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## One block at a time



A man walks by Rudy's—A Cook's Paradise on Monday. This block of Main Avenue, between Shoshone Street and Gooding Street in downtown Twin Falls, has been picked as the starting point for a revitalization effort by the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency.

## Spot picked for launch of downtown renewal effort

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

After investing more than six months and almost \$160,000 in planning, the City of Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency Monday picked the downtown block that will be first to receive revitalization help from the agency.

But like most decisions surrounding downtown revitalization, it's likely to be met with plenty of criticism from some downtown business owners.

Based on recommendations from the Leland Consulting Group, agency board members unanimously chose Main Avenue between Shoshone Street and Gooding Street. The block is already considered the most vibrant spot downtown.

Under the proposal, the agency will work with business owners to identify and implement improvements to attract shoppers and increased business investment. However, some downtown business owners are wondering why the Initial Investment will be made in an

area that development officials already tout as a bright spot.

"I know that this is going to be a big question for a lot of people," said Melinda Anderson, director of economic development for the city. "But what we were looking for was a block in downtown that needs the least amount of rehab."

According to a copy of the project memorandum from the Leland Consulting Group, the area will provide a "great opportunity for demonstration and revitalization."

Anderson said the plan was to

choose an area that would require the least amount of time and money to transform it into a good example of what a revitalized downtown would look like.

"I don't see the Urban Renewal Agency putting down a lot of money for a business that won't step up and match that contribution," Anderson said. "The whole idea is that it will be a public-private partnership with a private business owner matching about \$4 for every public dollar."

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## U.S. Border Patrol picks up illegal immigrants

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

Immigration officials are staging the most extensive sweep of the Magic Valley in recent memory, picking up illegal immigrants in mall parking lots, on major highways and at various businesses.

Border Patrol officials are saying little about the widespread crackdown that apparently began last week, though they acknowledge that it isn't business as usual. "I cannot either deny or comment," said Alex Harrington, spokesman for the Havre Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol. "Right now there is currently an investigation in your area. I have an embargoed news release." The statement could be released today, Harrington said.

The unusual sight of agents popping up in grocery stores, staging highway checkpoints and scouring bus stations in several cities has cast a pall over the region's immigrant population, with many undocumented workers now avoiding public places.

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## Body found in gravel pit is identified

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

A man whose body was found Friday in a gravel pit about a mile northwest of Gooding has been identified as Gustavo Flores-Quintana, 30, of Halley.

Flores-Quintana was shot execution-style with a single .22-caliber bullet in the back of the head, Gough said.

Flores-Quintana, who court records show has been in the area for more than a decade, has no other family in the U.S. other than a brother, Jorge Quintana-Flores, said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough. The brother is serving time in an Idaho prison for drug possession, he said.

Since 1995, Gustavo has been arrested and charged three times for driving without privileges in Gooding County, Gough said. His last-known place of employment was Allen Drywall, Gough said. The company, believed to be in Blaine County, could not be reached Monday.

Authorities say they have identified two possible suspects, who have not yet been located or named.

"We don't know yet what it was all about," Gough said.

Gough said it appears Gustavo was standing when he was shot at close range in a rural slab of desert between private properties along the Big Wood River. No weapon has been located, though several spent .22-caliber shell casings were found near the body, but the bullet that killed Gustavo was not so badly splattered it is unlikely authorities will match it to a weapon, Gough said.

## Herbal sex pills may pose hidden dangers for men on heart drugs

By Justie Pritchard  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Many of the pills marketed as safe herbal alternatives to Viagra and other prescription sex medications pose a hidden danger. For men on heart and blood-pressure drugs, popping one could lead to a stroke, or even death.

"All natural" products with names like Stamina-IX and Vigor-25 promise an aphrodisiac's delight of rare Asian ingredients, but many work because they contain unregulated versions of the very pharmaceuticals they claim to replace.

"That dirty secret represents a special danger for the millions of men who take nitroglycerin drugs prescribed to lower blood pressure and relieve chest disease. When mixed with Viagra and imported Chinese pharmaceuticals, it can also lead to a heart attack or stroke."



David Wheel, CEO of H-Tech Pharmaceuticals, with a display of his products at an Atlanta seminar in December 2006. Several owners have complained that H-Tech's erectile dysfunction pills that Wheel's company said were laced with pharmaceuticals, causing their health problems. The company had denied the allegations.

An Associated Press investigation shows that spiked, poison control hot lines are being inundated with emergency calls as a major public health concern that officials haven't figured out how to track much less tame.

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## Group gives Idaho 'D' in getting kids to college

BOISE (AP) — Idaho gets a "D" grade for the number of its students going to college, a rank that puts the state alongside Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina.

There's only a 35 percent chance that a student in Idaho who is 19 or younger will go to college, according to the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, a San Jose, Calif., nonprofit research group that studies education in all 50 states. That's down from 40 percent in 1992, the group said.

Just 26 percent of the state's 18- to 24-year-olds are enrolled at a college or university, compared to 42 percent in states like Michigan and Connecticut, which rank at the top of the group's list.

A dearth of state-funded financial aid appears to be one reason Idaho students often stop their education after high school, according to the California group. In 2006, Idaho ranked 48th in

the nation for its state contribution to low-income students' tuition, according to Iowa-based education policy analyst Tom Mortenson.

Idaho does very little in terms of providing financial aid to needy students," Joni Finney, vice president of the group, told the Idaho Statesman.

Idaho has been trying to address that, with the 2007 Legislature setting aside \$10 million for scholarships to help low-income residents.

Many students are held back by low expectations, said Boise State University President Bob Kustra, who in 2005 and 2006 lobbied the Legislature successfully to strengthen high school graduation requirements so more students would be ready for college.

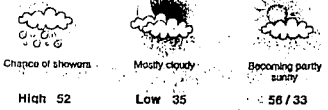
There's also a perception, in many families that college isn't worth the cost, or that it's too expensive, he said.

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Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Bill Anselmi/Brent Jenson Quartet, on tour to promote release of new CD "One More Mile," 6 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Recital Hall, open to the public, no cost (donations to CSI Jazz Club accepted at the door). Ujens@csid.edu, or 732-6765. Little Shop of Horrors (A Musical Comedy), presented by the Oakley Valley Arts Council and directed by Beckie Clark, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Oakley, \$8 (reservations recommended), 677-2787.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twentieth Century Club meeting, noon, Loong-Hing Restaurant, 4719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, 733-2552 for reservations. Moms on the Run meeting and lunch, with Sheila Erling on "Knowledge, the Gift of Life" and Vee Lehman on "Always Learning," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Mandarin House, 735 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, \$10 (includes buffet), 324-4233 or 537-9157. Snake River Wineries' Guild meeting, with Loraine Reese as hostess, 1:30 p.m., 537-6573 or 734-5358. The American Legion Post No. 7 & Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 p.m. social hour with turkey dinner and separate meetings to follow, Post Home, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, bring side dish or dessert, open to legion and auxiliary members, guests and prospective members, 733-0962 or 734-1435. Hagerman Valley Historical Society program, "Chinese Mining in the Snake River Canyon," by Ron James, 7 p.m., National Park Service building, 221 N. State St., Hagerman, open to the public, no cost, refreshments served, 837-6060.

GOVERNMENT

Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 214 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2473. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500. Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7302. Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home, 587-2129, ext. 7. Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main, 824-4841. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438. Animal Shelter Advisory Commission, noon, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7228. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274. Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-7801. Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267. Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N., 543-5650. Cassia County Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 878-4367. Glenna Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second, 366-7418. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4321. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 246 Main, 829-5415. Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151. Detroit School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park, 544-2102. Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 886-2038.

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON

High winds cause nearly 85,000 to lose power

SEATTLE — Winds gusting to more than 70 mph blew trees and branches onto power lines and cut electricity to nearly 85,000 homes and businesses across Western Washington on Monday.

The number of electrical outages grew as winds rose throughout the region, starting well before daylight.

One of the earliest outages was before dawn around Monroe, where about 6,000 customers lost power for a time after three substations went off line, said Neil Neroutoss, a spokesman for the Snohomish County Public Utility District.

That problem was resolved fairly quickly, but later storm-related problems cut power to about 1,400 customers in the Lake Stevens area, Neroutoss said.

The region's largest utility, Puget Sound Energy, had roughly 37,000 customers in the dark in nine counties, with Whatcom and Thurston hit the hardest, spokeswoman Christina Mills said.

More than 15,000 customers were without electricity in the Grays Harbor County Public Utility District, spokeswoman Liz Anderson reported.

Eastern Washington also had problems. Spokane-based Avista Utilities said about 1,140 customers were without power in Eastern Washington and northern Idaho from wind-related power outages.

There was no estimate as of late afternoon when crews would be able to restore power. Homes without power included about 345 in Colville and about 683 near Grangeville, Idaho, with scattered outages in Spokane, Davenport and Deer Park.

MONTANA

Mountain lion attacks hunter SE of Kalspell

KALSPELL — A hunter suffered cuts and scratches after being attacked by a mountain lion southeast of here over the weekend, state wildlife officials said Monday.

The attack happened early Sunday in the Squeezer Creek area, said Warden Chuck Baros of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Baros said the hunter, whose name was not released, left his car and headed down a trail, and later heard what sounded like the scream of a mountain lion.

A short time later, the hunter heard a growl and turned to see the lion 10 to 15

WINTER WONDERLAND



A ski hiker tramps through the snow-covered landscape Monday near Deerflj, in St. Antonien in the Swiss canton of Grisons. Over the weekend, about three feet of snow fell in St. Antonien in the Prättigau valley, the most snow to fall in the area in November in 55 years.

feet away. He dropped his rifle and hurried to get behind a tree, but the lion pounced on his back, knocking him into the tree, Baros said in a news release.

The lion then lost its grip, and the hunter was able to reach another gun and fire a shot. The spooked lion ran away.

The man fired several more shots and then headed back down the trail. He encountered several other hunters who helped him to his vehicle.

The hunter then drove himself to Kalspell and went to the hospital, where he received five stitches for cuts the lion clawed on his leg, Baros said. The hunter also was treated for scratches on his back and shoulder, and for a few puncture wounds to the back of his head.

MARYLAND

Pope to make first visit to U.S. in 2008

BALTIMORE — Pope Benedict XVI will travel to the United States for the first time as pontiff next year to meet with President Bush, address the United Nations and visit ground zero, a Vatican official told American bishops Monday.

The pope also will celebrate Mass at the new Nationals Park stadium and Yankee Stadium during the

celebrations on nutrients, phosphorus and ammonia, the one we're really in violation of is ammonia," Lee Godfrey, director of city services in Soda Springs, told The Idaho State Journal. "The phosphorus we're going to have to deal with, too."

Concordia considering law school in Boise

BOISE — A private Lutheran college in Oregon is considering opening a law school in Idaho's capital, an announcement that adds urgency to the University of Idaho's push to expand its legal programs to the state's most-populous region.

Boise is one of three areas Concordia is looking at said officials at the Portland, Ore., school. It currently doesn't have a law school. The two other proposed locations are in Washington state and California, but school officials couldn't be reached for comment on specific cities in those states.

Idaho residents now must go to Moscow, nearly 300 miles north of Boise, if they want to get a law degree with in the state's borders. UT has been discussing how to expand its law-related classes beyond Moscow, worried that if it doesn't, another university like Concordia will fill the vacuum.

MICHIGAN

Two teens charged in mutilation death

DETROIT — Two thrill-seeking teenagers stabbed an adult acquaintance, took a blowtorch to his corpse and threw his severed head into a river, prosecutors said Monday as they charged the pair.

Macomb High School senior Jean Pierre Orlewier, 17, and Alexander James Letkemann, 18, ambushed 26-year-old Daniel Sorenson on Wednesday in a garage owned by Sorenson's grandmother, Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy said. A tarp had been spread on the floor, she said.

"They lured him in the garage, where they prepared a space to kill him," Worthy said at a news conference. Sorenson, who had worked as aouncer, was stabbed multiple times in the back, his head sawed off and his body wrapped in the tarp, authorities said.

— The Associated Press



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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

FESTIVALS AND CEREMONIES

The "Lights for Life" ceremony and Hoopce Tree lighting, includes music by Danielle Coltrin and Johanna Anderson and guest speakers Jay Black and Dr. Mark Dowdle, 7 p.m., Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hilland Avenue, Burley, tax-deductible donation for memorial tree lights, 678-4444.

FAMILY

Idaho Family Reading Week, with Clifford the Big Red Dog and crafts, treats, contests and books to read, 8:30 to 7:30 p.m., Gooding Public Library, no cost, some books will be given away, 934-4089.

Mouse library visit, "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" character available with stories, activities, games and treats, 7 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, space limited (early registration encouraged), 878-7708.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 80 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym, and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School (temporary location: LDS church on Main), no cost, 732-6475.

Thanksgiving Taster Table, with demonstrations on heating and light, 10 a.m., Make a Difference Foods, 1414 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls, 734-5645 to RSVP.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by St. Luke's NVMRC, 11 a.m. to noon, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 374 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

SilverSnakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1753 Elizabeth Blvd.; no cost to humans.

insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Elk Ave. E., 736-7237 or 735-1101.

Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, 236-0957. Road 2 Recovery, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., Burley, 670-2578. Celebrate Recovery, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H. Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557 or 324-7237.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass fairs (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, 870-4868 or rourburt2@gmail.com.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Joy World/Saving the Sky Tour," 7 p.m., Herrett Center, CSI, Twin Falls, \$3 for seniors citizens, \$2 for students and \$5 for families, 732-8655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact information by e-mail, fax, phone or mail. Times-News, 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is 10 days in advance of the event.

# Renewal

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Still, many agency board members expressed concerns about selection of the block, which includes Rudy's - A Cook's Parishes, O'Dunkens' Draught House and the Orpheum Theatre.

"It certainly is the easiest block to work with," said David Woodhead, a member of the agency board. "But I'm a little afraid that we're going to have to come up with a story for all the other people on the next block who are asking why you chose that particular area."

Some downtown business owners said they would rather avoid downtown revitalization efforts because they only seem to create conflict.

One business owner said the city "has no idea what it's getting into," referring to the ongoing disputes between business owners and downtown groups.

However, that divisiveness is preventing the city from considering some locations for revitalization, Anderson said.

In the memorandum the consultants recommended that the city identify a contiguous group of businesses that will invest in revitalization - rather than individual businesses.

However, the members of the agency also said that they would include other areas with clusters of businesses whose owners are interested in working with the city.

The plan was one of three proposals by the Leland Consulting Group.

The agency also agreed to "conduct due diligence and related services for land assembly, planning and redevelopment of approximately four blocks in downtown Twin Falls" and another that would require the city to work with the Leland group for six more months.

# Raids

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Over the weekend, for example, games in an area adult soccer league popular with Hispanics and recent immigrants were cancelled because people feared congregating in a public place.

Among the places hit by immigration enforcement agencies in recent days is WinCo Foods on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, a busy grocery store popular among Hispanics.

WinCo employees were not informed about the sweep before the agents went to work, and did not interfere with agents who more than once arrested customers at the store last week, said WinCo Foods spokesman Mike Reed.

"We're not setting anybody up or anything," said Reed, who did not know if the arrests were made in the store or in its parking lot. "INS folks have been on site and have apparently detained a number of individuals. They have the legal authority to do what they are doing. But it has not been coordinated with us."

In addition to the wide-ranging nature of the sweep, immigration officials are also departing from past practices in the breadth of the arrests. In the past, they have focused limited resources on rounding up illegals who are also involved in some other illegal act. Those familiar with the sweep say agents now are seemingly stopping Hispanics at random and are asking to see identification.

"I know there is racial profiling going on out there," said Ben Reed, of Rupert-based Spanish-language Radio La Fantastica, adding that he knows of at least five raids last week. "If they are going after docu-

ments, why aren't they asking everyone? Why are they only asking people with brown skin?"

