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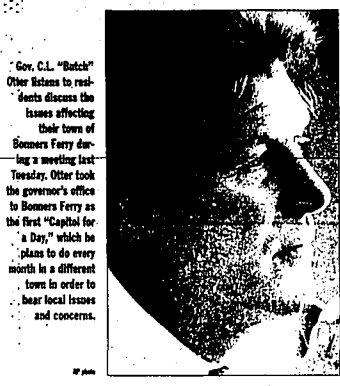
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Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter listens to residents discuss the issues affecting their town of Bonners Ferry during a meeting last Tuesday. Otter took the governor's office to Bonners Ferry as the first "Capitol for a Day," which he plans to do every month in a different town in order to hear local issues and concerns.

Governing from the gut

Gov. Otter has wasted no time in putting his stamp on the state's highest office

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — As a freshly minted lieutenant governor, C.L. "Butch" Otter caused a furor 20 years ago by vetoing a bill lifting Idaho's drinking age to 21 from 19 that lawmakers passed to keep the feds in Washington, D.C., from denying highway payments. Gov. Cecil Andrus had left town, and Otter, a 44-year-old just two months on the job,

took a populist swipe at "usurpation ... of Idaho's sovereign power by the Congress" — his words at the time. Andrus later boosted the drinking age anyway, but Otter had made his mark, for better or for worse. A month into his term as Idaho's chief executive, the now 64-year-old Republican still governs from his gut, confounding some members of

In his own words

When Idaho voters elected C.L. "Butch" Otter as their governor on Nov. 7, they chose a guy who once proclaimed, "I think God has got a crush on Butch Otter." If folks were expecting colorful quotes from the 64-year-old during his first month in office, he hasn't disappointed them. On public wolf hunts, once the predators are delisted: "I'm prepared to bid for that first ticket to shoot a wolf myself." On the Catholic seminary where he broke off plans for the priesthood: "When they told me I couldn't be pope, I

said 'The hell with it.'" On education — and being on academic probation while at the College of Idaho in Caldwell: "I played football well enough that they kind of looked the other way," the Idaho Statesman reported Otter telling business leaders. "It also didn't hurt that I married Mr. Simpson's daughter, who was one of their great benefactors. It shows you the extent of what any Idaho kid will do to get an education." On building dams: "There are still places in Idaho where we need to take a look at building dams. I don't think that's so far-fetched."

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A second chance



Cortney Strickland sits with other defendants after her sentencing Friday morning at the Jerome County Courthouse.

Some say Drug Court helps, others say it doesn't

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Cortney Strickland, a mother of three children and a recovering meth user, agreed the judge should send her to prison. Cluffed at the wrists and ankles, Strickland cried briefly at her 4 p.m. Wednesday sentencing and shuffled out a side door in the courtroom. Time after time since 2003, 5th District Judge Monte B. Carlson has sent Strickland to treatment rather than prison. But on Wednesday, she had used up her options and was sentenced to one year for violating her probation on a possession of meth conviction. Two days later, she appeared before 5th

District Judge John K. Butler and was sentenced to two years on an injury to a child conviction. She will serve both sentences simultaneously. Hard time is Strickland's last stop on a journey full of second chances given to her by Carlson and the 5th District Felony Drug Court, but it is a journey she says helped her. "It was fair," Strickland said. "I thought I could get away with it. I tried cheating the system. Yeah, I got away with it at that time but I'm paying for all that now. I got sentenced today for all those screw-ups." Sixty percent of Drug Court participants in Twin Falls and Burley graduate. Far fewer graduates commit new crimes than drug offenders sentenced to probation or prison. Those statistics indicate

the state's more than 20 felony drug courts are working, and court administrators want more. Patti Tobias, administrative director of the courts, asked the Idaho Legislature on Jan. 10 to fund 50 percent more seats in drug courts across the state by 2008. Drug courts cost about one-third the price of sending offenders to prison, she said. They stem crime while shrinking Idaho's overflowing prison population. "I know there is a great need to expand the drug courts in (the Magic Valley) area," Tobias said. "Methamphetamine use is increasing. The number of arrests and offenders are increasing. And the judges believe the drug courts are an effective alternative to prison."

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Bowl fans help out injured state trooper

Nearly 250 people attend fundraiser for Chris Glenn

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The ingredients to Super Bowl Sunday — tasty food, hard-hitting football and time with friends — make for a unique time each year. On Sunday at the Turf Club, its annual football party had an additional — perhaps emotional — element: Half the money raised went to the family of Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn, who was shot in December in the line of duty and was paralyzed. A number of fundraisers have been held since then, and Sunday's event at the Turf Club — sponsored by several radio stations, local beverage distributors and Snake & Harley Davidson — continued the trend. This year, organizers charged \$20, up from \$10, and promised to donate half the proceeds to Glenn's family, according to Ryan Fiala of Magic Valley Distributors. Nearly 250 people had filled

the room about 30 minutes before the game started, according to organizers. "Chris Glenn was a great guy — still is a great guy — and we want to do anything to help," Fiala said. Travis Price, 35, of Twin Falls, who has gone the last few years to the Turf Club to watch the game, said the party takes on extra meaning under such circumstances. "It makes it a lot better," he said. "Everybody coming together like this is a good thing." Jeff Deboard, 37, who works for Pepsi, said the soft drink distributor will be contributing to a house-warming barbecue at the Glenns' new home in Kimberly when it is finished. There was a silent auction for a big-screen television, a foosball table and a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. They also sold \$5 raffle tickets for a 1996 Lexus which were raffled off at a Feb. 24 fundraiser at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. Tickets for that event are on sale at several locations throughout the Magic Valley.

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Nearly 250 people watched Sunday's Super Bowl at the Turf Club. The event raised money for injured Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn.

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Idaho prosecutors report record number of sex abuse cases

The Associated Press

BOISE — Prosecutors in Idaho filed a record number of child sexual abuse cases last year, according to a report given to lawmakers concerning sex crimes against children. "This is the worst year ever that we've had in terms of child sex abuse prosecutions," Idaho Deputy Attorney General Bill von Tegen told lawmakers last week. The *Spokesman-Review* reported. Last year, prosecutors filed 469 cases involving 455 alleged

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offenders and 437 victims. The number of cases is 47 more than 2005 and 98 more than were filed in 2004. The report, which covered the fiscal year that ended June 30, said there were several possibilities for the record number: increased crime, a normal fluctuation in numbers, or an increased number of prosecutions due to a higher level of law enforcement spurred by recent high-profile cases including that of Joseph Duncan in northern Idaho. Duncan, 43, currently faces federal charges in Idaho that accuse him of kidnapping two young children after a murderous attack on an Idaho family in May 2005. Prosecutors say

against children. "Most of the victims were our youngest, most innocent and vulnerable citizens. We all must do everything we can to prevent such crimes and bring perpetrators to justice." More of the victims, the report said, were white and female. More than half of the victims of adult offenders were 12 to 15 years old. The victims of juvenile sex offenders were, 61 percent of the time, younger than 11.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

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MINI-CASSIA

Today: Times of high clouds and mid. Highs lower 50s.
Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy. Lows lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Remaining mid under partly cloudy skies. Highs near 50

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

GOVERNMENT

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.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
Kelchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-3841.
Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-5570.
Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N., 543-5850.
Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 103 S. Main, 544-2120.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-5669.
Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple, 423-1518.
Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W., 734-9491.
Aqueia City Council, 8 p.m., Aqueia Automotive, 20602 F St., 436-8775.

HEALTH

Silversneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs. 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, no cost for humans-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
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 Middle School and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Buhl Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.
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.

FIVE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Feb. 6 Performance by pianist Alexander Moutoufakie, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave., Burley, season tickets only: \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and \$10 for families, 678-9799, 678-1798 or 678-7447.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Feb. 8 St. Paul's Lutheran Church 28th annual pancake and German sausage supper, sausage made from an old family recipe, lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and dinner: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., 1301 North Davis, Jerome, free-will donation, 324-2842.
Feb. 9 Bingo, sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 7 to 10 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 358 Main St., Gooding, \$11 per packet (20 games), 934-4142.
Feb. 10 "Sweetheart's Dinner," presented by Soft Touch and Deco High School Jazz Band with show, chicken coronado bleu dinner and dancing, 6 p.m., at the Deco Elementary School gym, Declo, \$35 per couple, 878-9170 or 431-1142.
Feb. 10 Twin Falls Chapter of Ducks Unlimited 15th Annual Couples Banquet, with silent live and auctions, raffle, sponsor table, early-bird packages and more, 6 p.m. nohost cocktails and 7 p.m. dinner, Radio Rodeo, 244 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, limited seating, 934-4738, 934-2950 or 734-5711.

BUSINESS

Feb. 10 The Twin Falls Bank & Trust employees no-host lunch, for all current and former Bank & Trust employees, 12:30 p.m., at the Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Creek Drive, Twin Falls, cost of the meal, 423-5493 or 734-4895 by Feb. 9.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Feb. 6 The Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon, includes lecture by Judy Robinson on the Twin Falls Library and a puppet show, 11:30 a.m., Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 733-1551.
Feb. 10 Pioneer Button Club lunch and monthly meeting, noon to 3 p.m., Addison West Restaurant, 348 Addison West, Twin Falls, 734-6722.
Feb. 10 Post #13 Fairfield Annual Sweetheart Dinner, 5 p.m. social hour and 6 p.m. dinner, Legion Hall, Fairfield, 934-4738, 934-5796 or 358-0012.

MAGIC VALLEY

Pregnant women urged to see dentist

BURLEY — South Central Health District and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare have launched the IdahoOral Health Project for Pregnant Women to encourage obstetricians and primary care physicians to send the patients they treat to dentists.
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Cassia County approves 10,000-animal feedlot

RAFT RIVER — The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission approved Cassia Creek Farms' 10,000-animal confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) application Thursday.
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Christmas helpers ask for help

BURLEY — After helping others for more than a quarter century, Mini-Cassia Christmas Council volunteers could use a helping hand with some renovation projects in their new building.
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Albion courthouse's fate remains uncertain

ALBION — Efforts to save Cassia County's first courthouse have taken a new direction, according to its owner.
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Super Bowl party raises money for trooper

On Sunday at the Turf Club, an annual football party set aside half of its proceeds for the family of injured Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Ciemi.
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Study: Calif. levees worse than thought

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Last month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency withdrew its certification for the levees that are designed to keep the Sacramento River within its banks.
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Deaths from painkiller overdose up in Wash.

SPOKANE, Wash. — Statisticians' deaths linked to prescription drugs such as hydrocodone and methadone increased by more than 800 percent in a ten-year period, according to new research.
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N. Idaho veterans groups consider merger

POST FALLS — Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in northern Idaho are considering merging because of declining numbers due to fewer World War II veterans still alive.
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Record number of child sex abuse cases filed

BOISE — Prosecutors in Idaho filed a record number of child sexual abuse cases last year, according to a report given to lawmakers concerning sex crimes against children.
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NATION/WORLD

Tornado victims attend wrecked church

LADY LAKE, Fla. — Gospel singing and shouts of "Hallelujah!" competed with the sounds of dump-trucks, chain saws and hammer-trucks Sunday as parishioners of a church obliterated by a tornado gathered around the rubble to remember the dead and pray for the strength to rebuild.
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U.S. pilots in Iraq changing tactics after 4 helicopters shot down

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. command has ordered changes in flight operations after four helicopters were shot down in the last two weeks, the chief military spokesman said Sunday, acknowledging for the first time that the aircraft were lost to hostile fire.
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Floods kill 20, strand more than 340,000 in Indonesian capital

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Boats ferried supplies to desperate residents of Indonesia's flood-stricken capital on Sunday as rivers burst their banks following days of rain. At least 20 people have been killed and almost 340,000 forced from their homes, officials said.
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SPORTS

Manning and Colts win Super Bowl XLII

MIAMI — A wet and wild Super Bowl, the winning conditions for Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, A-team built for indoors found its teeth and outplayed the Chicago Bears to win the NFL title 29-17 Sunday. The Colts were far less sloppy, particularly their star quarterback, who proved he can indeed win the big game — the biggest game.
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Pistons win fifth game in a row against Cavs

CLEVELAND — Chauncey Billups scored 18 points, Chris Webber and Rasheed Wallace had 15 apiece and the Detroit Pistons reminded Cleveland who's the boss in the NBA Center with a 90-win over the Cavaliers on Sunday. Billups added 10 assists, Wallace 13 rebounds and the division-leading Pistons won their fifth straight regular-season game against the Cavaliers.
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Woods hurt by poor putting at Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Swooped by his poor putting, Tiger Woods headed home after one of those rare weeks in which he did not win a tournament. He finished two strokes behind third-placed Stewart Cink on a third place Sunday, unable to make a successful title defense at the Dubai Desert Classic.
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EDUCATION

Feb. 6 "Let's Talk About It" Adult Book Discussion Group, Studs Terkel's "Working," 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., Filer, no cost (available for check-out), 326-4343.
Feb. 9 A Speech and Debate Clinic, 6 p.m. for debating/judging clinic and 7 p.m. for speech clinic, Room 05, Twin Falls High School, Twin Falls, 324-8137.
Feb. 6 Wendell School District's Latino Parent Meeting, with special guest Sam Byrd, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wendell High School, Rooms 117 and 37, 750 East Main, Wendell, no cost (child care will be available for children ages 3 and older), 535-6318.
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6 The Healthy Diabetes Plan, a cooking school program for people with diabetes and their families, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (five sessions), Cassia County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St., Burley, \$25 per person or \$35 per couple (pre-registration required), 734-9590 Ext. 23 or 878-9461.
Feb. 7 "Let's Talk About It" Adult Book Discussion Group, "A Bride Goes West" by Nannie Alderson, 7:30 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 West Maple (Maple and Main), Hanson, books available for check-out, 423-4122 or 423-4556.
Feb. 8 "Advanced Theistic Counseling," Dr. Sharon Carter, facilitator, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 490-1769.
Feb. 9 A scheduled, free screening (by appointment only), for Cassia County School District preschool children with special learning needs to determine eligibility for special programs and free services, Cassia Joint School District Office, no cost, 878-6627 ext. 101 (between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.).

FAMILY

Feb. 6 "Baby and Me" class, focusing on "Stretching Your Food Dollars" for young parents with their babies or toddlers, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jerome Recreation Department, 2032 S. Lincoln, Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.
Feb. 6 "Godly Financial Budgeting," taught by Rocky Hannah, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 490-1769.

Feb. 7 Beginning of new 13-week series of Orif Share meetings, a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., First Baptist Church of Burley, 2382 Highland Ave., Burley, child care provided, 654-2500.
Feb. 7 "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 Reform Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-6128 or www.tfc.org.
Feb. 7 Party Activities for all ages, including dance, foosball, card games, board games, ping pong, beach ball volleyball and more, 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley, \$2 adults and children, \$1 for senior citizens and preschoolers (\$10 for a group of preschoolers), 878-7973.
Feb. 8 Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Crisis Center and Pot Luck Luncheon, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church with special guest Marilyn Scott, director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center, 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Avenue N., Twin Falls, bring an unwrapped gift (diapers, baby clothes, formula, strollers, maternity clothes, or a donation of money), 733-7023.
Feb. 9 "Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8170.

