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Charges change in T.F. shooting

One accomplice charged with murder, another has charges dropped

By Andrea Gales
Times-News writer

Serious criminal charges have morphed this week against two of the men whom police assert were involved in a Nov. 15 homicide in Twin Falls.

Those men, John Gabriel Bond, 31, who is listed in court documents as homeless, and Jeremy Clayton Johnston, 31, who is unemployed, according to court records, were both charged last

week with the same felony crime of accessory to commit a felony.

But Wednesday afternoon Bond was charged in court with a much more serious crime — first-degree murder.

Meanwhile the original charge leveled against Johnston was dropped by prosecutors Monday because of insufficient evidence.

"Insufficient probable cause exists at this time to charge (Johnston) ... with a crime arising out of this incident," court records

show.

Police assert Bond drove a car occupied by Johnston and another man, Dana Dade, 44, to a duplex on Washington Street where the killing occurred.

According to court records, Leland Joe Hoshaw Jr., was shot to death at the home, and Bond told police Dade told him he was going to shoot Hoshaw, court records show.

Johnston stayed in the backseat of the vehicle and heard gunshots

from inside the home after Dade took a gun into the residence, according to a police affidavit.

Dade was in the front passenger seat of the vehicle and Bond was driving, according to the affidavit.

When Dade returned to the vehicle after gunshots were heard, Johnston told police he heard Bond say "let's go, let's go," according to the police affidavit.

Johnston was released from jail around 2:07 p.m. Wednesday, jail staff said.

Public records do not point to a motive in the killing.

Spelling disaster for Idaho ag

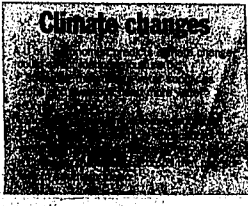
By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Climate change is likely to significantly impact southern Idaho's agriculture industry by increasing pests and disease, limiting the variety of crops that can grow and straining an already short water supply, says a University of Idaho agronomist.

The changes, which may include decreased potato and sugar beet quality, dried out soils and increased survival rates for pests, could mean disaster for farmers and Idaho's economy, according to a report by U of I agronomist Juliette Windes.

The situation could become dire, Windes said, unless Idaho better manages

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A life lived large

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

On Thanksgiving Day, when families nationwide meet to reflect on life, at least one Magic Valley man will give thanks for a long — and unusual — life.

Jack Lythgoe, 81, of Jerome looks back on a career as a Navy aircraft gunner, pilot, professional football player, hypnotist, magician, diver and television personality, all of which have left behind a clutch of life stories that would leave even Forrest Gump more than a bit jealous — even if the adventures weren't the most important thing to him.

"I think I've lived a most interesting and unusual life that others haven't had a chance to," said Lythgoe. "But I'm the most thankful for my children."

Lythgoe shows no signs of slowing down, even if he concedes some of his distant memories are growing fuzzy, and the names of old friends, shipmates and teammates now escape him. But surely new names, faces, and adventures will replace the ones lost, and add new chapters to a life's book already chock-full of experiences others can only live through vicariously.

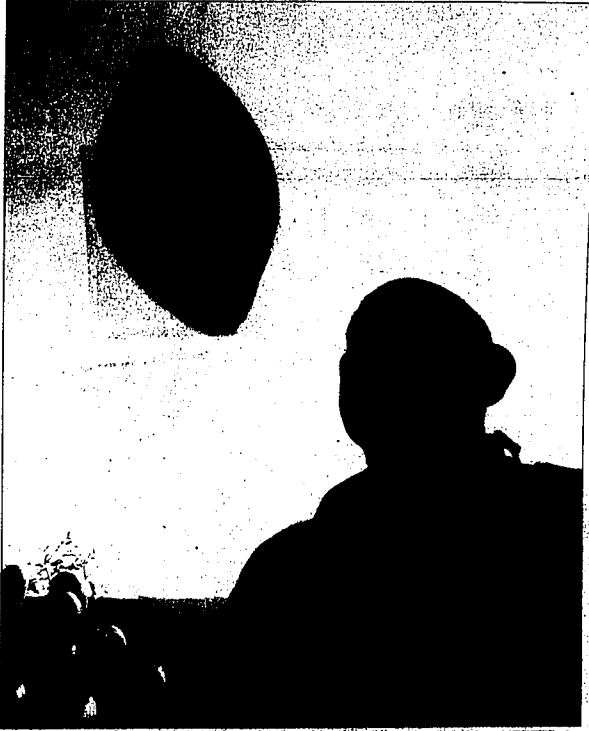
Early years and the dawn of war

Lythgoe was born in modest circumstances to the family grocer in Boothwyn, Penn., in April 1926. The store was lost in the Great Depression and caused the Lythgoe family to move from place to place in search of work.

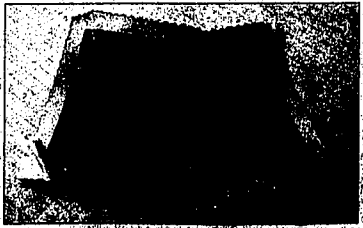
After America entered World War II, Lythgoe saw military service as a way to do his part and to make a better life. Trouble was, he was just 16 when he tried to join the Navy. Though he fudged a bit on his age, the Navy found out and sent him home. He successfully joined the Navy at 17 and served primarily in the South Pacific as a gunner on a dive bomber, seeing action at Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa and other places in nearly three years of service. It was his tank force, he claims, that saved the country's bacon in at least one battle, something which turned out to merely act as the appetizer for a laundry list of serendipitous circumstances Lythgoe would enjoy.

Anchors aweigh

It was in the Navy where Lythgoe's athletic prowess started making him known to



ABOVE: 81-year-old Jack Lythgoe of Jerome, was a professional quarterback with the Wilmington (Del.) Clippers in 1948 and 1949. BELOW: Jack Lythgoe sports his AirVets uniform, a semi-professional team he played with before turning pro with the Clippers.



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Up in arms

Members of student group push for the right to carry weapons

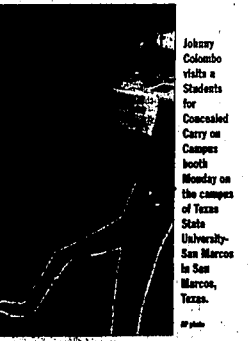
By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

SAN MARCOS, Texas — Mike Guzman and thousands of other students say the best way to prevent campus bloodshed is more guns.

Guzman, an economics major at Texas State University-San Marcos, is among 6,000 students nationwide who have joined the nonpartisan Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, arguing that students and faculty already licensed to carry concealed weapons should be allowed to pack heat along with their textbooks.

"It's the basic right of self-defense," said Guzman, a 23-year-old former Marine. "Here on campus, we don't have that right, that right of self-defense."

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Johny Colombo visits a Students for Concealed Carry on Campus booth Monday on the campus of Texas State University-San Marcos in San Marcos, Texas.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Today	Tonight	Friday
A chilly Thanksgiving Day	Partially clear and cold	Sunny and dry
High 39	Low 19	40 / 21

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Complete weather report: See page D8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Boy Scouts of America Troop 139 Thanksgiving Day Pancake Feed, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Jerome United Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan, \$5 per person or \$18 for family of four, 324-2981.

THANKSGIVING Dinner

Free Thanksgiving dinner, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wild Flour Café and Bakery, 1834 Overland Ave., Burley, donations accepted to help provide eye glasses for local needy children, delivery available for homebound individuals, 431-4894.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., West End Senior Center, 1010 Main, Buhl, donations accepted, 543-4577.

Alaska's Best For Thanksgiving dinner, noon to 5 p.m., Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W., any donations will go to local charities, no cost take-out and delivery available, 436-2447.

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, noon to 5 p.m., Buhl First Assembly of God, 703 Locust, free for all who would like to attend, 543-5191.

SPORTS

The Second annual "Turkey Trot," strollers and wagon with little ones welcome: T-shirt with registration, 8 a.m. registration (includes T-shirt) and 9 a.m. race, beginning and ending at the West End Fire Department, 152 S. 600 W., Paul, \$12 (\$6 for children age 6 and under), 678-8184 or www.minicassiatrurkeytrot.com.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

WILD MUSTANGS



Riger Mustangs from the Riger Management Area near Diamond in southeast Oregon. These Rigers were released from a horse trailer back to the wild by Bureau of Land Management workers in October. The BLM is in charge of managing Mustang herds and they try to gather each Riger about every four years. After the gather, they release the mustangs which best represent the Riger line and put others up for adoption.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Salmon	86%	12%
Big Wood	78%	11%
Little Wood	49%	6%
Big Lost	64%	8%
Little Lost	73%	12%
Henry Fork/Teton	77%	11%
Upper-Southern Basin	68%	13%
Oakley	20%	12%
Salmon Falls	36%	4%

As of Nov. 21

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

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

Meet a man talk about his boys playing professional football in the 1940s.

A smoke shop owner says he's upset that he was denied an alcohol license. Check out his video interview.

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MORNING BRIEFING



Bing Crosby's niece Carolyn Schneider poses for photos with a photo of Crosby in Las Vegas, Tuesday. Thirty years after Crosby's death, angry family and friends are accusing Elko's Northeastern Nevada Museum of showing disrespect to his legacy by drastically scaling back his Crosby exhibit. They're trying to prod museum officials to reverse the decision.

Family, fans criticize Nevada museum's new Bing Crosby exhibit

By Martin Griffin Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Bing Crosby lassoed the hearts of locals as the proud owner of seven ranches around Elko at the height of his entertainment career in the 1940s and '50s.

The "golden-throated crooner best known for 'White Christmas'" was named Elko's honorary mayor in 1948. He donated thousands of dollars to local causes and gave occasional free performances. He put Elko on the map by having the city host the 1951 world premiere of the movie, "Here Comes the Groom," in which he starred.

Thirty years after his death, angry family members and friends are accusing Elko's Northeastern Nevada Museum of showing disrespect to his legacy by drastically scaling back his Crosby exhibit. They're trying to prod museum officials to reverse the decision.

Crosby niece Carolyn Schneider of Las Vegas said the museum had featured the second largest public Crosby memorabilia collection in the country until it was dismantled this past summer. Gonzaga University in Crosby's hometown of Spokane, Wash., has the largest.

While Crosby widow Kathryn Crosby, 74, did not wish to publicly comment, she privately expressed disappointment over the museum's action, Schneider said. "To take that away from him is very unfair. It diminishes his show business career and importance to Elko and Elko County," said Schneider, author of "Me and Uncle Bing."

Hoble Wilson, president of the Bing's Friends and Collectors Society based in Petaluma, Calif., said the museum's move was insulting.

"(It) was a slap in the face to Crosby fans all over the world. It's like they're sitting on the man's grave," he said.



In this undated photo provided by the Northeastern Nevada Museum, Bing Crosby reads his mail at his ranch in Elko, Nev.

Museum Director Claudia Wines acknowledges Crosby's contributions to the mining and ranching town about 300 miles east of Reno. But she said the museum's mission is to showcase items from the region, and she won't reconsider the decision in which only memorabilia from Crosby's Elko days is now displayed.

The museum expanded its Crosby exhibit after Schneider in 2004 donated about 30 items unrelated to his time in Elko, Wines said, including rare photos of Crosby's home in Pebble Beach, Calif., a set of monogrammed bed linens, sheet music, record albums, Christmas cards and newspaper articles.

A new Crosby exhibit, which opened earlier this fall, is about one-quarter the size of the old exhibit, Wines said. It includes photos of Crosby's ten acres of Elko ranches and a key lesson of the display is not to build up donors' expectations too high.

"In their exuberance, they accepted more donations than they could use and promised more than they could deliver," Rocha said. "It really cost (the museum) a PR

black eye."

Crosby was one of the most popular entertainers of the 20th century. A huge star on stage, radio, movies and television. His recording of "White Christmas" was for decades the biggest selling single of all time. He won the 1944 Best Actor Oscar for "Going My Way."

Crosby's role in the 1936 movie, "Rhythm on the Range," is credited for fueling his desire for the cowboy life and Old West.

He became a familiar sight on the streets of Elko, wearing faded blue jeans and straw hat, while he owned a succession of ranches around Elko from 1943 to 1958.

The town was an escape from the pressures of Hollywood for Crosby, who enjoyed ranching, fishing and hunting, Schneider said. And he appreciated that the locals treated him as a "regular guy."

Crosby visited Nevada each summer with his four sons by marriage to his first wife, Dixie Lee, and paid them cowhand wages to work on the ranch, she said.

"He wanted to teach them the value of hard work so they wouldn't grow up to be spoiled Hollywood brats," Schneider said, adding he sold the ranches off after his sons expressed no interest in continuing the operations.

By the time he died in 1977, Crosby had owned all of the ranches he had sold. Schneider said she and her husband decided to return them to her.

"The ranches have been owned by the Crosby family for generations. It's a family legacy where there should be able to stay in the family."

"We know Bing Crosby was very much a part of Elko County. He was a part of the community. It's a family legacy where there should be able to stay in the family."

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the irrigation water supply, the likelihood of most of southern Idaho ag.

"The water is the most important component in this thing," Windes said in a Monday interview. "If we take the water away, we may only be able to produce dry-land wheat and barley."

Windes in her report specifically avoids any discussion of the "global warming" debate. Instead, she bases her conclusions on data recently collected by other scientists.

Windes predicts that as temperatures rise, growing seasons will begin and end earlier as less snow falls and storage water decreases. At the same time, cattle will need more water to stay cool.

Other animals could thrive in warmer weather, though some farm fish may die. Higher temperatures will allow pests, such as aphids, to

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— U of I agronomist Juliet Windes

better survive winters and reproduce earlier and faster, enhancing their ability to spread disease. Farmers will likely adapt by applying more pesticides, which could increase the rate at which insects and weeds build resistance to chemicals.

The problem could be especially bad for southern Idaho spud farmers, who supply nearly a third of the nation's potato crop. The root knot nematode, a microscopic worm that feeds on potatoes, is likely to reproduce much faster in warmer soil, allowing the species to more quickly adapt to chemicals. Without fumigation, potato

ields drop dramatically and production is no longer economical.

Higher temperatures could also create a haven for new potato diseases, including Southern bacterial wilt, a pathogen that threatened granium crops in the South twice in the past eight years.

Both times, the disease was eradicated. But Southern bacterial wilt is a re-emerging disease, meaning it continues to threaten because of its ability to adapt to management and chemical changes.

The key to staving off a Southern bacterial wilt strike or other disasters, Windes said, is adapting faster than

the pests and pathogens — something the sugar beet industry may already be aware of.

Idaho experienced one of the warmest summers on record this year, including the hottest July since temperatures have been recorded. Yet sugar content in this year's beet harvest was high, said Vic Jaro, a spokesman for Amalgamated Sugar, a company that buys millions of dollars of southern Idaho sugar beets every year.

In fact, sugar content has climbed with recent global temperature rises. "We have seen over the last few years sugar contents that are higher

than previously," he said. Jaro credits the sugar come increases to new beet varieties and better land management, though the developments weren't prompted by concerns about rising temperatures.

Climate change isn't on the minds of many in the industry, ag officials say. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture says it hasn't studied its effects, and that concerns Windes.

"Significant advances must come from the agricultural industry in production, crop adaptation, crop storage, disease and pest resistance, and in reducing post-harvest losses," she said in the report. "We must use all the available tools at our disposal ... to advance science and technology in agriculture to feed the growing demand."

Matt Christensen may be reached at 735-3243.

Guns

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Every state but Illinois and Wisconsin allows residents some form of concealed handgun carrying rights, with 36 states issuing permits to most everyone who meets licensing criteria. The precise standards vary from state to state, but most require an applicant to be at least 21 and to complete formal instruction on use of force.

Many states forbid licensees from carrying weapons on school campuses, while in states where the decision is left to the universities, schools almost always prohibit it. Utah is the only state that expressly allows students to carry concealed weapons on campus.

People in Idaho are not permitted to carry concealed weapons in public or private schools, even if they have concealed weapons permits, according to the Idaho Attorney General's Office.

That applies to the College of Southern Idaho, when college security officers also do not carry weapons — other than pepper spray, said CSI Security Supervisor Boyd Nelson.

College campuses are different from other public places where concealed weapons are allowed. Thousands of young adults are living in close quarters, facing heavy academic and social pressures — including experimenting with drugs and alcohol — in their first years away from home.

W. Gerald Messingill, the chairman of an independent panel that investigated the Virginia Tech shootings, said those concerns outweigh the argument that gun-carrying students could have reduced the number of fatalities inflicted by someone like Tech gunman Seung-Hui Cho.

"I'm a strong supporter of the Second Amendment," said Messingill, former head of the Virginia state police. "But our society has changed, and there are some

environments where common sense tells us that it's just not a good idea to have guns available."

His view is echoed by Peter Hamm, a spokesman for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, who says campus safety concerns cannot be addressed by adding more guns to campuses. "If there's more we need to do, we certainly need to do that, but introducing random access to firearms is not the solution," said Hamm. "You have more victims, not fewer victims."

Students for Concealed Carry on Campus gathered momentum after the April killings at Virginia Tech.

Like the students at TSU-San Marcos who were pushing Monday for a student government resolution on the issue, students at more than 110 colleges and universities went to class wearing empty holsters, said Scott Lewis, the national group's spokesman.

"We're not proposing to arm every student. We're not proposing that every freshman get a handbook and a Glock," he said.



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semi-professional and professional sports teams.

During one company basketball game, he was discovered by a local travel agent, and the rest is history.

"In the Navy we spent time in the gyms when we weren't flying and that's one of the things I fell into," Lythgoe said. "I started playing semi-pro basketball by accident: I was playing with the company team and one of the travel teams saw me play and asked me to go with them."

The love affair with sports blossomed, and continued after he left the Navy. He enrolled at the Pennsylvania Military Academy, but it was only when he dropped out that things began to take off.

"I was waiting tables for cadets in military college to make some extra money, and got a job in chemistry because of a lack of government subsidy," Lythgoe said, referring to an administrative mixup that delayed his GI Bill tuition payment.

"Eventually I had to drop out of school, but I continued to have an interest in sports because I truly enjoyed playing football. I had an opportunity to play the first year I was out of college with Linwood AA, and then I went to the Marcus Hook (Penn.) Amvets (semi-pro football teams), which paid a little bit for each game."

"That stint with the Amvets led to something even better. Lythgoe probably couldn't have imagined: a contract with the Wilmington (Del.) Clippers, a member of the American Football Association, a professional league that included farm teams for the National Football League.

Playing in the show

During one game in 1949, Lythgoe — who played as a fullback and punter during his semi-pro days — had a snap sail over his head while preparing to punt. He chased it down, eluded tacklers and got off a rugby-style kick to avoid a major loss of field position. That kick, and the athletic ability it took, caught the eye of a Clippers scout. But Lythgoe was reticent, having a good job at an American Viscose chemical plant as an analyst, in addition to the decent side pay with the Amvets.

"The scout asked me if I was interested in playing for the Clippers, and I said I made some decent money playing with the Amvets," Lythgoe said. "He asked how much and I told him, and he said, 'We'll start you at \$85 a game, plus \$5 per practice, and a bunch of other incentives.'"

"About \$125 was the average, and back then that was a lot of money. I made more money playing football (than at the chemical plant)."

So after getting everything cleared with his bosses and heading down to Wilmington, Lythgoe embarked on yet another adventure in his young life. When he arrived, the gap between semi-pro and professional sports left him slack-jawed.

"In semi-pro ball, the team furnished the jerseys but you bought your own shoes. At the Clippers they had two pair of tailor-made low-cut shoes waiting for me. That really impressed me. Everything was very professional. It was an exceptional experience."

New guy in the pocket

The grand experiences continued when Lythgoe decided to try something new after his first professional practice — transition from a position he played well as a semi-pro to one he had never tried before at any level.

"At the first workout I went out I looked at the guys for fullback," Lythgoe said. "I thought I was going to, but then they out I'd have to get better in a hurry, but the coach asked after the first practice if there was anyone with quarterback experience. I stuck my hand up even though, to be honest, I'd never played quarterback in my life. But I'd had experience in the T offense, and was very familiar with it. So he said, 'Fine, let's see what you can do.'"

Lythgoe entered the season following a couple of losses and then led his team to wins in all his starts except for the final game of the season. He said he relied on an outstanding stable of running backs to get the team's success rather than his own.

"I figured that the object of the game was to win it, and with the backs I had we won every game, but I passed only when it was necessary," he said. "I found out a little later that if I had passed it little more I might have been more famous, but the fame wasn't a really big thing to me."

There were games against other league teams, as well as some NFL teams, such as the Philadelphia Eagles. During those short two years, Lythgoe convinced a couple of bigger league clubs that he was more than capable of playing at the highest levels.

Greener pastures

Lythgoe's love of playing

the game of football was such, however, that he turned down a lucrative offer from the Washington Redskins strictly on the basis of not wanting to be merely a body picking up a paycheck.

"The main reason I didn't go with the Redskins was that Sammy Baugh was quarterbacking, and if I would have gone I would have played second- or third-string," Lythgoe said. "Where I was, I was playing pretty much (the entire game), and that's what I wanted was to play football."

Another offer from the Ottawa Roughriders of the Canadian Football League was also tabled when Lythgoe decided against moving to Canada over full-time job concerns.

Turning down that contract offer ultimately worked out for the best. Lythgoe and his wife soon left Pennsylvania shortly after the football league folded, in search of a place where she could cope with a medical

condition. They tried Arizona at first, with little success, and decided to head north to Montana. Something happened in their journey, however, which resulted in an unplanned change of destination — and a new place to settle.

"To get there, though, you had to go through Idaho," he said. "And when we got to Idaho her condition cleared up like you wouldn't believe."

There wasn't much in the way of semi-pro or professional football in Idaho at the time. But that didn't stop Lythgoe from chasing new adventures after settling in the Gem State. He developed skills in magic and hypnosis — the latter he picked up from a hypnotist who helped him cope with the stresses of being a pro quarterback.

Lythgoe was also known for a cameo as "The Merry Milkman" on a children's television show that aired in both Idaho Falls and Boise in the 1950s.

Return to the gridiron

The itch for football was still there, however, and when he went back to Pennsylvania for a visit, he found an outlet through a familiar locale and team.

"When I was in my late 30s or early 40s, I made a trip back to Pennsylvania to visit my parents," Lythgoe said. "The Marcus Hook Amvets had a game on Saturday, so I made it a point to get down there and the coach noticed that I was standing on the sidelines watching the game. It was the same coach I had played under. He came up and asked, 'Jack, are you in shape?' and I said, 'I'm always in shape.' He asked if I wanted to play and I asked if he had a suit that fit. He wanted to see if I could throw it to the left end.

"I came in, and dropped back to pass and the blocking was super. I held the ball as long as I could and threw it as hard as I could, and it hit him in the head."

A never-ending adventure

On returning to Idaho, Lythgoe spun his learned hypnotic abilities into a 56-year profession, where he performed for schools, conventions, parties, colleges, and other functions. He became a private pilot, a SCUBA diver and certified dive instructor in his free time.

After a lifetime of diverse experiences, an old flame reignited 10 years ago and gave Lythgoe a piloting opportunity of a lifetime.

He returned to his military roots at age 71, joining a short list of Americans who have flown the MiG-29, a Russian fighter jet, while on a visit to the former Soviet Republic of the Ukraine.

But that's another story altogether.

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U.S. wants to close Israeli-Palestinian peace deal soon

By Matthew Lee and Anne Gearan Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The United States will try to close an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal before President Bush's term expires, giving the administration a little over a year to help the two sides craft a resolution to one of the world's longest and most intractable conflicts.

But Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned Wednesday that the task will be difficult and fraught with entrenched positions on both sides that have led to the failure of all previous attempts.

"The parties have said they are going to make efforts to continue it in this president's term, and it's no secret that means about a year," Rice said. "That's what we'll try to do. Nobody can guarantee that — all you can do is make your best effort."

Speaking a day after the administration issued invitations for next week's Mideast peace conference in Annapolis, Md., Rice argued the meeting could already be considered a success because Israeli and Palestinian leaders will agree to launch peace talks with an eye toward completing them and creating a Palestinian state by January 2009.

Talks that she said she hopes will be continuous and serious would start immediately. It would be the first such direct negotiations between the two sides in seven years.

"The success of this meeting is really in the launch of negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians for the establishment of a Palestinian state," she told reporters.

The United States is hosting Israeli and Palestinian leaders Nov. 26-28 for talks in Washington and Annapolis at which senior officials and diplomats from 46 other nations and groups are also expected to attend and endorse the resumption of direct negotiations.

"The parties will go out of here ready to take this on," Rice said. "Now, it's going to be a complex agreement, there are a lot of issues that need to be resolved. But I am prepared, the president's prepared, and I know members of the international community ... are prepared to help them along that path."

The Bush administration believes the Annapolis session will be an important launchpad for talks to settle the conflict over land, natural resources and rights that underlies Israel's other problems with Arab neighbors.

Rice said the U.S. will give room for those other conflicts to be aired at Annapolis, including Syria's dispute with Israel over the Golan Heights.

"If Syria chooses to come and wants to speak to its issues ... certainly nobody is going to rule it out of order," she said.

Rice could not say exactly whether the invitation would be issued or at what level, and the guest list is not expected to be

final until the weekend. Bush called Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Wednesday to discuss the conference, and also phoned Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak before the session, the White House said.

Egypt is one of only two Arab states that have negotiated peace deals with Israel, and the country is serving as something of a go-between for other Arab nations in the run-up to Annapolis. Egypt has pledged to attend the session.

The invitations to the three-day session went out Tuesday after months of intense diplomacy. The administration has announced few details beyond the dates and a cursory schedule.

The two sides are expected to present a joint statement on resuming peace talks at Annapolis, yet less than a week before their delegations are to arrive in the United States, the document exists only in

vaque form. Rice said the document's focus changed during weeks of preliminary meetings between Olmert and Abbas, and ultimately became less important as the two leaders decided between them that they wanted to begin full negotiations.



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, left, and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, right, speak with journalists following a joint press conference in the Red Sea resort city of Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, Tuesday. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said he hopes a peace deal with the Palestinians can be reached in 2008. AP photo

Some call city ratings a crime

By Elizabeth Williamson The Associated Press

If the FBI has said it once, it has said it a thousand times: Do not use its crime statistics to rank the nation's most dangerous cities.

That didn't stop CQ Press from releasing a book this week that does just that. And it didn't stop officials from cities on the list — not the ones ranked safest, of course — from furiously protesting that the rankings are not only meaningless but unfair.

Detroit and St. Louis, the cities that top the new list, have attacked the rankings. "It really makes you wonder if the organization is truly concerned with evaluating crime or increasing their profits," Detroit Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings said in a statement quoted by the Associated Press. "With crime experts across the country routinely denouncing the findings, I believe the answer is clear."

Criminologist Richard Rosenfeld of the University of Missouri told National Public Radio, "I find it ironic, somewhat astounding, that a publication ... would have the gall to, on the first page of the publication, remind everyone that such rankings are meaningless."

The trouble with rankings, said FBI spokesman Bill Carter, is that they do not take into account the many factors that affect criminality in any city. The numbers, he said, don't include factors such as residents' perception of what constitutes a reportable crime, or a population's ethnic, racial or generational makeup.

"Academia, sociologists, criminologists, economists, look at the data and use it for their purposes. We don't do that."

Michael Flynn, past president of the American Society of Criminology and a professor of law and public policy at the University of Minnesota School of Law, said the FBI numbers don't account for the concentration of crime, an important determinant of overall safety. Landlocked, heavily urbanized cities will have more crime per capita, he said, than sprawling ones such as Phoenix, whose boundaries encompass low-crime outskirts.

"This is a crude, simplistic and error-laden CRQ ranking," said Flynn.

Doug Goldenberg, CQ Press acquisitions editor, said the objections are orchestrated "by the cities themselves, as part of a massive effort by the least-safe cities 'to spin the rankings' after CQ's purchase of the mom-and-pop publisher of the rankings.

Lead-tainted children's jewelry settlement prompts massive recalls

By Natasha T. Metzler and Michael Gormley Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — More than a half-million pieces of Chinese-made children's jewelry contaminated with lead are being recalled. It was announced Wednesday.

The recalled merchandise involves 200,000 pieces sold by Family Dollar Stores Inc., 200,000 pieces sold by Michaels Stores Inc., 43,000 charm bracelets and tack pin sets sold by Big Lots Inc. and 45,000 stretchable bracelets imported by Cherrydale Fundraising LLC, 10,400 necklaces and bracelets manufactured by Colossal Jewelry & Accessories Inc., and 4,500

necklace and earring sets made by La Femme NY 2 Inc., officials announced.

The enforcement action was a cooperative effort by New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo and the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission. The CPSC said it was tipped about the hazardous jewelry by Cuomo's office. In addition to the recall, a number of retailers, including Big Lots and Michaels, agreed in a settlement to immediately stop sales of lead-tainted jewelry.

"Today's metal jewelry recalls are a good example of when CPSC partners with a state agency that shares our commitment to protecting children from products with dangerous lead," spokesman Scott Wolfson said. "Metal jewelry is a product where

one child has died in the past and others have suffered lead poisoning."

A total of 507,900 pieces were involved in the recall. The CPSC works with companies to issue recalls when it finds consumer goods that can be harmful. Most such recalls are voluntary. Under current regulations, children's products found to have more than .05 percent lead are usually subject to a recall, in which the company must reimburse consumers for the value of the product, provide a replacement or offer a repair.

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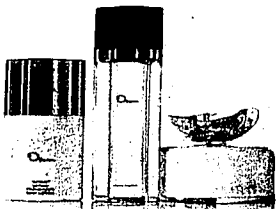
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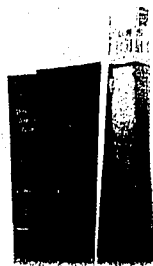
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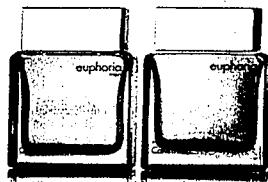
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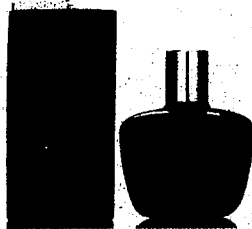
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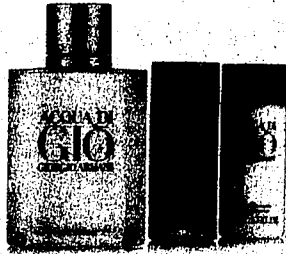
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Th(angst)giving: Happy turkey day? Oh, stuff it

By Annie Greer
The Washington Post

Every Thanksgiving, Washington businessman Douglas Burton would fly to Texas for turkey, cornbread stuffing, green bean casserole and canned cranberry sauce with his parents and seven siblings. Then, just as surely as dessert would be sweet potato pecan pie, would come the moment everyone expected.

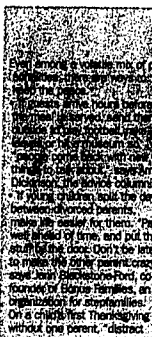
"You all are such a disappointment to me," his mother would say, gazing around the table at her assembled children. "You do not go to church. Now pass the pie."

Tension of another start took hold inside the Falls Church, Va., home where Pentagon advisor Michael Davitt grew up. Each year he and his parents grew increasingly resentful about preparing an elaborate Southern feast not just for his brother and sister-in-law but, over time, the sister-in-law's wid-

owed mother, divorced brother and young nephew.

"In normal circumstances this would be okay, but these people come over, never bring a dish, eat everything in sight, never help clean up or say thank you," Davitt laments. "But we never asked them to do anything, because my mom didn't want to start any fusses."

Somehow this holiday that is all about loved ones and gratitude has become notorious for dysfunction and stress. Children of divorced couples race from turkey with Mom to more turkey with Dad. Young marrieds spar over which family to visit. Warring adult siblings refuse to attend the same meal and stress, crowded into a too-small space," says Amy Dickinson, who writes the syndicated advice column



Thanksgiving tips

1. Conversation gets ugly or stops altogether: make a toast or have everyone at the table. This kids included, say what you're thankful for.

2. If you do nothing else, mind your manners. Don't bring early or late to drink. Don't surprise the host with unexpected food. Bonus points if you can head to offer to run a last-minute errand for the host.

3. When guests won't leave and subtle hints fail, try direct action, urges Arlington, Va., publicist Lori Isaac. "My mother asks people, 'What do you want to take home?' and starts packing up leftovers. If that doesn't get them out, she starts mopping the kitchen floor."

4. If guests are too shy to fire, ask them to fill drinks or empty pitchers.

5. Avoid "advice" and "entertainment" by Amy Sedaris. "Give them a job. They are good workers, they inebriate."

Ask Amy. "All the usual, ancient problems and rivalries surface and there are usually new people to add to the mix. This can be combustible. Like the deep-fried

turkey, it can end in a fireball." For suggestions about dousing — or, in a perfect world, averting — conflagration, we turned to Dickinson

and other keen students of human behavior. They acknowledge their own holiday angst, share lessons learned and offer the rest of us a few survival techniques.

For 17 Thanksgivings, Dickinson has been without her daughter because she and her ex "decided we didn't want to split the child in half. It has enabled her to get to know her dad's family in a special way." And it enabled Dickinson to have her daughter, now 19, at Christmas.

In her view, the burden of psychokeeping should be, but often isn't, shared by all. "People who have unfinished or un-dealt-with business, unfortunately, bring it to the family table, where it should not be brought."

It helps if hosts and hostesses "adjust their expectations," she says. "It's never going to be perfect." They should also assert control, whether it's isolating a "junk" guest by asking them to help you bring stuff to the table or making a seating chart to separate people who don't get along. "Put the intolerant next to the very tolerant."

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Don't blame the turkey



Stars, a turkey from Carthage, Mo., looks around the Rose Garden at the White House in Washington just before he was granted the traditional Thanksgiving season pardon by President Bush in November 2003.

There are other reasons you're tired after Thanksgiving dinner

By Daniela Flores
Associated Press writer

TRENTON, N.J. — Feel sleepy after a big Thanksgiving meal? Contrary to popular thinking, it's not the turkey's fault.

While there is an amino acid in turkey that induces sleepiness, experts say it's much more likely the reason you're tired after a Thanksgiving dinner is a combination of simple factors: you ate and drank too much

and didn't sleep enough.

"The poor turkeys have enough problems on Thanksgiving," said Dr. Carol Ash of Somerset Medical Center's Sleep for Life Center in Hillsborough, N.J.

"The reason turkey gets blamed for making people sleepy is because it contains tryptophan, an amino acid that produces the brain chemical serotonin, which promotes calm and sleepiness. But as part of a big dinner, the tryptophan has a hard time reaching the brain.

Even if it did, you'd have to ingest quite a number of turkeys for it to have an effect, she said.

If the tiredness has anything to do with dinner, Ash said, it would be because of carbohydrates, which studies show are more likely to make people sleepy. And even that would only be a small factor, she said.

There's the travel, working longer days to get things done

and lack of sleep, along with the carbs and alcohol, she said.

Overeating also contributes to feeling tired at Thanksgiving, said Joan Salge Blake, a registered dietitian and nutrition professor at Boston University.

"You're just eating a whole heck of a lot of foods and are stuffed," said Salge Blake.

On top of that, she added, you're often just sitting around afterward, watching football."

Short lines, smooth sailing greet most on busy travel day

By Roger Patterson
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Some trains were sold out and light snow slowed traffic in Denver, but short airport lines surprised people who got a head start on what was predicted to be a day of record travel on the eve of Thanksgiving.

"The sun wasn't even up yet when people started heading to train stations and airports with luggage, children and homemade food for family reunions or fun get-aways.

Surveys indicated a record 30.7 million U.S. residents were likely to travel 50 miles or more for the holiday between Wednesday and Sunday, up about 1.5 percent over last year, according to the AAA auto club.

About 31.2 million of them were expected to drive, despite gas prices that were nearly 85 cents more per gallon than they were a year earlier. The national average for regular gasoline on Nov. 16 was \$3.09 a gallon, up from \$2.23 on Nov. 17, 2006.

"The question becomes is \$10 or \$15 more for gas enough to change travel plans" and obviously most Americans said "no," said AAA Mid-Atlantic spokesman Lon Anderson in Washington.

Despite the gas prices, AAA has said, prices for hotels, airfares and car rentals are mostly declining, with car rentals averaging 12 percent lower than last year, airline tickets down about 7 percent and some hotel holiday rates down 3 percent.

Light check-in volume surprised travelers departing

from the United Airlines terminal at Los Angeles International Airport.

"We were expecting a much longer delay. LAX is infamous for that," said Charles Gwyer, 70, of Philadelphia. He and his wife were heading to Hawaii for a family gathering after a stopover in Los Angeles.

"It's ampy, that's about it," Mike Putalio, 23, said at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey, where he arrived by 8 a.m. for a 10 a.m. flight to Cleveland.

"I haven't found the mad-house I thought I would find," Lou Lealsey, 68, said at Philadelphia International Airport as he waited for a flight to Green Bay, Wis., after seeing his new granddaughter in Lancaster, Pa.

