drive from the Las Vegas Strip but has an 80,000-square-foot casino.

The best things in town are free — almost

Los Angeles Times

### Barbary Coast

You can get good prime rib at a great price (\$13.95) at the Frontier Room at the Barbary Coast Hotel & Casino. The meal includes soup or salad, potato and a nice slab of lean beef, available 24 hours a day. Frontier Room, Barbary Coast Hotel & Casino, 3595 Las Vegas Blvd. S.; (888) 227-2279. — Chris Erskine

### Beacher's Rockhouse

This rowdy little joint offers spontaneity, a dash of glitz and zero pretense. When the mood strikes, the eye-catching staffers like to pour vodka shots directly into patrons' mouths, gratis. Get there before 9 p.m. and avoid the \$10 cover. Beacher's Rockhouse, 4 p.m. to 6 a.m., 3535 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (in front of Imperial Palace); (702) 699-7844. — C.E.

## The Los Angeles Times travel crew find the best Sin City deals

Los Angeles Times

**LAS VEGAS** — If hotel rooms in Glitter Gulch seem outrageously expensive, we have only ourselves to blame.

We just can't get enough of Sin City. Last year, a record 38.6 million people visited, and the city is on track to best that mark this year. That's good news for Vegas.

For those who want to come here to play, that's really, really bad news because finding an affordable room is about as likely as hitting a royal flush at video poker.

Which isn't to say it can't be done, because we did it.

The "we" in this case is the staff of the Times' Travel section. On the first Friday in November, we loaded up a van and headed on a mission to find the best hotel deals. Along the way, we also found some no- and low-cost deals on entertainment and food (see story on right).

Our quest for a good night's rest for less than \$200 yielded some impressive results as well as at least one so-so one and one that was so bad we chose not to write about it. As is always the case with Vegas, some caveats apply to our selections.

First, you won't be staying in the Bellagio or the Wynn on that kind of budget (unless you're such a high roller that you're comped).

Second, you won't have a view of the Strip from the 58th floor. The places we stayed don't have a 58th floor.

Third, our choices aren't always the most convenient to the Strip. Those of us who stayed downtown, though, found a \$5 day pass on the Deuce bus a good and economical solution.



Low-key Carriage House isn't far from the action: MGM is close and Aladdin's Desert Passage is across the street.

### Artisan Hotel & Spa

• 1501 W. Sahara Ave.; (800) 554-4092, www.theartisanhotel.com.

The family-owned 64-room Artisan, which calls itself Las Vegas' first "small, luxurious, non-gaming boutique hotel," is bizarre. For starters, there's the wall-to-ceiling art. Even the ceilings display reproductions of the Masters.

Each guest room is named for an artist whose works (reproductions) hang there. Room 522 was the Kazimir Malevich Suite (a Russian abstract

### Lucky you: More Vegas rates from \$39.

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artist). It was all black and brown. Bottom line: This isn't a family destination, unless you're the Adair family.

Price paid: \$199.61, including tax

Parking: \$6.50

Amenities: Restaurant, room service, free WiFi throughout, outdoor pool, free breakfast, air conditioning, all nonsmoking rooms.

Pros: Complimentary wine hour in lobby. The 24-hour lounge is a draw, with live music on Wednesdays and Saturdays and a \$19.95 Sunday jazz champagne brunch.

Cons: Rooms overlooking the oh-so-close freeway where it meets busy West Sahara Avenue are so noisy even the drone of the air conditioner doesn't help. Neighborhood is gritty. Bathroom was poorly lit and water flow inadequate. Hotel is a mile from the Strip, and not a pedestrian-friendly mile. — Beverly Beyette

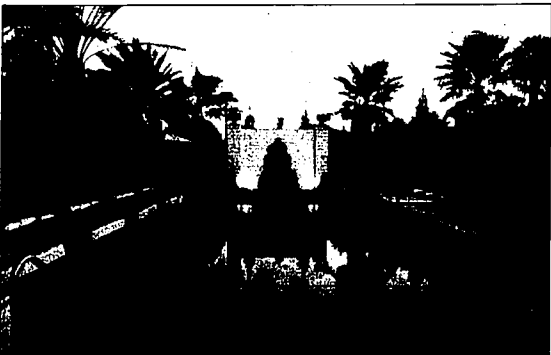
### Binion's Horseshoe Hotel and Casino

• 128 E. Fremont St.; (800) 937-6537 or (702) 382-1600; www.binions.com.

I've never been a downtown kinda gal — until now.

It wasn't really 366-room Binion's, where I stayed in Room 1219, that changed my mind as much as it was the intimate feeling of being downtown.

My room reflected Vegas' past. Remember when people smoked and sometimes burned the furniture with their cigarettes? Check. Remember the matius and turquoise and sea foam greens of an '80s dental office waiting room? Check. Remember when bathrooms were so tiny that the doors had stoppers



The Artisan bills itself as Vegas' first "non-gaming boutique hotel." The offbeat aesthetic of the inn, a mile off the Strip, may not appeal to all, but the room rate may: \$199.61, with tax.



'Sirens of TV' is a hugely popular and free — show outdoors at Treasure Island Hotel and Casino Las Vegas.

### Treasure Island

It's pirates versus babes in this nightly show in the lagoon in front of the Treasure Island casino. One of the better shows in town, "Sirens of TV" usually takes place at 5:30, 8:30 and 10 p.m. during the winter. It's closed now, however, for annual maintenance and will reopen Dec. 20. Line up early — the 15-minute act is popular — or check into Treasure Island: Hotel guests get VIP treatment for the show.

Treasure Island Hotel and Casino, 3500 Las Vegas Blvd. S.; (800) 288-7206, www.treasureisland.com.

— Rosemary McClain

### Bellagio

Most people watch the fabled Bellagio fountains erupt, cascade and shimmer to the strains of classical and popular music from Las Vegas Boulevard; it's better from the front of the casino. Shows are every half-hour from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, every 15 minutes between 7 p.m. and midnight. On weekends, catch them every half-hour between noon and 7 p.m. and every 15 minutes between 7 p.m. and midnight.

Bellagio, 3600 Las Vegas Blvd. S.; (702) 693-7111, www.bellagio.com.

— R.E.

TRAVEL

Low rollers

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about knee high to keep them from smashing into the toilet? OK, I don't actually remember that as a style, but it was part of this room.

Price paid: \$97.69, including tax.  
Parking: Free  
Amenities: Restaurant, rooftop pool, room service.

Pros: In the heart of downtown, a more navigable place than the Strip. No huge casino lobby/maze to walk through.  
Cons: The room decor was dated, and the TV was so old it could have been a museum piece. The shower wasn't any worse than mine at home, but that's not exactly a compliment.

—Catharine Hamm

Carriage House

• 105 E. Harmon Ave.; (800) 221-2301 or (702) 798-1020, www.carriagehouselasvegas.com.

If you want to be close to the action, Carriage House occupies a sweet off-Strip spot. MGM's green glow is within sight, the fake rainstorms of Aladdin's Desert Passage shopping arcade are across the street, and the roar of engines at Harley-Davidson Cafe is a block away.

When the glitter and noise of the casinos ebb, instead invigorate, Carriage House's location is a plus, because the nine-story "all-suite hotel," as it bills itself, is far enough away to allow recuperation in a soothing room whose beige and pastels are easy on the eyes.

Price paid: \$158, including tax. Rates for studio \$89-\$145. Larger rooms to \$119-\$185, excluding tax.

Parking: Free  
Amenities: Fitness center, tennis court, pool, whirlpool, hair dryer, full-size iron and board, stocked kitchens or kitchenette, large closets and in-room safe. Coin-operated washing machines. Concierge 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-wednesdays.

Pros: Secure building that's quiet at night. Guests need a card to enter building and private elevators. Within quick distance of some of the Strip's finest casinos.  
Cons: The hotel is sandwiched between two tower-

ing, high-profile properties. In the studio, the bathroom, with tub and toilet, is tiny.  
—Vani Rangachar

Hooters Casino Hotel

• 115 E. Tropicana Ave.; (866) 584-6687, www.hooterscasinohotel.com.

This is the sort of post-collegiate playpen where the Owen Wilsons of the world come to play, flirt and make frat-boy fools of themselves while their pregnant wives wait back home. If that's your C-cup of tea, this loud, lively and intentionally tacky casino-hotel may be for you.

Rooms are casual — orange lampshades, anyone? — and beds are comfortable enough. You don't have to walk a mile to reach your room.

Price paid: \$165.79, including tax.  
Parking: Free  
Amenities: 24-hour room service, 700 rooms, spa, fitness center, poolside bar.

Pros: Relatively small as casino hotels go. Nearly walking distance to the airport, free easy-in, easy-out parking. With 200 to 250 Hooters Girls, it is said to be the largest such staff in the world. (This might be hype.)

Cons: The congested casino floor is tough to navigate. Good luck finding the elevator to your room after a few drinks. The parking garage is not well-marked. Yes, it's tacky. That's the point.

—Chris Erskine

South Point Hotel Casino

• 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. S.; (866) 796-7111, www.south-

pointcasino.com.

It isn't often you can brag about staying in a bargain-rate hotel room that features a 42-inch plasma screen TV. Mine had not one but two.

South Point (until just recently it was called South Coast), advertises itself as "the gateway" to Las Vegas, but it is actually a 20-minute drive south of the Strip. It's too far from the action, and it's a \$25 cab ride to get there.

But it's a great deal. It has an 80,000-square-foot casino with a 25-story hotel tower; rooms are big and plush; food is cheap; and the amenities are those usually found in pricier hotel rooms.

To top it off, when I checked in on a busy Friday night, all the standard rooms — I had booked mine anonymously two months in advance — were full, and I was upgraded to a suite, with a sitting room and two plasma TVs. The rooms were a sunny yellow and gold, the king bed was triple sheered and a coffee maker offered a free java jolt.

Price paid: \$162.41, including tax.  
Parking: Free  
Amenities: Casino, room service, six restaurants, business center, fitness center and spa, child-care facility.

Pros: Inexpensive and well-maintained. Large casino on site features inexpensive food. (A 16-ounce T-bone or 10-ounce prime rib dinner is \$9.95.)

Cons: Five miles from Strip, but a free shuttle runs from hotel to airport and Strip (it stops at Mandalay Bay) from 6 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. daily.

—Rosemary McClure

Free

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Circus Circus

You'll find free circus shows throughout the day, with clowns, contortionists, flying trapeze artists and other acts.  
One caveat: The show I watched last only five minutes.

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—Jane Engle

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**Charlotte's Web (C)**

Fri - Tues 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

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Fri - Tues 12:45 - 3:00 - 3:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

**Night in the Museum (P)**

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**Deck the Halls (P)**

Fri - Tues 12:30 - 6:00 - 8:45

**Deja Vu (R)** Daily 6:45 - 9:30

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**Happy Feet (P)** Digital Surround  
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**Blood Diamond (R)** Daily 7:45

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Fri - Tues 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15

**Stranger Than Fiction (P)**

Flushed Away (P)  
Fri - Tues 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00

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Fri - Tues 12:15 - 3:30 - 7:45

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**Cons:** Small signs of wear in some rooms. Dial-up Internet in rooms. Small vanities, bathrooms in double rooms.

— Vani Rangachar

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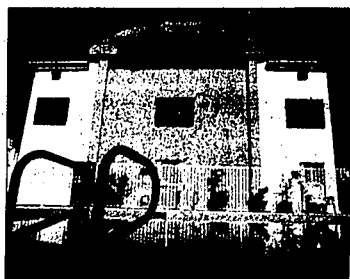
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**Amenities:** Lively casino scene, multiple restaurants, use of pool at California Hotel (reached by pedestrian bridge), air conditioning, WiFi in lobby.

**Pros:** Air-conditioned rooms are a good value; upscale motel in style with dated bathrooms. Property, a trove of Victoriana, is fun to explore. Some nonsmoking floors. Public bus and Las Vegas Strip Trolley stop nearby.  
**Cons:** No high-end shopping arcade. No entertainment, health club or spa, wedding chapel or room service. Rooms do not have Internet. Neighborhood is not the best.

— Beverly Boyette

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— Chris Erskine

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# 2010 LOOK-ALIKE STORIES 06

BY TIMES-NEWS SPORTS WRITERS BRAD GUIRE AND ERIC LARSEN

## CSI athletic department's change of guard

**1** For the College of Southern Idaho's athletics department, 2006 will be remembered as a year unlike any other.

In actually, the year was marked by seven months of familiar Golden Eagles success followed by autumn's tumultuous fallout surrounding the resignation of longtime athletic director Jeff Duggan and the firing of arguably the most recognizable face in the NJCAA volleyball coaching ranks, eight-time national champion Ben Stroud.

Duggan announced his resignation Wednesday, Aug. 16, in a meeting with CSI coaches and was placed on administrative leave shortly thereafter. On Sept. 1, Duggan's leave expired and he left the college shortly after information was released that pointed to a lack of fiscal control within the CSI athletic department. An audit showed the program had spent \$890,000 in one year, well above its \$715,000 budget. The program expended its entire \$165,000 reserve fund and spent \$2,000 of the school's contingency fund. CSI officials did not cite the financial woes as the reason for Duggan being placed on leave, but said the audit raised many questions.

"I knew I was unprepared when I saw (the audit)," CSI president Jerry Beck said in August. "I was completely taken back by what I had."

The CSI community was equally shocked only two days after Duggan's resignation, as Beck announced the firing of Stroud one day before the Golden Eagles were set to start the defense of their 2005 NJCAA Division I national championship. What followed was the whirlwind hiring of new coach Heli Carriser, an NJCAA sanction that banned CSI from post-



Fired College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach Ben Stroud, left, stands with his attorney William Mauk as he addresses allegations he violated rules of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

season play for the 2006 season, and the decision of NJCAA Preseason All-Americans Aneli Cubi-Olivera, Kaylene "Pudgie" Finat and the Christine Manuel to sit out the year.

"This was a very difficult decision," Beck said of Stroud's firing. "Ben has been a huge success at the College of Southern Idaho and it hurts me deeply. But it's something I had to do."

The reasons for CSI's change of guard became clearer with the "release of the NJCAA sanction which alleged seven rules violations committed by Stroud and the Golden Eagles volleyball program surrounding the recruitment of setter Tasha Talia of Salt Lake City. The sanction was the second levied upon the program in three years, as the NJCAA

forced CSI to forfeit 34 matches and barred the program from postseason play in 2004.

What followed was a 25-18 season by an eight- and eventually seven-player CSI squad under Carriser as the program and all involved looked to move on. Duggan has since found work as a realtor at Red Door Realty in Twin Falls and referees high school

### Top regional stories

- Boise State football goes 12-0 in the regular season, wins another WAC title and earns a Fiesta Bowl berth against Oklahoma
- College football coaching carousel: Boise State's Hawkins to Colorado, Petersen takes over; Erickson comes and goes from Idaho, Akrey moves from Washington State; Idaho State hires Zambardi
- CSI standout Reggie Larry signs with Boise State basketball

### Other Magic Valley headlines

- Area boys soccer: Bliss boys win 3A state runner-up; Community School boys win 3A consolation championship
- CSI pitchers Nick Carr and Todd Privett sign with New York Mets organization
- Kimberly softball takes 3A state third place after weather forces early tournament end
- Minico wrestling wins 4A state title: Four individual champs, four runners-up, one fourth place, coach of the year Brad Cooper
- CSI men's basketball takes ninth at NJCAA national tournament
- CSI baseball has 40-win season, takes second in Region 18

### Twin Falls boys basketball wins first state title since 1974

**2** Perhaps it was one of those meant-to-be scenarios. All the pieces were in place and Matt Harr had crafted his team to its peak. All that was left was playing the games.

In early March, the Twin Falls boys basketball team topped off the 2005-06 season by capturing the Class 5A state championship with a 70-48 win over Capital High School of Boise at the Idaho Center in Nampa. It was the first Bruins state basketball title since 1974 when head coach Don Haynes led his squad to the A-1 title.

Barring a second-half collapse, the Bruins had the game by halftime at 41-14, well on their way to their destiny. There was no better way for seniors Brandon Stokes, Brock Harding, Adam Howard, Brady Jardine, Tanner Simmons, Blake Nielsen, Zach Rupp-Smith



Members of the Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball team celebrate after winning the Class 5A state title. Brett Williams and Brad Rupp-Smith to end their high school basketball careers.

### Krumm turns around Jerome football program

**3** With barely two games won in two seasons and an opening at Wendell, former Jerome head coach Jerry Diehl went home to the Trojans.

The Tigers were looking for a proven winner, a coach with a record for turning struggling programs around. They found just that coach in Gary Krumm.

Krumm had been on down times himself. After leaving Twin Falls after a summer scandal in 2004, he was a captain without a ship to steer. Both Jerome and Krumm needed someone to take a chance on them, and the combination came out a winner in 2006.

"The Tigers defeated the Twin Falls Bruins for the first time in many years, and it was a bitter-sweet moment for Krumm. Twin Falls was his alma mater, but there wasn't time to dwell



Gary Krumm, seen coaching against Twin Falls in the season opener, resurrected his coaching career and the Jerome Tigers in 2006. as he took Jerome to a 5-5 season and the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

### State football: Carey takes 1A D-II title; Buhl second in 3A

**4** Fathers and sons. The little team that could. These phrases describe the state football title runs of the Class 1A Division II Carey Panthers and the Class 3A Buhl Indians. Carey head coach Lane Kirkland established himself as a state championship coach with his first title and the Panthers' third. Two were won by his father, Heber Kirkland, in the 1950s.

In Buhl, a small program showed that it could play with and whip the largest 3A powerhouses as the Indians advanced to the title game with authority.



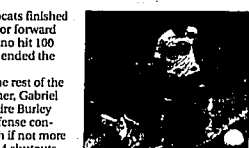
Buhl junior halfback Ryan Struck speeds past Wood River defenders during the Indians' 48-6 win in Buhl.

### Burley forward Eduardo Angulano breaks 100 career goals

**5** The Burley Bobcats boys soccer team seemed destined to win a state championship, much like the Twin Falls boys basketball squad. However, it wasn't meant to be as Burley stumbled during the second round, and the Bobcats finished third.

State title or not, Burley set many school records as personal goals through its 20-win season. The Bobcats finished 20-1-0, and senior forward Eduardo Angulano hit 100 career goals. He ended the season at 120.

Don't forget the rest of the team. Dax Greener, Gabriel Rios and the entire Burley midfield and defense contributed as much if not more in the Bobcats' 14 shutouts. Head coach Wes Nyblade couldn't be more proud.



Burley forward Eduardo Angulano

### Area communities rally around Heimkes family

**6** Amazing acts often rise out of the ashes of tragedy. Careless drivers across the Magic Valley put that phenomenon on display, rallying around the family of Filer High School graduate Lindsay Heimkes, who was paralyzed in a July single-car accident in Wyoming.

Heimkes was a star three-

sport athlete at Filer who went on to play at Sheridan College (Wyo.), but when the accident cut her playing career short, area families and organizations came together, raising thousands of dollars and donating needed services for Heimkes and her family in their time of need.

From benefit dinners to a benefit night and quilt raffle, Magic Valley residents converged to take care of one of their own with countless acts of caring.

"It makes you think you're living in a pretty good area," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said of the community's support. "Because I don't know if this happens everywhere."

### CSI continues development of softball program

**7** In late 2005, adding softball in a region where the sport is booming while satisfying Title IX requirements was a no-brainer for the CSI athletics department.

The next no-brainer was hiring former Twin Falls High School softball coach Nick Baumer as the program's first head coach.

The year 2006 marked a year of preparation, as Baumer and CSI officials recruited the team, held fundraising camps, slogged through the details of finding a place to play, and competed in a busy fall season.