HEALTH

Feb. 6 The Mini-Cassia LapBand/Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meeting, for anyone who has been banded, is willing to be banded or is considering the procedure and gastric bypass patients, 6:30 p.m., Heyburn Police Department, 1800 J St., Heyburn, 431-9596.
Feb. 6 Road 2 Recovery, a 42-step support group, 7 to 9:30 a.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.
Feb. 6 Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 734-7237 or 326-7222.
Feb. 6 & 8 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 10:30-10:11:30 a.m. at Buhl Middle School, no cost, 732-6475.
Feb. 6, 8 Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 11:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 733-5948.
Feb. 6, 8 Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church, the Ascension, 174 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-2977.
Feb. 7, 9 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 and Blaine County Campus Gym: and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.
Feb. 8 Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.
Feb. 8 A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education; this week: PCR 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Rd. (behind O & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 733-2110.
Feb. 8 Silversneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, no cost for humans-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
Feb. 9 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight loss support group, 4 p.m., the Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, 420-3823.
Feb. 9 "Abuse Is the Training for Addiction," Dr. Sharon Curtis, 6:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 490-1769.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Feb. 10, 11 Monthly Indoor Filer Flea Market, with over 30 vendors, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (10th) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (11th), Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, \$50 admission (bring used eye-glasses for local optometrist club donation), 312-4590.

HOME AND GARDEN

Feb. 6 A Burley Nitrate Groundwater Project meeting for all interested land owners, presentation of project about soil sampling, irrigation efficiency and nutrient management; 11 a.m., the Burley Nitrate Well Hall, 1519 Overland Ave., Burley, 678-1255 ext. 109.

MUSEUMS

Feb. 6 "Hinge in the Jungle" free reptile 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, 732-6655.
Feb. 6, 8 Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Place," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults; \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

SPORTS

Feb. 10, 11 West Magic Lake Recreation Club "Fun Days," with snow mobile events, (sign up by 10 to 11 a.m.), \$2; indoor "tournament" game of 11 a.m., fun run at 2:30 p.m. (\$5); and chili and hot dogs (optional) on Saturday.
Sunday, Sweetheart's Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon and monthly club meeting at 4 p.m., West Magic Resort, \$7 brunch for adults (\$2 for champagne) and \$4 for children under age 12, 487-2734 or www.damtools.com.

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Otter

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his own party by putting a checkhold on the Capitol expansion. He's won the love of wolf folks, saying he'll be the first to shoot one of the predators once federal protections are lifted. And he says he wants to build more dams on Idaho's rivers, to keep more water here.

"People need answers," Otter told The Associated Press Friday. "Obviously, my remarks are going to be targeted at what they can expect me to do on issues of concern to them."

Remarkably, critics and allies alike say very similar things about the three-term U.S. congressman and millionaire rancher whose offices feature cowboy prints and gigantic rodeo belt buckles; he's real, and if there's something that strikes him as good his sense, he'll speak up.

"He has good reason to trust

his gut," said Russell Westerberg, a lobbyist who sat with Otter in 1973 when they were freshman state House members. "In the minds of people like me, his gut is going to be right more than it's wrong."

Not everyone is so sure. "The governor's fight of the Capitol expansion may cost taxpayers time and money," said Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls, among lawmakers who fear the project now won't be done before 2011 — a year's delay.

On Jan. 12, Otter issued a stop-work order, saying the \$15 million plan for two underground, 50,000-square-foot wings would lead to a bloated, professional Legislature.

Legislature. Lawmakers argued they'd sweated seven long years before deciding two-story wings were cheaper and best for Idaho's next century of government.

A compromise — one-story wings, half the space — came, last week. Few are happy with it.

"He (Otter) had no idea of what we went through on this decision," Colner said. "When you're one of 400 members of Congress, how much damage can you do? But when you're the chief executive of a state, I would hope you slow down and look at the consequences of your ideological decisions."

Otter says common sense told him Idaho already has two perfectly good buildings — the old Ada County Courthouse and the Borah Post Office.

"Let's go forward with the assets we've got in place," he said.

On Jan. 11, he braved new snow on the Capitol steps for a rally of 300 camouflaged hunters. "In cheers," he told them workers should be reduced from 650 to just 100 animals in

10 packs. "I'm prepared to bid for that first ticket to shoot a wolf myself," Otter said.

House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, was surprised and disappointed; Idaho's own federally approved wolf plan calls for at least 15 packs.

"It's the kind of thing you might say among friends and have a laugh about. It wasn't the kind of statement you want the governor of your state to make," said Jaquet. "It's funny and he's lovable. Maybe people of Idaho will say, 'Oh, that's harsh. He's just shooting from the hip.'"

It's not rhetoric, Otter says. "Our plan calls for 10 breeding pairs," he told the AP. "Our managed plan will be a little higher than that. Once we get off the (endangered species) list, we don't ever want to get back on."

Otter has told Republicans and Democrats his office is

open any time. He'll grab Capitol regulars in the halls and haul them into his office for mano-a-mano exchanges.

"He said, 'Hey, Boyd, I want

to talk about your elk bill,'" said Stan Boyd, a lobbyist for the Idaho Elk Breeders Association. "The guy is on the job. I didn't have to talk to a staffer."

Drug Court

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Sixty-eight of the 75 slots in Magic Valley drug courts are filled.

"I feel we could double to 150," said Linda Wright, the 5th District's trial court administrator. "I feel safe that we could handle that without making huge changes."

Strickland may have failed Drug Court, but she said it did not fail her.

"Now there is a glimmer of light," she said. "I will make it out. I will be OK. I've come to the realization that if I hadn't done what I did, I wouldn't be where I am today. And every day I'm getting closer to getting out and being with my kids."

In five years, 100 felony drug offenders in the Magic Valley have graduated from the program. Sixty percent of them have not reoffended, said Darrell Hoskelly, the district's coordinator.

The program soon will be able to compare its success rate

to that of drug offenders who did not participate. Counties who have made that comparison are impressed.

About 20 percent of Drug Court graduates in Ada and Kootenai counties reoffended, according to a 2003 report, compared with 63 percent of drug offenders outside the program in Ada County and 53 percent in Kootenai County.

But some people say Drug Court is too lenient.

Alex and Conni Morrison, who drove from Idaho Falls to watch Strickland's sentencing, are taking care of Strickland's 6- and 2-year-old children.

"They said she deserves a harsher sentence."

"It's my job to fix what she messed up with those babies," Conni said. "And she gets two to three for ruining the life of those babies."

Parenthood is a commitment theme among Drug Court participants.

Of the 17 people scheduled

to graduate Feb. 13 in the Magic Valley, seven of them are mothers of children under 18 years old. Two are single fathers.

Karen Springer knows that as long as she stays clean, she gets to continue raising her daughter. Thanks to her 34 weeks in Drug Court, Springer, 30, is clean for the first time since she was 13 years old.

"It gave me a new chance at life," Springer said. "And I'm a mom."

One 12-step meeting per day — sometimes two. Talking with her sponsor. Avoiding the old familiar crowd. That's what Springer needs to keep sober.

Hoskelly said he would like to enlarge the program by 30 seats, roughly 25 percent. Maybe not 50 percent yet.

"We have a large need here," Hoskelly said. "We turn a lot of people away."

But Hoskelly said he is most interested in extending the one-year program into a 1 1/2 year program. With a longer

program, he believes that even fewer people would re-offend.

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Abuse

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Most victims knew their attackers, the report said.

Cases like Durrant's where the victims and attacker are strangers make for "the more sensational cases that we hear about, but if we were only to address that with the laws that we have for prosecution, we would be leaving 90 percent of the cases alone," von Hagen said.

The report said strangers were involved in only 5.7 percent of the cases, while 61 percent of the attacks by adults were committed by relatives or acquaintances.

"This suggests that parents must know the people with whom their children spend time," Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said.

Of the cases filed last year, 63 took place in northern Idaho's Kootenai County, which was second only to the highly pop-

ulated Ada County in southwestern Idaho. Of the two counties, Kootenai has 265 registered sex offenders, and Ada 509.

Bill Douglas, Kootenai County prosecutor, said having Interstate 90 pass through the area is part of the reason for the high number in that region.

"I think we are part of an overall crime trend that includes Spokane, (Wash.)"

Douglas said. "We're just part of a bigger metropolitan area."

"We are very aggressive in this office in prosecuting crimes against vulnerable persons, especially children," he said.

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WORLD

After losing 4 helicopters in two weeks, U.S. pilots changing tactics, procedures

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. command has ordered changes in flight operations after four helicopters were shot down in the last two weeks, the chief military spokesman said Sunday, acknowledging for the first time that the aircraft were lost to hostile fire.

The crashes, which began Jan. 20, follow insurgent claims that they have received new stocks of anti-aircraft weapons — and a recent boast by Sunni militants that "God has granted new ways" to threaten U.S. aircraft. Al-Jazeera aired video late Sunday showing one of the U.S. helicopters being hit in central Iraq and said it came from an insurgent Web site.

All four helicopters were shot down during a recent increase in violence, which an interior ministry official said has claimed nearly 1,000 lives in the past week alone. At least 103 people were killed or found dead Sunday, most of them in Baghdad, police reported.

Maj. Gen. William Caldwell told reporters that the investigations into the crashes of three Army and one private helicopters were incomplete



People walk past destroyed buildings in the obliterated Sadr City outdoor market in a predominantly Shiite area of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, after a suicide bomber driving a truck loaded with a ton of explosives detonated in the area Saturday, killing at least 132 people in one of the most ferocious attacks in the capital since the U.S. invasion in 2003.

but "it does appear they were all the result of some kind of anti-Iraqi ground fire that did bring those helicopters down."

It was the first time a senior figure in the U.S. Iraq command had said publicly that all four helicopters were shot

down. Despite the losses, Caldwell said it was premature to conclude that the threat to U.S. aircraft posed by Sunni insurgents and Shiite militiamen had increased dramatically. "There's been an ongoing

effort since we've been here to target our helicopters," Caldwell said. "Based on what we have seen, we're already making adjustments in our tactics and techniques and procedures as to how we employ our helicopters."

U.S. may take harder line in Afghanistan

By Jason Straziuso
Associated Press writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — Gen. Dan McNeill, the highest ranking U.S. general to lead troops in Afghanistan, took command of 35,500 NATO-led soldiers on Sunday, putting an American face on the international mission after nine months of British command.



Gen. McNeill

The transition comes after a year of sharply increased violence following the alliance's push into the Taliban's southern heartland, and military officials said privately they expect McNeill to take a harder line with militants than his predecessor, Gen. David Richards.

Richards backed a peace deal in the southern town of Musa Qala that crumbled in his last days in command when an estimated 200 Taliban fighters overran the town on Thursday. NATO said a targeted airstrike Sunday killed a key Taliban leader causing the upheaval.

One American military officer who labeled McNeill a "warfighter to the home" said his arrival likely signals the end of such deals, saying they would go under "much greater scrutiny." The official asked

not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the issue. A senior Afghan military official, meanwhile, said the Defense Ministry expected McNeill to implement a policy of "strong military action." Other American officials said they expected a stronger approach under McNeill without specifying what that would be.

The appointment of McNeill, one of only 11 four-star generals in the Army, raises the profile of the American mission here two weeks after the Defense Department extended the tour of 3,200 10th Mountain Division soldiers.

There are now 26,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, the highest number ever. About 14,000 American forces fall under the command of NATO's International Security Assistance Force; 12,000 troops focused on training Afghan forces and special operations fall under the U.S.-led coalition.

By comparison, there were only about 9,500 troops in Afghanistan in 2002, the year after the Taliban's ouster.

McNeill takes command after a bloody 2006 in which insurgents launched a record number of suicide and roadside bombings. About 4,000 people died in insurgency-related violence last year, according to an Associated Press count based on numbers from U.S., NATO and Afghan officials.

Floods kill 20, leave 340,000 homeless in Jakarta

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Boats ferried supplies to desperate residents of Indonesia's flood-stricken capital on Sunday as rivers burst their banks following days of rain. At least 20 people have been killed and almost 340,000 forced from their homes, officials said.

Hundreds of people scrambled to the second floors of their houses to escape the rising waters. Some found themselves trapped, while others refused to leave despite warn-

ings that the muddy flood waters — running over 13 feet deep in places — may rise further in the coming days.

"Jakarta is now on the highest alert level," said Sihar Simanungat, an official who monitors the many rivers that crisscross this city of 12 million people. "The floods are getting worse."

Indonesia's meteorological agency is forecasting two weeks of rain.

The government dispatched medical teams on rubber rafts into the worst-hit districts to prevent outbreaks of disease

among residents without clean drinking water.

Ell Darma, an official at Jakarta's Flood Crisis Center, said 20 people had died in Jakarta and surrounding towns as of late Sunday, mostly either by drowning or electrocution.

Survivors told of being stranded by the surging waters. "We were starving for two days," said Sri Hartono, who was rescued from her home by soldiers on a dingy Sunday on the city's western outskirts. "All we had were dried noodles. We were unable to go anywhere."

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Consider Benefits Before Changing Jobs

If you are thinking of switching jobs - especially in mid-to-late career - you'll want to pay careful attention to the benefits offered by your new employer. At this stage of your life, you've got a lot to protect.

For starters, you'll need to take a close look at your new employer's retirement plan. If your new job comes with a 401(k), find out when you'll be eligible to contribute, if there's an employer match and if the match also applies to "catch-up" contributions you can make after age 50. You'll also want to find out if your new plan will accept a rollover of your old 401(k). If it does, and if you like the investment options that come with your new plan, you may want to make this your move.

In any case, if your new job does offer a 401(k), take full advantage of it. Contribute as much as you can afford and increase your contributions whenever you get a raise. Look carefully at your investment options and spread your money among them in a way that reflects your risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon. And no matter how much you like your new job, don't "overload" your 401(k) plan with company stock - a downturn in your employer's fortunes could drag its stock price down for quite some time.

Of course, not all companies have 401(k) plans. If your new employer offers a "defined benefit" plan - the traditional pension that pays benefits based on years of service - you'll want to ask a lot of questions about the plan's solvency. As you may know, many pension plans are currently underfunded or face other major problems. If you are concerned about a potential new employer's financial status, you might want to visit the company's Web site and search under "Investor Information" for documents such as the annual report and filings with the Securities & Exchange Commission.

Beyond Retirement Plans

Your new employer's retirement plan isn't the only benefit you'll need to evaluate when weighing a job offer. You'll also want to consider the following:

- Disability Insurance** - Have you ever thought what would happen to your family and your long-term financial goals if you became disabled and couldn't work? Disability insurance can help protect you against this risk. Some employers offer short-term disability coverage as an employee benefit. But if your former employer offered disability insurance, and your prospective new employer doesn't, you may have to purchase your own coverage.
- Life Insurance** - Some employers also offer life insurance as an employee benefit. Even if you are not that far from retirement, life insurance can play an important part in your financial strategy, so the presence or absence of an employer-backed life insurance policy is a factor you'll want to consider before taking a new job.

A new job may offer you more money and the chance to do work that you will enjoy. But before you make the move, take a close look at the benefits package - it can play a big role in your comprehensive financial strategy.

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(1) True or False - You should look at all the benefits, not just pay, when changing jobs.
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Tornado victims attend wrecked church, try to stay optimistic ahead of long cleanup

By Kelli Kennedy
Associated Press writer

LADY LAKE, Fla. — Tornado survivors and their supporters turned out for a Sunday service at a church that was demolished in the killer storms that ripped through central Florida, remembering the victims while trying to stay optimistic about the long recovery ahead.

This rural area still echoed with the sounds of hammers, chain saws and dump trucks, but gospel singing and shouts of "Hallelujah!" dominated among the more than 100 people who gathered around the rubble of the Lady Lake Church of God on the sunny morning.

"We grieve with you and there will be days that life will

wear you down," the Rev. Larry Lynn told the crowd from a makeshift wooden platform where a broken cross was propped up next to an American flag. "But life does go on and we're here to help you pull it together. Don't let bitterness set in."

The church's splintered wreckage has become a rallying point in this rural area hit hard by the three tornadoes that killed 20 people and destroyed hundreds of homes early Friday.

Elden Jefferson, 35, and his wife came to the service even though their concrete block home had roof and wall damage that needed their attention.

