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Aquifer recharge project a partial success

Officials pleased with results on North Side system

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

BOISE — Give them an A minus. Officials with the Idaho Department of Water Resources say a project to recharge the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer through the North Side Canal Co. system this fall was 91-percent successful.

That could mean the water, run in October and November from Milner Dam through cracks and leaks in the company's web of canals, could seep into the aquifer and emerge at Thousand Springs for use by trout farmers.

The recharge effort was part of a state-approved deal between groundwater pumps and surface-water users who say the pumps have depleted spring water that emerges from the aquifer at Thousand Springs.

"I'm really pleased with the whole effort," said Dave Tuthill, IDWR water director, in an interview last week. "The project was highly successful."

The project was the first to use North Side Canals to recharge the aquifer. About 26,846 acre feet of water leaked through the canals. The department had hoped to push 29,800 acre-feet through the system, but low temperatures that threatened to freeze water in the canals halted the project late last month before all the water could be ejected.

One acre foot — enough water to cover one acre in water one foot deep — typically meets the demands of two homes for one year. There is a chance, Tuthill said, that the remaining 3,000 acre feet could be flushed through the canals early in the spring.

IDWR officials used a \$20,000 device to measure flow in the canals during the project. Authorities eased the water through the system at a very low flow, about 300 cubic feet per second — to allow as much water as possible to leak through the canals and into the aquifer. Typically, the canal company usually runs about 2,000 cfs out of Milner, said Ted Diehl, NSCC manager, when the project started.

It remains unclear just how much of the water, bought for \$500,000 by groundwater pumps, will emerge at the springs. Hydrologists have said it can take as long as two years for water to move from the canals to the Thousand Springs reach.

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Life's classroom



Katie Walker, a Twin Falls High School student, right, and Angeli Dilucca-Paterson, an employee of Idaho Home Health and Hospice, listen to Dale Cole, 92, Thursday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Volunteering pays off for teens, hospice patients

By Nate Poppo
Times-News writer

One just likes to volunteer. Another wants to be a pediatrician. A third, a cheerleader, wants to learn about other ways of life.

They aren't all from the same school, or even the same background. But the five high school girls who gathered at the Twin Falls home of Dale Cole on Thursday afternoon had one thing in common: their desire to brighten one man's life.

The five are part of a "junior volunteer" program started this summer by Idaho Home Health and Hospice. Volunteers can help shop for a hospice patient, mentor children whose family members are in hospice care or even become health care advocates. And both patient and volunteer get something out of the process, said Heidi Walker, a volunteer coordinator.

"I believe ... a hospice is a classroom like none other," Walker said.

That classroom can teach volunteers the value of charity and close friendship. It can teach them about the value of life. "They realize every day is a gift," Walker said.

That was certainly the lesson for those listening to Cole, 92, who spent the afternoon recalling his long and busy life for a video that will be given to his family. Ensnared in blankets in an armchair,



Claire Paterson, a student at Filer High School, records video of Dale Cole as he speaks Thursday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Cole regaled the video camera and his audience with stories and songs from his time in the military and fighting fires for the Bureau of Land Management.

"I think that they enjoy telling people about what's gone on in their life," said Madeline Paterson, a sophomore at Filer High School.

The number of youth volunteers fluctuates, based on how busy they are, Walker said. But currently, the program has nine consistent volunteers.

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How you can help

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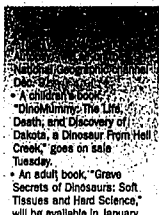
Mummified dinosaur had scales

Fossil is as close as scientists can get to touching a live dino

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — One of the most complete dinosaur mummies ever found is revealing secrets locked away for millions of years, bringing researchers as close as they will ever get to touching a live dino.

The fossilized duckbilled hadrosaur is so well preserved that scientists have been able to calculate its muscle mass



and learn that it was more muscular than thought, probably giving it the ability to outrun predators such as T. rex. While they call it a mummy,

the dinosaur is not really preserved like King Tut was. The dinosaur body has been fossilized into stone. Unlike the collections of bones found in museums, this hadrosaur came complete with skin, ligaments, tendons and possibly some internal organs, according to researchers.

The study is not yet complete, but scientists have concluded that hadrosaurs were bigger and stronger than had been known, were quick and flexible and had skin with scales that may have been suppled.