Sept. 16 marked the first time a CSI softball squad ever

took the field in a scrimmage, and now Baumer, his 17 players and an anxious throng of CSI supporters are keeping an eye toward the Golden Eagles' first NJCAA-sanctioned game on Feb. 1 in Yuma, Ariz.

Twin Falls High graduate Belinda Burley and the Eagles are ready to hit the field.

### Twin Falls football shut out of season

**8** The signs were there in the latter part of the 2005 season: Twin Falls football had lost something from its 2004 Class 5A state championship team.

The Bruins fell to rival Jerome in double-overtime to open the 2006 season, and things spiraled from there as Twin Falls finished the season 0-9.

A myriad of things con-

tributed to a poor season. Senior running back Marcus Schaal missed the first half of the season with a broken ankle while another potential ground threat, Luke Chandler, was also injured and out for the season. First-year starting quarterback Bryant Ward was forced to provide the bulk of the Bruins offense to make up for the lack of a stable running game.

### Canyon Ridge High Riverhawks announced

**9** As a sign that Twin Falls is growing, voters approved a second high school to open in 2009. The big question was 'what should we call it?'

The district opened the naming process to the community as the *Times-News* helped collect suggestions. Some ranged from High Desert High to Perrine High, and some even suggested call

it Twin Falls High.

After a committee of community leaders sifted through entries, Canyon Ridge High School Riverhawks was chosen.

There was mixed reaction, and the school colors are yet to be decided as the first batch of students will get the final say. For better or for worse, the Riverhawks are on their way.

### Twin Falls baseball wins state runner-up

**10** Who knew? That was the feeling after the Twin Falls High baseball club took the Class 5A state runner-up trophy after its 6-1 loss to Lewiston in May.

That question wasn't to sum up the disappointment in losing the championship, rather to sum up the entire 19-11 season. By most accounts, Twin Falls shouldn't have

made that game. Slugger Nate Robertson was out with a shoulder injury, and star pitcher Nick Carr had moved on to the College of Southern Idaho bullpen. But they did it, and have a strong foundation for the coming spring.

Reigning Region Four-Five-Six Coach of the Year Mike Federico and his Bruins expect a healthy Robertson to help them back to the title game.

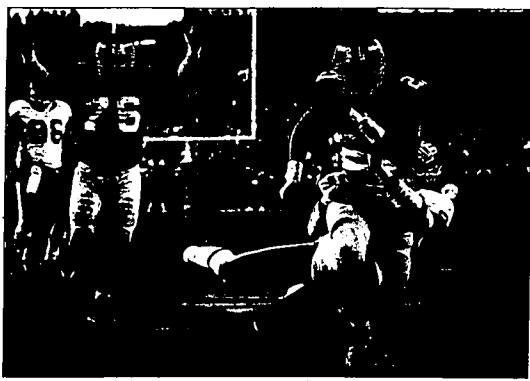
SPORTS

# Giants win way into playoff scene

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Tiki Barber didn't want his career to end here, not on a Saturday night against a losing team in front of thousands of empty seats. He put the New York Giants on his shoulders and led them to victory — and probably the playoffs.

And he did it with the best game of his 10-year NFL career. In his last regular-season game, Barber carried 23 times for 234 yards — a career high and franchise record — and three touchdowns Saturday night in a 34-20 victory over the Washington Redskins. The victory ended New York's seven-week free fall in time for the Giants to make the post-season as a 500 team.

The Giants (8-8), who had lost six of seven and had home fans chanting for coach Tom Coughlin's firing last week, are in the playoffs for the first consecutive year — their first back-to-back appearances since 1989-90 — unless a highly improbable series of results Sunday allows Green Bay to take the NFC's final spot. Barber broke a tackle in a 55-yard run — his longest rush of the season — and also kept his feet as he stumbled for a 15-



New York Giants running back Tiki Barber, front right, drags Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor into the end zone for a touchdown as Giants lineman Chris See, left, celebrates during the first half of Saturday's game in Landover, Md.

yard score, with both touchdowns coming in the second quarter. His crowning feat was a 50-yard run with 13 remaining in the game. He cut left, then right, broke Troy Vincent's tackle and outran the defense to restore a 13-point lead that

slowed Washington's second-half rally. Barber passed the 1,500-yard mark for the third consecutive season — he has 1,662 — and also caught three passes for 24 yards. Barber's previous best rushing game was 220 yards in

December 2005 against Kansas City, which also was the franchise record. Eli Manning went 12-for-26 for 101 yards and a touchdown, and no Giants receiver other than Barber caught more than two passes.

# Jazz bust Blazers

SALT LAKE CITY — Mehmet Okur scored 20 points, Carlos Boozer added 19 points and 10 rebounds, and the Utah Jazz beat the Portland Trail Blazers 96-86 on Saturday night.

Okur shot 9-of-13 and scored four points in a late 8-2 run that sealed the game for the Jazz. His runner in the lane gave Utah a 94-82 lead with 1:02 left in the game.

Zach Randolph scored 34 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, but got little help from his teammates. It was Randolph's eighth game with at least 30 points and 10 rebounds.

Brandon Roy had 17 points for the Blazers, who have lost five straight and 10 of their last 11 in Utah. Portland nearly rallied from 24 points down but ran out of energy in the fourth quarter.

## Bucks 119, Wizards 102

MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd scored 28 points and Ruben Patterson added 21 as Milwaukee snapped Washington's five-game winning streak.

The loss dropped Washington into a first-place tie with Orlando in the Southeast Division.

Gilbert Arenas, averaging 30.7 points, was held to 19 on 7-of-21 shooting. Caron Butler led the Wizards with 29 points.

## Mavericks 94, Hornets 80

DALLAS — Jason Terry scored 25 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 17, and Dallas extended its winning streak to nine games by beating injury-depleted New Orleans.

Marc Jackson scored 22 points. Desmond Mason added 17, and Devin Brown had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets, who were without four of their top five offensive players.

## Bulls 103, Cavaliers 96

CHICAGO — Luol Deng scored a career-high 32 points, and Chicago went on a 21-point run in the second half of a victory over Cleveland.

Ben Gordon hit his first three shots and was 8-of-18 on his way to 21 points. RJ. Brown added 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Malik Allen scored 10 points after sitting out the first half.

## Grizzlies 110, Raptors 104

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pau Gasol had 22 points and 11 rebounds, Mike Miller added 27 points, and the Grizzlies beat the short-handed Raptors 110-104 in the debut of interim coach Tony Barone.

Memphis led by as many as 24 points, but had to withstand a late charge by Toronto to snup a five-game losing streak.

Morris Peterson scored 11 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter, helping the Raptors pull within 106-104 when Jorge Garbajosa hit a 15-footer with 1:14 left. But Memphis hit four free throws in the final 13.5 seconds.

## Bobcats 113, Pacers 102

INDIANAPOLIS — Adam Morrison scored a career-high 30 points and the Bobcats held off a second-half rally to beat the Pacers 113-102.

Emeka Okafor finished with 19 points and 14 rebounds, and Matt Garza scored 18 points for the Bobcats (9-21), who won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Charlotte beat the Lakers 133-124 in triple overtime on Friday. Jermaine O'Neal had 27 points and 12 rebounds for Indiana.

## Magic 97, Heat 68

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead Orlando over Miami, which lost its second straight without NBA finals MVP Dwyane Wade.

Also missing Shaquille O'Neal, who has appeared in only four games this season, the Heat conceded the point to Orlando. The Magic outscored Miami inside 50-14, and commanded the game for all but the opening minutes.

## Nets 100, Timberwolves 92

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Richard Jefferson scored 23 points and Mikki Moore had a career-high 20 to lead New Jersey over Minnesota.

Ricky Davis and Randy Foye led the Timberwolves with 18. Kevin Garnet had 17 points and 11 rebounds while Mark Blount scored 15.

— The Associated Press

# BSU men win in-state rivalry over ISU

BOISE — Coby Karl scored 14 points and had six rebounds as Boise State defeated Idaho State 54-45 on Saturday in a non-conference game.

Karl, playing in front of his dad, Denver Nuggets coach George Karl, hit a 3-pointer in the final minutes to give the Broncos the lead and later a pair of free throws to help hold off Idaho State down the stretch. Eric Lane added 13 points for the Broncos (5-5), who remain undefeated at home.

Abdul-Ahah Akbar scored 14 points for the Bengals (5-8), and David Schroeder added 11. It was Boise State's first game in 11 days, and Idaho State's first in nine days, and both teams struggled to make shots early. Boise State found the range first, closing out the final 9:09 of the first half with an 18-2 run that gave the Broncos a 31-18 lead at the break.

Boise State shot 33 percent for the game, but Idaho State was even worse at 25 percent. The Broncos made eight of 31 3-point tries, while the Bengals made seven of 21 attempts.



Idaho State's Matt Stucki (31) shoots while Boise State's Matt Nelson (22) defends during the first half of Saturday's game in Boise.

Boise State shot 33 percent for the game, but Idaho State was even worse at 25 percent. The Broncos made eight of 31 3-point tries, while the Bengals made seven of 21 attempts.

## No. 3 Florida 75, UAB 70

SUNRISE, Fla. — Joakim Noah had 13 points, 13 rebounds, and four blocked shots and No. 3 Florida rallied for a 75-70 victory over Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday night in the Orange Bowl Classic. Wen Mukubi scored 20 points for the Blazers (8-6), who led by 11 points in both halves but missed their final six shots from the field.

## No. 10 Pittsburgh 77, Florida A&M 51

PITTSBURGH — Mike Cook had 16 points and Antonio Graves added 14 to lead Pittsburgh.

## No. 20 Oregon 76, Oregon St. 73

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Bryce Taylor had 22 points and nine rebounds, and Oregon remained unbeaten with the victory in the teams' Pac-10 opener. Maury Leument added 14 points and seven rebounds for the Ducks (13-0), who are off to their best start in 69 years and won in Corvallis for the first time in four seasons.

Sasha Gale, who was saddled with four fouls less than a minute into the second half, and Marcel Jones each had 16 points for the Beavers (8-6).

## No. 7 Arizona 89, Stanford 75

TUCSON, Ariz. — Marcus Williams scored 23 points and Ivan Hadenovic added 22 for Arizona in its 11th straight victory. The Wildcats (11-1, 2-0 Pac-10) blew a 13-point first-half lead and fell behind by five midway through the second half. But the Wildcats closed the game on a 19-6 run.

## No. 24 Nevada 82, Gonzaga 74

SEATTLE — Nick Fazekas had 24 points, and Ramon Sessions scored all 20 of his in the second half for Nevada as Gonzaga lost three straight games for the first time since December 2000.

Sessions hit an improbable, leaning 3-pointer at the shot clock buzzer with 1:20 remaining that put Nevada up 4-0-67. The Wolf Pack trailed by as many as 14 points in the game played at KeyArena.

Marcellus Kemp added 21 points for the Wolf Pack (12-1), who are off to their best start in 55 years.

Jeremy Fargo scored 18 points for Gonzaga (9-5).

It was the first time the schools met since Nevada upset second-seeded Gonzaga on the same court in the second round of the 2004 NCAA tournament.

— The Associated Press

## No. 6 Ohio St. 91, Coppin St. 54

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Greg Oden had his best collegiate game with 18 points and 16 rebounds and fellow freshman Daequan Cook led Ohio State with a career-high 23 points.

Othello Hunter added 16 points for the Buckeyes (11-2).

## No. 9 Kansas 80, Rhode-Island 69

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Julian Wright, held out of the starting lineup for the first time this season, scored a career-high 23 points.

Wright, a 6-foot-8 sophomore who had only five points on Thursday night against

# Burley boys stomp Middleton, 90-50

By Chuck Nene  
South Idaho Press

BURLEY — After a tough loss in Pocatello last Friday, the Burley Bobcats boys' basketball team bounced back hard with a 90-50 stomping over the Middleton Vikings at Burley High School on Saturday.

"We had a tough loss at Pocatello, and I was a little nervous as to how the kids were going to respond," Bobcats coach Jack Bagley said. "But they stepped up like champions tonight. They did a fantastic job."

The Bobcats (8-1) were able to use a balanced attack from the perimeter and the post to overwhelm the Vikings. Burley also benefited from good rebounding, especially getting 15 offensive boards to help give themselves more opportunities to score.

"We've got some really good post players in Kyle (Hepworth) and Jordan (Hossteen) and Braeden


(Clayton), and they did a good job tonight. Jordan especially was really, really active tonight," Bagley said. Hossteen finished the game with 10 total rebounds and eight points. Hepworth provided 16 points as Burley's main inside scorer, while Clayton chipped in six points and four rebounds in reserve. Ace guard Calton Moon led the way for Burley from the backcourt with 20 points, six assists and five steals.

Ben Scarie, who has struggled to find his rhythm since returning from an ankle injury, was back in step with 16 points for Burley.

Burley returns to action Wednesday at Preston

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Tiger Woods celebrated his 31st birthday Sunday by sharing some of his biggest news of the year — his wife is expecting their first child this summer.



mined that he is not eligible to participate in the 'best game,' UT athletes director Mike Hamilton said Saturday.

Rainbow Gold. Those interested in skiing or making a donation my contact Shaun Pohlman at 404-6508 or Hunt at 404-2192. Skiers pledge forms are available at Claude's Sports, Elevation Sports and Sportman's Warehouse in Twin Falls and Idaho Water Sports in Burley. Visit our information at www.freezeonskis.com for more information.

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Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky ponders a reporter's question during media day Saturday at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. Boise State will face Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1.

# Fiesta a study in contrasts

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Big-time bowl games are a birthing to the Oklahoma Sooners. If "Boomer Sooner" isn't echoing through a stadium in early January, it's been a bad year in Norman. Boise State, however, still is trying to gain notice for something other than its "Smurf Turf," the Broncos' blue football field.

Monday night's Fiesta Bowl, which not long ago gave us BCS-busting Utah, pits a powerhouse program against a pretender in a game that could show if the haves are worthy of a share of the big stage.

"We've got a bunch of really confident guys walking around with huge clips on their shoulders," Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky said, "ready to prove a point that we deserve to be here."

The ninth-ranked Broncos (12-0) are one of two unbeaten teams in major college football — No. 5 Ohio State is the other — but they had to win an uphill fight to make it to a Bowl Championship Series game. The addition of a separate national championship game created two new BCS berths, and the Broncos earned one automatically by finishing No. 6 in the BCS rankings.

Zabransky called it "the biggest game in the school's history" but said with 23 seniors and a 32-5 record the past three seasons, the team is not overwhelmed. "You can't be a bad football team and be undefeated two out of three years," he said.

The seventh-ranked Sooners (11-2) are saying all the right things about having healthy respect for Boise State.

"They are a good, disciplined football team," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "A team that wins all of their games is very sure of themselves and very confident in how they play." Oklahoma overcame serious obstacles, too, to advance to a BCS bowl for the fourth time in five years.

**Boise State**  
Tostitos  
FIESTA BOWL  
vs.  
Oklahoma

When: 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 1  
TV: Fox; Radio: 670 AM KBOI

First, quarterback QBinn Bonar and offensive guard J.D. Quinn were dismissed from the team before the season began for receiving improper benefits. Three games into the season, the Sooners lost at Oregon 34-33 after officials wrongly awarded a late outside kick to the Ducks.

And on Oct. 14 against Iowa State, star tailback Adrian Peterson broke his collarbone diving into the end zone at the end of a 53-yard run.

The Sooners regrouped, going 7-0 without Peterson, including a 21-7 victory over Nebraska in the Big 12 championship game, as the running game kept churning with Allen Patrick and Chris Brown.

"It has been a crazy year and I get reminded of that a lot, but as a team we know we could get here," Oklahoma quarterback Paul Thompson said. "I know some folks had some doubt. But in the end, we are here, and we are going to take this opportunity to make it 12 wins."

Peterson is here, too, back for what might be his final college game. Although he hasn't said so, there is speculation Peterson will forego his senior season to go to the NFL.

He needs 151 yards to break Billy Sims' school career rushing record. "I'm very excited," he said. "My legs are fresh. I'm ready to run." Peterson's return has overshadowed

the presence of Boise State running back Ian Johnson, a sophomore who led the nation in rushing touchdowns with 24 and was second in rushing at 147 yards per game.

Against San Jose State, he had 139 yards and two touchdowns on 29 carries, despite sustaining a partially collapsed lung in the second quarter. He missed the next game but came back for 147 yards and three touchdowns against Nevada in the Broncos' regular-season finale. His 1,013 yards — 6.4 per carry — set a school record.

"His numbers speak for themselves," Oklahoma co-defensive coordinator Bobby Jack Wright said. "A really good running back, does a heck of a job reading. He's just one of those naturals. He's got a feel for it."

Boise State's Chris Peterson was offensive coordinator for five years before moving up to head coach this season when Don Hawkins left for Colorado. With Peterson's offense second nature to the senior-laden squad, the Broncos feature a dizzying array of shifts and motions before the snap.

"It's a lot of jumpin' and tradin' and shiftn'," Sooners' linebacker Zach Latimer said. "It's real good to try to get you so you can't lock in to a certain formation or something. It gets you kind of foggy for a minute."

All the shuffling in the world might not be enough against the ever-improving Oklahoma defense.

"Look at how big they are? They're huge," Johnson said. "If you asked someone what size you want each position to be, that's them. They are the perfect prototype for football players."

Maybe, but the Sooners say they are not taking this one for granted. "Anytime we think we can just roll out but out there and win," Latimer said, "then that's when you get beat."

# B.C. wins Meineke on field goal

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Walk-on Steve Aponavicius kicked a 37-yard field goal on the final play and the Boston College Eagles beat the Navy Midshipmen to extend the nation's longest bowl-winning streak to seven with a 26-24 win Saturday in the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

Navy ran for 322 yards and seemingly had the game won. BC (10-3) was out of timeouts and Navy only had to run out the final two minutes, but Reggie Coleman's fumble on a pitch from quarterback Kaino Kaheaku-Enhada and BC's Jolann Dunbar recovered at the Navy 40 with 1:43 left.

Matt Ryan completed a 15-yard pass to tight end Ryan Purvis and Aponavicius, who had replaced the suspended Bryan Ohlinger in midseason, calmly kicked the game-winner.

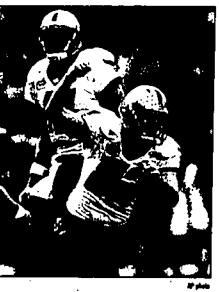
Ryan completed 20-of-29 passes for 242 yards with a touchdown pass and a TD run, and overcame two interceptions and three sacks.

Shun White rushed for 116 yards and Kaheaku-Enhada rushed three touchdown passes for Navy (9-4), which had a four-game winning streak snapped.

## Alamo Bowl

### No. 18 Texas 26, Iowa 24

SAN ANTONIO — Colt McCoy threw two touchdown passes to tie a single-season record for freshmen and Texas rallied to beat Iowa 26-24 in the Alamo Bowl. McCoy had been cleared to play just a week earlier after suffering a severely pinched nerve in his neck in each of Texas' last two games — both losses. He also ran 8 yards on fourth down to set up a 2-yard scoring run by Selvin Young early in the fourth quarter that proved to be the game winner.



Boston College's Steve Aponavicius (83) and Chris Crane, back, celebrate after Aponavicius' game-winning field goal on the last play of Boston College's 26-24 win over Navy in the Meineke Car Care Bowl in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday.

McCoy, a redshirt freshman, finished 26-of-40 for 308 yards. His 29 touchdown passes this season tied the NCAA freshman record set by Nevada's David Neill in 1998.