"We felt this is where we needed to be today for our-

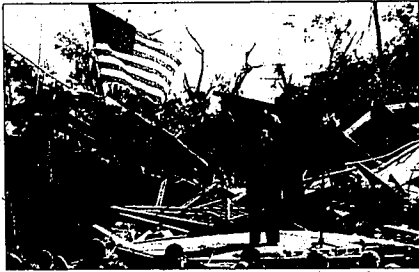


selfs, for other people, for this church," Jefferson said.

A gospel choir sang and clapped on the makeshift stage.

"It's sad because you know, you think 'Next Sunday, I'm going to go to church, but it's not there any more.' But the building can be replaced. We still have the family of people," said Joy Newton, 53, whose home in The Villages retirement community nearby escaped damage.

Gov. Charlie Crist, handling



Larry Lynn, pastor of the Lady Lake Church of God, leads services in front of his destroyed church in Lady Lake, Fla., Sunday. The church was destroyed when this rural area was hit hard by three tornadoes Friday.

his first natural disaster since taking office last month, also attended Sunday's service, but canceled plans to

attend the Super Bowl on Sunday night in Miami. Crist later told reporters that the Federal Emergency

Management Agency had kept its promise to help quickly, unlike its tardy response as New Orleans slid into chaos

A delicate balance

By John Dumbor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators working on rules to secure the calling records and other private information of telephone customers are running into resistance from phone companies and law enforcement agencies.

The rules, an effort by the Federal Communications Commission to combat "pretexting," are circulating among the commissioners for comment and may be voted on this month.

Pretexting is the practice of impersonating a phone customer to gain access to his phone records, President Bush

signed a law last month criminalizing the practice and imposing penalties, including up to 10 years in prison.

The issue gained prominence last year when executives of the Hewlett-Packard Co. were charged with hiring private detectives who used the technique to investigate board members.

The new law gives police a weapon to punish perpetrators. But it leaves out any requirements for how phone companies should protect their customers' private data. Cell phone bills, for example, can reveal who a person has called and, in some cases, even the caller's location.

The FCC chairman, Kevin

Martin, told reporters recently that the new rules will require that customers use a password to access their account information.

While that might protect calling data, telephone companies are wary. They fear a password requirement might upset customers.

AT&T Inc. spokesman Michael Balmoris said the company has to be careful to balance security against customers' wishes for easy access to their information.

The rules also are expected to require that phone companies get a customer's permission before they can release information that may be used for telemarketing.

Phone companies contend this requirement would violate their First Amendment right to communicate with customers — a position that was backed by a federal court in 1999.

Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, called that court decision "probably one of the oldest First Amendment cases in many, many years." Since that case, he said courts have been more inclined to support privacy rules.

Phone companies say there is no evidence that information shared with business partners falls into the wrong hands, making the proposed requirement unnecessary.

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As more U.S. children become obese, weight-loss surgeries become more common

By David B. Caruso
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — As the popularity of stomach surgery has skyrocketed among obese adults, a growing number of doctors are asking, "Why not children, too?"

For decades, the number of kids trying weight-loss surgery has been tiny. The operations themselves were risky, with a death rate of about 1 in 50. Children rarely got that fat, and when they did, pediatricians hesitated to put the developing bodies under the knife. Only 350 U.S. kids had such an operation in 2004, according to federal statistics.



Crystal Kasprovicz, who underwent a weight loss procedure, holds up an old pair of pants from before the procedure was done, in her home in St. James, N.Y., recently. Crystal was among 53 girls and boys, aged 13 to 17, who participated in an NYU study of the effects of weight-loss surgery on adolescents.

But improvements in surgical technique and huge increases in the number of dangerously obese children have begun fueling a change of heart.

A group of four hospitals, led by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, are starting a large-scale study this spring examining how children respond to various types of weight-loss surgery, including the gastric bypass, in which a pouch is stapled out from the rest of the stomach and connected to the small intestine.

Three more hospitals have approval from the Food and Drug Administration to test how teens fare with a procedure called laparoscopic gastric banding, where an elastic collar installed around the stomach limits how much someone can eat.

The FDA has hesitated to approve the gastric band for children, but surgeons at New York University Medical Center reported in the Journal of Pediatric Surgery this month that the device holds promise.

The 53 boys and girls, aged 13 to 17, who participated in NYU's study shed nearly half their excess weight over 10 months, while suffering relatively minor complications.

Crystal Kasprovicz, of St. James, N.Y., said she lost 100 pounds from her 250-pound frame after having the band installed at age 17.

"I'm a totally different person," she said.

Before the procedure, Kasprovicz said she took

medication for a rapid heart-beat and was showing signs of developing diabetes. Every effort she made to stop getting bigger failed. Dieting didn't work, she said. Her heart problems made it hard to exercise. Even walking up stairs was a challenge.

Now, she's off the heart drugs. Her blood-sugar levels are in check. She also feels better about herself.

"I'm very outgoing now," said Kasprovicz. "I hike a lot this summer now. I'm not as self-conscious when I go shopping for clothing."

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Courthouse debate
Cassia County building faces uncertain future

By Renee Wells For the Times-News

ALBION — Efforts to save Cassia County's first courthouse have taken a new direction, according to its current owner.
Former mayor and Albion Historical Society Chairman Don Danner recently attended a strategic planning meeting on restoration of the former courthouse, at the corner of Market and Main streets.

Danner brought the courthouse to save it from demolition while he was serving as mayor. He said he hoped the city would take it over, but after clashing with council members over the building, Danner decided to seek help on his own and has been pursuing efforts to restore the building.

He has investigated several ways to get support for the building, but has drawn some opposition as well. He still hopes to one day turn it over to the city, Danner said that once restored, the courthouse could serve as a visitor's center for the City of Rocks Backcountry Byway that runs through town.

In a recent update to the council, Danner talked about the restoration strategy meeting held at Region IV Development in Twin Falls on Dec. 13.

Attending that meeting were Danner, Historical Society Vice Chairman Bob Price, Mayor Don Bowden, Region IV officials Joe Herring and Jeff McCardy and Idaho State Historical Society Architect Kent Krohn.

That group determined that a Jan. 30 deadline for an Idaho Transportation Department grant application could not be met this year.

This took the pressure off the council for a decision over ownership of the building, Danner said. The plan is to get the courthouse put onto the National Register of Historic Places so it can qualify for grants, Danner said in a recent interview.

To do that, the building needs to be restored to its original appearance, which will require the removal of siding and restoration of the windows. Bowden said he would like to see the building restored, but he has other priorities. One Albion resident appeared to oppose the courthouse is not a top priority.

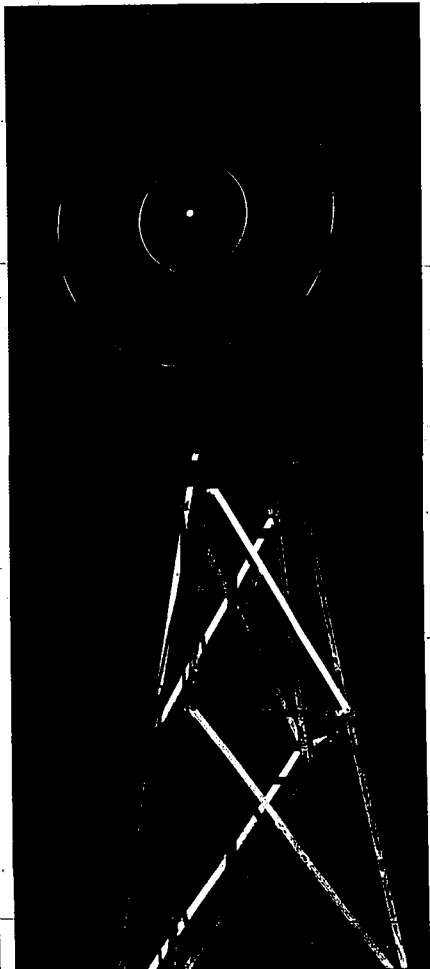
"I really don't have an opinion about the courthouse specifically and I don't know much about it either," said Jim McErgen. Overall, however, 70% of the opinion that not all old buildings in the state of Idaho are meant to be preserved.

While the exterior of Cassia County's original courthouse has held up reasonably well over the last century, the inside will need some major work if it is to be used as a visitor's center for the City of Rocks Backcountry Byway. Aside from obvious cosmetic damage, there has been significant settling at the east end of the building, the south wall leans out toward Market Street and many of the rafters are cracked or broken due to supports. Installed to strengthen the second floor when the building was used as a market.

Still, the original wallpaper, hardwood floor and staircase and other features remain to give clues as to the building's original glory.

South Idaho Press contributor Mary Lynne Bristol contributed to this story.

TORRID PACE



On a windy Friday afternoon last week, a windmill works overtime southwest of Twin Falls. Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and a high of 50 degrees.

Fifth District Court Judge Hohnhorst dead at 55

By Chris Steinhach Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — His friends remembered Fifth District Court Judge John C. Hohnhorst of Twin Falls Sunday night as a fine lawyer and judge who was an even better person.

Hohnhorst, 55, died over the weekend of lung disease. His body was found Sunday in Salt Lake City, where he had been on a waiting list for a lung transplant since mid-September.

"I hired him 'out of law school," said John C. Hepworth, who founded the Twin Falls law firm of Hepworth, Lezamis & Janis in 1952. "He was an outstanding lawyer. He was extremely bright. He was compassionate. He was just a good person."

Hohnhorst — who is survived by his wife, Bealeen, and three children — was born in Hazelton and graduated from Valley High School in 1971. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Idaho in 1975 and a law degree, cum laude, from U of I's College of Law in 1978. He entered private law practice later in 1978 and became a

partner in the Hepworth firm for 20 years later.

In 2001, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed Hohnhorst to the bench, where he succeeded the retiring Judge Daniel Meehl.

"Judge Hohnhorst was just a really smart judge," said Linda Wright Hargren, trial court administrator for the Fifth District. "He will truly be missed. He never missed a day. He was there working every day. He was a trooper."

Hohnhorst had been working on magistrate court appeals for all of the district courts while he was in Salt Lake City, Hargren said. "He was doing long-distance conference calls on a few of his own cases," she said. "He was staying busy while he was down there."

Henri LeMoyné of Buhl, a real estate broker and appraiser, had been friends with Hohnhorst since they were both in college at the University of Idaho. They had been communicating by e-mail since Hohnhorst had been in Salt Lake City.

"He described it as being sooo lonely," LeMoyné said of Hohnhorst. "He was a good guy. He had a lot of moral conviction and a good soul."

Cassia County approves dairy plan

By Renee Wells For the Times-News

RAFT RIVER — In what may have been the longest hearing in its history, the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission approved Cassia Creek Farms' 10,000-animal-unit Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) application Thursday.

The permit application first came to the board in spring 2006. Because of various issues and requirements, developer Christopher Kretz again came before the board Thursday to finalize the application.

In the meantime, Kretz decided to scale back the original request. He pulled his application for a conditional-use permit to enlarge the CAFO beyond the largest size allowed by county regulations.

Kretz had sought to build a dairy that would house up to 25,000 animal units.

On Thursday, he asked only for a permit for up to 10,000 animal units. The dairy is at the former C&Y Dairy property on Yale Road in the Raft River valley north of Malba.

But before the hearing got started, most of the commissioners were informed they were disqualified from

hearing the issue. Due to the lengthy hearing, which began last spring, the commission's attorney, Doug Ahrenorth, required commissioners appointed since then to step away from the decision.

As a quasi-judicial body, members need to have all information to participate in a hearing. Because commissioners Dennis James, Mark Darrington and Brandon Backenbury were not on the commission when the first hearings took place, Ahrenorth told them they could not participate in Thursday's hearing.

In addition, Commissioner Jim Paskett was disqualified from the hearing due to a conflict of interest. So three commissioners heard the issue and deliberated.

While three does not normally constitute a quorum, the hearing was legal because the disqualification of Paskett because of a conflict provided the quorum needed.

"As long as there are at least four members present, we have a quorum even if one of us does not participate," Paskett said.

Commissioners Rod Lake, Bruce Beck and Joyce Ward heard testimony and voted unanimously to approve the CAFO permit.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

Super Bowl loser's T-shirts end up leaving the country

Q: What happens to the Super Bowl champion hat and T-shirts for the team that lost the Super Bowl?

A: The Pittsburgh Steelers ran about the field with hats and T-shirts trumpeting their triumph within minutes of their 21-10 victory over Seattle in Super Bowl XL.

You can buy those same items the next day, which means the items are pre-printed for each team. What happens to the losing team's merchandise? I think this question crosses the mind of almost every football fan, at some point. There's an excellent answer.

The NFL donated all Seattle Seahawks Super Bowl

Champions merchandise to World Vision, a Christian relief organization that helps more than 70 million people in 92 countries.

"If it turns out to be excess inventory or jerseys with non-existent winners printed, they do donate that product to World Vision," Brenda White said from World Vision's Pittsburgh office. White is a corporate relations officer with World Vision's Gifts-in-Kind Department.

Only 45 countries, mostly in Africa, South America and Eastern Europe, are eligible because of various copyright and licensing agreements.

"One of the reasons we work with the NFL and many of the

sports leagues and colleges is because they trust us to take it out of the country," White said.

World Vision also works with the National Hockey League under an agreement similar to the NFL. White said the agreement with the NHL has been in place for at least eight years.

Q: Why does the news media use troops to refer to soldiers and Marines? I've even seen troop used in the singular sense to refer to a single soldier.

A: Reporters should never use troop to refer to a single soldier or Marine, at least not if they adhere to The Associated Press Stylebook.

"Troop in its singular form, is

a group of people, often military," the Stylebook explains.

"Troops, in the plural, means several such groups. But when the plural appears with a large number, it is understood to mean individuals. There were 150,000 troops in Iraq (but not: Three troops were injured).

Q: Could you please tell us how to play the Sudoku puzzle that's in your paper?

A: The premise is simple. Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3-by-3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Each number can only appear once in each row, column and subgrid.

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An experienced Sudoku player should be able to solve an easy puzzle in 5 to 10 minutes. Puzzle of medium difficulty can take 10 to 15 minutes and harder puzzles can take more than a half-hour.

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Send questions to Chris Bennett, Times-News editor, at chris@magic-valley.com or 735-3234 or 1221 W. Fairchild St., Twin Falls, ID 83401.

Christmas Council's new home needs work

By Laurie Welch For the Times-News

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia Christmas Council volunteers have been sharing Christmas with those who need a little extra help for more than a quarter of a century, now they could use a helping hand with some renovation projects in their new building.

The council moved into its permanent home at 1256 Overland Ave. in Burley in September 2006 and Chairwoman Verlee Frost said the Christmas giveaway in the new building went very smoothly. "Our giveaway day was

absolutely wonderful — it was the best one ever," Frost said. "The building is working really well, but there are a few things that need to be done."

The building was the site of the first King's store in Burley, and was donated to the council by the King family. Although the building is structurally sound, a new stairwell will have to be built before the council will be allowed to use the upstairs portion of the three-story building.

Other projects will include removing an old furnace, replacing basement ceiling tiles, evaluating plumbing and some portions of the electrical work. There are also

smaller jobs like scraping plastered walls and repainting.

Despite the needed upgrades, Frost said it is nice for the council to have a permanent home.

"Before we moved into this building, we moved from one place to another and sometimes we would have to move once again right before our giveaway day," she said. Frost said the building will have plenty of space to store items that are donated throughout the year. The nonprofit group relies completely on volunteers and donations and gave out 550 Christmas boxes containing toys, gifts and food to needy

families in December.

"There is no way the Christmas Council board could do this themselves. It's too big," Frost said. "This is the King-Cassia people do this, and by that I mean the whole area."

This season, the council received several thank-you notes from families who received boxes. "I was just one woman whose husband had left her the year before and she wasn't getting any child support," she said. "Everything we did for her made her cry and she said, 'I can't believe I'm getting this help.' Those are the people that you know really, really need it."