"I was told by an insider, an officer who was disconcerted, about everything that took place that they are trying to take out a minimum of 2,000 (people) by the end of the month," Reed said.

The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs said it received a call from a man in jail claiming Immigration and Customs Enforcement, along with sheriff's deputies, arrested him Nov. 5 and others at a bus station in Burley. The man's wife told the group that he has no criminal record and was not wanted for any other crimes.

The raids come on the heels of 22 arrests in the Sun Valley area in September. In that roundup, authorities called a woman at her home and told her to meet them outside to discuss a car accident. ICAN officials say, when she went outside holding her drivers license, authorities entered the home and arrested illegal immigrants there. Eighteen of the 22 illegal immigrants detained had no criminal history, according to ICAN.

"Profiling is definitely happening," said Roxy Carr, an ICAN board member in Twin Falls, adding that immigration officials say, "we're going after criminals." (But national statistics show) two-thirds that are caught are innocent bystanders...They have no warrant. No criminal record. Their only crime is they're in the country illegally."

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# College

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"We must roll up our sleeves to create a mind-set among our young people, their parents and their elected officials that higher education is the key to a prosperous future for us all no matter where the students enroll," Kustra said.

In the 2008 Legislature that starts in January, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna hopes to get lawmakers to sign off on more college so students can take money classes in their junior and senior years of high school. "Maybe some of those students who don't believe they're college-ready would have that experience and see that they are college material, and would be encouraged to go on," said Luna's spokeswoman, Melissa McGrath.

In addition, state education officials are still hoping to secure money from private foundations to help it qualify for the state- and federally funded "Gear Up" program that could help about 7,000 low-income

students statewide get ready for college. The state Board of Education spent the last two months securing \$3.2 million for the program, but still needs an additional \$1.3 million over the next five years, it has said.

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# Drugs

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Sales of "natural sexual enhancers" are booming - rising to nearly \$100 million last year. And dangerous knockoffs abound.

At greatest risk are the estimated 5.5 million American men who take nitrates - generally older and more likely to need help with erectile dysfunction.

The all-natural message can be appealing to such men, warned by their doctors and ubiquitous TV commercials not to take Viagra, Cialis or Levitra.

James Neal-Kababick, director of Oregon-based Flora Research Laboratories,

said about 90 percent of the hundreds of samples he has analyzed contained forms of patented pharmaceuticals - some with doses more than twice that of prescription erectile dysfunction medicine.

While no deaths have been reported, the AP found records of emergency room visits attributed to all-natural sex pills in Georgia, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Diego and elsewhere.

An elderly man in a retirement community north of Los Angeles took an in-the-mail sample and landed in the hospital for four days. A Michigan man sued the

maker of Spontane-ES, blaming it for the stroke he suffered 20 minutes after taking a freebie that was advertised as "extremely safe." Tim Fulmer, a lawyer representing Spontane-ES, said the pill did not contain any pharmaceutical and was not responsible for the stroke.

Mark B. Mycyk, a Chicago emergency room doctor who directs Northwestern University's clinical toxicology research program, said he is seeing increasing numbers of patients who unwittingly took prescription-strength doses of the alternatives.

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James Wright  
Editor  
Times News  
132 Fairfield St  
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Dear Mr. Wright:

The article published "More than an Eye Full" on Thursday, November 08, 2007, was a lesson learned for any future business with The Times News. Wednesday, November 7, 2007, two reporters from the Times News came into Gold's Gym unannounced; they questioned part of our management team, who referred them to the police department multiple times. The owners were notified of this inquiry and were advised from legal council to call back the inquiring reporter and simply state the facts. Knowing the repercussions this could have to our companies, Gold's Gym and Sunstations only wanted to do the "right thing" by telling the truth about the incident. We took all precautions to protect the security and privacy of our employees and customers by involving the Twin Falls Police Department, knowing that the facts would become public knowledge. Unfortunately, the reporter, Cass Friedman sensationalized the quotes from Bob Roberts, which ultimately has jeopardized not only Bob's character as well as the company's. Not only were Mr. Roberts comments taken out of context, but the questions leading up to his comments were misleading and evasive. We feel like this article did more damage to the reputation of our businesses than it was informative to the community.

To help rectify this situation, we are requesting a formal written apology from both Mr. Friedman and The Times News. Please keep in mind that many people's lives have been affected by this.

Sincerely,  
Gold's Gym and Sunstations' Staff

# Finnish school shooter had chatted online about Columbine with U.S. teen

By Patrick Walters  
Associated Press writer



Dillon Cossey, 14, is led into the courtroom at the Montgomery County Courthouse for a hearing in Norrisstown, Pa., on Oct. 12.

PHILADELPHIA — A teenager who admitted plotting a school attack near Philadelphia had communicated online about the Columbine massacre with a teenage outcast who killed eight people and himself in a high school shooting in Finland, the Pennsylvania boy's attorney said Monday.

But the teen was "horrified" when he found out about the Finnish attack and said he never would have suspected him of following through with a violent act, the attorney said.

Finnish police said material seized from the computer of Pekka-Eric Auvinen suggests the 19-year-old had communicated online with Dillon Cossey, 14, who was arrested in October on suspicion of preparing an attack at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School in suburban Philadelphia. The attack never took place.

Cossey's attorney, J. David Farrell, said that he showed Auvinen's online screen name to the Pennsylvania boy Monday and that his client remembered communicating with the Finnish teen in August or September about video games and the 1999 Columbine massacre in Colorado and exchanging videos they found on the Internet.

cipal Wednesday in Tuusula, about 30 miles north of the Finnish capital, Helsinki. He then shot himself in the head and died hours later at a hospital.

Police in Finland said they had not yet been in contact with their U.S. colleagues about a possible link between the two teens.

In Pennsylvania, detectives were running the name of the Finnish shooter through the computer seized from Cossey, who admitted in juvenile court to planning an attack.

"We had heard when we first got this guy that he had contacted other people through Web sites," Farrell said. "Police have described Auvinen as a bullied teenage outcast consumed with anger against society."

Cossey told a friend that he wanted to pull off an attack similar to Columbine. Prosecutors and Farrell have said he felt bullied.

Cossey did not produce any videos and knew Auvinen only by his screen name, Farrell said.

"My client didn't encourage him in any way," Farrell said. "He had no indication that somebody he was communicating with actually was planning an attack."

Montgomery County prosecutor Bruce Castor said he plans to announce today what investigators have culled from Cossey's computer.

Finnish investigators have said Auvinen left a suicide



An armed policeman stands in front of Perttu school in Toke, Finland, Monday morning. Pupils of Jokela school have temporarily joined classes at the school because of a shooting at their school last Wednesday.

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# White House told to save copies of all its e-mails

By Pete Vost  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A federal judge Monday ordered the White House to preserve copies of all its e-mails, a move that Bush administration lawyers had argued strongly against.

U.S. District Judge Henry Kennedy directed the Executive Office of the President to safeguard the material in response to two lawsuits that seek to determine whether the White House has destroyed e-mails in violation of federal law.

The Federal Records Act details strict standards prohibiting the destruction of government documents including electronic messages, unless first approved by the archivist of the United States.

Justice Department lawyers had urged the courts to accept a proposed White House declaration promising to preserve all backup tapes.

"The judge decided that was not enough," said Anne Weismann, an attorney for CREW, which has gone to court over secrecy issues involving the Bush administration and has pursued ethical issues involving Republicans on Capitol Hill.

The judge's order "should stop any future destruction of e-mails, but the White House stopped archiving its e-mail in 2003 and we don't know if some backup tapes for these e-mails were already taped over before we went to court. It's a mystery," said Meredith Fuchs, a lawyer for the National Security Archive.

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# Iraqi security gains will be tested as U.S. troops begin

By Robert Burns  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The first big test of security gains linked to the U.S. troop buildup in Iraq is at hand.

The military has started to reverse the 30,000-strong troop increase and commanders are hoping the drop in insurgent and sectarian violence in recent months won't prove fleeting.

The current total of 20 combat brigades is shrinking to 19 as the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, operating in volatile Diyala province, leaves. The U.S. command in Baghdad announced on Saturday that the brigade had begun heading home to Fort Hood, Texas, and that its battle space will be taken by another brigade already operating in Iraq.

Between January and July the force is to shrink further to 15 brigades. The total number of U.S. troops will likely go from 167,000 now to 140,000-145,000 by July, six months before President Bush leaves office and a new commander in chief enters the White House.

As the U.S. troop reductions proceed, it should become clear whether the so-called "surge" strategy that increased the U.S. presence in and around Baghdad resulted in any lasting gains against sectarianism. Critics note that the divided government in Baghdad has made few, if any, strides toward political reconciliation that the Americans have said is crucial to stabilizing the country.

The acceleration of the U.S. military withdrawal from direct combat to more of a support role will put greater pressure on Iraqi security forces to bear more of the load. And it will test the durability of new U.S. alliances with neighborhood watch groups springing up with surprising speed.

Declines in Iraqi civilian and U.S. military casualties in the past few months and talk among U.S. commanders of an emerging air of optimism and civic revival in some Baghdad neighborhoods point to positive security trends.

Although more U.S. troops have died in Iraq this year — at least 856 — than in any year since the war began in 2003, the monthly count has declined substantially since summer. Iraqi civilian deaths also have declined. At least 3,861 Americans have died in the Iraq war since it started.

A key question is whether security will slip once U.S. lines thin and the top Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq and commander of the counterinsurgency strategy, has made enough inroads against insurgents to make the gains stick.

U.S. commanders assert that it is not just the larger number of U.S. troops that has made a difference but also the way those troops operate. Living among the Iraqis, they say, allows for a building of greater trust.

That trust prompted more local Iraqis to join U.S. forces in anti-insurgent alliances, the commanders say. It also has meant more Iraqi help in finding insurgents' arms caches, reducing mortar attacks and in uncovering roadside bombs before they detonate.

Stephen Biddle of the Council on Foreign Relations, who just spent 10 days in Iraq

assessing the situation for Petraeus, said a key reason for recent security gains is the emergence of the local anti-insurgent alliances — not just in Anbar province where they began early this year but also now in and around Baghdad. A key to sustaining those

security gains will be the U.S. military's ability to police those alliances, he said.

"It's happening on a large scale basis throughout much of the country," Biddle said in an interview Friday. "The problem is how do you keep them from either turning

sides again or from going to war against each other."

Also important is whether the Iraqi security forces are ready to take over from U.S. troops. If they are not, Petraeus' strategy could fail and the whole U.S. enterprise in Iraq could unravel.



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EDITORIAL

Public's business includes right to know about crimes

If your neighbor is murdered, should you have the right to know how? If you're accused of a crime and taken off to jail, do your friends and family have the right to know?

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb's doesn't think so. Two months after the body of teenager Dale Miller was found in a barrel in a Twin Falls apartment complex, Loeb is refusing to say how he died. "There isn't a right-to-know issue here," Loeb said. Since the Miller killing in early September, rumors have abounded about how he died. Two men are in jail, charged with his murder.

Are there other suspects? Is the public's safety in question? Loeb says you don't have a right to know in this case...or in others.

The county prosecutor in March 2006 obtained the indictment of John Hornozny for the 1997 murder of waitress Rosemary Murphy. Hornozny was in a Missouri prison on an unrelated charge when Idaho detectives made their case.

At Loeb's request, a judge had sealed the court record, ensuring that the existence of the indictment would be kept secret for more than a year — even after Hornozny was moved from Missouri and safely tucked away in the Twin Falls county cell. The seal was lifted after the *Times-News* learned of the case, but Loeb won't say a word. Moreover, he muzzled the police officers who cracked the case.

Loeb says you don't have a right to know anything at all about the case against Hornozny.

All public officials — even prosecutors who usually win their cases — are subject to public oversight. That's a basic tenant of representative democracy — the system that makes the United States a free nation. But it's hard to know how our public officials are doing when key information is kept from the public.

Loeb says one reason he stays silent before trial is out of fairness to the defendant. If people knew how Miller was killed, he said in a written response to a *Times-News* record request, the accused wouldn't be able to get a fair trial in Twin Falls.

The prosecutor doesn't think you can be trusted to act responsibly, so it's better to keep you in the dark. No one wants Loeb to grandstand or prejudice a case by revealing every detail of an investigation. But the cause of death in one case and the fact that a man has been indicted and jailed in another are the public's business.

Other Idaho prosecutors have no problem making their cases while giving out that kind of information or letting local police comment. They think you have a right to know.

We wonder what Loeb is afraid of.

**Our view:**  
Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb is off-base with holding information about crimes. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



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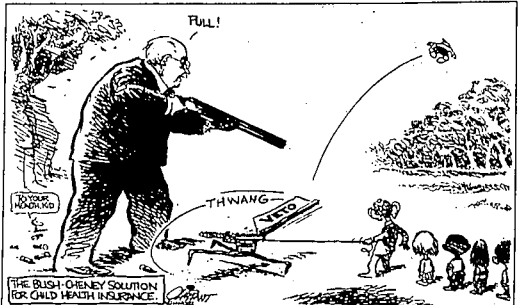
You might think that these facts would make the case for reform of America's health care system — reform that would involve, among other things, learning from other countries' experience — irrefutable. Instead, however, apologists for the status quo offer a barrage of excuses for our system's miserable performance.

So I thought it would be useful to offer a catalog of the most commonly heard apologies for American health care, and the reasons they won't wash.

• **Excuse No. 1: No insurance, no problem.**

"I mean, people have access to health care in America," said President Bush a few months ago. "After all, you just go to an emergency room." He was widely mocked for his cluelessness, yet many apologists for the health care system in the United States seem almost equally clueless.

We're told, for example, that there really aren't that many uninsured American citizens, because some of the uninsured are illegal immigrants, while some of the rest are actually entitled to Medicaid. This misses the point that the 47 million people in this country without insurance are an ever-changing group, so that the



experience of being without insurance extends to a much broader group — in fact, more than one in every three people in America under the age of 65 was uninsured at some point in 2006 or 2007. Oh, and finding out that you're covered by Medicaid when you show up at an emergency room isn't at all the same thing as receiving regular medical care.

Beyond that, a large fraction of the population — about one in four nonelderly Americans, according to a Consumer Reports survey — is underinsured, with "coverage meager they often postponed medical care because of costs."

So, yes, lack of insurance is a very big problem, a problem that reaches deep into the middle class.

• **Excuse No. 2: It's the cheeseburgers.**

Americans don't have a bad health system, say the apologists. They just have bad habits. Overeating and teenage sex, not the huge overhead of America's private health insurance companies — the United States spends almost six times as much on health care administration as other advanced countries — are the source of our problems.

That's a grain of truth to this claim: Bad habits may

partially explain America's low life expectancy. But the big question isn't why we have lower life expectancy than Britain, Canada or France. It's why we spend far more on health care without getting better results. And lifestyle isn't the explanation: The most definitive estimates, such as those of the McKinsey Global Institute, say that diseases that are associated with obesity and other lifestyle-related problems play, at most, a minor role in high U.S. health care costs.

• **Excuse No. 3: 2007 is better than 1950.**

This is an argument that baffles me, but you hear it all the time. When you point out that America spends far more on health care than other countries, but gets worse results, the apologists reply: "Sure, we spend a lot of money on health care, but medical care is a lot better than it was in 1950, so it's money well spent." Huh?

It's as if you went to a store to buy a DVD player, and the salesman told you not to worry about the fact that his prices are twice those of his competitors — after all, the machines on offer at his store are a lot better than they were five years ago. If, in other words, an argument that makes no sense at all,

yet respectable economists make it with a straight face.

• **Excuse No. 4: Socialized medicine! Socialized medicine!**

Nudy Giuliani's fake numbers on prostate cancer — which, by the way, he still refuses to admit were wrong — were the latest entry in a long, disingenuous tradition of peddling scare stories about the evils of "government-run" health care.

The reality is that the best foreign health care systems, especially those of France and Germany, do as well or better than the U.S. system on every dimension, while costing far less money.