"Oh, the skin is wonderful," paleontologist Phillip Manning of Manchester

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Report: 8 men claim they had sexual encounters with Craig

BOISE (AP) — Eight men say they either had sex with Sen. Larry Craig or were targets of sexual advances by the Idaho lawmaker at various times during his political career, a newspaper reported Sunday.

One of the men is the former escort whose allegations disgraced the Rev. Ted Haggard, former president of the National Association of Evangelicals, the Idaho Statesman reported.

The newspaper identified four men and reported details of the encounters they say involved Craig. It also reported the accounts of four other men who did not agree to be identified but who described sexual advances or encounters involving Craig, who opposes same-sex marriage and has a strong record against gay rights.

Craig pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct after being accused by an undercover officer of soliciting sex at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport and later called a news conference to deny that he is gay.

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Patterson, who began volunteering in late August, said creating the videos is among her favorite jobs for the hospice agency.

"It's definitely a lot of fun because it gives a whole other perspective on life," she said.

"That's something all of the volunteers could agree with, including Katie Walker, a junior at Twin Falls High School and Heidi's daughter. But the fun is paired with a sobering lesson: that of how families and patients cope during end-of-life care.

"It's kind of sad," Katie Walker said.

The hospice keeps bereavement counselors on staff to help the teens cope with what they've experienced, Heidi Walker said. And the volunteers are trained in a variety of

health, hospice and privacy topics before they even begin work — a requirement, Heidi Walker said, that comes from Medicare.

The visits can mean a lot to the patients, Cole's spouse, Lillian Lakey, 87, was delighted Thursday with how her husband responded to all the visitors in her home.

"You can see he likes to talk," she said.

And Cole definitely didn't seem fazed by all the attention.

"It don't bother me," he said when asked what he thought of visitors filling his house.

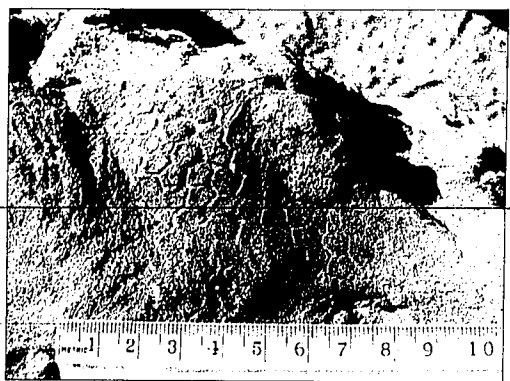
Lakey, who said she's known Cole for 25 years, agreed to serve as her husband's caregiver after his health deteriorated in the last few years. It's a hard job, she said. But like the volunteers, it's taught her a lot.

"I'm very honored and very grateful to the Lord for letting me learn all these things and do all these things," Lakey said while watching the teens interview her husband.

Some of the volunteering lessons could carry on with the teens when they enter college. At least two of the volunteers, Marija Marcetic and Dora Benteria, came from a Twin Falls health class and said they plan to work in the health care field one day. Their volunteer work, they said, gives them an early start on that — extending the simple act beyond just helping one family.

"I think you definitely get some people skills doing this," Benteria said.

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This undated photo shows scales on the fossilized skin of a duckbill hadrosaur found in 1999 in North Dakota. One of the most complete dinosaur mummies ever found is bringing researchers as close as they will ever get to touching a live dinosaur.

Fossil

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University in April 1961 rhapsodized, admitting to a "glazed look in my eye."

"It's unbelievable when you look at it for the first time," he said in a telephone interview. "There is depth and structure to the skin. The level of detail expressed in the skin is just breathtaking."

Manning said there is a pattern of banding to the larger and smaller scales on the skin. Because it has been fossilized researchers do not know the skin color. Looking at it in monochrome shows a striped pattern.

He notes that in modern reptiles, such a pattern is often associated with color changes.

The fossil was found in 1999 in North Dakota and now is nicknamed "Dakota." It is being analyzed in the world's largest CT scanner, operated by the Boeing Co. The machine usually is used for space shuttle engines and other large objects. Researchers hope the technology will help them learn more about the fossilized insides of the creature.

"It's a definite case of watch this space," Manning said. "We are trying to be very conservative, very careful."

But they have learned enough so far to produce two books and a television program. The TV special, "Dino Autopsy," will air on the National Geographic channel Dec. 9. National Geographic Society partly funded the research.

Soft parts of dead ani-

mals normally decompose rapidly after death. Because of chemical conditions where this animal died, fossilization — replacement of tissues by minerals — took place faster than the decomposition, leaving mineralized portions of the tissue.