Snowpack Levels

Table with 4 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., Peak, and % of Season. Rows include Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Big Lost, Upper Snake Basin, and Oakley.

As of Feb. 4

* A comparison of basin snowpack, not this day, with a 30-year average.

** An ace of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.



As if there wasn't already enough to worry about in California ...

... federal levee study shows risks worse than thought for flood-prone state, others

By Samantha Young
Associated Press writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Leaving the consistency and sky-high housing prices of the San Francisco Bay area for a quiet retirement near the state capital seemed like a no-lose idea to Achilles Melendres.

So he bought a two-story home in a rapidly growing neighborhood north of downtown Sacramento last year. He's now wondering if he made the right decision.

Last month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency withdrew its certification for the levees that are designed to keep the Sacramento River within its banks as it winds past the sprawling neighborhood Melendres calls home.

The levees are weaker than expected, leaving thousands of homeowners at risk of a catastrophic flood that could submerge a vast swath of former farmland in 20 feet of water.

"The reason I left the Bay area is because of the earthquake insurance. Now I've traded it for another problem," said Melendres, 59.

Like other states, California began an intensive review of its flooding risk after the devastation along the Gulf Coast in 2005 by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

A report released this past week by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found that 27 states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have substantial levees. The assessment identified 122 poorly maintained levees, California, the country's most populous state, had nearly a quarter of the problem levees — 37 segments, Washington state followed with 19 suspect levees.

Many of California's levees were built decades ago by farmers and are riddled with rot holes and weakened by overgrowth. In most cases, the local water and farming dis-



U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., center left, points out a housing development near the Sacramento River to Sen. Arnold Schwarzenegger, center right, Lester Snow Water Resources director, right, and Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., left, during a helicopter tour of the levees along the Sacramento River near Sacramento, Calif., in February 2006.

tricts that are supposed to maintain them have little if any money to make repairs.

"The threat of flooding is greatest in Sacramento, which sits at the confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers. About 300,000 people live in the rivers' flood plains.

"Levees are spectacularly unreliable partners in flood management," said Jeffrey Mount, a professor of geology and director of the Center for Watershed Sciences at the University of California, Davis.

"We designed a flood-control system for Sacramento in the early 20th century when we lived in a kinder, gentler climate. We got the design wrong."

A year ago, Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency for the state's levee system, ordering urgent repairs to the 33 most critical spots at a cost of \$175 million. California voters last November approved a \$4.1 billion flood-control bond. Much of that will go toward strengthening the weakest sections of the state's 14,000 levees.

In Washington, King County, \$179 million to \$435 million is needed over the next decade to cover repairs and maintenance to some 500 levees, officials say.

"We've already identified a plan to fix them. What we need now is the money," said Mark Isaacson, director of the King County Water and Land Resources Agency.

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North Idaho groups might join forces

POST FALLS (AP) — The dwindling number of surviving World War II veterans is prompting Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in northern Idaho to consider merging.

"We've got 117 members, but when we have meetings only five or six people show up," Emmet Sullivan, commander of Post 2603 in Post Falls, told the *Coeur d'Alene Press*. "We're a self-sustaining outfit, we have our building paid for and we periodically rent it out. We just need some people to do the work."

He said less than 10 members attended a vote on whether the post and other VFWs in Hayden and Rathdrum should join forces.

Hayden Commander Terry Fleming, and Rathdrum Commander Joe Simpson, plan to meet with Sullivan on Tuesday and consider consolidating the three VFW posts.

Robert Edwin Wright of Boise and formerly of Tule, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the corner of Orchard and Cassia in Boise.

Thomas Belita of Boise and formerly of Shoshone, memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone. (Summers Funeral Home, Boise Chapel).

Patricia "Pat" Stephenson of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Donald Wayne Rodeman of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; friends may call from 10 a.m. today at Bassman Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Flora Halmlne of Iduh, funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Park's Church Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimbly Road in Twin Falls; viewing from 5 to 7

p.m. today at the funeral home.

Ralph Franklin Schnell of Rogerson, funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Vella Shaw Reddick of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Timothy Darren Buxter of Twin Falls, service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding (Keynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Thomas J. O'Halloran of Dayton, Ky., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Dorothy E. Hatcliff Rose of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A (Farmworth Mortuary and Crematory in Jerome).

DEATH NOTICES

Elmer L. Meyer

GOODING — Elmer L. Meyer, 91, a resident of Gooding, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Lakeside Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding.

Brian J. Schmidt

PILER — Brian J. Schmidt, 54, of Piler, passed away on

Feb. 3, 2007 at his home. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Robert D. Webster

PAUL — Robert Dean Webster, an 84-year-old resident of Paul, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Countryside Care and Rehab in Rupert.

The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

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Prescription painkiller overdose deaths up 800 percent in Wash. over last 10 years

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Statewide deaths linked to prescription drugs such as hydrocodone and methadone increased by more than 800 percent in a ten-year period, according to new research.

"Painkillers resulted in 44 deaths in Washington in 2001, an 813 percent increase over the 45 deaths reported in 1995, state health researchers found. Spokane, with 48 deaths in 2004, had the highest death rate per population of any county in the state.

Health officials say the data speaks to a nationwide problem.

A national study drafted last year for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed an increase of more than 91 percent in narcotic painkiller poisonings listed on death certificates between 1999 and 2002. Unintended deaths from poisonings now account for almost as many deaths in Washington as car crashes — about 650 a year — primarily because of the spike in prescription-related fatalities.

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THIS WEEK at CSI

- Monday**
- CSI library is open 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.
 - CSI Adult Basic Education is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Friday) and 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, second floor of Meyerboeffer building.
 - CSI Testing Center is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, second floor of Meyerboeffer building.
 - CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.
 - SCIC girls' basketball tournament, 5:30 p.m., gym.
 - CSI Equestrian Team meeting, 6 p.m., Student Union 248.
- Tuesday**
- Idaho State University student recruiting, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Union, Eagle's Nest.
 - University of Idaho transfer student day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union, Eagle's Nest.
 - Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - "Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile reveal, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rink/entr.
 - "Herrett Family Night," \$1 per person telescope viewing, Centennial Observatory.
 - "Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- Wednesday**
- Idaho Department of Agriculture pesticide applicators license exams, 8:30 a.m., Taylor 276.
 - Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Thursday).
 - South Central District Health Department tobacco cessation class, noon, Student Union 247 (free, through Feb. 28).
 - CSI open house (academic and technical program information), 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., all Taylor building meeting rooms; free refreshments.
 - SCIC girls' basketball tournament, 6 p.m., gym.
 - Styx chapter, Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
- Thursday**
- CSI Satch and Light Campus Ministry Bible study meeting, noon, Student Union 247.
 - CSI cheerleading clinic for ages 5 to 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., gym.
 - CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Phoenix College, 7 p.m., Phoenix, Ariz.
 - Silver Sage Grotto care explorers meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256.
- Friday**
- CSI Automotive Service education program, "Ford AAA" competition, 2:15 p.m., Aspen 144.
 - Huggie Bears chapter, Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

- "Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
- Friday-Saturday**
- Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday.
- CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Glendale Community College—1 p.m., Friday, Glendale, Ariz.; and Scottsdale Community College, 1 p.m., Saturday, Scottsdale, Ariz.
- CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball vs. Colorado Northwestern, 5:30 p.m., gym (broadcast on AM 1270 KTF).
- CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball vs. Colorado Northwestern, 7:30 p.m., gym (broadcast on AM 1270 KTF).
- Saturday**
- ACT exams, 7:30 a.m., Shields Building.
- Single Parent group parenting session, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Taylor 258.
- Delta Kappa Gamma meeting, 10 a.m., Taylor 276.
- CSI library is open 11 to 5 p.m. (also Sunday).
- February Star Party (free telescope viewing), 7 p.m. to midnight, Herrett Center Centennial Observatory.
- Faulkner Planetarium shows: "How to Build a Planet," 2 p.m.; "Star Signs," 7 p.m.; "Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 9:15 p.m.
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OTHER VIEWS

Idaho knows all about the battle with bigotry

The Lewiston Tribune

A student from Idaho reportedly had a hard time finding a roommate at a Wisconsin university. "I will not have anything to do with a student from Idaho because the Aryan Nations permeates the state with their beliefs," said one potential roommate.

Bigotry, it seems, comes in many forms.

This story is awful if true. State Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, heard it from a friend. True or not, however, it points to Idaho's continuing public relations problem.

Many people in the rest of the country think Idaho is overrun by the other three R's: racists, rednecks and reactionaries. You can certainly find those people easily enough if you look for them. There are always too many of them.

Of course, it's bigoted to generalize about any state, including Idaho.

Trail wants to fight bigotry against Idaho by renouncing bigotry against everyone else. His effort will be before the Legislature would reaffirm the state's commitment to human rights.

"Citizens of Idaho have endured an unwarranted, unfavorable barrage of publicity related to certain opinions held by a small minority of persons who claim Idaho as their home, but whose opinions we denounce," it reads.

How nice. Not that it means anything. It's just a resolution. It won't strengthen laws against hate crimes or do anything to combat racism or promote tolerance.

As such, state Rep. Eric Anderson, R-Priest Lake, isn't sure what it's worth. "Coming from a part of the state where we have many of these issues... you're not going to overcome ignorance of outside perception by a resolution," he says. "But I think the intent of this resolution is good."

He's right. The resolution won't do any tangible good, but its sentiments deserve to be expressed on the record.

Besides, the resolution gives Trail something to do. Trail is not exactly a force to be reckoned with in Boise. More often than not, his ideas are left for dead on committee room floors. His bills legalizing hemp and imposing stiffer penalties for dog fighting are already dead.

Though fairly inconsequential, his human rights resolution promises at least one victory for him this session. It's a victory well deserved.

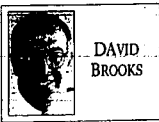
The resolution may state the obvious, but sometimes, unfortunately, the obvious needs to be stated.

Their view:

This guest editorial by the Lewiston Tribune says Idaho battles just as much prejudice as it produces.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

After Vietnam, Americans turned inward. Having lost faith in their leadership class, many Americans grew suspicious of power politics and hesitant about projecting American might around the world.



DAVID BROOKS

The Vietnam syndrome was real. It lasted all of five years — the time between the fall of Saigon and the election of Ronald Reagan.

Today, Americans are disillusioned with the war in Iraq, and many Americans would predict that an exhausted America will turn inward again. Some see a nation in permanent decline and an end to American hegemony.

At Davos, some Europeans apparently envisioned a post-American world. Forget about it. Americans are having a debate about how to proceed in Iraq, but we are not having a strategic debate about retracting American power and influence. What's most important about this debate is what doesn't need to be said. No major American leader doubts that America must remain, as Dean Acheson put it, the locomotive of the world.

Look at the leaders emerging amid this crisis. The two major Republican presidential contenders are John McCain and Rudy Giuliani, the most aggressive internationalists in a party that used to have an isolationist wing.

The Democrats, meanwhile, campaigned for Congress in 2006 by promising to increase the size of the military: The presidential front-runner, Hillary Clinton, is the leader of the party's hawkish wing and recently called for a surge of U.S. troops into Afghanistan. John Edwards, the "leftward" major presidential contender, just delivered a bare-knuck-

led speech in which he castigated the Bush administration for not being tough enough with Iran.

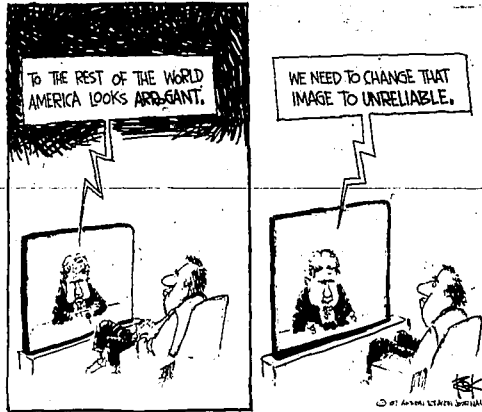
"To ensure that Iran never gets nuclear weapons, we need to keep all options on the table," Edwards warned. This is not a country looking to avoid entangling alliances. This is not a country renouncing the threat of force. This is not a country looking to come home again. The Iraq syndrome is over before it even had a chance to begin.

The U.S. has no material need to reconsider its dominant role in the world. The U.S. military still has no serious rivals, even since the strategy of Iraq. The economy is humming along nicely.

The U.S. has no cultural need to retrench. Vietnam sparked a broad cultural revolution, a shift in values and a loss of confidence. Iraq has not had the same effect.

Many Americans have lost faith in the Bush administration and in this particular venture, but there has been no generalized loss of faith in the American system or in American goodness.

There hasn't even been a broad political shift in favor



of the doves. The most important war critics are military types like Jack Murtha, Chuck Hagel and Jim Webb, who have this particular war but were superhawks in other circumstances.

Finally, there has been no change in America's essential nature. As Robert Kagan writes in his masterful book "Dangerous Nation," America has never really been an isolationist or aloof nation. The United States has always exercised as much power as it could.

It has always coupled that power with efforts to spread freedom. And Americans have always fought over how best to fulfill their mission as the vanguard of progress.

What's happening today is just another chapter in that long expansionist story. Today's debate in the Senate flows seamlessly from the history Kagan describes.

Most senators agree that the tactical question of sending 20,000 more troops is not the central issue.

Their core concern, they say, is finding a new grand strategy to stabilize the region.

Most senators want a much

more aggressive diplomatic effort to go along with the military one. (If President Bush said his surge was part of an effort to establish a regional diplomatic conference, he'd have major support tomorrow.) But they don't question the need for America to play a leading role.

They take it for granted that the U.S. is going to be in the Middle East for a long time to come.

When you look further into the future, you see that the next president's big efforts will not be about retrenchment, but about expansion. They'll be about expanding the U.S. military, expanding the diplomatic corps, asking for more shared sacrifice, creating new interagency bureaus that will give America more nation-building capacity.

In short, the U.S. has taken its share of blows over the past few years, but the isolationist dog is not barking. The hegemon will change. The hegemon will be more negotiating. But the hegemon will live.

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Clock is ticking for health care reform

Piece by piece, the stage is being set for the long-overdue effort to rebuild America's creaky health care system into one that can meet the needs of the 21st century. It probably won't happen until 2009, but the outlines of the big change are starting to become clear.

As is always the case, the driving force is coming from the people.

More and more families are experiencing the terror of living without health insurance — 47 million uninsured at last count.

And additional millions are facing rising premiums and co-pays that strain family budgets.

As the costs rise, more and more employers are bailing out of providing health coverage, and the pressure for help from the government is rising. With Congress wary of systemic reform after the collapse of the Clinton's initiative in 1994, states are being forced to improvise their own solutions.

Last year, Massachusetts, with Republican Gov. Mitt Romney and the Democratic Legislature collaborating, devised a plan to provide coverage for all its residents, and the first cost estimates have come in, and monthly premiums are projected to be almost twice as expensive as Romney predicted. It's not clear whether the plan can go forward.

Meanwhile, California's Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has offered his own universal coverage proposal — based on the Massachusetts model — to



DAVID S. BRODER

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work up to \$7,500 a person. He would use the savings to help lower-income workers buy policies.

Rep. Jim McCrery of Louisiana, the ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, joined many Democrats in saying that Bush's proposal can be improved by using tax credits, rather than deductions, to distribute the benefits.

But the door has been opened by the president to a negotiation that could lead to a new, comprehensive health insurance, along with a guarantee of universal coverage. Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, who has written and vetted a plan for doing just that, told me last week that his conversations with some Republican colleagues convinced him that "there may be a window this year" for moving such a bill.