But the best way to counter scare talk about socialized medicine, aside from swatting down falsehoods may be to point out that every American 65 and older is covered by a government health insurance program called Medicare. And Americans like that program very much, thank you.

So, now you know how to answer the false claims you'll hear about health care. And believe me, you're going to hear them again, and again, and again.

Paul Krugman writes about economics for the *New York Times*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New system would help border patrol

So what is so hard to understand about illegal if you break the law, you are a criminal and subject to arrest. Anyone helping a criminal is also subject to arrest.

Mexico allows about 40,000 workers to come in and work their mines in the south. They know where they are going to work, what pay they will receive, the hours they will be working, their criminal record, their health and the length of their stay. Their

border patrol agents are ordered to shoot if a person does not stop when ordered to do so.

When we have a legitimate need for workers, why isn't that processed through our government Workers assigned to do a specific job until completed with a visa that specifically says that. Criminal records can be checked along with health problems and ability to do the work. This would be far cheaper and far more understandable than what we are doing now.

When illegals cross our borders, they will know that

they are without rights and will be treated as criminals and not protected by any of our laws.

This should also make it easier to detect the tons of drugs that are smuggled into our country.  
MATT SMITH  
Twin Falls

Business owner should have thought about comments

I was offended today by the comments made in "More than an eyelid" by Mr. Bob Roberts.

I feel that as a public figure and business owner, his

comments should have been more professional. He, and maybe even others, may have thought that it was funny and got a few laughs, but what about the feelings and emotional security of the women who attend the gym and... Sunations?

People really need to think about what comes out of their mouths. I feel that Mr. Roberts owes the members of the gym and patrons of Sunations an apology for his rude and unnecessary comments.  
STEPHANIE WRIGHT  
Twin Falls

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Demand an end to broken promises on nuclear waste

While Idahoans have been promised "all" the buried plutonium particle waste would be removed from over our water supply, since 1970, the plan decides to leave most of the plutonium buried in this flood zone.

Twin Falls citizens have a meeting to voice concerns Wednesday, at 6 p.m., at the CSI Taylor building. You have a chance to make your politicians and Department of Energy keep 1970 and 1995 promises to remove any buried plutonium from over our water in this flood zone.

Alternative 5 in the official plan does just that and provides \$9.4 billion in TNL jobs!

However, that choice is incorrectly dismissed by the DOE and politicians. If you are planning on passing your water rights down within your family, call your politicians. Please demand an end to broken promises. Ask for the full removal of buried plutonium available with Alternative 5.

The DOE and state's preferred alternative does not remove the full 30,000 cubic meters of buried TRU waste, which the ongoing court case says was promised. The preferred alternative simply cherry-picks a

small volume of waste for show purposes.

The best alternative, No. 5, that would remove "all" the buried plutonium, is dismissed for incorrect and inappropriate reasons. The Sept. 21, 2007, statement from the Idaho Cleanup Project incorrectly states, "Plutonium is not a threat to the aquifer."

However, on Page 36, DOE incorrectly claims "Alternative 5, by a significant margin, the greatest amount of short-term risk to remediation workers, collocated workers, members of the public and the environment."

Email comments on buried plutonium to

Brandt.Meagher@cpd.doe.gov or mail to Mark R. Arenaz, Idaho Cleanup Project, DOE Idaho Operations Office, Mail Stop 1222, P.O. Box 1625 Idaho Falls, ID 83415-1222. Plan's at https://idaho-cleanupproject.com/Portals/0/documents/BuriedWasteProposedPlan.pdf. Ask any questions of me at nifty1@cablone.net.

DR. PETER RICKARDS  
Twin Falls

Owner's behavior, comments unacceptable

I am writing in response to the article written by Cass Friedman titled "More than an eyelid."

I was appalled to learn

that an employee of Gold's Gym was able to spy on tanners at Sunations, and even more so to learn that the rooms affected meant I could be a victim.

But the true shock came when I read the comments by a co-owner of Sunations. Bob Roberts stated that "I would love to be a fly on the wall. But, um, you don't do it. We think it. But we don't do it." His statement claiming that the tanners about spying on clients only leads me to believe that he is sympathetic toward the offender and invasion of privacy is an understandable offense to him.

The article states that Mr. Roberts met with his staff

but didn't know what to say to them. My suggestion to Mr. Roberts would be to remind them that protecting his clients' privacy is imperative and that this type of behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated!

I would also suggest that Mr. Roberts take some responsibility for his employees' conduct and issue a formal apology on behalf of Sunations to anyone who might have been a victim, assuring them that it won't happen again. Or, to put it bluntly — pull your head out, Bob, and learn how to be a responsible business owner.  
KAREN KASTER  
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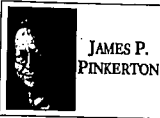
# Republicans on wrong side of immigration debate

What lessons can we draw from the recent elections? Here are three:

First, being a competent executive matters. In Mississippi, Republican Gov. Haley Barbour, having demonstrated his competence during the Katrina disaster of 2005 and the subsequent rebuilding, sailed to re-election.

By contrast, incompetence is fatal. In Louisiana, the incumbent governor, Democrat Kathleen Blanco, having made a fool of herself during Katrina, had to be on her way out. She was at least smart enough not to run again, thereby avoiding further humiliation.

So smart was the incumbent governor of



JAMES P. PINKERTON

Kentucky, Republican Ernie Fletcher. Although his 2006 indictments on corruption were eventually dismissed, the stenchy cloud persisted; on Tuesday he was lindsided out of the statehouse.

The second lesson is that concern over illegal immigration is a powerful state and local issue, and yet it is not a "silver bullet" for Republicans. Indeed, smart Democrats can harness the public's alarm as well — if they choose to do so.

New York's Gov. Eliot Spitzer has made himself a nationwide pariah with his attempt to give drivers' licenses to illegal immigrants; a Rasmussen poll finds that 77 percent of Americans oppose such license issuing.

But even as Spitzer was destroying himself politically, other New York Democrats were flourishing. One such is Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy; thanks to tough-minded policies, Levy became so popular that he won 96 percent of the vote.

In Virginia, immigration has been roiling local politics for years, costing several pro-immigrant Democrats their elected posts. But just this week, the Party of Jefferson, emphasizing the basics of competent governance,

pushed back the elephant stampede; Democrats gained control of the state Senate. Note to both parties: You can never go wrong focusing on roads and infrastructure. Voters may be suspicious of big government, but they are even more suspicious of no government; somebody has to try, at least, to shorten the length of workers' commuting times.

Of course, the Republican onslaught on illegal immigration is still relatively muted, because the nation's top Republican, George W. Bush, basically agrees with the Democratic position. To be sure, the president is quieter on the topic than he was earlier this year, when he worked with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., on the guest-worker/amnesty "compromise" that failed. So the heavy political artillery that Bush controls remains silent on immigration.

To get an idea of what could be happening instead, we might imagine, for a moment, a different political world — one in which the bully pulpit of the White House, backed up by such institutions as the Republican National Committee, was being used to barrage governors and mayors who supported nonenforcement of the law, including drivers' licenses for illegal immigrants and "sanctuary cities." In other words, we could imagine that the White House, on a daily basis, was blasting out the message of homeland security and law enforcement.

It's been widely reported that the 19 hijackers on 9/11 possessed 63 pieces of fake ID among them, and yet just last week John Fund, writing in The Wall Street Journal, noted that eight of the hijackers were actually registered to vote, courtesy of the "motor

voter" law. Again, the point is clear: If the White House were fuelling such abuses, any lingering support for the chaotic immigration status quo would crumble in about 15 minutes.

And so we come to the third election lesson: Republicans aren't able to make an effective pro-protect-America argument because they are still hypnotized by Bush's neoconservative globalism. That's why GOPers are neglecting many of their best potential issues — not just illegal immigration and border security, but the broader cause of defending American sovereignty against encroaching international government, as in the Law of the Sea and global-warming treaties.

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## 'New' America is united by differences

What kind of country do we live in? What does it mean to be an American?

A generation ago, the answers seemed easy. On the surface, at least, there was a sense of sameness about the country, a narrative reflected in the pages of newspapers or aired on TV as entertainment. We understood "Father Knows Best" because it reflected the common wealth.

But even in the 1950s, this wasn't an accurate story; it was only the America of myth. It took the upheavals of the civil rights era before we even began to see more.

We were the generation called on to reweave the national fabric, crafting a more inclusive story of this country's people and its history.

Did that new telling succeed? Did the story stick? No, I think we've fallen short.

Demographers are painting a clear picture about what America is now — and what it will become.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that the country's "minority" population has reached 100 million —

roughly a third of the country. To put this in perspective, there are more minorities in this country today than there were people in the United States in 1910," said Louis Kincaid, the Census Bureau's director. "The minority population in the U.S. is larger than the total population of all but 11 countries."

I put the word "minority" in quotes because the word is so out of date. One in three is mainstream. One in three is the regular, the normative. One in three is to culture what those mythical TV programs were a generation ago.

Census tells us that four states and the District of Columbia are "majority-minority," topped by Hawaii at 76 percent. Similar population clusters are found in a great many U.S. cities.

That's now. Demography also instructs us about what will be. Consider the makeup of the country's older population: Of those over the age of 60, 80 percent are white. But that number drops to roughly



MARK TRAHAN

60 percent for Americans younger than 20 or 30. And the future is more diverse: Nearly half the children under age 5 are Hispanic, African American or Asian American. More than one in five children are either foreign-born or have a parent who was born in another country.

This is a division that will matter when we vote for schools, libraries and other public services. This will exacerbate divisions between those who are working and those who are collecting Social Security. This is a division that could tear this country apart.

That fact in itself is nothing new. Every country faces its divisions. Pick 'em: female or male; North or South; rich or poor; Native American or recent immigrant; young and old. The challenge is how a country bridges the gaps, how it maintains shared values despite differences.

This is the "why" for the need to reweave the American narrative; we need to share values and stories that cross boundaries of race, class, age, geography and gender.

Our differences will unite us. Think about this: More than ever before, we, the

older population, have a future entirely linked to the success of the next generation.

Forty and 50 years ago, the civil rights movement was about fairness and doing the right thing. But now the right thing represents the very survival of a generation that wants to slow down or retire. Every dollar invested in education today is as important as a company match in a 401(k) plan.

Our shared national story is a new kind of loop. The younger, diverse population that will be America will determine what resources will be spent for older Americans. And, conversely, older Americans need to invest in infrastructure, schools and other public programs, because it's in our long-term interest to do so. We have a bond between generations that's unique in history.

What kind of country do we live in? We're not the same country as we never were. We're more diverse, far more interesting, and we have a bright future ahead. This is what it means to be an American.

Twin Falls native Mark Trahan is the editorial page editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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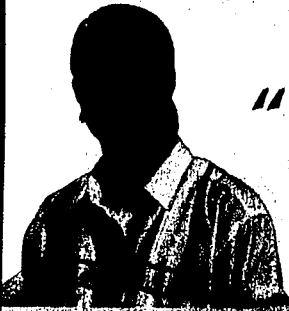
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INSIDE: Boozler puts up another double-double in Jazz's latest win, B2



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## Seahawks stay powerful in 24-0 win over 49ers

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The wind died down and the driving rains stayed away, so the Seattle Seahawks poured it on the 49ers instead.

Matt Hasselbeck passed for 278 yards and two touchdowns, Maurice Morris rushed for another score and the Seahawks defense held San Francisco to six first downs in a 24-0 victory Monday night.

San Francisco's last trip to Seattle was the rain-soaked highlight of coach Mike Nolan's three seasons, with the 49ers rallying through

howling winds and miserable precipitation for 21 fourth-quarter points and a stunning 24-21 victory.

An eerily similar storm hit Seattle early Monday, but the skies cleared by game time — and the Seahawks (5-4) had almost no obstacles for a consistently outstanding passing attack that thrived while Shaun Alexander sat out with injuries.

Will Heller and D.J. Hackett caught Hasselbeck's TD passes, with Hackett getting 8 receptions for 101 yards as Seahawks affirmed their spot atop the NFC West with its second straight demolition of the club expected to challenge

them this fall.

Seattle jumped to a 17-0 halftime lead before turning away three San Francisco drives that started in Seahawks territory. Alex Smith, who had his finest NFL hour in Seattle last season, passed for 114 yards for the 49ers (2-7), who skidded to their first seven-game losing streak in two years.

Nolan received condolences from Seattle's Mike Holmgren and dozens of players before the game. His father, former 49ers coach Dick Nolan, died Sunday after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease and prostate cancer.



Seattle Seahawks' Patrick Kerney, left, knocks the ball loose from San Francisco 49ers quarterback Alex D. Smith during the first quarter Monday in Seattle.

## Boise State, Idaho gear up for rivalry showdown

By Todd Dvork  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — It's rivalry week in Idaho.

But to the casual observer, the annual meeting between Boise State and Idaho would seem more of a game scheduled for the sake of tradition than an annual grudge match between equals battling for Gem State bragging rights and supremacy.

The No. 17 Broncos have won eight straight, dating back to 1999 when Boise State was still a member of the Big West conference. During the 1990s, it was Idaho that dominated the series, winning 23 of 31 meetings. The Vandals' last victory came in 1998, a 36-35 overtime thriller.

"To me, it's my job to make sure we bring it back to being a rivalry again," said Idaho head coach Robb Akey, who will get his first chance to turn the tide when the teams meet in Boise Saturday. "And that means each team has an opportunity to win it."

Despite the dramatic pendulum swings of recent history, the series remains close, with Boise State holding a slight advantage at 18-17-1.

While some games have been tight late in the second half, Boise State's run over its archrival has been nothing short of dominating. The Broncos have outscored the Vandals 349-150 in the last eight games, including a 42-26 victory last year in Moscow. Boise State led only 28-20 after three quarters, but pulled away in the final quarter en route to a perfect 13-0 season.

At the same time, the Broncos' superiority over Idaho corresponds to the rise and fall of both programs during that time. Since 1999, the Broncos have won five WAC titles, posted a 57-2 record at home and risen to national prominence, capped by last year's Fiesta Bowl thriller over Oklahoma. The Broncos have also won 16 straight conference games.

During the same span, Idaho's fortunes have fallen. The Vandals have yet to post a winning season this decade. Akey is the third head coach in three years, taking over after the second coming of Dennis Erickson, who led the team to a 4-9 record in 2006 before leaving for Arizona State. The Vandals looked, like they might turn things around last season, heading into the Boise State game with a 4-3 record and first place in the WAC on the line. But they faded in the second half of the season, losing the rest of their games.

# ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

## Pedroia wins AL rookie award in runaway Braun edges Tulowitzki in NL

By Ben Walker  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Dustin Pedroia won in a runaway, just like his Red Sox in the World Series.

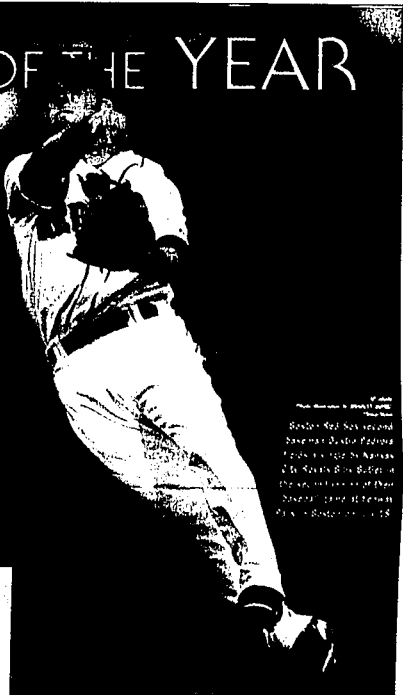
The little Boston second baseman with the big swing was an easy pick for AL Rookie of the Year, while Ryan Braun barely edged Troy Tulowitzki for the NL honor Monday.