Airports took steps to move people quickly. Arizona's Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport had about 400 volunteers on hand to answer passenger questions and help direct traffic, spokeswoman Deborah Ostreicher said.

Another reason for the smoother-than-expected sailing on Wednesday seemed to be that more people are turning Thanksgiving into an extended vacation rather than a long weekend, said Chicago Department of Aviation spokeswoman Karen Fride.

"It looks like people started the holiday on the 16th, the Friday before," Fride said. "But while O'Hare expected about 206,000 travelers Wednesday — some 3,000 less than an average day — Monday is likely to be hectic with 237,000 people."

Holiday package shipping deadlines approach

By Natasha T. Metzler
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's time to start that "to do" list for holiday cards and packages. The Postal Service is reminding customers that deadlines for sending holiday packages are approaching, particularly for those going to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

To arrive before Christmas, mail going to members of the military in Iraq and Afghanistan should be sent by December 4. Military mail headed to other overseas destinations should be sent by

Dec. 11. The Postal Service said Tuesday.

"We have so much mail for the troops over the Christmas holidays," said Pat Donahoe, deputy postmaster general and chief operating officer. "We are very, very cognizant of the importance that the mail has to the military."

Those sending cards and packages within the United States have a little more leeway.

The Postal Service suggested deadline for sending domestic packages using the least expensive option, parcel post, is Dec. 15. For parcels

sent first class or priority mail, the deadline is Dec. 20. Customers have until Dec. 22 to send Christmas packages by express mail.

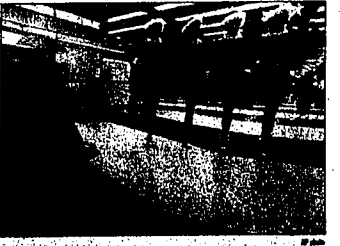
The Postal Service expects to deliver about 20 billion cards, packages and letters between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It predicts that the volume processed each day will reach a peak of about 1 billion on the busiest day, Dec. 17. Most of this mail should be delivered two days later.

Donahoe advised customers sending all holiday packages to remove batteries

from electronic items because they could "turn on," which could prompt postal employees to open the package for inspection. People should not use packages with string, as that, too, could cause shipping problems.

Donahoe also suggested placing a backup tag inside each package that specifies both the shipping and return addresses, in case the outer label gets damaged.

To request a fee package pickup, purchase stamps, hold mail and design holiday cards, visit <http://www.usps.com>.



At the Washington and Lee on Erik Woodard, 2, watch the Santa Claus figure's previous days dress troops perform at their family visit to Ft. Ord for the Thanksgiving holiday Wednesday at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. The figure was sent by O'Hare to maintain traditions on one of the busiest travel days of the season.

Experts: If you stuff yourself, work off those calories fast

By Cheryl Witzman
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — This shouldn't come as a surprise: Thanksgiving is not the green light to a six-week indulgence that precedes the waddle back to the gym Jan. 2.

Experts advise Americans not to throw good habits out the window on Turkey Day and into the holiday season. Instead, choose carefully, eat slowly, and savor.

"It's normal and expected that most of us are going to overeat over the holidays," said St. Louis dietitian Diane Zych.

For most healthy people "it's a blip on the screen," she said. "But for people who struggle with their weight, it's a very dangerous time, it can really throw them off target."

The holiday season that starts with Thanksgiving (or even Halloween) and ends with New Year's is a slippery slope, said Barry Popkin, who directs the University of North Carolina Interdisciplinary Obesity Center. He said studies have shown that seasonal weight gain can be significant — up to 10 pounds.

"A pound you can't remove is a pound for life," he said.



Amy Lottes, left, works out at the YMCA with the help of her personal trainer, Gina Pona, Wednesday in Kirkwood, Mo. Exercise and portion control have helped Lottes keep off the weight she lost four years ago with the help of a nutritionist and personal trainer, and this Thanksgiving, she plans to skip dessert and second helpings and have a second glass of wine instead.

For all but the very health-conscious person who exercises a lot, the extra pounds that come from excess calories are not likely to melt away, Popkin said. He recommends enjoying pie and turkey with lots of water while

cutting back on alcohol and other high-calorie drinks.

"Beyond that, if you eat a huge amount of food, work it off and walk it off, walk around the block," he said.

It would take 27 minutes of walking to burn the 97 calories

in an 8-ounce serving of cola. A really fast mile would burn 125 calories, Popkin notes.

But that barely dents the 2,000 to 3,000 calories in an average Thanksgiving meal.

Three ounces of white

turkey meat is only 130 calories, but a serving of sweet potato casserole is 330 calories; stuffing is 107; a slice of pumpkin pie is more than 300, while a piece of pecan pie is 500 calories.

On previous Thanksgivings, Patty Wade, 61, would have helped herself to a piece of that pecan pie, along with a large serving of corn casserole and potatoes. But things are different this year.

Wade, a senior analyst for a St. Louis hospital, has lost 55 pounds since March, and doesn't plan to regain any of it despite dealing with three Thanksgiving celebrations and four family birthdays this month.

Now, she restricts herself to a reasonable portion of meat, vegetables without high-calorie sauces, and a few bites of dessert. She's bringing dessert to Thursday's feast, a "really good yellow cake that doesn't require icing."

Dr. Robert Kushner, professor of medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, recommends having a plan of action like Wade's, and visualizing the meal beforehand.

He suggests deciding ahead of time what can and cannot be eaten, eating while sitting

rather than standing and talking, and from a plate not off a tray to keep things in proportion.

"Take small bites and eat slowly. And, don't get stuck in guilt if you've eaten too much."

"Feeling guilty just leads to 'I blew my diet, so I won't start again until January,'" he said. "That's the worst thing you can do."

For Amy Lottes, her plan includes a three-hour walk when she takes her kids to the Saint Louis Zoo on Thanksgiving. Exercise and portion control have helped the St. Louis-area mom keep off the 20 pounds she lost four years ago with the help of a nutritionist and personal trainer.

This Thanksgiving, the 41-year-old will forfeit dessert and second helpings and have a second glass of wine instead.

Personal trainer Gina Pona-Norton said it's important to stay active — not just busy — over the holidays. And don't deprive yourself, just use moderation.

"If you get off track, get back on as soon as possible," she said. "If you have a bad Thursday, Friday is the day of eating perfect. Let it go. Let Thanksgiving go."

Tips

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Deborah Tannen is an author and linguistics professor at Georgetown University who specializes in how language affects relationships. She says different conversational styles among families and friends can create problems.

"In one family you ask a lot of questions to show interest, and in another you don't ask questions because that's nosy," Tannen says. The trick, she adds, is finding a balance between that perceived indifference and prying.

"Just being aware of it and making allowances helps," she says. "If an extroverted spouse is with circumspect in-laws, you might have to bite your tongue. If you're doing all the talking, back off." Conversely, "if you think you are being overlooked, push yourself to start talking."

Another emotional culprit — which can boil over amid the stress of cooking and general household chaos — involves adult children returning home and "always feeling 12 years old," says Tannen, whose most recent book is "You're Wearing That? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation."

"Mothers may criticize daughters about your hair, your weight, food and eating. Do you really need that second helping? Sometimes the mother has to bite her tongue. The daughter can restrain her way of reacting. It is criticism, and it is helpful. You can make a joke out of it rather than getting mad. If you can, you can talk about it beforehand."

Jan Blackstone-Ford is a co-founder of Bonus Families, an organization in the San Francisco area that offers counseling and support

to stepfamilies. She recalls one particularly "awful" Thanksgiving with her second husband, when dinner ran late and his kids had to exit at mid-meal to head to the home of their mother, Sharyl Jupe.

"We had to finish without them. I worked really hard on the dinner," she says. "My daughter loves her siblings and didn't want them to leave; the little one didn't want them to leave. Dad's all (angry) and felt it was my fault because I was cooking. I'm the bad guy."

Urged by all the frazzled children, Jupe, the other Bonus Families co-founder, and Blackstone-Ford ultimately negotiated a joint celebration at alternate houses each year. Food traditions help hold it all together.

"We have two types of gravy: flour for us, cornstarch for Sharyl. I like canned cran-

berry sauce; she makes hers from scratch. Last year their side ate their stuff and our side had stuff I made," Blackstone-Ford says. "This is what works for us. Celebrate the differences. I'll make fun of their gravy."

Bernadette Watkins, who runs Broadwell's Elegant Etiquette classes in Naples, Fla., says including "neutral" guests such as neighbors, colleagues, even soldiers from local military bases can

induce better behavior among feuding family members.

"Inviting someone people don't know takes a lot of tension away from the stiffness and anger. You don't want to be ugly or put on too much of a show in front of them, so you try to behave and zip it up a bit."

If getting through an entire meal with relatives is out of the question, "just go for cocktails and then leave,"

Watkins says. "It's better for both sides of the family."

Indeed, she and her husband, Henry Broadwell Watkins III, do that very thing with his kin: "We have a difference of opinions with business, and I feel if they don't respect your business ideas, it's very difficult to see them on a social level." After gathering to toast the day, she and her husband depart for dinner with "our own immediate and loving family."

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Turkey pardons, the stuffing of historic legend

By Monica Hesso
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Tuesday morning in the Rose Garden, President Bush promised May the turkey that he would not be served with a side of yams on Thanksgiving. Nor would May's pal Flower. Oh, happy day.

The Thanksgiving presidential turkey pardon. It's a tradition, major newspapers have reported for years, that began in 1947 with President Harry Truman — a sentimental reprieve from the man who had thumbs-upped two atomic bombs.

"To paraphrase Harry today," Bush said, "you cannot take the heat — and you're definitely going to stay out of the kitchen." Americans gobbled up this annual parable of mercy.

But like any masterly misdirection, like a fake FEMA news conference or a government-produced "news" segment, the turkey pardons are not what they seem.

The photos of Truman pardoning his turkeys looked real enough — live turkey, live prez, grandly extending his hand toward the tom's wattle in a gesture that surely said Emancipation! Liberation! Freedom!

Except it didn't. The archivists at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Mo., have tried to set the record straight. Right there on the site is the statement: "The library's staff has found no documents, speeches, newspaper clippings, photographs or other contemporary records in our holdings which refer to Truman pardoning a turkey

that he received as a gift in 1947, or at any other time during his Presidency."

What Truman was doing in the photo, say the archivists, was receiving a turkey, kicking off an annual tradition of presidents receiving turkeys from the National Turkey Federation. Furthermore, says archivist Tammy Kelly rather gravely, "the Turkeys were not animal people."

For example? They re-gifted a cocker spaniel named Feller intended to be a Truman family pet. "The poultry board gave (Truman) turkeys every year," Kelly adds, "and we think they probably ended up on the dinner table."

The turkey tale is the same over at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, where the records of the destination of each turkey in each year of the Ike presidency read, "Turkey to be dressed" then delivered to the president's table. Rise and repeat for presidents Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter. The respective archivists say with some embarrassment there's no evidence their presidents ever pardoned any turkeys, though they did the photo op with them each year. (Except for Carter, says archivist Dave Stanhope, "He never did any of the trimmings around Thanksgiving.")

Rosalynn was the one who had to receive the turkey. The tradition exists have skipped past just their presidents, some researchers say, because the whole thing definitely started with Truman.

What kind of freaky "1984" sham is going on here? Are we talking mind control? Mass-implanted memories? Where did this avian viral



President Harry Truman kicked off the tradition of receiving a Thanksgiving turkey from the national poultry association but evidently never pardoned one. Most likely they ended up on his table.

story come from? Onward with our investigation! ...

Let's talk turkey. Most urban legends have at least a kernel of truth.

They serve purposes after all: to frighten the public, or amuse the public, or fill the public with gray-like glurge on Thanksgiving Day. This one's no exception.

Lincoln spared a turkey once — it was meant for Christmas dinner, but his son Tad argued the turkey had as much a right to live as anyone, and Abe acquiesced. (Softie that he was, Lincoln also pardoned his son's toy soldier, Jack, a time or two, after he was "court-martialed" for falling asleep at his post.)

Both Bill Clinton and the current Bush have referred to this story in their Thanksgiving speeches.

John F. Kennedy casually spared a turkey on Nov. 19, 1962, just days before his assassination. When given a bird wearing a sign reading, "Good Eatn' Mr. President," Kennedy said, "Let's just keep him."

It wasn't an official pardon, says Kennedy archivist Steve Plotkin: "It was probably offhand, purely spontaneous."

In 1987, Ronald Reagan deflected questions about pardoning Oliver North in the Iran-contra case by joking about pardoning the turkey Charlie, who was already heading to a petting zoo.

At some point in presidential Thanksgiving history, the turkeys presented annually stopped heading for the White House table and headed off to petting zoos.

What does it matter, you may ask, whether those turkeys were officially pardoned? They lived anyway, for as long as their bloated, factory-fed bodies would allow.

But a pardon is a pardon and a news conference is a news conference, and just because something looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it is not necessarily a pardoned turkey.

Somewhere along the way, someone got confused, or decided to puff the ritual up with some pardon-flavored stuffing.

But here, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, is the straight story, gleaned from the public papers of past presidents at the American Presidency Project: The first officially pardoned bird debuted not in

1947 but in 1989 on the first presidential Thanksgiving of George H.W. Bush.

"He will not end up on anyone's dinner table — not this guy," Bush said. "He's granted a presidential pardon as of right now."

No one really knows why. "I'm sure some speechwriter came up with some unique way" of letting turkeys live, says Bush 18 press secretary Marlin Fitzwater. "Sounds like something they would do." He suggests phoning David Demarest, the former communications director.

Demarest doesn't remember, either, though he does recall there was a lot of joking around in preparation for that event — one gag briefing memo detailed the turkey's bloody death at the paws of Millie the dog.

The Bush library is no help; staffers there are as surprised as anyone to hear that their president pardoned the first turkey. "Until this morning we didn't know that he started it," archivist Zachary Roberts says. He'd always thought, in fact, that it was Truman.

Roberts will make note of the presidential first. But it probably won't make a difference to the public, who has grown used to swallowing occasionally squawks.

And Tuesday morning in the Rose Garden none of it mattered to May, who was content to huddle on his damask tablecloth and occasionally squawk.

Post-ceremony, the president said, both May and Flower would be "down to Disney World, where they will serve as honorary grand marshals for the Thanksgiving Day Parade."

He then wished them luck on their journey: "May they live the rest of their lives in blissful gobbling." Now that's a nice story.

'Wizard of Oz' Munchkins get a star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They represent the Lollipop Guild, the Lullaby Leapers — all the Munchkins really — on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Almost 70 years after "The Wizard of Oz" premiered at Grauman's Chinese Theatre, a few of the film's Munchkins made a grand entrance Tuesday to receive a collective star. Seven of the surviving actors who played the inhabitants of Munchkinland in the 1939 classic attended, arriving in a horse-drawn carriage and trailed by a marching band.

A yellow carpet, resembling the film's yellow brick road, led them to the stage. One tap-danced, and another sang.

"We love you; you have touched our hearts," former Munchkin Mickey Carroll, 88, told the crowd.



Jokey Grant, honorary mayor of Hollywood, center, walks on a yellow carpet with Ruth Duccini and Margaret Pellegrini, members of The Munchkins from the movie 'The Wizard of Oz,' to honor them with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at Grauman's Chinese Theatre on Tuesday.

Carroll was joined by former Munchkin colleagues Ruth Duccini, Jerry Macron, Margaret Pellegrini, Melvinhardt, Rnabe, Karl Slover and Clarence.

said Joey Luft, the son of Judy Garland. Garland, who played the movie's wide-eyed orphan, Dorothy Gale, died of a drug overdose in 1969.

Carroll was one of more than a hundred adults and children who were recruited for "Oz" to play the natives of what author L. Frank Baum called Munchkin Country in his 1900 book "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz."

They only made \$125 a week while filming, followed by decades of recognition, Carroll told The Associated Press by phone before the ceremony.

"I'm not a Munchkin. I'm an entertainer," Carroll noted. "But the movie is great because we all grew up with it. ... It never dies."

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Poll: Huckabee almost even with Romney in Iowa

By Dan Balz and Jon Cohen
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, buoyed by strong support from Christian conservatives, has surged past three of his better-known presidential rivals and is now challenging former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney for the lead in the Iowa Republican caucuses, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

Huckabee has tripled his support in Iowa since late July, eclipsing former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani, former senator Fred Thompson of Tennessee and Sen. John McCain of Arizona. Huckabee now runs nearly evenly with Romney, the longtime Iowa front-runner.

Huckabee's rise from dark horse to contender in Iowa is one more unexpected twist

in a race that has remained fluid throughout the year and adds another unpredictable element to the competition for the GOP nomination. His support in Iowa appears stronger and more enthusiastic than that of his rivals.

Still, there are other signs in the poll suggesting that Romney remains the candidate to beat in the state and that gains for Huckabee may be harder to achieve in the next 43 days than they were over the past four months.

Romney outperforms Huckabee and other Republicans on key attributes, with two notable exceptions — perceptions of which candidate best understands people's problems and which candidate is the most honest and trustworthy. On both, Romney and Huckabee are tied. At the same time, few Iowa Republicans see the former Arkansas governor as less credible than Romney,



Republicans presidential hopeful and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee talks with reporters outside a suburban residence before a private fundraiser Monday in Mason, Ohio.

Giuliani or McCain on some top issues.

The poll found that, overall, 28 percent of likely GOP caucus-goers support Romney, while 24 percent

support Huckabee. Thompson ran third in the poll at 15 percent, with Giuliani at about the same level, with 13 percent. McCain, whose Iowa cam-

aign appeared to derail earlier this year over his stance on immigration, had 6 percent and was tied with Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, who rose from 2 percent in July.

Huckabee's gains were concentrated among the party's conservative core. He saw a 28-percentage-point jump in support from evangelical Protestants, to 44 percent, and a 19-point rise among conservatives, to 30 percent. Among previous caucus attendees, his support increased from 9 percent to 29 percent.

Huckabee probably benefited from the decision of Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas and others to quit the race. Brownback and Huckabee had been competing for many of the same religious and conservative voters. Moreover, Huckabee's gain in this poll does not come at the expense of those still running, all of whom are

faring about the same as they were in July.

But almost half of Huckabee's supporters (48 percent) said they would definitely vote for him in January and only a quarter said there was a good chance that they would change their minds before the caucuses. In contrast, just 29 percent of Romney's backers said they would definitely vote for him, while 42 percent said there was a good chance that they could vote for someone else at the caucuses.

The enthusiasm among Huckabee supporters was striking, particularly in a year in which Republicans have been considerably dissatisfied with their candidate choices. Half of those who now back the former Arkansas governor said they are very enthusiastic about him, compared to only 28 percent of Romney's supporters.

AP investigation finds no basis for long detention of photographer in Iraq

By David Gray
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A series of accusations raised by the U.S. military against an Associated Press photographer detained for 19 months in Iraq are false or meaningless, according to an intensive AP investigation of the case made public Wednesday.

Evidence and testimony collected by the AP show no support for allegations that Bilal Hussein took part in insurgent activities or bomb-making, and few of the images he provided dealt directly with Iraqi insurgents.

"Despite the fact that Hussein has not been interrogated since May 2006, allegations have been dropped or modified over time, and new claims added, all without any explanation," said the nearly 50-page report compiled last spring by lawyer and former federal prosecutor Paul Gardephe.

The report, along with copious exhibits and other



Hussein

findings were provided to U.S. and Iraqi officials in late June but have never been publicly released by the AP.

"The best evidence of how Hussein conducted himself as a journalist working for AP is the extensive photographic record," Gardephe wrote. "There is no evidence — in nearly a thousand photographs taken over the 20-month period — that his activities ever strayed from those of a legitimate journalist."

The U.S. military notified the AP last weekend that it intended to submit a complaint against Hussein that would bring the case into the Iraqi justice system as early as Nov. 29. Under Iraqi codes, an investigative magistrate will decide whether there are grounds to try Hussein, who was seized in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi on April 12, 2006. The AP has retained Gardephe to defend Hussein before the Iraqi court.

Military officials have alleged that Hussein, 36, had links to terrorist groups but are refusing to disclose what evidence or accusations would be presented. Previously, the military suggested an array of possible lines of investigation, including claims that Hussein

offered to provide false identification to a sniper seeking to evade U.S.-led forces, that he possessed bomb-making equipment, and that he took photographs that were synchronized with insurgent blasts.

The report addresses points raised by the military in both private conversations and public statements, but Gardephe said he was

hampered by the lack of specific information about what the military intends to present in court.

Despite U.S. military claims that insurgents granted Hussein "unusual access," 99 percent of his photographs showed scenes readily visible to any passer-by, such as bombed-out buildings, injured civilians, and funerals, Gardephe said.

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Police re-arrest 3 suspects in 2005 teen disappearance

By Margaret Wreer
Associated Press writer

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — Three young men previously detained as suspects in the 2005 disappearance of American teenager Natalie Holloway were re-arrested Wednesday, the Aruban public prosecutor's office said, citing new evidence in the case. Holloway disappeared on May 30, 2005, hours before



Van der Sloot

she was scheduled to fly home to Alabama after a high school graduation on trip to this Dutch Caribbean resort island. The 18-year-old was public leaving a bar with the three young men who now are again suspects in

her disappearance. Dutch teenager Jon van der Sloot and two Surinamese brothers, Satish and Deepak Kalpoe, were arrested on suspicion of involvement in manslaughter and causing seriously bodily harm that caused the death of the American teenager, a prosecutor's office said in a statement. "The public prosecutor's office has ordered their re-

newed arrest because further investigation into the disappearance has led to new incriminating evidence," the prosecutor's office said in the statement. Van der Sloot was arrested in the Netherlands, where he is attending a university, and is expected to be extradited to Aruba. The Kalpoe brothers were arrested in Aruba. All three young men previously have denied any role in

Holloway's disappearance. The brothers were expected to appear in an Aruban court on Friday, when prosecutors planned to present new evidence to judge. The brothers were expected to make an initial appearance in an Aruban court Friday, at which point prosecutors were expected to present the new evidence to a judge. A court date in the island had not yet been set for van der Sloot.

Wim de Bruijn, a spokesman for the Dutch national prosecutor's office, said van der Sloot could be sent to Aruba without an extradition hearing and the transfer would occur "within several days." The three were first arrested in June 2005, but a judge ordered their release, citing insufficient evidence. All three have denied any role in Holloway's disappearance.

25 million Britons' data may be at risk

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press writer

LONDON — It was a civil servant's simple mistake, but the consequences could be vast.

Two computer disks bearing addresses, bank account numbers and other details of about 25 million people — almost half the British population — were popped into internal government mail and never arrived. The government says there is no sign the data has fallen into criminal hands. But technology experts and civil libertarians say the security lapse spotlights the risks we take in entrusting personal details to governments and large institutions.

"I profoundly regret and apologize for the inconvenience and worries that have been caused to millions of families," Prime Minister Gordon Brown told the House of Commons on Wednesday. "We have a duty to do everything that we can to protect the public." The disks disappeared while being sent by internal mail to the tax and customs department to the government's audit agency. Treasury chief Alistair Darling said the disks held information on the 7.25 million families in Britain claiming a child benefit — a tax-free monthly payment available to everyone with children. He said the delivery had not been tracked and the disks were missing for three weeks before the alarm was raised.

The disks were password protected, but the information on them was not encrypted. Darling, who disclosed the breach to shocked lawmakers on Tuesday, called the lapse "catastrophic."

"I can well understand people's anxiety and anger that this has happened. It should never have happened, and I apologize unreservedly for that," Darling said Wednesday.

Technology experts said they could not recall a loss of data on this scale in Britain. They said it showed fundamental flaws in the government's plan to keep more information about citizens on centralized databases.

Projects in the works include a national medical records database and biometric identity cards for all citizens.

"It's impossible to control this much data," said Guy Hovav, a watchdog group director. "Whenever you collect information and keep it centrally it will be abused. It will be lost." Conservative Party leader David Cameron said the breach should make the government reconsider its ID cards plan.

"People are desperately worried about the privacy of their bank accounts, their health records, their personal details," he told Brown in the House of Commons. "They will find it truly bizarre if they find it out. How can you do that to the people? It's a national identity problem."

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EDITORIAL

Give thanks for Idaho's resilient economy

After you thank God for your family and your health and your country this Thanksgiving Day, given a thought to your pocketbook.

In contrast to the rest of America, Idaho's economy in general and the Magic Valley's in particular seem darn near bullet-proof.

Crop and dairy prices are high, food processing and light manufacturing are flourishing, unemployment is at 2 percent (2.5 percent statewide), and out-of-state companies are looking seriously at relocating here.

Plus, meteorologists are predicting a wetter-than-usual winter.

Although the meltdown of the subprime mortgage market is hurting home sales everywhere, most Idaho observers expect that the decline won't last long here. Slumping land construction and housing costs will bring buyers back, probably sooner rather than later.

Because of its size, recent downsizing at Boise-based Micron Technology — Idaho's largest taxpayer — negatively affects every community in Idaho. Dell has trimmed employment at its call center in Twin Falls, but smaller technology companies statewide are doing well.

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"The last time I checked, agriculture isn't going to pay the bills — it's going to be the science and tech industry." Crawford said.

He's right, to a point. Outside the Treasure Valley, ag — a \$5 billion industry in Idaho — still drives regional economies. And two-fifths of that revenue — about \$2 billion — is generated in just six counties in the Magic Valley.

But there are some clouds on the horizon. The ongoing showdown between surface water-users and groundwater pumpers could result in curtailment of a significant amount of cropland by summer. If it's on the order of 250,000 acres, it will cost the economy \$250 million to \$350 million.

That's a footloose formula for a regional recession. And the continuation of Idaho's drought into a ninth year would cause major problems for all water-users — and the wider Magic Valley economy — since there's very little carryover in Jackson Lake, Pillsbury Reservoir and American Falls Reservoir.

Still, it's been 20 years since Idaho climbed out of its last recession; the downturn of 1990-91 largely passed the state by. The state has remained prosperous because its economy is strong on fundamental, cheap electricity, affordable land, a cost-effective workforce, a flexible education system and comparatively low taxes. For potential investors in Idaho, it's still very much a buyer's market.

On this Thanksgiving Day, we have more to be thankful for than we have to worry about. That's truly a blessing.

Our view:
Whether or not the nation as a whole dips into recession, Idaho's — and the Magic Valley's — economic fundamentals remain solid.
What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Fun and feasting: A taste of the first Thanksgiving Day

WASHINGTON — Every November, the smallest students at Wayside Elementary School in Potomac, Md., don construction-paper costumes and file with simmering excitement into the school's all-purpose room, where they perform for a standing-room-only crowd of camcorder-wielding parents and munch on Thanksgiving-themed food.

ELIZABETH CHANG

The kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast has been going on for more than two decades and is a tradition ingrained in the fabric of Wayside school.

The children have spent weeks preparing: learning "Over the River and Through the Woods," complete with hand motions; feasting on cut-out turkeys with everything from macaroni to candy wrappers; and making costumes representing big-buckled, big-collared Pilgrims and beaded, feather-decked Native Americans.

Some parents even arrive an hour early to snag prime viewing spots.

Teacher Lynnette Lee, who has been at the school for 24 years, says the ritual started shortly after she arrived, and though elements have changed over the years, the students' excitement has not.

"They're still at an age where they want to please their mom and dad." Indeed, ask the current first-graders about last year's event, and what they seem to remember most clearly is that their moms and dads and little brothers and sisters were there.

ling languages ranging from Africans to Vietnamese. The songs reflect diversity as well. Last year's show featured sign language and a Navajo tune along with perennials such as "Turkey in the Straw." And no one says "Indian" anymore.

Another change: the menu. At first, parents brought in turkeys. But then, when health regulations prohibited that, the kindergarten teachers started roasting turkeys in the school's cafeteria that were "tasted," as Lee diplomatically puts it, by the pretend Pilgrims and Native Americans, who preferred the fall-themed goodies that accompanied the meat. Last year, when the school's move to all-day kindergarten had shifted the schedule so the event fell after lunch, the treats became the entire feast, and the 106 kindergarteners gobbled up delicacies such as muffins, pumpkin cookies, popcorn and apple

jules. But "cookies can be a feast for a 5-year-old," says kindergarten teacher Leslie Lenz. "They went home happy."

"I thought it was wonderful," says principal Yong-Mi Kim, who is in her third year at Wayside. Kim says her former schools didn't have a similar tradition for kindergarten. "I think there are a lot of things that we do that are unique to Wayside, and it's those little things that make the school what it is." Eliminating such programs because of nontender reasons, as some schools have done, "misses the point of what school is about for kindergarteners especially, but even later on," Kim says. Rituals like the Thanksgiving Feast "are the things they remember."

Chang is a Washington Post editor whose daughters were once Pilgrims or Native Americans at Wayside.

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In the next White House: Transparency, authenticity, unity

WASHINGTON — Peter Hart, the Democratic pollster whose firm has interviewed thousands of voters this year, says the attributes most of them desire in a president for 2008 can be summed up in three words: transparency, authenticity and unity.

I needed help from him in understanding the firm word. But when he said it meant honesty, openness, forthrightness in expressing views, and clarity about the sources of the candidate's support, I said that sounded right.

The other two traits were easily understandable. Authenticity means comfort in one's own skin, a minimum of pretense or artifice, and especially consistency and predictability on matters of principle.

The hankering for unity is also palpable and reflects the conspicuous absence of agreement — and excess of

partisanship — in the contemporary political scene. It has been saying for months that voters care less whether the next president is a Democrat or a Republican than that the person moving into the Oval Office be someone who can pull the country together to face its challenges.

That is also the theme of an excellent new book by Ron Brownstein, the able political reporter who recently left the staff of the Los Angeles Times to become political director of the Atlantic Media Company, publishers of The Atlantic magazine, National Journal and The Hotline.

The book — "The Second Civil War: How Extreme Partisanship Has Paralyzed Washington and Polarized America" — is a guide to a dysfunctional political environment that has poisoned relationships between the executive and legislative



DAVID S. BRODER

branches and made this session of Congress notably acrimonious and unproductive.

Brownstein traces the problem back to the "sorting-out" process, which shuffled both parties' membership starting in the 1960s. Congressional districts in the South that once elected conservative Democrats became electing Republicans. States bordering Canada that once elected moderate or progressive Republicans started electing Democrats.

Where each party used to have an ideological mixture, each is now more clearly defined — in opposition to

the other. The result is a Republican Party that is far more universally (and steadily) conservative; and a Democratic Party whose center of gravity has moved equally far to the left.

The center has become lightly populated, and the penalties for politicians who compromise, let alone condescend, across party lines have become much stiffer. The incentives are almost all to hunker down and fight, not to compromise and settle.

The congressional divisions have been heightened by President Bush's strategic decision to govern almost entirely within his own party's relatively narrow political base. He courted many core Republicans to power his two trips to the White House and has relied almost exclusively on Republican votes in the House and Senate to sustain his program.

While giving him some notable victories, this strategy also solidified the opposition and stiffened the Democrats' determination to oppose him at every opportunity — whatever the consequences.

But, as Brownstein notes, there has been no comparable increase in partisanship among the voters, who cling stubbornly to a common-sense, moderate conservative view — and simply want the practical problems that both sides addressed. The things the public worries about — the Iraq War, health care, energy, immigration — are not partisan problems, but national challenges.

That is why Hart puts unity up there with the other two principal desires in his distillation of the most-wanted presidential qualities.

The current field of presidential candidates does not offer much hope of finding that ideal. But Brownstein

has a suggestion that could help the eventual winner: Consider a collaborative or what he calls an "interactive" approach to the presidency.

"On health care," he writes, "a president could ask the heads of General Motors and Wal-Mart to sit with the leaders of the major health care unions and consumer groups to explore areas of agreement; and to pinpoint their remaining disagreements. On energy issues, oil and utility executives could be brought together with environmentalists and climate scientists. Such a convening style of leadership would tap the energy of voters and interest groups alike estimated by the warfare in Washington."

"Indeed, it would. And what a cause for Thanksgiving that would be."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thankfulness can be a tricky business

"Thanksgiving, a time to count our blessings. Tricky business, since many blessings are "left-handed."

"Thanks for 2½ hours in the dentist's chair? And for modern dentists, Novocain and '60s music. Thanks for an eye infection? And for antibiotics and a caring wife."

"Thanks for being out of work? And for a chance to catch up on reading, praying and visiting folks — thanks for a cold rainy day? And for a warm fire and a beautiful "power sky." Thanks for a line at the grocery store? And for the freedom that enables the most affordable, best-quality food in the world."

"Thanks for a wayward child? And for godly wisdom that sees potential through tested love."

"Thanks for a broken light socket? And for "swirly" bulbs and some of the cheapest power in America. Thanks for expensive gas? And for cars' better mileage and dependability in all of history."

"Thanks for the death of a friend? And the blessed hours of love and memories and the prospect of heavenly reunion."

"Thanks for insane wars? And for a Christian foundational government that is (if slowly) self-correcting. Thanks for barren trees? And for the splendor of fall colors on a crystal encrusted autumn sunrise."

Both "and thankfulness is (or isn't) in the eye of the beholder. It's a decision, a choice, a way of living, real freedom."

A balance beam needs but a pinch of stardust to tip, a ray of light that breathes a ton — a breath that ripples a still pond changes everything, for someone with eyes to see. Tricky business, thankfulness. For what are you thankful?

PHIL AUER
Bergers

Resident a victim of racial profiling

I was appalled at the experience I had outside of Target.

As we were walking out of doors, two immigration officials stopped my husband and asked him for his ID; he was an illegal immigrant who was just walking out of a store and was stopped. My husband has never committed a crime and has no prior criminal record. Once the officers found out my husband didn't have permission to be here, they handed me his wallet, his wedding ring and put him in handcuffs. I was left on the bench outside of Target crying hysterically as I watched my husband walk away.

I can say my husband was a true victim of racial profiling. My husband is Mexican, has dark hair and eyes with a dark complexion. I am also of Mexican descent. The only difference between myself and my husband is my skin is lighter and I speak perfect English. I was not asked to show my ID by the immigration officials.

I am a U.S. citizen and

truly appalled that someone can be so narrow-minded about the situations that families are put into when husbands who are the sole financial contributor for the family are ripped away, solely because they were victims of racial profiling.

I'm disgusted that the daily owners aren't standing up in lieu of the recent "crackdown" and offering more immigrant workers they employ the option to obtain a work visa to be here legally. I also ask why aren't immigration officials "cracking down" on immigrants from Canada, and why isn't there a fence being built on our northern border?

People should focus less on making the fence on our southern border more complex to penetrate and more on how to build one on our north to keep out those illegal immigrants.

ALICIA MARTINEZ
Twin Falls

Movie-goers need less in common decency

It is sad that the movie theaters in Twin Falls offer such a low-quality experience.

However, what is even more disconcerting, are the rude and thoughtless attendees. The lack of common decency displayed by movie-goers in the Magic Valley is beyond comprehension.

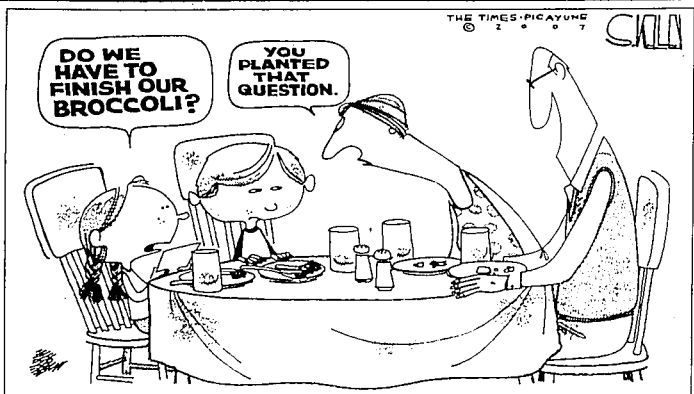
My Top 10 suggestions that might improve the movie going experience for all:

1. You are not funny. I do not want to hear you say anything. Whisper.
2. If you are 6-foot 5-inches, please do not sit directly in front of my 4-foot kid.
3. Good job switching your cell phone to vibrate. However, answering the phone and having a conversation is also rude.
4. If your children have whooping cough, please leave "sea world" at home so I don't have to hear playing instead of the movie.
5. Newborn infants really don't like the movies.
6. If you laugh like a laughing elk, control yourself.

7. If you are taking the "Brady Bunch" to the movies, please communicate with them quietly.
8. Teach your kids to chew with their mouths closed. This is a theater, not a cud-chewing contest.
9. If you put your feet on my seat, don't be surprised when I offer you a fungal cream, Mr. Slinky Feet.
10. If your kid can't fit in the seat, you should know the 32 oz. soda equals 400 calories; the bucket-o-butter popcorn, 800 calories; the bag of chocolate, 600 calories. Your 8-year-old only needs 1,400 calories per day.

In the Magic Valley, as movie-goers, we are paying a premium price for a low-quality experience. Until we are blessed with a modern cinema, we are stuck with what we have. Please don't make it worse by being rude, disruptive and un-hygienic.