That does not mean DNA, the building blocks of life, can be recovered, Manning said. Some has been recovered from frozen mammoths up to 1 million years old, he said. At the age of this dinosaur, 65 million to 67 million years old, "the chance of finding DNA is remote," he said.

A Manchester colleague, Roy Mowbray, who also

worked on the dinosaur, said "one thing that we are very confident of is that we do have some organic molecular breakdown products present." That look at chemicals associated with the animal is still research in progress.

Matthew Carrano, a paleontologist at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, said he could not comment in detail about the find because he had not seen the research. But, he added, "Any time we can get a glimpse of the soft anatomy of a dinosaur, that's significant."

The findings from Dakota may cause museums to rethink their dinosaur displays.

Most dinosaur skeletons in museums, for example, show the vertebrae right next to one another. The researchers,

looking at Dakota found a gap of about a centimeter — about 0.4 inch — between each one.

That indicates there may have been a disk or other material between them, allowing more flexibility and meaning the animal was actually longer than what is shown in a museum. On large animals, adding the space could make them a yard longer or more, Manning said.

Because ligaments and tendons were preserved, as well as other parts of Dakota, researchers could calculate its muscle mass, showing it was stronger and potentially faster than had been known.

They estimated the hadrosaur's top speed at about 28 miles per hour, 10 mph faster than the giant T. Rex is thought to have been able to run.

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The act would also make changes to Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program — parts of which would overlap with the system — deny subsidies to adult illegal immigrants and place new requirements on Medicare drug plans, hospitals and end-of-life-care facilities, according to a summary on Wyden's Web site.

Crapo doesn't agree with everything in the bill, which is still being looked over by the finance committee. Northern said. But the proposal, he said, is a first step toward solving a serious national problem.

"Keep in mind it's a vehicle," Northern said. "What you see in this bill today probably won't

be in the bill that gets moved on tomorrow."

There are several parts Crapo would like to keep, including the reliance on private health insurance. The provisions include some steps that, in the senator's eyes, could lighten the burden on small-business owners — who could pool their plans together to achieve the lower rates enjoyed by government officials and large corporations such as Dell.

But Northern said he's aware the measure as a whole may be a hard sell to Idahoans, whose first thoughts may be a similar bill in Massachusetts signed into law in April 2006 by then-Gov. Mitt Romney. The idea could be a hard sell to Crapo's fellow congressional delegates as well.

"A spokeswoman" for Rep. Mike Simpson described the bill as the type Simpson hasn't

supported in the past. And Sid Smith, a spokesman for Sen. Larry Craig, said Craig sees "a lot of good things" in the Healthy Americans Act, but is leaning toward a related bill that doesn't legally require private insurance.

Some in the insurance industry may not be on board either. Mike Tatko, a spokesman for Regence BlueShield of Idaho, said Friday that Wyden had consulted the company while preparing the bill, an encouraging move. But the proposed private model, he said, is not the company's first choice.

"The employer-based system as it is now ... is really the model that we agree with right now," Tatko said. "We think that's the best for all involved."

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The newspaper acknowledged that its report was not based on definitive evidence but said it also found no evidence to disprove the accounts of the four identified men. It said it reviewed the senator's travel records, which put him where the sex is alleged to have taken place, and did background checks on those making the allegations.

Craig and members of his staff declined to comment to the newspaper.

But in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press on Sunday, the senator said the newspaper's report was "completely false" and he accused the paper of careless journalism.

"It is unfortunate that the Idaho Statesman has chosen to continue to lower itself to the standards of what can best be described as tabloid journalism," Craig said in the statement.

"Despite the fact the Idaho Statesman has decided to pursue its own agenda and print these falsehoods without any facts to back them up, I won't let this paper's attempt to malign my name stop me from continuing my work to serve

the people of Idaho."

The report is the Statesman's latest on allegations about Craig's sexual background since his June arrest in an airport men's room sex sting operation was reported in late August.

Statesman Editor Vicki Gowder said the newspaper spent several months checking the backgrounds and details of the men's stories.

"We believe it's important for you to know what we've learned and to hear the men's own words," Gowder said.

Two of the identified men and one of the unidentified men told the newspaper they had sex with Craig.

One of the men identified in the report, Mike Jones, 50, described as a former male escort, was the focus of the sex scandal involving Haggard, the disgraced leader of Colorado's New Life Church.