Chances are, however, that this session, Congress will simply renew and expand the existing program that provides health insurance for children. There is bipartisan support for that measure, and one of the newly formed coalitions of business, labor, consumer and providers groups has called for that as a first step toward covering everyone.

The emergence of these coalitions — there are at least two of them now active — is one more sign of the growing

momentum for systemic reform.

Last October, health care experts Drew Altman and Robert Blendon wrote that "the presidential candidates' level of attention will be decisive to where health ranks on the national agenda going into the 2008 election and the 2009 Congress. If they do play a leadership role on health, the media will follow, and the agenda-setting power of a debate driven from the top will meet the public's concern rising up from the bottom like a weather front colliding."

Exactly that is happening. As he seeks the GOP nomination, Romney is touting his plan for universal coverage, and last month, Democratic Sen. Barack Obama committed to the same goal — without saying how to get there. On her first trip to Iowa, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton showed her mastery of the subject, explaining what had gone wrong in 1994 and the lessons learned. The bar has been raised to the point that any presidential candidate in either party would be seen as falling short.

And that in turn could make 2009 the long-awaited breakthrough year.

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LETTERS

Parker offers high praise for Barbara

In response to Kathleen Parker's column in the Times-News on Wednesday, "For a Horse":

I wish I could have written those exact words. Plain and simple. It just couldn't have been said any better. SANDRA SIEBERT Jerome

Weak U.S. borders weaken our country's ethic

The GOP's request for money:

I how dare you insult me by asking for money!

By not protecting our borders and respecting laws on the books, the president and his friends have sentenced innocent Americans to death! As a result, he has and is allowing illegal to rape little children, rob us, destroy our properties and culture!

You want my money to continue this farce of leadership! You have to be kidding!

For more than 200 years, Americans have built our infrastructure: We have defended it and japs over the years and now fighting wars from under the sea in subs, on the land and 30,000-plus feet in the air. Lives were sacrificed on all of these battlefronts.

During the Depression, my parents committed to and from work where they worked six days a week, often more than 12 hours a day. While they worked, I kept the coal furnace going starting at the age of 5 — a little boy taking a bushel of ashes up one step at a time,

then dragging it to the alley. Kids on the farms worked before and after school, long hours during the summers and on weekends. They helped feed us, our military and some of our allies during World War II.

By not protecting our borders, many GOP leaders, along with many Democrats, are destroying everything we worked for. DON EDISON Twin Falls

Act now to stop major traffic concerns in T.F.

We have a few comments to make.

First, we need two stoplights on North College Road at Washington Street North and the others at Fillmore. They need to be put up before the new high school, the new hospital and Wal-Mart are built.

Also, people talking on their phones while driving are dangerous. We have seen accidents happen or come close to happening by drivers who are not paying attention on their phones. One place we have seen this is at Fillmore and North College Road. A national survey shows that people who talk on their phones while driving are five times more likely to be in an accident than drunk drivers. It is against the law to drive drunk. It should be made against the law to talk on the phone while driving.

Mr. Bush — bring the troops home now. DEWANE GAILLEY KAY GAILLEY Twin Falls

Break the stalemate with Iran

DAVOS, Switzerland — Here's a little foreign policy test. I am going to describe two countries — "Country A" and "Country B" — and you tell me which one is America's ally and which one is not.

Let's start: Country A actively helped the United States defeat the Taliban in Afghanistan and replace it with a pro-U.S. elected alliance of moderate Muslims. Country A regularly holds sort-of-free elections. Country A's women vote, hold office, are the majority of its university students and are fully integrated into the work force.

On 9/11, residents of Country A were among the very few in the Muslim world to hold spontaneously pro-U.S. demonstrations. Country A's radical president recently held a conference about why the Holocaust never happened — to try to gain popularity. A month later, Country A held nationwide elections for local councils, and that same president saw his candidates get wiped out by voters who preferred more moderate conservatives. Country A has a strategic interest in the success of the pro-U.S. Shiite-led, elected Iraqi government. Although it's a Muslim country right next to Iraq, Country A has never sent any suicide bombers to Iraq, and has long protected its Christians and Jews. Country A has more bloggers per capita than any country in the Muslim Middle East.

The brand of Islam practiced by Country A respects women, is open to reinterpretation in light of modernity and rejects al-Qaida's nihilism.



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Now Country B: Country B gave us 14 of the 19 hijackers on 9/11. Country B does not allow its women to drive, vote or run for office. It is illegal in Country B to build a church, synagogue or Hindu temple. Country B helped finance the Taliban.

Country B's private charities help sustain al-Qaida. Young men from Country B's mosques have been regularly recruited to carry out suicide bombings in Iraq. Mosques and charities in Country B raise funds to support the insurgency in Iraq. Country B does not want the elected, Shiite-led government in Iraq to succeed.

While Country B's leaders are pro-United States, polls show many of its people are hostile to America — some of them elected on 9/11. The brand of Islam supported by Country B is and exported by it to mosques around the world is the most hostile to modernity and other faiths.

Question: Which country is America's natural ally, A or B?

Country A is, of course. Country A is Iran. Country B is Saudi Arabia.

Don't worry. I know that Iran has also engaged in terrorism against the United States and that the Saudis have supported America at key times in some areas. The point I'm trying to make,

"When people say, 'The most important thing America could do today to stabilize the Middle East is solve the Israel-Palestine conflict,' they are wrong. It's second. The most important thing would be to resolve the Iran-U.S. conflict.

though, is that the hostility between Iran and the United States since the overthrow of the shah in 1979 is not organic. By dint of culture, history and geography, we actually have a lot of interests in common with Iran's people. And I am not the only one to notice that.

Because the United States has destroyed Iran's two biggest enemies — the Taliban and Saddam — "there is now a debate in Iran as to whether we should continue to act so harshly against the Americans," Mohammad Jossain Adeli, Iran's former ambassador to London, told me at Davos. "There is now more readiness for dialogue with the United States."

More important, when people say, "The most important thing America could do today to stabilize the Middle East is solve the Israel-Palestine conflict," they are wrong. It's second. The most important thing would be to resolve the Iran-U.S. conflict.

That would change the whole Middle East and open up the way to solving the Iran-Palestine conflict, because Iran is the key backer of Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah and Syria. Iran's active help could also be critical

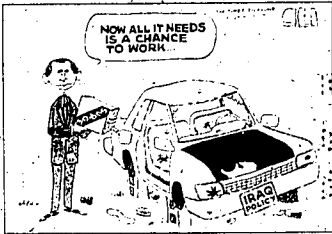
for stabilizing Iraq. This is why I oppose war with Iran. I favor negotiations. Isolating Iran like Castro's Cuba has produced only the same result as in Cuba: strengthening Iran's Castros. But for talks with Iran to bear fruit, we have to negotiate with Iran with leverage.

How do we get leverage? Make it clear that Iran can't push us out of the gulf militarily; bring down the price of oil, which is key to the cockiness of Iran's hardline leadership; squeeze the hard-liners financially.

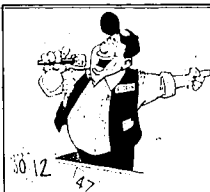
But all this has to be accompanied with a clear declaration that the United States is not seeking regime change in Iran, but a change of behavior, that the United States wants to immediately restore its embassy in Tehran and that the first thing it will do is grant 50,000 student visas for young Iranians to study at U.S. universities.

Just do that — and then sit back and watch the most amazing debate explode inside Iran. You can bet the farm on it.

Thomas L. Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.



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LETTERS

Recycling seems a wasted effort in Twin Falls

Thank you, Virgil Dodd (Times-News letter on Jan. 30).

I, too, have put my recycled items out by my 18-gallon container, only to go out later to pick up scattered cardboard and cans along our alley.

Not doing that anymore. I agree, Virgil. It's easier to just hand it to Fred Meyer's collection bins.

BRENDA HARSHBARGER
Twin Falls

Keep elections where they belong, at the poll

I have some serious concerns about the proposed mail-in election ballots.

I have never missed voting in a regular or primary election since I reached my 21st birthday (before they lowered the voting age), and I consider it a privilege and a responsibility to do so.

However, I am not inclined to make it easier to cast a ballot for those who have not the interest in the process to take the time and effort to study the issues and candidates and go to the polls.

Absentee ballots are available to those who will be out of their precincts during the election (my first ballot was cast absentee, since I was on the Navy at the time!)

These ballots are also available to the infirm or ill. Also, while we are on the subject of elections, is there any logical reason why school

bond elections, as well as other bond elections, cannot be held at the same time and place as general elections?
JOHN THIBERT
Twin Falls

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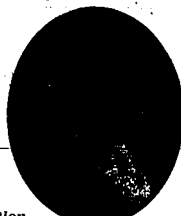
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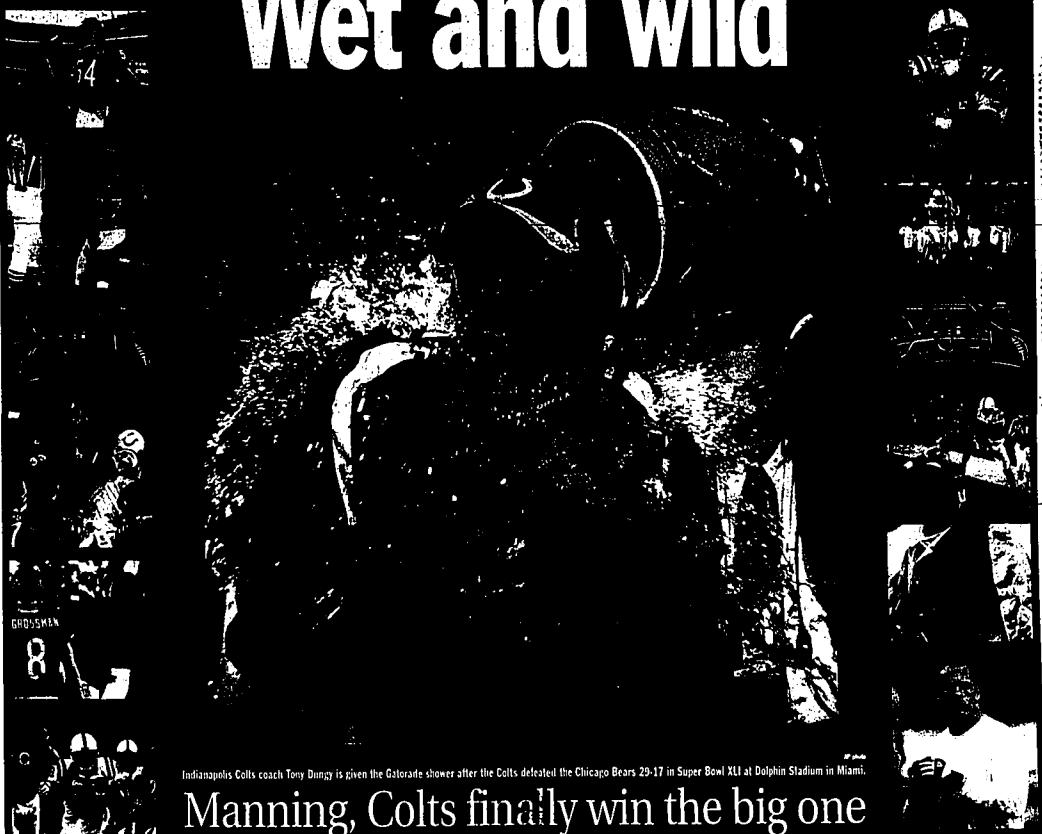
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SUPER BOWL XLII COLTS 29, BEARS 17

Wet and wild



Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy is given the Gatorade shower after the Colts defeated the Chicago Bears 29-17 in Super Bowl XLII at Dolphin Stadium in Miami.

Manning, Colts finally win the big one

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Wet and wild — and the perfect winning conditions for Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl.

A team built for indoors found its footing on a rain-soaked track and outplayed the Chicago Bears to win the NFL title 29-17 Sunday night. The Colts were far less sloppy, particularly their star quarterback, who proved he can indeed win the big game — the biggest game.

That's what it was, too, for Tony Dungy, who became the first black coach to win the championship, beating good

friend and protege Lovie Smith in a game that featured the first two black coaches in the Super Bowl.

"It's hard to put into words," said Manning, the game's MVP after hitting 25 of 36 passes for 247 yards with one touchdown and one interception. "I'm proud to be part of this team. We stuck together, won this game for our leader, Tony Dungy."

It was a game of firsts: the first rainy Super Bowl and the first time an opening kickoff was run back for a touchdown when sensational Bears rookie Devin Hester sped downfield for 92 yards.

And not since the Buffalo Bills self-destructed with nine

turnovers in losing to Dallas 14 years ago had there been so much messiness. The first half was marred by six turnovers, three for each team. Even football's most clutch kicker, Adam Vinatieri, missed a chip-shot field goal, and an extra point attempt was botched, too.

The second half wasn't quite so ugly, but when much-maligned Bears quarterback Rex Grossman's wobbler was picked off and returned 56 yards for a touchdown by Kelvin Hayden with 11:44 remaining, it was over.

"I'm so proud of our guys," Dungy said. "We took the hit early with Devin Hester. We talked about it; it's going to be a storm. Sometimes you have

to work for it. Our guys played so hard and I can't tell you how proud I am of our group, our organization and our city."

Chicago (15-4), which led the league in takeaways this season, finished with five turnovers, including two interceptions by Grossman.

The Colts (16-4) will take it. It's their first title since the 1970 season, when they played in Baltimore.

It was confirmation of Manning's brilliance, even if he didn't need to be dynamic. The son of a quarterback who never got to the playoffs, Manning has been a star throughout his college career at Tennessee and his nine pro seasons with the Colts.

Now he is a champion.

"Peyton is a tremendous player, a great leader," Dungy said. "He prepares, he works, does everything you can do to win games and lead your team. If people think he needed to win a Super Bowl, that is just wrong. This guy is a Hall of Fame player and one of the greatest ever to play."

It also was a validation of Dungy's leadership. He helped build Tampa Bay, one of the NFL's worst franchises, into a contender before being fired after the 2001 season. The next year, the Bucs won the Super Bowl under Jon Gruden.

Sunday was Dungy's turn. As his players hoisted their coach on their shoulders, he

switched his blue Colts cap for a white one — that — nod — NFL championships." Dungy was carried from the sideline, then was lowered so he could share a long embrace and a hand-shake with Smith.

"I'm proud to be representing the African-American coaches and the first African-American coach to win this," Dungy said.

Then he waded through the mob to find his quarterback, giving him a big hug.

The Colts reached the pinnacle by winning four postseason games with a defense that made a complete turnaround in the playoffs.

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Manning earns win with MVP performance

By Michael Martz
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Peyton Manning answered the final question.

Yes, he can win the big one — and yes, he can do it in a big way, too.

His career-long quest for a championship finally ended Sunday in Miami with an efficient performance against the Chicago Bears that added a Super Bowl MVP award to his long list of achievements.

The two-time NFL MVP was 25-of-36 for 247 yards and a touchdown pass, keeping the Bears on their heels with his play calling at the line of scrimmage as he rallied the Colts to a 29-17 victory.

"Everybody did their part. We worked together," Manning said after hoisting the Lombardi Trophy with one hand.

For more than a decade, Manning heard critics follow their acknowledgments of his greatness with this: He could only be remembered along with John Elway, Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw if he won a Super Bowl.

Now Manning can always remind them by flashing his championship ring. The doubts started when Manning was in college at Tennessee. He never beat rival Florida, and the year after he left, the Volunteers won a national championship.

In Indianapolis, the questions continued. When he started 0-3 in the postseason, people wondered if he'd ever win a



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, right, embraces coach Tony Dungy.

playoff game. When he finally did that, people said he couldn't beat New England. When he did that, the critics contended he still couldn't win the biggest game of all.

He did that, too.