TOM YOUNG
Twin Falls



'Crunch' time for the GOP

WASHINGTON — Don't believe all the hype about the "credit crunch."

Not yet, anyway. It's supposedly suffocating the economy. True, big banks and investment houses have suffered multibillion-dollar losses on "subprime" mortgages and related securities. But except for housing — where lending has collapsed — the effects on consumers and businesses have so far been modest. Should they get worse, however, the "crunch" wouldn't be just about economics. It could decide the next president.

People vote their pocketbooks. Up to a point, this is unfortunate, because politicians of both parties usually get too much practice. Blame for the economy, when their influence on it weighs is often negligible. But politics isn't always rational or fair, and a slowing economy is already a burden that — along with Iraq — Republicans will carry into the election.

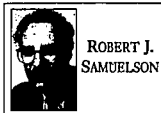
Consider the latest economic outlook from the forecasting firm Global Insight. Though not yet predicting a recession, it sketches an economy that won't feel good for much of the 2008 election cycle:

- Housing's slide continues. New home starts fall to 1 million, down from 2.1 million in 2005. By early 2009, home prices decline a cumulative 11 percent from their peak. On a median-priced home of \$220,000, the loss is \$24,000.
- Car and light-truck sales dip to 15.7 million, the lowest since 1998; they were 16.9 million as recently as 2005.

- Unemployment averages 5 percent, up from 4.6 percent this year.
- Pretax corporate profits decline 2.1 percent, the first decrease since 2001.

Moreover, Global Insight thinks there's a 35 percent chance that the slowdown might become a recession. Two threats loom. One is oil. The forecast assumes that prices will fall from about \$69 a barrel now to \$76 in 2008. Every \$10 above that is reckoned to raise gasoline prices 19 cents a gallon and cut employment by 100,000. The second threat is an aggravated credit crunch.

What we call "crunch" is merely a new label for the old credit cycle.



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In a strong economy, people think they can handle more debt. Lenders relax credit standards. Sooner or later, the process reverses. Heavy debt payments oppress borrowers. Lenders react to rising delinquencies by tightening lending. Housing's recent boom-and-bust cycle conforms perfectly to this script.

But elsewhere, lending proceeds. Other consumer debt (credit cards, auto loans, personal loans) is growing at about a 5 percent annual rate, says Susan Sterne of Economic Analysis Associates. Although corporate bond issuance has declined, the main cause seems to be a drop in mergers, acquisitions and private-equity buyouts. These have relied heavily on bonds for financing. As yet, business investment in new machinery, software and buildings seems barely affected.

Lending hasn't collapsed in part because the subprime losses, though large in billions, are still small compared with the financial system's total capital. Brian Bethune of Global Insight figures that American investors have so far lost \$50 billion. By contrast, stockholders' equity in U.S. banks alone exceeds \$1 trillion. Still, the crunch is the first major crisis for a new financial system that has taken shape slowly since 1980.

Loans that were once made and held by banks are now increasingly "securitized." That is, they're bundled into bondlike financial instruments and resold to other investors (pension funds, hedge funds, other banks). Two major problems have emerged.

First, because banks and other loan "originators" didn't keep all the loans they made — and earned fees for making the loans — they got careless and greedy. They relaxed credit standards; weak borrowers got mortgages; or were persuaded unwisely to refinance existing mortgages for higher amounts.

Second, some of the securities into which the mortgages were packaged were so complex that the people selling and buying them didn't understand, with hindsight anyway, what they were doing. As a result, it's hard to determine the securities' value.

The specter of the subprime debacle is that it's just a start. Huge amounts of auto loans, credit-card debt, commercial mortgages and equipment leases have also been securitized. If similar problems emerged, it would shake confidence in the

securitization model and, by magnifying investors' losses, threaten to turn the credit crunch from a slogan into a reality. A broader crisis, though a long shot, can't be excluded.

All of which brings us back to politics. Global Insight has one of many computer models that calibrate voting behavior with the economy's performance. The model has picked the winner of the popular vote in 13 of the last 15 presidential elections (it missed 1968 and 1976). Right now, the Republican and Democratic candidates are, putting Iraq aside, dead even. A deeper credit crunch would swing the advantage to the Democrats.

Ironically, while all the candidates are fighting frantically for their parties' nomination, the financial markets may be quietly determining the ultimate victor.

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No one has to go without turkey

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Being alone shouldn't be part of your Thanksgiving plans. There are a number of places holding community Thanksgiving meals today in the West End. The West End Senior Center in Buhl is one.

Cal Wood, of Buhl, said he has spearheaded the meal at the center for the past five years. The idea grew out of the success of community meals in Ashton, where his son lives. "I only have about 400 people in town, and they fed 1,200 people and were able to raise \$5,000 for their people's needs at Christmas," Wood said. "We just thought it would be beneficial to do the same thing here."

The meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the center, 1010 Main Street.

Last year the group, supported with food and volunteers from 10 local churches, were able to feed about 250 in the center. The meal is served at no charge, but a freewill offering is accepted. Proceeds are split between the center, the local food bank and the community kitchen.

"Oh, we're getting calls already for people wanting meals delivered," said site manager Kathie Woods. "The atmosphere is really relaxed, and I think the old tradition of staying home and cooking a really big meal is going by the wayside. People stay after they eat and relax and visit. It is a really nice way to spend the day."

At the First Assembly of God Church, 708 Locust St. in Buhl, a meal will be served from noon to 5 p.m. Pastor Rick Stoltenburg said they aren't trying to compete with the center but instead are trying to reach even more people who may not have a place to go.

"We are just trying to reach out to the community," Stoltenburg said. "We even have diabetic meals on request and we're delivering meals as well."

In Filer, the community is invited to gather for a meal between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Filer Elementary School.

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Officials call for child-death review board

Board could help state to recognize infant homicide cases

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

For Twin Falls Investigators, the case was simple.

Though her act was unintentional, the evidence, prosecutors said, showed that Elizabeth Miller smothered 2-year-old Ashlyn Roger Lynn

against a couch in January. Miller pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 10 years in prison for it on Tuesday. But other child homicides may not be as easy to recognize, much less prosecute. The solution, some officials say, may be bringing back a child-death review board, which would serve as a safety net for the state, ensuring that homicide cases and a host of other situations are properly investigated.

The effort to bring back the board was highlighted this week by a Scripps Howard News Service study

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By the numbers

Infant homicides are rare in Idaho. According to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, 10 of 576 deaths of infants under the age of 2 have ruled homicides between 2001 and 2005. About 80 were linked to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Infant mortality rates have been steady in the state since 2001. Data from Health and Welfare show the death rate falling from 17.5 percent in 2000 to 6.2 percent in 2004, though in 2005, though the number of deaths slowly increased during the five-year period.

Year	Total deaths	IDHD Homicides
2006	142	12
2005	139	14
2004	138	19
2003	127	13
2002	129	16

To read the results of the Scripps Howard investigation, visit <http://scripsnews.sdl0113.gdserv.com/node/84/>.

On her way home

As mom returns from war, flag takes on meaning for son

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

A flag has many meanings. Sometimes it's a rallying image for a country at war; other times, a political statement.

For Larry Evans and his grandson, it's a symbol of return, of a job well done. Evans, of Filer, is known around the Magic Valley for his appearances as Santa Claus. But this week he is playing a different role: that of concerned and relieved parent.

His daughter, U.S. Army Pfc. Melissa Dodson, is on her way home from Iraq. That meant on Monday that it was time to fly the flag. Dodson and her company signed and sent to her 9-year-old son, Karmrin.

"This flag was flown on July 4, 2007," Evans said proudly. Then it was signed by everyone, from the company commander on down, at Dodson's observation post 35 miles from the Iranian border and mailed home to Filer.

Dodson's been gone for 15 months, her second tour of duty. So grandfather and grandson unwelting her flag for six hours on Monday was a welcome sign to both.

"It was a 'Froise God' that she was home," Evans said Tuesday. "We wanted to do it as just a celebration that she was living."

It might have been up longer, Karmrin said. But the weather this week was just too windy.

"Plus, it could rain, you know," he said.

In Iraq, Dodson works as a diesel mechanic, fixing the Army's Humvees. But at home, she becomes a baseball partner for Karmrin, or just someone to talk to. Karmrin was able to talk to his mom on the phone a few times, he said. But her return home — once she clears screenings at Ft. Hood, in Texas — will give him a chance to catch her up on his schooling, and her a chance to clear her mind.



Karmrin Dodson holds a photo of his mother, U.S. Army Spc. Melissa Dodson, who is returning home from Iraq, while his grandfather Larry Evans holds a flag his daughter sent to them. Members of her unit in Iraq signed the flag with words of encouragement.

"She just enjoys being away from that place she's at right now," Karmrin said.

Both Evans and Karmrin have adjusted to life without their daughter, and mother, Evans said — the family has always lived together. But that doesn't mean it's been easy.

"It's kind of tough on her, and tough on us, but we're just

kind of working it out," he said.

And Dodson still has three more years ahead of her when she could be asked to leave her home and family behind to serve her country. The family doesn't know if or when that might happen, though Evans said he's reassured by signs that Iraqis may be starting to grasp the meaning of freedom —

another, more-complicated meaning of Dodson's flag.

"I feel, after them being in slavery for so long and dictatorship, that it's going to take them a while to learn what freedom is," he said. "That's not something that just comes overnight."

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Police ask for public's help in suspected attempt to entice child

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls Police Department has asked for the public's help in identifying a man involved in a possible child enticement attempt earlier this week.

At 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, a 13-year-old female student at Robert Stuart Junior High was walking near Caswell Avenue and Meadows Drive. While walking east on Caswell Avenue, the girl reported that a vehicle pulled up next to her and the driver offered her a ride home. She refused, but the driver continued to offer her a ride

long away. Police said the vehicle was described as a dark blue, four-door sedan, possibly an older model Oldsmobile or Chevrolet automobile with a dent on the left rear side. The driver was described as a Latino male, approximately 18 or 19 years old, with a thin mustache. The driver was wearing a zippered white hooded jacket with thin green stripes on the sleeves and a white hat. A Latino female, approximately 18 or 19 years old with long dark hair, was reported as sitting in the passenger seat of the vehicle.

Robert Stuart Principal Steve Smith said Wednesday that police had reported the situation to him and that his staff had sent two e-mail alerts throughout the school — though parents had not been contacted.

Wednesday was only a half day for students, and Smith said further efforts — including a meeting with counselors and the school resource officer — would wait until classes resume on Monday to avoid making the incident seem more than it appears.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Twin Falls Police at 735-4357.

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St. Luke's-Elks service aimed at valley residents

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

When Larry Hauber's knee ached up, he said, he had no option but to see a doctor. "I'd go to the doctor and he'd prescribe me pain medicine, and I'd be back in pain," Hauber said.

Services. A few minutes with a therapist, he said, taught him new exercises, he now uses to ease the pain, and it cost him nothing.

And neither does Joy Crist. The site manager of the St. Luke's and Idaho Elks joint venture, Crist said her office's screening program is the first in the Magic Valley in the area. "The program is the latest of a number of St. Luke's Elks programs to migrate to Twin Falls," Crist said. The joint ven-

ture, operated in Boise for 12 years, opened the doors of its Magic Valley office in September, and the free screenings — usually offered every other week — started this month. St. Luke's Magic Valley, Regional Medical Center also contracts with the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital to manage its new inpatient rehabilitation unit, a separate move made by the Twin Falls hospital that replaced its traditional care unit.

Learn more

The St. Luke's Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Services Clinic in Twin Falls offers free orthopedic screenings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every other Thursday. The next screenings are Dec. 8 and 20. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 737-2126.

services to the community and to people who otherwise

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Debra Burlene Dotson Lee

ELKO, Nev. — Debra Burlene Dotson Lee, 52, returned to her heavenly father Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, in Elko, Nev., following a long battle with multiple sclerosis.

Debra was born Sept. 5, 1955, in Twin Falls, to Burl Wayne and Delphia Allene Dougan. She joined a growing family of four children, followed by another sibling. She married Gordon Kay Lee Jr. on Jan. 7, 1977, in Elko, Nev. The couple settled in southern Idaho to raise their four children. Debra and Gordon spent 30 years together and had planned on many more. Although her love remains in his heart, he'll always miss his sweet heart. She was a mother that loved for her family and always gave whatever it took to love her children.

Debra is survived by her devoted and loving hus-

band, Gordon Kay Lee Jr. of Elko, Nev.; her four loving children, Cory Dean (Twenty) Fabela and Burl Trenton Dotson, both of Elko, Nev.; Rhonda Delphia (Elgor) Madsen of Lakeland, Colo., and Jeffery Leonard Lee of Twin Falls; two sisters, Shirley Epperson and Linda (Cleckie) Shook, both of Pocatello; one brother, Burl (Vickie) Dotson of Twin Falls; father-in-law, Gordon Kay Lee Sr.; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents, Burl and Delphia Dougan; two brothers, James Dotson and Dean Dotson; mother-in-law, Alice Lee; beloved uncle, Leonard (Clem) Lee; nieces, Beverly Gibson; and many other relatives from Idaho, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

A viewing will be held from 9 to 11:40 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls. A graveside service will be held at noon Friday at the Twin Falls Cemetery.



Wilbert 'Bill' Samuel Williams

YAKIMA, Wash. — Wilbert "Bill" Samuel Williams, 96, of Yakima, Wash., died Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital.

Bill was born Oct. 17, 1911, in Derry Township, Ill., to Steven Ross and a name (Gilling) Williams. Bill was married to Doris C. Crawford on Sept. 26, 1936, in Jerome. Bill started his career in 1938 as a baker in a small bakery in Hannibal, Mo. Bill went on to become a bakery sales manager with Albertsons. He worked for several stores in several states over the years, including Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Bill was a proud member of the

Bakers Union Local 26 in Tacoma, Wash.

Surviving family include his daughters, Beverly Curry of Tacoma, Wash., and Barbara (Bill) Amen of Las Vegas, Nev.; and a son, Wilbert Williams Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev.; and two very special friends and neighbors, William and Darlene Vogel.

Visitation can be made from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at Keith and Keith Funeral Home. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Keith and Keith Ninth Avenue Chapel in Yakima, Wash. Visitation can be made from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls. A graveside service will follow starting at 2 p.m. in the Filer Cemetery in Filer.



SERVICE NEWS

Eli Henson

On Nov. 1, Eli Henson was presented with the Medal of Honor, Scholarship for United States Marine Corps, Reserve Officer Training Corp. (USMC, ROTC).

The academic scholarship is awarded to one ROTC student per year per branch of the armed services. It is sponsored by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation to perpetuate the Medal of Honor's legacy of courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism.

Henson was selected in a rigorous competition of outstanding cadets from across the nation. The award and copy of the hardcover book, *Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty*, were presented to Henson by Congressman Eli Henson and Thomas H. Norris.



Vietnam War. Norris was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Ford in 1976.

Also presenting was retired Air Force General Nicholas B. Kehoe, president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation. General Kehoe is from Falls Church, Va.

Henson is the son of Curtis and Mary Kay Henson of Twin Falls and is a 2005 graduate of Wendell High School. He is a junior at the University of Idaho majoring in electrical engineering.

From left, General Kehoe, Eli Henson and Thomas H. Norris.

Nils Sjostrom

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Airman Nils O. Sjostrom has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air

Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

He is the son of Donna Breck of Twin Falls and a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Nicole Steele

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Army National Guard Pvt. Nicole M. Steele has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, she studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of Linoec Schwartz of Hansen and a 2007 graduate of Hansen Junior-Senior High School.

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Alexandra Anderson

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Army National Guard Lt. Alexandra L. Anderson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

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She is the daughter of Linoec Schwartz of Hansen and a 2007 graduate of Hansen Junior-Senior High School.

Ex-Montpelier officials sue city

MONTPELIER, Idaho (AP) — A former police chief and a former police officer each have filed lawsuits against the city of Montpelier, claiming they were wrongly fired.

Former Police Chief David Higley filed his lawsuit against the city last week, asking for more than \$10,000. In damages for alleged wrongful terminations.

Former police officer Kevin Butters is asking in his lawsuit to have his firing declared null and void, and he is seeking for any compensation "deemed appropriate by the court," the Idaho State Journal reported.

Butters was suspended with pay in March after an

Idaho Falls man accused the officer of assaulting him during an arrest. The Idaho Attorney General's Office was asked to investigate the incident and has since charged Butters with misdemeanor unnecessary assault by a police officer. Butters' trial is scheduled for Jan. 24.

Higley was suspended with pay amid allegations that he tried to cover up the incident. He has not been charged with any crime. According to his lawsuit, the city notified Higley in September that they intended to fire him for violating the personnel rules of conduct, "namely: failure to conduct yourself in a man-

ner which does not reflect adversely upon the city; and failure to adhere to code of ethics of a law enforcement officer as outlined by Idaho Police Officers Standards of Training."

Both men were fired by city council members in October. After the firings, Bear Lake County Prosecutor Ardee Helm Jr. sent a letter to city officials claiming the firing violated open meeting laws, and he urged the city to void the terminations. Helm served as the city's attorney until city officials fired him about two weeks before firing Butters and Higley.

Both Montpelier Mayor

Red Peterson and Higley's attorney Don Marler declined to comment about the lawsuits. Butters' attorney, Ronald Swafford, said he believed city officials failed to follow the necessary rules in Butters' firing.

"There's notice requirements and open meeting requirements, and we don't believe they complied with either one," Swafford said.

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DEATH NOTICES

Edith Bean

JEROME — Edith Bean of Jerome, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007, at her home.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Kerry L. Jones

Kerry Lee Jones, 44, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Nov. 19,

2007, at her home.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, at Reynolds Funeral Home Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Bud Fuller

Bud Fuller, 69, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Edmund Bruce Powell of Hansen, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Theodore "Ted" Fulkid of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St.; visitation one hour before the service Friday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Margaret E. Harrison Barrett of Boise, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Boise (Accent Funeral Home in Meridian).

Marjorie Jeanne McKenna of Hansen, family memorial at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Cemetery.

Frank R. Berria of Nampa, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1515 Eighth St. S. in Nampa; rosary and vigil service at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Paul's Catholic Church; private burial Monday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Coalinga (Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel).

11 a.m. Saturday at the Praise Chapel Christian Church in Rupert; wake service at 7 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Joyce E. Glasmann of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Cora (Christiansen) Park of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Cora's home, 2594 E. 3930 N. in Twin Falls; dress worn for outdoor service (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Mildred E. "Tink" Valentine Rogers of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St.; visitation one hour before the service Saturday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Lila E. Dayley of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Butley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 8 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:40 a.m. Monday at the church.

Id justices reject Jerome County killer's appeal

By Todd Dvorak Associated Press writer

Idaho Supreme Court Criminal Appeals: <http://www.idsc.idaho.gov/opinions/sc01m3.htm>

BOISE — A man convicted in 1985 for stalking and shooting his ex-wife in Jerome County has lost another round of appeals at the Idaho Supreme Court, this time on a technicality.

In a ruling issued Wednesday, the justices dismissed a motion for post-conviction relief filed by Jalni D. Charboneau, who was initially sentenced to death row for the murder of Marilyn Arbaugh.

Charboneau was convicted of stalking his 36-year-old ex-wife, lying in wait outside her Jerome County ranch home and shooting her repeatedly with a rifle on July 1, 1984. The case was notable because Charboneau exhausted several defense lawyers, one of whom offered a defense strategy based on a seizure.

In 1989, the Idaho Supreme Court reversed the death sentence, and a lower court judge sentenced Charboneau to life in prison.

The court's latest ruling deals with a petition filed by Charboneau in May 2002. In it, Charboneau asks for a court-appointed lawyer to argue that his case should be reconsidered based on new evidence, including taped statements made by former Jerome County sheriff's Deputy Mike Alonzo.

Charboneau also cited a letter from a former county sheriff, Larry Gold, suggesting Charboneau was the victim of a conspiracy through there was no substance to the evidence.

Charboneau said his mother had been told by a former sheriff's deputy that

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a cache of evidence, including a second gun, was taken from the murder scene and kept secret. He said she was also told by Arbaugh's daughter, that prosecutors told her to remain silent about other guns found at the house.

The petition bounced back-and-forth between the Supreme Court and District Court to address technical issues before being put to rest Wednesday.

In an unanimous opinion, the justices dismissed the petition on grounds Charboneau failed to file it in a timely manner — ideally within a year of discovering new evidence in a case.

"At a minimum, Charboneau filed his petition 13 months after his awareness of undisclosed evidence of an additional gun and that is simply too long a period of time to be reasonable," according to the ruling.

The justices did not address the legal merits of Charboneau's new evidence. But a lower court had ruled that the evidence was neither new nor admissible in court.

The opinion was written by former Justice Linda Cypert, who retired from the bench in August. Her opinion was supported by Justice Warren Jones, former Justice Wayne Kidwell and two retired District Court judges who were appointed to the case.

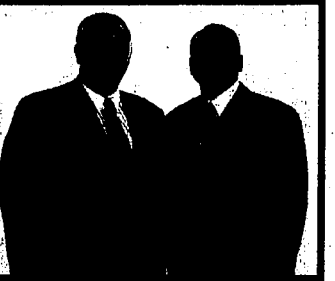
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Turkey outlet in Central Utah does brisk business

By Dawn Hoese
The Salt Lake Tribune

MORONI, Utah — It's easy to spot out-of-towners at the Silver Eagle lunch counter in central Utah. They're the ones who don't order mayonnaise, tomatoes or any other condiment on hot, Sanpete BBQ turkey.

"That's when we know we have to explain there's no barbecue sauce on the sandwiches," says Angie Bowers, manager of the Silver Eagle Denton

Fuel stop. "I don't know where the barbecue part of the name came from, but it's really murdered turkey."

Children in Sanpete County have grown up eating turkey marinated with lemon-lime soda, soy sauce, garlic and horseradish. And for years, tens of thousands of visitors have wolfed down Sanpete BBQ turkey dinners during the annual Mormon Miracle Pageant in neighboring Monticello.

Now, the Moroni Feed Co. cooperative has developed its

own Sanpete BBQ turkey breast, cut into steak-sized pieces and marketed under the Norbest label.

The product is so new that it's sold only at the cooperative's retail outlet in Moroni, about 120 miles south of Salt Lake City. Customers follow signs along Highway 132 to the point to the plant, which processes 5 million turkeys each year.

The outlet, about five miles from the Silver Eagle, is just off the highway, about where

swirls of turkey down line the roadway on 300 South. The small store goes unadvertised and is not listed on the company's Web site. The company will not release sales figures (which are thought to be in the seven digits) but a spot check shows the outlet does a brisk business.

Sanpete BBQ is just the newest offering at the well-known but little-publicized outlet (actually, it gets no publicity), which sells every variety of turkey under the

Norbest brand, from turkey roasts to deli meats.

"Just before I come, I check with my ward (church) members and then I pick some up for them, too," said Gary Jensen, who had just driven 90 miles from American Fork to stock up on turkey roasts for the Thanksgiving holiday. "I'm happy as a tick that they've still got some."

The outlet offers some discounts, more than 60 percent on some products involving irregular packaging or appear-

ance (such as the symmetry of the bird). Consumers can beat outlet prices if they watch for grocery store sales, especially during the holiday season. Retailers marketing Norbest include Albertsons and Associated Foods, which represents Harmon's, Dan's and Macey's.

And it's those retailers against whom Moroni Feed Co. does not want to compete, thus the silent treatment for the outlet, said spokesman Kent Barton.

Screenings

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may not have visited the doctor.

"This clinic we are offering is something ... used in the past as a service to the community, as well as somewhat of an educational tool as to what rehabilitation services are," Crist said.

And so far, she said, the community seems to be responding. Crist added at least one extra screening to the clinic's November calendar because response was so strong, she said.

"If people feel it's a good program and want to come in, we'll definitely accommodate them," she said.

The clinic definitely left an impression on Bill and Peggy Fleming. The Wendell couple had their screenings on Nov. 13 — he for his knee and she for her hand — and Bill Fleming said their therapist's suggestions seem to be working so far.

His wife, he said, feels better already after feeling a hand brace for the past week. And he had hopes for strengthening his knee through non-weight-bearing exercise on a stationary bike.

"Hopefully over a period of time, I'll strengthen my tendons and muscles and open up my knee," he said, allowing the 61-year-old to keep

playing softball.

Crist said the screenings are to continue on a regular basis, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every other Thursday. The physicians who help out also donate their time, she said, contributing to a service that — if the clinic ever charged for — it could cost between \$50 and \$75.

Fauber, who lives just outside Twin Falls, said he feels he's gotten his money's worth. He said he'd give the new knee exercises a try for the next month. After that, if he's still stiff, he'll look into finding a therapist — a step he may not have otherwise taken.

Infants

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of 40,000 infant deaths nationwide between 2000 and 2004. While that study looked at state review boards in the context of identifying infant homicide cases, Kirtlan Naylor — chairman of the Idaho Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk — said an infant board would be a way for the state to spot problems such as a rash of teen suicides and determine the causes behind such an incident.

"It's not just looking for potential homicide," Naylor said. "Obviously, if there is no one looking into the deaths of children on a regular or scientific basis, it's going to be difficult to discover those trends and take corrective action."

And in Idaho, no one really is looking. The state, Naylor said, is the only one without a review board, which would investigate deaths of children ages 16 and younger — though teams on the county level do review some deaths.

A previous board was formed by then Gov. Phil Batt in 1990. But it only lasted four years, Naylor said, because privacy legislation such as the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act cut off the board's access to medical records — vital to such an investigation. A new board would have to be endowed with the power to subpoena such records, he said, and confidentiality rules to protect those whose records board members review.

"Things have changed," Naylor said. "The HIPAA law has been interpreted by the courts. We're at a stage now where we can resurrect this."

Most Idaho officials interviewed seem to agree that the board would strengthen the state's ability to recognize infant homicide cases. But some, such as Twin Falls County Coroner Dennis Chambers, disagreed with what they viewed as the Scripps Howard report's assumption that Idaho's sys-

tem misses some cases. The investigation's findings said Idaho reports infant homicide rates at least 14 percent lower than the national average.

"To say our system is lacking, I'd say yes it is," Chambers said. "To say we're missing child deaths, I'd say no."

Idaho's elected coroners may not be required to have medical degrees or backgrounds, he said. But all county autopsies are done by forensic pathologists, and most coroners set aside whatever funding they can get to train themselves and their staff through classes and conferences.

"You want to make sure you look at everything because you owe it to that child," Chambers said.

Other coroners agreed that they do, in fact, look at everything. Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg said infant

homicides are rare to begin with. Statistics from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare show only 10 out of 675 infant deaths between 2001 and 2005 — the last five years available — were registered as homicides, and adding only one or two to that total could place Idaho ahead of the national rate, Sonnenberg said.

The push to recreate the review board is still in its early stages, Naylor said, and task force members don't plan to submit a bill until at least the 2009 Legislature.

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Spokane car theft suspect shot after ramming cop car

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A police officer in north Spokane opened fire at a man who allegedly rammed his patrol cruiser with a car that had been reported stolen.

Police say three men got out of the car, but the driver threw the car into reverse, striking the officer's patrol car on Tuesday. The officer, whose name was not immediately released, fired several times, striking the other car. The driver was taken to a hospital. No information was immediately available about the nature and severity of his injuries.

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BIRTHDAYS

Jerome resident celebrates 80th

JEROME — An 80th birthday celebration for Geneva Benson will be held from 1 to 2:5 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome High School cafeteria, 104 N. Tiger Drive.

Benson was born in St. Maries, Kan. She married Jack Benson on June 11, 1947, and they raised four children. They were in the restaurant business for many years in Jerome. Since Jack's death in 1994, Geneva has lived with her daughter, Jackie, west of Jerome.



Benson

The event is being hosted by her children, Wayne (Gail) Benson, Kay (Kent) Cramer, Donna (Max) Spencer, and Jackie Benson.

The family requests no gifts.

Burley woman celebrates 80 years

BURLEY — Georgia Elaine Egan Blanch of Burley will be honored at an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at her home, 420 W. 100 S.

Birth day greetings and well wishes can be sent to her at that address.



Blanch

She was born Nov. 24, 1927, in Burley. She married James Donald Blanch on Oct. 30, 1943. She has lived in the area for more than 77 years. She remodeled her home herself, earned a bachelor of arts in elementary education during night school and taught at Dworshak Elementary School in Burley from 1966-93. She has held various positions in the LDS church.

Her children include Roy Lavern (Gardland) Blanch of Jamesville, N.Y.; Eddie Dean (Nancy) Blanch of Burley; and Laura Leigh (Jim) Petterson of Provo, Utah.

She has 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Cameron celebrates 80th birthday

RUPERT — Bob Cameron of Rupert will be honored at an open house for his 80th birthday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W.



Cameron

The family requests no gifts.

Festival of Trees to feature lunch, fashion show

GOODING — Plans are being finalized for the luncheon and style show at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Festival of Trees. The annual event will be held Friday, Dec. 7, at the College of Southern Idaho Northwest Center Round Building. Two luncheon readings are available at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Marta DeMoyno of the Black Rock Clothiers in Buhl and Brenda Norton of the Sheepskin Coat Factory in Ketchum will provide outfits for the models. Beverly Houston, style show chairman, has arranged for Shelly Armstrong, Debbie Besterchen, Lottie Phelps, Katie Faulkner, Barbara Thomas and Carolyn Robertson to style the clothing.

This year's show will feature a milk fur jacket provided by the GCMH Thrift Store. Auxiliary tickets for the jacket will be available at the store and the luncheon.

Admission tickets are available at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Center.

Filer Scout to receive Eagle award

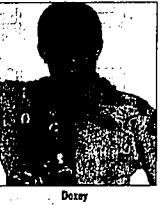
Trevor Doxey, 15 year-old son of David and Stacey Doxey of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor to be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Filer LDS Church, 841 W. Midway.

He has completed 33 merit badges and has earned two palms. For his

project, he built four stiles for Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Stiles are devices made of wood used to cross fences. They are a series of steps. The project took a total of 123 hours to complete. He was assisted by three members of his troop and his family. He is a member of Troop

72 sponsored by the Filer 1st Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His leader is Ray Slocen.

Trevor is a sophomore at Filer High School. He enjoys all sports and is a member of the football, basketball and track teams. He enjoys the outdoors and likes to hunt, fish and water ski.



Doxey

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MV writers honored at convention

Idaho Writers League annual state convention was held Sept. 27 through 29, at the Coeur d'Alene Inn, Twin Falls. Chapter IWL members attending were Loy Ann Bell, Bill Strange, and Linda Helms, all from Jerome; Sherri George, Helen Smith, and Loyd Bakewell, all of Twin Falls; Sherri George was a workshop speaker. Linda Helms was elected IWL State President for 2008.

IWL writing contest winners included Loy Ann Bell, Bill Strange, Linda Helms, all of Jerome; Sherri George, Loyd Bakewell, Forest Lampe, Will White, Wes Scantlin, and Vaughn Phelps of Twin Falls; and Jack Lintelmann of Buhl.

Kitty Fleischmann, Publisher of the IDAHO mag-

azine presented the First Place Award for IDAHO magazine. Non-Fiction to Win Lenore Mobley Jerome.

The Twin Falls Chapter of Idaho Writers League meets the third Saturday of each month at Perkins Restaurant, Blue Lakes Blvd, Twin Falls (with the December meeting held elsewhere), from noon to 2 p.m. The first Saturday of each month is a critique meeting, 10 a.m. to noon at the Club House at Country Side Estates, 1600 N. Grandview Dr., Twin Falls. For more information: Linda, 324-7694 or Bill, 944-0060 for the critique group. IWL Membership is not required to attend the meetings. Visit the web site at idahowritersleague.com

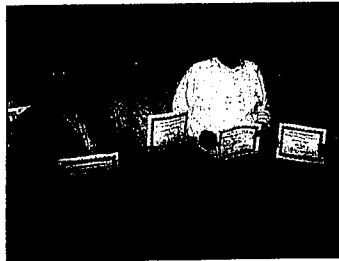


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Magic Valley residents recently attended the Idaho Writers League annual state convention held at the Coeur d'Alene Inn. Pictured from left, Loy Ann Bell, Sherri George, Bill Strange, and Linda Helms.

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Twin Falls County

ARRAIGNMENTS (NOV. 16)
John G. Bond, 31, Twin Falls; accessory to felony; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 23; \$50,000 bond.
Jeremy Johnston, 31; accessory to felony; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 23; \$10,000 bond.
Blake Critchfield, 18, Twin Falls; lewd conduct with a minor under 16; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 23; \$25,000 bond.
Joshua Mills, 29, Twin Falls;

felony driving under the influence; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 23; released on own recognizance.
Jill S. Stratton, 48, Twin Falls; resisting/obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 4; \$500 bond.
Joel Jucker, 48, Twin Falls; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 4; released on own recognizance.
Peter Kuntz, 26, Buhl; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 4; posted bond.
Octavio Felipo-Oliviera, 28,

Hollister; driving under the influence, flee or attempt to elude an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 4; \$500 bond.
ARRAIGNMENTS (NOV. 19)
Darrell W. Friel, 50, Hansen; burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 30; posted bond.
Jennifer J. Bishop, 27, Kimberly; two counts grand theft; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 30; released on own recognizance.
Steven T. Willis, 28, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public

defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 30; \$10,000 bond; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; \$100 bond.
Chester G. Standlee, 27, Eden; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 30; \$10,000 bond.
Jennifer Gorlick, 19, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 30; \$5,000 bond.
Anne M. Denman, 35, Poul; possession of a controlled sub-

stance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 30; posted bond; possession of a suspended driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; posted bond.
Robert G. Dudley, 35, Twin Falls; felony driving under the influence; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 30; posted bond.
Albert Flores Jr., 28, Buhl; aggravated battery; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing

set for Nov. 30; \$15,000 bond.
Mauro Cano-Ancieto, 31, Hansen; resisting/obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; \$20,000.
Charles H. Robbins, 30, Twin Falls; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; released on own recognizance.
Allan R. Hough, Twin Falls; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; released on own recognizance.

Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls installs 2007-08 officers

The Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls installed its 2007-08 officers and board at an installation banquet held recently at

the Turf Club in Twin Falls. Past president Ron

Dinner with entertainment at the dinner for the evening provided by "No Strings Attached." Wally Studdert, Utah-Idaho District Lt. Gov. from Rupert Kiwanis Club was the installing officer.

entation of the Kiwanian of the Year award to Revis Turner and the Juneau Shinn Award for Community Club Service to Minn Chamberlain, past treasurer of Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls. Incoming president Bruce Stevens delivered a speech entitled "Building for the Future Today."

The evening included pres-



Officers and board members of the Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls include, from left, front row, Dave Dickerson, club secretary; Trent Simpson, second vice president; Bruce Stevens, president; Steve Nelson, first vice president; Mark Brady, club treasurer; Ron Resmann, past president; back row, Harris Chamberlain, Utah-Idaho District treasurer; Len Hansen, board member; Debbie Parisk, board member; Gale Kinsley, board member; Patie Hansen, Utah-Idaho District governor-elect; and Brian Thom, board member. Board members not pictured include Tim Russell, Mike High, Mike Matthews, Leonard Hansen, Bob Ryhsrand (alternate) and Curtis Stewart (alternate).

Local preschool to join USDA food program

The Sunshine Kids Children's and Preschool in Twin Falls has announced its sponsorship of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Meals will be made available to enrolled children at no extra charge. Meals will be provided at both schools. Household income determines the amount of money USDA will reimburse to provide meals to enrolled children and, in the case of Head Start programs, the siblings of enrolled children.

The income eligibility guidelines listed below are used to determine our reimbursement from USDA. Children from households whose monthly income is at or below these levels are eligible to be counted for free and reduced-price meal reimbursement.

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- One-person household, \$1,107 free, \$1,575 reduced.
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- Four-person household, \$2,238 free, \$3,184 reduced.
- Five-person household, \$2,615 free, \$3,721 reduced.
- Six-person household, \$2,992 free, \$4,257 reduced.
- Seven-person household, \$3,369 free, \$4,794 reduced.
- Eight-person household, \$3,746 free, \$5,330 reduced.