Jones said Craig paid him \$200 for sex in late 2004 or early 2005. The encounter took place at a studio apartment in downtown Denver, Jones said. Jones told the Statesman that he did not recognize Craig until his arrest made the news. The newspaper reported that Jones went on the record after

Craig appeared in a television news report in August to address the arrest and his flight in politics.

Jones has written a book about his experience with Haggard and acknowledged to the Statesman that his allegation about Craig might help sales. A message left for Jones by The Associated Press through his publisher Sunday evening was not immediately returned.

Current phone numbers could not be found for the three other men identified in the Statesman's report.

Amid pressure from top GOP leaders in Washington, Craig announced his intent to resign from the Senate. He later changed his mind, deciding to finish out his term, which expires in January 2009.

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Lori grew up in Idaho Falls and considers the Magic Valley a great match for family activities and career opportunities. Her hobbies include running, hiking, snowshoeing, and camping.

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Storm begins spreading ice and snow across Northeast after pounding Midwest

By Valerie Bauman
Associated Press writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — A storm system slid across the Northeast with snow, sleet and freezing rain Sunday, glazing roads and tying up air travel after blanketing thousands of customers in the Midwest.

At least 10 traffic deaths have been blamed on weather-related traffic accidents.

Winter storm warnings were in effect today in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine and into Tuesday in parts of New York state. On the other side of the weather system, warnings were issued for parts of Michigan, where freezing rain and sleet was predicted to turn to all snow late Sunday.

The National Weather Service said a foot of snow was possible in the mountains of northern New England, with the potential for 20 inches in northern Maine. In higher elevations of upstate New York, 13 inches of snow was possible. Lake-effect snow and high winds were forecast for parts of western New York.

"It's kind of a mess — probably the best way to term it in this world," meteorologist Bob Kilpatrick said in Albany.

Three to 6 inches had fallen by Sunday afternoon in central New York state, and parts of New Jersey measured less than 1 inch.

With snowfall that light in New Jersey, and a changeover to rain expected later Sunday in places, the New Jersey State Turnpike Authority closed roads Sunday and didn't



Good Samaritan Clay Dehner, right, helps to keep a car on a slippery road away from the ditch after it got stuck Saturday in Camp Union, Wash.

AP Video

Snow and sleet soaked in the Midwest. At least 10 people have been killed in accidents across the area.

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both to plow.

"Compared to what's happening in the Midwest, we're kind of got it easy right now," said Joe Orlando, a spokesman for the authority.

Hundreds of flights into the New York City area's three main airports — Kennedy, LaGuardia and LAX — were delayed as long as two

hours Sunday because of wind and ice.

Airlines at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport worked to move travelers stranded when hundreds of flights were canceled when the storm struck there on Saturday.

Flights also were canceled Saturday at airports in Des Moines and Milwaukee as blowing snow reduced visibility.

The storm created snow and ice from the Plains across the Upper Midwest on Saturday.

Minnesota's Grand Marais, on Lake Superior's North shore, got 20 inches of snow and the port city of Duluth

marked a Dec. 1 record of 10.3 inches, the Weather Service said.

Roads were already cleared Sunday in Grand Marais, said Larry Shimmers, owner of the downtown Harbor Inn.

Utility companies in Illinois said the lights were back on for most of the nearly 140,000 customers who lost electricity Saturday as ice weighed down power lines. The ice also had blacked out more than 14,000 customers around Iowa, utilities reported.

"Before the storm hit the Plains and Midwest, it had dumped up to 2 feet of snow on the mountains of western Colorado.

Earth's tropics belt expands, may mean drier weather for U.S. Southwest, Mediterranean

By Seth Bernstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Earth's tropical belt seems to have expanded a couple hundred miles over the last quarter century, which could mean more arid weather for some already dry subtropical regions, new climate research shows.

Geographically, the tropical region is a wide swath around Earth's middle stretching from the Tropic of Cancer, just south of Miami, to the Tropic of Capricorn, which cuts Australia almost in half. It's about one-quarter of the globe and generally thought of as hot, sunny and damp, but it also has areas of brutal desert.

To meteorologists, however, the tropics region is defined by long-term climate and what's happening in the atmosphere. Recent studies show changes that indicate an expansion of the tropical atmosphere.

The newest study, published Sunday in the new scientific journal Nature Geoscience, shows that by using the weather definition, the tropics are expanding toward Earth's poles more than predicted. And that means more dry weather is moving to the edges of the tropics in places like the U.S. Southwest.