Texas (10-3), the 2005 national champion, won at least 10 games for the sixth straight season and avoided its first three-game losing streak since 1999.

Drew Tate passed for 274 yards and two touchdowns, both to Andy Roddick, of the Hawkeyes (6-7), who lost six of their last seven games.

The Longhorns were heavy favorites in front of an Alamo Bowl record crowd of 65,875 that was mostly a sea of burnt-

orange. Texas fans had an easy 70-mile drive from Austin.

But Iowa stunned them by taking a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and retaking it at 21-20 with 1:08 left in the third when Brodell scored his second touchdown on a 23-yard reception.

Brodell had six catches for 159 yards.

## Chick-fil-A Bowl

### Georgia 31, No. 14 Virginia Tech 24

ATLANTA — Tony Taylor set up two fourth-quarter touchdowns with interceptions and Georgia rallied from an 18-point deficit to upset No. 14 Virginia Tech 31-24 in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Georgia finished an up-and-down season with three straight victories over ranked teams, a first for the program. The Bulldogs (9-4) salvaged an otherwise disappointing regular season with wins over No. 5 Auburn and No. 16 Georgia Tech.

Taylor's interceptions gave the senior linebacker seven for the season and helped Georgia rally after Virginia Tech (10-3) led 21-3 at halftime.

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Brandon Couy's third field goal of the game, from 28 yards, gave Georgia a 24-21 lead. Taylor returned his second interception, on a pass deflected by cornerback Paul Oliver, to give the Hokies' 1. Fullback Brennan Southland scored on a fourth-down run from the 1 for a 31-21 lead.

— The Associated Press

# Boise all a buzz over Fiesta Bowl

BOISE (AP) — In Boise, any sort of national exposure is a big deal, which is why the city typically embraces the MPC Computers Bowl as a major event.

But this year, some Boiseans see Sunday's MPC matchup between Miami and Nevada as small potatoes.

"No offense to those teams," said Boyd Carter, a former Boise-area resident who returned to visit family for the holidays, "but our Boise State Broncos are the only thing anyone's talking about 'round here."

Here in Idaho's capital city, there's some buzz about the MPC game. But the much bigger story, at least to the locals, centers on undefeated Boise State — which makes its Bowl Championship Series debut in the Fiesta Bowl on Monday against Oklahoma.

"It's the biggest game in our history," Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky said.

He meant for the team, yet the same may apply to its city, too.

Dozens of storefronts have "Go Broncos" signs. Some businesses closed so employees could travel to Arizona for the game and not worry about missing work, and airport workers said most people who boarded outbound flights Saturday morning were headed south for the game.

"We're going on Sunday," said Mark Carringer, the owner of Moon's Kitchen, a popular eatery in downtown Boise. "I'm usually open New Year's Eve, but I'm closing this year and going to Phoenix."

Restaurants that typically bustle with people looking to start their day with plates of eggs and pancakes were practically empty Saturday morning. Parking lots in shopping centers were barren. Even the coffee shops had virtually no

lines of caffeine seekers.

Indeed, this high-desert town seemed deserted.

"Normally, I wouldn't have time to talk to you," Carringer said. "But right now I have one table in here."

Boise State (12-0) is only the second team from a non-BCS conference to play in a BCS bowl. The school was given an allotment of 17,500 tickets for the Fiesta Bowl, sold those with ease, then sold 5,000 more on top of that — and gave away the only thing many more Broncos fans snapped up: tickets elsewhere.

Meanwhile, MPC bowl officials are hopeful that Boise State's 30,000-seat stadium will be somewhere around three-quarters full for kickoff on Sunday night. They've sold about 26,000 tickets, although neither Miami nor Nevada exactly brought tons of fans with them for the matchup.

"Boise is big enough to entertain and small enough to be able to extend hospitality," said Gary Beck, the executive director of the MPC Computers Bowl. "There is a lot of Fiesta fever, but to the people that are here, this is the biggest game going on in town right now."

And it's not like the MPC game is being ignored. Beck said he expects the matchup to shatter the bowl's television ratings mark, set last year when the Broncos hosted Boston College.

"There's a lot of excitement about Miami playing in Boise," Beck said. "Just having the caliber of a program like Miami adds to the excitement about the game."

Yet to most Boise State fans, there's simply no comparison about which game is bigger to them.

"This is absolutely fabulous for Boise," Carringer said. "You can't pay for this exposure."

# Miami's Coker taking last game in stride

BOISE (AP) — Larry Coker's legacy at Miami will be defined by firsts.

The first coach in 53 years to win a national title in his first season at the helm.

The first coach in more than a century to win his first 24 games, too.

Now, another possible first: He's believed to be the only coach to win a national championship at a school, then be fired by that institution for not winning enough.

"It's great to be a record-setter," Coker said.

He laughed as he made the joke at his own expense, but it's also easy to see that Coker is distraught over his plight — and the realization that, even in Miami's win-now college football, winning 80 percent of your games isn't enough to keep a job.

"That'd be rare, I would think," Coker said.

When the whistle blows Sunday night at the end of the MPC Computers Bowl, the curtain will fall on Coker's sixth and final season with the Hurricanes. If his team beats Thanksgiving after Mason's season, win No. 60 in his tenure at Miami.

That would be nine more than the Hurricanes won in the six years before he took over, three fewer than they won in the six-season cycle from 1989-94.

Either way, it wasn't enough to save Coker. And even now, on the eve of the final game in perhaps the most important season in Miami history, Hurricanes players are blaming themselves for his fate.

"I take it personal because I feel like a coach can only tell you what to do," linebacker Jon Beason said. "You have to go out and perform. For him to have to deal with the burden, it's unfortunate because I believe in him as, especially, being a captain. We take responsibility for the way the season turned out."

But this season turned out this way for many more reasons than the on-field play.

Coker suspended Ryan Moore, the team's most experienced wide receiver, for most of the season after Moore was

Involved in an altercation with two women and eventually charged with a felony.

The top returning running back, Ronnie Brown, was suspended for the season- opener against Florida State over an academic issue; Miami rushed for 2 yards that night and lost by a field goal.

Then came the fight against Florida International, leading to the suspension of 13 Hurricanes.

Then came the biggest shock of them all, when defensive lineman Bryan Patwa was shot and killed.

"This team, through all the tough times that they had, they never folded," Coker said. "They fought hard."

Apparently not hard enough, though.

Sure, the Hurricanes rallied from a 14-3 deficit to beat Boston College on Thanksgiving after Mason's season. But Coker — who, throughout the year, said many times that he expected to be at Miami for a long time after this season — was not there to see that game, and many around the program believe his fate was sealed weeks earlier.

"It'll be a disappointment for me certainly to end my career at the university of Miami," Coker said. "But somehow I feel if we can end it on a positive note and win the football game, I'll be pleased about that."

But either way, whether the book closes on his Miami career at 60-15 or 59-16, Coker said he'll walk away secure in the knowledge that he did his job.

"I'm going to feel good about myself, regardless," Coker said.

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BOWLING

SHAKE RIVER BOUL BURLY CLASSIC TRIO (4 GAME SERIES): Brad Holm 48, Harry Holstad 57.6, Chris Warr 81. Justin Stuber 81.3 GAMES: Chris Warr 26, Marty Holstad 25.8, Brad Holm 25.5, Justin Stuber 23.4.

ODDBALL SERIES: Stephanie Lang 51.3, Tom Albert 44.5, Gerda Meckam 45.7, Dee Wilcox 42.5. GAMES: Stephanie Lang 21.2, Tom Albert 18.7, Dee Wilcox 18.3, Jen Stuber 16.7.

LADIES CLASSIC TRIO SERIES: Stacy Heb 62.3, Chris Rowley 59.3, Heide Warr 52.5, Cathy Ingalls 49.7. GAMES: Stacy Heb 22.0, Heide Warr 21.2, Chris Rowley 20.3, Cathy Ingalls 16.7.

MOODY MARAUDERS SERIES: Deryn Smith 21.2, Brenda Schenk 18.6, Eungie Mengan 16.4, Kristie Johnson 14.2, Eunice Mengan 4.3. GAMES: Deryn Smith 21.2, Brenda Schenk 18.6, Eungie Mengan 16.4, Kristie Johnson 14.2, Eunice Mengan 4.3.

TUESDAY MIXED GAMES: Gene Smith 67.9, Bob Bywater 64.5, Dale Ulrich 60.3, Kristie Johnson 44.7, Jacy Bywater 44.5, Theresa Knowlton 43.9. GAMES: Bob Bywater 24.9, Gene Smith 24.3, Dale Ulrich 23.8, Chris Rowley 16.6, Theresa Knowlton 16.3, Jacy Bywater 16.0.

RAILROADERS SERIES: Kris Rodriguez 43, Suzi Yvelton 49.1, Mia Maier 48.5, Lisa Hutchison 49.1. GAMES: Mia Maier 18.6, Suzi Yvelton 18.8, Lisa Hutchison 17.9, Ann Costanera 17.4.

MAJOR SERIES: Justin Stuber 71.5, Shon Bywater 71.0, Devon Rucker 65.6, Lyle Martindale 61.6. GAMES: Justin Stuber 26.8, Lyle Martindale 24.6, Shon Bywater 24.1.

HOUSEWIVES SERIES: Kristie Johnson 53.5, Lisa Hutchison 52.5, Patti Cooke 51.7, Bonnie Murphy 50.5. GAMES: Kristie Johnson 23.5, Lisa Hutchison 21.4, Sharon Rathe 18.7, Bonnie Murphy 18.6.

THURSDAY MORNING DOUBLES SERIES: Karen Darns 52.0, Don Fassett 47.4, Nancy Darns 47.2, Carol McKeefe 45.9. GAMES: Karen Darns 18.7, Deryn Smith 18.1, Deann Ritchie 18.0, Don Fassett 17.2.

BURLEY SERIES: Andrew Morgan 52.9, Anthony Meyer 54.1, Trevor Reno 53.7, Anna Rose 53.0, Amanda Rowley 47.7, Bireanna Place 40.7. GAMES: Andrew Morgan 23.1, Anthony Meyer 21.2, Reagan Gochroch 21.5, Anna Rose 20.3, Amanda Rowley 21.0, Cassie Lindsay 16.7.

MINICO SERIES: Todd Renz 55.8, Mark Studer 52.5, John Hamilton 52.8, Amanda Studer 49.4, Frances Fowler 44.6, Luisa Maier 42.8. GAMES: Todd Renz 23.5, John Hamilton 23.3, Mark Studer 22.1, Amanda Studer 22.0, Luisa Maier 16.5, Frances Fowler 15.9.

DELO SERIES: Brody Osterhood 44.0, Jordan Moon 39.5, Cody Kember 31.0. GAMES: Brody Osterhood 22.0, Jordan Moon 15.8, Alex Hernandez 14.4.

MAGIC BOWL TWIN FALLS SERIES: Ryan Warden 65.8, Clint Koye 64.0, Rick Fredrickson 63.4, Cory Moore 62.8. GAMES: Ryan Warden 24.8, Ray Turpin 23.9, Cory Moore 23.7, Clint Koye 23.6.

MASON SERIES: Glenda Barns 51.0, Kathy McCure 50.3, Kathy Gray 48.4, Jean Stokesberger 48.2. GAMES: Kathy McCure 15.6, Julie Futer 1.84, Glenda Barns 1.83, Leta Bowns 1.80.

PIONEER SERIES: Chen Freeman 63.8, Sunny McKeely 58.1, Brenda Alfin 55.7, Melissa Strube 55.0. GAMES: Sunny McKeely 23.6, Chen Freeman 22.5, Cindy Cutnyman 21.4, Julie Capuro 19.9.

VALLEY SERIES: Ryan Warden 71.7, J.M. Mitchell 69.7, Di Palmer 65.4, Kerry Klussen 64.6. GAMES: Ryan Warden 26.6, J.M. Mitchell 26.6.

26.5, Cory Moore 24.6, Tom Smith 24.5. FIFTY PLUS SERIES: Jim DeWitt 61.8, Jack Boy 57.6, Roger Geetze 56.7, Roy Couch 56.1. MEN'S GAMES: Jim DeWitt 24.6, Bob Freeman 22.4, Jack Boy 22.0, Chelsea Epler 22.0. LADIES SERIES: Pat Glaws 55.7, Dot Van Hook 55.6, Barbara Smith 45.5, Cheryl Kunzman 51.2. LADIES GAMES: Dot Van Hook 22.5, Barbara Smith 21.3, Helen Worton 20.0, Pat Glaws 18.6.

THURSDAY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: F4 Hanna 57.4, Charles Lewis 56.4, John Rebolusso 56.3, Bill Kimmel 54.8. MEN'S GAMES: Charles Lewis 21.4, John Rebolusso 19.5, Tom Kent 19.4, Jared Ashmead 19.1.

LADIES SERIES: Joyce Parks 50.9, Gal Costello 52.3, Vera Kniedl 50.7, Lorenna Rodriguez 50.6. LADIES GAMES: Joyce Parks 33.6, Gal Costello 31.9, Lorenna Rodriguez 18.1, Lynn Kincaid 14.7.

EARLY FRIDAY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Ted Nostic 64.4, Genid Les 62.0, Blythe Thompson 61.4, Russ Thompson 60.0. MEN'S GAMES: Ted Nostic 24.1, Genid Les 23.6, Tom Wasko 23.0, Blythe Thompson 23.0.

LADIES SERIES: Cindy Coontymann 55.1, Barbara Smith 55.0, Julie Capuro 52.8, Doreen Thompson 52.2. LADIES GAMES: Cindy Coontymann 20.0, Cindy Coontymann 18.3, Tom Thompson 19.1, Barbara Smith 18.9.

BOYS' SERIES: Krista Eggeson 56.7, Marilyn Stimpson 42.1, Jessica Jenius 40.7, Leon Waska 37.4. MEN'S GAMES: Krista Eggeson 21.4, Marilyn Stimpson 16.5, Leon Waska 15.9, Jessica Jenius 15.5.

BOWLANDER TWIN FALLS GIRLS' SERIES: Craig Brock 77.3, Bob Leater 63.4, Dale Brock 68.4, Cory Moore 67.5. MEN'S SERIES: Cory Moore 28.0, Craig Brock 27.0, Dale Brock 27.0, Corey Magee 25.6. LADIES SERIES: Kim Leater 56.0, Leana Magee 54.6, Jen Leater 52.9, Jen West 51.9.

LADIES GAMES: Leana Magee 21.5, Jen West 19.6. MONDAY FOLLS SERIES: John Bonnett 66.2, Ken Hodges 61.3, Rick Beck 58.2, Ron Marshall 57.2. MEN'S GAMES: John Bonnett 25.7, Ken Hodges 23.2, Rick Beck 22.5, Ron Marshall 21.6. LADIES SERIES: Kay Puschel 58.3, Georgia Koval 52.0, Rachelle Biece 51.0, Stacey Hodges 50.9. LADIES GAMES: Kay Puschel 19.9, Stacy Hodges 19.9, Jeanne Bennett 17.2, Georgia Randall 18.8.

SHRIMP MEN'S SERIES: Dale Bink 63.0, Byron A Hager 61.2, Lew Cumpo 58.3, Brad Segel 58.0. MEN'S GAMES: Byron A Hager 24.7, Dale Bink 23.6, Brad Segel 23.3, Byron D Hager 21.6. LADIES SERIES: Elaine Hager 53.8, Kelli Jensen 52.4, Tiffany Hager 51.7, Jen Greene 50.5. LADIES GAMES: Elaine Hager 21.2, Jen Greene 20.2, Tiffany Hager 19.6, Jen Greene 18.6.

MID MORNING MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Dick DeBellef 68.6, Gerid Les 64.3, Dave DeBellef 62.8, Myron Schroeder 60.7. MEN'S GAMES: Gerid Les 25.7, Myron Schroeder 24.8, Dave DeBellef 24.1, Dick DeBellef 23.4. LADIES SERIES: Vicki Hiesig 50.3, Tanya Armstrong 49.8, Joyce Larsen 48.4, Marie Stewart 47.1.

TUESDAY A.T. TRIO SERIES: Laura Bink 51.8, Linda Stout 50.1, Mary Ann Bruno 47.7, Jesse Bergstrom 47.8, Mona Heil 47.8. GAMES: Laura Bink 21.1, Linda Stout 20.1, Mona Heil 11.1, Linda Stout 11.0. LATEGATORS SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 23.6, Jessie Trappek 15.5, Lisa Aften 19.5, Carole Bergstrom 19.0.

CITY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Dick Sorenson 5.5, Mike Starr 54.2, Mike Wirtzchold 53.8, Melysa McClumars 53.6. MEN'S GAMES: Mike Starr 22.4, Mike Wirtzchold 22.0, Ron Sorenson 21.0, Melysa McClumars 19.6. GAMES: Julie Walters 45.6, Crystal Shu 47.3, Joeie Moses 45.6, Gayle Harrell 45.6. CONSOLIDATED LADIES GAMES: Julie Walters 2.02, Crystal Shu 1.68, Marny Mcloy 1.67, Joeie Moses 1.67.

DISCONSOLATED MEN'S SERIES: Rocky Bennett 72.7, Bobby Magee 61.6, Dale Brock 66.5, Denny O'Brien 65.9. GAMES: Rocky Bennett 26.6, Shane Rockman 26.8, Bill Justinian 26.1, Cory Holloway 25.7.

M.V. SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Ken Hodges 60.5, David Wilson 57.0, Myron Schroeder 56.1, Con Hosten 51.7. MEN'S GAMES: Ken Hodges 25.7, David Wilson 24.7, Gene Schatz 22.4, Myron Schroeder 20.4. LADIES SERIES: Jean McCure 48.3, Linda Cline 41.6, Jeanne Bennett 46.5, Dee Hall 45.8. LADIES GAMES: Jean McCure 18.7, Linda Cline 18.0, Jeanne Bennett 17.2, Barbara Frith 17.1.

LADIES CLASSIC SERIES: Lyle Waters 56.1, Tiffany Hager 56.1, Kay Puschel 55.0, Arge Halman 55.0. GAMES: Michelle Daughman 22.7, Lyle Wheeler 21.3, Arge Halman 21.0, Tessa Thompson 20.6.

SPECIAL FORCES I MEN'S SERIES: Rickie Rogers 11.9, Bryan James 21.7, Ronnie Riddle 15.5, Steven Hennessey 17.8. MEN'S GAMES: Rickie Rogers 12.9, Bryan James 11.2, Ronnie Riddle 10.5, Steven Hennessey 9.3.

LADIES SERIES: Martha Drane 23.3, Marcus Henkelman 23.0, Connie Ratts 22.2, Tamara Alvredson 11.9, Marcus Henkelman 11.8, Corrie Ratt 11.4. MEN'S GAMES: Sharon Fitzsimons 21.9, Shon Gonzalez 16.3, Jenn Norman 15.2, Pam Taylor 16.3. LADIES SERIES: Sharon Fitzsimons 21.9, Shon Gonzalez 16.3, Jenn Norman 15.2, Pam Taylor 10.1.

SUNSET MEN'S SERIES: Kim Leater 55.1, Laura Cook 53.6, Dale Astlett 52.5, Kristy Rodriguez 52.4. GAMES: Laura Cook 21.6, Dan Astlett 20.4, Rose Hnacek 20.2, Mame Baum 12. Kristy Rodriguez 19.2.

TRUDY P.M. SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Bob Brown 62.2, Myron Schroeder 58.3, Dal Boren 55.9, Max Danos 54.4. MEN'S GAMES: Bob Brown 25.4, Myron Schroeder 24.9, Max Danos 22.5, Dal Boren 22.1.