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- Sliv IV (Sat) Daily 9:15
- American Gangster (Wed) 7:40 - 9:40
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- Thursday 12:30 - 2:30 - 7:10 - 9:45
- Friday 12:30 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 9:30
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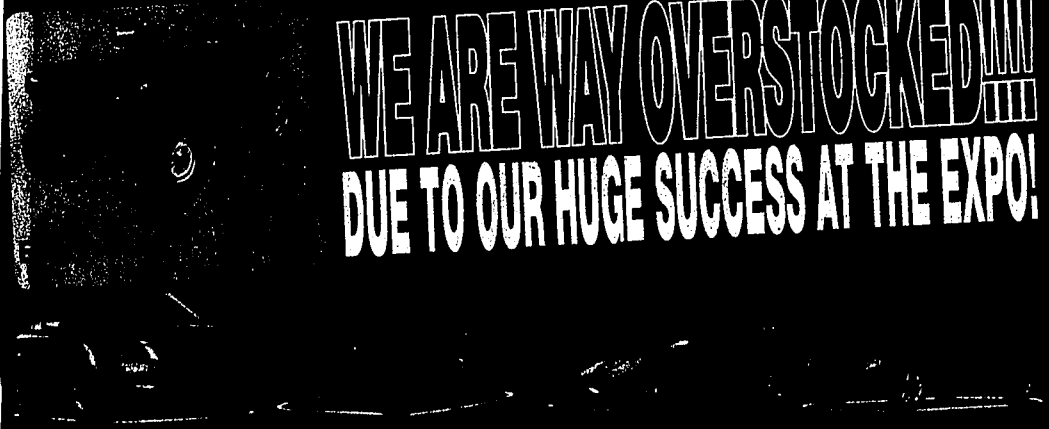
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Happy WAC day: BSU, Hawaii play with BCS hopes at stake

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — For the Western Athletic Conference, the day after Thanksgiving might as well be a holiday, too.

No. 17 Boise State plays at No. 14 Hawaii on Friday night, putting the WAC's best on display for the whole country to watch. The league hopes what poll voters and bowl organizers see is at least one team worthy of a Bowl Championship Series bid. Maybe even two.

The Warriors are undefeated and 15th in the latest BCS standings. Boise State (10-1), last season's BCS busters, are 19th in the standings

and haven't given up hope of making it to the big stage for a second consecutive year.

The magic BCS number for the WAC champion is 12. Either Boise State or Hawaii needs to finish in the top 12 of the final BCS standings on Dec. 2 to earn an automatic bid. For Boise State it's probably a long shot to get to 12th place. For Hawaii, chances are good, but it's no slam dunk.

"I remain confident that the (BCS) process will reward a 12-0 Hawaii team," WAC commissioner Karl Benson told the Honolulu Advertiser this week.

Boise State was unbeaten when it

earned an automatic BCS bid to the Fiesta Bowl last season, and that worked OK for everyone involved — except Oklahoma. The Sooners lost 43-42 in overtime to the Broncos, who became everybody's favorite underdog with their trick plays and propping tailback.

Boise State at Hawaii
7 p.m., Friday
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Boise State's BCS run not only provided great publicity for the Broncos and the WAC, but it also brought about \$9 million into the league. The WAC allowed Boise State to keep about 70 percent of its BCS windfall and the other eight members split the rest.

Hawaii has been touted as the

most likely team from outside the automatic qualifying conferences to break into the BCS since before this season started. With record-breaking quarterback Colt Brennan directing the nation's highest scoring offense, the Warriors have mostly lived up to their advance billing.

Brennan has dealt with an ankle injury and missed last week's 28-26 victory at Nevada with a concussion. He's been cleared to play against Boise State. His numbers are down from last season, but still he's thrown for 3,247 yards and 23 TDs and is the fourth-rated passer in the nation. Hawaii leads the country in scoring at 48 points per game.

A couple of close calls against

middle of the pack WAC rivals and a weak nonconference schedule, brought on in part by other teams' reluctance to play the Warriors, have combined to snarl Hawaii's trip up the rankings.

Boise State represents the Warriors' only chance for a marquee victory. They finish the season next week at home against Washington (4-8) of the Pac-10. The Boise boost and a Washington win should be enough to get Hawaii a top-12 finish and an automatic BCS bid. The Sugar Bowl has been the most talked about landing spot for the Warriors. But

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Where did this year's football season go?

Judging by our preseason picks, the 2007 football season went as we expected. Mostly.

While we were disappointed that we couldn't write the glories of the Class 4A or 3A championship, it can never be taken away that District IV has become a 1A powerhouse in both divisions. Despite last Thursday's last-second loss, it's undeniable that Lane Kirkland has continued a winning tradition in Carey that his father started. And Oakley has experienced a complete turnaround with former player Nick Greenwell as head coach. The evidence is clear: a Class 1A Division I state championship won in dominating fashion.

BRADLEY GUIRE

Lighthouse Christian's installation of field turf was a highlight, but as the novelty may one day wear off, what will resonate is how a community volunteered time, supplies and labor to create something of which all people can benefit, something that would have been financially improbable otherwise. As Lighthouse Christian gives back to the community via use of their facilities, it is truly a complex by the people, of the people and for the people.

The four teams mentioned in the preseason column "Woe for the Season," about the recovery efforts of teams that were winless in 2006, all garnered at least one win this season. Burley won a single game, and Hansen and Twin Falls won a pair of games. Richfield experienced the most change, going 5-5 and earning a 1A Division II state playoff berth.

On a side note, although Twin Falls only won two games, the season was more successful than many other levels. Attendance was up, even during the latter part of the season when it was apparent that a winning season would elude the Bruins. Last year, less than 100 people would show up on Friday night. Unfortunately, two other District IV programs fell vic-

How we fared

Back in August, the Times-News sports staff picked the regular-season finishes for all six football conferences. Here's how the season panned out, with our picks in parentheses.

Class 3A (High Country) Conference	
1. Highland (1)	7-3
2. Idaho Falls (2)	8-5
3. Medford (5)	6-7
4. Twin Falls (4)	2-9
5. Shoshone (3)	4-8

Class 4A (West Basin) Conference	
1. Minier (1)	8-4
2. Woodville (3)	6-4
3. Arroyo (2)	5-7
4. Teton (4)	4-8

MAGIC VALLEY PREP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



OAKLEY 8-MAN FOOTBALL - BRIAN BABBITT - OAKLEY

Oakley junior Brian Babbitt has proven that he does not buckle under pressure. He thrives. The Idaho High School Class 1A Division I State Championship was a defining moment, and the definition was 272 rushing yards and four first-half touchdowns to defeat Troy 46-14. For his contributions to Oakley's championship season, Babbitt is the 2007 Times-News 8-Man Football Most Valuable Player.

Yet Babbitt's impact was felt throughout the season as he carried 121 times for 1,268 yards for 21 touchdowns and 10.5 yards per carry, averaging a first down every time he touched the ball.

"It's been the last five or six games that he got to the point of not running around (defenders), but lowering his shoulder and running through them,"

coach Nick Greenwell said. "It's been a big deal."

It's more impressive given the fact that though Oakley played 12 games, it did not play 48 quarters. Rather, the Hornets completed just 36 quarters thanks to seven straight mercy-rule victories. For its dominance, Web site MaxPreps.com ranked Oakley No. 5 in the nation for the combined category of 6-, 8- and 9-man football in 2007. The Hornets listed as the second 8-man team behind Macksville of Kansas.

Also lending credence to the selection of Babbitt is quarterback Mitch Bedke's comment following the championship: "Words can't explain how Brian Babbitt did (during the championship game). He's the best player in my book. He played the best game ever."

— Bradley Guire, Times-News writer

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Police confirm Harris is body found in Brazil

Former CSI player's death believed to be suicide

By Stan Lehman
Associated Press writer

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Police said Wednesday they had confirmed the identity of a former College of Southern Idaho and Washington State basketball player whose body was found in an isolated military range in central Brazil.

Dental records and fingerprints were used to identify the body of Tony Harris, who police say most likely committed suicide. "His" body was found Sunday slumped against a tree in a dense thicket at a sprawling army training ground near the town of Formosa. The shoeleace from one of his sneakers was wrapped around his neck, according to police spokesman Norton. Police said the only footprints nearby were those of Harris. "I don't know exactly how he got to the United States and

whose wife is pregnant with their first child, arrived in Brazil only three days before missing a Nov. 4 game for his new team, Universo of Brasilia.

"Unless new facts emerge that prove us wrong, we are convinced that Harris committed suicide," Luiz said by phone.

"The final forensic report — that won't be ready for at least 30 days — will tell us the official cause of death and whether he killed himself or was a homicide victim."

He said that testimony from teammates and other witnesses "have convinced us that Harris committed suicide."

He was cremated in a few days and his ashes taken to the United States by his father-in-law.

Witnesses have told police that on Nov. 4, Harris took a long-distance taxi trip, but jumped out at a gas station in Formosa.

"Three days later, he was he was seen near the town looking like a beggar," Luiz said. "The owner of a lunch-cosette felt sorry for him and gave him some food. She tried talking to him but gave up because she couldn't understand his Portuguese."

Nov. 7, no one saw him alive again, Luiz said. Luiz said the military zone where Harris was found is an "impure isolated area covering 120,000 hectares (297,000 acres) that is completely surrounded by barbed wire and about 8 kilometers (5 miles) from the nearest road." It is sometimes used as a range for artillery rocket practice.

"We are not sure exactly how he got to the training ground, but it appears that he walked there and crawled under or jumped over the barbed wire," Luiz said.

It is illegal to enter the area without permission from the Army, Luiz said. Even police officers investigating the case needed to get authorization to enter.

Harris debuted Nov. 1 for Universo, and team director Ricardo Oliveira said he played Nov. 3 in a South American club championship game against Argentina's Penarol in Brasilia.

Harris, who would have turned 37 last Sunday, was a leader of the 1994 WSU team that made it to the East Regionals of the NCAA tournament. Harris averaged 12.4 points and 4.3 rebounds a game in two seasons at WSU after playing two seasons at CSI from 1990-92. After college, Harris played for teams in Ecuador, Venezuela, Greece, Brazil and Cyprus.

2007 Class 1A Division II All-Sawtooth Conference Football Team

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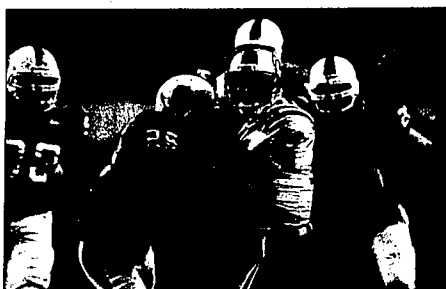
Zamberlin, ISU look to add strength

By Mark Uptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — It was a season that went by "so fast," according to first-year Idaho State football coach John Zamberlin. It was also a season of new experiences for Zamberlin in terms of wins and losses.

As Zamberlin looks back on his first season in Pocatello and a 3-8 record, he'll see the need to upgrade the talent at some key spots on the field. But he'll also see that some key positions are covered at least for next year.

Offensively, ISU will return quarterback Russell Hill, who made the mistakes that most freshmen make when playing at a higher level. But Hill also brings more than 2,300 yards and 14 touchdowns. He figures to get better next year as he continues to adjust and adapt to the college game.



Montana quarterback Cole Bergquist fights for more yards on a run as he is taken down by Idaho State's Rashad Richards (28) during the first half at Holt Arena in Pocatello on Nov. 10.

to do it the Bengals often had to use pressure packages exposing a weak secondary. They need to find another player of the caliber of Jared Allen or Jeff Chavelon. Linebacker Ryan Phipps returns next season. With 116 tackles he was by far the leader in that category including four sacks.

Zamberlin is well aware of this needs. "The focus in recruiting is going to be on the secondary, the offensive and defensive lines and depth at linebacker. We're looking for tough guys, guys who can play," he said.

past few years under the previous coaching staff. That's a testament to the new guy. "I'm proud of the fact that the players gave it their all, that they didn't quit. A play here, a play there, a bounce here or there and things may have been a little different."

This offseason it's recruiting work for the staff and physical conditioning for the returning players. But before you know it, spring will arrive and preparations for the 2008 season will begin.

CSI women climb into nation's top 10

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NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Poll

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Points, Previous Rank, Change. Lists top 25 teams including Duke, Stanford, and Oregon.

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team garnered the No. 19 spot in the first regular-season NCAAW Division I Women's Basketball Poll of the 2007-06 season, released Wednesday.

The 4-1 Golden Eagles moved up one spot from their No. 11 preseason ranking after posting wins against defending national champion Odessa College and 2005-06 national champion Monroeville College.

At 5-0, the Vagueros moved into a tie with 6-0 Gulf Coast Community College for the top spot in the nation. Salt Lake Community College, which will be in Twin Falls for the Willerton Challenge held at CSI this Friday and Saturday, received six poll points, but did not crack the Top 25 at 1-2.

The Golden Eagles play their home opener at 6 p.m., Friday against Treasure Valley Community College of Ontario, Ore. CSI is led by freshman post Maddy

Plunkett's 13.6 points and 6.6 rebounds per game while sophomore post Anita Burdick has added 12.8 points and 6.8 rebounds per contest.

The Golden Eagles are also in action at 6 p.m., Saturday against the Arizona's Yavapai College.

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Texas A&M tops Washington in NIT semis

NEW YORK — Donald Sloan scored 18 points and No. 16 Texas A&M held Washington without a field goal for a key 5-minute stretch in the second half to beat the Huskies 77-63 on Wednesday night in the NIT Season Tip-Off semifinals.

Trailing 36-32 at the half, Texas A&M went on an 8-2 run to start the second half. Jones' follow gave the Aggies a 40-38 advantage, their first lead since early in the game.

Ball State, playing with only seven scholarship players and nobody taller than 6-foot-7, slowed the pace with a zone defense.

BSU

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they've been creeping so slowly toward No. 12, it's fair to wonder if they'll ever get there.



Boise State's Taylor Tharp (10) carries the ball as Idaho's Josh Shaw (58) moves in during college football action on Saturday Nov. 17 in Boise.

Star-Bulletin this week. "They say, 'Herm, there's going to be some of those schools that don't want you there. Look and see who's won nine games and that's on the BCS bubble.' And is the

that's why you play the game, that's part of the business. For 21 years I worked at one of the last Arizona State). The latest eight years I have not. I've seen both sides of it."

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Wizards' Arenas to miss about three months after knee surgery

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Washington Wizards leading scorer Gilbert Arenas underwent surgery on his left knee on Wednesday and will miss about three months.

Arenas had been experiencing swelling and soreness in the knee which he had surgically repaired late last season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Weber St. player punished for kicking opponent

HELENA, Mont. — The Big Sky Conference has suspended Weber State linebacker J.D. Folsom for half a game for kicking an Eastern Washington player last week.

MLS Dynamo's Cochrane is top choice in MLS expansion draft

NEW YORK — Defender Ryan Cochrane was selected first in the MLS expansion draft Wednesday, three days after helping the Houston Dynamo win a second straight MLS Cup title.

Sports Shorts

Notes: Sand Made Valley briefs to sports@mcncral.com. Essentially became the Dynamo. He was one of three Houston starters left unprotected by coach Dominic Kinnear.

Humanitarian Bowl are now on all Select-A-Seat outlets or at http://www.wildcat-hockey.com.

The tentative date to select teams is Tuesday, Dec. 11. The game, which traditionally features teams from the Western Athletic Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference, will be nationally broadcast on ESPN2.

Burley cancels basketball jamboree

BURLEY — A boys basketball jamboree hosted by Burley High School, originally scheduled for Saturday, has been cancelled.

Basketball makeup scheduled for January

BURLEY — A makeup game between the Burley Bobcats and Declo Hornets girls basketball teams will be played on Monday, Jan. 7.



Jones brothers meet today as Cowboys take on Jets

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Only once in his eight-year NFL career has Thomas Jones stood on the sideline whenever his team didn't have the ball just so he could watch the opposing running back.

It was Thanksgiving 2004 and the ball carrier was his kid brother, Julius.

"I remember waking up to the line of scrimmage, looking over to their sideline and I see him looking at me. I gave him a big head nod," Julius said, smiling. "It's little things like that that mean a lot to us."

The Jones brothers of Big Stone Gap, Va., have gone from spending their child-

hood Thanksgivings pretending to be NFL players like Joe and Jamie Morris to providing the same inspiration to thousands of football-loving siblings growing up in the 2000s. In case anyone missed it a few years ago, the league, which arranged for it to happen again Thursday afternoon.

Julius and the Dallas Cowboys will play host to Thomas and his latest team, the New York Jets. With Dallas 9-1 and New York 2-6, expect the television coverage to be heavy on the Jones family angle.

The Jones brothers of Big Stone Gap, Va., have gone from spending their child-

Betty, along with their five sisters and several other relatives in the stands. They'll be easy to spot — all will be wearing jerseys featuring both teams' logos on the front, split by a football bearing the words "Thanksgiving Day 2007," the back has J. Jones and T. Jones and their numbers.

"They went all out this time," Thomas said. "Last time, they split 'em up. Half wore my jersey and half wore his jersey."

Thomas made sure two extras were made, one each for him and Julius. Those will be framed and hung on the walls of their homes.

"It is just a special time and a special occasion," he said.

The relatives began arriving in Dallas last week. Thomas was to be the final one in town, flying in with his teammates Wednesday. Julius was going to pick up Thomas at the team hotel and bring him back to his house for a family Thanksgiving one night early. It will be the largest gathering for the family since... the last time the brothers squared off on Thanksgiving.

"It's kind of bittersweet," Thomas said. "You get to my brother's house and get into a family zone with all your family members, then it's time

to go and you realize you're down there for a business trip."

Dallas won the initial Jones Bros. Bowl, with Julius rushing for 150 yards and two touchdowns in his only third game as the player. Three years later, it remains one of his most productive days.

Julius hasn't lived up to expectations built by his rookie year, when he gained 819 yards in eight games. This is his second straight season, practically splitting carries with Marion Barber and likely the last; Julius is headed into free agency. Even if he the Cowboys want him, he'll

probably find another team willing to make him a bigger part of the offense.

Since Dallas split its top pick on him in 2004, Julius carries have dropped each year, from almost 25 per game as a rookie to just over 11 per game this season. He's coming off a 27-yard outing that's not even his worst of the season. His best was 66 yards, and that was way back in the opener.

But it's not like he can really complain. The Cowboys' head coach, Bill Belichick, is tied for the best record in the NFL and boast the conference's best offense, second best in the NFL.

Faith, family, football

Lions QB Kitna finds a balance in his life

NORTHVILLE, Mich. (AP) — Jon Kitna was surrounded.

The Detroit Lions quarterback had one person grabbing his neck, another across his shoulders and someone clinging to his legs.

Luckily for Kitna, three of his four young children were piling on him this time and not a 300-pound defensive tackle.

Kitna had been "sacked" an NFL-high 40 times entering Thursday's game against Green Bay, and that doesn't count the playful hits he takes when his kids treat him like playground equipment in the basement of his mansion.

"The truth comes out about his back," quipped backup quarterback Dan Orlovsky, who recently was a guest when Jennifer Kitna cooked up her signature dish of house-tossed spicy sausage. "He didn't get hurt playing football."

The 35-year-old Kitna also isn't defined by football.

Perhaps as much as any athlete, Kitna wears his faith on his sleeve — and he's been there.

"He has worn baseball caps emblazoned with a cross since 1996, when he signed with the Seattle Seahawks as an undrafted free agent. Several years ago, while playing in Cincinnati, he started carrying a Bible to work every day."

Kitna gathers his teammates for a prayer circle after every practice and game, and about a dozen of them come over each week with their wives and girlfriends for Bible study.

"We didn't want to have a house this big," Kitna said during a recent interview with The Associated Press inside his 8,000-plus-square-foot home. "But we felt like God told us to buy it because we have 40 people under this roof at any given time because there are a lot more believers here than there were when I played for the Bengals."

Perhaps surprisingly, Kitna's brick house at the end of a cul-de-sac is not overflowing with religious symbols. A "This is God's House" does hang in the kitchen, though, as does a framed, faith-filled Kitna Family Mission Statement.

Even though Kitna is a self-described "Bible-thumper," he offers his signs of his religious beliefs inside his home match up with how he acts around his teammates.

"He's not a prophetizer with his words," Lions president Matt Millen said Tuesday. "Jon offers his life as his testimony. I think he does that because he's been there. The reformed are usu-



Detroit Lions quarterback Jon Kitna with family, clockwise from top left, son Jordan, 10, daughter Jada, 9, wife Jennifer, son Jamison, 18-month, and son Jalen, 4, in their Northville, Mich., home Wednesday.

ally the best examples because they understand."

Kitna acknowledges he was not always so pious.

He had the occasional drink at Lincoln High School in Tacoma, Wash., but it was at Central Washington University that Kitna said his pining got out of hand and he was very drunk four nights a week.

He hit rock bottom in October 1993 when his girlfriend, who now is his wife, caught him cheating on her.

"Being young and in love, it was a big blow," Jennifer Kitna said, sitting next to her husband on a living-room couch. "We stayed up late that night and talked. I could tell he was genuinely remorseful because he punched the wall with his throwing hand."

Kitna said he was saved a few months later, dedicating his life to Jesus and helping those interested in their spirituality.

Roy Williams said Kitna changed his life several weeks ago.

"He asked me, 'What's holding you back from walking with God?'" the Pro Bowl wide receiver recalled. "It's like an SAT question. I said, 'I don't know,' and I changed the subject. Then, I started thinking about it and said, 'What is holding me back?'"

Williams, who participates in prayer circles with Kitna but not the Bible studies, said he since has examined his

life in a way he hadn't in the past. He tries not to curse anymore or chase women, Williams, who has a child out of wedlock, now wants to get married and start a family and he attributes his new life goals to the guy who throws him the ball.

"That comes from talking to him, watching him and looking at his family," Williams said.

Not everybody in the locker room buys into Kitna's message.

Guard Ed Mulatto does not get down on a knee to pray after practice, but he respects and admires the way Kitna lives his life and the tolerance he shows with those who don't participate in his faith-related functions.

"He doesn't hold any judgments," the Mulatto said. "If you don't get involved, he doesn't hold it against you."

Alex Lewis, who goes to Kitna's house weekly with his wife, understands why religion is a tricky topic in the work-place and society.

"It should make you feel uncomfortable," the linebacker said. "People like to be comfortable, and truly questioning yourself in terms of how you live your life and what you believe in is not easy."

"It's just too bad stuff like this doesn't get discussed more instead of what Michael Vick or Pacman Jones are doing with their lives."

Detroit Lions finally have an important Thanksgiving game

NEW YORK (AP) — For a decade, the Thanksgiving game in Detroit has been little more than a chance for the nation to see how bad the Lions can be.

But the game with Green Bay on Thursday is meaningful, although it's less important now that the Lions have reverted to their old ways, losing their last two games to Arizona and to the Giants — their first home loss. That drops their three games back in the NFC North, making it unlikely they will win the division, even with two games left against the Packers.

Instead, they are fighting for what is likely the NFC's second wild-card spot, a game ahead of Arizona, Philadelphia and Washington. They have lost to all three, meaning they have almost no chance in tiebreakers.

The problem lately is offense.

In the two losses, they have gained a net 7 yards rushing. While Jon Kitna has thrown for 673 yards, he has been intercepted five times and Detroit has scored just 31 points, 10 against the Giants at Ford Field, where it had been averaging more than 30.

"This isn't a problem with the system," Kitna says. "This is about us. We have to get better. The players have to do our jobs and win the individual battles. That's how this is going to change."

The Packers, who have won 13 of 14 games going back to last season, are favored by 3 1/2 points. A win would just about wrap up the division and leave them to point for next week's game in Dallas, the NFC's other 9-1 team.

Green Bay is getting better and more confident as Ryan Grant has upgraded the running game.

Lions in free fall.

PACKERS, 24-13

- team outscoring its opponents by an average of 41-16. PATRIOTS, 41-16
- Washington (plus 3) at Tampa Bay
- Similar teams. But Jeff Garcia is more consistent than Jason Campbell. BUCS, 17-16
- Danver (plus 2) at Chicago
- The Broncos may win a weak division. JAY ROX. BRONCOS, 22-20
- Buffalo (plus 7 1/2) at Jacksonville
- The Colts have a pretty good team chasing them. JAGUARS, 24-12
- Miami (plus 16) at Pittsburgh (Monday night)
- The Steelers are a good team at home. Miami is a bad team everywhere. STEELERS, 27-3
- San Francisco (plus 10) at Arizona
- A schedule with teams like this is why the Cardinals might make the playoffs. CARDINALS, 31-13.
- Minnesota (plus 7) at New York Giants
- A one-dimensional offense - won't work against New York. GIANTS, 20-9
- Baltimore (plus 9) at San Diego
- San Diego has the Holiday Bowl and the Poinsettia Bowl. This is the Turkey Bowl. CHARGERS, 8-5
- Seattle (minus 3) at St. Louis
- The "streaking" Rams stumble after two wins. SEAHAWKS, 27-23
- Houston (plus 3 1/2) at Cleveland
- Phil Dawson clunks one off the back support at the gun. BROWNS, 31-30
- Tennessee (minus 1) at Cincinnati
- It's easier to play in Cincinnati than in Denver. TITANS, 24-21
- New Orleans (minus 3) at Carolina
- The Panthers are 0-4 at home. Drew over Vinny. SAINTS, 24-20
- Oakland (plus 5 1/2) at Kansas City
- Brodie Croyle showed promise last week. When does JaMarcus Russell get a chance to show his promise? CHIEFS, 17-12

AND, BONUS PICK

Saskatchewan (minus 11) vs. Winnipeg (Grey Cup)

The teams split in the regular season, but backup Ryan Dinwiddie replaces the injured Kevin Glenn, the league's best passer, for Winnipeg. So... ROUGHERIDERS (that's Saskatchewan) 43-21.

AND, LARGEST EVER: San Francisco was minus-23 at home against Cincinnati on Dec. 5, 1993 and won 21-8. That won't happen here for a

Priest Holmes ends short comeback, retires

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — What drove Priest Holmes out of the NFL is something most football players try to drive out of their thoughts.

They know it's a dangerous, violent endeavor that can leave them unable to walk. Holmes, after making one of the most improbable comebacks in NFL history, decided that as much as he loves the game, it wasn't worth the risk of a paralysis.

So the former Pro Bowl running back retired on Wednesday, thanking the Kansas City Chiefs and the NFL for all they had done.

"I had to look at the situation for what it is," he said, flanked by Kansas City Chiefs president Carl Peterson on one side and his three young sons on the other.

"He had been out of the game for 22 months after sustaining a head and neck injury in a game in 2005. Then he called Peterson in June and told him he wanted to try a comeback.



Kansas City Chiefs running back Priest Holmes announces his retirement from the National Football League, Wednesday, in Kansas City, Mo.

He made it, too, after working so hard he earned the admiration of everyone who was watching. He made two starts in place of injured Larry Johnson the past two weeks. But last Sunday during a game at Indianapolis, he began to feel certain symptoms that doctors had warned him to watch for.

He refused to be specific, but during

an often rambling series of answers said paralysis had been a possibility if he kept playing.

"Much of that is, I guess you could say, in the past," he said. "Just to know the symptoms were similar to the ones before. But to be technical, to go into 'medical terms, I wouldn't feel comfortable."

His teammates seemed unanimous in their respect for the man who holds team career records for yards rushing.

"It's probably the best decision that he could make for himself, for the rest of his life and for his family," said wide receiver Eddie Kennison.

"I try not to think about the dangers of the game. I understand what they are. I know they're there. And no man really wants to go out of the game with an injury. But we chose this job to take those risks. That's just part of it."

Holmes is the Chiefs' all-time rushing leader with 6,070 yards. He accumulated 8,172 yards rushing in his career.

USC, ASU look to BCS

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona State fans will never forget the Sun Devils' first game against Southern California.

New to the Pac-10, the Sun Devils ambushed their No. 2 USC 20-7 on Oct. 14, 1978, in Tempe.

What came next typifies the two programs. The Sun Devils lost their next game by 34 points to Washington and finished fourth in the conference. USC bounced back to claim a share of the national title.

It set a pattern that's held for nearly three decades. Arizona State has occasionally given USC headaches — the Sun Devils are 9-14 overall (.391) against the Trojans, and UCLA is the only Pac-10 school with a higher winning percentage against USC. But the Sun Devils haven't come close to matching USC's tradition of consistency.

So ASU devised a new strategy: If you can't beat 'em, hire 'em.

Two years ago, ASU tapped Lisa Love, a veteran USC athletic administrator, to be its athletic director. Love later signed Dennis Erickson, whom USC had courted in 2000.

Those moves paved the way for one of the bigger games in the series between the schools. On Thanksgiving night in Sun Devil Stadium, No. 7 Arizona State (9-1, 6-1 Pac-10) meets the 5-11, 6-1 Trojans (0-2, 2-2) in a game that could determine the Rose Bowl berth and may have ramifications in the Bowl Championship Series title chase.

"We have an opportunity, and so does USC have an opportunity," Erickson said. "They've been on this stage a few times. We haven't been on this stage in a while."

Erickson raved about USC's history at its weekly campus news conference. He sounded ready to hum a few bars of "Fight On."

"Believe me, I'm not the chamber of commerce for USC, by any means," Erickson said. "But you've also got to understand the tradition that they do have."

Erickson would have been a finish of that tradition. The Trojans coached Erickson in 2000, after led Oregon State to a share of the Pac-10 title and the BCS Bowl berth. But the well-traveled Erickson turned them down, and USC returned to Pete Carroll.

The rest is college football history as Carroll led USC to one of the sport's fabled programs. In an interview last spring, Erickson said snubbing USC was among the low regrets he's had in a long and mostly successful career. "I still give it a lot of thought — 'Why in the hell didn't I?' he said. "It was just a matter of staying at Oregon State. I felt that we had got things going on."

Now the Sun Devils seem to have things going on. With two



Southern California head coach Pete Carroll talks with quarterback Mark Sanchez during the first half of their game against Arizona in this Oct. 13 photo in Los Angeles.



TV: 6 p.m., ESPN

games to go in Erickson's first season, they remain in contention for the BCS title game in New Orleans, though they'll need some help to get there from the No. 6 position in the standings they currently hold.

"Dennis has done a fantastic job of rallying these guys and giving them football that they've been able to excel at," said Carroll, who is 6-0 against Arizona State. "To put them at such a high level so soon, it's remarkable."

If ASU wins Thursday night, it will need only a victory over archrival Arizona to clinch a Rose Bowl berth, at worst.

A USC victory would give the Trojans a chance to extend their unprecedented streak of five straight Pac-10 titles. They would need a victory over UCLA coupled with an Oregon loss in one of its final two games.

"The Trojans seem to be returning to form after a slew of injuries."

"I don't think we're really being knocked off our mentality through all of the stuff," Carroll said. "We've hung in there tough. Hopefully we can make some-

thing of this year."

It won't be easy. Although the Trojans have won seven straight against ASU, they have trailed at halftime in their last two trips to Tempe.

In 2005, with the temperature hovering near 100 degrees, ASU led the top-ranked Trojans 21-3 at intermission. The defending national champions rallied behind Reggie Bush and Lendale White for a 39-28 victory.

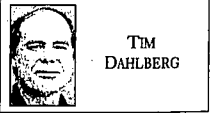
"I thought our guys were done," Carroll said this week. "I thought we were cooked and we would not be able to respond. We came back and scored 35 points in the second half!"

On that day, ASU started fast but couldn't finish. This year's Sun Devils have done just the opposite.

"They have trailed by double digits five times in the first quarter but have rallied for easy victories four times. The only time ASU came up short was on Nov. 3 in Eugene, when they fell behind 21-3 early in the second quarter on their way to a 35-23 loss to Oregon."

Erickson was asked what he would do if the Sun Devils took a lead in the opening quarter on Thanksgiving night. "I know my stomach would be better," he said. "We've got to come out and play better. I've been telling them that for eight weeks. Obviously, they haven't listened."

Let the whining begin: BCS picks are a mess with only 2 weekends remaining



TIM DAHLBERG

The annual whining hasn't begun because there's still a few games to go, and not even those sequestered deep inside the BCS computer site somewhere on the Great Plains have been able to figure out where this year's football follies will take us.

Their mission is to bring us a national championship game worth watching. So far they've done little to inspire confidence in their success.

This is the same game after all, that had to tweak their formula this week because there might not be enough schools eligible under the old rules to play in the five biggest postseason bowl games.

Good thing they did. They might have forgotten about all their arcane jumble of formulas, but the first rule of a successful bowl season is having at least two teams for every game.

Having corrected that at just the right time, the powers that control the biggest college games of the year can move on to other issues, beginning with what to do with a potentially undefeated Hawaii team that can't get any respect mostly because everyone on the East Coast has long gone to bed by the time they play on Saturday nights.

Everyone, it seems, leaves an underdog. But they don't necessarily want to watch the end of a BCS game, and Hawaii's selection as long as the first mission of the BCS operatives is to keep their rich television sponsors happy.

Fox may not be terribly interested in Hawaii in a big bowl, but the network has bigger things to worry about. At the top of the list is a national championship game that could pit Kansas against West Virginia, two schools with little marquee value.

That has to keep the programming executives up at night, and it's not all that far-fetched of a scenario. If Kansas beats Missouri on Saturday and then wins the Big 12 championship game and LSU loses either to Arkansas or in the SEC final, West Virginia could move up in the BCS rankings and get a spot in the Jan. 7 championship game in New Orleans.

There are a million other scenarios keeping the geeks who study this kind of stuff awake at night. The rest of us can be content to find out Dec. 2 how this all pans out.

LSU should be worrying, though. Because uneasiness is the head that wears the crown in a season which, so far, has had three different No. 1s, seven different No. 2s, and 11 top-five teams that have lost to unranked teams. There has never been a year in college football like this season, where absolutely nothing can be taken for granted. It began with one of the biggest upsets ever when Appalachian State beat Michigan, and continues on Saturday when two teams not even ranked to begin the

season (Kansas and Missouri) meet with a potential spot in the BCS title game at stake.

All but the control rankings that are always going to be subjective no matter how many computers and polls are involved. But there's little incentive for that to happen, especially now since Fox wrapped up the rights to all but the Rose Bowl through 2010 in a deal with the major conferences that operate the BCS.

So for now we're stuck with this, a system few can understand and which is mysterious ways. A team (LSU) with one loss is the No. 1 team in the country because it suffered that loss at just the right time, while teams like Ohio State and Arizona State got their only losses when it was too late in the season to rebound in the BCS rankings.

Meanwhile, unbeaten Hawaii may have to rely on charity to get in, even if it beats last year's Cinderella team, Boise State, which has lost only once this year but once again is not being taken seriously by anyone outside the WAC.

The various possibilities are enough to make your head spin. About the only certainty is that there will be a lot of whining from coaches and their athletic directors before it is over.

That worked well last year for Florida, which may not have had a chance to win the national championship had Urban Meyer not complained loudly that his team was much more deserving to be there than Michigan.

It could work again in a year where there's no real dominant program, and no consensus great teams. If the season were over now, LSU would be playing Kansas in a game that hardly conjures up memories of USC and Texas a few years ago.

Actually, the national championship game that might be the most fun to watch would be LSU against Ohio State, if the Buckeyes take another year off. The national champion would be No. 2. Not only would the title game have two perennial powerhouses, but there's a chance LSU coach Les Miles might be coaching the Tigers for the first time before taking over for Lloyd Carr at Michigan.

Of course, we all know that all Michigan coaches are handed the same mandate: Beat Ohio State.

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Conference titles, BCS bids at stake

NEW YORK (AP) — The Bowl Championship Series has one spot filled and nine more to go with two weeks left in the season.

Ohio State is in, though where the Buckeyes will be playing is still to be determined. Probably the Rose Bowl. Maybe the national title game.

The rest of the BCS picture clears up some this weekend. Arizona State hosts Southern California on Thanksgiving night, while Sun Devils two wins away from locking up a berth in the Rose Bowl and still holding out hope that they can jump into the national title game.

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Could be Coach Fen's last stand for Aggies ... TEXAS 27-23.
No. 17 Boise State (six 3/4) at No. 4 West Virginia.
Broncos have won six straight in series ... BOISE STATE 44-37.
Saturday
No. 3 Missouri (plus 2) vs. No. 2 Kansas at Kansas City, Mo.

QB Chase Daniel, Todd Reasing could bolster Holman credentials ... MISSOURI 40-37.
No. 20 Connecticut (plus 17) at No. 4 West Virginia.
Mountaineers have averaged 38 points in three straight wins against Huskies ... WEST VIRGINIA 40-14.

No. 6 Georgia (minus 3 1/2) at Georgia Tech.
Buildogs have six game winning streak in rivalry ... GEORGIA 34-21.
No. 8 Virginia Tech (minus 3 1/2) at No. 14 Virginia.

Coach Frank Beamer is 11-9 against Cove, but has won 10 of last 14 ... VIRGINIA 24-21.
No. 9 Oregon (minus 2) at UCLA.
Ducks still control Pac-10 race ... UCLA 25-24.
Oklahoma State (plus 1 1/4) at No. 10 Oklahoma.
Sooners averaging 53 points per game at home ... OKLAHOMA 34-7.

Florida State (plus 3 1/4) at No. 12 Florida.
Noles trash talking as if they're still at Georgia's level ... FLORIDA 41-30.
Miami (plus 2 1/4) at No. 13 Boston College.

Hurricanes have won 16 straight against Eagles ... BOSTON COLLEGE 31-13.
No. 19 Tennessee (plus 2 1/2) at Syracuse.
Vol's 22-game winning streak against 'Cats is longest in major college ... KENTUCKY 34-28.
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Gamecocks snapped four-game losing streak to Tigers last season ... SOUTH CAROLINA 30-23.