Independent teams using four different meteorological measurements found that the tropical atmospheric belt has grown by anywhere between 2 and 44 degrees latitude since 1979. That

translates to a total north and south expansion of 140 to 330 miles.

One key determination of the tropical belt is called the Hadley circulation, which is essentially prevailing westerly wind that move vertically as well as horizontally, carrying lots of moisture to rainy areas while drying out arid regions on the edges of the tropics. That wind is circulating over a larger area than a couple decades ago.

But that's not the only type of change meteorologists have found that shows an expansion of the tropics. They've seen more tropical conditions by measuring the amount of ozone in the atmosphere, measuring the depth of the lower atmosphere, and the level of dryness in the atmosphere at the edges of the tropics.

Climate scientists have long predicted a growing tropical belt toward the end of the 21st century because of man-made global warming. But what has happened in the past quarter century is larger and more puzzling than initially predicted, said Dan Siedel, a research meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration lab in Silver Spring, Md. She is the author of the newest study.

"They are big changes," she said. "It's a little puzzling."

She said this expansion may only be temporary, but there's no way of knowing yet.

Siedel said she has not determined the cause of this tropical belt widening.

In Iowa, both presidential nomination fights are toss-ups

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — Call it a brave new world in Iowa presidential politics.

The races for both the Republican and Democratic nominations here are toss-ups as voting approaches, a double-dose of fluidity unseen in decades. At the same time, the effect of winning — or losing — the leadoff Iowa caucuses in 2008 is anyone's guess.

Will Iowa christen the nominees and give them steam to run the table of rapid-fire primaries? Or will the state set the stage for upsets in next-op New Hampshire five days later?

Regardless of the answer, dogfights on both sides are certain in the five weeks until Iowa caucuses.

A pull released Sunday by the Des Moines Register shows both races in dead heats.

With a 4.4 percentage point margin of error, Mike Huckabee had 29 percent, Mitt Romney's 24 percent and Rudy Giuliani's 13 percent. Among Democrats, Barack Obama got 28 percent, while Hillary Rodham Clinton had 25 percent, and John Edwards had 23 percent. Other candidates were in single digits. More than half of likely caucusgoers in both races say they could change their minds. A chunk are undecided.

An Associated Press-Pew poll being released this week echoes the competitive situations in Iowa.

"We haven't had wide-open races on both sides for some time. This is absolutely unprecedented," said David Redlawsk, a University of Iowa

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political scientist. "And the impact of Iowa is unknown because the environment we're in is different."

For one, the primary calendar is packed tight. The Iowa caucuses are Jan. 3, and New Hampshire votes Jan. 8. Several other states quickly follow, culminating in what amounts to a de facto national primary Feb. 5 when two dozen states hold contests. That could make it difficult for anyone knocked off in Iowa to generate momentum needed for a comeback.

However, the 24-hour news cycle has intensified, with cable channels, talk radio, the Internet, blogs — and mainstream political media Web sites — playing major minute-by-minute roles in the campaign. That could provide Iowa losers with a giant megaphone through which to attack the front-runner or fix their own missteps.

Also, a slew of Republicans and Democrats are running and poised to split the votes in a multitude of ways in Iowa and elsewhere. Candidates may be able to hang in far longer than in past years given that there's so much money being poured into the campaigns; it now can be collected quickly as GOP long-shot Ron Paul proved with a one-day \$4.5 million haul.

The other unknowns that could further scramble the contests include the behavior of late-deciders, the impact of outside groups, the candidates' potential unforced or forced errors, and the negative ads expected in the coming weeks.

All that adds up to unpredictability — nationally and in Iowa.

On the Republican side, Romney spent nearly \$5 million on TV ads, built a superior state campaign, and held 296 events in Iowa only to watch his months-long lead evaporate as Huckabee — an underdog and a one-time Southern Baptist minister — surged by consolidating the support of influential religious conservatives.

"My conservative message of faith, family, and freedom is resonating with the American people. They know it's authentic," Huckabee said in a statement Sunday, jabbing the former Massachusetts governor, who has battled charges of changing positions far political gain.

But the former Arkansas governor dramatically trails Romney in money and, perhaps more importantly, organization. With limited resources, the future of Huckabee's bid relies on an Iowa win — and the momentum and money that could come with it.

If beat in Iowa, Romney still would be able to compete in New Hampshire, where he leads in polls and has a strong campaign, but a loss would severely set him back.