LADIES SERIES: Shirley Kunsman 48.9, Bona Ruckoff 46.4, Sandy Schroeder 45.0, Linda Cline 45.2. LADIES GAMES: Shirley Kunsman 18.0, Barbara Frith 17.8, Sandy Schroeder 17.5, Linda Cline 17.1.

MOOSE SERIES: Bob Leater 74, Lew Cumpo 74.6, Craig Brock 71.6, Jim Coggins 68.3. GAMES: Craig Brock 30.3, Tom Smith 27.8, Bob Leater 27.8, Ron Saiser 26.8.

WOOHSNHERS SERIES: Saman Arthur 49.6, Jackie Boyd 47.8, Irene Horsington 43.7. GAMES: Saman Arthur 19.4, Jackie Boyd 17.0, Irene Horsington 15.9, Rhonda Section 15.2. SUNSET BOWL BULL MEN'S SERIES: De Dams 60.5, Tom Kuneit 55.9, Ed Hanel 53.7, Ken Healy 45.2. MEN'S GAMES: De Dams 22.3, Ed Hanel 22.3, Ed Hanel 22.3, Ken Healy 22.3.

LADIES SERIES: Lena Healy 51.5, Corrie Zach 37.6, Carol Rucker 36.6, Dave Schroeder 36.1. LADIES GAMES: Lena Healy 19.0, Corrie Zach 18.8, Carol Rucker 13.5, Phyllis Callen 12.8.

STARLITE MEN'S SERIES: Dustin McCallister 60.6, Jerry Foster 55.9, Dick McCallister 55.0, Matt Olson 57.9. MEN'S GAMES: Dustin McCallister 26.8, Jerry Foster 25.7, Todd Dickerson 23.4, Jerry Foster 22.5. LADIES SERIES: Mandi Olson 57.0, Dana Griffin 56.9, Lisa Dickerson 52.9, Teresa Boehm 51.1. LADIES GAMES: Mandi Olson 20.0, Dana Griffin 20.9, Teresa Boehm 20.4, Lisa Dickerson 20.3.

SFARS PALS MEN'S SERIES: Ed Hanzo 67.4, Curt Quantance 66.2, Bob Fields 65.5, Tom Tomlinson 59.8. MEN'S GAMES: Tom Tomlinson 24.7, Ed Hanzo 24.5, Pat Russell 23.3, Mike Andrus 22.5. LADIES SERIES: Jeanne Hicks 48.6, Bonna Larsen 48.3, Dana McClister 48.0, Lena Healy 47.3. LADIES GAMES: Bonna Larsen 22.4, Wendy Bevaha 17.3, Kay Miller 17.1, Jeanne Hicks 17.1.

MASON TROPHY SERIES: Lost Tomson 57.3, Nancy Bright 45.0, Connie Bomer 44.8, Phyllis Callen 43.8. MEN'S GAMES: Lost Tomson 21.0, Nancy Bright 21.0, Connie Bomer 21.0, Phyllis Callen 21.0. PHIBUSTERS SERIES: Bob Wagner 71.8, Dick McCallister 64.1, Curt Quantance 62.9, Karl Nepecheika 62.7. GAMES: Bob Wagner 27.8, Karl Nepecheika 24.5, Bob Bohn 24.5, Cody Hicks 24.3. LUCKY STRIKERS SERIES: Mandi Olson 52.3, Dana Griffin 48.8, Kay Reynolds 48.4, Elaine Wington 47.6. GAMES: Mandi Olson 22.0, Kay Reynolds 18.3, Elaine Wington 18.2.

EROME BOWL MEN'S SERIES: Tony Brass 63.8, Bob Watts 61.8. WOMEN'S GAMES: Tony Brass 22.4, Bob Watts 21.5, Chel Stone 23.6, Jim Rife 22.0. WOMEN'S SERIES: Brenda Alfin 63.6, Connie Cooke 59.1, Mia Warr 58.9, Christie Heifetz 57.2, Gene Jenks 54.0. WOMEN'S GAMES: Brenda Alfin 21.1, Connie Cooke 22.2, Mia Warr 22.4, Christie Heifetz 20.0, Tommy Carter 20.0.

SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Cal Peterson 48.2, Dan Shawant 47.7, Fred Tite 46.4, Bill Taylor 44.2, Don Van Patten 37.8. MEN'S GAMES: Cal Peterson 18.2, Dan Shawant 18.2, Fred Tite 16.5, Bill Taylor 17.4, Don Van Patten 13.6. WOMEN'S SERIES: Judy Tarran 46.3, Jon Thorrock 43.0, Ted Tomlinson 42.9, Y. Deters 41.7. WOMEN'S GAMES: Judy Tarran 15.3, Jon Thorrock 16.1, Ted Tomlinson 15.1, Y. Deters 15.0. Youth Kool Riders 321 Greg Boyd's SERIES: Matt Lohtspeck 52.1, Greg Agudo 29.6, Joey Lohtspeck 26.3, Gabe Ferry 20.9, Damon Zamora 1.68. WOMEN'S SERIES: Matt Lohtspeck 11.1, Greg Agudo 11.0, Joey Lohtspeck 9.7, Gabe Ferry 9.8, Damon Zamora 9.8. GIRLS' SERIES: MacKenzie Jenke 31.0, Yelena Dale 25.1, Hayle Benzingner 23.5. GIRLS' GAMES: MacKenzie Jenke 12.0, Yelena Dale 12.0, Hayle Benzingner 12.0. YOUTH HOIT SQUAD BOYS' SERIES: Jordan Jenke 7.20, Gerald Cunney 4.61, Marshall Myers 4.47. TAYLOR DE WIT 44.3 Charles Applewhite 24.3. BOYS' GAMES: Jordan Jenke 24.7, Charles Applewhite 16.8, Marshall Myers 16.7, Taylor De Wit 17.0. Charles Applewhite 12.2. GIRLS' SERIES: Silvia Dui 34.4 Courtney Weden 34.0, Hannah Hall 29.8. Emma Gamm 29.2, Shyla Dard 30.8. GIRLS' GAMES: Silvia Dui 13.7, Courtney Weden 12.2, Hannah Hall 13.4, Emma Gamm 11.2, Shyla Dard 11.2.

M.v. Eagles best in Boise

BOISE — The Magic Valley Eagles All-star cheerleaders competed at the Idaho Cheer and Dance Challenge on Dec. 9 in Boise. The youth, junior and senior rotunds placed first in their divisions.

Kameron Fischer placed first in tumbling, while Hannah Burgess placed third in jumps.

The Eagles are coached by Andrea Pearce, Lacey Hathaway and Lance Hanchey. They train at Radio Rondevo in Twin Falls.



Senior squad: Kameron Fischer, Karen Artaxag, Randy Salinas, Paige Hartman, McKayla Luper, Kalpa Kelly, Candice Hener, Whitney Walker, Allison Cole and Mariah Vaudrin.



Youth squad: Joeyann Carr, Samantha Easley, Kylie Ficus, Hannah Burgess, Brinley Holstrom, Bailey Henley, Ale Hernandez, Samantha Ruggles, Jordan Henry, Angela Hernandez, Emma Leslie, Centry Plew, Emily Whipple, Areege Amador-Borges, Sage Swan, Kelsey Emery, Kelly Madden, Brianna Starler, Boston Butler, Jessica Figueroa and Desty Anderson.



Junior squad: Ashley Hollister, Kiebia Aralos, Madde Jenco, Austin Moon, Briley Miller, Hunter Stagle, Nikole Williams, Nicole Sarago, Heavenlee Walker, Sadie Potter, Shellee Morrow, Jazmin Martinez, Emma Stephens, Alexandra Leonard, Tori Eron, Jessica Holstine, Alexia Richardson and Raylene Abbott.

Copius Cove and Magic Valley Distributing KART Country 1400 AM KAT Country 106 FM and Zions Bank are proud to sponsor the 2006 New Year's Eve Bull Bash. Dec. 31st 7:00 PM 1731 E 3900 N Buhl, ID. Includes list of activities: Bull Riding, Ring of Fear, Steer Tying, Concessions, Beer Garden, Live Music & Dance. Adults - \$10, Kids 5-12 - \$5, Under 5 - FREE. Contact: Bill Clark - (208) 423-5173 or Dwight French - (208) 731-6635.

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Jan. 1 The 20th Annual Freeze on Skis, sponsored by the Snake River Freeze on Skis, Inc., to raise monies for John Pohlmam C.S.I. Scholarship Fund and Camp Rainbow Gold, noon, Shoshone Falls, Twin Falls, 404-6668 or 420-2192.

The 10th Annual New Year's Day Workout, with aerobics and spinning, 9 to 10:30 a.m., class and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., open to the public., Twin Falls Fitness Center, 1881 Pohlone Rd. E., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-7447.

2 Prizm Weight Loss Program Introductory class, 8 p.m., Gooding Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., Gooding, no cost, 934-8508.

The Magic Valley New Neighbors Club Luncheon, with speaker Mary Harfinton, C.S.I. Over 60 and Getting Fit instructor, 11:30 a.m., Jerome Country Club, 649 Golf Course Road, Jerome, 731-2082.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh-ins at 11:30 a.m., meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 Filer Avenue E., no cost to visit, 736-7237 or 736-9282. (resumes Mondays)

Mary Time Club meeting, with roll call "jokes," 2 p.m., home of Betty Slifer, 3179 N. 2250 E., Filer, 735-5213.

Application deadline for "Steps to a New You" class, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Jan. 17, 22, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21; and March 14), Cassia County Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St., Burley, 930 (class size limited), 878-9461.

4 The Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) District 6B meeting, jamming at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 a.m., and jamming afterward, meeting locations may vary, 735-1580.

4, 6 Valley Arts Council's "Hello, Dolly," open to the public, 15 years of age and older; be prepared to read and to perform a short musical selection, 7 to 9 p.m. (4) and 9 a.m. to noon (6), Howzell Opera House, 118 N. Elgine Ave., Oakley, 862-3288.

5, 6 JUMP Company auditions for "How to Eat Like a Child And Other Lessons In Not Being a Grow-up," (bring a song to sing and short recitation), 6 to 9 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6), First Presbyterian Church, Twin Falls, 422-6109 or www.jumpcompany.org. (Jan. 2, 3: schedule auditions, 7 to 9 p.m., 423-6109.)

5 Ribbon cutting for Rasmussen Lear Center, 1:30 p.m., 1146 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, 733-5600.

"First Friday Dinner," a buffet-style, traditional Basque meal sponsored by the Gooding Basque Association, 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Basque Cultural Center at the Intersection of Highways 26 and 46 in Gooding, general donation of \$14 (seniors eat for \$12), 208-352-4266 or 308-5051.

"First Fridays," a once-a-month event featuring live music with local artists, beverages sold by the glass, food tasting and more, Red's-A-Piece Pizzeria, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 733-5477.

6 Chariot racing, sponsored by the Silver Creek Chariot Racing Association with the colts taking an introductory class, 12:30 p.m., Richfield Racetrack (located along Hwy 26 just west of Richfield), 934-8667.

The daughters of the American Revolution meeting, a luncheon to: DAR officers, committees and completing reports, noon, at the home of Diane Greene, Twin Falls, 308-1810.

January Jazz Jam sponsored by the Twin Falls Arts Council and featuring Brent Jensen, Sarah Lincoln, Tony Bowler and Carter Wilson, 7:30 p.m., Eighth Street Center, 290 N. Eight St., Buhl, 515 for admission \$10 for students, 543-8288.

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation's 7th Annual Cabin Fever Day, with scuba diving, kayaking, bowling, rock climbing, golf, roller skating, belly dancing, pottery, fitness training, singing, gooseaching, mechanical bull ride and more provided by various Twin Falls businesses, times and places TBD, no cost, 736-2265 or www.tfc.org.

"Celebrate the Beginning of the New Year" with the Liberty Gospel Quartet, sponsored by the Gooding United Methodist Church and Fellowship Committee, 7 and United Methodist Church, 805 Main St., Gooding, love offering, 934-6833.

9 The High Desert Back Country Horsemen monthly meeting (open to the public), 6 p.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, 324-4754.

The Hagerman Valley Historical Society's program, featuring a

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lecture and demonstration by Magic Valley Regional Park Farmer on stone age techniques and materials used by Native Americans of southern Idaho and surrounding areas, 7 p.m., the Hagerman Senior and Community Center, 140 E. Lake St., Hagerman, no cost (refreshments served), (208) 837-6060. The Mini-Cassia LayBand/Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meeting, for anyone who has been banded, is waiting to be or is considering being banded and gastric bypass patients, 6:30 p.m., Heyburn Police Department conference room, Heyburn, 431-9596.

10 Ribbon cutting for St. Luke's Magic Valley Buhl Institute, 4 p.m., 450 Falls Ave., Suite 202, Eagle Crest, Twin Falls, 737-2943.

"Fam Jam," a family-value production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North), \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-6128 or visit www.tfc.org.

11 Ribbon cutting for Best American Suites, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 736-8000.

13 Annual Christmas tree sponsored by the Hot dog roast burn and the West End Fire and Rescue Department, 1 p.m., Paul City Park, Paul, bring old Christmas trees; food and burning equipment supplied by firemen, 438-4101.

13, 20 Past Life Regreaser Workshop, with instructor Curtis Johnson; includes June Kaminski's "Reincarnation: Past

Life Workbook," 10 a.m. to noon, Magic Valley Hypnosis Center, 114 Locust St. N., Suite 115, Twin Falls, 505, (208) 731-3895 or 735-1882.

16 "Let's Talk About It" Adult Willa Cather's "The Professor's House," 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 218 Main St., Filer, no cost (book available for check-out), 326-4143.

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs resume, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475.

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

20 Hagerman Masonic Lodge No. 78 Annual Winter Dinner fundraiser, buffet dinner prepared by Chef Mirt Martin of Snake River Grill and entertainment by Linda Norris, 5 to 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 281 N. State St., Hagerman, raffle tickets for cash: 55 each or five for \$20, (208) 837-6029.

20 Magic Valley Model Railroaders group, public is invited to bring and run their trains, (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., Model Rail Road Building,

Filer Fairgrounds, Filer, 404-2151.

An Evening of Pinochle, 7 p.m. N., Ageless Senior Center, 310 Main N., Kimberly, no cost (bring your own treats), 423-4338.

22 "Second City" Chicago-based improvisational comedy troupe, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, \$15 for adults and \$11 for children, 732-6288.

26 Weight-Loss Surgery Support Group, for those who are preparing for surgery, have had the surgery or who have questions about it, 7 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, no cost, 934-4412.

2nd Annual Brown Bag Lecture Series, with John Bleter, advisor/instructor at Boise State University presenting "Aukera: A History of the Basque in Idaho," noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls Public

Library Program Room, Twin Falls, no cost (bring brown bag lunch), 734-ARTS.

27 "Froze Frame," a dance revue involving several southern Idaho dance studios as a fundraiser to scholarship students to dance camps, time TBA, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, 736-3998.

30 Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208)670-4868 or robertus2@gmail.com, (to continue in a February event 2nd and 4th Tuesday).

Rehearsal for 100 (plus) man chorus, four-part harmony preparation for "The Star-Spangled Banner" choral presentation Feb. 10 at C.S.I. basketball game, 6:30 p.m., basement, First United Methodist Church, Twin Falls, (no auditions; no one turned away), 543-5480, 733-8874, or 324-5365.

**EXHIBITS**  
Jan. 2-20 Works by Amber Scoon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, Tues. and Fri., 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wed. and Thurs., 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sat., 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6555.

Jan. 2-34 "Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings of local artist Ben Browne in the Galleria Pequeena and new works by member-artists in the Full Moon Gallery, Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-ARTS.

**MONTHLY EVENTS**  
(FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY) "A Single Day in the Jungles" free republic review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6555.

FIRST THURSDAY The Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) District 6B meetings, jamming at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. and jamming afterward, meeting locations may vary, 735-1580.

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

(FOURTH FRIDAY) Weight-Loss Surgery Support Group, for those who are preparing for surgery, have had the surgery or who have questions about it, 7 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, no cost, 934-4412.

(THIRD SATURDAY) An Evening of Pinochle, 7 p.m., Ageless Senior Center, 310 Main N., Kimberly, no cost (bring your own treats), 423-4338.

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

(FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY) Twin Falls Seeker Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, \$4, 734-5084.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

**MONDAYS TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh-ins at 11:30 a.m., meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 Filer Avenue E., no cost to visit, 736-7237 or 736-9282.

**TUESDAYS "Baby and Me" class:** Informative talks and activities for young mothers with their babies or toddlers, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.

**TUESDAYS Celebrate Recovery,** a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 W. Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

**WEDNESDAYS "Fam Jam,"** a family-value production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North), \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-6128 or visit www.tfc.org.

**THURSDAYS Celebrate Recovery,** a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 a.m., Preside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

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

**FRIDAYS TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight loss support group, 4 p.m., and the Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, 420-3823.

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

**TUES/THURS** (beginning Jan. 16) College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary; 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

**TUES/THURS Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program** for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.

**TUES/THURS Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease,** offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

To have an event (including ongoing events) listed in the February monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon, Jan. 24 to Suzanne Brown by e-mail to sbrown@magicvalley.com; by fax, 733-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.



# Burley lawyer's hobby takes him far

### Jensen has been writing, playing music for years

By Tracy Tegen  
For The Times-News

**BURLEY** — New Year's Eve is a time we set goals and make resolutions.

"This year I'll lose 50 pounds."

"This year I'll finish writing that best-seller I started 12 years ago."

"This year I'll take up a new hobby."

For Kent Jensen of Burley, a hobby he took up some years ago has turned into much more than he ever dreamed.

Jensen, who is a lawyer in Burley, has been writing and playing music for a number of years and has now completed his second CD. Five years ago, he turned his basement into a recording studio. It mixes the music as well as writes and performs it. His band "Idumea" includes Jensen on lead vocals,

guitar and keyboard, his daughter Ana Boyd on viola, keyboard and vocals. Nate Parish on bass, Jeff Klinge on percussion, and Marcie Riddley on keyboards.

"We weren't happy with the first CD," Jensen said. "But this one is much better, more polished."

The 11-track album entitled "El Peligro de la Verdad," or "The Danger of the Truth," was recently featured in the December issue of the international magazine "Global Rhythm." The album combines rock, Latin and folk music and tracks are performed in Spanish and English.

According to Jensen, they have also received numerous requests from radio stations worldwide for the CD since their debut in the magazine.

"What started out as a hobby has blossomed into something

much more.

The group has performed at the Egyptian Theater in Boise, the Icehouse in Las Vegas and at the First Friday event in Las Vegas.

Locally, they have performed at the Festival of Trees in Burley, the Migrant Farm Worker Appreciation event in Burley and at the Chadwick in Burley.

"Our music was really well received in Las Vegas," Jensen said. "We hope to perform there again in the future."

Samples of the music can be previewed at <http://www.rimnionline.com>. The CD is available at Hastings in Twin Falls or online at <http://www.ezburzz.com>, <http://cdbaby.com/cd/> or <http://www.1000records.com/> at <http://www.Tunes.com>.

"We love what we do," Jensen said. "We try to make our music reach out to people and share a feeling."



Kent Jensen rehearses with part of his band in his basement studio. From left are Jensen, Jeff Klinge and Ana Parish.