Generally listed at 5-foot-9, Pedroia became an fan favorite at Fenway Park with his all-out style. Plus, few

knew he played with a broken left hand down the stretch.

"Everyone doubted me at every level I've been to, saying I'm too small, I'm not fast enough, my arm's not strong enough," Pedroia said. "There's a lot of people that have stuck by me and knew deep down in that there's something about me that makes me a winning baseball player."

Pedroia hit 317 with eight home runs and 50 RBIs. He got 24 of the 28 first-place votes to outdistance Tampa Bay outfielder Delmon Young



Baseball Writers' Association of America. Braun's brown earned him the NL award. The slugging third baseman from Milwaukee finished two points ahead of Tulowitzki, Colorado's sparkplug shortstop.



Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun hits a two-run homer during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs in Chicago on June 30.

## Jackie Robinson Rookie of the Year Award Votes

All Rookies of the Year Award Votes: First, second- and third-place votes and total points on a 5-3-1 basis.

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot
Dustin Pedroia, Sox	24	11	4	129
Shawn Young, TB	3	12	5	56
Brian Burroughs, KC	1	8	7	36
Dwaine Gooden, Bos	2	8	12	32
Reggie Miller, LA	2	6	11	29
David Ortiz, Bos	1	8	1	21
Josh Loney, LA	1	1	1	1
Justin Soria, KC	1	1	1	1

NL Rookies of the Year Award Votes: First, second- and third-place votes and total points on a 5-3-1 basis.

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot
Ryan Braun, Mil	17	14	11	128
Troy Tulowitzki, Col	15	17	12	126
Hunter Pence, Hou	—	—	15	15
Chris Young, Ari	—	—	10	10
Yan Klayton, Phil	—	1	4	7
Yanet Escobar, Atl	—	—	1	1
James Loney, LA	—	—	1	1

in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Braun's brown earned him the NL award. The slugging third baseman from Milwaukee finished two points ahead of Tulowitzki, Colorado's sparkplug shortstop.

Braun said he had trouble sleeping Sunday night, then woke up early at his condo in Santa Monica, Calif., and went for a jog to ease his "nervous energy."

"I had no idea what the vote would be based on," he said. "I knew that it would be a close vote."

Braun received 17 of 32 first-place votes and finished with 128 points. Tulowitzki got 15 first-place votes and 126 points. Ballots were completed by the end of the regular season, before Pedroia and Tulowitzki met in the World Series.

To show you how good Ryan was, in any other year Troy Tulowitzki would have won hands down," Brewers general manager Doug Melvin said.

Called up from Triple-A in late May, Braun hit .324 with 34 home runs and 97 RBIs. The Brewers led the majors in homers this season and stayed in contention for the NL Central championship until the final week.

Braun's .634 slugging percentage led NL players and was the highest by a rookie in major league history. He did not have enough plate appearances, however, to qualify for the title.

His big offensive numbers were enough to overcome 26 errors, tied for most in the majors with Minnesota shortstop Jason Bartlett.

"Everybody has things they need to work on," Braun said on a

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## Idaho High School Football State Championships begin Thursday

Here's a brief look at each of the Idaho High School Football State Championship games.

Oakley and Carey will represent District IV in the state championships in each division of Class 1A.

All six championship games will be broadcast free at IdahoSports.com.

**CLASS 1A**  
Meridian vs. Capital  
At Bronco Stadium, Boise  
7 p.m., Friday

Two-time champ Meridian and one-time champ Capital collide for a District III rematch from late September. Meridian won 34-7 last time.

**CLASS 1A**  
Nampa vs. Blackfoot  
At Holt Arena, Pocatello

The Nampa Bulldogs play the role of underdogs against a brutal Blackfoot.

**CLASS 3A**  
Enfield vs. Fruitland  
At Holt Arena, Pocatello  
4:30 p.m., Friday

Fruitland would love to win back-to-back championships, but Shelley is a two-time champion eager to return to the perch they left in 2005.

**CLASS 2A**  
Orofino vs. West Jefferson  
At Kibbie Dome, Moscow  
8 p.m., Friday

The 2A title will come down to two teams that have yet to claim a championship in the state's rec-

ordnized record book.

**CLASS 1A DIVISION I**

Oakley vs. Troy  
At Holt Arena, Pocatello

7 p.m., Friday

Oakley could win its first state championship since 1985, cementing the turnaround for a program that went 0-8 four years ago.

**CLASS 1A DIVISION II**

Carey vs. Salmon River  
At Bronco Stadium, Boise

7 p.m., Thursday

Carey is looking for its fourth state title in 8-man football under the Kirkland dynasty in a state title rematch from 2006.

—Times News

# Cloud hovering over Dolphins won't dispel

It might be harder to go through an NFL season losing every game than winning them all. Especially now. But neither the odds nor the era provides any comfort for the Miami Dolphins.

"Who's the guy from Charlie Brown who has the gray cloud following him around? Jim Pen? defensive tackle Vonnie Holliday asked, and then answered his own question. "We're like Pig Pen."

No kidding. The Dolphins did just about everything right at home Sunday afternoon against the Bills, but lost on a late field goal and fell to 0-9.

Worse still, they experienced one of those defeat-snatched-from-the-Jaws-of-victory moments that spectacularly bad teams relish on the team's best-kept reunions. After Buffalo's only touchdown of the game, Miami's Ted Ginn Jr. returned a kickoff 86 yards for the apparent go-ahead score, when his end-zone celebration was interrupted by a holding call against Greg Camarillo.

"I'll take the blame for it," Camarillo said afterward.

Nice gesture, but he was giving himself way too much credit. For a team to flirt with historic lows, usually everyone from the owner down to the janitor must be doing something wrong.

The last team to go winless over the course of a season at least had an excuse. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers were making their NFL debut in 1976, and no matter how low coach John McKay set the bar, his ragtag collection of players found a way to limbo beneath it.

Three weeks into the season, McKay quit talking to his players. Soon after, he asked about the team's execution in a particularly inept loss and McKay replied, "I'm in favor of it."

But he was onto something. After going 0-14, the Bucs dropped their first 12 the following season, prompting changes in the league's expansion policies.

Several teams have come close since, despite a salary cap and the advent of real free agency, changes that have encouraged parity by limiting the number of top players any team can acquire.

The running joke about the 1990 New England Patriots, whose only win in a 1-15 season came by two points, was that "they would be no better than even money in an intrasquad scrimmage."

A year later, Indianapolis put up the same 1-15 mark while setting records for the fewest points and TDs scored in a 16-game season. "No way I'd pay," running back Eric Dickerson said memorably, "to see someone play the way we are."

If the Dolphins were held to the same standard, their stadium would have emptied out long before this weekend. Owner Wayne Huizenga has thrown money around since the day he acquired the franchise in 1994 — "millions and millions," he recalled ruefully just last month — but has precious little to show for it.

The two worst player personnel decisions centered on finding a replacement for quarterback Dan Marino (still waiting) and giving up a pair of first-round draft picks in 2002-03 to get running back Ricky Williams, whose value, like his NFL career, have gone up in smoke. But the three off his hires haven't worked out much better.

The closest Huizenga has come to firing a coach was early in his tenure. Since nudging Don Shula toward the exit, he's tried nice guys, like Dave Wannstedt and current coach Tony Stewart, and tough guys, like Cameron's predecessor, Nick Saban. There hasn't been a keeper on the Dolphins' sideline since Jimmy Johnson departed in 1999, and all that instability has taken its toll.

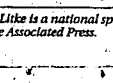
You can count the Dolphins' playmakers on one hand and right now, four of them are in questionable health.

Quarterback Trent Green and linebacker Zach Thomas are still recovering from concussion, running back Ronnie Brown is sidelined with a knee and defensive end Taylor Tipton limped off the field against Buffalo.

Whether or when any of our four returns could spell the difference between mediocrity and historicity, by the St. Louis Rams, after all, shed their collar Sunday against New Orleans as running back Steven Jackson, recovering from a back injury, sparked a resurgent offense. It didn't hurt, either, that the Rams' defense finally contributed a few big turnovers.

That could happen to the Dolphins. With a few healthy stars and a few turnovers, they might beat the Jets or more likely the Bengals at home this Sunday after Christmas in the season's finale.

If not, it begs a question that even Shula has found to get right: How best to denote the only franchise in NFL history to go through one season with not losing and another without winning?



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Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer, right, puts a shot over the arm of Sacramento Kings defender Sharief Abdur-Rahim, left, during the first half of their NBA basketball game Monday in Salt Lake City.

# Jazz crown Kings

SALT LAKE CITY — Carlos Boozer had 32 points and 10 rebounds for his seventh double-double of the season and the Jazz beat the short-handed Kings.

Andrej Kirilenko added 15 points, eight rebounds, eight assists and three blocks for the Jazz, who won their fourth in a row.

The Kings played without three of their starters and were outbounded 41-32 and committed 19 turnovers.

John Salmons led Sacramento with 22 points.

HORNETS 84, NETS 82 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Chris Piat made the fibreaking play with 2.6 seconds left and finished with a season-high 27 points, leading the New Orleans Hornets to an 84-82 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday night.

Piat added seven assists and six rebounds in his marquee point guard matchup with Jason Kidd. He had another huge play shortly before his basket, coming up with a steal and finding Morris Peterson, who converted a four-point play to tie it with a minute left.

Tyson Chandler had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Hornets (6-2), who won on back-to-back nights following their first two losses of the season.

Richard Jefferson scored a season-

high 32 points for the Nets, but he was shut out in the fourth quarter after a huge third. Kidd finished with 14 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds.

New Jersey played without Vince Carter, who sprained his ankle Saturday in a loss to Boston and is out indefinitely. Antoine Wright, who started for Carter, was just short with a potential tying jumper before the buzzer.

NUGGETS 122, CAVALIERS 100 DENVER — Allen Iverson scored a season-high 37 points and J.R. Smith added 29 to help the Nuggets beat the Cavaliers.

Iverson finished 14-for-20 from the field and added eight assists, and Carmelo Anthony had 22 points and nine rebounds as the Nuggets won their third straight.

LeBron James led Cleveland, which won its second game of a back-to-back, with 27 points. Ira Newble added 17 points for the Cavaliers.

Iverson scored 16 in the first half and shot to start the third quarter. In the first 5 minutes of the half, including two 3-pointers as the Nuggets (5-3) built a 78-51 lead. The Nuggets led 88-68 heading into the fourth quarter.

NO. 13 DUKE 86, NEW MEXICO STATE 61 DURHAM, N.C. — Jon

— The Associated Press

# Rookies

Continued from page B1 conference call.

Braun showed off his power in the Brewers' exhibition opener, hitting a grand slam and an extra-run homer. He also made a wild throw in that game.

Tulowitzki led big league shortstops in fielding percentage, got to many more balls than anyone at his position and turned an unassisted triple play.

He also set an NL rookie record for home runs by a shortstop (24) and batted .291 with 99 RBIs as the Rockies surged to the NL pennant.

The crowd at Coors Field began a rhythmic chant for Tulowitzki, and the 6-foot-3 shortstop was in the middle of the Rockies' playoff push.

Colorado set a big league record for fielding percentage.

Tulowitzki was on vacation this week and the Rockies did not make him available for comment.

There was a tie for the NL rookie award in 1976 between San Diego's Butch Metzger and Cincinnati's Pat Zachry, though the voting format was different then. Last year, Florida shortstop Hanley Ramirez beat out Washington third baseman Ryan Zimmerman by four points.

Braun, who turns 24 this Saturday, became the second Brewers player to win Rookie of the Year. Pat Listach won in 1992 when Milwaukee was in the American League.

Houston outfielder Hunter Pence was third this year and Arizona outfielder Chris Young was fourth.

Pedroia will have to hold his award with his right hand — his left

hand is in a soft cast. A test in early September revealed a crack, and he played through the pain until having surgery last week.

"I don't really know what it happened," he said on a conference call after surgery.

Pedroia excelled in October. He sparked Boston's comeback from a 3-1 deficit in the AL championship series, homering and driving in five runs to beat Cleveland in Game 7.

Pedroia then led off the World Series opener with a home run, sending the Red Sox toward their sweep of the Rockies.

A month into the season, Pedroia was hitting just .172 with no home runs and only two RBIs. His slump was so severe that some Red Sox fans were calling for Alex Cora to take over the starting spot.

"The first month was definitely tough on me," Pedroia said. "I don't think a player is made over one month."

Encouraged by Cora and future World Series MVP Mike Lowell to stick with it, Pedroia started to perk up in May. His diving stop on a grounder by Miguel Tejada helped preserve Clay Buchholz's no-hitter in September.

Pedroia became the sixth Red Sox player to win the AL award since 1967 since Nomar Garciaparra in 1997.

Delmon Young was next with three first-place votes and 56 points, and Kansas City pitcher Brian Bannister received the other first-place vote. Boston pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka finished fourth in the AL voting, followed by Angels outfielder Reggie Williams and Red Sox reliever Hideki Okajima.

The AL Cy Young Award will be announced Tuesday. Boston's Josh Beckett and Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia are considered favorites.

# Hansen hits 23 in Raft River victory

Times-News

Sally Hansen scored 23 points to help the Raft River Trojans open the season with a victory, leading them past the Dietrich Blue Devils 54-42 Saturday.

Nicole Harper followed up with 13 points and Marl Manning added 11. For the 0-2 Blue Devils, Jesse Dill led with a dozen points.

Dietrich hosts Hansen today, while Raft River travels to face the defending Class 1A state champion Richfield Tigers.

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Raft River 54, Dietrich 42

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# No. 8 Indiana beats Chattanooga 99-79

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Eric Gordon was worth the wait for Indiana fans.

The highly touted guard set his first school record Monday night by scoring 33 points in his college debut, and D.J. White added 17 points to help the eighth-ranked Hoosiers beat Chattanooga 99-79.

The field was 9-of-15 from the ground and had seven 3-pointers, six rebounds and four assists and ignited the second-half charge that finally helped the Hoosiers (1-0) pull away.

Kevin Bridgewater had 14 points and Kevin Goffney added 13 for Chattanooga (1-1), which lost for the 10th consecutive time to a ranked opponent on the road.

Scheyer scored 27 points to lead Duke to its second straight rout of an out-of-state nonconference opponent.

DeMarcus Nelson scored 17 points, Gerald Henderson had 11 and Kyle Singler added 10 to the Blue Devils. Singler also shot 47 percent for 26 turnovers and built a 31-point lead.

Justin Hawkins had 16 points and 11 rebounds, Fred Poette had 13 points and Wendell McKinnis added 10 for the Aggies (0-2), an NCAA tournament team last season under then-coach Reggie Theus and the preseason pick by the media to win the Western Athletic Conference.

NO. 16 MARQUETTE 66, UTAH VALLEY 55

MILWAUKEE — Dominic James scored 13 points, including the 1,000th of his career, and No. 10 Marquette shook off a halftime deficit to beat Utah Valley.

James hit a 3-pointer with 4:20 to play that gave the Golden Eagles (2-0) a 57-50 lead. Joe Walker of Utah Valley hit one free throw, and Marquette's Wesley Matthews responded with a lean-in jumper that made it 59-51 with 4:20 remaining.

Dwight Burke and David Caballero both added 12 points for Marquette, and Luzar Haywood had 11.

Ryan Tolson was 5-for-9 from 3-point range and scored 20 points for Utah Valley (0-2).

NO. 16 TEXAS SS, TEXAS SAN ANTONIO 37

AUSTIN, Texas — D.J. Augustin scored 19 points and the Longhorns overcame first-game shooting struggles with stout second-half defense to pull away from the Roadrunners.

The Longhorns scored their fewest points in a season opening win since 1982 but held the Roadrunners to 18 points in the second half and 27 percent shooting for the game.

Texas (1-0) returns four starters from last year's NCAA tournament team but sorely missed the fifth — Kevin Durant, last season's Big 12 scoring and rebounding leader and the national player of the year — as the Longhorns struggled to find any offensive rhythm in their first game.