Utah (plus 4 1/2) at No. 23 BYU.
Nine of last 10 in series have been decided by seven or less ... BYU 28-21.
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Bearcats QB Ben Mauk leads Big East in TD passes with 23 ... CINCINNATI 38-14.

Alabama (plus 8) at No. 25 Auburn.
Auburn's Tommy Tuberville is 2-2 in Iron Bowl at home. Tigers have won five straight overall ... ALABAMA 24-23.

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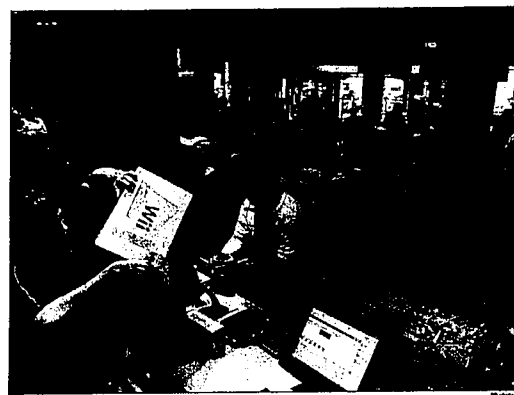
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Shoppers seek out cheaper stores



Customers line-up to purchase Wii video game consoles at the Nintendo World Store in New York's Rockefeller Center. A year after its launch, the small video game console sells out almost immediately when it reaches stores, even after Nintendo Co. has ramped up production several times.

"We've been struggling since launch to keep inventory — we finally have enough of that."

— Perrin Kaplan, vice president of marketing and corporate affairs at Nintendo of America

Crude futures falter on run to \$100 a barrel

NEW YORK — Oil futures balked on a drive toward the \$100 mark Wednesday after the government reported that supplies at a key oil terminal in the Midwest rose for the first time in weeks. Analysts said it was a pause, not a retreat for energy futures that reached as high as \$99.29 in electronic trading overnight.

Light, sweet crude for January delivery fell 74 cents to settle at \$97.29 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Overall crude inventories fell, and distillates including heating oil dropped more than expected last week, the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration reported.

At the pump, gas prices fell 0.1 cent overnight to a national average of \$3.099 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. Prices have fallen 2.3 cents since last week, and are almost 14 cents below the record price of \$3.227 a gallon set in May. A bit of good news for Thanksgiving holiday drivers.

Fewer people sign up for jobless benefits

WASHINGTON — Fewer people signed up for jobless benefits last week, an encouraging sign that most companies aren't resorting to large-scale layoffs as the country grapples with continuing problems in the housing and credit markets.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that new applications filed for unemployment insurance dropped by a seasonally adjusted 11,000 to 330,000 for the week ending Nov. 17. It was the lowest level since the beginning of November. The 330,000 level of claims was in line with economists' forecasts.

A year ago, new claims for unemployment insurance stood at 322,000. The four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out week-to-week volatility, dipped last week to 325,750, a decrease of 750 from the previous week. It marked the lowest level since late October. A year ago, the four-week average of claims was 319,500.

— Wire reports

By Peter Svensson
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Each holiday season, a couple hard-to-find toys send parents hunting from store to store. And, each season, they're soon forgotten: Has your Elmo gotten any tickles lately?

But this year, it looks like the gift everybody is looking for is the same as last year: the Nintendo Wii.

A year after its launch, the small video game console sells out almost immediately when it reaches stores, even after Nintendo Co. has ramped up production several times.

Although retail stores in Twin Falls, such as Best Buy and Target still have consoles available, store representatives say that quantities are limited.

The Wii, Nintendo set out make a console that would entice people who were not hardcore gamers, and it has succeeded. Janet Presti stood an hour in line to visit the Nintendo World Store in New York on Tuesday last week to get a Wii for her three children, but it wasn't just for them.

"I played it at my sister's house and I loved it," she said. Her household already has three game consoles: an Microsoft Xbox 360, a Sony PlayStation 2 and a Nintendo GameCube.

The Wii responds to the user moving the wand-like wireless controller, while other consoles are controlled by a confusing array of buttons and joysticks. It also comes with an array of casual, nonviolent games that appeal to adults.

Sony and Microsoft have cut the prices of their consoles in half, but continuing demand for the Wii has meant Nintendo hasn't had to.

Perrin Kaplan, vice president of marketing and corporate affairs at Nintendo of America, said the console was "priced right from the beginning." A look at eBay shows that Kaplan may be wrong: New Wii systems are

selling about \$100 above the \$250 store price.

Some of the demand for Wii's results from trouble in the toy industry, as well as the gadget's cross-generational appeal.

"No one is buying toys right now because of the recalls," said Gerrick Johnson, a toy industry analyst at BMO Capital Markets.

First, toys were recalled because of lead paint and dangerous magnets. Then, Aqua Dots — colored beads that were making their way to must-have status — were pulled because they were coated with a chemical that turned into the date-rap drug gamma hydroxy butyrate if swallowed.

"It's really unfortunate for the toy industry, because the lead issue was starting to subside, was getting off the front page ... and then

along comes this, which is totally outrageous," Johnson said.

"Whoever thought that there'd be a day when parents say 'Don't play with your dangerous toys, go play with your video games?'" he asked.

The console has been a tremendous boost for Nintendo, which last out to Sony Corp. and Microsoft Corp. In the last generation of game consoles. In the quarter ended Sept. 30, it more than doubled its sales to \$6.1 billion from a year earlier, just before the launch of the Wii. It sold 5.5 million Wii's in the U.S. since it went on sale on last Nov. 17.

The stock market now values Nintendo at \$75 billion, compared to \$48 billion for Sony, which has six times the revenue. Nintendo has increased

the pace of production, but acknowledges that it won't be able to satisfy holiday-season demand.

"It's brand new technology, so you can't build it on just any line," said Nintendo's Kaplan.

In an interview last week, Sony Chief Executive Howard Stringer said the Wii shortages were "a little fortuitous," and indicated that the PlayStation 3 was poised to benefit from the situation. U.S. sales of the console doubled to 100,000 per week soon after an Oct. 16 price cut, he said.

The issue of demand outstripping supply has dogged Nintendo with the DS handheld game as well, which launched in 2004.

"We've been struggling since launch to keep inventory — we finally have enough of that," said Kaplan.

Holiday sales: Retailers extending Black Friday

By Yan Q. Mai
The Washington Post

Once heralded as the symbolic kickoff to the holiday shopping season, Black Friday is sacred no more. Retailers this year began touting door-buster deals counts weeks before anyone thought about roasting a turkey. And the deals will continue long after the leftovers are eaten, with online retailers and even infomercials tooting events to prolong the hype.

Concern that shoppers will rein in their spending this season is driving many of these promotions, several industry experts said. The National Retail Federation forecast that retail sales in November and December would grow 4 percent — the smallest gains since 2002 and below the 10-year average of 4.8 percent. A survey by Discover Financial Services released this week showed that 55 percent of consumers

said they would spend less on holiday shopping this year.

The less money shoppers have to spend, the more aggressive the competition becomes for their business.

"Retailers are getting a little anxious, and they're trying to encourage consumers to spend whatever disposable income they have with them instead of their competitors," said Bonnie Carlson, interim president of the Promotion Marketing Association, a trade group. "Tougher times require tougher measures."

Wal-Mart has led the way, slashing prices as early as October in such key categories as toys, home and apparel. Then on Nov. 2, it unveiled five more door-buster deals to mark the opening of its in-store Christmas shops. This week, it announced that just items would be discounted on its Web site on Thanksgiving day — including a Garmin Global Positioning System cut back 30 percent, to \$259 — and

Shoppers' gridlock

Projected top traffic days for the 2007 holiday season:

1. "Black Friday," Nov. 23
2. "Super Saturday," Dec. 22
3. Dec. 15, Saturday
4. Dec. 21, Friday
5. Dec. 23, Sunday
6. Dec. 26, Wednesday
7. Dec. 8, Saturday
8. Dec. 1, Saturday
9. Dec. 20, Thursday
10. Nov. 24, Saturday

Source: ShopperTrak

that additional special specials would be available in stores Saturday and Sunday.

Oh yeah, Black Friday is expected to be pretty busy, too.

"We know that a lot of people are impacted, certainly with economic pressures," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Melissa O'Brien said. "We're spreading it out also just for convenience."

Black Friday got its nickname because it marked the beginning of the season when retailers traditionally begin making money, or went from being in the red to the black. A strong Black

"As more people rely on the Internet for holiday shopping, retailers have stepped up their game to compete," said Scott Silverman, executive director of Shop.org.

Because it expects Saturday to be so similar to Black Friday, Wal-Mart has requested that the two days be merged into one, creating a 48-hour Friday. The company even sent a letter to Hollywood's Astronomer Royal Martin Rees, professor of cosmology and astrophysics at the University of Cambridge in England, to request his blessing.

"Does a week always have to contain seven days? And do those days always have to be the seven we're accustomed to?" wrote Nick Agrawal, vice president of Wal-Mart's corporate communications. "Certainly here in the U.S., those seeking more time for their holiday shopping, the addition of a second Friday might be just what they're looking for."

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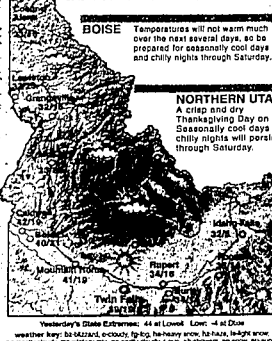
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Tonight: Partially clear and cold. Lows upper teens to near 20.
Tomorrow: Sunny and dry. Highs near 40.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: A bright and beautiful, although very chilly Thanksgiving Day. Highs low to middle 30s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and becoming very cold. Lows middle teens.
Tomorrow: Muddy dry with more sun and than clouds. Highs trending upper 30s.

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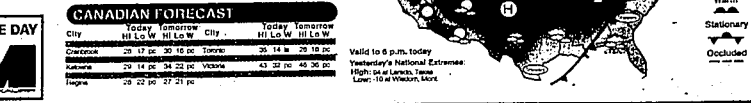
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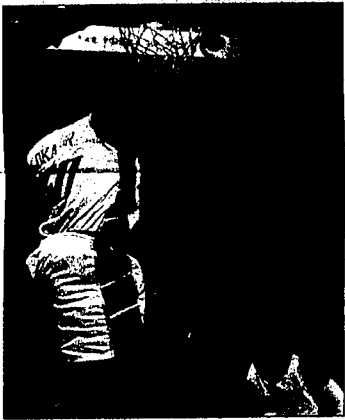
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Today's National Map. Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary, Occluded.

Wizards topple Bobcats

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Zaron Butler helped make up for the loss of leading scorer Gilbert Arenas at least for a night, scoring 30 points to lead the Washington Wizards over the Charlotte Bobcats 114-111 in overtime Wednesday.
With the Wizards receiving the jolting news that their star will be out for about three months after Arenas underwent knee surgery earlier in the day, Butler scored career points in overtime, including two free throws with 15.5 seconds left to give Washington a three-point lead.
After Gerald Wallace threw up an airball from 3-point range, DeShawn Stevenson missed two free throws with 2 seconds left, giving Charlotte another chance to tie.
But Matt Carroll hit the side of the backboard on a desperation 3-point attempt the buzzer, sending the Wizards to their sixth straight win.



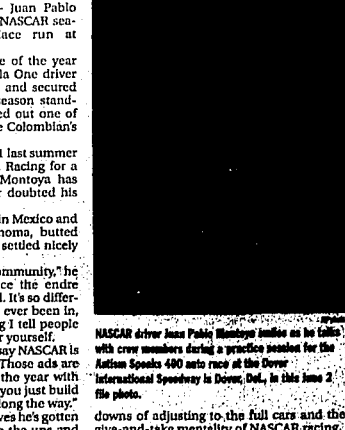
Washington Wizards guard DeShawn Stevenson, right, has his shot blocked by Charlotte Bobcats forward Emeke Okafor (50) during Wednesday's game in Charlotte, N.C.

CELTICS 105, WARRIORS 82
BOSTON — Ray Allen scored 21 points, Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett both had double-doubles, and the Boston Celtics beat the Golden State Warriors 105-82 Wednesday night for their sixth straight home victory.
Boston improved to 9-1 overall and has won its six

home games by an average of 22 points. Garnett had 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Pierce added 19 points and 10 boards.
Golden State had its three-game winning streak snapped. The Warriors' starters began the night averaging 95.6 points, but were held to 43. Leading scorer Baron Davis finished with 13 points on 3-of-13 shooting while recording only four assists.

Montoya content after first season

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Juan Pablo Montoya capped his first full NASCAR season with a quiet 15th-place run at Homestead-Miami Speedway.
The finish locked up rookie of the year honors for the former Formula One driver and second Jim 20th-place in the final season standings. More important, it closed out one of the most fulfilling years of the Colombian's life.
From the time he stunned F1 last summer by signing with Chip Ganassi Racing for a career in bulky stock cars, Montoya has never looked back and never doubted his decision.
He won a Busch Series race in Mexico and the Nextel Cup event at Sonoma, butted heads with other drivers and settled nicely into the NASCAR community.
"I really do feel part of the community," he said. "I really like to embrace the entire experience because it's so cool. It's so different from any other series I've ever been in, but it's so cool and something I tell people I've got to come and see for yourself.
You see those ads, 'People say NASCAR is not a sport. It's a way of life.' Those ads are right. We spend 40 weeks of the year with the same people around, and you just build up really great relationships along the way."
On the track, Montoya believes he's gotten the hang of stock cars despite the ups and



NASCAR driver Juan Pablo Montoya smiles as he talks with crew members during a practice session for the Action Sports 400 auto race at the Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del., in this June 2 file photo.

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Spin guerrillas hit oil-soiled beaches

By Eric Bailey
Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Darin Rossas fell asleep one foggy night to the sound of waves crashing at nearby Ocean Beach. He awoke to news that an oil spill from a gashed cargo ship was staining the coastline he loves.

So began the computer network security engineer's surprise stint as a leader of a guerrilla cleanup movement. Angry at what he saw as the government-run cleanup's slow pace, Rossas teamed with two Silicon Valley friends, Byron Cleary and Kathleen Egan. All three are surfers. All three loathe red tape.

Their beach was getting slimed. Oil-smeared seabirds were in a death dance. The friends wanted action. After arrest, they took time from work to hit the sand — and get others out there with them.

In a matter of days they had launched a remarkably successful campaign, harnessing the high-tech chutzpah and environmental passion of the Bay Area.

Tapping into far-flung communities of techies and surfers, they marshaled websters over the Web. They set up a blog. They offered cleanup tips that others posted on Craigslist. They persuaded local businesses to pitch in by providing paper towels, synthetic gloves, even bags.

They even came up with an appropriately edgy name: Kill the Spill.

"It was all very hush-hush at first, under the radar," said Rossas, 33. "We were worried about getting arrested."

At first, officials snubbed them, saying exposure to oil wasn't safe for non-professionals, and even pressing what amounted to trespassing charges against one Marin County beach cleanup activist.

Initially, too, authorities weren't at all prepared for the flood of volunteers.

Earlier this month, U.S. Coast Guard officials acknowledged that state and federal agencies as well as private companies hired for the cleanup couldn't cope with the volume of inquiries. Callers overwheeled the hotline at California's Office of Spill Prevention and Response. The switchboard at the Oiled Wildlife Care Network operated by the University of California, Davis, was similarly inundated.

"This groundswell has been unprecedented," said Steve Edinger of the California Department of Fish and Game. "We've never seen people who wanted to clean oil off a beach."

But the blossoming movement and others like it grew so big and so fast that eventually the powers let residents help clean up their bay.

That's not the way things started for the founders of Kill the Spill.

A day after the Nov. 7 accident, Rossas returned from work to see the city's animal-control officers scurrying along the beach collecting oiled birds. He and another surfer joined in the hunt, scooping up the quivering seabirds, so saturated with oil they could hardly move, let alone peck at their rescuers' hands.

Rossas' buddies Cleary and Egan, meanwhile, spent a frustrating day at the Coast Guard command post trying to find out how to help.

They were told that stopping on the shoreline would make them "convenient volunteers," government speak for unwanted amateurs — subject to fine or arrest, both. Underestimated, they headed to the beach, where they found that some stretches of sand had been blocked with yellow tape, like a crime scene.

"When we got out to the beaches, we realized this was a big issue," said Cleary, 33. "This was a catastrophe."

Wearing headlamps donated by a sports store, they joined friends to gather up oiled birds well into the evening. Then they rose the next day, a Friday, and hit the beachfront, dividing it into sectors that they tried to mop as best they could.

On that first Friday, two days after the spill, they had a few dozen volunteers. By Saturday, a couple hundred people showed up after word spread on surfing and environmental Web sites. By Sunday, more than 600 helped mop up more than a ton of oil off Ocean Beach. They included not just surfers and high-tech workers, but also dog walkers and lawyers, bankers and even a few foreign tourists.

"The number of people who wanted to help was overwhelming," said Egan, 39, who has a Harvard business degree and runs a high-tech sales group.

Authorities came by and warned them but never took action.

To the north, where the oil-soaked waves washed over



Marin County's Muir Beach, Sigvard Moser was not so lucky. Moser, 45, lives in a nice house on the shoreline, and when swells sent an oil slick toward the creek and lagoon near his property, he and other volunteers tried to help.

He now faces two federal charges of entering an emergency area and not obeying an order to leave.

Kill the Spill's volunteers quickly whited up to the risks — not just from cranky authorities but also from the oil itself. Jeans and flip-flops

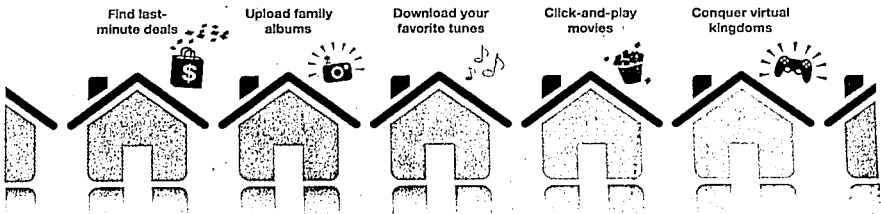
gave way to white Tyveksuits and latex gloves donated by local businesses. They improvised their own tools: kiddie-fitter scoops and spatulas duct-taped to poles.

The crews also brought a few new tricks to the cleanup — human hair and mismatched rooms.

Kill the Spill hooked up early with Lisa Gautier, head of the ecological nonprofit Mutter of Trust, who helped popularize the use of hair mats for cleanup duties. The mats of hair, collected from barbers and then woven into 1-foot squares like giant scrub pads, are distributed by the city of San Francisco to keep residents from pouring motor oil into storm drains. They proved perfect for beach cleanup.

The oil-saturated mats will be seeded with oyster mussels, which soak up and biodegrade oil. The plan is to make compost.

Kill the Spill founders Darin Rossas, left, Kathleen Egan and Byron Cleary mop up oil at Ocean Beach in San Francisco. The volunteer organization grew out of frustration with the slow pace of the cleanup after Nov. 7 spill. **PHOTO BY GUY LAWRENCE FOR AP/WIDEWORLD**



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Fee increase triggers immigration application deluge; may delay naturalizations

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Millions of people who applied for naturalization and other immigration benefits to beat a midsummer fee increase are caught in a paperwork pileup that threatens the chance for some to become U.S. citizens in time to vote in next November's presidential election.

The application backlog is so large that Citizenship and Immigration Services, a division of the Homeland Security Department, is months behind schedule in returning receipts for checks written to cover fees — an early step in the process.

"Were we caught off guard by the volume? Let's just say it was anticipated it would increase. It was not anticipated it would increase by that much," said Emilio Gonzalez, director of Citizenship Services.

The immigration agency would not say how many applications it has received. The American Immigration Lawyers Association, a private legal advocacy group, said it was told by agency officials that 3.5 million applications had come in over a two-month period. The agency projected a workload of 3.2 million applications for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

Gonzalez ordered his staff to give priority to naturalizations, but some applicants will miss voting in primaries, which begin in January. "I really want to target the elections," Gonzalez said. "I really want to get as many people out there to vote as possible."

The onslaught of applications has led to some files being sent back with errors or mistakenly rejected, while others seem lost in the system, applicants and attorneys say. Service centers in Nebraska and Texas have the longest delays. The

Texas Service Center is returning to applicants dating from July 26, according to the agency's latest posting.

Boston Junior Betsy Camacho, 44, applied for U.S. citizenship on July 27. On Nov. 9, she got a receipt acknowledging the check she wrote for her fees had been deposited and her information was logged in the agency's computer.

Normally such receipts are returned to applicants within a week to 10 days, immigration attorneys said. "I would like to vote, to participate, to travel with a passport, have freedom of expression," Camacho said. A native of El Salvador, she has lived in the United States for nearly 25 years.

Some groups that have been waging a national campaign to help 1 million legal residents become citizens and vote in 2008 fear the pileup will hurt their efforts.

"Everybody keeps saying immigrants don't want to be part of this country, they don't want to assimilate and here people are coming in droves to show how much they want to be part of this country, and here are these barriers. I think it's unconscionable," said Eliseo Medina, executive vice president of Service Employees International Union.

The application crush was worsened by another flood of about 300,000 applications from skilled workers wanting to become legal residents. The agency initially said it wouldn't accept the visa applications but changed its mind amid public outrage.

The agency also set up hot lines and is posting progress updates on its Web site. Files are being sent to Vermont and California for processing there. The agency has asked staff members to volunteer to help clear the delayed paperwork, just as the State Department did when confronted with a

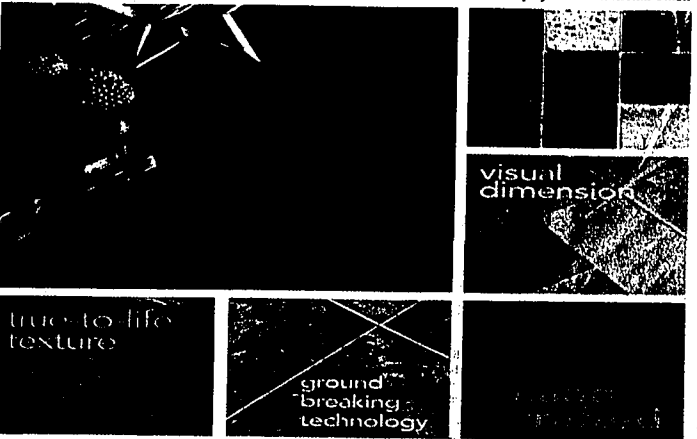
passport application backlog because of a change in law requiring Americans to show a passport when flying to and from Mexico, Canada and the Bahamas.

At least 110 immigration workers have volunteered to help process applications and are being sent to Texas and Nebraska, said agency

spokesman Chris Bentley. After businesses began to complain that their employees were being grounded, officials also changed regulations to allow immigrants who hold visas for skilled workers and visas for employees of international companies to travel without a receipt.

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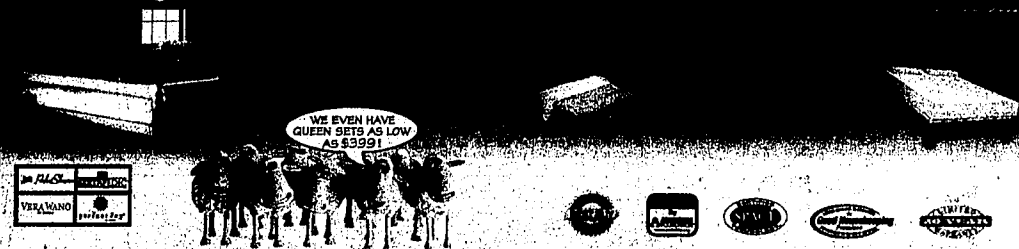
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 Lot 22, Block 2 East Addition Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, platting Book 8 of Plats, Page 22.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 1254 Twin Villa Loop, Twin Falls, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Matthew S. Meade, A Married Man, as Grantor(s) with Mortgagee Loan Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded November 22, 2003, as Instrument No. 2003018064, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., recorded September 29, 2006, as Instrument No. 2006042655, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$201.53 for the months of July 2007 through and including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$52,439.59 as of 11:59:59 PM on the date of sale, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 8.975% from June 1, 2007, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2007.
 /s/ Paula Peterson
 Trust Officer for
 Just Law, Inc.

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 07-40068 Title Order No. W731228 Parcel No. RP T09810300370
 A following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 02/18/2008 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time).

For the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 11/03/2006 as Instrument Number 2006-028042, and executed by JANNIA BINGHAM & WILLIAM F BINGHAM, WIFE & HUSBAND, and JENNIFER BINGHAM, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: LOT 1 IN BLOCK 3 OF COLLEGE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, as described in BOOK 10 OF PLATS, PAGE 28. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 812 ACADEMIC DR, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property.

The Trustee must be prepared to tender the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due thereunder; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.875% per annum, together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing and accrued interest is \$184,904.95, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations hereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the abovesubscribed Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 11/02/2007 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1757 TAPP CANYON ROAD, SIVW-68 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90221-1821 PHONE: (800) 201-0219; RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Successor Trustee Cathy Craig, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 93007

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On March 4, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, at First American Title, 2608 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:
 Lot 98 of the Bunnia Vista Addition, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Volume 2 of Plats at Page(4) 23, official records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.
 EXCEPTING: The East 240 feet.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 251 Bunnia Vista St., Twin Falls, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Trivette Wayne Nelwert, an unmarried man, as Grantor(s) with Mortgagee Loan Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded December 19, 2003, as Instrument No. 2003025663, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$425.01 for the months of May 2007 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$36,739.72, as of 11:59:59 PM on the date of sale, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 10.25% from April 1, 2007, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2007.
 /s/ Paula Peterson
 Trust Officer for
 Just Law, Inc.

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 07-48483 Title Order No. W731482 Parcel No. RP T506104006A
 A following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 02/18/2008 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time).

For the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 09/13/2006 as Instrument Number 2006-023003, and executed by Joel Salgado, a single man, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: Lots B and 7, Block 4, South Park Addition, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 2 of Plats, Page 18, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 148 Ramage St., Twin Falls, ID 83301-7643 is sometimes associated with said real property.

The Trustee must be prepared to tender the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due thereunder; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.500% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$75,108.48, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations hereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the abovesubscribed Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 10/19/2007 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company 1757 TAPP CANYON ROAD, SIVW-68 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90221-1821 Successor Trustee Cathy Craig, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 925505

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On March 12, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, at First American Title, 2608 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:
 Lot 25 in Block 1 of First Amended Plat of MAGIC VALLEY MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 13 of Plats, Page 17, in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 1254 Twin Villa Loop, Twin Falls, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Eileen G. Meyer, a single man, as Grantor(s) with Washington Mutual Bank, FSB as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded January 16, 1998, as Instrument No. 198800818, in the records of said County. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., recorded September 10, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007022460, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$374.24 for the months of October 2006 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$37,458.73 as of 11:59:59 PM on the date of sale, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 10.766% from September 1, 2006, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2007.
 /s/ Paula Peterson
 Trust Officer for
 Just Law, Inc.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 2:00 PM, in the offices of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. as Trustee (the "Trustee"), will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:

Lot 1 in Block 1 of GRANDVIEW MESA SUBD. NO. 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 8 of Plats, Page 19, in the office of the County Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho. (Official records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, including the Building Survey, recorded as follows: GDBDC16958607/ABC, including all fixtures thereon, attached thereto, (the "Real Property")

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described Real Property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 807 Carroll Avenue West, Twin Falls, ID 83301, may sometimes be associated with said Real Property.

The Trustee's sale shall be made pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust to satisfy the obligation accrued thereby. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance. The Deed of Trust referred to herein was executed by DAVID BATTISTONE and DAWNIA M. WARR-BERNAD, as Grantor, to Alliance Title and Escrow Corporation, as original trustee, for the benefit of Green Tree Servicing, LLC (as Successor Trustee), Green Tree Servicing Corp. (as Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, as Lender (Beneficiary), dated April 16, 1997, and recorded April 25, 1997, as Instrument No. 1997005480, and recorded in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho (the "Deed of Trust"). Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 28-2-604(2), the Lender has elected to proceed as to both the Real Property and the personal property attached thereon in accordance with its rights and remedies in respect to the Real Property described herein.

THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE GRANTOR IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made as failure to pay: (i) the regular monthly payments of principal and interest, as set forth and required by the Deed of Trust and Note, due on the 5th day of May, 2007, in the amount of \$50.35 (and thereafter) on the 5th day of each month until the date of sale or reinstatement; (ii) late fees in the amount of \$15.00 accrued through August 6, 2007, plus the lesser of \$5.00 or 5% of the amount then due, for each payment of principal and interest not paid within 15 days of the due date, until the date of sale or reinstatement; and (iii) delinquent real property taxes for the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, together with penalties thereon for the year 2007.

The original loan amount was \$102,752.16 with interest due thereon at the rate of 6.75% per annum, as evidenced by the Manufactured Home Promissory Note, Security Agreement and Disclosure Statement (the "Note") dated April 16, 1997, executed by Grantor pursuant to Lender. The balance due on August 6, 2007, on the Note secured by the Deed of Trust and Note was \$92,124.06, including principal, accrued interest charges, late fees and delinquent real property taxes, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations under the abovesubscribed Deed of Trust and Note or in connection with this sale, as authorized in the deed and/or reasonable attorney's fees, as authorized in the Deed of Trust and Note.

DATED this 16th day of October, 2007.
 ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP.
 Trust Officer

By Melissa Ambriz/Asst Secretary
 Sheila R. Schwager
 LAWLEY LLOYD, ENNIS & HAWLEY LLP
 PO Box 1817
 Boise, ID 83701-1817
 Telephone: 208-344-3000

PUBLISH: November 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2007

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ORDINANCE NO. 200

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, EXPANDING CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 8 OF THE TWIN FALLS COUNTY CODE BY ADOPTING TWIN FALLS COUNTY CODE TITLE 8, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 10 F, WHICH CREATES A REVISED AREA OF IMPACT AND ZONING DISTRICTS MAP FOR THE CITY OF Buhl, IDAHO...

WHEREAS, a draft of this ordinance, and the recommendation of the City of Buhl Planning and Zoning Commission was considered by the Buhl City Council at a duly noticed public hearing on the 8th day of October, 2007; and WHEREAS, a draft of this ordinance was considered by the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at a duly noticed public hearing on the 11th day of October, 2007; and WHEREAS, a draft of this ordinance, and the recommendation of the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission was considered by the Twin Falls Board of County Commissioners at a duly noticed public hearing on the 13th day of November, 2007...

TWIN FALLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
EVAN RAY ELLIOTT, aka EVAN ELLIOTT,
Deceased.

NEIL ROBERT HARPSTER has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
Case No. CV 07-4832
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
Case No. CV 07-4853
SUMMONS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
Case No. CV 07-4812
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Case No. CV 07-4813
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Case No. CV 07-4823
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Case No. CV 07-4824
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
Case No. CV 07-4825
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code Section 471, South Park Avenue, Twin Falls, will possess the contents of the following units:
Robby H. Park, address: 251 Interchange Dr., Apt. 103, Park Rav., ID 83407.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Loan No. 004-06862 T.S. No. 07-102-0000 On 2/23/2008 at 11:00 AM (except as noted here)

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ATTN: Kristina Glascock, Kelsina Glascock, Gloria Glascock

PUBLISH: November 22, 2007

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT Application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS ID 83405-0220

ATTN: DAVID RICHARDS IDAHO FALLS ID 83405-0220

Point of Diversion: SESEWS SO TOIN R38E

Source: GROUND WATER

Use: MUNICIPAL, 0.70 TO 1231 11.4 CFS'

Date Filed: 11/02/2007

Permit(s) shall be issued on all prior water rights.

Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code.

Persons opposing the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Eastern Region, 900 N Skyline Dr.

Idaho Falls, ID 83402 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before December 31, 2007. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR., Director

PUBLISH: November 15 and 22, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-07-5227
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVAN RAY ELLIOTT, aka EVAN ELLIOTT, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice...

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHEN, KIVANIG, STONE & TRAINER By Russell G. Kivnig, Attorney for Personal Representative

PUBLISH: November 20, 22 and 27, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-07-5005102
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD R. OWLSLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CAMILLA STRADLEY has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHEN, KIVANIG, STONE & TRAINER By Russell G. Kivnig, Attorney for Personal Representative

PUBLISH: November 22, 29 and December 6, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
Case No. CV 07-4954
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT J. HARPSTER, Deceased.

NEIL ROBERT HARPSTER has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHEN, KIVANIG, STONE & TRAINER By Russell G. Kivnig, Attorney for Personal Representative

PUBLISH: November 8, 15 and 22, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-governments, we charge all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT
Please address all legal advertising to:
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The Times-News
PO Box 548
Twin Falls, Idaho 83405-0548
e-mail to: legal@timesnews.com

Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday, noon on Saturday for Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 293-725-3333.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-07-5027
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE W. WERNER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATE: 11/22/07
A copy of this application is on file for public inspection during regular business hours at 102 ROB. ROBERTSON COURT, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83405.

PUBLISH: November 15, 22 and 29, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
Case No. CV 07-4853
SUMMONS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN ANDERSON-BARKER, Plaintiff.

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Triha Falls, Idaho

Legal notices for HNSL and HSK.

SUMMONS TO: HARLAN R SHEPHERD, You have been sued by HCO Financial Systems, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the County of Blaine and for CV-07-1938. The nature of the claim against you is collection of money owed by you.

ARRAUNCEMENTS

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DRIVERS

CHILDCARE: Open to 1 year of age and up, ICCP certified, 10 AM and 4 PM hours, 6:30-6:00 P.M., Call 208-643-8473. PRECHOOL & CHILDCARE: ICCP, 12 yrs exp, 1250, 208-734-1580.

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General

AGRICULTURE: Spray Rig Operator Class A CDL req. Carer minded individual preferred. Salary, hourly option. Call 208-308-0671. FIREFIGHTERS: Minidoka County Fire Protection District, Fire & Rescue Station, East End Fire Station & Rescure Station. Applications are being taken for each station.

General

GENERAL: Gillette Sharp Corporation is looking for 45 stone splitters. This job is for seasonal workers to work in rock quarry sites near Oakley, ID. The job is at high elevations with unpredictable weather conditions.

General

AGRICULTURE: Farm Mechanic needed with tractor & hay conditioner exp. Call 208-224-7148. MECHANIC: Exp. farm equipment mechanic needed with extensive operation skills. Year-round employment. 208-678-4676.

General

AGRICULTURE: IMMEDIATE openings for individuals with exp. in food processing. Call 208-324-3004. WE ARE GROWING: Detail Technicians Previous Auto Body Painting Experience. Call 208-324-3900.

LEGAL NOTICE: In accordance with IDAPA 13.01.1675-02. In Governing the 17th Day of November and Unprotected Wildlife and Taking of Fur-bearing Animals provides that the 2007-2008 take season for live otter shall remain open until a total of 10 otters have been harvested in the Upper Snake River. This quota has been met.

PUBLISH: November 6, 15, 22 and 29, 2007. In accordance with IDAPA 13.01.1675-02. In Governing the 17th Day of November and Unprotected Wildlife and Taking of Fur-bearing Animals provides that the 2007-2008 take season for live otter shall remain open until a total of 10 otters have been harvested in the Upper Snake River.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on December 11, 2007, a Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 205 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

PREMIER WOODWORKING: Requests a Special Use Permit to operate a paint booth in conjunction with a woodworking shop on property located at 210 Elgin Avenue, Avonue.

DOG VOLLMER: Requests a Special Use Permit to establish and operate a seasonal office on property located at 210 Elgin Avenue, Avonue.

TANILLE OLSEN: Requests a Special Use Permit to operate a station as a home occupation on property located at 205 Oak Street, Yuma.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE: Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: October 18, 2007 File No: 7023,14055 Sale date and time (local time): February 18, 2008 at 10:00 AM. Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Yellow Lake, female, at Roosevelt on 1/18/07, Weaving Dept. Call 208-442-4242. Lost Yarn, Tan, red, black, female, 12 years old. Family missing since 2004. Call 208-643-8473.

FOUND German Shepherd, large male, brown, born in 1910, 4100 North 1100 East in Burli. 733-5903.

LOST Black Lab type dog, brown with black and white Lab. Found on West 24th Street in Burli. 203-91-4750.

LOST Brown male, brown with black face and black eyes, 1 year old, last seen east of Burli 1178, Burli. Call 208-260-0142.

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EMPLOYMENT: 200 Accounting 201 Accounting 204 Construction 204 Customer Service 205 Dairy 206 Drivers 207 Education 208 Firm General 210 Management 211 Medical 212 Miscellaneous 213 Retail 214 Retail 215 Sales 216 Trucks 217 Newspaper Carriers

DRIVERS: Gen. Steel Drywall is seeking a CDL Driver/Stocker. Heavy lifting, stocking, drywall into houses. Call 208-643-8473.