On Friday, he said he's not surprised the Iowa race tightened. "People have a lot of people to choose from, and as they get to know folks and find things they like about different candidates, that's what you expect," Romney said.

He is stepping up his criticism of Huckabee on taxes and

immigration. His surrogates also now are arguing to social conservatives that Huckabee doesn't have the money and manpower needed to beat Giuliani, an abortion-rights brawler, in contests beyond Iowa.

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Putin's party wins more than 60 percent in parliamentary vote

More than 79 percent of precincts reporting

By Lynn Berry
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin's party won a crushing victory in parliamentary elections Sunday, paving the way for the authoritarian leader to remain in control even after he steps down as president.

The vote followed a tense Kremlin campaign that relied on a combination of persuasion and intimidation to ensure victory for the United Russia party and for Putin, who has used a flood of oil revenues to move his country into a more assertive position on the global stage.

The vote affirmed the main idea that Vladimir Putin is the national leader, that the people support his course, and this course will continue, party leader and parliament speaker Boris Gryzlov said after exit polls were announced.

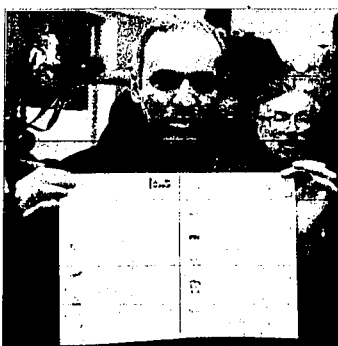
Several opposition leaders accused the Kremlin of rigging

the vote, and the Bush administration called for a probe into voting irregularities. Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov called the election "the most irresponsible and dirty" in the post-Soviet era and party officials vowed to challenge the results. With ballots from 79.3 percent of precincts counted, United Russia was leading with 63.1 percent, while the Communists trailed with 11.7 percent, the Central Election Commission said.

The Kremlin portrayed the election as a plebiscite on Putin's nearly eight years as president — with the promise that a major victory would allow him somehow to remain leader after his second term ends next year.

Putin is constitutionally prohibited from running for a third consecutive term, but he clearly wants to stay in power. A movement has sprung up in recent weeks to urge him to become a "national leader," though what duties and powers that would entail are unclear.

Pollsters said United Russia's



Former chess champion Garry Kasparov, leader of the Other Russia opposition alliance, holds his ballot, on which all parties have been crossed out, Sunday at a polling station in Moscow, Russia. Eduard Limonov, leader of the banned radical National Bolshevik party stands at right.

performance would give it an overwhelming majority of 306 seats in the 450-seat State Duma, or lower house. The Communists would have 57 seats.

Two other pro-Kremlin parties — the nationalist Liberal Democratic Party and populist Just Russia — also appeared to have made it into parliament, with 6.5 percent and 6 percent, respectively.

One Liberal Democratic Party deputy will be Andrei Lugovoi, a former KGB officer and chief suspect in the poisoning death of Kremlin critic Alexander Litvinenko. In London last year, Russia has refused to hand Lugovoi over to Britain, and the Duma seat provides him with immunity from prosecution.

No other parties passed the 7 percent threshold for gaining seats in the legislature. Both opposition liberal parties were shut out, predicted to win no more than 2 or 3 percent of the vote each.

Many Russians complained Sunday about being pressured to cast their ballots, with teachers, doctors and others saying they had been ordered by their bosses to vote at their workplaces.

"People are being forced and threatened to vote otherwise they won't get their salaries or

pensions," said Boris Nemtsov, leader of the liberal Union of Right Forces party.

Dozens of voters reported being paid to cast ballots for United Russia, said Alexander Knyaz, a political expert with election monitoring group Golos. In the town of Pestrovo in the western Novgorod region, voters complained they were given ballots already filled out for United Russia, he said.

In Chednya, where turnout was over 99 percent, witnesses reported seeing election authorities filling out and casting voter ballots in the suburbs of the regional capital, Grozny.

There was a tense, subdued mood at some polling stations. Yelena, a 32-year-old manager in St. Petersburg, refused to give her last name out of fear of official retaliation for voting for the liberal Yabloko party.

"We live in a country with an absence of democracy and freedom of speech," she said. Many voters were reluctant to discuss their vote — a shift since the late 1980s, when Russians complained loudly about their government.

Chavez loses vote to keep him in power for life in Venezuela

By Ian James
Associated Press writer

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez suffered a stinging defeat in a vote on constitutional changes that would have let him run for reelection indefinitely, the chief of National Electoral Council said Monday.