# Minico HS names honor students

**RUGBY** — Minico High School released its first 2007 list of honor students. **Gold — 4.0**

- 5th grade: Ryan Carter, Kelli Kuegel, John Stocking, Shigen Garcia, Solé Estrella, Megan Harper, Jesse Cochran, Lenica Lemus, Danae McKinlay, Virginia Graham, Kelli Coats, Andy Lopez, Garrett Mackay, Tali English, Juvenio Hernandez, Inara Angulo, Francisco Martinez, Kurtis Zemke, Francisco Hernandez, Justine McKenzie, Christian Davis, Diego Jaeger, Cody Pfeiffer, Nathan Felt, Ryan Webster, Francisco Torres, Mack Anderson, Dylan Duffin, Brian Cotton, Jorge Prieto, Isaac Gotten, Jason Lyon-Fowler, Jessica Samsen, Ryan Stryker, Katelyn Smith, Charles Hartz, Dalisha Larson, Michael Serrano, Spencer Lister, Andrea Dip, Stanley Parker, Rob Dockacker, Andrew Wheeler, Lucia Mai, Holly Meyer, Tristan Rudaspan, Rossie Nobaysh, Aaron Lopez, Jake McChee, Andy Brown, Jennifer Moore, Hank Smeeder, Mark Smeeder, Malena Woodland

**12th grade:** Joshua Clapper, Ashley Edlin, Lindsay Davis, Aaron Smith, Brigham Duncan, Byron Pletcher, Andrew Terrell, Nikki N. Hudson, Kaitlyn Davis, Sanderson, Shesha Davidson, Ryan G. Orlino, Jolie King, Carlos Sandoval, Ashley Anderson, Erica Brannett, Ashley Meyer, Melissa Harvato, Cory Hanson, Owen Eustance, Dana Broadhead, Pete Coats, David Mackenzie, Jordan Heabit, Skyley Morgan, Landon Barnes, Taylor G. Gensert, Isaac Truitt, Jeff Allman, Asimura Ruiz, Aysia Goffins, Nathan Smith, Jennifer Bott, Orlando Salazar, Elyse Gil, Jordan Harmon, Gabrielle Hunter, Zachary Harmon, Elizabeth Flores, Cameron Harmon, Andrew Harmon, Justin Besare, Heidi Musselman, Amy Knapp, Bronson Larsen, Amy Selt, Travis Miller, Michael Hunt, Jonathon Hunt, Wholly Turner, David Woodruff, Nathan Firth, Brentley Galt, Alyssa Roudy, Carolyn M., Tiffani Browning

- Fabian Aulis, Miamon Dabou, Minam Yabazoo, Rosa Campos, Erik Meyer, Gaudelino Castro, Jorge Camino, Cory Pieter, Zachary Christensen, Stephen Sjoerdsma, Karm Kroen, George Peterson, Jonico Crane, Jessica Heath, Candice Whitman, Sarah Whitman, Evan Haderlie, Megan Williams, Derick Morgan, Jason Clark

**11th grade:** Matthew Braden, Christopher Burns, Kristina Ramirez, Michael Mitterstead, Sarah Bjorvold, Bruce Hamon, Damon Turner, Lydia Miller, Ryan Broadhead, Mary Broadhead, David Taylor, Tyrell Adams, Brock Heston, Keith Crane, Michael Deffloris, David Taylor, Lianne Lund, Andrew Steiner, Katelyn Shea, D. Dorrell, Samuel Spencer, Victoria Velez, Kaitlin Smith, Justin Maughan, Bobby Ableson, Justin R. Walters, Matthew Dill, Matthew Dill, Andrew Oberly, Brendy B. Adams, Danae Lopez, Daeq Jentisch, Andy Brown, Jake Bergman, Ryan Baruffi, Andrew Rogers, Mark Smeeder, Malena Woodland

**10th grade:** Rachel Cevalrosana, Rachel Torres, Jake Hruza, Shaheen Khan, Kilee Kinney, Brenda Lopez, Brenda Ruiz, Detina Berntsen, Joseph Hester, Robbin Newman, Philip Jackson, Zaki Kadre, Raquel Arcobondo, Zaki Kadre, Kirk Taylor, Ramon Hernandez, Brian White, Amanda Stueber, Whitney Schind, Christopher Joyce, Kaitlin Smith, Earl Warden, Teahua Telleza, Alex Moon, Alex Moon, Alexander Omos, Ryan Goodrich, Joseph Sanderford, Jesus Arvalo, Joshua Anderson, Peyton Colloff, Laci Garner, David Gardner, Hugh Sanderford, Lee Smeeder, Ryan Smith, Christopher Coppeland, Lisa Arango, Ryan Smith, Altona Jaeger, Luke Pfeiffer, J.D. Cameron, Doug Coppin, Ryan Smith, Valerie Maki, Davina Steinhilber, Diana Griseche, Marina Hansen, Jenia Smith, Nathaniel Baird

- Maggie Hansen, Adam Taylor, Josua Doroz, Adam Taylor, Robert Cooper, Kate Richlin, Victoria Garcia, Samantha Hubert, Whitney Pahn, Elena Fort, Jessica Hough, Gabriela Martinez, Erica Goren, Cheri Lopez

**8th grade:** Britany Hastell, Ashley Smith, Elizabeth Loui, Ontaria Sha, David Finelli, J. Sander, Magan Camilo, Amy Martin, Shad Huston, Jennifer May, Riley Walters, Miquela Lopez, Justin Lee, Marilee Corbett, Amanda Anderson, Justin Foster, Brian Smith, Laura King, Victoria McCarly, Brian Christensen, Acacia Gonzalez, Anthony Garcia, Jenny D. Dell, Colton Anderson, James Wheeler, Daniel Ramirez, Kaitlyn Moore, Kaitlyn Moore, Augustina Oca, Juan Hernandez, Mauricio Barrios, Jorge Arango, Iren Hernandez, Shauna Finley, Tony Farnsworth, Rebecca L. Duncan, Gregory H., Richard, Remo Pichay, Renon McKenzie, Richard Martinez, Luette Vela, Miki Aulman, Myla Bauer, Renee Berstad, Cate White, Curtis Immons, Anissa Taylor, Tessa Raff, Jade Riggs, Shelby Schund, Marissa Mayer, Alan Orphan

**7th grade:** Colton Mackenzie, Alyssa Franco, Jodie Prince, Nicole Rogers, Kimberly Saha, Melissa Fernandez, John Hadden, Jordan Gillette, Roghae Torres

**6th grade:** Luzeth Vega, Adam Taylor, Benjamin Chad, Jacob Brown, Matthew Peterson, Dyanza Arango, Robert Sander, Adrian Velazquez, Samanta Hubert, Whitney Pahn, Elena Fort, Jessica Hough, Gabriela Martinez, Erica Goren, Cheri Lopez

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Today: Areas of morning fog, then partly to mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and a chance of a patchy late night fog. Lows lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Patchy early fog, otherwise chilly and mostly sunny. Highs lower to mid 30s.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A few mountain snow showers are possible today and Monday, but any new accumulations will be small. The valleys look to be dry and cold with areas of early fog possible.
Today Highs 18 to 32. Tonight's Lows, +12 to 4.
BOISE River bottom and low lying fog likely today and possible on Monday. Otherwise I will be partly to mostly cloudy with seasonal temperatures and dry conditions.
Today Highs/Lows 22 to 37 / 12 to 27.
NORTHERN UTAH Pretty nice for the next couple of days. Conditions will be partly to mostly sunny and breezy but dry with seasonal temperatures.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with columns: City, HI, LO, Precip. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, etc.

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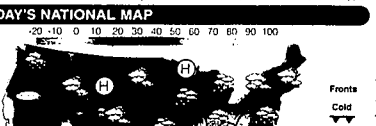
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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
'If you believe in unlimited quality and act in all your business dealings with total integrity, the rest will take care of itself.'

James Brown fans bid a final farewell

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — More than 8,500 James Brown fans filled an arena, hearing his name Saturday in a final, joyful farewell to the singer that seemed as fitting for a civil rights leader as for the godfather of soul.
For a moment, Maynard Eaton, Brown was a political figure above all.
'I'm black and I'm proud' was the most influential black slogan of the 1960s," he said, referring to the chorus of the Brown standard "Say It Loud, Brown's body lay in front of the bandstand in a black jacket and gloves, red shirt and sequined shoes. Fans leapt up in the rain before dawn to get in. When James Brown Arena was full, they gathered on the streets outside to listen to the service over a public address system.
The Revs. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson and a tearful Michael Jackson were among those who took turns at the podium overlooking the casket.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the agreement between Shoshone Rehabilitation & Living Center of Shoshone, Idaho and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services under which Shoshone Rehabilitation & Living Center participates as a provider of services in the Medicare/Medicaid program will remain in effect. This notice supersedes our prior notice of December 21, 2006.

Steven Chickering  
Western Consortium Survey and Certification Officer  
Division of Survey and Certification  
PUBLISH: December 31, 2006

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
South Locust Mini Storage, 197 S. Locust, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 will sell entire contents of 6 storage units by sealed bids. Bids will be accepted 12/25/06 through 10/40/07. Stored items to be removed 10/40/07 by 8:00 PM.  
Neri Lopez, Unit #4, last known address 983 Madrona, Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
Scott Mable, Unit #105, last known address 1221 Aztec Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
Mary Ann Cochran, Unit #123, last known address PO Box 2634, Twin Falls, ID 83303.  
J.R. Wroble, Unit #128, last known address 320 B' Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
Mary A. Taylor, Unit #138, last known address 356 Lake Street, Kimberly, ID 83341.  
PUBLISH: December 24, 2006

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The Jerome Highway District will be receiving bids for four thousand (4,000) gallons of unleaded gasoline to be delivered in lots of one thousand (1,000) gallons as needed and for fifty thousand (50,000) gallons of diesel fuel to be delivered in lots of five thousand (5,000) gallons as needed. Delivery to the District yard at 30 North 100 West, Twin Falls, Idaho. Bids will be received until 7:00 PM (MST) January 11, 2007, at the office of the Jerome Highway District located at 30 North 100 West, Jerome, ID and then on said date opened publicly and read aloud.  
J.R. Mains Lickley, Clerk  
Jerome Highway District  
PUBLISH: December 31, 2006 and January 5, 2007

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Actions planned and taken by your government are explained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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Twin Falls, Idaho  
83303-0548

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., will be held in the banquet room at the Sawtooth Inn, Jerome, Idaho, Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 10:00 AM for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws of the Company. The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term.  
One Director from District No. 3  
One Director from District No. 6  
One Director at Large

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 11, 2007, and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 11, 2007, in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Company. Dated this 15th day of December, 2006 at Jerome, Idaho.  
NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.  
By: Bernice Johnson, Asst. Secretary

PUBLISH: December 31, 2006 and January 7, 2007

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**115. Community Events**

**ART WORKSHOP** Beginner/Advanced Starting January 27th. All Painting. Instructors: Pat Form & Color! With Marie J. Smith The Arts Alliance in Twin Falls. Please call 825-1119 for details

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All advertising is subject to the newspaper's standard of publication. The Times-News reserves the right to edit, abbreviate, decline or property classify any ad. Receipt of copy via remote email, etc. does not constitute final acceptance by this newspaper. The advertiser, not the newspaper, assumes full responsibility for the truthful content of each advertisement.

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**Deadline for Classified:** Fri. Noon for Sat. Fri. 7pm for Sun. Mon. & Tues.

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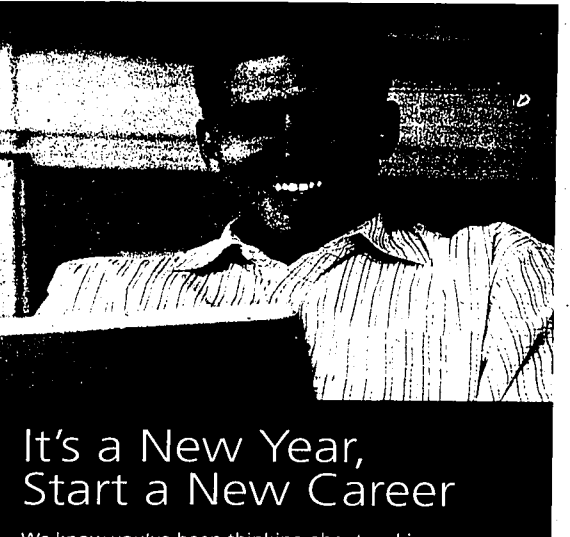
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**1** Hammer and Spade  
**8** Type of 7D  
**14** Messy quarters  
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**22** Where to find blackbirds of rhyme  
**23** Sicem bioscience  
**25** Shows the...  
**26** Animal stunts  
**27** Traits behind  
**28** Vessels  
**28** State condition  
**30** "Mystic Pizza"  
**31** Kitchen  
**32** Extension  
**33** Best Buy buys  
**35** Orleansma must  
**39** Plan of a chair  
**41** New I got it  
**44** Why return  
**45** Unything  
**55** Supplication  
**56** Consumer protection  
**57** Run-of-the-mill  
**58** Darn!  
**60** A pale  
**61** (see last in...)  
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**63** Thunder  
**65** Follow Bush  
**67** Burst of wind  
**68** Opposite of  
**69** A reference  
**73** Civil rights  
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**81** Shiny rock  
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**98** Hypnotist  
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**100** First family  
**101** Herd in hasty  
**104** Done in hasty  
**107** Ghana capital  
**108** Occupation  
**110** Bird leather  
**111** A pale  
**112** (see last in...)  
**115** Settles

**116** Half a double play  
**117** Shake up  
**118** Eaten, as profit  
**119** Soul collection  
**120** Motuor  
**121** GWN  
**1** Hogwarts leader  
**2** Playwright Jones  
**3** Spin of films  
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**5** Jai-alai  
**6** Briel openings  
**7** Winter whool  
**8** Upbeat  
**9** Natural team  
**10** Turns down lights  
**11** Rink surface  
**12** Give a boost to  
**13** Work to hon  
**14** Stuck  
**16** Rubberneck  
**17** Martin Luther  
**18** King gave the  
**19** Whoops  
**24** Church's gesture  
**31** Offer never to come back  
**32** Old German con  
**33** Swiss river  
**38** Pin down  
**37** Lock maker  
**38** In the open  
**39** Chicken arm  
**40** Cannon  
**41** Long's river  
**41** Firm or marital  
**42** Lander's loss  
**43** Dian Fossey studied the...

**48** Foulst domain  
**47** Sch. ml. grp.  
**48** At a distance  
**50** Chophouse order  
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**52** Infirmary  
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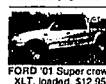

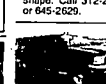
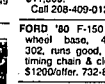
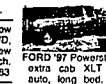

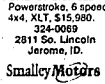
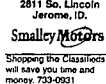
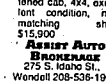
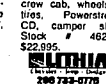
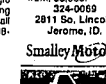
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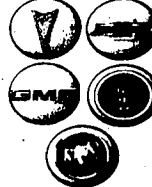
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
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
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
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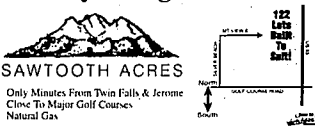
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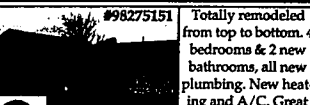


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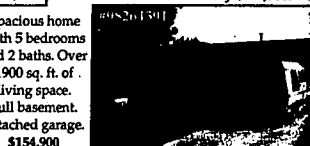
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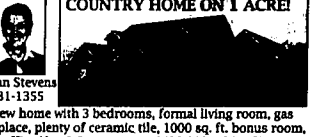
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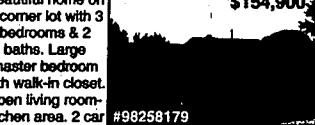
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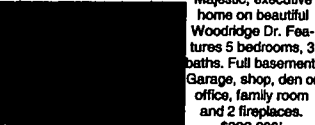
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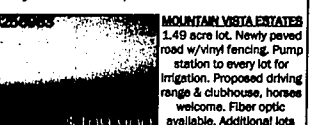
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Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006

**THE ACES ON BRIDGE®**

Bobby Wolff

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
How are the American teams selected for world championships these days? Can anyone enter the trials?

Now, Coach?T, Raleigh, N.C.

**ANSWER:** It used to be that the winners of the major national events were the only teams in the trials. These days a more egalitarian system allows for a round robin, then a knockout. Teams with good performances in the major events get a bye to the later stages of the trials.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Holding ♠ Q-3, ♥ K-J-5, ♦ K-7-6-5, ♣ K-Q-7-3, I opened one diamond. My LHO bid one spade, and my partner made a negative double. With the next hand passing, what are my options? My partner later said he was fooled by my choice of two hearts.

Confidence Man, Little Rock, Ark.

**ANSWER:** With a balanced hand, you want to rebid in no-trump unless your hand really argues against that. The reason is that it describes your hand-pattern and high cards best. Here the double-ton spade queen looks like a potential stopper to me, so I'd bid one no-trump, but I agree that it is not clear-cut. Rather than bid ♠, I'd prefer a bid of two clubs — a suit you have.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Is there any validity to the belief that the queen lies over the jack, or in Culbertson's theory of symmetry, whereby if one hand has a singleton, another hand is likely to have one as well?

Healthy Skeptic, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

**ANSWER:** Neither axiom has any valid foundation of truth to it. But what is unsparingly true is that the amount of your opponents bid may affect your decision about which finesse to take or whom to play for length. Generally the less they bid, the flatter their hands.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
What is a reverse, and how many points do you need to make one after you have opened?

Bright Beginner, Honolulu, Hawaii

**ANSWER:** If you open at the one-level and make a second nonjump call that forces your partner to give preference back to your first suit at the three-level, not two-level, it is a reverse. So when you open one diamond and hear partner respond one spade, your rebid of two hearts forces him to three diamonds, whereas a rebid of two clubs gives him two diamonds. The former is therefore a reverse, but not the latter. You need a 5-4 pattern and an ace more than opening strength to go this route.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Holding ♠ Q, ♥ A-J-7-5, ♦ K-5, ♣ K-Q-7-4-3, I opened one heart and heard one spade on my left, a negative double from partner, and three spades on my right. Was I doing the right thing when I bid four clubs? We ended up going down in a slam when my partner drove there with a 13-count.

Ease Up, Woodland Hills, Calif.

**ANSWER:** I think you have to bid here, like it or not. Your extra pattern is enough to allow you to make a slight overbid; otherwise, your risk getting closed out of the auction. Too dangerous is never an excuse for passing.

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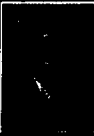
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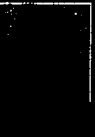
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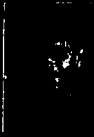
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# These *are* the good old days

## How to let go of nostalgia

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — French novelist Marcel Proust called nostalgia "that translucent alabaster of our memories."

It hearkens to kinder, gentler times — whether in fact those times were actually kinder or gentler at all — and it's everywhere during the holiday season.