After taking about a quarter to figure out the Bears' defense, Manning dissected it like a surgeon — carefully and aggressively. He methodically moved

Indianapolis by masterfully finding open receivers, calling runs and converting third downs.

Manning who showed the world he could excel on the grandest stage in sports.

"That's been our theme all year — we've won as a team. No panic, we stayed calm throughout the entire game. I'm proud to be part of this team," he said.

Say goodbye to the Manning curse

He did it on a night when the rain fell, the wind swifled and even Prince got dripping wet. He did it when everyone around him seemed to have trouble holding onto the ball and his team fell into a familiar early hole.

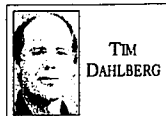
It never was going to be easy for Peyton Manning. Somehow, it never is.

Then again, breaking curses is never easy. But it's the only way to vanquish them for good.

You can file this one away alongside the curse of the Bambino. Because a Manning finally won a big one.

Thirty-six years after his father threw his first pass for the forlorn New Orleans Saints, Manning exorcized the demons of two generations Sunday night and washed away the many failures of football's first family of quarterbacks.

This wasn't Archie Manning playing 15 years without a winning season for a team so bad fans put paper bags over



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their heads in embarrassment. This wasn't Eli Manning throwing wildly downfield for the New York Giants.

For sure this wasn't the Peyton Manning who had come close before but always seemed flustered or overwhelmed when it really mattered.

He wasn't spectacular, but he didn't need to be. The quarterback on the other team made sure of that.

All Manning had to do was take a deep breath, calm down and be himself.

With his dad and brothers watching from a suite upstairs, Manning did just that after a jittery opening series that included two false

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SPORTS

Pistons roll past Cavaliers

CLEVELAND — Chauncey Billups scored 18 points, Chris Webber and Rasheed Wallace had 15 apiece and the Detroit Pistons reminded Cleveland who's the boss in the NBA Central with a 90-78 win over the Cavaliers on Sunday.

Billups added 10 assists, Wallace 13 rebounds and the division-leading Pistons won their fifth straight regular-season game over the Cavaliers, who

pushed them to seven games in last year's playoffs.

Webber, who signed with the club as a free agent on Jan. 16 and was facing the Cavs for the first time for his hometown team, scored 13 points in the first half on 6-of-7 shooting when the Pistons grabbed control and never let go.

LeBron James led the Cavaliers with 21 points, but the All-Star forward was only

9-of-22 from the field and had a few tough layups roll out. Larry Hughes added 14 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 12 with 11 rebounds for Cleveland.

Raptors 122, Clippers 110

TORONTO — Chris Bosh had 27 points and the Raptors reached a season high in points.

Morris Peterson added 18 points for the Atlantic Division-leading Raptors (25-23), who have won three straight.

Cutino Mobley scored 24 points and Elton Brand had 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Clippers, who lost for the second time in nine games.

T.J. Ford, Anthony Parker and Jorge Gutierrez each added 17 points for the Raptors, who shot 58.7 percent. Toronto had six players reach double figures in scoring.

Toronto scored a season-high 65 points in the first half and shot 70 percent, tying a franchise record for shooting percentage in a half.

Hawks 101, Nets 99, OT

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tyronn Lue hit a 23-foot jumper at the buzzer in overtime and the Hawks posted their first three-game road winning streak in more than six years.

Joe Johnson scored 37 points and Josh Smith atoned for a sub-par game, scoring six of his 14 points in overtime to help the Hawks win their ninth road game this season. That's more than they won all last season. Lue finished with nine points on 3-of-4 shooting from the field.

Vince Carter had 27 points to lead the Nets, who lost their third straight since returning from a West Coast road trip. Rookie Marcus Williams had 14 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter and the overtime for New Jersey, while Jason Kidd added 13 points, 11 assists and five rebounds.

—The Associated Press



Detroit Pistons point guard Chauncey Billups (11) drives to the basket against Cleveland Cavaliers guard Larry Hughes (32) during Sunday's game in Cleveland.

Super

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And with a running game that perfectly complemented Manning, thanks to Joseph Addai and Dominic Rhodes, who combined for 190 yards — 113 on 21 carries by Rhodes — and 77 on 19 carries by Addai, who also had 66 yards receiving.

Chicago was denied its first Super Bowl title since the powerhouse 1985 team. These Bears could have used Da Coach, Sweetness and their buddies.

It rained from start to finish; there was even "Purple Rain" during halftime when Prince sang some of his signature songs. And though Vinatieri twice was a victim of the slop, he kicked three field goals.

"We knew handling the ball would be tough," Dungy said. "We showed we could win many ways."

Hester's spectacular return provided a stunning beginning — and a severe jolt to the Colts. The local product and only rookie All-Pro this season pumped his arms, to excite the crowd before the kickoff, then lifted the fans from their seats with an electrifying run on which he never was touched.

He barely touched the ball again as Indy went to squibbing kickoffs.

Leading 16-14 at halftime, the Colts spent half the third quarter with a march to Vinatieri's 24-yard field goal. Twice on the drive, Manning fell to the ground while throwing. But he completed them.

Grossman had it even worse on Chicago's initial possession of the second half, getting in a row slipping and getting sacked. Maybe he would have done better on icy turf.

Thomas Jones, forced to carry the Bears' entire rushing load when Cedric Benson was hurt in the first half, was Chicago's best player. But with Grossman ineffective, even inept, all the Bears managed in the second half was Robbie Gould's 44-yard field



Indianapolis wide receiver Marvin Harrison (88) holds his son, Marvin Jr., after the Colts beat the Bears.

goal late in the third period.

After Hester's opening drive, Manning tried to force a pass to Marvin Harrison in double coverage and was picked off by Chris Harris to spoil Indy's first possession, but the Colts struck back on their next series, converting three third-downs. The final one was the most important as Manning got everything on a long pass to the uncovered Reggie Wayne even though Tank Johnson had his hands on the quarterback. Wayne trotted into the end zone for a 47-yard score.

Then the rain ruined three straight plays.

Holder Hunter Smith dropped the snap on the extra point and Vinatieri couldn't get off a kick. Then Vinatieri, well aware of who was lurking

deep, squibbed the kickoff to tight end Gabe Ritey, who fumbled at his 35, with Tyluan Hagler recovering for the Colts.

But Manning and Addai botched the handoff on the next snap and Chicago's Mark Anderson recovered, the third turnover in the first 8½ minutes.

"Could anybody play this game?"

Jones certainly could. He used a sharp cutback to break a 52-yard run, the longest of his career, to the Colts' 5, and Grossman found Muhammad in the front of the end zone for a 14-6 lead.

Jones finished with 112 yards rushing.

A fourth giveaway in the opening quarter, by Benson on his first carry before injur-

Grossman falters in loss

MIAMI (AP) — This was the Rex Grossman that the Chicago Bears and their fans feared.

When the Bears needed a clutch throw to catch up in the fourth quarter, their quarterback couldn't connect.

Instead, Grossman threw a pair of interceptions, one that Kelvin Hayden returned for a touchdown, all but ending Chicago's chance to win the Super Bowl at rainy Dolphin Stadium.

"A frustrating loss," Grossman said. "There were definitely opportunities for us to take that game and we didn't do it."

Criticized all season for his erratic play and questioned all week before the biggest game about his up-and-down season, Grossman did little to quiet his detractors Sunday night in a 29-17 loss to the Indianapolis Colts.

Two fumbled snaps — one he lost, one he didn't — and then the two underthrown fourth-quarter picks. Two throws that were pretty, well, gross.

"In hindsight, I wish I had thrown it away," Grossman said of the pass Hayden returned for a score. "The timing on it wasn't right."

Grossman's stats weren't bad — 20-of-28 for 165 yards. But the Bears had trouble manufacturing drives against Indy's tough defense.

ing his knee, didn't damage Chicago.

Vinatieri, who made two Super Bowl-winning kicks for New England, nailed a 29-yard field goal early in the second period but was wide left from 32 yards at the end of the half.

Vinatieri still set a record with 49 postseason points.

Canton, Ohio. He won a game and a ring, and won one for his family.

"About the only thing he didn't do was shoot this one out in Market Square in Indianapolis: Peyton Manning CAN win the big one.



Duke's David McClure, right, reacts to being upset by Florida State, as FSU players Ralph Miles, left, and Jere Allen (11) celebrate their 68-67 win over No. 10 Duke Sunday in Durham, N.C.

Florida State upsets Blue Devil men

DURHAM, N.C. — Florida

State's players celebrated their game-sealing defensive stop by cutting loose, whooping it up in front of those famously rowdy Cameron Crazies.

After 15 straight losses on Duke's fabled home floor, the Seminoles finally had a reason to party.

AI Thornton scored 21 points and Florida State stopped Duke cold in the final minute to seal a 68-67 victory over the eighth-ranked Blue Devils on Sunday.

And after the Seminoles' first victory at Cameron Indoor Stadium, the players danced and celebrated in front of Duke's notoriously noisy student section.

"That was just a little excitement. We went over there and showed them a little love," Thornton said. "I think we overdid it, but we apologize, though, that we did all that."

Tony-Douglas added 15 points and Uche Echeft had 12 for the Seminoles (17-6, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who overcame a 17-point deficit to win their third straight and avenge a tough loss here last year.

"Duke has set a benchmark, and they set the bar awful high," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said. "All the teams, especially the ones that are trying to become programs of significance or programs that are competitive year in and year out in the ACC, Duke has set a standard that most of us are being judged by."

"So to get a win here against a very good Duke team that's nationally ranked does a lot for your players' confidence and the morale of your program. But in order for this to be meaningful, we need to continue winning games."

Duke had two late chances after David McClure rebounded Douglas' miss with about 30 seconds left. The Blue Devils brought it downcourt and called timeout with 7.7 seconds left to set up their final play. DeMarcus Nelson inbounded the ball to Greg Paulus, and he missed a layup.

"We had to make them make tough shots, even though they had some point-blank looks they kind of missed," Thornton said. "Overall, we had to make them make some tough shots."

A jump ball was called on the rebound, and the possession arrow pointed toward Duke. Josh McRoberts took the inbound pass in the lane with about 2 seconds left, and his floater rimmed out.

Nelson's putback attempt bounced off the rim as time expired.

Women

No. 21 California 72, No. 8 Stanford 57

STANFORD, Calif. — Devan Hampton had a big second half to finish with 22 points and 14 rebounds and

No. 21 California ended a 14-game losing streak to rival Stanford, beating the eighth-ranked Cardinal 72-57 Sunday.

Stanford struggled on offense, relying too much on 3-pointers, and had its 17-game winning streak snapped in its first Pac-10 defeat. It was the team's longest unbeaten run since getting 23 in a row two years ago. It was also Stanford's first home loss in 52 conference games.

Candice Wiggins scored 17 points and Brooke Smith added 16 points for the Cardinal (19-4, 11-1), who lost to Cal for the first time since Feb. 16, 2001.

No. 4 Maryland 71, Boston College 39

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Shay Doran scored 15 points and Maryland routed Boston College to snap a two-game skid.

Maryland (22-3, 6-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), also got 11 points from Marissa Coleman and Laura Harper.

Mickel Peco led Boston College (11-12, 1-9) with 13 points. Sarah Marshall added eight points, six in the game's first 6 minutes.

No. 5 Ohio State 85, Iowa 49

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jessica Davenport scored 22 points and the Buckeyes tied a school record with their 26th straight home win.

Brandie Hoskins added 16 points, six assists and four rebounds for the Buckeyes (21-1, 10-0 Big Ten), who are off to their best start ever. Star Allen had 11 points and Marschella Packer 10. Ohio State has won 14 straight and 26 of its past 37 regular-season games.

No. 7 LSU 49, South Carolina 46

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Sylvia Fowles had 23 points and 20 rebounds and LSU beat South Carolina for the 10th straight time.

Fowles had her 17th double-double of the season before the game was 18 minutes old for the Lady Tigers (21-3, 7-2 Southeastern Conference). LSU shot 16-of-58 — 27.6 percent — its worst shooting performance this season.

Melanie Johnson led South Carolina (13-11, 3-6) with 11 points.

No. 9 Oklahoma 78, Oklahoma State 63

NORMAN, Okla. — Courtney Paris had 41 points and 19 rebounds, and the Sooners (18-3, 8-2 Big 12) took control by outscoring Oklahoma State 19-2 to end the first half.

Paris reached double figures in points and rebounds for the 48th straight game, and tied a school record with her 54th double-double.

—The Associated Press

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starts and ended with a Chicago interception.

The Colts already trailed 7-0 when that happened. In Super Bowl parties around the nation Indianapolis fans had to be eyeing each other warily

while replaying flashbacks in their minds of last year's play-off loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

But Manning came back with his only touchdown pass to a wide open Reggie Wayne, then settled down to take

command of a conservative offense more fitting of the other team but perfectly fitted to a wet field and ball.

In doing so he also answered the last remaining question about a career that will now surely end on Monday

in Canton, Ohio. He won a game and a ring, and won one for his family.

"About the only thing he didn't do was shoot this one out in Market Square in Indianapolis: Peyton Manning CAN win the big one.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Times of high clouds and mid. Highs around 50. Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy. Lows low 30s. Tomorrow: Remaining mid under partly cloudy skies. Highs near 50.

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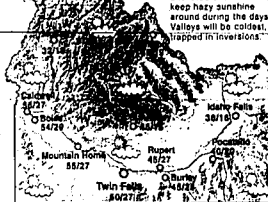
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Poor putting sinks Woods at Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Exasperated by his poor putting, Tiger Woods headed home after one of those rare weeks in which he did not win a tournament.

He finished two strokes behind winner Henrik Stenson in third place Sunday, unable to make a successful tie defense at the Dubai Desert Classic before a gallery that included Roger Federer and Michael Schumacher.

Woods can take consolation in knowing his streak of seven straight victories on the PGA Tour is still alive, but he knows there's work ahead.

"That's one of the worst puttings I've had in a long time," said Woods, who shot a 3-under-par 69 to finish at 17 under 271.

Stenson (68) began the day two shots behind Ernie Els (71) at Emirates Golf Club. But Stenson, a Swede who lives in Dubai, had five birdies to finish at 269. Els was a shot back, and Woods shared third with Niclas Fasth (68).

On a day when sand kept kicking up, Woods vied for the lead despite bogeying the first, 10th and 11th holes. On the 11th, his chip dribbled into a sand trap. He tossed his club in frustration after another bogey.

"I was trying to hit a soft little chip-and-run and just muffed it right into the bunker," he said.

On the 13th, Woods barely missed a 30-foot eagle putt, and Woods fell to his knees in dismay. The American tapped in for a birdie, then strolled over to greet Federer.

On the 15th, Woods chipped in from 35 feet for a birdie and appeared within striking distance. On the next hole, he hit his second shot from the fairway to within 5 feet, but he missed the birdie putt.

"It's frustrating because normally I don't really putt well on poor greens, like I did last week," Woods said, referring to the Buick Invitational. "And I come over here to the best greens we've seen in a long time and I miss a bunch."

Stenson has lived in Dubai for three years and is a member of Emirates Golf Club.



Tiger Woods reacts after missing an eagle putt on the 13th green during the fourth round of the Dubai Desert Classic in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Sunday.

Els started the day in front. He narrowly missed a series of putts that cost him the lead and finished with three bogeys. "I really got out of sorts on the greens and had a couple of bad swings," said Els, a three-time winner of the Desert Classic.

Stenson said the blustery weather was strange for Dubai. On the ninth hole, his drive to the green got blown onto the roof of a spectators' pavilion. The referee forced the Swede to make a precarious climb to the roof to identify his ball before allowing him a penalty-free drop.

Stenson said he scraped his ribs making the climb. "I got a little upset that I had to go up there," he said.