DRIVERS: Hiring over the road driver. 2 years experience preferred. Medical insurance and 401k. 1 year, \$35 per mile. Apply at: 222 G Street Twin Falls.

DRIVERS: Hire-Mid Drivers wanted. CDL required. Pay DOE. Apply to Idaho Concrete Co. 1294 Addison Ave, W. Twin Falls, ID or www.idahoconcrete.com

CLERICAL: Full-time Office Assistant needed at Jeromo company. Job duties include travel & event coordination. QuickBooks data entry and excellent customer service skills via telephone & email. Send resume to: Elacotta PO Box 31 Jeromo, ID 83338.

CONSTRUCTION: Framers wanted. At least 2 years exp. necessary. We are our own transportation. Steven S. Miller Construction 308-6435.

DRIVER: Local milk haulers. 401k, medical. 4 on 2 off. Call 208-224-3515

CLASSIFIEDS: It pays to read the Times-News to place your ad. Call The Times-News at 208-733-0931 ext. 2

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General

Automotive Parts... Full-time position at Horizon Organic...

General

Full-time position at Horizon Organic... Immediate opening for Parts Runner...

General

Santas needed for holiday season at Magic Valley Mail Service photo booth...

Medical

Do you have compassion for people facing their end-of-life journey? If so, we need you to share your gift...

Business

301 Business Opportunities... 302 Money to Loan... 303 Investments...

Sudoku

Grid of numbers for a Sudoku puzzle. Includes instructions: 'Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.'

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Do you work for a [bird icon]? Don't get your feathers ruffled. Join Sunbridge! RNs or LPNs... Full-time & Part-time, All Shifts

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Real estate listings: 502 Homes For Sale... 503 Homes For Sale... 504 Homes For Sale... 505 Homes For Sale...

Idaho Home Health & Hospice... Are you looking for a rewarding place to work? Idaho Home Health & Hospice is that place!

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The Wood River Journal... Marketing Representative... Everyone is saying it. The Wood River Journal is their newspaper of choice!

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Seastrom Manufacturing... SEASTROM MANUFACTURING... Seastrom Manufacturing Co., Inc. is looking for individuals with strong mechanical backgrounds...

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 DECILO 5 bdrm, 2 bath, family rm, office, 3000 sq. ft., central air, auto sprinklers, lg fenced yard. Appraisals for \$140,000. Asking \$128,000. 302 S 1st W. Declo 208-654-9969 or 208-312-2409

502 Homes For Sale
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A flood of friendship

Teen delivers 2,000 books to tsunami survivors

By Margaret Webb Plessler
The Washington Post

Sarasri Jayaratne, 17, vividly remembers waking up during the December holidays in 2004 at her cousin's house. Her large family was in a panic, and the adults were frantically making phone calls.

Sarasri grew up in Sterling, Va. Her parents, though, are from Sri Lanka, a small island country in the Indian Ocean. The commotion that morning was about the giant wave, or tsunami (pronounced see-NAH-mee), that had swept across Sri Lanka's coastline without warning, killing thousands of people. The terrible news was all over television.

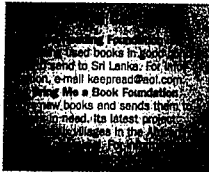
Sarasri's relatives in Sri Lanka (pronounced seee LONG-kuh) were not injured, but many survivors were not so fortunate. A year later, Sarasri found a way to help some of them — by collecting books for children at rural schools hit hard by the disaster. She had heard through the Sri Lankan community here that many schools were struggling to teach kids English because they had no books in English. Sinhala is one of the official languages of Sri Lanka but children there start learning English as a second language at around age 4 or 5.

"English is one of the things that they really need to learn," Sarasri said. So she asked a local Sri Lankan group if it would be helpful to send gently used children's books along with the clothes her family was frequently sending.

Sarasri started contacting churches, schools and libraries — plus a lot of neighborhood parents. In all, she collected 2,000 books, from kindergarten reading level through high school, and shipped them by sea to Sri Lanka.



After delivering 2,000 books to schools hit by the 2004 tsunami, Sarasri Jayaratne, third from left, was greeted enthusiastically by Sri Lankan students.



"I just felt like someone should at least initiate it and let other Sri Lankans know that there is something they can do," Sarasri said. She and her mother traveled to Sri Lanka to give the books to schools. Sarasri taught English for a few days in several of the poorest schools, some of which were huts with grass roofs.

Many of the children had lost their parents in the tsunami, "but they all have a smile on their face," she said. "That always made me feel truly."



Everything about the trip was more than expected by Sarasri or her mother, who has lived in the U.S. for 22 years. For one thing, the "small ceremony" she was expecting at the first school turned out to be a gathering of 2,000 students, a marching band, military generals and other leaders. Sarasri had to give a speech. "I wasn't terrified," it was just like, "Wow," she said. Sarasri couldn't

believe how important her efforts turned out to be. Inspired by the trip, she is setting up a charity, the Keep Reading Foundation, and collecting books for her next shipment to poor children in Sri Lanka. "I want them to have a chance to get the best of what life has to offer," she said.

Talking with Corbin Bleu

By Dan Kellner, Hillary Landsman and Renai Marlow, Kidsday reporters
Newsday

We interviewed singer and actor Corbin Bleu at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y., before a recent concert.

Q: Did the character you played in the movie "Jump In!" remind you of yourself?
A: A little bit. One of the best parts is (his) relationship with his father. My dad (David Reivers) played my dad in the movie, so there was a little bit of a chemistry there. I have two little sisters, myself, so there is a little sister in the movie, and we had a very similar relationship. My character is very driven in the movie. He is going to work very hard at it.

Q: Is there a lesson in "Jump In!" that relates to real life?
A: One thing is my relationship with my parents, which was always good. Any message in the movie, I ... already knew.

One message is you should always be able to talk to your parents. Another is you don't always have to do what others tell you to. You can follow your heart and do what you want to.

Q: How long does it take you to do your hair?

A: Great question! A long time on the road, and I can do whatever I want, and it stays the same. Even when I wake up ... it is kind of the same, only more frizzy. I go in the shower, (add) conditioner, comb it out and get the knots out. Then I bend over and shake like a dog. And then pool!

Q: Do you still socialize with old friends, or do you hang with new movie star friends?

A: I still hang out with my old friends, but it is hard because I am always so busy. I have been on the road, and I haven't even been able to talk to my old friends. I am the type of person who gets along with everybody, so I am constantly making new friends every day.

Q: When you are not filming, what do you like to do?

A: Anything relaxing or normal. I go to movies, go bowling or hang out at friends' houses and play games. It is such a hectic life ... so any chance I get to chill and take it easy, I take advantage of it.

Q: Your dad had a role in "Jump In!" Did that make things easier or harder?

A: Easier. My dad and I get along really well. We got to work with each other during the day, then hang out together at night. We'd go to dinner or out to the movies. Also, my dad has been my coach my entire life, so always, the day before, we would work on our scenes together. During the scenes, we already had a major connection together.

Q: Do you prefer to perform for live crowds or in a studio?
A: They are really different. It is the love of acting that gets you into television and movies and then really dive into the character. But live audiences are the moments you live for. You get up onstage and can feel the energy of every single person. You can have 15,000 people, and they are screaming for you. That is the best part of doing live performances.

Translator is never at a loss for words in 2 languages

By Amy Omdorff and Luz Lam
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Maria Currano isn't a doctor, but for people who speak only Spanish and need to go to the hospital, she could be just as important.

Currano, 30, is a Spanish translator and interpreter for the Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, Md. She helps doctors communicate with Spanish-speaking patients.

Part of what makes my job so rewarding is that I'm able to use my language skills to help people, Currano said. "For patients, it makes their hospital experience a lot less scary and more productive if they can communicate well with health-care providers."

A translator is someone who takes written information and rewrites it in another language. An interpreter listens to what someone says and repeats it in another language. Not

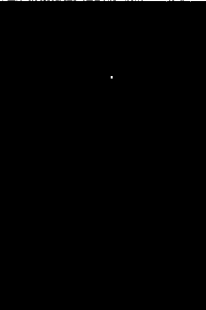
Career tips

... things you can do to prepare ... (including Monopoly) are good ways ... (reading in another language) ... High schools offer literature ... in addition to regular language classes ... also is essential ... Whether you are ...

all translators are interpreters, and not all interpreters are translators. Currano learned how to do both in school. English is Currano's native language. She started learning Spanish in middle school, then studied in Spain and at the University of Maryland. She majored in Spanish and linguistics (the scientific study of language) and took classes in translation. For while she wanted to be a teacher, but during college she started working at the hospital and enjoyed it. Translators and interpreters are needed in many industries. Police, school courts, the government and international business all need translators and interpreters daily. Most translating interpreters don't have a college degree, but they want to

Currano didn't have any medical training and for a long time would carry a medical dictionary wherever she went. More important, she said, is to know about the culture of the group you are translating or interpreting for. "Part of what makes my job so interesting is that I get to see and learn a lot about medicine without being a doctor or nurse," Currano said.

Maria Currano carries a dictionary to help her do her job as a Spanish translator and interpreter for Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, Md. When she started, she also used a medical dictionary, but now she uses a computer. By using a computer, she can find words faster.



Holm-spun stories

By Scott Moore
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The best thing about being a writer? Jennifer L. Holm doesn't hesitate with her answer: "The most beautiful part is when the book arrives in your hand."

But the most fun, the Maryland author says, is all the steps getting there, which usually include a visit to her parents' home in Pennsylvania.

Holm, 39, leaves the research required for her historical novels, including "Penny From Heaven" and "Our Only May Amelia," based on the lives of relatives. She enjoys buying the comic books she uses to prepare for the "Babymouse" series of graphic novels she produces with her brother Matthew. She has fun plowing through the box of 25-year-old treasures that inspired her latest book, "Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf."

But, maybe most of all, she enjoys revising what she has written. "That's when the story takes shape," she says. "My first draft is usually fairly terrible. Then it's fun to see how it changes. I feel like a character in their world."

It took her seven years to finish "Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf." It's a different kind of book: part graphic novel, part, well, stuff.

More than 120 pages of to-do lists, instant messages, notes, report cards, drawings, receipts, newspaper clippings and other items tell the story of troubled seventh-grader Ginny Davis. Her father died in a car accident. Her older brother is acting up. Her little brother eats toothpaste. Her former best friend, Mary Catherine Kelly, keeps getting all the best roles in the ballet productions. Nothing else seems to be going right.

Ginny's story mirrors part of Holm's middle-school experience: "My mom is a massive pack rat. She saved like every scrap of paper from my childhood and my (four) brothers. I went

home and got the Jennie box, which had my report cards, programs from recitals, bracelets from the hospital, little notes I passed in class — I'm not sure how she got those — stickers, corsages, funny stuff we got on vacation. I took all that stuff and created a story out of it."

A few of Holm's middle-school treasures are seen in the book's photographs. Her feelings about that time in her life are also on view.

"I clearly had a bad year in eighth grade," she says. "Charlie Brown (comic strips) got me through. ... My oldest brother had a book of collected works, and I'd go through a huge stack of Snoopy. That little dog can cheer you up."

"If I had been reading Jennie Holm books at that time, I wouldn't have been a happy camper."

Author Jennifer L. Holm, of Fallston, Md., often returns to her childhood home before beginning a book. She also dug out her mother's 1950s prom dress to promote the historical novel "Penny From Heaven." That's hilarious, isn't it? It's like playing dress up.

Julie Shapiro for The Washington Post



Meet Jennifer L. Holm

Personal: Lives in Fallston, Md., with her husband, Jonathan, a video-game designer; son Will, 4; and baby daughter Millie May.

Pets: A cat named Princess Lola Organa.

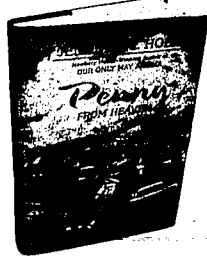
Favorite lunch food: Bagel chips and soda.

Least favorite food: "I hate meatloaf with a passion. It's scary-looking, too. Of course, people always say 'But you haven't tried MY meatloaf.' I still don't like it."

Favorite author: Fantasy writer Lloyd Alexander.

Favorite subject in school: "History. I always had really interesting history teachers. They loved to provoke debate in class."

Worst subject: Math.



BOOK REVIEWS

'Eggs'

The Washington Post

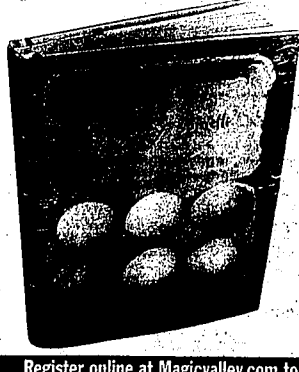
By Jerry Spinelli, for ages 9 and older

Is there anything more fragile than an egg? The answer in this novel is a definite "yes." Sometimes people are far more easily broken than an egg.

Jerry Spinelli has written several books for kids. "Crash," "Maniac Magee" and "Stargirl" are particularly good. This book tells the story of 9-year-old David, whose mother has died, and 13-year-old Primrose, who also has suffered too much for someone so young.

David and Primrose each have decided that the best way to avoid being hurt is to avoid getting close to people. But when they meet (under very unusual circumstances), the two discover a bond they can't ignore. So they spend their time hunting for night-crawlers, going on scavenger hunts in the neighborhood trash and even setting out on a hike to Philadelphia.

There are no dragons or magic in this book. The adventures occur in back yards and ordinary houses, not castles. This is a story about friendship, and in the hands of a remarkable author, that's more than enough.



'The Middle of Somewhere'

The Washington Post

By J.B. Cheaney, for ages 10 and older

Let's face it, that summer trip in the car with your family is usually lots of fun, but it also can be pretty stressful. The road trip that Ronnie Sparks is about to head out on definitely falls into the "stressful" category.

Ronnie's mom has had knee surgery, and she wants a break from Ronnie and her hyperactive little brother. That's where Ronnie's grandfather and a mobile home come into the picture. Ronnie, Gee (the nickname for her little brother) and Pop set off in search of "Wild" (the grandfather wants to invest in wind). Along the way, they discover tourist attractions such as the world's largest hand-dug well, the barbed wire museum, chalk pyramids and the world's biggest ball of twine. Ronnie also discovers that some of life's best moments can't be predicted, and that you won't know you're in the middle of something great until you're there.

After all, being in the middle of somewhere is better than being in the middle of nowhere.



'Jack and Rebel, the Police Dog'

The Washington Post

By Jack the dog (as told to Patricia Finney), for ages 8 and older

Jack is back, nuttier than ever. The big yellow Labrador tells the story, just as he did in "I, Jack," the first book in this series.

The doggy-speak is funny, and just when it seems like it's going to get a little annoying, there's a footnote where the cats who live with Jack talk to the reader and set things straight. Not surprisingly, the cats barely manage to put up with Jack and never fail to point out that, as a dog, he is nowhere near as intelligent as they are.

The story has Jack being reunited with Rebel, a friend from their puppy days. Rebel is now a police dog.

The people in the book — yes, there are some — are protesting a planned new road because trees would be cut down. That leads to interesting discussions about how few things are absolutely good or absolutely bad in this world. But even the environmental fight is seen through Jack's eyes. Be sure to check out the "Jackspeak" glossary before you start reading (and while you're reading) — unless, of course, you're already fluent in Dog.



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DO YOU WANT TO KNOW A SECRET?

During the glory days of radio, the nation listened to the same hits

By Marc Fisher
The Washington Post

Think for a minute about the three or four songs you can't hear often enough. Can you remember how you first heard those songs? Maybe a friend messaged you about one, or you found another on somebody's MySpace page, or someone burned a disc for you.

The answer to that question — how do you discover new music? — used to be much easier: Kids heard music first on the radio. That's still a popular way to hear new tunes, of course; but with so many new ways to share music, radio isn't what it used to be.

Very few choices

Imagine living in a place where there were only a handful of radio stations and no other way to hear the hit songs. That place was this country in the second half of the 20th century: from the birth of rock 'n' roll until the late 1970s, almost all young Americans listened to the same couple of stations playing the same hits over and over.

The downside was that there were only a few dozen songs on the radio. If you didn't like them, it was tough on you. But there was an upside: Nearly everyone knew the same music, so people had something in common no matter who they were or where they came from.

The idea of playing records on the radio was against the rules until the late 1940s. Radio stations employed bands and orchestras, and the musicians' union opposed playing any records on the radio because it thought that would take away musicians' jobs. But after television became widely available in the early 1950s and most radio shows moved over to the new technology, radio stations were desperate for something to put on the air.

Play it again ...

A station owner in Omaha, Neb., named

Todd Storz noticed that people eating at diners would play the same songs again and again on the jukebox. He wondered if a radio station could succeed by playing people's favorite songs all day long.

Storz revolutionized radio with a format called "Top 40" — for the 40 most popular songs in the country — that dominated radio for the next three decades. (As it turned out, playing records on the radio made listeners more likely to buy them, creating jobs for even more musicians.)

The people who played those records, called disc jockeys or deejays, became local celebrities.

They took calls from kids listening while they did their homework, played the hits at high school dances called record hops, and staged all kinds of stunts. Deejays locked themselves in the studio and played the same record over and over for days; they held goldfish-swallowing contests; they hid money in books in the public library and challenged listeners to hunt for the treasure; they tossed dollar bills off rooftops — anything to win attention and publicity.

We're all special

But by the 1980s and '90s, radio had become much more specialized. Separate stations offered formats including hard rock, light rock, oldies, country and music aimed at black or Latino audiences. No longer does everyone grow up with the same soundtrack. Thanks to new technologies that let listeners be their own deejays, today's audience is more sliced up than at any time since radio was born almost a century ago.

Still, radio executives believe that listeners crave a common musical language to share with people their own age. Will that be possible in the era of iTunes, music blogs and Internet and satellite radio? The history of radio teaches us that when new technologies develop, old media don't vanish — they change their content and reach a new audience in a new way.

Making waves

1927 Radio becomes a mass medium as Sears offers a \$34.95 table radio that "no family should be without."

1940 The first portable radios hit the market; they look like small suitcases and weigh five pounds.

1954 For the first time, more than half of American homes have TV; radio seems doomed.

1959 Cheap Japanese transistor radios flood the U.S. market, and kids take their music to the beach.

1962 The first psychological study of "transistor teens" concludes that American youngsters are comforted by "a blanket of sound that keeps them apart from the world they walk through."

1963 New York radio station WABC gets 300 million entries from students trying to win Principal of the Year honors for the heads of their schools. Grand prize: a color TV.

1969 A Michigan radio station coins the listeners that "The Beatles' Paul McCartney is dead. He isn't."


1979 A rock deejay in Chicago blows up a crate of disco records as 60,000 fans cheer.

1996 The federal government lifts most limits on how many radio stations a company may own. Within a couple of years, four companies own 70 percent of U.S. stations.

2001 Apple releases its first iPod, giving listeners the power to be their own deejays, playing the songs they want when they want them.

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Talking with Mets shortstop superstar Jose Reyes

By **SYNOPSIS** Bart, Ariana Richardson and Shekiah Pathway
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We recently interviewed All Star shortstop Jose Reyes in the dugout at Shea Stadium. Reyes, who started playing baseball professionally when he was 16, is the first Mets player to have consecutive seasons with 60 or more stolen bases.

Q: Which do you like more: batting or fielding?

A: I think I like both because they are both important to what we do on the field.

Q: Why did you pick the uniform number 7?

A: I always wanted to wear the uniform number 7 because a lot of people say that is the lucky number.

Q: Who taught you, or where did you learn your skills?

A: Nobody. I got this way from working. I work hard every day just to get better and better.

Q: When you hear the fans cheer-

ing for you, how does that make you feel?

A: I feel great! I try to do something special for them.

Q: If you couldn't be a baseball player, would you play another sport?

A: No. I always played baseball; I don't know any other sport. I never think about anything else — just baseball.

Q: What do you do to stay motivated during a game?

A: I try to smile and just enjoy the game as much as possible. When you

enjoy the game, everything will turn out good for you.

Q: What advice do you give youngsters who want a career in baseball?

A: Stay in school and play baseball. Baseball is a beautiful thing to do.

Q: What do you like more — hitting home runs or stealing bases?

A: Everything! I enjoy everything I am doing.

Q: What do you like to do when you are not playing baseball?

A: I like to spend my time with my family. I've got two daughters.



Brain teasers for kids

Newsday

Do you like the TV show "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader"?

If so, do you answer the questions correctly — well, at least most of the time? We made up our own quiz with questions we learned in fifth grade.

Try it and see how you do:

1. What is the sum of all the angles in a quadrilateral?
a) 180 degrees
b) 90 degrees
c) 360 degrees

c) Circulatory/pulmonary/respiratory

3. How many adjectives are in this sentence?
"The cute, brown dog ran quickly to the old, red house."

a) 3
b) 4
c) 5

2. What does CPR stand for?

a) Cardiolpulmonary resuscitation
b) Choking people rescue

4. When did the American settlers declare their independence?
a) July 4, 1492
b) July 4, 1620
c) July 4, 1776

5. If you mix yellow and red, what color do you get?

a) blue
b) orange
c) green

6. What is half of 12 multiplied by 8?

7. Name New York City's five boroughs.

8. Name the seven continents.

ANSWERS: (1) C (2) B (3) C (4) C (5) B (6) A (7) Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond, and Staten Island (8) Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America.

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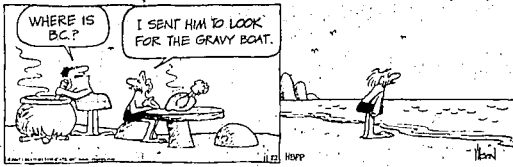
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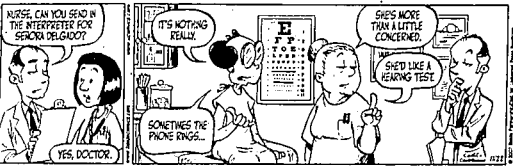
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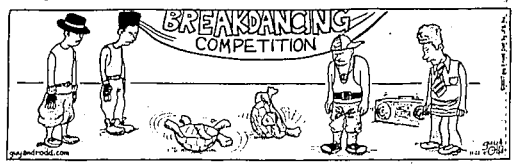
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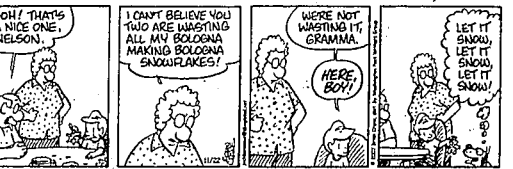
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Aries, get out and play football!

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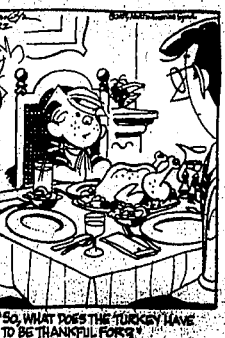
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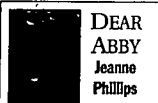
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Man offers grateful thanks for neighbor's helping hand

DEAR ABBY: My mother died when I was 27. It was very difficult time in my life...



different-sized towels? — CAMILLE IN TEXAS DEAR CAMILLE: Yes, there are different techniques...

A neighbor who knew about my situation came to my house and made me an offer. If I would take care of her children, she would make sure I had food to eat...

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I recently had an argument about a towel I folded incorrectly...

And now, Dear Readers, I will continue the tradition of repeating the Thanksgiving prayer that was penned years ago by my dear mother, Pauline Phillips...

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 22, the 326th day of 2007. There are 39 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

Alameda, Calif., carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight.

Ten years ago: U.N. weapons expert resumed work in Iraq, searching eight sites for signs the Iraqis might have worked on biological, chemical or other banned arms during a three-week forced halt in inspections.

Today's highlight:

On Nov. 22, 1963, President Kennedy was shot to death while riding in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas. Gov. John B. Connally, in the same limousine as Kennedy, was seriously wounded. Suspect Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested.

In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek met in Cairo to discuss the war against Japan.

Five years ago: At the NATO summit in Prague, Russian President Vladimir Putin told President Bush the United States should not wage war alone against Iraq, and questioned whether Pakistan and Saudi Arabia were doing enough to fight terrorism.

On this date:

In 1718, English plate Edward Teach — better known as "Blackbeard" — was killed during a battle off the Virginia coast.

In 1967, the U.N. Security Council approved Resolution 242, which called for Israel to withdraw from territories it had captured the previous June, and implicitly called on adversaries to recognize Israel's right to exist.

One year ago: A chemical factory explosion in Danvers, Mass., destroyed the surrounding neighborhood but caused no deaths or serious injuries.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Former Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., is 89. Movie director Arthur Hiller is 84. Actor Robert Vaughn is 75. Actor Michael Cullan is 72. Actor Alan Cardiff is 68. Animator and movie director Terry Gilliam is 67. Actor Tom Conli is 66. Singer Jesse Collin Young is 66. Astronaut Guion S. Bluford is 65. Tennis player Billie Jean King is 64. Rock musician-actor Steve Van Zandt (aka Little Steven) is 57. Rock musician Tina Weymouth (The Heads) is 57.

Talking Heads: The Tom Tom Club) is 57. Former baseball player Greg Loureik is 57. Rock musician Lawrence Gowan is 51. Actor Richard Kind is 51. Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 49. Rock singer Jason Ringenberg (Jason & the Scorchers) is 49. Actress Mariel Hemingway is 46. Actor Stephen Geoffreys is 42. Rock musician Charlie Collin is 41. Actor Nicholas Rowe is 41. Actor Mark Ruffalo is 40. Tennis player Boris Becker is 40. Actress Scarlett Johansson is 23.

THOUGHT

"A man does what he must — in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures — and that is the basis of all human morality." — John F. Kennedy, American President (1917-1963)

Jokes for kids

Newsway Did you hear the joke about the eskunk in the church? It had its own pew. Where do dogs park their cars? In the parking lot. What type of clothes do lawyers wear? Law suits. If a witch is 5-foot-4, what does he weigh? Meat. What do you get when you cross a bear and a eskunk? With the Fur. Why do business never get sick? Because they're full of little...

any bodies. Knock, knock. Who's there? Bailey. Who? Bailey who? Bailey half the ice cream is left. Who? How much does it cost a pirate to get a piercing? A buck an ear. What happened to the wooden wheel? It was broken and a wooden engine? It wooden go. What's a lazy boy's favorite day? Sat-urday. Did you hear about the shoe factory that burned down? It lost 200 soles!

Why did the teacher take away the students' axioms? Because she didn't want them to cut class. Did you hear the story about the eskunk? Never mind, it stinks. How do you make seven even? Take away the letter S. Why was the nose tired? Because it couldn't stop running. What do you call a berry that is cold? A burr-berry. What kind of books do owls like to read? Hoot-dumitz.

Talking with fashion pros Stacy London and Clinton Kelly

By Alexis Forde, Korynn Klein and Kerlan McCabe
 Kidstory reporters, Newsday

We recently spoke with Stacy London and Clinton Kelly, co-hosts of TLC's "What Not To Wear," in Manhattan.

Q: How did you get your "sexy" jobs?

Stacy: The show had an open casting call, looking for people who had a fashion editorial background or had worked with celebrities or knew something about helping people with their wardrobe and who could talk a lot. My agent said, "I know exactly who you need to meet."

Clinton: I was working as a writer and magazine editor for DNR (a men's fashion trade magazine). I got an e-mail asking if I'd like to audition for the show. A few weeks later, I had the job.

Q: Does your family have good fashion sense, or do you give them tips?

Clinton: My dad rides a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and everything he wears says Harley-Davidson on it. It drives me crazy! My mom actually dresses really well. My family never asks me for advice because they don't care what I have to say!

Q: What is the most embarrassing item in your closet?

Stacy: I give a lot of clothes away to charity, stuff from the show and from my personal closet. I have an old T-shirt — and I know I'm always telling people to throw away their old T-shirts — but I have one from about 1983 when I was "very Madonna," wearing rubber bracelets.

Clinton: I don't have too many embarrassing things because I got rid of them. When I was growing up on Long Island in the 1980s, I had acid-wash jeans that were pleated and tapered, and I had a mullet (hair style). That definitely was my most embarrassing fashion period.

Q: Which fashion trends would you like to see go away?

Clinton: Skinny jeans are a



'What Not To Wear' hosts Stacy London, right, and Clinton Kelly, left, help music writer Nekesa Moody, center, pick out an outfit.

FUN FACTS: Stacy graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar College with degrees in German literature and 20th century philosophy. Clinton grew up in Port Jefferson Station, New York.

but if you're not skinny, they don't look good on you, or you can't fit into them.

Stacy: A great trend is something that works for most people. I don't like things that don't make sense for most people, like metallic leggings that look like C-3PO from "Star Wars" would wear.

Q: What affordable store or brands do you recommend to kids our age (11)?

Clinton: H & M is great because a lot of their stuff is really affordable and trendy.

big trend right now. If you're skinny, you can wear them,

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Q: If kids wear labeled clothing, is it a fashion "do" or "don't"?

Clinton: I'm not a big fan of labels. I don't (see) why you have to advertise for a company on your shirt. But I understand that when you're a kid, it's almost a way of fitting in. But when you get out of col-

lege, you do need to stop wearing labels.

Q: Will there be a kids' version of "What Not to Wear"?

Clinton: That would be so much fun! I don't think there are plans right now.

It might be tricky because what we do involves making fun or teasing people about

what they're wearing.

Stacy: I work with an organization called Inspiring Divas, and it's all about inspiring self-esteem in young women. To me, it's important to learn to express yourself and that style is personal. That's what I would want to express on a

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Workshop helps tax preparers better serve immigrant clients

Times-News

Tax laws can be complex for anyone. For immigrants, we're talking a whole different tax game.

To help tax preparers better serve their immigrant clients and stay out of trouble in the bargain, an all-day workshop for anyone who prepares tax returns for U.S. immigrants is planned by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

The workshops will be held Dec. 1 and Jan. 5, 2008. Participants are welcome to choose either date.

The morning session will cover client characteristics and challenges, individual tax identification numbers, filing status, exemption rules, common errors concerning earned income credits, and

Social Security no-match letters. The afternoon session will go into greater depth on individual tax identification numbers and will provide hands-on exercises and feedback from the instructors. The morning session is a pre-requisite for the afternoon session.

Sherry Rust, Idaho Small Business Development Center course developer, says returns prepared for immigrant taxpayers have an exceptionally high rate of errors. Amendments made to the tax code earlier this year now extend penalties to those who prepare immigrant tax returns that have errors, and increase the amount of those penalties.

Robert Wunderle, who heads the La Posada Tax Clinic, came up with the idea for the workshop, of which he

Want to sign up for the workshop?

Pre-registration and payment for the workshop must be received by the morning of Dec. 1, 2007. The fee is \$25.00. For information, contact Robert Wunderle at 735-3189.

is the instructor, because many preparers are not trained in the areas that affect immigrants. For example, all preparers know that families with children can claim a child tax credit. However, if an immigrant has children living in Mexico or another foreign country, that immigrant can claim the child as a dependent, but not claim the child tax credit, a federal tax rule providing up to \$1,000 tax credit per child under age 17.

"Filing status: great big

challenge," Wunderle said.

If immigrants have a spouse who doesn't have a valid Social Security number, but they do have children, tax preparers might file the spouse as head of household or as a single return—but that may not be legal.

Spouses without Social Security numbers may obtain a tax identification number that can be used on the returns. The La Posada Tax Clinic is a certifying acceptance agent for the IRS, that is

an agency that can certify identification documents, such as birth certificates, passports and others needed for an tax identification number.

The numbers are important because La Posada Ministry, which serves immigrants, sees about 300 to 400 clients, most Spanish-speaking, who may be trying to sponsor a family member for immigration purposes.

Federal Immigration officials will want to know if applicants can financially support the people they are sponsoring, so officials may request tax returns and ask why a spouse isn't showing up on that return.

Penalties for tax preparers who don't perform due diligence have increased drastically, so they can "save themselves a lot of grief" by taking

the workshop, Wunderle said.

The workshop also fits right into what the La Posada Tax Clinic does, much of which focuses on education in English and Spanish through programs and counseling. They also represent low-income people who are having problems with the IRS, he said.

"It was quite successful for us last year," Rust said of the workshop. "You can get into a lot of trouble if you don't do the forms exactly right so he (Wunderle) developed this workshop."

Certified, public accountants, tax preparers and a few taxpayers attended last year. In addition, a group of students from Jerome High School who prepared tax returns for their families attended at the suggestion of their teacher, Rust said.

Conversing is no simple matter for the bilingual

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Cuban-born Maria Carreira, the co-author of two college Spanish textbooks, can glide easily between her native tongue and English. But in her daily life in Southern California, picking which language to speak can be very complicated.

Such as the time when she was at a taco stand where everyone seemed to be ordering and chatting in Spanish. Carreira started placing her order in Spanish, but she quickly switched to English after she got a look at the young employee behind the counter.

"He had the bluest eyes," Carreira said.

Carreira, a linguist who teaches at California State University, Long Beach and an expert in the use of Spanish in the United States, acknowledges that she blundered at the taco joint.

"Although the counter-man responded in English, it dawned on her that he had been capably handling orders in Spanish.

Yet her flub reflects a language-etiquette question confronted daily by the nation's growing ranks of English-Spanish bilinguals: When to use English and when to speak Spanish?

Not everyone is charmed by the budding bilingualism. Some Americans resent the widespread use of Spanish, particularly at government agencies and public schools. "Our government has gone way too far in encouraging people not to learn English," said Jim Boulet Jr., executive director of Spanish- and English-based English First, an advocacy group that is working to make English the nation's official language.

Still, among the estimated 18 million Americans proficient in both languages, according to the U.S. Census in September, the issue isn't whether to speak English or Spanish, but when. It's the delicate matter of courtesy—and avoiding the usual feelings of resentment that can arise when one language is favored over another.

For example, switching to Spanish when speaking to Spanish-speaking customers at a bank or a store is a common practice.

MARIACHI FESTIVAL



Albino Guerrero, right, Euse Macias, left, and other members of Casa de la Cultura Mexico Dance Group perform at the 17th annual Mariachi Festival Sunday in Los Angeles. The festival is held to celebrate mariachi musicians.

PINATA COMPETITION



People look at pinatas competing in Mexico's first pinata competition in Mexico City, Saturday. Traditionally kilted with green protruding coons, pinatas are traditionally broken open by children before Christmas to get at the candy, nuts and fruit inside.

A long look back at Salvador Allende

Los Angeles Times

Chilean filmmaker Patricio Guzman, 67, in exile since 1973, returns to his homeland for the unabashedly personal documentary "Salvador Allende." Guzman explores the life of Chilean socialist leader who, after a 40-year career, was elected president in 1970. He was overthrown three years later by U.S.-backed forces.

Pinochet and his 17-year reign of terror.

Through interviews with Allende's family, friends and colleagues, Guzman presents an intimate portrait focusing on the political and personal life of the leader. Guzman's film is a rare look at the man behind the man. Guzman's film is a rare look at the man behind the man.

events leading up to the military overthrow and Allende's eventual suicide.

Edward Korry, the former U.S. ambassador bears witness to the U.S. involvement, recalling Richard Nixon's initial attempt to crush Allende economically, smuggling millions of dollars into the country by the line of credit.

Seeking applicants

Arizona program focuses on needs of Latinos, Native Americans

Applicants are now being sought for "Knowledge River" at the University of Arizona's School of Information Resources and Library Science, which is concerned with the special information interests and needs of Latinos and Native Americans.

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summer and/or fall semester. Support offered to scholars includes tuition and fees for the introductory class, a graduate assistantship for fall 2008 and spring 2009, (usually involving 20 hours of work per week in a library), customized academic advising and support, and peer support from fellow students. Additional funds for completing the degree are usually available on a competitive basis.

Knowledge River Scholars must be accepted for admission into the School of Information Resources and Library Science graduate program by submitting application materials no later than Feb. 1, 2008.

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1.3 Million People Make Their Living On eBay

By Frances M. Kelsey

Despite the fact that the economy is rising in the United States, employment rates are declining. One of the major reasons for the decline in employment rates is the opportunity to work with eBay and other main online auction websites. Why settle for minimum wage when it is possible to make over \$100,000 a year from the comfort of your home? Over 170 million people are signed up for eBay and around 1.3 million people are making a full-time living through online auctioning, leaving their everyday jobs.

Michael Syme, online auction expert and author of the book "Online Making Money with eBay Auctions," is one of

many people who have left the mundane aspect of a 9-to-5 desk job and has begun to make his own income at home with the help of his children. Now Syme is making around \$10,000 a month by selling a variety of items that can be found in his home.

"People shouldn't wait until they find themselves out of a job before they find out if they are not financially secure," Syme said. "They should start ensuring their future and their family's financial future immediately. Not only does eBay allow people to make money and get rid of some things that may no longer be of use, there are more benefits than cash. If a seller can make \$1,000 a month or more, they can qualify for most of the same benefits that

would be made available in a regular 9-to-5 job, such as health, vision, pharmacy, and dental. Over 200,000 members of eBay qualify for these benefits and more.