Dave Gibson scored 13 points to lead Texas-San Antonio (1-1).

— The Associated Press

# Wyoming coach apologizes for obscene gesture at game

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Wyoming coach Joe Glenn apologized Monday for making an obscene gesture to the Utah team after the Utes tied an onside kick while ahead by 43 points.

Glenn was reprimanded by the Mountain West Conference later in the day and Utah coach Kyle Whittingham acknowledged the onside kick with a 43-0 lead was a "bad decision."

Glenn, who had publicly guaranteed a victory last week, was furious when the Utes tried to get the ball right back after Louie Sakadolo's 41-yard field goal with 6:21 left in the third quarter.

Wyoming recovered the onside kick and Glenn gave the finger to the Utes, who went on to win 50-0 in Salt Lake City. After the loss Saturday, Glenn said he did-

not remember the gesture, but on Monday acknowledged it.

"I met with my team on Sunday and apologized to them for the gesture I made toward the Utah bench during the game," Glenn said in a statement.

Mountain West Conference officials reprimanded Glenn in a brief statement Monday afternoon after reviewing videotape of the game and speaking to Wyoming Athletic Director Tom Burman. The gesture was Glenn's first offense of the Mountain West's sportsmanship policy, which is subject to a reprimand, according to the league handbook.

Glenn said Saturday he regretted guaranteeing that the Cowboys would win. Utah fans mocked him for it late in the game by chanting "guarantee."

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NBA All-Time Record table showing wins, losses, and percentages for various teams.

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Champions Tour Money Leaders table listing player names and earnings.

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

Women's AP Top 25 table listing player names, schools, and statistics.

NFL Box Score

NFL Box Score table listing game numbers, teams, scores, and key statistics.

FOOTBALL

NFL All-Time Record table showing wins, losses, and percentages for various teams.

AP TOP 25 Schedule

AP Top 25 Schedule table listing player names, schools, and statistics.

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MLB All-Time Record table showing wins, losses, and percentages for various teams.

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SKI REPORT

Lookout Point — Plan to Open 11/22. Deer Valley — Plan to Open 12/15.

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

Women's AP Top 25 table listing player names, schools, and statistics.

NFL Box Score

NFL Box Score table listing game numbers, teams, scores, and key statistics.

PGA Money Leaders

PGA Money Leaders table listing player names and earnings.

ROBEO

Pro Wrestling Legends Through Nov. 11. All-Time Record.

HOCKEY

NHL All-Time Record table showing wins, losses, and percentages for various teams.

GOLF

PGA Tour Money Leaders table listing player names and earnings.

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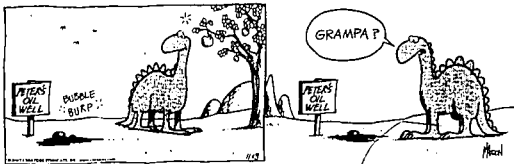
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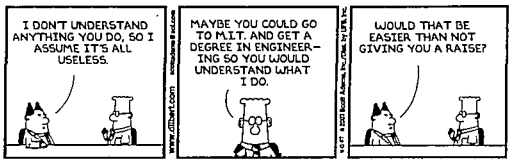
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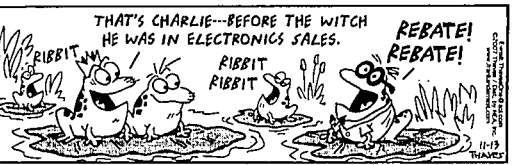
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By Brian Crane



Beware of superslick salesmen, Leo

IF NOV. 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This year it will be especially important to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Put down any inclination to do otherwise. Your charm is so powerful that people may make all sorts of assumptions about you to suit themselves. If you see this happening, you would do well to set them straight right away. Money should not be a problem and you may receive assistance from friends — but accept it with care. You will need to work for career gains, but you should reap what you sow.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

all should be well. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your charisma and salesmanship are likely to be at an all-time high. This may be the best time to present your case or pitch a deal in principle, but try not to sign anything for a few more days.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If today seems like a bad-hair day, don't worry. It's highly unlikely that anyone will notice anything out of the ordinary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Beware of superslick salesmanship whether you are the buyer or seller. Either way, any deception could come back to bite you. Stick to the facts in all cases.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deal with what is in front of you and don't spend time pondering what might happen in the future. Keep all molehills in perspective and don't let them become mountains.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If family memories are irritating, cut them loose. Put your arms around the more positive than normal. Get as much vigorous exercise as you can today and don't take anything personally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Extra emotionality early in the day will pass quickly and should probably not be acted upon. Put your winning ways to use and make inroads now into desirable areas — but don't finalize anything important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should skate through the difficult stars of the next few days with relative ease, but even you should delay taking major actions or meeting important new people if possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Like almost everyone for the next few days, you would do well to wait to begin important new initiatives. Planning is fine as long as you recalculate your conclusions next week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make sure any urges for change are validated by the facts and are not just restlessness looking for an outlet. Taking up yoga or some other calming pursuit could be just the thing now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Likely the limelight is shining on someone else today. Use this time to consolidate your plans and energy. Your light won't be under a bushel for too long, so be patient.

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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



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By Wiley

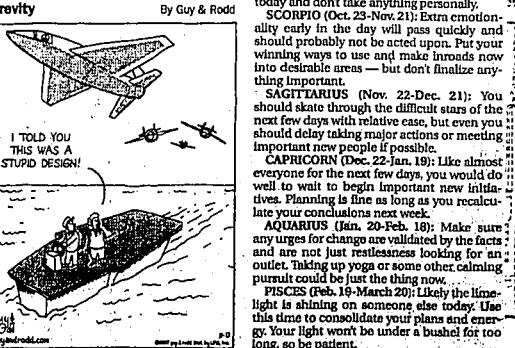
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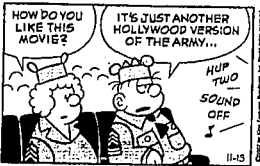


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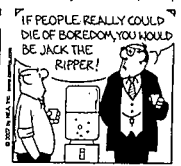
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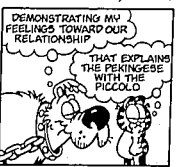
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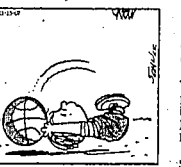
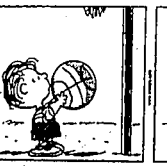
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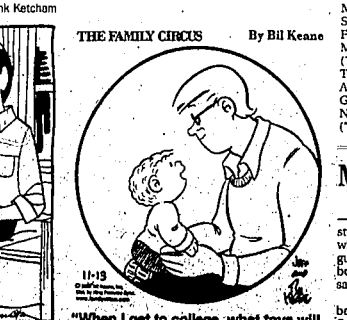
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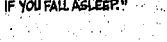
The Wizard of Id



Dennis the Monarch



The Family Circus



# Kids of all abilities benefit from learning social skills

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Muddled Mommy in Miami" (Sept. 21) really hit home. A child with Down syndrome had made an inappropriate remark to the writer's 4-year-old son.

I'm the mother of a daughter with Down syndrome. There have often been situations in which she has said or done something inappropriate to another child. I try to intervene when I know about it. I have her apologize to the child and the parent and try to make amends. Sometimes, it turns out that she was misunderstood because of poor speech and language skills.

By all means, Muddled Mommy should say something. This can be a teaching moment for both her son and the other boy. Many children with developmental disabilities are mainstreamed with regular education children in school. Kids with Down syndrome need to be taught proper social skills so they can have a relationship with their peers.

If children with Down syndrome (or other disabilities) are taught to hold to acceptable societal standards, they can lead productive lives as adults. Isn't that what we want for all of our children?

— MOMMY IN WORTHINGTON, OHIO

DEAR MOMMY: Absolutely it is the responsibility of parents to teach their children — both able and disabled — acceptable behavior. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: As the parent of a special-needs child, we have come to realize that



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

Learning needs to take place on both sides. The mother of the Down syndrome child should have been told about her son's comments so she could take corrective action. But "Muddled" should also have taken her son aside and explained about children with special needs and disabilities so he could learn tolerance and understanding. Four years old is not too young to start.

We also have younger twins who, at an early age, were asked why their older brother "acts the way he does." In the six years since then, they have grown to be more perceptive and understanding. They are more forgiving of their peers and willing to help those less fortunate — "special" or not. They understand that there are many different types of people in this world, and I believe that knowledge will help make them more enlightened adults.

— CHARLES H. FREMONT, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I've been both a special education and a regular education teacher. In approaching the mother of the child who threatened her little boy, the writer could have alerted the mother to inappropriate behaviors that may be preventing her child from having positive peer interactions.

Often children with disabilities don't know what they have heard others say. If the child truly meant what he said about "kicking his butt," then the mother should raise those issues with his teachers and therapists.

— SPECIAL ED TEACHER IN NEVADA

DEAR ABBY: As a parent of a child with Down syndrome, I believe it's important my daughter be treated like any other child. That includes knowing when she misbehaves. Having an extra chromosome doesn't give her a free pass. My expectations for her do not differ from my other children. Standards should not be lowered because she is differently abled.

What that boy said was inappropriate. Perhaps he heard it at school or from a sibling. Either way, his mother should have been immediately aware of it. Your advice was right on the money.

— P.W., BIG RAPIDS, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: I've worked with people with disabilities for 15 years. They have difficulty learning social skills. Sometimes they learn a phrase and repeat it over and over without realizing its impact. What the child said might have been a defense mechanism to keep others from picking on him. In any case, others should not ignore inappropriate behavior just because the person appears to have a mental disability.

— AMY IN KANSAS CITY

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 13, the 317th day of 2007. There are 48 days left in the year.

In 1942, President Roosevelt signed a measure lowering the minimum draft age from 21 to 18.

In 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public city and state buses.

In 1971, the U.S. space probe Mariner 9 went into orbit around Mars.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee plutonium plant near Crescent, Okla., died in a car crash while on her way to meet a reporter.

In 1977, Al Capp's comic strip "Li'l Abner" appeared in newspapers for the last time.

In 1985, some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a gigantic mudslide buried the city.

Ten years ago: The United Nations decided to withdraw all weapons inspectors from Iraq after Saddam Hussein ordered Americans on the U.N. team out. A stage musical adaptation of the Disney film "The Lion King" opened on Broadway.

Five years ago: Claiming Iraq was seeking the "path of peace," Saddam Hussein's government agreed to the return of international weapons inspectors. U.S. Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly approved a compromise sex abuse policy after what it feared they might make changes to balance fairness to priests with compassion for victims. Jewish Defense League leader Irvin Rubin died nine days after what federal authorities said was a suicide attempt in jail; he was 57.

One year ago: President Bush met with the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, which promised to work with the incoming Democratic majority toward "common objectives." At the same time, a number of lawmakers opposed to any timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops. Bush led a ceremonial groundbreaking on the National Mall for a memorial dedicated to civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

## Today's highlight

On Nov. 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated to the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

## On this date:

In 1775, during the American Revolution, the Continental Army captured Montreal.

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin is in a letter to a friend. "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

In 1927, the Holland Tunnel opened to the public, providing access between Lower Manhattan and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River.

In 1937, the NBC Symphony Orchestra, formed exclusively for radio broadcasting, made its debut.

## Today's Birthdays

- Actress Sherwood is 85. Journalist-author Peter Arnett is 73. Producer-director Garry Marshall is 73. Country singer-songwriter Ray Wylie Hubbard is 61. Actor Joe Mantegna is 60. Actress Sheila Frazier is 59. Actress Frances Conroy is 54. Musician Andrew Ranken (The Pogues) is 54. Actress Tracy Scoggins is 54. Actress-comedian Whoopi Goldberg is 52. Actor Chris Noth is 51. Actor Rex Linn ("CSI: Miami") is 51.
- Caroline Goodall is 49. Actor Neil Patrick Harris ("Scrubs") is 47. Rock musician Walter Kibbey ("The Roots") is 43. Comedian Jimmy Kimmel is 40. Actor Steve Zahn is 39.
- Rock musician Nikolai Frutkin is 29. Actress Monique Coleman is 27.

## THOUGHT

"Don't be a pal to your son. Be his father. What child needs a 40-year-old for a friend?"  
— Al Capp, American cartoonist (1909-1979)

## Man injured after using shotgun to loosen lug nut

SOUTHWORTH, Wash. (AP) — A man trying to loosen a stubborn lug nut blasted the wheel with a 12-gauge shotgun, injuring himself badly in both legs, sheriff's deputies said. The 66-year-old man had been repairing a Lincoln Continental for months at his home northwest of Southworth, about 10 miles southwest of Seattle, and had gotten all but one of the lug nuts off the right rear wheel by 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Kitsap County Deputy Scott Wilson said, "He's bound and determined to get that lug nut off." Wilson said, "The man had been shooting about arm's length, the man fired the shotgun at the wheel and was 'peppered' in both legs with buckshot and debris, with some injuries as high as his chin, according to a sheriff's office report. "Nobody else was hurt and he wasn't intoxicated," Wilson said. The man was taken to Tacoma General Hospital with injuries Wilson described as severe but not life-threatening.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Chance of showers, mostly cloudy and breezy, 50-65. High low 60s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Becoming partly sunny. High middle 50s.

TWIN FALLS 5-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists temperatures for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and other nearby cities.

BURLEY RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Bristk winds, clouds and a slight chance of rain.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with winds gradually diminishing.
Lows upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Becoming partly sunny. Highs 50s.

IDAHO 5 FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cool and unsettled for the next few days. The potential exists for light rain and snow showers to develop today and again later in the day Wednesday.

BOISE A chance of rain showers developing today. Brief with some partial clearing expected tomorrow. Becoming increasingly unsettled and potentially showery at weeks end.

NORTHERN UTAH Despite some clouds and wind today, not much chance of precipitation exists. Partly sunny and mostly dry Wednesday.



Yesterdays High: 62. Lows: 33 at Challis. Low: 19 at Stanley.
Weather key: Blue: clear, white: cloudy, grey: heavy snow, light grey: snow, orange: heavy snow, dark orange: heavy snow, dark grey: heavy snow, dark blue: heavy snow.

BREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
...he's trying to think about how we're going to win the match. I'm not sure we can make a win, over time, add up to a win. But we will see what happens.

APRILIAN TWIN FALLS. Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset.

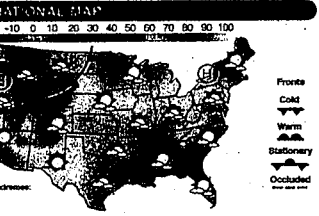
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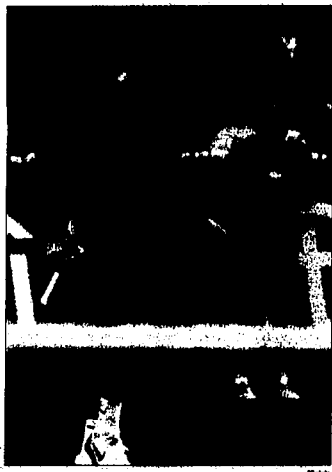
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CANADIAN FORECAST. Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday.

Gonzalez beats Federer

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Not to worry, says Roger Federer. His game is very much intact even though he lost consecutive matches for the first time in 4 1/2 years.
The latest defeat was to Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, a 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5 decision Monday at the Masters Cup.



Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts after losing a game against Fernando Gonzalez of Chile during their match at the 2007 Tennis Masters Cup at Qi Zhong Stadium, Shanghai, China, Monday, Nov. 12, 2007. Gonzalez beat Federer 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5.