His victory came down to the par-5

18th, with Stenson a stroke ahead of Els. The South African hit a 60-foot chip shot from the rear of the green that just missed being an eagle. Stenson then hit a 5-foot birdie, and Els followed with a birdie to finish a stroke behind.

"I thought I was perfect," Els said. "But it came up a little short."

England's Ross Fisher (71) finished fifth at 16 under after leading the first two days. Fisher once fumbled practice range balls for Woods and was owed to be paired with him.

"For 15 holes I was toe-to-toe with him," Fisher said. "I almost had to pinch myself to believe I was about six or so shots ahead of the world No. 1, which was totally unbelievable."

shared the lead in the last round but failed to win.

His misery began when his tee shot splashed into the water at the 332-yard, par-4 17th. After his drop, his third shot landed just 4 feet from the cup, but he missed the short putt for a bogey.

Baddeley, meanwhile, rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th to go from one shot behind to one ahead.

Kildow, Mancuso at home at the worlds

American duo enjoying brief layoff

ARE, Sweden (AP) — The locals all speak English and it's a welcome change of scenery from the traditional ski stops in the European Alps.

Lindsey Kildow and Julia Mancuso are comfortable at these world championships. With Sunday's super-G postponed, the Americans spent the day sleeping in and shopping.

"I really like being in Are and Sweden. It's a little bit different, and changes it up from the normal World Cup season in central Europe," Mancuso said.

"Being in Sweden, it's a new atmosphere," she said. "We settled into condos and it sort of feels like home right now."

Even if it feels like home, the skiers still miss their families.

"My little sister, who is three, went skiing on my run yesterday — Julia's Gold at Squaw Valley," Mancuso said.

While Mancuso stepped in, Kildow went out and bought snow boots.

"It was snowing and I definitely needed them. My tennis shoes aren't really cutting it," Kildow said.

"The super-G was postponed until Tuesday because of strong wind and heavy snowfall on the top of the course, and soft snow on the bottom. The men's super-G that was to open the championships, Saturday was postponed until Monday."

"My first World Cup podium was when it was snowing and kind of bad weather conditions. I'm really comfortable when it's 'bad weather,'" Kildow said.

"You just have to be ski aggressive. I think that sometimes when the weather gets bad, some girls back off a little bit. For me, that's when I know that if I give a little bit extra, I can really gain time and speed on the other athletes."

Mancuso said any conditions suit her.

"When the countdown to 10 goes off and you're standing in the start gate, it doesn't really matter what time it is or what the weather's like," she said. "You just always have to be ready. It's an outdoor sport and it's always exciting and fun no matter what."

Kildow won the last race before the worlds in San Sicario, Italy. That was a week ago in a super-G on the course in which she crashed during downhill training at last year's Turin Olympics.

"After the Olympics I was really disappointed in myself," Kildow said. "To come back and win right before the world championships was a really great moment for me. I proved to myself that I could do it and it gives me a lot of confidence for the next couple weeks."

Mancuso had a U.S.-record streak of five straight top-three finishes last month. She won two bronze medals at the last worlds and a giant slalom gold medal at the Olympics, confirming her status as a big-event performer.

"I always look at it as an opportunity to shine," Mancuso said. "It's never about pressure. It's always about opportunity."

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Baddeley wins as Quinney collapses at FBR

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Aaron Baddeley birdied three of the final four holes and took advantage of Jeff Quinney's late collapse Sunday for a one-stroke victory in the FBR Open.

It was a dramatic late turnaround for two golfers who are virtually neighbors in north Scottsdale.

Baddeley trailed Quinney by three shots with four holes to go but birdied the 15th, 16th and 17th holes en route to his second PGA Tour victory. The 26-year-old Australian, who also has U.S. citizenship, won the Verizon Heritage last year.

"I'm sure Jeff is disappointed with the way he finished, but I was just trying to put pressure on him towards the end," Baddeley said. "When I got three back, I was really just thinking if I can be one back playing the last hole, I've got a chance."

As it turned out, he was one-up with one hole to go.

Quinney, a PGA Tour rookie after five seasons on the Nationwide Tour, had led since late in the second round but bogeyed the final two holes, marking the third straight tournament he has led or

shared the lead in the last round but failed to win.

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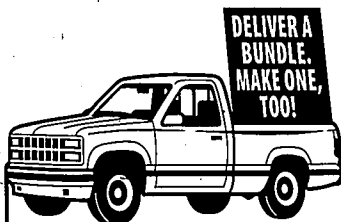


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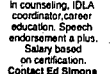
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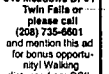
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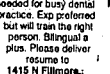
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JEROME Freshwork Apts over bed occupied or disabled 1 bdrm, immediate move in...

Unfurnished Homes
KIMBERLY TWIN FALLS TAX REFUND! MOVE IN NOW to purchase 1 bdrm, 1 bath, pet friendly...

Unfurnished Homes
THE PRICE IS RIGHT! 647 Fairview Ave. Handicap accessible Equi Housing Opportunity...

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, pet ok, \$500 - \$650 734-4334

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TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, appls, \$465 + \$465 dep. Utilities, furnished, no pets...

Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS 1 Old Towne, large studio loft. Quiet, nice, no smoking, pet ok...

Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, duplex, DW, AC, no smoking, pet ok...

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TWIN FALLS extra nice 2 bdrm, appls, no pets, \$520 mo + dep. 208-731-0673

Unfurnished Homes
TURN OF THE CENTURY charm laundry & shower, 2 bdrm, 1 + 2 bath, apts. from \$395...

Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS large 1 bedroom, W/D hook ups, garage, \$400 month + deposit...

Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS Large 2 bedroom, DW, laundry hook ups, no smoking, pet ok...

Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, appls, W/D hook up, water/garage, \$500 mo + dep...

Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$450 month + \$250 dep. No smoking/pets...

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TWIN FALLS large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, pet ok, \$550 month + \$400 dep...

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TWIN FALLS LOVE WALKING YOU! SP/VE! 2 bdrm, 2 bath, pet ok, \$550 month + \$400 dep...

Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS NEWER 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Corner of 4th & Madrona...

Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS male or female to share two bedroom, two bath, pet ok, \$575/month...

Unfurnished Homes
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EDEN 3 small bedrooms, all appliances, \$525 + \$200 dep. Includes garage...

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TWIN FALLS 900 sq ft, multipurpose space available on Blue Lake Blvd...

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath, W/D, very clean, W. \$205 mo. No pets, \$300 + dep...

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TWIN FALLS newly remodeled studio apartment, pet ok, \$225 + \$200 deposit...

Saturday's Puzzle solved grid with words like RUFFLE, TREE, CBS, USURER, REAM, HIT, GENEVA, ANTI, IDO, OJASATERAREA, RUTS, ETHER, MOST, IRA, BED, LAP, FILE, HAD, WIND, NAP, FALL, GUY, CHEDDAR, SHAMAN, KEY, AIDE, HOG, MEL, SIN, OMAR, HALEY, ATTRA, BASEBALL, BATS, IRS, AT, OMB, RETAPE, TJE, LENA, NARROW, SEE, EDEN, SKOKIJE

DOWN
1 Heavyweight 2 Sonny 3 Pie (Frozen treat) 3 Covers in gold 4 OI age 5 News chiefs, for short

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JUMBLE

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

YONJE

BOULED

SHAUTI

Ans: _____

Saturday's Jumbles: VOCAL PARCH MALAYD GOMTER

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Herb Arnold and Mike Argilstone



Now arrange the circled letters from the puzzle answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

CASE INTERNATIONAL... 3000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

HESTON 4000, euro... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

INTERNATIONAL 806... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

JO DEERE 5600 Series tractor... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

JOHN DEERE 145 loader... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

JOHN DEERE 3010 diesel tractor... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

JOHN DEERE 581 mini tractor... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

SPUD CELLAR VENTILATION... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

WANTED 4WD tractor... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

WANTED TO BUY... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

SUGAR BEET shares... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

AG Business and Service Directory... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

Antiques And Collectibles... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

Buy It Sell It... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

Electronics... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

COAL Lump & Stoker... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

Appliances... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

Bazaars And Crafts... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

Electronics... 2000 hours on engine... 2000 hours on engine...

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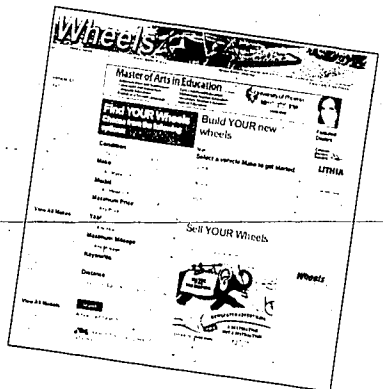
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Chocolate: A heart-healthy concoction?

"Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar... with your bare hands — and then eat just one of the pieces."

—Judith Viorst

Melt-in-your-mouth, seductively smooth and luscious to the tongue, chocolate may be the perfect Valentine gift. Some would say the concoction is cheaper than therapy — and you don't need an appointment.

Others contend that the decadent indulgence in moderate quantities may be good for the heart in ways other than enhancing romance. In fact, Dr. Andrew Weil believes it belongs in the food pyramid, in sane quantities of course.



ALIVE AND WELL
Jan Mittleider

Strong opinion surrounding the dark stuff dates back as far as 800 B.C. The Mayan and Aztec peoples considered chocolate a sacred substance to drink during wedding, baptism and funeral ceremonies. They traded the beans as currency so valuable that there are documented accounts of cacao bean counterfeiting.

Montezuma was the first notable chocolate who used its potency for super-charged sexual powers — or so he thought. And Thomas Jefferson was an early American chocolate who imported the cacao beans to his Monticello plantation.

Who's such a rich history, there is little wonder why chocolate still inspires ritual, romance and robust pleasure.

Today cocoa powder and dark chocolate, preferably organic, are emerging in scientific debate as an antioxidant powerhouse that contains about eight times the disease-fighting polyphenols found in strawberries. They gobble up free radicals, those destructive molecules that are implicated in heart disease and other ailments.

Ingesting chocolate does trigger mood-enhancing chemicals like serotonin and endorphins, similar to responding to romance, according to a research review reported in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. Admittedly, most of the studies were exceedingly small and the quantities of chocolate substantial.

Before you bust your grocery budget on Godiva, consider the rest of the story. Despite its bounty of antioxidants and mood-enhancing properties, a dose of semisweet chocolate used in data collections — about three ounces — is a whopping 400 calories with a hefty amount of fat and sugar. Most of us can't afford that many extra calories on a regular basis without gaining body fat.

In addition, some of the benefits of consuming chocolate are mitigated out of proportion by the chocolate industry itself to sell a product.

The bottom line

The swirl of clinical opinions merits little more than a connoisseur's sweetheart. You can maximize the health benefits with these guidelines:

1. If you or your sweetheart loves chocolate, choose high-quality dark chocolate, preferably organic, in small doses as part of a health-smart diet. The more cocoa powder the chocolate contains, the more antioxidants you get.

2. Treat the chocolate like a mini vacation rather than a gobbling frenzy. Savor it slowly for the greatest satisfaction with a small amount.

3. When a recipe calls for chocolate, use cocoa powder or dark chocolate, which has less sugar. Chocolate-covered strawberries, anyone?

Health educator Jan Mittleider is coordinator of the Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

A mother's Smile



Dr. Kyle Poppleton prepares to perform dental work on a patient Friday morning in Filer. Poppleton is among 29 south-central Idaho dentists participating in the Idaho Oral Health Project, an effort by South Central District Health and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to persuade pregnant women to get dental checkups.

Project aims to get more pregnant women to the dentist

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Five or six months into her pregnancy, Maribel Vera's teeth began to ache.

"Almost all the teeth began aching — she said — Spanish through an interpreter. "The majority of my teeth began aching."

Vera, now 26, went to the Family Health Services dental clinic in Rupert, where Dr. Adam Hodges fixed the problem. He wishes more moms-to-be would do the same.

"It's not hard for cariogenic (cavity-causing) bacteria to get passed from a mother to a child," Hodges said. "She's always kissing on the baby, and saliva gets exchanged."

"But beyond that, there's some evidence that mothers who take care of their own teeth tend to take better care of their babies' teeth too."

South Central Health District and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare have launched the Idaho Oral Health Project for Pregnant Women to get obstetricians and primary care physicians to send the patients they treat to dentists.

Susie Beem, the Twin Falls-based dental health coordinator for the health district, says it's a common myth that mothers-to-be should avoid seeing a dentist.

In fact, the opposite is true, according to Beem. Because of the possible link between dental disease and premature birth, all pregnant women should see a dentist as early as possible in the pregnancy, she says.

Evidence of the risk of pre-term birth for expectant mothers with gum disease is mixed. Research published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in November reported that there's no additional peril of premature birth, low birthweight or fetal growth restrictions in women with peri-

To learn more

For more information about the Idaho Oral Health Project for Pregnant Women, call Susie Beem at 737-5346.

odontal disease.

"This outcome is at variance with findings of other studies, which have suggested that gum treatment positively affects birth outcomes," the American Academy of Periodontology said in a news release.

The National Institutes of Health reports that as many as 18 percent of premature, low-birthweight infants born in the U.S. each year may be linked to periodontal disease. But the March of Dimes believes premature births are caused by a mixture of factors.

"There's a lot we don't know about the related health risks of periodontal disease," Hodges said. "But periodontal disease is a systemic bacterial infection, and that's always cause for concern."

What is clear is that the incidence of premature births is increasing both in the U.S. and in Idaho.

In 2004, nearly 11 percent of babies — that's 299 babies — were born prematurely in the eight counties of south-central Idaho, the health district reports.

The March of Dimes says the rate of infants born pre-term nationwide is rising, and that has implications for taxpayers as well as the families involved. According to Idaho Medicaid, low-birthweight babies cost 10 times more than non-premature babies (\$35,776 as opposed to \$3,499 after one year). If all the mothers of these babies had received dental care during their pregnancies, Beem said, an estimated 54 pre-term births may have been prevented, saving \$1.7 million.

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A microscopic image of streptococcus mutans, the bacteria that cause dental carities. They can easily be transmitted from mothers to babies.

Courtesy of Elizabeth Fennell, Tufts University, Boston

Shedding light on the insidious effects of gum disease

Evidence continues to mount to support the link between periodontal disease and other health problems. While more research needs to be done to say definitively that people with gum disease are at higher risk for developing heart disease, stroke, uncontrolled diabetes and respiratory disease, periodontal disease is a bacterial infection, and all infections are cause for concern. Periodontal bacteria can enter the bloodstream and travel to major organs and begin new infections.

There are several theories about the link between periodontal disease and heart disease. One is that oral bacteria can affect the heart when they enter the bloodstream, attaching to fatty plaques in the coronary arteries and contributing to forming clots. Coronary artery disease is characterized by a thickening of the walls of the coronary arteries due to the buildup of fatty proteins. Blood clots can obstruct normal blood flow, restricting the amount of nutrients and oxygen required for the heart to function properly. This may lead to heart attacks.

Another possibility is that the inflammation caused by periodontal disease increases plaque buildup, which may contribute to swelling of the arteries.

Researchers have found that people with periodontal disease are almost twice as likely to suffer from coronary artery disease as those without it.

Additional studies have pointed to a relationship between periodontal disease and stroke. In one study, people diagnosed with acute cerebrovascular ischemia were found more likely to have an oral infection when

compared with those in the control group. Diabetes are more likely to have periodontal disease, probably because they're more susceptible to infections. People who don't have their diabetes under control are especially at risk.

A study in the November issue of the *Journal of Periodontology* found that poorly controlled Type 2 diabetics are more likely to develop periodontal disease than people whose diabetes is under control.

Research shows that the relationship between gum disease and diabetes goes both ways — periodontal disease may make it more difficult for people who have diabetes to control their blood sugar.