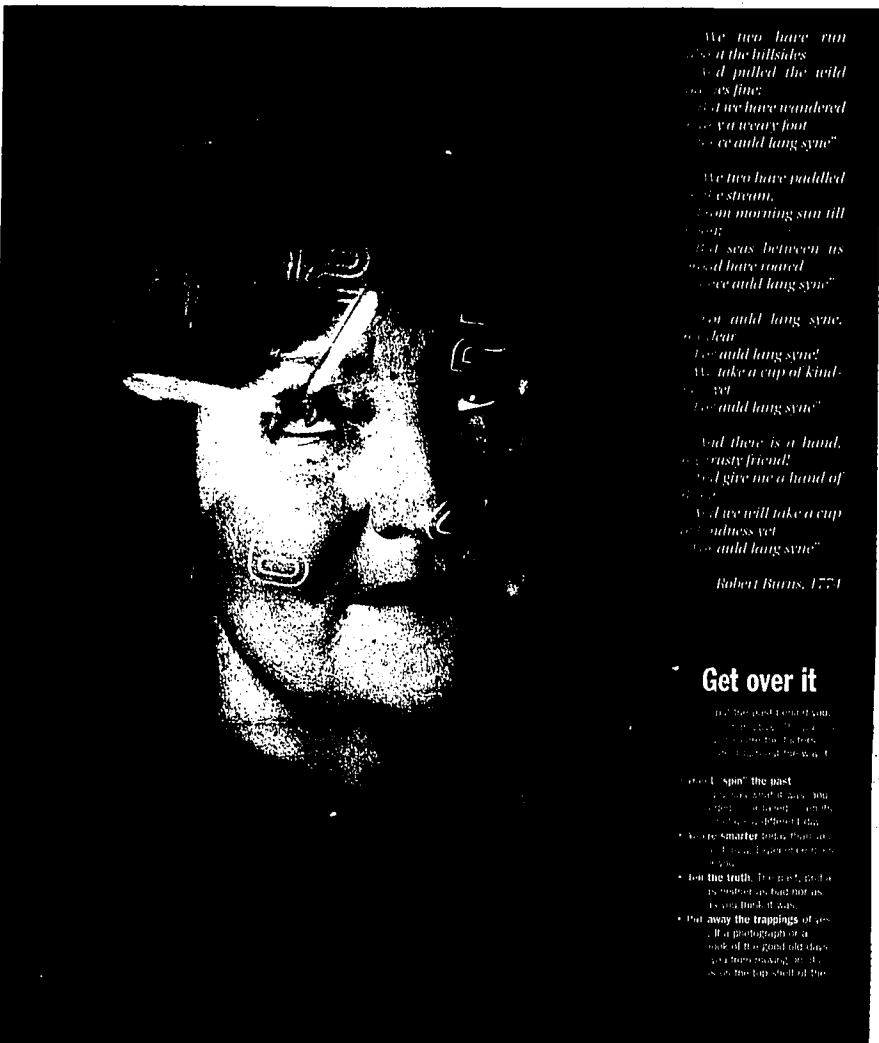
"This is the time of year for turning the page, and in some sense, leaving the past behind," said Jim Gentry, history professor and chairman of the Department of Social Science at the College of Southern Idaho. "But the past is sometimes hard to let go of."

Robert Burns, the 18th-century Scottish poet and author of "Auld Lang Syne" — the most famous song written about nostalgia — knew that from personal experience.

Thirteen years before Burns was born, the armies of English King George II had overrun Scotland and crushed the last vestiges of Scottish independence. During Burns' lifetime, as much as one-third of the native Scottish population fled the country.

Scottish culture and language were at best ridiculed — and more often suppressed — by the English rulers of post-Jacobite Scotland and their Scottish allies. The present was bleak, but the past seemed golden.

"One of the things that historians struggle with is separating the real past with people's impressions of the past," Gentry said.



We two have run  
Down the hillsides  
And pulled the wild  
Roses fine;  
And we have wandered  
Down a weary foot  
The auld lang syne"

We two have paddled  
Down the stream,  
From morning sun till  
Even;  
And we have sailed  
Between the banks  
The auld lang syne"

For the auld lang syne,  
For the auld lang syne,  
We'll take a cup of kind-  
ness yet  
The auld lang syne"

And there is a hand,  
A trusty friend!  
And give me a hand of  
yours  
And we will take a cup  
of kindness yet  
The auld lang syne"

Robert Burns, 1771

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# Singles team up with decorators

By Hillary Waldman  
The Hartford Courant

When it comes to their homes — and many other pursuits domestic — women seem to be throwing out the old marriage-first approach to settling down.

More and more, single women are taking the reins of first comes a house, then comes a designer. And if Mr. Right comes along, that's OK, too.

"If you're waiting to get married to decorate your place, you may be waiting a long time," says Sara Ruffin Costello, creative director at Domino, a style magazine catering to 25- to 45-year-olds.

Costello and other style watchers say singles are becoming a growing part of the interior design market. Some of the new clients are successful professional men and women who have the money to create a beautiful home but not the time. In many other cases, middle-age divorcees and widows are turning to designers to help them create condos or empty-nest homes that reflect their style and taste.

Designer Jeri Sitaro estimates that about a third of her clients are divorcees or widowed professionals in their 40s and 50s. But younger never-marrieds also



Danette Guay had plenty of ideas for decorating but she consulted a decorator (who was paid by the hour) before making final decisions. [www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com)

are turning to professional designers for help.

Danette Guay was 37 when she bought a half-acre lot in the Wadsworth Hills neighborhood of Middletown, Conn., and decided to build her dream house.

Handy with a hammer and a power drill, Guay already had renovated and sold several condominiums. But the house was a bit more than this busy health-care professional felt comfortable tackling alone.

Guay's real estate agent introduced her to interior designer Sharon McCormick of Fairchild House Interiors in Durham, Conn.

From the beginning — presenting the home's exterior color and landscape schemes to the neighborhood association — McCormick and Guay controlled construction of the 1,600-square-foot house from the ground up.

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# Planners to keep you on task

By Karan Sommer Skalett  
The Washington Post

Whether you're an avid traveler, a busy mom or an overworked student, these day planners can keep you on task.

• **Lonely Planet 2007 Diary** Global nomads who rely on this company's travel guides will love its 7-by-8 1/2-inch desk diary. Beyond the stunning photos of destinations around the world, foreign language primers and listings for international festivals, the relatively large spaces in the weekly format allow for planning both work and play. \$14.99 at bookstores and [www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com).

• **Hable Construction Sweet Pea Bead Pocket Calendar** This week-at-a-glance booklet is small in size but big on features. Measuring just 3 1/4 by 6 inches, the clothbound calendar packs in a handful of conversation charts, several international city maps and room for phone numbers and addresses. \$30 at [www.hableconstruction.com](http://www.hableconstruction.com).

• **A Song in My Heart 2007 Desk Calendar** Spun through with artwork of migrating birds and proverbs from famous nature lovers, this

7-by-12-inch book is a bit too big to tote around, but perfect for desk-side planning. It's a great gift for someone who loves traditional design — or armchair bird watching. \$19.99 at bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

• **Whom? Organized Compact Agenda** Checkbook-size and ringing in at just eight ounces, this weekly planner slides perfectly into the front pocket of a backpack. Students from grade school to grad school can use the color-coded pages for class schedules, project planning and study tracking. \$26-\$30 at National Museum of Women in the Arts ([www.nmwa.org](http://www.nmwa.org)) and [www.uscc-janework.com](http://www.uscc-janework.com).

• **MomAgenda Desktop Planner** This crocodile-embossed leather book may be a bit expensive, but for many moms, the level of organization it offers will prove priceless. In addition to separate daily spaces for up to four children's schedules, the 7-by-9-inch calendar is check-ablock with pages for entertaining, fitness, travel and dining out. \$95 at [www.monagenda.com](http://www.monagenda.com).

# FAMILY LIFE

## Singles

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Guay purchased plans for the three-bedroom contemporary on the Internet, and McCormick modified the design to meet her clients' lifestyle.

Guay loves to entertain, so a large, open living/dining area greets visitors who enter through the front door. Hardwood floors are covered with coordinated, but not matching, area rugs, and an oversized sectional offers views of the television and the gas fireplace.

Unlike the rest of the home, where Guay chose earth tones, the kitchen, at the rear of the house, is decorated with a lot of blue. A slider open to the deck, which runs along the length of the rear wall, offering a view of the yard and the neighborhood below.

A dabbler in real estate investment, Guay approached the project with an eye toward comfort and resale value. She included two bedrooms on the first floor and created a master suite in the second-floor loft, making the home suitable for a family if she ever decides to sell.

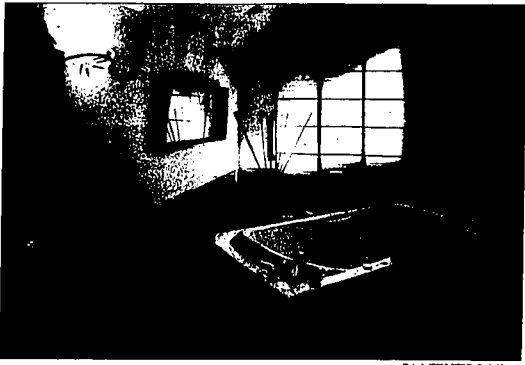
While there are many ways to contract with a designer, Guay chose to pay McCormick on an hourly basis and use her primarily as a sounding board for her own ideas and purchases.

Guay spent hours with lighting designers and shopping at fabric stores and ready-made furniture retailers. "Custom furniture was not in my budget," Guay said.

She found much of her art-

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— Sara Ruffin Costello, creative director at style magazine Domino



Danetta Guay sits on the staircase that leads to the loft of her Middletown, Conn., home.

For the bathroom of Danetta Guay's home, she had to decide on everything from the tile on up — as was the case for the rest of the new home, including furnishings.

work at Marshalls and Target.

On Saturdays, Guay would go to McCormick's office, and the two would confer. Most of the time, McCormick says, Guay's choices were just perfect.

Starting with a designer added very little to the cost of the home, Guay says, because most of the features, including paint colors, flooring materials, bathroom tile, kitchen surfaces

and cabinets, had to go into the house anyway. Starting with what she likes, Guay says, saves the time and expense of redefining.

"This is such a personal project and such a big one to do all by yourself," says McCormick, who has worked mostly with couples. She says she enjoyed working with Guay because nobody had to compromise.

Rebecca Ellsley, a 35-year-old single designer and real estate agent who bought her first house 10 years ago and now lives alone in a 3,000-square-foot log cabin, says having a nice house can have a downside in the dating game.

Some men are intimidated by women with well-decorated homes, she says. "People want you to be suc-

cessful, but not too successful." But hiring a designer and settling into a beautiful environment does not necessarily preclude the possibility of eventually turning a space for one into a place for two.

Several years ago, designer Rosemarie DePiano designed a large condo for a young single professional woman who moved to Connecticut from New York City. The woman recommended DePiano to a neighbor, a young man who had recently moved into the same complex.

A few years later, DePiano's clients got married and moved into the woman's condo. The

man liked his space so much that he asked DePiano to re-create the feel of his old bachelor condo in the basement of his new wife's condo. A little more than a year ago, the couple bought a home and combined the furniture from both condos under the new roof.

With the real estate market still solid, albeit somewhat softer in most areas, experts say creating a well-designed home carries little risk for singles. In most cases, a well-decorated home or condo is easy to sell at a profit.

"My home is an extension of me," says Costello, of Domino magazine. "You'd be a fool to wait around. What's the point?"

### Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.

Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Taco salad bar, cream puffs

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, vegetables, salad, bread, banana pudding

Thursday: Sweet and sour pork with rice, Oriental vegetables, salad, fruit, brownie  
Friday: Baked potato bar

**Activities:**  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday

Exercise class  
Blood pressure  
Wednesday: Elks Card Club Quilting

Thursday: Pinochle  
Exercise class  
Friday: Blood pressure Quilting

Lunch bingo  
Texas cards  
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m.

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**

1010 Main St., Bldg. H

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Hamburgers with buns, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, dessert

Wednesday: Tuna casserole, salad, fruit, dessert  
Thursday: Meatloaf, baked potato, vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, bread, dessert

**Activities:**  
Monday: Closed

Wednesday: Silver Sneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday: Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
Friday: Silver Sneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

**Flier Senior Haven**

222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

**Menus:**  
Tuesday: Ham, baked beans, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, peas, bread, pudding

Wednesday: Smorgasbord  
Thursday: Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, peas, apple-

sauce, salad, bread, cake

**Activities:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, noon  
Cards, 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Walking club, 10 a.m.  
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Cards and games, 1 p.m.

Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Friday: Walking club, 10 a.m.  
Saturday: Breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**Jerome Senior Center**

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, fruit, cookies

Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, Oriental vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, peach cobbler

Thursday: French dip sandwich, baked potato, peas, fruit salad, carrot cake

Friday: Turkey, potatoes and gravy, corn green salad, fruit, banana cream pie

**Activities:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 6:45 p.m.  
Wednesday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m.  
Bridge

Friday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Speaker, Chris Bell from Idaho Power

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.  
Full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; take-out available: \$4 for seniors 60 and above; \$5 for people under 60, \$2.50 for children under 12.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Chili burgers, mixed vegetables, brownies  
Friday: Meatballs, potatoes and gravy, corn, strawberry shortcake

**Activities:**  
Monday: Center closed  
AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.  
Wednesday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Gooding County Senior Citizens**

308 Senior Ave., Gooding

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed for lunch

Tuesday: Ham slices, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, carrot salad, corn bread, peanut butter cookies

Wednesday: Chicken a la king, rice, pickled beets, peaches, biscuits

Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, apple-sauce, Jell-O, rolls, cake with lemon sauce

**Activities:**  
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
Wild One, 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.

Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Music with June Koonce  
Music by the Fiddlers

Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.  
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**Silver and Gold Senior Center**

Eden

Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

**Menus:**  
Tuesday: Hamburgers, baked beans, French fries, salad, fruit

Thursday: Chicken tetrazzini, deviled eggs, salad, fruit

**Activities:**  
Wednesday: Bake day  
Friday: 7 p.m.

**Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.**

218 N. Rall St. W., Shoshone

Fruit juice, milk and coffee

served daily.

**Menus:**  
Tuesday: Chicken a la king over baking powder biscuits, buttered peas, green salad, apple brown Betty

Wednesday: Broccoli soup, grilled cheese sandwich, cherry pie

Friday: Baked potato bar, chili, homemade bread, fruit Jell-O with whipped topping

**Activities:**  
Tuesday: Closed

Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Richfield Senior Center**

Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed

Thursday: Tuna fish sandwich, vegetable soup, lemon pie

**Blaine County Senior Center**

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

**Menus:**  
Tuesday: Cook's choice

Wednesday: Lasagna, garlic cheese bread, corn on the cob, green beans, tossed green salad, gingerbread with lemon sauce

Thursday: (Carey) turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, Brussels sprouts, relish tray, hot rolls, chocolate cake with vanilla frosting

Friday: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, Brussels sprouts, relish tray, hot rolls, chocolate cake with vanilla frosting

**Activities:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m.  
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.  
Wednesday: Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.  
Caregivers group, 5:30 p.m.  
Yoga, 5:45 p.m.

Thursday: Carey Center lunch

Exercise at American Legion Hall (Kerchum), 1:30 p.m.  
Friday: Board games, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
"Sing-a-long", 11:45 a.m.

**Three Island Senior Center**

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people

under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Barbecue beef sandwich on a bun, baked beans, mixed vegetables, coleslaw

Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli Normandy, whole-wheat bread

**Activities:**  
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

**Camas County Senior Center**

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Suggested donation for the meals: \$4 for ages 10-59; \$3 for 60 and above; and \$2 for children under 10.

**Menus:**  
Tuesday: Casserole, salad, fruit, bread, dessert

Wednesday: Lasagna, salad, fruit, garlic bread, dessert

Friday: Chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dessert

**Activities:**  
Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos and visiting available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center**

702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, fries, corn, rolls, salad, pudding

Wednesday: Barbecue ribs, baked beans, peas, salad, Jell-O, rolls

Thursday: Hamburger goulash, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, strawberry shortcake

Friday: Smorgasbord

**Activities:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m.  
Strength training with Institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.

Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Taxi aid, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; call 436-9107 for appointment  
Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m.

SIIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwideman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 678-0727 for appointments

Strength training with Institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Friday: Medication assistance by pharmacists, 11 a.m. to noon

**Golden Heritage Senior Center**

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Crab salad sandwich, cheddar-broccoli soup, apple-cabbage salad, brownies

Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, Jell-O with vegetables, fruit cup, dessert

Thursday: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, biscuits, squash, fruit cup, dessert

Friday: Meatballs, Alfredo noodles, broccoli mix, fruit salad, assorted desserts

**Activities:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Pool  
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m.  
Exercise  
Community bingo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Exercise  
Thursday: Pool  
Exercise  
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.  
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.

Friday: Pool  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.

**Hagerman Senior Center**

140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12. Thrift shop open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Pork ribs, sausage and potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, green salad, fruit, bread, birthday cake

Friday: Barbecue chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert.

# Parents try to unadopt troubled boy

By Bridg Schultz  
The Washington Post

"You don't want to throw somebody away. But sometimes you have to."

— Helen Briggs

WASHINGTON — A talkative 9-year-old boy came to Helen Briggs on Valentine's Day 2000. She was a foster mother with years of tough love and scores of troubled kids behind her. But she grew to love this boy. Within the year, she'd adopted her husband into talking him.

Now, six years later, Briggs and her husband, James, a maintenance worker, are taking the highly unusual step of trying to unadopt him.

In 2003, when the boy was 12, he sexually molested a 6-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl still in diapers. She said it was only then, as she waited outside the courtroom for his sexual battery hearing and caseworkers handed her his psychological profile, that she found out just how damaged the boy had been when he came into her life.

The Washington Post generally does not name the subjects of juvenile court cases.

Briggs said she did not know he had lived in five foster homes since he was 16 months old. Nor that his alcohol- and drug-addicted biological parents had physically abused him, injuring his brain stem and impairing his ability to gauge the passage of time.

He'd been hospitalized seven times in psychiatric institutions and diagnosed as possibly psychotically bipolar. He'd thrown knives, kicked in walls, pulled out his hair and threatened to kill himself. His best voices telling him to do bad things. His confidential case file shows he most likely was sexually abused.

"I did not know any of that," Briggs said, though Virginia police states that caseworkers should provide "full, factual information" about a child to adoptive parents. "They just told me he was hyperactive."

She said the state's failure to disclose the boy's history is tantamount to fraud. State child welfare officials could not comment on the case because of confidentiality restrictions. But some caseworkers do not have Briggs' records show. They think she wants to get out of paying child support.

Still, a Fairfax County, Va., court has granted Briggs' petition to relinquish custody of the boy, who has lived in institutions since his conviction, is now officially back in foster care. He asked to be put on suicide watch, records show, when the judge's decision came down.

Briggs hired an attorney to terminate her parental rights. But in Virginia, a child older than 14 must give consent. The boy, now nearing 16, wants Briggs to be his mother figure, according to the voluminous confidential case file and e-mail and phone records Briggs subpoenaed for her lawsuit and provided to the Post.

Briggs sought to file "wrongful adoption" lawsuit. But under Virginia law, she needed to file within two years of discovering the boy's history. Instead, she waived.

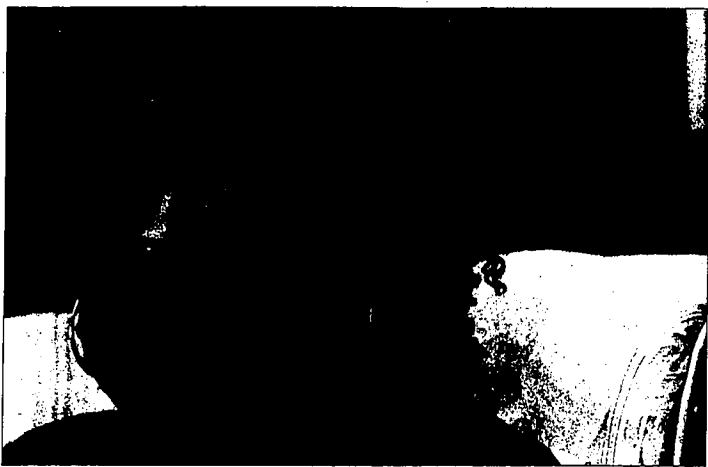
First, she wanted him home after he had completed his sex-offender treatment. But then psychologists deemed him a "sexual predator." That meant Briggs could no longer be a foster parent, which she considers her job. Nor could she allow her three grandchildren in her house. Nor could she keep a little girl she had cared for since the day she was born.

She had to choose: "You don't want to throw somebody away," she said. "But sometimes you have to."