Not only does using eBay at home cut back on paying for gas and having to deal with the hassle of rush hour traffic, but also consumer demands through the Internet are continually growing, allowing for a higher income rate per seller. Consolidated revenues for eBay in the year 2007 are expected to reach anywhere from \$7.05 to \$7.3 billion, a 31% improvement from the year 2006.

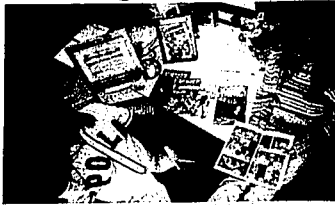
According to a speech given by former Senior Vice President of Products Development, Lynn Reddy, on average one car is sold every two minutes, a car

part or accessory sold every three seconds, diamond jewelry every eighty-three seconds, and a pair of Timberland shoes every ten minutes. These items and more, from concert tickets to stamps and coins, are sold daily by average people looking to gain an income or better their current cash flow.

"Anybody can do it if they know the right technique," Syme said. "With the right techniques it's easy to make extra income."

Syme said he does not recommend attempting to become a full-time online auctioneer with eBay without learning the basics first.

"It's like driving a car," Syme said. "It's easy to do but if no one shows you how to drive, you could end up in an



accident that costs you time and money to fix." This should not be taken as discouragement to start working with online auctions. It is rather easy to get started in the process and become acquainted with the techniques. With a little homework, access to an Internet-ready computer, and some basic computer knowledge, anyone can be on their way to becoming a member of the fastest growing community in the U.S.

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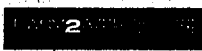
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Talk

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rudo. If it suggests the other speaker is inept in English. Yet among Hispanics proud of their ethnic heritage, completely avoiding Spanish can come across as standoffish.

Experts such as Carreira say the language decision among bilinguals is often made in a split second, based on cues such as age, clothing and apparent social status — along with skin, eye and hair color.

Names can be giveaways — or traps. When University of California, Los Angeles student Maricruz Cecena introduced herself with a friendly hola to one of her freshman-year dormitory roommates, Laura Sanchez, and then tried to strike up a phone conversation in Spanish, all she got was an earful of English.

Cecena, a child of Mexican immigrants who grew up speaking Spanish, had assumed too much.

Sanchez can get by fairly well in Spanish but is much more comfortable in English, which was the primary language in her upper-middle-class Mexican-American home. She said she sometimes is intimidated by friends and acquaintances who speak Spanish better than she does.

"You don't want them to see that you don't speak as well," Sanchez said, calling the quality of her Spanish a "very personal" issue.

Despite the initial awkward moments, three years later Sanchez and Cecena remain friends. But they do that, in part, by keeping their conversations in English.

As with all etiquette, making the other person comfortable is key.

K.C. McAlpin recalls making small talk recently with a night-crew janitor from Central America who was working at his office.

The conversation started in English, but McAlpin, who grew up in Texas and worked in Latin America in the 1970s, decided to help the janitor when she got hung up on some word. The conversation then resumed in Spanish.

The location for their chat — The Arlington, Va., headquarters of ProEnglish, another group that promotes making English the nation's official language. McAlpin is the group's executive director. Although Carreira regrets

"I speak Spanish when I can, because I love to do it and I love to practice."

Brian Ghiglia, who has become a competent Spanish-speaker by studying on and off since high school

the incident with the blue-eyed counterwoman, she has a finely honed sense of Spanish-English etiquette that leads her to use Spanish sparingly in public, unless she is approached in Spanish.

Say Carreira needs directions and bumps into somebody who appears Hispanic. She'll ask in English and stick with the language even if the other person speaks with a heavy accent. Switching quickly to Spanish, Carreira reasons, would be "sort of saying, 'Huh, I get it. You can't speak English.'"

But by refusing to speak Spanish, "you also risk coming across as aloof or superior, more Americanized, or not one of them," she said.

The solution? Carreira will continue an insult in English to avoid insult but will toss in a well-proportioned gracias or por favor as "a way of being gracious and showing solidarity."

Among Hispanics, trying a little Spanish sometimes can defuse hostility. Ana Cella Zentella, an ethnic-studies professor at the University of California, San Diego and author of the 1997 book "Growing Up Bilingual," said she had found in her research that older U.S. Hispanics often "think they're being lied to" when they encounter young Hispanics who say they don't know the language.

English-speakers struggling to use a few words of Spanish can, in some circumstances, come across very well. "There are people who are very touched when there is a genuine approach to them by people who are trying to speak Spanish to communicate and to connect with them," Zentella said. But all too often, she said, English-speakers offend with fractured "mock Spanish" that she considers racist — including "no problemo" and "comprendo?"

Being too eager with Spanish brings another kind of hazard.

Brian Ghiglia, a mediator based in the San Fernando Valley, has become a competent Spanish-speaker by studying on and off since

high school. "I speak Spanish when I can, because I love to do it and I love to practice," he said.

When he was in his 20s and in a celebratory mood after a UCLA football game, Ghiglia — who's now 57 — stopped at a gas station and started speaking Spanish "a mille a minute" to a man he assumed was Hispanic. "He just sort of looked at me like I was a little crazy, because he didn't speak a word of Spanish and very little English," Ghiglia said.

In the increasingly diverse mix that is Southern California, appearances can deceive. Dalton Waters, a security guard who grew up in Nicaragua speaking both languages, is accustomed to startling people with his Spanish. In his case, it's because he's black.

That might not be unusual in Miami or New York, where black Spanish-speakers with roots in Cuba, Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic are common, but it still surprises in Los Angeles.

When someone struggles to ask Waters a question in English and he replies in Spanish, "a lot of times, they jump back," he said with a husky laugh.

One recent afternoon, an SUV pulled up while Waters was at his job guarding a parking lot near Universal Studios. The window rolled down, and a middle-age woman in the back seat asked, in accented English, how to get to the tourist attraction.

Waters began answering in English, but after sensing that no one in the SUV understood him well, he switched languages. The driver's and passengers' eyes widened, and they broke into smiles — even though a moment later Waters informed them that they weren't supposed to park at his lot.

"Este es para el Metro" (This is for the Metro), he said, explaining where they could park. Waters then used that other Southern California idiom — Spanglish — to say where they could wait for "el shuttle."

CSI needs volunteers for ABE program

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For more information: 732-6534.

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Peer Mediators at Rupert Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year include, from left, front, Derek, Isela, John, Jacob; center, Candice, Terran, Eloisa, Zak, Jimmy; and back, Crystal, Diana, Karen, Jesse, Nathan.

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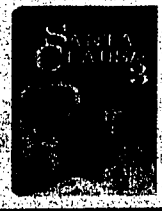
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The Mialdoka County Senior Center held a Halloween costume contest for all ages on Oct. 31 at the center. Winners were Yazmeen Cruz and Joan Call.



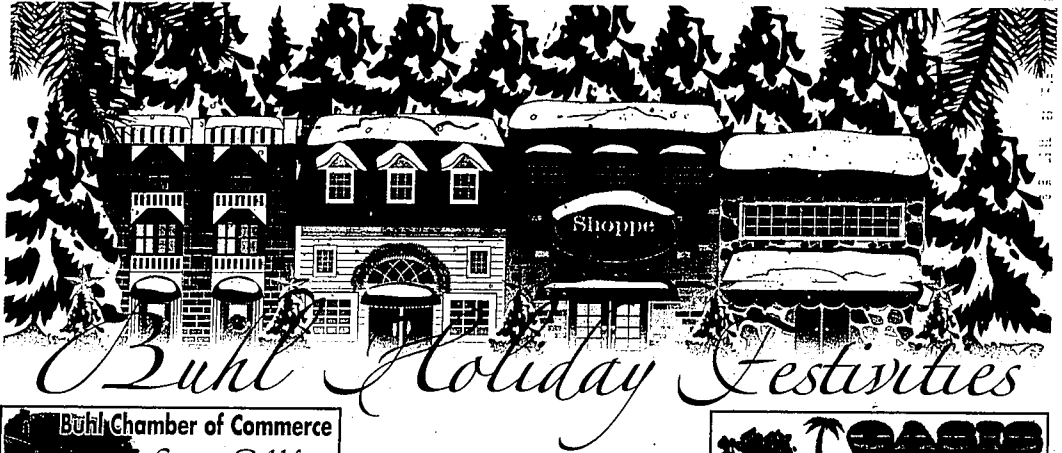
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM



Delores Brewerton and Pam Harris of the Mial-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children presented a program for the Soroptimists of Mialch and Barley on Oct. 24 at the Fairfield Inn in Barley. The program, "No Means No," provided information on date violence and the warning signs. According to the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, as many as one in three teens in a dating relationship report being abused. To arrange a presentation for a group or organization: Pam Harris, 436-0987.

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Celebrate holiday events in the Mini-Cassia area

Friday, Nov. 23

-The Ninth Annual Caring and Sharing Christmas Festival will be Nov. 23-26 at the Rupert Civic Center, 505 Seventh St.

-Friday is the Gala Celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Buyers are welcome. The festival is open to public from 3 to 10 p.m.

-Saturday is the Teddy Bear Breakfast from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The festival is open to the public until 8 p.m.

-Sunday the festival is open to the public from noon to 5 p.m.

-Monday the festival is open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. Senior Social is from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information: 436-0135.

Christmas City USA will hold its annual chili feed at 5 p.m. on the Rupert Square.

The menu will include chili and cinnamon rolls for \$1.50 each and hot chocolate and

coffee for 50 cents each. Santa will turn on the lights on the square at 7 p.m., followed by fireworks.

The event is sponsored by the Rupert Christmas Lighting Committee and all proceeds will be used for Christmas lighting, decorations and maintenance. For more information: 436-4554.

Sunday, Nov. 25

Thankful for Thanksgiving will be at 3 p.m. at Rosetta Assisted Living, 1919 Hiland Ave. in Burley.

The public is invited to join Rosetta staff and residents and their families for refreshments and entertainment. For more information: 677-5151.

Monday, Nov. 26

Sage Mountain Grill in Albion is sponsoring a gingerbread house decorating contest.

All entries must be submitted and delivered to the Grill during normal business hours on Monday, Nov. 26. The entries will be displayed from Nov. 27 to Dec. 31. Winners will be announced on Dec. 1.

There will be three categories by age: 12 years old and under, 13- to 17-year-olds, and adults. The first place winner in each will receive a \$100 prize and the second place \$50.

The house must be made of edible materials, and entrants must provide any special area display materials. Size limits are 24" X 24" and 36" high. Each entry must have the name, age, address and phone number of the entrant. Entries will be judged by customers and a select panel of judges. Entries are to be picked up by the close of business on Jan. 3, 2008. For more information: Ina DiGrazia, 673-6896.

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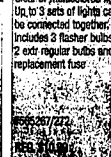
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Castelford High School honor roll

Castelford High School First Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor
3.5 to 4.0
Seniors
Nathan Graybeal
Michelle Hill
Zachary Kline

Honor Roll
3.0 to 3.49
Seniors
Gabriela Medina
Desiree Pasquale
Nichel Rodgers

Juniors
Megan Choate
Amanda Elsnor
Julie Kaminski
Calvin Kennison
Elizabeth Lopez

Freshmen
Gabrielle Machado
Christina Schlag
Rikki Wiggins

Sophomores
Courtney Alford
Shandi Bell
Katy DeVries
Katie Eastman
Nicklas Howard
Allison Rodgers
Chase Rount
Jessica Schlund
Tyler Weighall
Calle Wiggins
Michael Wiseman
David Zavala

Freshmen
Brook Bishop
Tyler Hansen
Tanya Hill
Dylan Kinyon
Clayton Kline
Adam Machado
John Reinhold
Kale Weekes

Juniors
Clayton Bishop
Michael Bower
Jacob Canfield
Bellinda Kinyon
Billie Schorzman
Jenna Vulgamore

Freshmen
Sophomores
Storm Brito
Sam Chavez
Chet Hunsaker
Maricela Rodriguez
Trael Wiersma

Freshmen
Ashlyn Canfield
Jevell Johnson
Brent Wheeler
Riata Zimmers

Castelford Middle School announces First Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll
3.5 to 4.0
Eighth grade
Tanzer Alford
Karli Bower
Ashley Brito
Emily Elsnor
Roxanne Hill
Mitchell Howard
Tyler Silveira
Laura Vandenberghe
Jessica Welch

Seventh grade
Kelsey Adams
Elle Blick
Xantha Darrow
Chelsea Gould
Fallon Machado
Michael Wiersma
Tyler Zimmers
Will Kline

Sixth grade
Ashley Adams
Brooks Bromers
Caitlyn Choate
Austin Davis
Yasmin Elzalde
Cameron Gualco
Sterra Harr
Mitchell Mahannah

Seventh grade
Andrew Connell
Ricardo Coria
Heidi Diaz
Arenia Elsnor
Kenneth Nickl
Logan Rector
Dairlan Robinson
Donna Joe
Roblnson
Kylie Weekes

Sixth grade
Sam Gould
Hagen Hunsaker
Diana Sarabia
Cody Surratt

Scotty Maxey Scout Monson Morgan Myers Cheyenne Peterson

Michelle Pryor
Rylee Reynolds
Andrew Schorzman
Coy Surratt
John Wiseman

Honor Roll
3.0 to 3.49
Eighth grade
Chance Rount
Amanda Stag
Destry Weekes
Shelby Wheeler
Kendra Flores
Brooke Schvar

Seventh grade
Chelsea Gould
Fallon Machado
Michael Wiersma
Tyler Zimmers
Will Kline

Sixth grade
Ashley Adams
Brooks Bromers
Caitlyn Choate
Austin Davis
Yasmin Elzalde
Cameron Gualco
Sterra Harr
Mitchell Mahannah

Christmas party held at Riley Creek Restaurant in Hagerman

HAGERMAN — The local Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club will host a children's winter party from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Riley

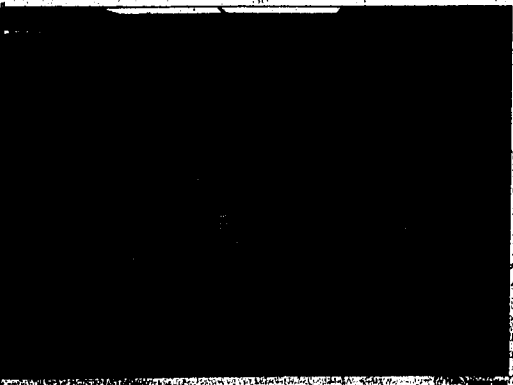
Creek Restaurant, 171 S. State St.

The party will include treats, Christmas crafts, and Santa reading Christmas stories and is open to all chil-

dren in the local area. In lieu of admission, children are asked to bring a canned food donation.

For more information: DeeAnn Jenks, 734-1351.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Students of the Month for November: From left are, front, the winning fifth grade student, Kaleb Peterson; second row, Alexander Medina; Kregg Peterson; third row, Kaleb Peterson; fourth row, Alexander Medina; Kregg Peterson; fifth row, Kaleb Peterson; sixth row, Kaleb Peterson; seventh row, Kaleb Peterson; eighth row, Kaleb Peterson; ninth row, Kaleb Peterson; tenth row, Kaleb Peterson.

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Scouts rally to collect canned items for food drive

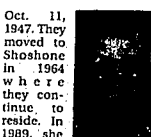
The Snake River Council successfully completed its 2007 Scouting for Food drive on Nov. 3, as Boy Scouts picked up donations of canned goods and non-perishable items left by residents on their doorsteps. On Oct. 27, local Cub Scouts distributed empty bags to residents of the Magic and Wood River valleys to fill the bag with food

for those in need.

As of Nov. 11, Scouts of the Snake River Council had collected over 30,000 pounds of food for the community's hungry. Twin Falls organizations receiving part of the 1 1/2 tons of food include the Salvation Army, Project Compassion Food Bank and South Central Community Action in Twin Falls.

Birthday event planned for Shoshone woman

SHOSHONE — Shirley Faught will celebrate her 80th birthday on 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Shoshone Assembly of God Church, 118 W. Fourth St. Faught was born Nov. 12, 1927, in Rupert to Bert and Wanda Farwell. She attended a one room school in Heglar and then attended Burley High School graduating in 1945. She married Waldo Faught of Burley on



Faught

Oct. 11, 1947. They moved to Shoshone in 1964 where they continue to reside. In 1989, she retired from the Shoshone Post Office after working there for 21 years.

During her retirement years, she has enjoyed traveling. Her travels have included trips to Alaska, Costa Rica, Chile, Eastern Canada, New England, and Hawaii. She has also enjoyed quilting for her family and with the ladies of the Golden Years Senior Citizens.

The event will be hosted by her children, Dan (Sherry) Faught of

Roseburg, Ore.; Ken Faught of Marysville, Wash.; Phyllis (Ken) Oldenhouse of Lawrenceville, Ga.; Wanda (Dennis) Ownbey of Princeton; Ruth (Cory) Patrick of Adlington, Wash.; Paul (Gullermo) Sanchez of Arlington, Wash.; Judy (Manuel) Holguin of Pocatello. She has 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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- 5, 5 PACK OF CRISP BEAN BURRITOS . . \$5.49
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- 8, 5 SOFT BEAN BURRITOS \$5.99

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FREE to the public. There will be chili, coffee & hot chocolate served at 5:30 pm. The lighting will begin at 6 pm. at Dickson Park, Hansen, Id.

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SUN VALLEY SKI SEASON

Dollar Mountain poised to emerge from Baldy's shadow

By Karen Bossick
Wood River Journal

For years Sun Valley's Dollar Mountain has languished in the shadows of its bigger sister Baldy, which lies a mile down the road.

Baldy got all the fame and glory, what with its wide boulevards of corduroy runs offering skiers long runs 3,400 vertical feet down the mountain. And its bowls, with their bumps and powder stashes, tantalized skiers from around the world.

Now the junior mountain is poised to resume some of the spotlight at the famed Sun Valley Resort.

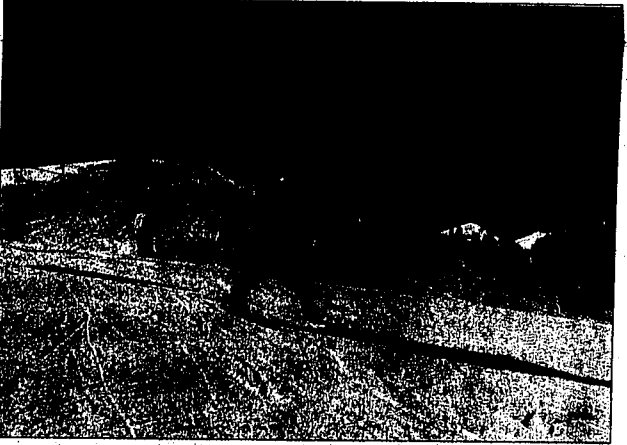
The Little ski hill, which has been considered the beginner's hill ever since the action moved to its taller counterpart 60-plus years ago, began its move into the spotlight a few years ago with the construction of a multimillion dollar Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge named for the wife of Sun Valley Resort owner Earl Holding.

And this year the ski hill is primed to take back even serious skiers, thanks to two new high-speed quads, which have replaced excruciating slow fixed-grip chairs, and a plethora of new snow guns added to those that were placed on

the mountain last year.

The Doppelmayr chairs, which cost about \$4 million each, will cut down the ride to the top from an average 20 minutes to three. And they can run 2,000 skiers per hour, although no one is expecting anywhere near those numbers, given Sun Valley's historic penchant for light crowds and plenty of elbow room.

The addition of 27 new snow guns costing approximately \$800,000 brings the number of snow guns on Dollar Mountain to



You won't find this old fixed grip chairlift on Dollar Mountain, anymore. It's been replaced by a high-speed quad with special safety bars for youngsters.

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Baldy skiing not expected to show any ill effects from fire

By Karen Bossick
For the Times-News

As Sun Valley prepares to embark on its 71st ski season on Thanksgiving Day, its representatives are trying to convince people that the resort is alive and kicking.

Sun Valley's 9,150-foot Bald Mountain and the town of Ketchum were very nearly run over by a 48,500-acre wildfire in late August.

But 1,700 firefighters and an army of helicopters and retardant-dumping aircraft were able to keep the fire from ruin-

ing roughness over multimillion-dollar chairlifts.

Sun Valley's snow guns helped out, as well. Sun Valley's snow makers figured out how to trick Baldy's arsenal of 522 snow guns into turning on despite temperatures in the 90s. Guns

shot 150 gallons of water at the 17,000-square-foot Seattle Ridge Lodge, which would have cost as much as \$25 million to replace by some accounts.

Other snow guns soaked the ski runs, trying to prevent parching trees from land-

ing on the runs and sparking a fire.

When it was all over, the fire had burnt right up to the border of the ski resort and had even sparked a few spot fires on Upper Picabo, near the historic Roundhouse and along the cat track bor-

dering International. But the multi-million dollar lodges and chairlifts on the mountain had emerged intact.

Now, Mark Thornton, Sun Valley's winter sales manager,

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Magic Mountain offers new wrinkles, convenience to valley

By David Bellinger
Times-News Staff Writer

It may not necessarily have the regional prestige of other resorts in the area, but Magic Mountain Ski Resort is certainly doing its part to provide the valley with quality experience that's conveniently accessible from anywhere in the Magic Valley.

Located 28 miles south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road, the 17-run, 800-foot vertical drop resort has added a few

new wrinkles to bring in the locals this winter with a campaign slogan of "Come feel the Magic on the Mountain." Among the improvements for this season is a renovation of the lodge, with retooling of the bathrooms for skiers and snowboarders. But that may not be the biggest addition to the resort this winter.

"This year, biggest thing is the new tubing lift for a tubing run," said Terry Miller of Magic Mountain Ski Resort.

"We have 100 tubes available for rent, and they get hooked up to a rope and taken up to about a 150-foot run. We had it for a little bit last year but by the time we got it set up it wasn't used very much, so this is the first time it's out for the whole season."

"It's a new location, with some new whoop-de-dos, so it should be pretty fun. We're supported by the local people and want to encourage them to come out." For those interested in tubing, rentals are \$9 for a

two-hour time period. Tubes can't be brought, however, as it requires a special apparatus to be hooked into the "lift," so only the resort's tubes are allowed.

Those interested in the typical ski and snowboard experience can expect affordable rates for the season. An adult day pass will run \$25, while a youth pass is \$17. There is also a discount for half-day passes. Children under age 7 are free with a paying adult. The resort has also announced a special

offer for Jan. 5, where a family can come ski for \$50. Snowboards rent for \$20, and skis go for \$15. Lessons are also available on the mountains (\$30/hour for a private lesson, \$15/hour per person for a group lesson).

Skiers and snowboarders can expect an improvement on the hillside, as well as some manageable runs.

Of the 17 runs, about half are classified as easy and another quarter are intermediate. Only a handful of runs are actually given the black

diamond "difficult" rating. And to get up to those runs shouldn't take quite as long as you'd expect, as a new diesel motor has been installed on the lone double-chair lift.

Once the snow hits, Magic Mountain will be open Thursday through Sunday and the middle of March from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will also be open every day during the Christmas holiday period.

For more information visit www.magicmountainresort.com or call 736-7669.

Skiing only the beginning of Montana's wintry playground

By Brett French
Billings Gazette

Sure we were young and dumb, but the idea of winter camping sounded like a good idea to my friends and me back in the early 1980s. Especially alluring was the prospect that, not far from our campsite, there was a hot springs. Far be it for a little snow and cold to stand in the way of a good time and some soaking.

So we loaded up my friend Mike Beltz's snowmobile and sided with tents, bags, a tarp and food, and set off into the Gravelly Mountains, south of Ennis, in mid-January. Needless to say, we froze our butts off. Luckily, a blazing fire kept us warm through much of the night as we twiddled like rooster chickens to keep our front and back sides from alternately charring or icing up.

The next morning, our bills feeling as thick as 7-11 slushies, we crested a ridge, skied out onto a wide, brilliantly white meadow. Despite a clear sky, the temperature still felt like it was in the single digits, the air so cold each breath was freezing our lungs.

With assurances that the hot springs was just ahead, we pressed on, finally discovering the pool just over a small rise. Steam rose from its uniced surface. After sticking a finger into the water, though, I ruled it too cool for my taste. It was like tepid bath water. The pool stop my buddy Bill Saunders, though, who stripped down and made the plunge.

Back in those days, winter in Montana was a nine-month affair. If you didn't ski, skate, sled or snowmobile, you spent a lot of the year indoors.

Winters aren't near as active anymore, but ignoring four or five months of possible outdoor activity because of snow and cold still seems stupid, unless you're part bear.

So if you're someone searching for an idea of where to go and what to do, here are some suggestions to keep your winter as active as the summertime.

Downhill skiing

As a youngster, downhill skiing was my winter sport of choice. Back then, it was relatively inexpensive. Now, the sport costs you a good chunk a month or two of wages for equipment and lift tickets. They're pretty much priced me out of the market.

But if you're looking to get out and slip down a slope at least once or twice a season, within a few hours drive of Billings there are six ski hills ranging from mom-and-pop operations to Montana's largest resort, Big Sky. Each has a little something different to offer.

Just down the road, Red Lodge Mountain Resort (<http://www.redlodgemountain.com>) is the greater Billings area's ski hill of choice. Family friendly, the ski hill's runs cover everything from wide, long cruiser runs to steep places to poach powder.

But the resort's liberal use of snowmaking keeps the hills green even in dry winters. Early spring is usually Red Lodge's biggest snow season, with February and March often offering big dumps. Now under new ownership, it will be interesting to see what changes are in store. Adult lift tickets are \$45.

Big Sky Resort (<http://www.bigskyski.com>) is the king of the hill. Its broad groomed slopes, as well as tree runs, and steep off the top of Lone Mountain (11,166 feet), are accessed by 17 lifts allowing skiers and boarders to track more than 25 miles of snow. Personally, this is my favorite mountain for making giant slalom turns. Lift lines are rare, except maybe around the busy holidays. This year, the ski hill added another lift, Dakota, which accesses the Bavarian Forest on the south face of Lone Mountain.

A terrain park boasts a half pipe and other features for snowboarders. All this can be yours for \$75, that's the stinger. But if you want the best, you're going to have to pay for it. Buy a Frequent Sky Card for \$125, though, and you can knock \$20 off the price of your daily lift ticket and get 14 free ski days and other discounts.

Next door, Moonlight (<http://www.moonlightbasin.com>) is the state's newest ski resort and puts the emphasis on service.

With some great steeps, as well as some nice intermediate cruisers and tree skiing, Moonlight is a refreshing addition. Seven lifts access 1,900 acres.

Skiers can even buy a Lone Peak Pass (\$69) and ski both Moonlight and Big Sky. If your legs can stand the thrashing. Rates are \$51 a day for an adult.

If you like to ski powder, then try the new Mt. Arica (<http://www.hidgerbowd.com>) has the state's claim to fame. This nonprofit ski hill is known for collecting storms that avoid virtually everywhere else in the state.

Locals call the dry snow that makes for great powder skiing "cold smoke," and it's sometimes so deep that you need a snorkel to breathe while you're running. The ski hill's seven lifts access everything from steep bowl chutes to wide open runs across 1,500 acres. A small terrain park offers a small "tree" for snowboarders. Adult lift tickets are \$43.

These ski hills are the biggies close to Billings. Other, smaller ski areas include: Snowdowd, Montana (<http://www.snowdowd.com>), southeast of Great Falls, often gets early snowstorms that miss other ski areas. With an emphasis on family, the hill keeps its tickets priced at a reasonable \$33 for adults. Three chairs access 640 skiable acres. The hill is closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.

South of the border in Wyoming, Big Horn Ski Resort (<http://www.thebighorn.com>) in the Big Horn Mountains west of Buffalo, Wyo., is a small, cozy family hangout. Perched above



A cautionary note

When playing in the backwoods during winter, avalanches should always be a concern, particularly on slopes greater than 30 degrees. To stay atop the latest conditions, log on to the Gallatin National Forest's Avalanche Center for details. The center also offers classes on avalanche rescue and precautions, and their website (<http://www.mtavalanche.com>) links to online educational opportunities.

Meadowlark Lake, two lifts access 14 runs. Adult lift tickets are \$40, which is a little high. But this is an incredible area worth a visit.

Nordic skiing

The nice thing about cross country skiing is that you can take off anywhere — mountain trails, open meadows or even some golf courses and city parks. There are also a few nicely managed and groomed Nordic ski areas nearby.

Red Lodge Nordic Center (<http://www.beartoothtrails.org/nordic.htm>) is the closest to Billings. It offers 15 kilometers of groomed trails that provide great views of the Beartooth Mountains as you ski across meadows, through aspen groves and up and down easy or difficult terrain.

The cost is only \$5 for adults \$3 for children or \$40 for a season pass. A yurt is set up as a warming hut. Bring your hot chocolate and sit around the campfire.

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For more information:

If you need more details, pick up a copy of the Montana 2007-2008 Winter Guide, available at <http://www.wintermt.com>. The guide is filled with details on trails, ski areas, lodging and costs. It also contains a winter calendar of events so you can plan your next outing around the New Year's Eve fireworks display or the Red Lodge Winter Carnival.

Bridger Mountains. The 2002 National Olympic Qualifier was held here. For those of you new to the sport, the ranch has a ski school. Daily lift fees are \$15 for adults.

Lone Mountain Ranch (<http://www.lmrancho.com>) offers Big Sky-area visitors 85 kilometers of trails. Day passes cost \$18. Rentals and lessons are available. In addition to guided backcountry tours. Lodging is offered at the resort, but a week's stay is required and the price isn't cheap.

Ski where the U.S. Olympic team trains — West Yellowstone's trails. West Yellowstone's Complex offers 16 kilometers of groomed trails that tie in with the 5.5 kilometer "Deer Dog Loop and 7 kilometer Windy Ridge. The fee is only \$3 a day.

And let's not forget inside Yellowstone National Park, where skiers will find a variety of trails. One of the closest to Billings is Tower Falls, accessed via "Mammoth, Wyo." Take a truck and see the frozen waterfall. A trail system, groomed by Lewis and Clark National Forest near Niblar (south-east of Great Falls) in the Little Belt Mountains offers

an even cheaper means of exploring the winter outdoors.

The West Great trail system covers 19.2 kilometers and has three warming huts. There's no charge for use.

West of Sheridan, Wyo., the Bighorn National Forest offers 60 miles of groomed trails — two on the east side, Sibley Lake and Pole Creek, and two on the west side, Antelope Butte and Willow Park. Willow Park is 16 miles east of Tenleep and offers 17 trails.

Snowmobiling

For full-throttle thrills in the snow, nothing beats a snowmobile. But with machines, a trailer and riding gear costing thousands of dollars, you're looking at a serious financial commitment.

Luckily, there are several places you can rent machines for a day, a couple of days or a week.

Cooke City is one of the closest spots for riding in the backcountry and boasts some of the best snowmobiling in the state. Snowmobile manufacturers annually visit the small burg at the base of the Beartooth Mountains to test their newest line of machines.

Terrain varies from trails through old mining areas to vast meadows and steep hillsides. The Bighorn National Forest, west of Sheridan, also offers some top snowmobiling terrain, attracting a raft of Midwestern riders. Bear Lodge Resort is the focal point for many riders, which includes a hotel, restaurant and snowmobile rentals, one-stop shopping.

You can't talk snowmobiling without mentioning West Yellowstone: in almost the same breath.

Whether you want to ride into Yellowstone National Park on a guided tour, or visit the vast terrain outside the park, West Yellowstone is geared to snowmobilers with a variety of package deals, snowmobiles and trails to ride.

If you're thinking of going into the park, you can also take a snowmobile ride from Mammoth or Cody and avoid the hubbub of West Yellowstone.

Another means of visiting Yellowstone National Park in winter is hiring a snowmobiling guide. Such guided tours offer a wealth of information about the park, its animals and its natural features inside a small vehicle, so you stay warm. Snowmobile rentals and snowcoach tours start at about \$100 for adults. It costs extra for a guide to take you by snowmobile into the park.

Hot springs

Nothing goes better with cold weather than hot water. Call me crazy, but a full head of hot, frozen into wild angles has a certain odd attraction to it.

Being so close to Yellowstone National Park, Montana and Wyoming have a variety of thermal features worth visiting. Here are a few:

Chico Hot Springs Resort (<http://www.chicohot-springs.com>) may be the best known hot springs in the state. Combine a visit with a cross country ski trip, or maybe a sled dog ride. Chico is also well known for its gourmet restaurant cuisine and live musicians in the bar on Friday and Saturday nights. Pool hours are 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and you don't have to be a guest to take a swim.

North Hot Springs (<http://www.northhot-springs.com>), also known as Water of the Gods, offers a rural setting southwest of Bozeman mixed with a bit of downtown Bozeman. Bluegrass music is always on the menu here, but don't plan on staying late. The facility closes at 10 p.m. Rates are \$5. To find out about playing, log on to their Web site.

Bozeman Hot Springs (<http://www.bozemanhot-springs.com>), south of Four Corners, has nine pools ranging in temperature from 59 degrees to 106. A big remodel in 2001 has made the hot springs a quality facility.

For those of you who like to tough it, consider taking a plunge into the rockiest and swimmable area where the BOLLER RIVER (130 degrees) enters the Gardner River, south of Gardiner. This natural spring area can be a shocking place to take your urban relatives for an outing. Sitting in the thermally heated waters, you can watch bison or elk graze across the riverbank.

Since this is inside Yellowstone National Park, you have to pay an entrance fee. Please take care of this spot; we don't want to lose it. In Wyoming, you can't say hot springs without thinking of the town of Thermopoli — the hot springs hotspot and home of the world's largest mineral hot springs (<http://www.thermopolis.co>

Hot Springs State Park and the State Bath House are two of the public facilities.

There are also private hot springs at hotels that frequently offer package swim and stay deals.

Snowshoeing

Perhaps no winter outdoor sport, other than walking or sledding, is cheaper than snowshoeing. The popularity of the sport has climbed considerably with new designs in snowshoes that make them more versatile, varied and lightweight.

The beauty of snowshoes, much like Nordic skis, is that you don't need a trail or a path. Many snowboarders and backcountry skiers use snowshoes to access virgin slopes.

There's also the sheer learning curve with this sport. Cruise the Internet to get an idea of what type of snowshoes you'll need to meet the needs of your outdoor excursions, since there are a variety of styles.

If these suggestions aren't enough to get you motivated this winter, then you better check your pulse, chances are you're already there.

Montana and northern Wyoming offer an amazing variety of winter recreation, the only limit is your imagination. "I'm thinking like a 20-year-old," backcountry skiers say.

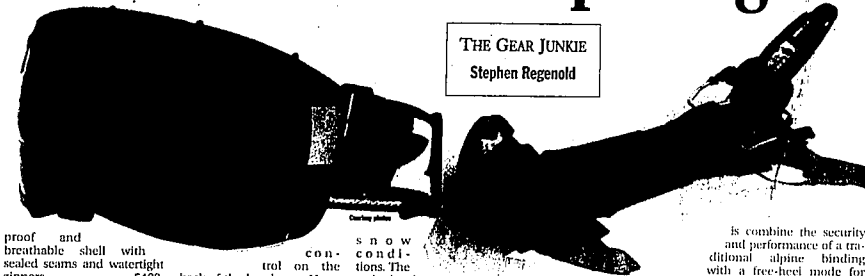
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The latest ski and winter sports gear

Flakes are in the forecast. Ski resorts are firing up their snowmaking guns. Soon, the new ski season will be here. These are a few of the hot products just coming to market that you'll see on the slopes this year.

• Vold's Tigerhawk ski features a patented "Power Switch" technology that gives skiers an actual on/off switch to alter the power and flex in their skis. Two carbon-fiber rods encased in each ski compress and extend on springs, changing the nature of the ski to match mountain conditions. Turn the Tigerhawk on for an aggressive feel with a lot of power and rebound. Switch it off for an easy cruise on a more forgiving ski. Pricing starts at \$1,015. www.vold.com

• Merrell Apparel's Men's Universal Jacket has a clean style made for the mountain or the town. Indeed, its aesthetic mixes alpine characteristics with those of a subtle urban dress coat. But the jacket is made of Gore-Tex Pro Stretch fabric, creating a water-



proof and breathable shell with sealed seams and watertight zippers. \$400. www.merrell.com

• The Tecnica Agent 120 boot was built for park skiers, with shock-absorbing features that protect while landing an air. Its low-volume fit and stiff feel promote precise control. Bonus: The retro/urban motif includes a plaid-pattern finish on the top strap and inner bootie. \$825. www.tecnicausa.com

• The Kombi I-Rip Glove has an integrated iPod remote

control on the back-of-the-hand area. Users put in ear plugs, stash an iPod away, and then control song order with the wireless flick of a switch.