Voters defeated the sweeping measures by a vote of 51 percent to 49 percent, Tibisay Lucena said. Turnout was just 56 percent, Lucena said.

Chavez called it a "photo finish" immediately after the results were announced.

The referendum on constitutional changes was a critical test for a leader bent on turning this major U.S. oil provider

into a socialist state. An emboldened opposition and clashes during student-led protests in recent weeks had prompted fears of bitter civil war in Chavez's closest race in years.

Information Minister William Lara said early in the day that there had been a "massive turnout," but turnout later appeared low at some polling places and no official figures were available.

Chavez has accused the U.S. government of plotting to thwart the victory he predicted.

Sen. Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat who chairs the Armed Services Committee, denied any U.S. attempts to undermine Chavez.

U.S. tries to turn up the political heat in Iraq

By Tina Susman
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Top U.S. diplomatic and military officials Sunday urged Iraq's lawmakers to speed up political progress, a sign of Washington's concern that security gains could be squandered amid legislative in-fighting.

The comments were reminiscent of those heard repeatedly last spring and summer as pressure mounted on Iraq's parliament to pass legislation considered crucial to fostering national reconciliation.

Also reminiscent was the political discord in parliament. Now, as before, lawmakers are divided into sectarian blocs, and boycotts and walkouts continue to

hamper movement on major bills. None of the legislation that U.S. officials focused on earlier this year has won approval. What is different now, and what is giving U.S. officials a new sense of urgency, is the reduced violence across the country and in particular the capital, Baghdad. They say higher violence levels will retard parliament does not use the calmer environment to improve essential services nationwide, forge ties with local and provincial leaders, and sort out disputes blocking major bills splitting Sunni Arabs, Shiites and Kurds. The pending legislation would manage Iraq's oil wealth and lift rules limiting employment opportunities for former members of Saddam



A relative of Fatima Adnan, 2, killed in an attack on a village carried out by suspected al-Qaida militants, grieves while holding her body in his arms in the Shiite holy city of Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday.

Husseini's Baath Party. In 2003, said six days of touring Iraq had left him convinced State John Negroponte, who acted by the improved security, secured as ambassador to Iraq — ty.

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EDITORIAL

Residents, families deserve better from nursing home

Running a nursing home is tough business. It's labor-intensive work under constant scrutiny by the federal and state regulators. It's hard to find and keep enough qualified workers, and reimbursement by Medicaid for services is limited.

But clearly, something has to change at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

The facility, owned by Pocatello-based Northwest Rec-Corp, showed up Tuesday on a list that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services says includes the worst underperforming nursing homes in America. That came 16 days after 70-year-old Gerald DeCoria hanged himself with a blind cord at the center, triggering investigations by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the Gooding Police Department.

Police cleared the facility and its employees of criminal wrongdoing, but the nursing home's problems are far from over.

In the police report, the facility's administrator had no answer as to why DeCoria, who had tried to kill himself two weeks earlier, was not checked every 15 minutes or why the facility's staff violated his "do not revive" order by starting CPR. The center's records show that DeCoria was asleep between 5 and 6 a.m. on Nov. 11, even though officers were called at 5:25 a.m.

In September, Health and

Welfare found several violations that included problems with patient care and safety procedures.

Three months earlier, the agency reported that the center was improving but would probably not have its state license extended unless further improvements were made.

In September 2006, a patient at the facility died from a urinary tract infection after a leg amputation. Fire code violations were added to a long list of problems.

In 2005, a Health and Welfare investigations found 37 violations, six involving harm or immediate jeopardy to residents. Two incidents of patient abuse were reported. The state placed the center on a provisional license and fined it \$250 a day until problems were resolved. The facility eventually accrued \$35,500 in fines before it got its regular license back.

In 2004, Health and Welfare found that the center had failed to supervise a resident who was sexually and physically harassing others; he was later discovered in another resident's bed. Another patient's leg became infected because staff was slow to assess the wound for treatment.

According to the CMMS, an arm of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, nursing homes on its special-focus list are inspected twice as often until they improve, are granted additional time or are dropped from Medicare and Medicaid.

About half of such facilities significantly improve their quality of care in 24 to 30 months, according to Medicare. About 16 percent are terminated by Medicare and Medicaid.

We hope it doesn't come to that, but the Gooding nursing home has a lot of work to do to regain the confidence of regulators, the families of residents and the community.

Simply put, these problems have gone on for too long.