Her choice has left her with none of the rights and many of the responsibilities of a parent. Caseworkers forbid her from contacting the child because he becomes so violent and angry when she does. Yet state law requires that she pay \$127 a month in child support and cover the child's medical costs. It appears before judges who now decide what's best for him.

With no legal recourse, she is asking politicians to help her find a way.

"At first bluish, you think, 'What, you're trying to give up your kid? You're a jerk,'" said Virginia Del. David Albo, R-Fairfax. "Then you find this lady has received awards and the foster work she's done. And that she never would have adopted the boy and put other children in danger if she had had the



Helen Briggs, shown in her Lorton, Va., home, is a foster mother with years of tough love and scores of troubled kids behind her. In 2000, she adopted a troubled 9-year-old boy, but now she is taking the highly unusual step of trying to unadopt him, saying caseworkers failed to disclose the boy's stormy history.

information that was withheld from her."

The technical term for what Briggs is trying to do is "dis-adopt," the adoption, as if all the bonds of love and hurt could simply vanish into thin air.

When Briggs, 57, went to visit the boy for the first time, she said, she saw a cute, happy child. She recalls caseworkers telling her that he was in a psychiatric hospital because he was too much of a handful for his great-aunt. They were nearing desperation before they found Briggs' records show. Nobody wanted him.

A no-nonsense, old-school professional parent," Briggs said, she could handle him. When the boy acted out, she gave him limits. When he began pulling his hair out, she had it shaved. And when he kept running away from school and her Lorton, Va., townhouse, she turned him over to her husband for a whipping, just like she got as a child — until caseworkers called Child Protective Services.

Nonetheless, caseworkers noted that the boy thrived in her care. The Briggs foster home is the most constructive and potentially successful placement option that this child has," they wrote.

Briggs hadn't planned on adopting anyone. There was just something special about this child. He was so thankful he had his own room, with the first bed he hadn't had to share in his whole life, she remembers him telling her.

If she got sick, he'd make her soup and rub her feet. At school, if he heard an ambulance, he'd be beside himself until school workers led him call home to make sure Briggs was OK. She understood, she said. So many people had abandoned the child.

As she was signing the adoption papers, she remembers nothing about a background briefing, as required by state policy. Only a caseworker ask-

ing skeptically, "Are you sure you want to do this?"

"Yes," she recalled answering. "I love him."

When the boy came to her, he was taking medications for mental illness, depression, delusions, seizures and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. He was considered a "therapeutic" foster child, one that comes with extra emotional, medical or behavioral baggage and a hefty monthly subsidy.

Some caseworkers think she must have known, records show. One wrote that Briggs wasn't being "entirely honest." However, nothing in the case file indicates she was given an oral briefing or a written summary of the boy's background, or access to his records in some reports, details such as his psychiatric hospitalizations and sexual abuse are left out.

There are also notations of alarms when Briggs began taking the child off his medications, that perhaps she did not understand the gravity of his condition. Briggs said she thought the medications were for hyperactivity. When the child began complaining of headaches, she took him to a psychiatrist caseworkers recommended. She asked if the boy needed all the pills. The psychiatrist, records show, said no.

"When he told me he was hearing voices, I told him it was just his conscience talking," she said. Records show that caseworkers are vehemently against Briggs terminating her parental rights. "At least, if his parents win the lottery and die, he will inherit," one wrote in an e-mail. Some think she has rejected the boy because she needs the money she gets from foster children.

"That's a lie," Briggs said angrily.

A religious woman and active in her church, Briggs said being a foster mother is a calling. She's on disability, she explained, so it's one of the few things she can do to supplement her hus-

band's blue-collar wage.

"The system needs to be revised. That's why I'm doing this," she said. "I should have known about the child. Because people get hurt."

And then there is another reason, one that woke up late one recent morning and, yawning, shuffled downstairs in fluffy white slippers with bells on the toes and nestled onto Briggs' ample lap: a little girl of 5, the child of a former foster daughter and Briggs' legal ward.

"I can't take him back," Briggs said, stroking the hair of the child she chose to keep.

If it is true what Briggs says, that she really didn't know the full extent of the boy's difficult young life, it would not be the first time.

The first "wrongful adoption" lawsuit was won in Ohio in 1986. Parents were told the 16-month-old they adopted was a healthy infant born to a teenage mother. When the child later developed a fatal disease and exhibited mental disorders, the parents discovered he was born to two middle-age mental patients.

Since then, states have enacted a patchwork of laws and written disclosure policies. Some states, such as Texas and Ohio, give adoptive parents access to a child's entire case file. In Maryland, social workers are required to prepare a written background summary and ask adoptive parents to sign it. Virginia's disclosure policy has no written requirement.

"I have seen so many adoptive parents come back and feel so angry and cheated that we didn't tell them about a child. And we did tell them," said Judith Schagrin, a Maryland social worker. "It's just that at the time, they were so hopeful and looking through a lens of love that they couldn't hear

what we were saying."

But sometimes, because of the high turnover of case workers, information gets lost, mistakes happen — especially if the child is older. Especially if they've bounced around foster care for years. And especially, Schagrin said, if their sad and broken histories might scare away potential foster or adoptive families. That pressure has intensified since 1997 because of a federal law that rewards states as much as \$5,000 for every foster child adopted.

"I have seen caseworkers. They think, oh, the family won't adopt the child if they know everything," Schagrin said.

Most adoptions take, especially for infants. But for children over 12, as many of 25 percent of the adoptions don't. They simply dissolve.

Briggs has seen her adopted son four times since he left her home in 2003 — three brief visits to his out-of-town institution before she decided to give him up and once in court this summer. The child, by turns angry and despondent, had smashed his hand through glass.

"He feels und loved," a counselor noted in his file. "That he doesn't belong in the world."

Caseworkers came to Fairfax juvenile court to ask a judge to send the boy to a secure facility in another state. Though she had no say in the matter, Briggs came to see him.

After the hearing, she asked him for a hug. "Well, I'm grown up now," she remembers him saying before he gave in.

"Do you miss me?" she remembers asking.

"Yes," he said.

Then she returned home, to her grandchildren, her small ward and the new foster daughter who sleeps in the boy's old room.

## Nostalgia

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"That's why historians write history from documentation."

But nostalgia isn't just a grand illusion of memory. It can have everyday consequences, and not always happy ones.

"Emotionally healthy people live in the present," said Dr. Rick Yavruian, a staff psychiatrist at Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of the St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

That's not to say that remembering past doesn't have value. Yavruian adds, "The value of the past, I think, is preparing for the future," Gentry said. "That's why we study history."

The word nostalgia was coined by a 17th-century Swiss doctor named Johannes Hofer, who noticed that Swiss soldiers who served as mercenaries in the armies of other nations were often despondent, anomic and sometimes suicidal. Hofer's explanation was demonic possession.

The devil didn't turn out to be the cause, but there's something to be said for the possession argument.

"The past can be hard to let go of," Gentry said. However golden or awful it was, it's a certainty — something to hold onto in an uncertain future.

In a 2004 article in the Handbook of Experimental Psychology, researchers Constantine Sedikides, Tom Schuchart and Denise Baden concluded that nostalgia is an effective resource for coping with an "existential" threat. People who experience disruption in their lives will esteem the past more favorably than those with less eventful histories.

The death of a loved one, bad health, divorce, loneliness, alienation and fear of death can make nostalgia a means of coping with these highly uncomfortable psychological states.

"It bitterness context notwithstanding, nostalgia is predominantly positive," they wrote.

But, they added, if "nostalgia is excessive and uncontrollable, it may interfere with enjoyment of the present. It may also make one feel closed to new opportunities, experiences and relationships."

Part of treating addictions, Yavruian says, is getting the addict to let go of yesterday if the past is full of self-defeating behavior.

"The past is context, and that's important," Gentry said. "But it's not destiny. It's something you can learn from and apply it to the future."

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by Laura Fitzgerald  
Re/Max American Dream Realty

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FAMILY LIFE

# Six-year-old driving golf cart is unsafe at any speed

DEAR ABBY: My son and daughter-in-law have a golf cart they allow their 6-year-old daughter, "Madison," to drive. I feel that she is too little to control the vehicle. She can barely see above the steering wheel.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

This is way too large and powerful a vehicle for the little girl. There is a warning on the dashboard stating that a rollover could cause severe injury or death.

It tears me up that this is allowed, when I imagine the potential risk that the parents are courting. They assure me that they have taught Madison how to operate the vehicle safely, but I feel a 6-year-old is not capable or skilled enough to handle an unexpected driving situation.

My son and daughter-in-law are excellent and caring parents in every other way. However, on this issue they are in denial about the potential hazards, coupled with the reality of age-appropriate challenges.

When I speak up, I am met with rolled eyes and a curt reminder to mind my own business. Even my husband refuses to listen. I feel isolated in this situation. My husband never supported when I expressed my concerns and told me to stay out of it. I just want to avoid a potential tragedy without being the meddling mother-in-law. Am I overreacting?

SERIOUSLY WORRIED IN FLORIDA

DEAR SERIOUSLY WORRIED: You do not appear to be a "Nervous Nellie" to me. I don't know the law in Florida, but in my opinion this could be considered child endangerment. Your granddaughter may be the most well-coordinated child in the world, but accidents do happen, and golf carts should not be confused with go-carts, which are meant for children.

Because you cannot get your son and husband's attention any other way, place a call to your insurance agent, asking about the potential liability should your grandchild collide with another vehicle—or God forbid, a human being, while operating the golf cart. The financial liabilities could be considerable, putting aside the possible injury to your grandchild or others. It could be the wake-up call they need.

DEAR ABBY: I have been going to the same dentist for more than 20 years and have a good relationship with him. I recommended two patients to him, and both of them later told me they were very unhappy with the work he did and had to see other dentists to have the work redone.

This caused me to question his work on me, so I decided to go to another dentist for a consultation. The other dentist is highly esteemed and not a competitor because her practice is in another city. Both she and her partner concluded that the work done by my dentist was sub-par and unacceptable and reviewed the reasons with me.

Do I need to explain to my dentist why I am leaving his practice? Or do I just not schedule any more appointments?

DENTALLY CHALLENGED IN D.C.

DEAR DENTALLY CHALLENGED: Do not schedule any more appointments with this person. If he calls to ask why, then you can explain your reasons.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: If you party tonight, please don't drink and drive. Have a designated driver.

A happy, healthy and prosperous 2007 to each and every one of you—Love, ABBY

# Online obituary site won't speak ill of the dead

By Kirby Vann  
The Hartford Courant

Mom always cautioned us not to speak ill of the dead. Based on some of the content posted on the site, as well as guest books, it looks like some of us weren't listening.

At www.Legacy.com, one of America's largest Web-based memorial services, staffers work around the clock screening the 6 million-plus Guest Book entries submitted each year. In 2006, more than 300,000 were deemed "inappropriate" and removed before "going live" in an obituary.

Unacceptable entries range from airing family "dirty laundry" to accusations of misbehavior on the part of the deceased. "She was an awful boss," "He had a mistress," or "Ie owed me money" are common themes, as are rehashing old grudges and feuds, says Hayes Ferguson, Legacy.com's chief operating officer.

"Obituaries are a sensitive arena. From day one, we've checked entries for content before posting them," says Ferguson. "What surprised us was when we started getting more and more entries likely to upset grieving families."

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rial services for more than 300 U.S. newspapers, including The New York Times, Washington Post and others. It counts about 6 million visitors a month. On its site, the company posts obituaries and interactive guest books for one of every two people who die in the U.S. each day.

Legacy.com also publishes death notices submitted by funeral homes and includes the Social Security death index, special sections on Sept. 11 victims, celebrities who have passed away, and service men and women killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Visitors can post pictures of lost loved ones, create slide shows, add audio messages and forward guest books to others. Guest books remain on the site at no cost for 30 days to a year and can be kept online permanently for a \$79 fee.

The Web site also features Obit Messenger, an e-mailed obituary alert

service, a directory of funeral homes across the country and other resources. Along with those seeking information on a friend or loved one's death, the site is used by researchers and genealogists.

Not all pulled postings are malicious, says Ferguson. Some might remind someone of escapades with a bit too much "graphic detail," while others could reveal a secret life. "We had so much fun dancing in the gay bars," or "Our affair was magical," could be difficult for unsuspecting husband or wife to read about a departed spouse. Copyrighted materials such as song lyrics or poems also are not allowed.

Online memorial sites are fertile hunting grounds for unscrupulous vendors attempting to sell merchandise, goods and even religion to deceased's loved ones," says Ferguson. "We employ technology to ensure visi-

tors' privacy."

Over the years, the company has developed a system of red flags that alert screeners to problematic entries, as well as expanded its "terms of use," that are prominently displayed on the Web site.

To that end, materials that contain vulgar, profane, abusive or hateful language, epithets or slurs, text or illustrations in poor taste, inflammatory attacks of a personal, racial or religious nature, expressions of bigotry, racism, discrimination or hate, are not allowed.

Neither are items deemed "defamatory, threatening, disparaging, inflammatory, false, misleading, deceptive, fraudulent, inaccurate, unfair, containing gross exaggeration or unsubstantiated claims, violating the privacy rights of any third party, unreasonably harmful or offensive to any individual or community or intended primarily to promote a cause or movement, whether political, religious or other."

In spite of the challenges of monitoring the vast amount of material posted on Legacy.com, Ferguson says the public response has been overwhelmingly positive by families who have lost loved ones and by visitors to the site.

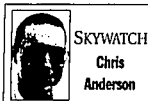
# Mark your calendar for 2007's parade of planets

If you're an avid planet watcher, there's a lot to look forward to in 2007.

The year begins with Saturn moving into prime position for evening viewing, reaching opposition (opposite the sun, and thus spending most of the nighttime hours above the horizon) in early February. By then, Venus will be blazing brightly in the west at nightfall, on its way (as detailed last week in this column) to dominating the evening sky by summertime.

Just as Venus is getting ready to put on its best show in the western sky, Jupiter will make its way into the evening sky in the east, reaching opposition in early June. By the end of the year, with Jupiter sinking into the sunset, stars will take over, reaching opposition just before Christmas, and putting itself in superb position for telescope viewing high overhead in the clear winter skies of early 2008.

Mercury achieves maximum separation from the sun about six times a year.



SKYWATCH  
Chris Anderson

## Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets: Mars: SE, before sunrise; Mars: SE, extremely low; Jupiter: SE, very low; Saturn: WSW, mid-sky; One hour after sunset: Venus: WSW, extremely low; Moon: Full moon 6:57 a.m. Wednesday; Close to Saturn Saturday morning.
- Other dates: Earth at perihelion (closest to sun for 2007) 1.3 p.m. Wednesday, (93,299,727 miles).

If it's well separated from the sun (called greatest elongation) close to the vernal equinox, it will be well placed for viewing away from the sun's glare. Unfortunately, this year Mercury is on the wrong

side of the sun in late March, so its best evening appearance in late July will be a mediocre one.

After nearly two years without a total lunar eclipse, the moon will penetrate deeply into the Earth's shadow in the pre-dawn hours of Aug. 28, giving early risers an opportunity to see the full moon dimly glowing dark red, orange or even brown at mid-eclipse.

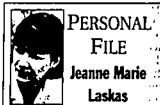
Solar viewers will be celebrating the passage of solar minimum at mid-year. If you have the proper filters to view the sun safely, the new solar cycle will roughly double the number of sunspots by year's end, with more to come as we head toward a strong peak predicted in 2011.

Next week: Space exploration highlights in 2007.

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# Say it with screamers!!!!

AMY SAYS SHE JUST HATES IT WHEN PEOPLE WRITE IN ALL CAPS, while Peter points out that a few CHOICE words set in caps can REALLY make a statement.



PERSONAL FILE  
Jeanne Marie Laskas

We're at a family holiday gathering, having eggs for breakfast, and we're either nostalgic for work, or feeling out of sorts without work, or just finding the subject a welcome one—a stress-free topic that doesn't involve childhood memories and whether so-and-so-always got the most attention and why so-and-so-always got blamed for everything.

Office e-mail. We work in different fields, but we know the nuances of the same digital lingo. We are part of the network of e-mails, constantly deciphering the rules and expectations of the new form of communication. "I would like to address the issue of the explanation point in your e-mail. You use 'LOL' too much. I would like to hear the explanation point at the end of that statement?"

Nods go around the room. "So why am I not permitted to use an exclamation point in an e-mail?"

"Not permitted?" Carl asks. "You have e-mail rules at your university?"

Of course not. But there are certain lines that are not committed by scholars, and an exclamation point in an e-mail is one of them. It's a symbol that seems to say: I am perhaps slightly extremely enthusiastic about something. I don't quite know how to express succinctly using mere words. And, therefore: stupid.

"That is true," Amy says. "An exclamation point is not something you would only use for family." That is so true! There is no place for the exclamation point in business communication! This has been bothering me for some time. Or maybe I'm just in the mood for rebellion?

Carl interrupts. "Does anyone have any opinions on font styles?"

"Oh, throws up! We find that we all have font opinions, noting how weird it is to actually vocalize the word 'font,' which would seem to be reserved only for those with a bad bar."

Times New Roman 12, 10, Peter says. "Courier or Arial. Black or blue."

We're all nodding. We understand implicitly. Acceptable fonts are those to which your e-mail client defaults; anything else is code for: "I have a heck of a lot of extra time on my hands, so I'm gonna write you in purple Bertina Antiqua, which you may or may not be able to read."

"Old people and children," I point out, "gets a free pass on fancy fonts."

"And family," Amy says.

"Right," I say. Amy and I are on the same page here. My husband is staring at me. He disagrees?

"Why do you use so many ellipses? It's like you're getting the nerve to confront me on this matter. I do?"

"Yeah, you'll write to tell me about the kids having soccer practice, and then you'll end

with a whole bunch of periods..." I have sort of noticed that about Amy. "What's that about?"

I make the case that my ellipses probably just indicate that I have a lot more to say but I'm in a hurry to move on, or I'm not just quite READY for CLOSURE, or um, well, I don't have any other plausible explanation... "WHIO KNEW THAT PUNCTUATION MARKS COULD PLAY SUCH A VITAL ROLE IN OUR LIVES?"

We laugh. We are having a great time. We refill our orange juices, and some of us go for the nimosos. We debate the use of "LOL" to generate laughter in an e-mail, versus "LMAO." "LMAO" I find that it means "LOL" because using it means that I've crossed over to the other's side of LIVING inside e-mail.

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"Sort of like if I say 'LOL' right now, instead of just laughing out loud, I've lost my humanity," my husband says. "Right?"

We are discussing this much about ourselves. We never even knew we had these stances until now. How invigorating to give voice to private feelings and to learn that you're not alone. We find that we have all resisted the trend to use emoticons in our communications, and some of us go into high fives over that common conviction.

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Where I work, the office staff uses them all the time in their communications to the faculty as in: "I'll just wanted to remind you of the departmental meeting next Tuesday at 9:30!" But the faculty wouldn't be caught dead sounding so perky. As in: "Thank you. I'll be there."

Cranky-pants! I don't want to be part of the cranky-pants side. Recently, I've been using exclamation points all over the place! It's my own private rebellion. I've been writing e-mails about seminars in pedagogy and sounding just like this! It's fun! It adds a little AIR and LIGHTNESS into the dim halls of cranky-pants land! "Brighten your face by smiling frequently, and I raise my glass for a toast." "Long live the exclamation point!"

They look at me with furrowed brows. "Maybe after you get your 'smile' on, my husband is reminding me that we need the health insurance."

"Just keep the exclamation points for family," Amy says. "I'm sorry to my good friend, but I've seen your husband's files are FOR!"