In the other Red Group match, No. 4 Andy Roddick survived a second-set lapse to beat No. 5 Nikolay Davydenko 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Roddick will lead the United States against Russia in the Davis Cup final at the end of the month. He has been bothered by injuries that kept him out of tournaments in Madrid and Paris, and he's been losing in the first round in Lyon.
The last time Federer dropped two straight matches was in 2003 when he fell in the third round at Hamburg, then in the first round at the French Open. He now most likely will have to beat Roddick and Davydenko to reach the semifinals.
At 27, Federer hopes to pass Pete Sampras' record of 14 Grand Slam titles soon — he has 12 now. And despite a shaky last few weeks — he lost twice to ninth-ranked David Nalbandian, most recently in the third round at the Paris Masters — he quickly points out he had a pretty good season. He won three Grand Slam titles and extended his record run with the No. 1 ranking to a fourth year.
On Monday, Federer was unplayable early in the match, and it looked as if a repeat was in the making of the Australian Open final in January when he beat Gonzalez in straight sets.
"I was feeling really fit on the court," Gonzalez said. "But after, he went down a little bit and my level went up. I think the key of the match was my serve and don't be scared to go for my shots."
Gonzalez, who has one of the best forehands in the

game, suspected he was due against Federer.
"After 10 times, it's my turn now," he said.
Federer said he figured out what he was doing wrong recently and corrected it in practice.
"I thought actually I played pretty good," Federer said. "In some ways I have regrets, and in some ways I don't because I just thought it was ridiculous what kind of shots he came up with. But you've got to give him credit for that."
Federer was never in trouble until the second-set tiebreaker. That's when Gonzalez, who had won only two sets in their previous meetings, stunned him by bolting to a 6-0 lead. Federer saved one set point before sending a forehand long to even the match.
Shouting and pumping his fist, Gonzalez had break points for the first time in three consecutive games in the third set but couldn't convert. Federer squandered five break points of his own.
The Chilean finally converted a break to pull ahead 6-5. Serving for the match, he pulled ahead 40-0, then double-faulted. But Federer sent a forehand wide to end it.

China building database profiling foreign reporters working at next year's Beijing Summer Olympics

BEIJING (AP) — The Chinese government has created profiles on thousands of foreign journalists coming to report on next summer's Beijing Olympics and is gathering information on thousands more to put into a database, a top official said in comments published Monday.
The profiles appeared to undermine promises made by Chinese leaders in 2001, when they were bidding for the Games, that the event would lead to greater media freedoms.

It was not known how information was being collected for the profiles, what they contained or who would be given access to them.
Despite China's stated intentions of using the Olympics as a force for promoting liberalization in society, the reporter database is the latest in a series of heavy-handed tactics aimed at stifling dissent and criticism in the run-up to the event.
China's intelligence services have been gathering information on foreign activist groups, aiming to head off protests and other

political acts. Last week, U.S.-based monitoring group China Aid Association said the Ministry of Public Security issued a secret order banning those who fall into broad categories such as "antagonistic elements" and "members of illegal organizations."
Also on the list were "media employees who can harm the Olympic Games," the group said.
China closely tracks foreign reporters who work in the country, though they were promised "complete freedom to report" when Beijing was bidding for the games.

The database with information on the 28,000 foreign journalists expected at the Olympics would be a reference for interview subjects, designed to protect them from being tricked or blackmailed by "fake reporters," Liu Binlin, minister of the General Administration of Press and Publication, was quoted as saying in the state-run China Daily newspaper.
"Disguising as reporters to threaten and intimidate others to collect money is cheating and very dangerous to society," Liu told the English-language paper.
In China, people sometimes pose as reporters to extort money from corrupt officials or demand payment for false promises of favorable news coverage. A nationwide campaign launched in August netted 150 fake reporters and 300 unregistered publications, China Daily said.
Bob Diaz, Asia program coordinator for the Committee to Protect Journalists, said fake reporters looking for kickbacks in China is a legitimate concern, but that it was an internal problem.
"Applying that to foreign journalists seems to me widely off the mark. This is an unnecessary overreaction," he said.
Information was already compiled on the 8,000 foreign reporters who will be allowed to work inside Olympic venues, while authorities were building a database on another 20,000 foreign reporters who will be permitted to work in China during the event, China Daily said.
Only reporters with Olympic media accreditation can work inside the venues.

Advertisement for 'Thank goodness there's Coats for Kids' featuring a photo of a child and text about donating to the TF Optimist Club, PO Box 755, Twin Falls 83303.



(AP) Wall Street ratcheted its way through a fractious session Monday before finally closing lower on expectations of further fallout from the ongoing credit crisis.

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## Otter trip boosts local pork in China

**T.F. business wins export contract after governor's trade mission**

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's second trade mission as chief executive resulted in contracts for two Idaho companies to do business in China, including a Twin Falls-based beef distributor.

Independent Meat Co. received orders for six containers of pork — 53,000 pounds per container — valued at more than \$300,000. In May, after Otter traveled on a trade mission to Cuba, the company netted a deal worth \$100,000 to ship

boned pork legs.

Otter held the 10-day trade mission to China, which concluded last week, to promote agricultural products from Idaho and push his campaign of lifting the prohibitions to the communist country.

The other contract belongs to Larsen Farms Hay Terminal, of Dubois, which will distribute 500 tons a month of compressed alfalfa hay.

"From Idaho providers of export services to farm machinery sales and establishment of strategic business partnerships, China offers great opportunities for profit, job creation and more economic diversity," Otter said in a prepared statement.

Otter was joined by first lady Lori Otter, state agency heads and about a dozen private-industry representatives. They visited both business and government officials in

Beijing, Harbin, Shanghai and Shenzhen. Otter met with top Chinese officials, including the governor to Harbin.

Independent Meat, which was founded in 1904 and employs about 200 people, is accustomed to international trade. Global exports currently account for one-third of the company's business, said Pat Florence, CEO of Independent Food Corporation. Annual sales are about \$50 million.

"Everyone has their own philosophy, but it is a global economy," said Florence. "Products move freely in world markets."

It already has a distributing office in Taipei, Taiwan. For about 12 years, the company has done business in Macau and Hong Kong, which are part of China but autonomous colonies.

Still, this will be Independent Meat's first

direct relationship with China.

"I can tell you that China does play a role in our long-term growth plans," said Florence. "These initial interests from China are important."

Other companies, including meat-supplier AB Foods, The Idaho Potato Commission and manufacturer Kodak Northwest, also issued statements anticipating future business with China.

Since his gubernatorial campaign last year, Otter has touted Idaho products and international trade. Florence said the success of Idaho in the communist countries stems partly from Otter's background, including his time with the I.R. Simplot Company.

"I think the governor recognizes there are new opportunities in these recently

opened economies," said Florence. "I think he's wise to focus his efforts on new markets rather than mature markets."

Still, the success of the trade missions remains unclear.

Despite the deal with Cuba, Independent Meat has not sold any additional products, Florence said. It's difficult to transport through the Gulf area, but China's ports are 12 hours from those in the U.S., said Florence.

In 2006, Idaho exports to China totaled \$731.6 million in 2006, according to the state Department of Commerce. Idaho exports over 25 percent of its products. More than 90 percent of the items are high-tech materials; food and building products are the next highest products.

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## MONEY BRIEFS

**Potato growers to hold joint annual meeting Wednesday**

POCATELLO — The United Potato Growers of Idaho (United), Idaho Growers of Idaho (PGI) and the Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative (SHIPCO) will be held Wednesday at the Ramada Inn in Pocatello.

The meeting will update growers on consolidation efforts, which have been ongoing throughout the year. The Idaho Potato Commission (IPC) will also provide a presentation of programs, which will include an introduction to its new Industry Relations Director and an update on the new committees forming to address the industry's needs formerly handled by PGI.

The meeting will also discuss several other initiatives and issues.

For more information, call Keith Esplin at (208) 785-1110.

**Jerome Chamber holiday fest Friday**

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club will hold its Holiday Fest dinner, wine tasting and auction on Friday.

The festival will be held at El Sombrero Banquet Hall on 153 West Main St.

The event will begin with the wine tasting social at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 per person.

For more information, call the Jerome Chamber of Commerce at (208) 324-2711.

**Micron chief declines \$1.4 billion bonus**

BOISE — Steve Appleton, Micron's chairman and CEO, declined a more than \$1.4 billion bonus the company's board of directors was set to give him for fiscal year 2007.

But even without the bonus, Appleton still earned just under \$8.6 million for the year.

The board said in a filing last week with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that Appleton had met the individual goals set by the company's board for the year, which would have qualified him for a bonus equal to 150 percent of his base salary.

But the board said that "in light of the Company's recent restructuring efforts, the current negative market environment and the Company's fiscal 2007 financial results," Appleton requested he receive no bonus.

Without the bonus, Appleton earned \$3,948,169 in base pay for the year and received \$63,157 in other compensation. The company also granted Appleton restricted stock valued at \$7.6 million.

— from staff reports

## ARE YOU LIKEABLE?

**Employers can teach skills but what they want are people who play well with others**

By Ellen Simon  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A resume and a brief job interview can't answer the question that matters most to a new hire's coworkers: Is this person an absolute pain?

Despite a labor shortage in many sectors, some employers are pickier than ever about whom they hire. Businesses in fields where jobs are highly coveted — or just sound like fun — are stepping up ways to weed out people who might have the right credentials but the wrong personality.

Call it the "plays well with others" factor.

Job candidates at investment banks have long endured dozens of interviews designed, in part, to see if new hires will get along with everyone they'll work with. Whole Foods Market Inc. holds group interviews, in which people who will work under a manager are part of the team that grills candidates and collectively picks hires.

Now other companies are setting up higher hurdles.



A receptionist sits in the reception area of Kobon, a non-profit organization that builds playgrounds, in Washington, Oct. 30. The area is set up as a playground to see how job applicants act around playground equipment.

"In this bloggable cell phone camera world, your brand on the inside is going to be your brand on the outside. If you have a bunch of jerks, your brand is going to be a jerk," said Tim Sanders, former leadership coach at Yahoo Inc. and author of "The Likeability Factor."

With the national unemployment rate low at 4.7 percent, and the Baby Boom generation heading into retirement, employers from Microsoft Corp. to rural hospitals are worrying about finding enough workers. But companies like Rackspace Managed Hosting are bucking that trend, working hard to find reasons to turn people away.

Rackspace CEO Lanham Napier said, "We'd rather miss a good one than hire a bad one."

The 1,900-person computer server hosting company is divided into 18- to 20-person teams. One team is so close, the whole group shows up to

help when one member moves into a new home, Napier said. Job interviews at the San Antonio-based company last all day, as interviewees try to rub away false pleasantries.

"They're here for nine or 10 hours," Napier said. "We're very cordial about it. We're not aggressive, but we haven't met a human being yet who has the stamina to BS us all day."

There's a possible downside, however. In a Harvard Business Review article titled

"Fool vs. Jerk: Whom Would You Hire?" Tiziana Casciaro of Harvard and Miguel Sousa Lobo of Duke University point out that people generally like people who are similar to them, so hiring for congeniality can limit diversity of opinions. One venture capitalist told the authors that a capable manager he worked with built a team that had a great time going out for a beer, but the quality of their work was seriously compromised.

## Idaho skin-care company showing growth

**European deal may double annual sales**

The Associated Press

BOISE — When physician Carl Thornfield reached his peak of discontent over the skin-care products available on the market for his patients, he decided to do something about it.

So five years ago, the

Fruitland dermatologist started his own company and his own line of products, each designed to make skin healthy and perhaps avoid cancer.

"My hypothesis was that if we can optimize skin health and get it as healthy as possible, we can prevent skin cancer," Thornfield told the Idaho Statesman. "My whole focus was to develop a technology and product line that would be a safe and cost-effective

way to maintain optimum skin health."

Today, Thornfield's company, Boise-based Episciences Inc. is producing a range of products whose popularity is beginning to take off.

A company that started with a handful of workers has grown to 20 and sales have increased by 50 percent each of the last five years. The company's lotions, sunscreens, cleansers and facial creams — priced from \$19 to \$94 — are distributed to more than 250 doctors, plastic surgeons, dermatologists and medical spas nationwide.

This month, Episciences signed an agreement with a

British company to distribute products across Europe. Company officials project that the deal will double annual sales, estimated at \$3 million in 2007. The company landed a similar distribution deal last year in Japan.

Thornfield says his products, marketed under the name Epilence, incorporate all-natural plant and fruit extracts that provide skin with key nutrients.

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	22.81	▼ .35	Dell Inc.	27.17	▼ .14	Idacorp	33.34	▲ .13
Lithia Mo.	16.78	▲ .93	Micron	9.32	▼ .32	Supervalu	37.69	▲ .66

## COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	95.10	▼ .40	Dec. Oil	94.62	▼ 1.70
Dec. gold	807.70	▼ .27			(Light sweet crude by barrel)

**What to expect today in business**

• WASHINGTON — Treasury reports on federal budget for October; Treasury bill auction.

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• WASHINGTON — Labor Department reports on producer price index for October.

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## PRESSING PARTY

### Cider day gathers a family



Hands dip into the basin filled with Jonathan apples to remove stray leaves that made it through the initial wash.

**B**URLEY — Before cider day, Leon Johnson prepared. In a venerable shed near his home east of Burley, he rearranged lights, added shelves, hung a portrait of his wife on the wall opposite Robert Frost's apple-picking poem.

By the appointed Saturday, long before the November slant of sunlight touched the shed, a rusty pickup held bags of empty jugs, and wheelbarrows waited to accept crushed pulp. A narrow drainage ditch had clean-shoed sides. Apple varieties were boxed and sorted and lovely. The pencils were sharp.

The Johnsons' family elder-pressing day is worthy of anticipation. It's the sweet fulfillment of harvest, with loved ones and a common goal — jugs of sweet, tart joy preserved for winter tables.

No wonder Leon longs for this morning. I arrive to see Leon's



**WEST WIND**  
Virginia Hutchins

brother Dean Johnson hosing off the cider press and rinsing buckets, and the ditch carries the water neatly away. Dean's wife and son, Kay and 15-year-old Josh, prepare to wash the day's apples, from both Johnson brothers' orchards. Propane burners heat pots of wash water and take the edge off the chill inside the cider shed. Leon's daughter Elizabeth Miller arrives from Hagerman with her four Firth children, and Dean happily presents his family. Many more are expected.

"I didn't introduce you to my wife — she had to be present," Leon tells me, gesturing to the portrait. JoAnn died of cancer in May, and this is the first elder pressing without her. "Everything's first this year."

Leon, his voice always quiet, directs traffic in the small space. He fills needs before they're realized — like a bucket for apple waste by Elizabeth's side at one of the portable sinks.

Naturally, Leon has a stool ready for little helpers to feed apples into the grinder atop the press. Natalie Firth, 9, is first.

"When we get some more help, we'll get a little more organized here," Leon says, starting the grinder. Seven-year-old Brenna Firth climbs up to help her sister drop in apples; as Grandpa instructs, a half-bucket each of red delicious, yellow delicious, Jonathans and tart Blushing Goldenas. Kay and Elizabeth snap photos. The first rich drops hit the stainless steel pot under the press.

"I wanna drink that!" Natalie says. Leon, of course, has supplied disposable cups, but there's not enough cider yet to taste.



Natalie Firth, 9, of Hagerman, cranks, and her brother Dillon Firth, 12, of Paul walk patiently for a taste of fresh cider as their grandfather Leon Johnson spins the handle on the cider press on a recent Saturday morning in Leon's shed near Burley. A previous pressing left Leon with cracked fingertips all week, so this time, he's wearing gloves.

"The apples are tasting better this year. Maybe because I forgot what it tasted like last year."

— Dillon Firth, 12

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For a photo slide show with sounds from cider day, visit [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com)

# Party

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With the first bag of ground apples under the press screw, Leon warns Dillon Firth, 12, to take care splinting the metal handle. "It isn't forgiving," Kay adds. "Those of us who've been whacked with it know."

Two more vehicles pull up and relatives from Rexburg and Utah pile out, some quickly returning for coats.

"There's the Petersen boys, ready to work!" Kay calls to a grinning pair.