Performance-wise, the nylon gloves have a high-loft insulation for warmth; a goggle and nose wipe; and a cinch cuff closure. \$150. www.kombisports.com

• Zeal Optics' Spherical PPX goggles feature a polarized and photochromatic lens to optimize vision in all light and

conditions. The polarized tint provides an enhancement of detail on the slope. The photochromatic lens automatically tints to an optimal shade depending on light conditions. \$200. www.zealoptics.com

• The CamelBak Bucky's backpack comes with a 0.75-liter CamelBak bottle that fits in its own insulated pocket to keep your drink from freezing. With 1,300 cubic inches

of capacity, the Bucky has enough room for a day's supplies on the slopes. Integrated straps carry a snowboard vertically. There's a fleece-lined goggle pocket and a padded MP3 pouch with a water-resistant zipper. \$75. www.camelbak.com

• Marker touts its Duke Binding as "the first significant ski binding breakthrough in years." What the Duke does

is combine the security and performance of a traditional alpine binding with a free-heel mode for touring.

This provides skiers with the ability to ski in bounds, then sit the flick of a switch, release the heel of the boot to enable a hinged free heel for flat-country or uphill travel. \$495.99. www.markerusa.com

Stephen Regenold writes *The Gear Junkie* column for eight U.S. newspapers; see <http://www.thegearjunkie.com>.

Dollar

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according to Dollar Mountain Manager John Matteson.

They will cover nearly all of the mountain, except for the Elkhorn side, which Sun Valley hopes to cover with snow guns next year. And snow from the guns will guarantee good snow coverage for events like the exciting Honda Ski Tour skier-cross, which premiered last year.

Dollar Mountain, which offers 640 feet of vertical drop, and its surrounding hills were actually where the celebrities and skiers came to ski when America's first destination ski resort in 1936.

Actress Jamie Lee Curtis, who has a second home in Sun Valley, is fond of telling stories about how she and her sister learned to ski on the hill. And countless other celebrities, such as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver, have brought their own children there to learn to ski for years.

But the focus for adults shifted with the opening of the much larger Baldy a few years after Sun Valley Resort opened. Now, Sun Valley officials think they may see Dollar lure some of the expert skiers back.

"I think we will see both ends of the market — both beginners and older people —

over here," said Matteson. "Dollar will especially attract people who want to avoid the faster skiers on Baldy. And they'll be able to settle down for a nice lunch at Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge afterwards."

Mark Thoreson, the winter sales manager for Sun Valley's

willings to go even further. "My theory is a lot of locals who used to go to Baldy during their lunch period will now be drawn to Dollar," he said. "And I think we'll see a lot of locals come right to Dollar on powder days because they'll be able to do several powder runs in the time it might take them to take one on Baldy."

Baldy

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is busy telling people who heard that Sun Valley's famous ski mountain was burning that the fire left the resort virtually untouched. If anything, he adds, some of the tree skiing out of bounds may be better than ever because of the fire.

"We certainly spent some very anxious moments," said Jack Sibbach, marketing director for Sun Valley.

"There certainly was the possibility of losing all the infrastructure on Baldy. I'm amazed at the way the firefighters managed to stop it. We got lucky."

The bulk of the building activity this summer was

focused on Baldy's Junior mountain — Dollar, Dollar Mountain traded in two old fixed-grip chairlifts for high-speed quads and added 27 snow guns to the 40 it got the year before, offering snowmaking on the majority of the hill.

On Baldy the Lookout Restaurant got a makeover designed to make it a little more plush.

And more changes are on the horizon with the approval a week ago of Sun Valley's Master Plan.

The Master Plan allows for a new gondola from the River Run base area to the historic Roundhouse restaurant, which Sun Valley plans to

remodel perhaps as early as next summer.

It also allows for snowmaking and a terrain park in Frenchman's Gulch. And it allows for a new ski run in the Seattle Ridge area, as well as expanded tree skiing in the Guyer Ridge area on the Warm Springs side of the mountain.

But, for now, says Thoreson: "We're in good shape and ready to go."

See what's new online at [Magicvalley.com](http://www.Magicvalley.com)

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Let it snow: 2007-2008 Wyoming Ski Season Preview

By Wynne Spaulding
For the Times-News

Snow predictions for this winter? Don't even think about it.

Don't want to jinx it, do you?

Some early snowfall in the Teton Range may make it possible for some ski areas to open on time for a change this winter.

That's an auspicious start to the ski season. But let's not get overly excited just yet.

While most Wyoming ski resorts are planning to open on or around Thanksgiving, a few will have to wait for a little more help from the weather.

But far, this winter is looking like it should be, could be, might be... oh, let's not jinx it.

La Nina — the counterpart to El Niño — is a cooling of the waters of the Pacific Ocean. While that usually brings drought to the southern half of the United States, it can bring wetter conditions to the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies.

We means snow in these here parts, cowboy. With any weather prediction, nothing's guaranteed. But La Nina brewing in the waters of the Pacific sure fills skiers and snowboarders of the Cowboy State with hope.

The snowmaking machines sure go good and what to know for Wyoming's upcoming skiing and snowboarding season — prices are subject to change, dates of operation are based on favorable snow conditions:

Grand Targhee Resort

(800) 827-4433
www.grandtarghee.com
Open through April 13.
Known for its plentiful snowfall — more than 500 inches per year — Grand Targhee Resort is on the western slope of the Teton Range about 40 miles from Teton Village.

The sizable but somewhat remote resort has two mountain peaks — Fred's Mountain and Peak Mountain — that together have more than 3,000 acres of skiing and snowboarding terrain. About 100 acres are serviced by lifts with 1,000 acres of backcountry terrain reserved exclusively for small groups embarking on SnowCat Adventures.

More than a dozen people can have 1,000 acres of backcountry all to themselves. "The Cat skiing is definitely a hallmark of the experience. There's nothing like it," says Targhee spokeswoman Susie Barnett-Bushong. "This is the year to do it. We've carved out 10 new runs in the SnowCat skiing area. There are 100 acres on the Teton on an entire run. They say it's going to be one of the best skiing in the world."

There's new. A third terrain park called Middle Peak. The resort also remodeled its hotel suites, a bar, several stores and its rental shops.

Full-day tickets: Adults, \$59. Children age 6-12, \$36. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Base: 8,000 feet at Fred's Mountain, 7,408 feet at Peaked Mountain. Elevation: 10,000 feet on Fred's Mountain, 9,827 feet on Peaked Mountain. Lifts: 4 chairlifts, 1 surface lift.

Trails: 63 on Fred's Mountain, 9 on Peaked Mountain. Mogul(s): 1.

Average annual snowfall: More than 500 inches.

Other mountain details: Two freestyle terrain parks, groomed Nordic ski trails, tubing park, snowshoe and dog sled tours, horse-drawn sleigh rides, tandem paragliding. SnowCat Adventures.

Lodging: Hotel, motel and suites at resort; condos and homes nearby.

Food: The dining restaurant, cafe, bar, full-service with highly attentive service.

Other facilities: Rentals, ski school, shopping, spa and massage. SnowCat Adventures.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.



Photo courtesy of Snow Targhee Ski Resort

Base: 6,311 feet
Summit: 10,450 feet
Lifts: 1 gondola, 10 chairlifts, 1 surface lift.
Trails: 116
Average annual snowfall: 459 inches
Other mountain details: Comprised of the two mountains Rendezvous and Apres Vous; 2,500 acres of lift-accessed terrain plus 3,000 backcountry acres, two freestyle terrain parks and a superpipe with a rope tow, groomed cross country trails, snowshoeing, dog sledding, snowmobile tours, backcountry guides.
Lodging: Several inns, condos, homes and suites on the resort and in the nearby town of Jackson.
Food: 10 restaurants, cafes and snack stands.
Other facilities: Rentals, ski school, shopping, spa and massage, daycare, Kid's Ranch.

Big Horn Ski Resort
(888) 766-SNO
www.jacksonhole.com
Open Dec. 1 to April 6.
To brave. Shuffle your ski tips up to the edge and look down.

Feeling a little wozzy? OK, don't look down. Just wipe the frozen snot that's hanging from your nose and slowly back away.

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort on the east slope of the Teton is definitely known for its steep, intimidating terrain and expert runs, especially the notorious Corbet's Couloir, which is the scariest chute in the West.

"It ain't been scared if blue, intermediate, cruisers are more your cup of tea," Jackson Hole has a lot more of those to offer now. "The last few years we've seen a huge investment in our intermediate terrain," said Jackson Hole spokeswoman Anna Olson. "While we definitely appeal to the and-core skiers, we do have the best terrain in the Lower 48. There is a mixed selection here — 2,500 acres is a big mountain. You can access it of it now very effectively."

Half of Jackson Hole's runs are for experts, with 40 percent for intermediate skiers and 10 percent for beginners.

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Lodging: Hotels, cabins, condos.
Food: Two restaurants.
Other facilities: Indoor skiing rink.
Hot Deal: Two-hour morning half-day ticket for \$19.
Getting there: In Jackson, six blocks from the Jackson Town Square on the Bridger Teton National Forest.

Snowy Range Ski Area

(800) GO-2-SNOW
(307) 745-5750
www.snowyrange.com
Saturday through early April.

Snowy. The name says it all. These mountains are hardly ever short on white stuff. The Snowy Range Ski Area in the Medicine Bow National Forest has four lifts and a good variety of beginner, intermediate and expert terrain.

Full-day tickets: Adults \$41. Children (6-12), \$26. Hours: Open weekends through Dec. 21, then daily through Jan. 1. Open Tuesday through Monday during February, then daily during March.

Lifts: 4
Trails: 27
Food: Cafeteria.
Other facilities: Rentals, ski school, gift shop.
Getting there: From Laramie, take Hwy. 130 through Centennial to reach the ski area.

White Pine

(307) 367-6066
www.whitepineski.com
Today through mid-April
At 8,400 feet, White Pine has the highest base elevation of any ski resort in Wyoming.

"We have a really good mix of beginner to expert runs but the focus is more on families and competition than extreme skiing," said general manager Stuart Thompson.

White Pine has Wyoming's only competition air site, a freestyle aerial jump hill. You'll love the great powder runs too.

Hours: New. In recent years, the resort has added cabins at the lodge, more expert runs, improvements to existing trails and a competition aerial jump hill.

Full-day tickets: Adults, \$36; Half-day lift only, \$25; beginner lift only, \$14. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Base: 8,400 feet
Summit: 9,500 feet
Lifts: 2 chairlifts
Trails: 25
Other mountain details: Rentals, ski school, terrain park, jumps, lift, groomed Nordic trails, access to backcountry skiing.

Lodging: Cabins at the resort, motels in Pinedale. Food: Grill, restaurant, lounge.
Getting there: Located 10 miles west of Pinedale on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAILS

If striding and gliding is more your speed than crashing downhill on alpine skis, Wyoming's options for venturers on skidny skis are virtually unlimited.

Here's a rundown of some of the best cross country ski trails in the state:

Casper Nordic Center

(307) 235-931, 235-4772
www.caspermordic.com
On Casper Mountain near Hogadon Ski Area is the Casper Nordic Center and it's 42 kilometers of groomed trails for both classic and skating styles. The trails are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. One 1.2-

Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

Base: 6,237 feet
Summit: 7,938 feet
Lifts: 1 chairlift
Trails: 1 surface lift
Other mountain details: Rentals, ski school, terrain park, jumps, tubing, park.

kilometer lighted loop is open for evening skiing. The trails are maintained by the Natrona County Roads, Bridges and Parks Department. Trail passes are \$5 per day or \$25 for a season. A Family Pass for up to four people is available for \$60 (additional \$5 per person after four people).

Grand Teton and Yellowstone

YNP: (307) 344-7361
www.nps.gov/yell
GTPN: (877) 739-3300
www.nps.gov/gtrt

Wyoming's two national parks have hundreds of cross country trails. Most are not groomed. A couple of the more popular trails are at Old Faithful and Mammoth Hot Springs. Be aware of avalanche dangers and avoid closures. Park entrance fees are required.

Pashaka Teepee Resort

(800) 628-7791
www.pashaka.com
Outside Cody at the Pashaka Teepee Resort alongside Yellowstone Highway are 25 kilometers of groomed trails, maintained by the Big Horn County Nordic Ski Association.

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Sheridan and the Big Horns

Go online to the Black Mountain Nordic Ski Club's Web site at www.gooutlet.com/bmmac2002/classic_blue.html or call Big Horn Mountain Sports in Sheridan at (307) 672-6866.

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Snowy Range

www.whitepineski.com
www.mediabond.com
The Snowy Range of southeast Wyoming on the Medicine Bow National Forest has dozens of cross country trails and tons of breathtaking scenery to explore. The Medicine Bow Nordic Association grooms about 12 kilometers of trails at Pole Mountain on the Medicine Bow between Cheyenne and Laramie.

Sundance

Carson: (307) 283-1361
Beaver Creek: (307) 746-2782

The Carson Draw Cross Country Ski Area in the Black Hills near Sundance has 6 miles of groomed trails, accessible from the Reuter Campground Snopark. Between Sundance and Newcastle you can ski to South Dakota on the groomed trails of Beaver Creek Nordic Skiing.

Wood River Valley

(307) 868-2603, www.meeetee.com
On the Shoshone National Forest near Meeteetee are 25 kilometers of groomed trails at the Wood River Valley Ski Touring Park. Rentals are available. No trail fee, but donations are accepted. The park is managed by the Meeteetee Recreation District.

Wyoming Range

(307) 828-4500
The Viva Naughton Cross Country Ski Trail system northwest of Kemmerer has 4 miles of groomed trails and access to the Wyoming Range.

Advertisement for 'THE MOUNTAIN FAMILY' featuring a large image of a mountain peak and text: 'THE MOUNTAIN FAMILY' 'Innocent accessibility from the heart of the mountains' 'Doesn't even have a trail fee' '730-220-2277 (7688)'

Shaping up: A little work now will go a long way during ski season

By Carol Senary
for the Times-News

"The slopes are calling your name, so you dust off the snowboard or skis and strap them on for the first time this season. But after just a few runs, your lower back aches and your legs feel so dead that, if it weren't for the pain, you wouldn't be sure they were still attached. You're doomed to spend the rest of the day in the lodge sipping hot cocoa and calculating how much those runs cost from an \$80 lift ticket. If only

you were in better shape, you could make the most of that lift ticket.

"If you put in a little prep time you'll be able to do more of what you came to do," said Katie Fry, managing director of the Ski and Snowboard Schools of Aspen/Snowmass (Wyo.). "It's no guarantee, but your body may be able to handle it better."

A fitness regimen that works on strength and flexibility will help you start the season off right.

A lot of that strength comes from your hamstrings,

quadriceps, glutes and lower leg stabilizers like the tibialis anterior, said AJ Cargill of the Jackson Hole (Wyo.) Ski Patrol. Cargill, a former world champion in extreme skiing, teaches ski fitness classes at One to One Wellness in Jackson. Lunges and squats on dynamic surfaces can work the major muscles in your legs. It's not all about the legs, though. You'll also want to strengthen your core.

"If they're weak through their core, oftentimes skiers will bend forward at the waist to compensate, experiencing

lower back fatigue," Cargill said. "An advanced skier should be pushing their feet away from their upper body and if they have a strong core that will happen with ease."

A routine of situps or planks can also help you balance on your skis or snowboard. Fry added.

"Even though you're locked into boots and bindings, there's a lot of core and air balancing in addition to stabilizing lateral movement," Cargill said.

Stretching will also increase flexibility of the torso, pre-

venting soreness of the lower back. Flexibility training is a key component in Cargill's ski fitness class. You'll also want to drink lots of water before your trip.

"When someone comes to take part in a ski or snowboard vacation, they're often coming up to a higher elevation," Fry said. "So hydrate more than you're used to and continue that process throughout your trip."

Rolf Wilson, co-owner of The Main Street Gym in Bozeman, Mont., put together this key conditioning pro-

gram to help you prepare to alpine ski, telemark ski or snowboard. Wilson is an athletic trainer, former USSA ski coach and is trains professional skiers. He is a professional ski jumper and currently holds the telemark record.

In this routine you'll use your own body weight to create resistance. Do it at least three times a week for four weeks before going out in the snow.

"By being stronger and more flexible you're decreasing your risk of injury exponentially," Wilson said.

EXERCISES

Before starting, spend about eight minutes stretching out your quads, hamstrings, calves, trunk and upper body. Then, do the exercises in order for a progressive workout. Double the time you hold positions and the number of reps the second week.

Superman

This exercise will work the muscles in the lower back opposing the abdomen and the supportive muscles of your back. Lie on your stomach and lift your legs, arms and shoulders off the floor, contracting the glutes and lower back. Do 15 reps, holding each 15 seconds.

Plank

Lie on your stomach and place your forearms on the floor beneath you. Tuck your toes under, lifting your hips to make a flat plane from head to toe. Start out holding the position for 15 seconds for 15 reps.

Mountain Climber

Shift your weight to your hands and toes and switch

feet, running on the floor. This will raise your heart rate while working your abdominals, quadriceps and glutes as well as your inner shoulders and triceps. Start with 15 reps.

Transverse Plank

Lie on your left side with your left forearm on the floor and right hand on your hip. Stack your foot on top of each other and push your hip toward the ceiling making a nice flat plank. Hold for 15 seconds then reverse. This exercise works your obliques and the lateral regions of the body. By this time, you should be starting to feel it.

Bridge

Roll onto your back placing your feet beneath your knees and hands on the floor next to you. Press down on your palms, raising your hips to form a straight line. Extend one leg and then the other on the same plane, alternating every two seconds for a total of 14 repetitions. This will incur stability by working your back as well as hamstrings and glutes.

Wall Sit

Lean against a wall, with your feet shoulder width apart. Lower your body, creating a 90 degree angle with your knees. Make sure your knees don't go over your toes. Do 15 reps for 15 seconds each. This is a great exercise for skiers.

Ball Squat

Place a ball against the wall near your hips. Squat down, letting the ball roll up your back, then return to a standing position. Don't let the angle of your knees go past 90 degrees. Repeat no more than 15 times. This will increase core stabilization and build muscle endurance in the quads, hamstrings and glutes. When 15 repetitions becomes too easy, add another set.

Front lunge

Start out standing with your feet shoulder width apart. Step one foot about 4 feet in front of you, dropping your torso creating 90 degree angles with each knee. Be

sure your weight is equally distributed between each foot. Do five lunges with each leg. This exercise adds resistance and incorporates many more muscle groups, just like skiing.

Lateral lunge

Stand with your feet shoulder width apart. Step your right foot out three to four feet, pushing your hips back while dropping into a one-legged squat. About 40 percent of your weight should be on your left foot and the other 60 percent should be on your right. You should feel stretching of the left groin and contraction of the hamstrings, quads and gluts on the right side. Repeat five times to the right then reverse on the left. Once again, don't let your knees go past your toes.

Bullfrog

Go down into a skier tuck. Keep your weight back on your heels, making sure your knees don't go past your toes. Place your arms and hands behind you. Throw your

arms in front of you while jumping forward. Start with jumping a short distance 10 times. Challenge yourself more by squatting down further or jumping on one foot. This exercise works on explosive power and helps with your cardiovascular training.

Lateral Bullfrog

Start by jumping on your right leg. Push off of your right foot, jumping to the left. Repeat 10 times then reverse. Try to land as softly by rolling through your feet and absorbing the impact with your body movement.

Box Jump


When you're ready, try this advanced move. Start with a bench or stair that's about eight inches from the ground. Follow the instructions for the bullfrog, but jump vertically exploding off the floor jumping as high as you can. Land softly on the box. Repeat 10 times. Work your way up to three feet. This is a great way to learn how high your vertical jumps are.

Lateral box jump

Stand with your bench, stair or box to your side. Step one foot onto the box, lunging with 60 percent of your weight on that foot. Push off the box with explosive movement. Land softly on the box on the opposite foot. Repeat 10 times. For an added challenge, put a glass of water on the box and try not to spill it.

Scissor kick

This core stabilization move will work your abdomen and back and will surely get you ready for the epic powder days. Lie down on your back in the prone position. Place your hands under your glutes, almost like you are sitting on them. Your hands will support your back. Lift your legs and feet about six inches off the floor. Then open your legs to make a "V" then bring them back together. Repeat 10 times or until fatigue sets in. Any one with lower back problems should refrain from using this exercise, however it can be used with one leg at a time.



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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING



Meredith and Morgan Pfitzer take the easy way out, letting their dogs pull them on the cross-country ski trails north of Ketchum.

Action bigger and better in Sun Valley

By Karen Bessick
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY — It started with nine new holes constructed for Sun Valley's famed golf course.

But cross-country skiers will benefit, right along with the golfers.

Sun Valley Nordic Center plans to groom new skate and classic ski tracks on the hill this winter, offering skiers a 360-degree view of the picturesque Bald Mountain ski area on one side, and the Pioneer, Smoky and Boulder mountains on the other side.

Among the new trails that

will be groomed is a wide mountain hiking and hiking trail that was built this summer to surround the New Nine.

"The new trails will give skiers a variety of terrain from the fairly easy hiking trail to some fairly steep plunges," said Ned Wheeler, Sun Valley's Nordic Manager. "And we hope to set some narrow old-world trails for classic skiing over there as a throwback to the days before the superhighways were groomed to accommodate skate skiing."

The new trails on the New Nine are part of some 25

miles or 40 kilometers of skiing offered by Sun Valley Nordic Center, which sits along the gurgling Trail Creek.

The trails, which run along Trail Creek and through woods which serve as popular hiking terrain in the summer, offer skiers a chance to feel as if they're out in the woods just a couple stone throws from the historic Sun Valley Lodge.

Among the highlights for many skiers or snowshoers is a mile and a half to the historic Trail Creek Cabin, where author Ernest Hemingway used to frequent for a lunch

buffet of pasta, homemade soups, salads, apple pie and other goodies.

But the cross-country skiing doesn't end at Sun Valley Nordic.

The Blaine County Recreation District offers a change of scenery and many more miles of trail north of Ketchum.

That includes 60 kilometers of ski trails lacing the old mining hills around the rustic Galena Lodge, the 31-kilometer Harrison trail, which runs 19.6 miles from a point just north of Ketchum to Galena Lodge, and 35 kilometers in assorted loops jutting

off from the Harrison Trail.

The district also grooms the 32-mile bike path that runs between the former mining towns of Ketchum and Bellevue at no cost to users.

A free bus will run between Ketchum and Galena Lodge on weekends this winter, leaving Ketchum at 10 a.m. and making the turnaround at Galena Lodge at 2 p.m.

Galena Lodge has added wine and jazz dinners to its menu of full moon and stargazing dinners.

The Lodge will offer children's adventures, such as animal tracking, snowshoe-

ing and snow cave building, during the Christmas holidays and Spring Break.

"And free wildlife walks and 'Snowshoe with a Ranger' hikes will be offered at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays.

"We've also marked some new snowshoe trails to offer longer hikes to those who want them," said Galena Lodge manager Erin Zall.

"One takes the snowshoer up Psycho, down to Horse Creek and across the highway to return to the lodge. The other takes hikers on a loop that is used by the horsemen in the summer."

Start your engines

Snowmobilers, here's the best of the best in Wyoming

By Wes Stalling
For the Times-News

Picture the majestic Grand Teton Range and the mountain peaks of the Wind River Range surrounding you.

Next add snow, lots of it, about 8 feet deep.

Now imagine hundreds of miles of groomed snowmobile trails weaving alongside and back and forth over the Continental Divide from Pinedale through Lander, past the Grand Teton and over to West Yellowstone.

No, you're not dreaming. Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines.

An exhilarating long-distance ride awaits snowmobilers on the seemingly endless groomed routes of Wyoming's Continental Divide Trail. It's the cream of the crop among snowmobile trails in Wyoming and one of the top riding destinations of the western United States.

SnoWest magazine ranks the Continental Divide Trail as the No. 1 snowmobiling destination in the state for its trail riding, off-trail riding, scenery and services. There's a lot of views. You have the backdrop of the Grand Teton, and access with the proper permits into Yellowstone National Park," said Brad Hill, trails program man-

ager for Wyoming State Parks. "You can, on a good snow year, ride from Pinedale to Lander to Dubois to Yellowstone National Park and eventually end up in West Yellowstone."

Along the way riders can soak in the scenery of the Shoshone and Bridger-Teton national forests, riding through South Pass, Union Pass and the Gros Ventre Range.

Rentals and other services are available at several stops along the route, including Cody, Jackson, Pinedale and Riverton.

The high country riding is unparalleled in the region with some trails reaching as high as 13,000 feet in elevation.

If you haven't ridden this trail, do it this winter. This may be the last year snowmobilers will be allowed in Grand Teton National Park. The National Park Service plans to close the trail through the park to snowmobilers, which means next winter you'll have to haul your machine by vehicle along Hwy. 287 to reach the northern stretches of the trail outside the park.

Before you and your machine head out, go online to the Wyoming State Parks Web page at <http://wyo.state.wy.us/snow/> for maps, permits and other essential information. You can also reach the state parks staff by calling (307) 777-7477.

Here's a rundown of Wyoming's other top snowmobiling spots:

Bear Lodge and the Black Hills

The Bear Lodge Mountains Snowmobile Trails encompass nearly 80 miles of groomed routes near Sundance, accessible from the Reuter Campground Snopark. On the Black Hills Snowmobile Trails the Beartooths have 32 miles of groomed trails and 34 miles of ungroomed trails. The northern end starts in Cooke City, Mont., and winds along Hwy. 212 through Wyoming. Two parking areas are located along the route at Pilot Creek and Beartooth.

Beartooth Mountains

The trails of the Beartooth Mountains in northwest Wyoming north of Cody earned a perfect score of straight As from SnoWest Magazine for trail riding, off-trail riding, scenery and services. The Beartooths have 32 miles of groomed trails and 34 miles of ungroomed trails. The northern end starts in Cooke City, Mont., and winds along Hwy. 212 through Wyoming. Two parking areas are located along the route at Pilot Creek and Beartooth.

Big Horn Mountains

The northern portion of the Big Horn features 183 miles of groomed snowmobiling trails, plus 22 miles of ungroomed trails, and

thousands of acres of powder-filled meadows. Services are in Sheridan, Greybull and Lovell, with rentals available in Sheridan and Bear Lodge. The southern section of the Big Horns along Hwy. 16 has 149 miles of groomed trails, plus 27 miles of ungroomed routes, with gas, food and some lodging available at both ends of the trail system. Rentals are available at the Meadowlark Lake Lodge, South Fork Inn and Deer Haven Lodge.

Casper Mountain

Just south of Casper you can explore 46 miles of marked groomed snowmobile trails on Casper Mountain, and Muddy Mountain. Snopark access is at the Broken Spur Cafe, Old Mine, Bear Trap Meadow and Star Willow.

Sierra Madre

Southern Wyoming's Sierra Madre Mountains have 50 miles of groomed trails and 60 miles of ungroomed routes on the Medicine Bow National Forest. Facilities, permits and rentals can be found in the town of Encampment.

Snake Range

A snowmobiling paradise, the Snake Range on the Medicine Bow

National Forest west of Laramie has more than 300 miles of trails - more than half are groomed. Snoparks are at Albany, Mountain Home, near Foxpark, Centennial and Tenmile. Guides, rentals and other services are available in Laramie, Saratoga, Rawlins and at the Snowy Range Ski Area.

Wyoming Range

Add this one to your winter must-do list. The Wyoming Range of southwestern Wyoming has more than 335 snowmobiling trails between Alpine and Kemmerer. Many of the trails are groomed and snow depths can reach 12 feet. Access from the east is at trailheads in Pinedale, Big Piney and LaBarge and snowmobiling is allowed in Alpine, Alton and Kemmerer.

Yellowstone

Snowmobiling at Yellowstone National Park is limited to groomed roadways with guides using only the latest-in-technology snowtrails. Rentals, guides and other services are available at gateway communities surrounding the park or in Yellowstone at Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, Norris, Pk. Flaming Beides, The Grand Old One snowmobiling runs from Dec. 15 to March 12. Conditions permitting,

Ice fishing technology and gear has changed

By Mark Henkel
Staff Writer

Ice fishing used to be such a simple sport. My, how times have changed.

It used to be that ice fishing gear was relatively limited and much of it tended to be selected items from the summer fishing season.

Art ice fishing rod was made from the tip of a broken fishing rod. You glued it into a length of broom handle. You held your line with either a couple of bent nails to wrap the line around or an old line spool nailed into the broom handle.

Your over-the-snow vehicle was a kids sled with a box to hold your line. Your combination tackle-carrier and chair was an old barrel. Your line, sinkers, hook and jigs were borrowed from your summer tackle box.

As to cutting a hole in the ice, most had a chisel-ended spud bar or a spoon-ended auger. Add a soup ladle with holes punched in it to scoop ice chips out of the hole and you were ready to go.

And if you had an ice house, it was little more than four plywood walls, a wood stove and a simple bench to sit on that got you inside and out of the cold and wind.

But technology and specialization have come to the ice fishing world in recent decades and the possibilities are only limited by your imagination.

Ice fishing rods and reels are miniature versions of summer gear now that can be purchased as a combo for upwards of \$40 or so. They feature a small spinning reel and a rod as stiff or sensitive as you need for different species of fish.

Tip-ups can cost upwards of \$40 apiece depending on what you want with models that jig the line or set the hook. Unless, of course, you want more. I saw a box model

once that cost upwards of \$100 and jugged the line and held the hole ice free with a heater inside.

The old, chisel-ended spud bar to cut a hole has gone the way of the ice auger with hand-crank models that cost upwards of \$100 or power augers that run up to about \$400. There are a lot of models to choose from that will cut holes from six inches in diameter to 10 inches in diameter.

Baits include specialized ice fishing spoons and ice fishing jigs in countless colors and models. You can buy specialized ice fishing chairs and ice fishing sleds. Both natural and synthetic baits abound.

Old, bare-bones plywood ice houses have been replaced by a number of portable tent-like affairs that you can pack out on the ice in the morning and take home with you at the end of the day. More permanent structures left out on the ice can be as fancy as you make them with satellite TV, kitchens, paneling, upholstery and all the comforts of home.

Few would dispute the fact that the electronics world has gone wild with ice fishing. You can spend hundreds of dollars on fisher-type depth finders, fish locators and underwater cameras. GPS units allow anglers to pinpoint locations for ice fishing that they found in the summer or share spots exactly with their friends.

Packing along all these gadgets also means some ice fishermen add a four-wheel ATV to their gear list so they can carry all these things out onto the ice.

Does an ice fisherman really need all these things to be successful? That depends on who you talk to and how serious they are about ice fishing and ice fishing gear.

Just as technology and new gear has changed the world of the summertime boat fisherman. It has added to the ice fisherman's arsenal.

Montana is big ski country

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With 16 ski areas in Montana, it could take an entire winter to completely explore the vast terrain. From Glacier National Park as the backdrop at Blacktail Mountain* to 50-degree couloirs at Big Sky Resort to the volunteer staff at the one-lift Turner Mountain, Montana ski areas offer a diversity that few other states enjoy. It's customary to be greeted at the ticket window by the owner. It's common to have powder that lasts all day. And lift lines are as uncrowded as the Montana landscape. Skiing in Montana, what better excuse do you need?

Bear Paw Ski Bowl, located 29 miles south of Havre, is a small but diverse mountain. Many of the runs and trails at Bear Paw have been named after former Chippewa Cree chiefs, mountaineers and other notable tribal members. Bear Paw Ski Bowl offers 900 vertical feet on more than 20 runs and 60 skiable acres - 25 percent beginner, 25 percent intermediate, 50 percent expert. Tickets are \$18 adult, \$15 kids. www.skibearpaw.com.

Formerly known as Big Fish Mountain, Whitefish Mountain overlooks the town of Whitefish in northwestern Montana and is one of the state's largest ski areas. It celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, with new infrastructure improvements and more than \$20 million invested, including a new six-lift lodge and high-speed lift.

Whitefish offers 2,352 vertical feet on 93 runs and 3,600 skiable acres - 20 percent beginner, 50 percent intermediate, 30 percent expert. Tickets are \$54 adult, \$40 junior, \$30 kids, \$45 college students. www.skiwhitefish.com.

Blacktail Mountain, a

quaint ski area outside Lakeleide, provides views of Glacier National Park's rolling peaks and Flathead Lake's shimmering waters. The three-story lodge, located at the top of the mountain, provides amenities to make any day of skiing enjoyable. Blacktail offers 1,440 vertical feet on 24 runs, and 1,000 skiable acres - with 15 percent beginner, 70 percent intermediate, 15 percent expert. Tickets are \$34 adult, \$24 teen, \$15 kids, \$28 college students. www.blacktailmountain.com.

Located 16 miles from Bozeman, Bridger is the only non-profit ski area in Montana. Well-known for its cold smoke powder, Bridger offers a wide diversity of terrain, including the incredible expert-only skiing-on, The Ridge and a three-mile-long run. Bridger Bowl offers 2,600 vertical feet on 71 runs and 1,500 skiable acres - 25 percent beginner, 35 percent intermediate, 40 percent expert. Tickets are \$43 adult, \$35 kids. www.bridgerbowl.com.

Considered the largest local snow sports area between Helena and Great Falls, Great Divide boasts three peaks, three mountain valleys and two terrain parks. Along with being one of the sunnier resorts in Montana, it provides an array of classic ski slopes as well as remote carter's cliffs, chutes and glades. Great Divide offers 1,330 vertical feet on 137 runs and 1,600 skiable acres - 15 percent beginner, 35 percent intermediate, 50 percent expert. Tickets are \$30 weekend adult, \$20 weekend

day adult, \$15 kids, \$25 college students. www.greatdivide.com.

Lost Trail Powder Mountain, a 60-year-old, family-oriented ski area, straddles the Montana/Idaho border, which some say is the reason for its consistent snow conditions. The lodge offers locally brewed beers with natural hot springs only miles away. Lost Trail offers 1,800 vertical feet on 45 runs and 900 skiable acres, 20 percent beginner, 60 percent intermediate, 20 percent expert. Tickets are \$31 adult, \$21 kids. www.losttrail.com.

A hidden secret in southwestern Montana, tucked into the Pioneer Mountains, Maverick Mountain awards magnificent scenery. The western hospitality and setting present a distinctive skiing experience. Maverick offers 2,020 vertical feet on 24 runs and 210 skiable acres - 20 percent beginner, 40 percent intermediate, 40 percent expert. Tickets are \$30 weekend adult, \$25 weekday adult, \$17 kids. www.ski-maverick.com.

Montana Snowbowl is a down-home resort only minutes outside of Missoula that provides a blend of terrain and atmosphere only found in Montana. Gazing over the Missoula Valley while skiing chutes, steeps, moguls or groomed runs is mitchless. And don't forget to have one of Snowbowl's famous Bloody Marys! Snowbowl offers 2,600 vertical feet on 39 runs and 1,200 skiable acres - 20 percent beginner, 40 percent intermediate, 40 percent expert. Tickets are \$35 adult, \$15 kids, \$32 col-

lege students. www.montanasnowbowl.com.

On the banks of the Rocky Mountain Front, just east of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, Teton Pass offers an affordable, family-style ski area. Complete with a lodge and ski shop, Teton Pass' two natural halfpipes provide snowboarders a challenge. Teton Pass offers 1,010 vertical feet on 26 runs and 600 skiable acres - with 10 percent beginner, 35 percent intermediate, 46 percent expert. Tickets are \$26 adult, \$15 kids, \$20 college students. www.skitetonpass.com.

"Steep, deep and efficient" is the motto at Turner Mountain. This skier's mountain located just north of Libby and is entirely run by volunteers. Skiing Magazine considers this one-chairlift ski area one of America's unknown treasures. Turner offers 2,110 vertical feet on 20 runs and 1,000 skiable acres - with 10 percent beginner, 20 percent intermediate, 70 percent expert. Tickets are \$26 adult, \$21 junior, www.ski-turner.com.

Directly off Interstate 90 on the Montana/Idaho border, Lookout Pass has added five new runs on the north aspect and the new Northstar lift. The extensive terrain park offers boxes, banks, rails or launches for anyone, including a 1,111-foot-long quarter-pipe. Lookout offers 1,150 vertical feet on 23 runs and 444 skiable acres - with 25 percent beginner, 50 percent intermediate, 25 percent expert. Tickets are \$29 adult, \$17 kids, \$25 college students. www.skilookout.com.

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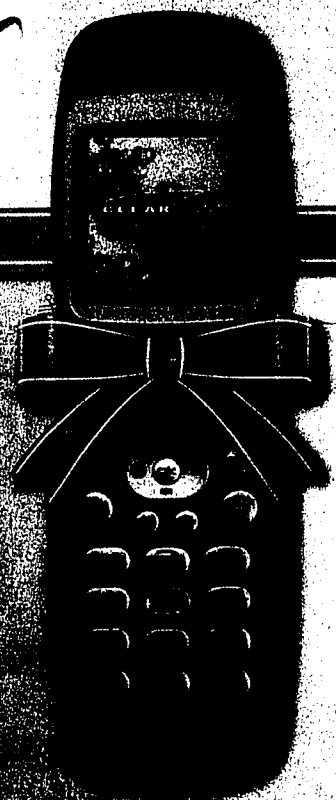


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