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

# Dig up the good stuff, Virgo

## IF DEC. 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

The year ahead can bring romance, excitement and a successful change for the better. People look upon you more favorably than usual over the next few months and you appear glamorous, accomplished and desirable. Whether you are looking for a new romantic partner and soul mate or a successful foothold in the business world you are likely to impress everyone with your talents. Take advantage of opportunities or offers that appear out of the blue in April and November. People in general will have your best interests at heart and whatever you start during these months will lead to prosperity or improved conditions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Dance for joy. Your extra energy can be used in any exuberant enterprise. Friends will be willing to trust you with the keys to the car or could offer to help you reach an important objective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be seen with the right people. This holiday gives you a valid excuse to show up on any party event or to visit the local pub. You may make a valuable new contact or friend tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Mysteries appeal to you. A treasure hunt would

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

be right up your alley. Get up to date with the latest gossip at a party or sit down and discuss your special someone's innermost thoughts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make the most of it. The opportunity to share good times and memories with friends, family or members of the community comes along very rarely. Enjoy blissful hours with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Start the New Year off with a clean slate. Forgive your enemies. Make a reasonable resolution and later in the week you will be inspired to "change the things that have held you back in the past."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Dig up the good stuff. Find out what turns on your current sweetie then take steps to make it happen. Gentle words can rekindle the best of passion and light the way towards a permanent commitment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Old acquaintances won't be forgotten. You may meet up with an old lover or a past neighbor while making the social rounds, or receive an unexpected phone call wishing you a Happy

## New Year.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Kiss the old year goodbye. Home might be where the heart is as this year comes to a congenial close. Spend the final hours of 2006 having a good time with the people you know and trust.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tot your own horn. A little noisemaking and exuberance is definitely in order on this particular holiday. People trust what you say and believe you comes along a passionate promise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Resolve to own the best and the brightest. Consider New Year's goals that center around solid financial success. Your favorite hookup may have some ideas that enliven the night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): End the old year with bang. Be close to the one you love when the champagne cork pops or the marmalot clock strikes 12. Doves from the past whose good opinion counts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Out with the old, in with the new. The best New Year's resolutions should center on making a dynamic change for the better in your life. Whatever you can visualize this year, you can attain.



ENGAGEMENTS

WEDDINGS

ANNIVERSARY

TAYLOR-JORDAN



Tyler Jordan and Salina Taylor

**TWIN FALLS** — The parents of Salina Ann Taylor and Tyler Lynn Jordan announce their engagement.  
Taylor is the daughter of Clinton and Kim Taylor of Emmett. She is a 2005 graduate of Emmett High School. She attended Boise Bible College for one semester and Apollo College in Boise, graduating in September in massage therapy while working at Emerson House in Boise. She is employed with Moorhouse Chiropractic in Boise.  
Jordan is the son of Chris and Betsy Jordan of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls. He is a 2002 graduate of Twin Falls

Christian and Salina Taylor is employed at Window Welder in Emmett.  
The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 27, at the First Baptist Church in Emmett.

HARMAN-HYER



Nicole Harman and Brian Hyer

**RUPERT** — Kent and Tami Harman of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Harman, to Brian Clark Hyer, son of James Hyer and Margene Ledassier of Florida.  
Harman graduated from Minico High School in 1999 and from Brigham Young University-Hawaii. She is employed by Promise Specialty Hospitals.  
Hyer served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Concepcion, Chile, and graduated from the University of Utah. He is the public information officer for the Division of Homeland Security for the state of Utah.  
The wedding is planned for

Thursday, Jan. 4, in the Salt Lake LDS temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Kent Harman residence in Rupert.

TURNBULL-GARN



Jared and Richelle Garn

**BURLEY** — Richelle Lynn Turnbull and Jared Teichert Garn were married Dec. 29 in the San Diego LDS Temple.  
The bride is the daughter of Ramont and Cindy Turnbull of Carlsbad, Calif.  
The groom is the son of Val and Ann Garn of Burley.  
The bride is a graduate of La Costa Canyon High School and a graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho with a major in graphic design. The groom is a graduate of Burley High School and served a mission in Barcelona, Spain. He attends BYU-Idaho.  
They plan to return to BYU-Idaho after working in

California for the winter. An open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Burley Institute of Religion.

BROWN-JACKSON



Brenda and Bill Jackson

**TWIN FALLS** — Brenda M. Brown and Bill L. Jackson were married Dec. 1 by a justice of the peace in Twin Falls.  
Lil Jackson, daughter-in-law of the groom, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Allie D. Moore and Lisa G. Moore, daughters of the bride, Jazmin Marie Arias, granddaughter of the bride, was flower girl.  
Bob L. Jackson, son of the groom, was best man. Cousin Charles Moore, grandson of the bride, was ringbearer. A reception followed the wedding at home.  
The bride is a graduate of Montezuma County High School in Cortez, Colo., and is

retired. The groom is a graduate of Bear Cats High School in Scotts Bluff, Neb., and is retired.  
The couple resides in Twin Falls.

HALL-JENSEN



Jonathan and Tangelia Jensen

**KIMBERLY** — Tangelia Sue Hall and Jonathan Patrick Jensen were married Dec. 30 in the Bountiful LDS Temple.  
The bride is the daughter of Glenn and Susan Hall of Kimberly.  
The groom is the son of Phil and Patricia Jensen of Blackfoot.  
The bride graduated from Kimberly High School in 2003 and attended Idaho State University. She is a developmental therapist for Southern Developmental Center in Pocatello.  
The groom graduated from Blount High School in 1996 and served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Venezuela. He received an associate's degree in general education and performing arts from Brigham Young

University-Idaho. He will study Spanish education at ISU and is employed at American Heritage in Pocatello.  
A reception will be held Saturday, Jan. 6, at the University 2nd State Center in Pocatello. An open house will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, in Kimberly.  
After their honeymoon at Disneyworld, they will reside in Pocatello.

THE RIETVELDS



Gertrude and Cornelius Rietveld

**TWIN FALLS** — Gertrude and Cornelius Rietveld of Twin Falls will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Jan. 6.  
They were married Jan. 6, 1942, in South Holland, Ill.  
After farming in Illinois and Indiana, they moved the farming operations to Magic Valley in 1988. Both have been active in the Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls and various community organizations.  
The Rietvelts have three children, Gerrit (Jackie) Rietveld of New Hampshire, and Mary (James) Kelly and Bob (Patry) Rietveld, all of Twin Falls; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.  
The couple will celebrate with the entire family in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

STORK REPORT

**Cassia Regional Medical Center**  
Alexander Jordan Dayley, son of Ted and DeAnna Dayley of Burley, was born Dec. 14, 2006.  
**St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center**  
Ayla Ann Melendez, daughter of Sharon Lynn Jonak and Jose Fernando Melendez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2006.  
Genesis Zuleyca Sanchez, daughter of Veronica Sanchez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 11, 2006.  
Ashlyn Noel Lewis, daughter of Lindsey Marie Lewis of Jerome, was born Dec. 11, 2006.  
Ellana Danielle Atalp, daughter of Chelsea Nicole Atalp of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 14, 2006.  
Christopher Allen Herman, son of Heather Dawn Herman of Hazelton, was born Dec. 18, 2006.  
Kayden Chance Breneck-Stewart, son of Kali Hope Stewart and Scott Andrew Breneck of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 18, 2006.

PLEWNIAK-WIGHT



Anthony Wight and Kim Plewniak

**TWIN FALLS** — Ray and Judy Wight of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their son, Anthony Wight, to Kim Plewniak, daughter of Linda and James Randolph of Buffalo, N.Y.  
Wight is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in Seattle.  
Plewniak has a bachelor's degree in music from the State University of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and a master's of music from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.  
They both reside in Spokane, Wash., where Wight is self-employed in the aquarium business and works at Costco

Wholesale. Plewniak is the assistant principal bassist in the Spokane Symphony and teaches at Gonzaga University and Eastern Washington University.  
The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 6, at Niagara-on-the-Lake in Ontario. A reception will be held Friday, Jan. 19, at Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls.

Tools to help control rambunctious dogs

By Denise Flaim Newsday  
Nothing fills an empty nest like a new pet.  
But unless you decide to adopt an older animal, batten down the hatches: Puppies and young dogs are the definition of rambunctious.  
Before you resign yourself to life in a "Dogs Gone Wild" video, here are some tools to help you manage all that energy with brains instead of brawn:  
• Gentle Leader head halter. Although it looks at first like a muzzle, this increasingly popular tool is more humane than a choke or prong collar, and much more effective at controlling pullers and leapers.  
The Gentle Leader applies canine principles — to dog walking: Control the head, and you control the dog.  
When properly adjusted, the head halter prevents a dog from pulling by exerting pressure on his nose, forcing his head to lower and him to stop.  
But the Gentle Leader (available at many pet stores, as well as www.Sit.us.com) must be properly fitted, and owners must take its name to heart: Jerking or pulling your dog can cause serious neck injury.  
• SENSE-ation harness. Another tool inspired by the equine world, this no-pull harness uses a dog's sense of touch to discourage him from lunging and jumping. Instead of the backward pull of the leash, which encourages pulling, this harness (available from www.senseoftouch.com) has a leash ring in front that cues the dog's body not to force ahead.  
• Clicker training. The old paradigm in dog training used to involve lots of physical

involvement — pushing a dog to sit, or jerking a collar to get him to heel.  
Thanks to operant conditioning — the same technique used to teach dolphins and other performing marine mammals — forward-thinking trainers are letting the dog do all the work.  
Clicker training uses a sound, or "click," to mark behaviors that you want a dog to continue — without any pushing or pulling on the owner's part.  
You will, however, need to do a little homework.  
Visit www.clickertraining.com for basics and resources.

How to collect family food memories

Rescue those recipes

By Kathleen Perris Knight Ridder News Service  
If Amy Rogers' house were burning, she wouldn't have to think what to grab as she ran out.  
The recipe box.  
A plain metal box, once covered by black-and-white contact paper, stuffed with cards and clippings, all separated by dividers for the kind of cooking people rarely do anymore. Spinach molds. Fritters. Pickles and preserves.  
Elaine Rogers died in 1975, when Amy was a teenager. But she left a piece of herself.  
"I enjoy even now looking back through the little box," says Rogers, executive editor of Novello Festival Press in Charlotte, N.C. "It's almost like a magical thing."  
Whether they come from your mother, your father or your favorite great-uncle, you can make your own promise about your family's recipes: If you don't ask, you will regret it.  
"There's never a time when I talk about food in front of people that it doesn't come up," says Rogers, author of "Hungry for Home," a collection of food essays. "That wishfulness, that wishiness: 'Oh, I love this, I miss this. I wish I could make it.'"  
Food historians regret it, too. They spend their lives sifting through records and wishing people had left more.  
"It's the everyday that always gets lost," says Sandra Oliver, publisher of the newsletter Food History News. "As a historian, I constantly want to know why ordinary people did every day. That's where life really is." Sometimes, the recipes we

miss the most are the ones that seemed least important.  
"We take it for granted," says Robin Edgar, author of "In My Mother's Kitchen," on using reminiscence to heal grief. In her writing workshops, food is a powerful tool for memory.  
"We don't think our stories are that important. We think somebody who gets their work printed in a book is more important. And that's not true."  
Where do you begin?  
"Sit down with a piece of paper and fill in the blanks," says Oliver. "It wouldn't be a can be anything. Thanksgiving, Fourth of July, birthdays, Sunday dinner."  
"Even if it's nothing you necessarily would make yourself, you never know when you might wish you could. And it's good for the historical record."  
When we asked historians like Oliver about recipes, one thing came up repeatedly: Don't just get the recipe. Get the story.  
"Context," says Oliver. "You never know the context. They'll write down the recipe, but you never know what its significance is and/or where it came from."  
The next part can be tricky: You have to get it right, and get it in a way you can make it years later. If the Christmas date roll recipe says, "Four nickel packs of cookies, a 10-cent box of marshmallows, and a 15-cent bottle of cherries with juice," you'll have to ask more questions.  
"To get to get it in real measurements and real food," says Oliver. "If you have a tomato sauce and it's 'one large can,'

find out how many cups are in that can."  
If you can, document the actual cooking with a video camera.  
"Get them to talk through it," says Oliver. "And do it a couple of times. First, so they get over being uncomfortable. And you get those little variations."  
Once you get the recipe and you know it works, keep it safe. Make a copy on acid-free paper. But don't throw out the original.  
"Cookbooks are full of recipes," says Oliver. "But a piece of paper tells you something. It comes a little closer to real practice, to daily life. It's very evocative to see a person's handwriting."  
If you store recipes on a computer, make printed backups. Computers crash, or programs get updated, turning old "disks into gibberish."  
"Paper hasn't crashed yet," says Oliver.  
When you've done all that, there's one more thing: Share. That's an important family document you have in your hand. Every time you pass it on, you honor the person who made it.  
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# Making memories



Jose David, left, and Katherine, both orphans in Nicaragua, sent thank-yous to the American teenagers who painted them. The Memory Project, in which orphans in developing countries are given portraits of themselves done by American art students, was started by Ben Schumaker of Wisconsin.



Garry, left, and Mattia, both of Sierra Leone, are among thousands of orphans whose portraits have been created by American art students.



## Students create portraits for young orphans around the world

By Catherine Handren  
Special to The Washington Post

While visiting an orphanage in Guatemala two years ago, American college student Ben Schumaker met a young man who described firsthand what it was like to grow up without parents. His youth had been forgotten, the man said; he didn't even have a photo of himself as a boy.

Schumaker was moved by what he saw and heard: "Poverty was rampant, nutrition was poor, and not having soap left many of the kids with skin diseases. I wanted to help. But all of those problems take money to fix, and I was just a student."

Back home in Wisconsin, Schumaker had an idea. Since many kids leave the orphanages with just the clothes on their backs, he decided to give them a lasting memory of their childhoods. He created the Memory Project, in which orphans in developing countries are given portraits of

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— Mikayla Sanford, 16

themselves done by American high school and college art students. The students work from snapshots of the orphans taken by volunteers.

In the project's first year, 3,000 portraits were completed. More than twice that number are currently being worked on.

For some orphans, it's the first image of themselves they have seen. For most, it's one of their few possessions.

The kids are encouraged to send a drawing or note to the artist. "Thank you for taking the time to make this marvelous painting so pretty that I like so much," Katherine, a 16-year-old in Nicaragua, wrote Erin Marceno, a 17-year-old high school senior in Connecticut.

### Get involved

More than 30,000 U.S. students have participated in the Memory Project.

The Memory Portraits are done by older students, but kids at any grade level can participate in a companion program called Books of Hope. Students in this program make books for English-speaking children in India and Uganda.

If your class would like to participate, have your teacher visit

[www.thememoryproject.org](http://www.thememoryproject.org).

Aryn Cordner, 18 and also from Connecticut, received this message from 9-year-old Jose David: "Thank you for the picture. Aryn. It is very nice. I hope you can come to Nicaragua soon. I am very happy for the picture. I look just like myself."

The student artists say they get something from their effort as well. "This project is changing how I look at my life," said Mikayla Sanford, 16, of Lakeland, Fla. "I cannot even begin to comprehend what these children's lives are like." Mikayla hopes her portrait will

help the orphans know that people care about them.

Zoe Hillip, 15, is drawing a portrait of a 7-year-old Honduran named Cesar. "His face just makes me smile," because he is happy with what he does have, and he can smile about it.

Schumaker, 24, has expanded the Memory Project to include books and wants to offer art classes at the orphanages. His goal is to have the orphans do portraits of the U.S. kids who do portraits of them.

That, he thinks, would be a powerful exchange.



Zoe Hillip, 15, of New York, draws a portrait of a Honduran orphan named Cesar. "His face just makes me smile," she says.

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## Get ahead of the newest video games

By Tom Ham  
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Games that are worth adding to your family's collection:

### Lego Star Wars II: The Original Trilogy

Platform: PlayStation 2, Xbox, Xbox 360, GameCube

Rating: E (10 plus)

Price: \$39.99-\$49.99

What's to like: This fun and innovative title takes the original "Star Wars" trilogy and combines it with Lego pieces to create an epic adventure that any "Star Wars" fan will enjoy. Players start off in A New Hope and then gain access to Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi. You'll come across memorable scenes from the movies as well as familiar characters, including Princess Leia and Darth Vader.

### Rayman Raving Rabbids

Platform: Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 2

Rating: E

Price: \$39.99-\$49.99

What's to like: Many of you are probably familiar with Rayman — cute character, stubby arms and legs, jumps around a lot. In this latest adventure, players will help Rayman get rid of crazy bunnies that have invaded his world. To

defeat the bunnies, players must compete in a variety of mini-games, ranging from fighting arenas to dancing competitions to cow-thriving (you'll have to play to see what this is about). Good times.

### Justice League Heroes

Platform: PlayStation 2, Xbox

Rating: T

Price: \$39.99

What's to like: When the forces of evil band together with Brainiac to conquer the world, it's up to the Justice League to put a stop to it. Players can take on the role of Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Zatanna, Martian Manhunter, Green Lantern and the Flash. As you fight your way through the game's levels, you'll be able to access powers that you can use against enemies. If you're into superheroes, then this is your game.

### The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess

Platform: Nintendo Wii

Rating: T

Price: \$49.99

What's to like: The newest Zelda game takes full advantage of everything that makes Wii so much fun. You really feel as if you're in the game. Using the Wii remote and Nunchuk, players can swing Link's sword against enemies. Other weapons — Gale Boomerang, Slingshot, Hookshot — use the Wii controls perfectly. This is one adventure worth embarking on. (Also available for GameCube.)

### Need for Speed Carbon

Platform: PlayStation 2, Xbox, Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 3

Rating: E (10-plus)

Price: \$39.99-\$59.99

What's to like: The newest Need for Speed delivers all the racing action of earlier titles. In this game, you start off in the city, but ultimately you'll have to win on treacherous canyon roads — where it's just you and your opponent going head-to-head at night. As always, players can customize their rides. The game also features top-notch graphics and a great soundtrack.

### ATV Offroad Fury 4

Platform: PlayStation 2

Rating: E

Price: \$39.99

What's to like: The new version of this off-road racing game features MX Bikes, Buggies and Trophy Trucks in addition to traditional ATVs. Spanning six continents and 72 tracks, there is more than enough here to keep even the most seasoned racer busy. There's even a story mode where players can take on the role of an up-and-coming rider trying to make a name for himself in the world of off-road racing.

### Super Monkey Ball Banana Blitz

Platform: Nintendo Wii

Rating: E

Price: \$49.99

What's to like: Remember Super Monkey Ball on GameCube? It's the game where you roll a little ball (with a monkey inside) through

a series of maze-like puzzles toward a goal. Playing Banana Blitz with the Wii controls takes some getting used to, but after a few minutes you'll be able to roll the ball through the 3D puzzles without a problem. This is a game the whole family can enjoy.

### Okami

Platform: PlayStation 2

Rating: T

Price: \$39.99

What's to like: Okami is a magical game. Players take on the role of Amaterasu, a sun god who takes the form of a wolf. When the world becomes lifeless, it's up to you to bring it back by defeating the enemies. What makes Okami so compelling is the art style of the game — taken from traditional Hokusai-style Japanese woodblock prints. Players change the visuals by using the controller as a paintbrush. Draw a line across a chasm, and a bridge magically appears. Draw a line in front of a door, and watch it break open.

### NBA 2K7

Platform: PlayStation 2, Xbox, Xbox 360, PlayStation 3

Rating: E

Price: \$29.99-\$59.99

What's to like: For basketball fans, this title — and not EA's NBA Live series — sets the standard. New features this year include signature shooting styles for each player. Every player's movement — from jumpers to post moves — has been re-created perfectly. The visuals are, so cool, it's easy to think you're watching a real game on TV.