Dillon, scared to crank too tight, looks for reassurance as the press begins to creak. Sitting on a low stool, Leon scoops cider from the pot, funneling it into plastic gallons. "Don't knock Grandma off the wall there," he calls to newcomers clustered at the press.

The excitement of reunion has distracted the children from the first rush of new cider. "Somebody ought to taste that and see if it's worth doing," Leon says.

Dillon — after Grandpa stops him from offering his own cup — catches a fresh cupful for me. The cider flows from the press. It's just sweet enough, just fast enough. Perfection.

Leon borrows from Mark "Then to express my pride. The difference between my storebought cider and his own, he says, is the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning. With dripping gloves, he hugs more little newcomers.

Dean stops the overloaded grinder when boys feed in apples too quickly, and his brother instructs the kids who join the washing. Scrub the apples, separate the varieties. Kay arrests a toddler who plucks a rotten bit from the ironing bucket.

"The apples are tasting better this year," Dillon says. Then he acknowledges: "Maybe because I forget what it tasted like last year."

Yes, cider day is old and ever new. Pressing parties are traditional in the Johnson family, and today are timeless and present.

Outside, boys joust with sticks or throw them for a dog, and girls play pirates. Sunlight illuminates the golden leaves that snowed from an apricot tree last weekend. The field across the road is thick with herding gulls, following a plow to snatch earthworms and pocket gophers from the freshly turned earth.

Inside, filled jugs accumulate in neat rows. Two



Family members spill out of the small shed on Leon Johnson's property near Berley as they work together to make fresh apple cider on a clear and chilly Saturday morning in November. More than 40 people helped throughout the day. It's the way family and friends worked together and socialized on the farm in my growing-up years, Leon says.

**"It isn't forgiving. Those of us who've been whacked with it know."**

— Kay Johnson on the children press the Johnson family apple to make apple cider

dozen beautiful gallons by just past noon.

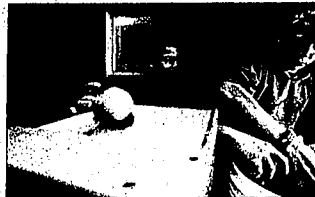
For a while — as others prepare the picnic lunch or tend children — the cider crew shrinks to eight: Leon, Dean and Kay; two neighbors who heard the press was in action and brought their apples; Elizabeth and her husband, Mike Miller; and Jachel Firth, 14, who announces that she's done every job except change the bags in the press. Jachel jiggles the grinder box, as she has seen the men do, to dislodge the last of a batch of apples.

In the sunshine, two little pirates show me the treasures they've found — rusty metal, rubber bits and tattered canvas — and assign each a pretend purpose: ink well, heater, pearl necklace, silver pot.

The call to lunch shuts down both pirating and cider pressing. Even Leon leaves the apples to sit with his 86-year-old mother. But before long, somebody's back in the cider shed.

It's Jachel, changing the bags.

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Dillon Firth, 12, of Paul, right, and his cousin Michael Peterson, 14, of Rexburg get a helping hand as one of the smallest family members slices an apple into the grinder. A portrait of their late grandmother, JoAnn Johnson, who died in May after a battle with cancer, hangs on the wall of the cider shed.



Dillon Firth, one of Leon Johnson's grandsons, serves the caps on several gallons of fresh apple cider. The day's total: 170 gallons.

# Photo contest deadline nears

Times-News

If you want to share your rural fall photos with our readers, make sure we receive them by Wednesday.

Here in Country Roads later this month, we'll show some of the best images, along with our judges' comments. Here are the rules for our no-prize fall contest:

- Photos must be taken in Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.
- Stick to recent photos. That means images of fall 2006 or fall 2007.
- For judging, submit prints (they can be plain-

paper printouts or standard photo prints). Please do not e-mail your entry. After we choose winners, we'll ask them to e-mail high-resolution digital versions for publication.

• Identify the people in your photograph, and where and when it was taken. And, of course, tell us who shot the photo.

• Include your address, phone number and e-mail address.

• Deliver entries to Virginia Hutchins at the Times-News office, 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls.

Deadline for us to receive your entries is Wednesday.

# How to banish ants before bringing houseplants indoors

By Scott Aker  
Special to The Washington Post

Q. I put many houseplants on the deck for the summer. They've done well, but they are full of ants. How do I get rid of the ants now that it's time to bring the plants back indoors? Should I re-pot with fresh soil?

A. The ants may have moved on, since many of the species that infest pots have the ability to move the entire colony and often do so when nearby food resources run out. Slip the plant out of the pot to see whether there is an ant colony in the roots. Re-potting is the best course to deal with an ant infestation but should be done now only as a last resort because the dwindling light and cooler temperatures are inducing a seasonal rest period in most houseplants.

One approach now is to remove the plant from its pot and keep both plant and pot sealed and exposed for a few hours. The ants will be disoriented and feel unprotected and are likely to leave the plant. Probe the soil to make sure that the ants have left, and return the plant to the pot after the container has been

washed. The washing may help to eliminate the trails of chemicals that the ants leave as signposts back to the pot.

It's not enough soil to compensate for any that was lost in the process, but don't attempt to remove all the soil and replace it. If the ants have not taken the hint, then try a fresh repotting. This is a last resort because plants that are repotted in the fall are prone to rot root from winter watering.

Sometimes, ants cultivate and protect other, far more serious pests, namely aphids, scale or mealybugs, which produce food for the ants. Look closely for these because if any remain, their numbers will explode when you bring the plants indoors, where the pests are protected from unfavorable weather and predatory insects. If the plants are seriously infested, particularly with scale or mealybugs, consider replacing them. Aphids are easiest to kill and may be controlled with insecticidal soap or a strong jet of water from the garden hose.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

# Treat fall mums like the perennials they are

By Jessica Damiano

Newspaper

Q: How are mums cared for in the fall season so they stay healthy and die? A: Chrysanthemums are among the traditional symbols of autumn, conjuring up cozy thoughts of crunchiness. I've heard from lots of readers who treat the flowering plants as annuals, buying them potted and discarding them at season's end. But they're actually perennials that can be planted in the garden for a splash of fall color that returns every year.

Chrysanthemums require a well-drained site and prefer slightly acidic soil (6.5 pH). Plant them where

they'll get at least six hours of sunlight a day, and they'll thrive.

Their general care is similar to that of most flowering perennials. Soak the soil thoroughly, ensuring that water reaches down to the roots. Instead of light, frequent watering, infrequent deep watering is preferable. Be sure to irrigate with an inch of water once a week in the spring. Step that up to three or more times a week during the heat of summer, just as you would for your other perennials, and let the weather be your guide.

Fertilizing isn't necessary, but if you feel you need to, increase the plant's vigor, work a handful of low-nitro-

gen fertilizer (5-10-5) into the soil around the base of the plant in early spring and again in August. Be careful not to get any fertilizer on the leaves, because it will burn them.

If you prefer fewer but larger flowers on your plants, pinch off the small lateral buds (those on the sides of the stems) when they first appear. To encourage a greater quantity of smaller blooms, remove the terminal bud (on the end of the stem) instead. Continue pinching until July 15.

When the plant has died back in the fall, cut it down to 3 inches from the ground; add mulch after the ground has frozen.

# Maximum-strength household vinegar not an effective pesticide

By Scott Aker  
Special to The Washington Post

Q. Strong vinegar has been touted as a safe form of weedkiller. Are there formulations for garden use, how effective are they and what harm might they do as they enter the soil?

A. Acetic acid solutions with a concentration of 10 percent or higher have been shown to have effect as herbicides. The problem is that the maximum strength of household vinegar is only 5 percent, and at that concentration, many weeds are not controlled.

There's also the issue of pesticide registration. Anything to be used as a pesticide must be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency before it is marketed. Strong vinegar products have been registered for use in rights of way,

non-crop and industrial lands, but they are not available for use in the home landscape.

None of the garden-registered products contains more than a 7 percent acetic acid solution when mixed according to label directions. While this may work on some weeds, it won't consistently control all the weeds present in the home landscape.

There is some concern about the safety of high concentrations of acetic acid. It can burn skin at 11 percent concentration. And because the acid vaporizes easily, the fumes from a strong solution must be taken very seriously. They can irritate mucous membranes, including protection should be worn when working with such a powerful solution.

In a way, this organic substance carries more signal-

ment health dangers than many more conventional non-organic pesticides.

Environmental concerns are another matter. Acetic acid is common in the environment and is readily degraded to carbon dioxide and water, and it is easily diluted. If it is used repeatedly, it may be some concern about decreasing soil pH unintentionally.

# Countering canker attacks

By Scott Aker

Special to The Washington Post

Q. We have a redbud tree that is approximately 10 years old. The bark is starting to fall off, and some of the leaves are turning yellow. What could be the cause, and can this tree be saved? A. Your redbud may be suffering from a fungal canker disease, Redbuds are subject to canker when they

reach maturity and encounter drought conditions. The disease attacks the major branches or trunk and may cause death of those branches or the entire tree.

If you can promptly remove the branches that are showing the first signs of canker — wilting and browning leaves — you can sometimes prevent a fatality. There are no fungicides that are really effective

against the disease. Redbud bark does peel a bit as the tree reaches maturity. Some of the lower leaves may yellow and fall prematurely, particularly in dry conditions. Give the tree a good drink of water and try to keep it moist through the fall if rain doesn't do the job.

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## Twin Falls School District obliges parent

### Focus group will be set up to discuss decision to contract out special service

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

A Twin Falls parent recently asked school district officials to review a controversial decision to contract out special services for a small group of students.

Monday night, Superintendent Willy Dobbs obliged the parent's request. "If through this process we find a better way to do something... We have no problem with that," Dobbs said.

The decision — to con-

tract out a special services provided to students with extra emotional and behavioral needs — is to take effect in nine months. The district Board of Trustees did not vote on that decision, which was made by appointed district administration officials.

The district could save money by contracting out the service, which is used by 67 students. District officials have said that \$173,905 per year could be saved by contracting out because the district would not have to pay

employee benefits and because a private company would be more efficient. The parent who asked for more discussion, Teresa Pettengill, has a son who is autistic. She said he has only recently begun to shine in school and socially, which she attributes to his district-provided psychosocial rehabilitation worker. That worker stands to lose her job with the district, and Pettengill worries about reversal of her son's recent improvement.

Other parents of children receiving the special services have also said they worry that contract workers won't provide the same quality of care. At the last school board meeting in October, Pettengill emotionally urged the district to put together a "focus group" of parents, teachers, therapists and accountants to discuss the issue.

Dobbs proposed Monday that Pettengill, a school board member and the district's administrative team pick a group of "non-partisan" individuals to serve on the committee, which will "review relevant information and the (contract) decision."

After that review the committee will present a report to the board, Dobbs said. Board member Kenney Young seemed perplexed by Dobbs's request for a review

committee so soon after recommending that services be put out to contract.

Dobbs said questions had arisen, and a review could be beneficial to the issue.

"I have no problem with that kind of process," Dobbs said. Pettengill said she would not ask to be on the review committee, conceding that she could not be impartial. "I would watch with great anticipation," she said. "I am pleasantly optimistic. I think it shows a desire to work in cooperation with parents. I am very pleased."

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## County clerks want permanent absentees, special levy

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Applying for an absentee ballot every election can be as tedious as making sure it's mailed on time.

Why not do it just once and not look back? Idaho county clerks are expected to lobby state lawmakers at the 2008 state legislative session to allow voters to cast absentee ballots permanently — or, in other words, for the rest of their lives.

The change would also mean absentee voters would not have to apply during each election. Currently, counties process absentee ballots up to four times a year on dates elections can be held. The proposal could save time and money, lead to higher voter turnout, and streamline absentee voting proponents said.

"It streamlines the process," said Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock.

The change is much-needed, clerks said, because growth is complicating the voting process, especially in Idaho, the nation's third fastest-growing state. In the 2006 general election, some precincts became so crowded that voters waited in long lines for extended periods of time.

"For the voter, the advantage is they know they're going to get a ballot in the mail, no matter where they are," said Dan Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties.

The permanency would end if requested by the voters; the voter died; the voter's registration record was cancelled; or the ballot was returned as undeliverable.

Despite the benefits, there could be additional costs to process postage and printing, according to a resolution processed by the Idaho Association of County Registrars and Clerks.

In related news, Clerks say they'll also propose a vote-by-mail change for non-candidate elections.

County hope to bring a bill that would create a special levy that can be accessed by counties to cover costs for unexpected major criminal cases.

County legal departments sometimes spend a lot for both prosecution and defense in high-profile cases, which aren't necessarily homicides. It's primarily a problem in smaller counties, Glascock said.

Under the legislation counties wouldn't have to borrow money from other departments, Glascock said. It could also help when individuals require public defenders, she said.

But the proposal might levy outside the 3 percent cap — the limit, along with growth, that county budgets are legally allowed to increase annually — and raise taxes without a vote of the public, according to a resolution by the IACRC.

# HOMETOWN HEROES

### Buhl honors servicemen at Veterans Day event

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** — Four plaques in Eastman Park bear the names of more than 50 men who have lost their lives in service to their nation — men who fought and died in both World Wars, the Korean Conflict and in Vietnam.

Monday the city's war memorial gained a new bronzed plate for a new conflict, Iraq, and one new name: of Spc. James Lee "Doug" Bridges.

Bridges, 22, graduated from Buhl High School in 2003 and was killed by small-arms fire in Baghdad last November. He is the son of Matt Bridges and Lauri Watkins, and step-son to Joan Hurlock-Bridges, all of Buhl.

For Matt Bridges, the year that has passed since the death of his son has done little to ease the pain. Tears still pool quickly in his eyes as he recalls Doug's lasting wish — for people to love one another.

"That's what Doug would have wanted, for people to just be excellent to each other," Bridges said.

The small ceremony, hosted by Buhl's Veterans of Foreign Wars post, included singing by the Poppewell Elementary School Honor Choir and a speech by Chief Warrant Officer Gary Davis of Buhl. Davis said the heroes who really



Linwood Faunce salutes the flag Monday during a Veterans Day service in Buhl. Faunce was a radio operator and gunner on a B-17 bomber with the 95th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force based in England during World War II. He flew 25 missions over Europe.

matter aren't celebrities or stars, but instead are found in everyone's neighborhood.

Hometown heroes, like those whose names are engraved on Buhl's memorial, Davis said. "Understand prophetically the meaning of service and sacrifice."

Davis called on people to think of the everyday sacrifices that are given by our county's servicemen and women.

"What people have to remember is that veterans have sacrificed a significant portion of their life to serve our country. In doing so,

many have missed out on important events in their loved ones' lives. A lot of little things go sacrificed, the birth of a child, graduations, when one serves," Davis said.

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— Chief Warrant Officer Gary Davis of Buhl

## Fugitive shooting suspect nabbed in Oklahoma hotel

### Ketchum woman awaits extradition

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

A Ketchum woman charged with second-degree attempted homicide has been nabbed six days on Oklahoma after his escape from the lam.

Deborah A. Reimer, 54, was apprehended in a Fryer, Okla., hotel, early Monday morning. She fled Idaho last week after tampering with an ankle monitoring bracelet worn as a condition

of her bond agreement, police suspect.

According to authorities in Fryer, police responded Monday to the Holiday Hotel, where they found Reimer and her sister, said Dustin Van Horn, a dispatcher with the Fryer police.

"We went over there to do a welfare check," Van Horn said, "and we found her." Reimer initially denied her identity. But her sister, who authorities declined to name, confirmed it. The sister lives near Fryer, Van Horn said.

Authorities were led to the hotel by a pastor who con-

tacted the city police department after a congregant confessed knowledge of Reimer's whereabouts about Van Horn said he did not know the name of the pastor or the congregant.

Blaire County prosecutors allege that on July 18 Reimer attempted to shoot and kill her boyfriend, Robert P. Dreyer, during a domestic dispute in the Meadow Circle neighbor-

hood of Ketchum. Reimer fled the scene and was captured later that day by Custer County sheriff's deputies.