Severe periodontal disease can increase blood sugar, contributing to increased periods of time when the body functions with a high blood sugar. This puts diabetics at increased risk of complications.

Gum disease has also been linked to respiratory problems. Bacterial respiratory infections are thought to be caused by inhaling fine droplets from the mouth and throat into the lungs. These droplets contain germs that can breed and multiply within the lungs to cause damage.

Recent research suggests that bacteria in the throat and the mouth can be found into the lower respiratory tract. This can cause infections or worsen existing lung conditions. People with respiratory problems, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, typically suffer from weaker immune systems, making it hard to eliminate bacteria from the lungs.

Source: American Academy of Periodontology

Online poll gets my goat(ee), rejects groovy mustache

By Chris Baldes
Times-News writer

Last week we ran a poll on www.magiclevel.com asking you to adduce me on what kind of facial hairstyle to wear. Thanks to all 222 of you who voted.

Goatee won the poll, with

57 votes, followed by clean-shaven at 49 and Fu Manchu at 46.

There must just be something special about my checks. Most voters didn't want them covered.

So, I'll give the goatee a month. But, if I come home with a Harley, it's you

people's fault.

The almost-full beard, which is what I've been wearing for years, garnered only 26 votes. I tried to stuff the ball box here, but was thwarted by cyber security.

The full beard, which will come back if the weather turns sharply cold again, got

only 22 votes.

Thankfully, the pencil mustache got only 14 votes and the traditional mustache got 10. Or my face, they made my bob head a little too much. And, I could feel a 70's groovy gurgling to life in my soul's basement.

Thanks for voting.



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Don't overdo it on the juggling, Taurus

IF FEB. 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Treat water for the next few weeks — even if you feel frustrated and want to make a break for it. This is not the time to make crucial changes. You can take a quick vacation or have a fling in April when your fun-loving side is on display. In late May and early June you might have extra burdens to handle, so don't add anything else to your plate. Late June is luckier than usual and is a fabulous time to launch plans, start something new, or to embrace any opportunities that pop up. In August, you might get positive attention so make an effort to advertise or to be in the public eye.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Let sleeping dogs lie. Accepting an offer or following through on a new idea might cause endless complications. Impulse buying might leave your wallet drained of necessary resources.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Juggle only the number of balls you can handle. An impulsive need to be the class clown, or just flaunting your sparkling personality, can interfere with productivity or provoke disapproval.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Think it through. You can easily persuade you to sacrifice a worthy goal. Some people might be attracted to you because they hope your success will rub off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be content with what you have. You might wonder if you'd rather be a small fish in a big pond or the big fish in the small pond.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Those who lead a horse to water can't make it drink. Contacts may stubbornly refuse to go along with your directions or desires.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "Gimme shelter." It is possible to make unwise decisions if you give in to doubts or dwell on feelings of insecurity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Every relationship has ups and downs. Don't force issues or use a brief downturn as an excuse to stir up controversy. Making a change in a partnership or your habits might be counterproductive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Security and comfort are around the corner. Currently you might be grasping for straws in an effort to attain the secure position you desire. Wait out temporary misgivings or doubts.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Talk sense. Steer clear of schemes and dreams that might entail large expenditures. Take a long, hard look at your financial situation. Remain economical and thrifty for the best results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look before you leap. Investigate the whys and wherefores before you make a key decision. Just because others tempt you with their seemingly carefree lives it doesn't mean you should make a change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Silence is golden. Your mind might be like a steel trap, but some traps are only safe to handle when closed. Sidestep disputes or arguments. Your best bet is to use new technology at work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Hang on to your hat. Certain blowhairs may attempt to

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

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The Born Loser

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By Chris Browne



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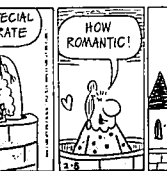
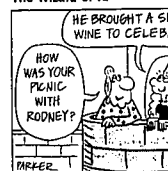
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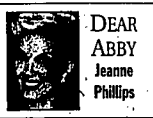


Desk photo of stillborn baby causes awkward office issue

DEAR ABBY: I am writing on behalf of my friends at work. We have a co-worker, "Madge," who had a stillborn baby last year. It was tragic. Our problem is, she keeps a photo of the deceased infant with her little eyes sewn shut on her desk in plain view, so that if we must interact with her (we have an open cubicle layout) we have to see it.

Is this appropriate? Ninety percent of the employees here are women. Most are all spelled. Others say, "Well, it's all his fault."

Madge is expecting again, and we are rooting for her and the baby. However, in addition to all this, she is mean and gossipy. Madge tells everyone what to do and how to do it—which is not in her job description. I hope that when pregnancy arrives she will soften and not be so bitter. But, Abby, how on earth do we blow off that photo?



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

thing, but inside I am still all messed up. How do I get past all my past hurts and move on to a healthy, less stressful life?

— **STILL HURTING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR STILL HURTING: When people feel fat, ugly, unacceptable and worthless (among other things), it often goes back to the way they were brought up—and lack of support from their parents. You can heal what is hurting you, but you must recognize that, unlike plastic surgery, there are no "quick fixes" for what ails you.

You will find the answers you are seeking by consulting a licensed, experienced psychotherapist. I hope you will ask your physician for a referral as soon as you finish this letter. You have a right to be happy, so please don't put it off.

DEAR ABBY: I feel like I have struck gold. Please tell your female readers, if they are over 40 and looking for a man, to head to their local diner for breakfast. Last week I found myself to be one of only two women (and she was with her husband) out of 15 people eating breakfast. Apparently, men meet weekly for breakfast.

I'm sure if women made a habit of going to the restaurant, the waitresses would get to know them and would be thrilled to introduce them to some of the single men who come in. Women love to play cupid.

Also, be sure to sit at the counter. It's easier to approach someone sitting at the counter than someone sitting in a booth.

— **EATING SINGLE BUT NOT ALONE IN OHIO**

DEAR EATING SINGLE: I am frequently asked by members of both sexes where to meet someone eligible. You have offered a good suggestion, and although romance is not usually on the menu in such establishments, with Valentine's Day approaching, I am pleased to pass this along.

— APPALLED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR APPALLED: While a person's desktop is usually private territory, I agree that the photograph you describe is inappropriate in an office environment. Because Madge feels the need to keep the picture of her stillborn baby close, it should be kept in her purse with other family photos, or in her desk drawer.

How very sad that poor woman must be. The person who should deal with this delicate problem is the boss or the supervisor.

DEAR ABBY: How do I overcome my insecurity issues? I have been insecure all my life. I have always felt fat, ugly, unacceptable and worthless (among other things).

A couple of years ago, I appeared on a popular reality makeover television show that I thought it would solve every-

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Movie stars rebelled this day

This day in history: On Feb. 5, 1919, silent-screen superstars Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks and D.W. Griffith, tired of being exploited by movie studios, started their own company and named it United Artists.

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

In 1476, Leonardo da Vinci was taunted by Florence, Italy's "Officers of the Night" vice squad and charged with homosexual activity with a 17-year-old male model and prostitute, Jacopo Saltarelli. Leonardo was eventually acquitted because of lack of evidence.

A reader asks: "What did people use to open cans in the half-century before the can opener was invented?" Whatever would do the job — hatches, axes, hammers, etc. — but most often a hammer and chisel.

Since 1970, the number of adults ages 24-34 who live with their parents or grandparents has risen 50 percent.

In the 10th century, the story goes, Byzantine troops captured the bulk of the Bulgarian army. Emperor Basil II of Bulgaria had all the prisoners blinded except for every hundredth man, who was spared one eye. The hundred were then tied together so that the one-eyed man could lead the rest home. It's said when the Bulgarian king saw his pitiful, blinded army returning, he collapsed and died on the spot.

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IMAGE

Out of bed and in the car

By Susan Brink
Los Angeles Times

Just as Americans can lay part of the blame for their eating patterns on the food-processing industry, and part of the blame for their sedentary lifestyle on unwalkable suburbs and sprawling cities, part of the blame for not quite enough sleep lies with congested highways and homes located far from work.

"The more time you spend in the car, for any reason, the less you sleep."

— David F. Dinges
of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine

David F. Dinges of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine studied numbers from the U.S. Department of Labor's American Time Use Survey, conducted in 2003, to find what Americans were doing more time you spend in the car. For any reason, the less you sleep," Dinges said.

Someone who spends a total of 40 minutes in the car each day — that's a round-trip commute plus all daily errands — gets a good seven to eight hours of sleep. He reported those unpublished findings at a meeting of Associated Professional Sleep Societies. And he found that for each eight minutes in the car beyond that 40-minute time drops by about 15 minutes.

So if a long commute, traffic congestion or a lot of short trips to pick up kids or take dogs to the vet adds just 15 minutes of travel time to that 40 minutes, it means half-an-hour less sleep.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 100,000 accidents and 1,500 traffic fatalities annually are caused by drowsy driving, far more than those attributed to cell phone use.

Dental

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Twenty-nine dentists in the Magic and Wood River valleys offer Medicaid patients limited dental services for relief of pain or infection but cannot affect the health of unborn babies. After the dentist completes the visit, he or she faxes the results back to the referring physician.

The bacteria that live in the human mouth are virulent and potentially dangerous.

Streptococcus mutans, the main contributor to tooth decay, can grow under conditions that would kill other bacteria. It's found mainly on tooth enamel, concentrated in the crevices, pits and fissures of teeth.

Caregiver support group meets today

The Caregiver Support Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today at the Office on Aging Senior Annex, 998 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

The free support group is for those who provide care to a sick, disabled or elderly family member or friend.

For information, call LuAnn at the Office of Aging at 736-2122 or toll free at 1-800-574-8656.

Bariatric support

The Bariatric Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The support group is for patients who have undergone bariatric surgery.

For information, call 280-1337.

Tobacco cessation

South Central District Health and St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will offer the American Cancer Society's "Fresh Star" program to help adults quit using tobacco.

The six-class session will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, this week through Feb. 22, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

"Fresh Star" builds skills to help reduce and eventually end tobacco use; communicate better; handle stress; make decisions; set goals; eat healthy and exercise.

The class is free. Preregistration is required; call Jeannette Charters, smoking cessation instructor, at 300-5513 or Tami Pearson, tobacco program coordinator, at 737-5945.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. This week's topic is "Stretching Your Food Dollars."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. Call 324-7262.

Diabetes education

"The Healthy Diabetes Plate," a cooking school program for people with diabetes and their families, will be offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

And in young children, it finds a target-rich environment.

"Limiting the intake of juice or (sweetened) milk is important," Hodges said.

"The local anesthetics that dentists use have no adverse effects on the fetus, he said, and general anesthesia is rarely used for dental work on a woman carrying a child.

"The risks of dental work to the mother and the baby are minimal," Hodges said.

Dental X-rays are a potential — if limited — hazard to an expectant mother and her baby, but dentists take precautions, he said.

"If we're going to do radiographic work, we might put a second lead apron on a pregnant woman," Hodges said.

To-do for you

Tuesdays, this week through March 6, at the Cassia County Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St., Burley.

The program will be presented by Itha Lanting of the University of Idaho extension; Cammie Joy, extension nutrition program coordinator; and Gretchen Manker, personal nutrition adviser.

Cost is \$25 per person and \$35 per couple or family. Preregistration is required; call 734-9590, ext. 23, or 878-9461.

About C-sections

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

Topics will include cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors. Wear comfortable clothing and bring two pillows and, if possible, a support person.

The class is free. Preregistration is required; call 732-3148.

Heart health

Gooding County Memorial Hospital will host a presentation on improving 'heart health.' "The Hearts of Women" will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the hospital's boardroom. Dr. Samantha Marshall will discuss how heart disease differs between men and women. Lunch will be provided.

The class is free. Preregistration is required; call 934-9884.

About back injuries

Back School, a course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 566 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on basic spine anatomy, common injuries and diseases that lead to back pain, as well as instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury.

Cost is \$25. To register, call 737-2126.

Learn CPR

A Heartsaver cardiopul-

Verá's now-15-month-old son, Antonio Ilausta, will have healthy teeth, his mother says.

"When kids are young they don't want to take time to clean their teeth," she said. "And they don't know how. They have taught me how to keep my teeth clean. And I can show my boy how to keep his teeth clean."

Times-News staff writer Cassidy Friedman contributed to this report. Times-News features reporter Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223 or scrump@magicvalley.com.

monary resuscitation class will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Under the guidelines of the American Heart Association, the class includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants. It includes hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

Seminar for radiologic technologists

The College of Southern Idaho Radiologic Technology program club is offering a seminar for registered radiologic technologists from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 12 in Aspen 195 on the CSI campus.

Participants will earn six category A continuing education credits, approved by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Topics include psychological reactions, imaging, human trafficking and the health care professional, improving your work environment, quality control, communicating with different aged patients, and atypical radiology. Registration fee is \$60 and includes lunch at the Turf Club. To register, call Gary Lauer at 732-6719.

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

Skunk romance

Why can you expect things to get smelly?
TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS

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Because I Said So (11) 7:00-9:30

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Arthur & Invisibles (11) 7:00-9:30

Work and Glory 3 (11) 7:15-9:30

Eragon (11) 9:00

Because I Said So (11) 9:30-11:30

Night at Museum (11) 9:30-11:30

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The Departed (11) 9:15

Epic Movie (11) 7:15-9:15

Children of Men (11) 7:15-9:45

Charlotte's Web (11) 7:30

Smokin' Aces (11) 6:45-9:30

Night at Museum (11) 7:00-9:30

Dreamgirls (11) 6:45-9:30

The Messenger (11) 7:30-9:45

Happy Feet (11) 7:15

The Queen (11) 7:30-9:45

We Are Marshall (11) 15

Catch & Release (11) 7:00-9:30

Freedom Writers (11) 6:45-9:30

Slump the Yard (11) 6:45-9:30

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Pursuit/Happyness (11) 7:00-9:30

The Hitcher (11) 7:30-9:45

Eragon (11) 7:15-9:30

Pan's Labyrinth (11) 7:00-9:30

Work and Glory 3 (11) 7:30-9:45

Blood & Chocolate (11) 7:15-9:30

'Cat's claw'

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Should I wait to start my social security benefits?

Even if you plan to keep working, social security retirement benefits are available to most workers as early as age 62. Two sources of income sound good, right? Not so fast. Electing to start social security early may allow you to put these monthly payments to work for you immediately. But will permanently reduce your overall monthly benefit. On the other hand, beginning social security at age 70 will earn you a delayed retirement credit, and greater monetary benefits. Of course, you can start benefits anytime between age 62 and 70. This decision to accept, or delay, your social security can be complicated, and it rests on several factors:

- Do you need the cash? • Will you continue to work?
- How is your health? • Are you in a high tax bracket?

Before you can make a decision about when to take your retirement benefits, check with the SSA to find out what you are entitled to. Verify your earnings history with their records and correct any errors. Based on your social security benefit statement and your recent tax records, your financial professional can run sophisticated financial models to help you make your decision about early retirement benefits. You've worked your whole life for this money. Make sure you get as much of it as is possible.

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Straight Talk on Elder Law and Estate Planning

ESTATE AUCTIONS

QUESTION: Why do some decedents' estates have auctions and others not?

The executor of an estate is called upon to make a series of crucial decisions. One of the executor's most important tasks is to raise money to pay estate obligations and see that property is distributed to heirs in a reasonably satisfactory manner.

Often times, heirs have the right to divide up estate property items but prefer cash instead. A large, well-advertised sale of estate assets can fetch higher prices than individual heirs could get in separate efforts.

If the will of a deceased person directs that all or a portion of estate assets be auctioned, the executor simply carries out the instruction. In most cases, an estate auction happens only after consultation and concurrence with the heirs.

Idaho law provides the executor great flexibility in meeting estate needs and satisfying heirs' preferences. The estate auction is simply one of many tools in the executor's toolbox.

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