She was required to wear an electronic monitor on her ankle and to stay out of Blaine County as a condition of her release from jail while awaiting trial, said Kim Rogers, of the Ketchum police.

According to police, Reimer was staying in Gooding with a friend, Thomas Pritscher. At about 10 a.m. on Nov. 6 police became aware Reimer was tampering with the ankle bracelet.

Fifth District Court Judge Barry Wood issued a \$1 million warrant for her arrest, which was still standing when she was arrested Monday.

Reimer is now in the Mayes County Jail in Oklahoma awaiting extradition to Idaho. She'll face additional charges for fleeing when she returns, Rogers said.

Dreyer did not return calls for this article, and Pritscher could not be reached for comment.

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## Twin Falls City Council to revisit Auger Falls project tonight

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

In Twin Falls, sometimes acquiring parkland isn't the problem.

It's what happens after receiving it.

The Twin Falls City Council will hear a presentation tonight on 500 acres at the bottom of the Snake River Canyon it purchased for \$1.3

million in 2002. The city plans to build a park and wetlands system to filter wastewater there downstream from Auger Falls.

But the land has been offered to the public due to engineering and environmental reports that need the approval of state and federal agencies before any development can begin.

The council meets at 5 p.m.

In City Council Chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. Meetings are open to the public.

JUB Engineers last met with the City Council in February for authorization of the first phase. Among their findings is a biological opinion that there are no live endangered species at the site.

The city's current budget does not include funding for

the project. Instead, the city has secured \$1.7 million in grants with help from Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to begin construction of the park, which will include trails, restrooms and trash cans.

Part of the money is expected to protect several historic structures and go toward a

pipe system from the sewer plant to the wetlands.

Part of the holdup is that some organizations, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have been slow to address any requests for environmental studies. The firm is expected to discuss scheduling with the City Council.

Other issues that JUB Engineering will ask the council include installation

of facilities, accommodation for bicyclists and pedestrians, and an easement for a nearby

The firm has also identified 15 funding sources to assist with parts of the project that still lack funding, such as trails and lookouts. Those sources include soliciting corporate donations and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

### Howard 'Hob' Bruns

RUPERT — Howard 'Hob' Melvin Bruns, a 99-year-old longtime resident of Rupert, passed away Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.



He passed away following a stroke. He was born Feb. 9, 1908, in Northville, S.D., the son of Fred William Bruns and Harriet Delane Cook Bruns. He was raised in Kimberly, where he graduated from high school. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gooding College in Gooding, Idaho, and did graduate work at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., the University of Oregon in Eugene and Idaho State University in Pocatello, and received his master's degree in business education at the University of Idaho at Moscow.

He married Doris Maricle on Feb. 19, 1940, in Rupert. To them were born two sons, Winston and Stanley. Howard was a farmer in Minidoka County and was a respected educator for a total of 35 years, retiring from the Minidoka County School District. He was an active member of the Rupert United Methodist Church, where he sang in the Church Choir, a member of the church financial secretary as well as many other positions. He

was a past member of the Rupert Grange, a charter member of the Snake River Flings men's barbershop singing group and was a member of the Board of the Rupert Kiwanis Club.

His hobbies included music, fishing, reading, writing, scrapbooking, photography, and raising beautiful birds. He truly had a love of life and saw beauty in everything and everyone. The sparkle in his eye, his bright smile and his warmth of character endeared him to everyone he met. This gentle and respected man will be sorely missed by his family, friends and community.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doris Bruns of Rupert; his two sons and their spouses, Winston (Lindsay) Bruns of Nampa and Stanley (Leanna) Bruns of Rupert; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Elvin Bruns and Loren Bruns; and one sister, Elaine Bruns.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with Pastor Jerry Steele officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. A visitation will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with family and friends invited to call from 6 until 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Rupert United Methodist Church.

### Marjorie Ellen Helsel Scholdt

RUPERT — Marjorie Ellen Helsel Scholdt was born April 16, 1923, in Penokee, Graham, Kan., the daughter of Oscar Edward and Elizabeth Pfeifer Helsel. The family lived on a farm in Kansas until 1935, when because of the dust and the Depression, the family moved to Oregon. When they arrived in Rupert, the family lived east and north of Minidoka and she attended the Yale School. Her father worked in construction on the Little Wood River Reservoir. The family later lived and farmed near Acequia.

Marjorie sold the farm and began moving to Arizona in the winters and returning to Idaho during the summer. They were the first caretakers of the Little Wood River Park at the reservoir near Carey. Truman fished and Marjorie fished. Truman died in 1977. Marjorie continued to live in Arizona in the winters and made many lasting friendships there.

In 1975, Marjorie started working at the truck for Amalgamated Sugar Co. at the Minidoka East receiving station. She worked there during the harvest season for more than 20 years. She enjoyed working with and being a part of farming. Marjorie liked to read; she enjoyed knitting baby afghans and crocheting. She always enjoyed something. She loved her family, visit, and she could be found helping with a new baby or teaching her granddaughters how to preserve peaches or tomatoes, playing sports and enjoyed watching her favorite teams on TV. She would knit and cheer, depending on the pace of the game.

Marjorie and Truman were the parents of two daughters, Jolene Rae (Terry) Miller and Margene Elizabeth (Donald) Alman of Idaho Falls. She is survived by nine grandchildren, Josh, Benny and Jill Auman, Dan Kener, Jeff, Andrea, Bryan, Michelle and Kathleen; and 17 great-grandchildren. She loved being a grandmother, and she was grandma "grand!"

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her siblings, Clayton, Ramona, June, Rosemary and Cedric; and her grandson, Ascher Critchfield. One brother, Oscar Henry Helsel, and one sister survive her.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with Terry Miller officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

### SERVICES

Jack L. Tubbs of Jerome, funeral home, today at 2 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Gabriel Thomas Martinez-Soltero of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. today Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Jack H. Waddell of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1

p.m. today at Twin Falls Mortuary; visitation from 10 a.m. to noon today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ray Howell Hunter of Heyburn, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 1 to 1:45 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Martene Anderson Schulz, formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset

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### Jeffrey John Kauffman

Jeffrey John Kauffman, 34, of Filer, returned to his heavenly father on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at his home in Filer and passed away in a coronary artery disease.

Jeff was born on Sept. 28, 1973, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of John and Joan Kauffman of Twin Falls. He was raised and educated in Twin Falls. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1991. He began his working career milking cows at the age of 14. This was a career that Jeff held onto naturally. He held several positions at local dairies; his passion for dairying grew immensely while working for Butts and Telford Venter. On May 8, 1993, he married his sweetheart, LaNae Nelson in Twin Falls, Idaho. Two children were born of this union, Desiree "Doodles" girl and Beau "Bo" boy.

In June of 1993, he began operating Kauffman Dairy. Dairying was Jeff's niche; he often referred to the cows as "his girls." He continued dairying until 2004 when medical problems kept him from working 24/7. At the time of his death, he was employed by NEX Excavating and enjoyed operating the big equipment on site or fighting fires. Jeff also had a passion for Nascar and, of course, the Denver Broncos "Boys." One of his greatest joys was fishing with Don and George in a round of golf. He also enjoyed life in the past lane with his partner in crime, Robbie Loman. He spent most of his Sunday afternoons channel surfing

between his favorite sports.

He is survived by his parents, John and Joan Kauffman of Twin Falls; his wife, LaNae Kauffman; daughter, Desiree Kauffman of Brendon, all of Filer; brother and best friend, Joe (Jen and daughter, Marlee) of Boise; nephews, Ashton and Rylie Kauffman; grandmothers, Alice Whitaker of Boise; aunts and uncles, Clark (Debbie) Kauffman and Ruby (Ray) Aufderheide, all of Filer; Larry (Karma) Kauffman and Cynthia (Steve) Whitaker of Boise and Clarice (Gale) Bevans of Twin Falls; and favorite second cousin, "Aunt" Jeanne. He is also survived by numerous cousins, extended family and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Dan and Alice Kauffman; and maternal grandfather, Emmett Whitaker; cousin, Angus Wyatt; and former golf buddy, Jerry Kauffman.

The family would like to thank Dr. Tippelman and his staff for all the care and support they have given Jeff and his family. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Twin Falls Reform Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., with Pastor Brian Vriesman officiating. A viewing will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Thalland Ministries (made possible by TRFC) and mailed to Dan or Cathleen Thom (3315 11th Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83301) or to the Desiree and Beau Kauffman college fund at Magic Valley Bank.

### Royce Gene Young

RUPERT — Royce Gene Young, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and good friend, passed away Nov. 11, 2007.

He was born May 5, 1956, to Harold and Aileen Young in L. a. m. s. a. Texas. Royce always wanted to go to Idaho as an infant with his parents and family, where they homesteaded in the Kasota area. He attended elementary, junior high and high school in Minidoka County. Following high school, Royce briefly attended the University of Idaho, then came back to farm with his father. He married his high school sweetheart, Tammy Hayden, on Feb. 17, 1979. During the 28 years they were married, they had two beloved daughters, Melissa and Maddie. In this time, he also became a proud grandfather. He graduated to school in 1982 at Idaho State University and received his bachelor's degree in education, which fueled his desire for teaching. He began his teaching career at St. Nicholas School in Rupert, then continued on at Big Valley, Paul and Heyburn. He enjoyed teaching, the people he worked with and the outdoors he taught.

Royce was an avid fisherman. Learning the art for his passion on the rivers and streams of Silver Creek and the Madison River with his two best fishing mates, his father, Harold Young, and adored brother, John, was one of his favorite things to do. Royce loved to work in the field, to use what he went out fly fishing. He also loved hunting pheasants and ducks and was an "amateur" photographer. Royce attended the Episcopal Church, where he was involved in many activities. More than anything, though, he loved spending time with his wife, daughters and grandchildren. He was preceded in heaven by his father, Harold Young, and many other adored family members. He is survived by his wife, Tammy; his two daughters, Melissa and Maddie; his mother, Aileen Young; his brothers, John L. Young (10am) and Wayne Young (1979); his sister, Denise Young; and many nieces and nephews.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the First Christian Church Chapel, 1110 Eighth St. in Rupert, with Father Rand Fagg officiating. A gathering for family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service at the Episcopal Church. Services are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058, in memory of Royce G. Young.

### Patricia 'Patsy' A. Morris

GLENN'S FERRY — Patricia "Patsy" A. Morris, 59 of Glenn's Ferry, passed away Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, at her home following an illness.

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Glenn's Ferry VFW Hall.

Patsy was born Feb. 26, 1948, in Nampa, to Donald and Patricia Flock. She was schooled in Emmett and graduated from Emmett High School. After high school, she went BSU to study court stenography. In the early years, she became a homemaker and an advanced EMT in Glenn's Ferry. Patsy was the librarian at the Glenn's Ferry Library for 11 years prior to her illness. Patsy enjoyed going places, particularly the desert and mountains, with her husband, John. She took great pleasure in reading,

singing and crafts. She liked going to Hanson's to visit with friends to work on crossword puzzles.

Patsy is survived by her husband, John Morris of Glenn's Ferry; her son, Jeff Gilmore; her daughters, Beth Kerr (Neil) of Hammett and Lisa Paulson (Kirk) of Napa, Calif.; her brothers, Bill Flock (Nancy) of Spokane, Wash., and Jim Herman (Lori) of Emmett; her sisters, Marie Warhime (Scott) of St. Maries, Ruth Herman and Jean Herman, both of Boise, and Donna Lambert (Bert) of Glenn's Ferry; her mother and stepfather, Pat and Ted Herman of Emmett; her step-mother, Nelda Flock of Glenn's Ferry; four grandchildren, Christopher, Ryan, Trevor and Rylie; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Don Flock; and daughter, Lorina Morris. Arrangements are under the direction of Rust Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home.

### Walter Parke

GOODING — Walter Parke, 50, of Gooding, Idaho, passed away Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, as a result of an automobile accident.

Walter was born Jan. 20, 1957, in Gooding, the son of Ernest and Ruth Ellen Parke. He and his sister, Jackie, grew up on the family farm. Walter was involved in rodeo from an early age and was a stand-out athlete at Gooding High School. Walter won many rodeo championships throughout high school and college. He was the PRCA Wilderness Circuit Champion, Calf Roper in 1982, 1983 and 1984 and won many regional titles in Idaho, Montana and Utah.

The highlight of Walter's life was his children, Justin, 16, and Jared, 13, and his self-employed rancher. Walter was able to plan his time to always be there for his kids, whether it was coaching basketball, baseball or rodeo. The family made trips to New Mexico, Montana and Nevada for ropings that the boys competed in and all the way to Springfield, Mass., when Justin made the finals in the National Hoop Shoot contest. The young people that Walter helped get started in rodeo is a list that could go on for miles. The Parke Arena in Gooding is a place where no one is ever a stranger. Walter is "on the road again" now with some of his old buddies, waiting for the rest of us to show up and pay for the gas.

Walter is survived by his children, Justin, Jared and Jett; his former wife, Stacey;



sisters, Jackie Roeder and Patty Foster; a niece, Annie Roeder; and special friend, Christine Arriaga Miller.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Elmwood Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Shu-Fly Arena, four miles north of Arco, 14 miles west of Gooding. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

A Walter Parke Memorial Fund for the benefit of his children has been established at Zions Bank in Gooding.

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Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Holly Melissa Bossert of Boise and formerly of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Paul Congregational Church, 121 N. B.W.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and noon to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Eldred Bodily of Jerome and formerly of Hansen, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward

Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour before the service Thursday at the church.



CITIZENS OF THE WEEK

Rupert Elementary School announces Citizens of the Week for Oct. 26. From left are, front, Erik, Tyler, Dakota, Gabriel; center, Macy, Amaya, Hope, Isabella, Anna; back, Elizabeth, Brittany, Dylan, Lucy and Tameka.



Hamas breaks up Fatah rally; seven killed

By Ibrahim Barzak Associated Press writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — A rally of more than 250,000 Fatah supporters ended in mayhem Monday, with Hamas police opening fire and protesters hurling rocks or running for cover. Seven civilians were killed and dozens were wounded in the violence between Palestinian factions.



Palestinians carry a wounded Fatah supporter during clashes with Hamas security forces at a rally marking the third anniversary of the death of leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza City.

stone-throwers clashed with armed Hamas policemen. "It was a big mess, and everyone was running for cover," said a wounded 24-year-old demonstrator who would give only his first name, Farouk, for fear of repercussions by Hamas. While he lay on the ground waiting for help, he said he saw a man in a wheelchair trying to hide near a wall.

State service officer will be in Burley Wednesday

BURLEY — Mill Smith, the state service officer from Boise, will be at the Burley Veterans's Office at the Burley Airport on Wednesday.

For an appointment, call Dick Dalton, 678-3599 or 876-2565. If no answer, leave a message and the call will be returned.

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making with Israel at a U.S.-hosted Mideast conference in Maryland later this month. The march started out peacefully after Palestinians in buses, on foot and on donkey carts streamed into a large sandy lot by the Mediterranean. Waving yellow Fatah flags, the crowd cheered and whistled as the movement's remaining leaders in Gaza — most had fled to the West Bank in June — delivered hopeful speeches about a comeback.

But the rally quickly descended into chaos and bursts of gunfire as the crowd was beginning to leave, Fatah

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Marie M. Furtado BUHL — Marie M. Furtado, 82, of Buhl, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, at the Snake River Rehabilitation Center in Buhl.

John Flaherty KETCHUM — John "Jack" Flaherty, 80, of Ketchum, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at home.

Anna O. Bartlett RUPERT — Anna O. Bartlett, 86, of Rupert, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, at Countryside Care and Rehabilitation.

Ruth Diamond GOODING — Ruth Diamond, 73, of Gooding, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, at Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.

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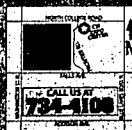
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