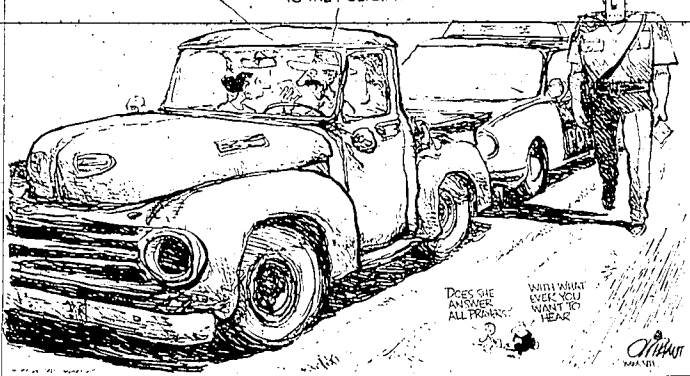
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Our view:
Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center must change its ways or lose Medicare and Medicaid funding.
What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

NOT TO WORRY, CARMELITA—I PROMISED TO SAINT HILLARY, PATRON SAINT OF ILLEGAL ALIEN DRIVER'S LICENSES... AND SHE APPEARED IN A VISION AND HANDED ME MY LICENSE, AND THIS I WILL TELL TO THE POLICIA.



The trouble with illegal immigrants

In retrospect, my grandparents had it easy. They sailed here in steerage from Denmark at the turn of the last century, carrying little money and a spilling infant who much later became my mother. But they were legal, welcomed by a government that had enacted them to come with exaggerated claims of Western glories and jobs, jobs, jobs. Denmark was then, as was much of Europe, in a deep depression and the high unemployment rate was staggering.

In America, they found streets not quite paved with gold, but close enough. They put their naturalization papers easily and almost immediately—I found my grandfather's in a bunch of old papers still neatly tied in a bundle the other day.

My grandmother never did learn to speak English, but there was a community in Iowa where they settled that still clung to the old ways, memories of the old country, and the old language. They were, I believe, happy; they never earned enough money to return to Denmark and their own parents and old friends, but the new life wasn't bad. In those days, letters were the connecting life line.

I think of them often now as I listen to the political acrimony over the flood of illegal immigrants pouring into our country from Mexico and other points south. It is a very different experience. And the reaction to the newcomers is not, in too many instances, friendly.

It's partly the language barrier. It's partly political pandering. It's partly a scared response to a governmental inability to do something about the massive waste and environmental stewardship is ridiculous. Shame on you, Mr. Arpl BRIAN LOUSU Twin Falls

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meat-picking and heavy-duty farm labor.

USA Today recently detailed how sparsely populated North Dakota, desperate for more workers and economic growth, turned down plans for new factories that would have hired low-wage workers, fear-

ing they would change the clannish Nordic culture of the earlier settlers who still run the politics there. Thumb move by aging white guys!

The federal government can't cope with the emotions this immigration wave has unleashed. The presidential candidates can't either. As an issue, it is poison. Contributions to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., dried up after he backed a Bush proposal to immigration plan of tough border enforcement coupled with a guest-worker program and the possibility of legalization for illegal workers already here.

Bush's conservative GOP rivals derided this as "amnesty," and that was all it took.

"It was the issue of immigration that hurt my campaign," McCain later said. "I have not encountered a domestic issue that has provoked the emotional response that this does with a lot of Americans."

It's not just Republicans feeling the pain. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., got a political black eye when she wailed on whether to support New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer's plan to give drivers' licenses to illegal residents. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., later had trouble answering the same question. She eventually said no; he said yes.

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Spitzer withdrew his proposal after a firestorm of public outrage.

We need political leadership here, but the only firm voices are coming from right-wing conservatives who want to kick all illegal immigrants out of the country, pronto. This is silly, on the face of it.

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Earlier this year, the Bush administration set out to enforce a new rule that would punish employers who do not dismiss workers—presumably illegal immigrants—whose Social Security numbers cannot be verified. But a federal judge complained about improper administration procedures. A suit against the rule brought by major American labor, business and farm organizations had raised concerns that legitimate workers might also be fired because of flawed Social Security records.

Enforcement of the rule is on hold—for now.

On the GOP side, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney are competing to sound toughest against

illegal immigrants. As city and state officials, they were tolerant of workers with dubious documentation. Romney even hired a couple as lawn guys. But not now!

Romney promises that as president he will secure the border and reject sanctuary policies of cities, states or the federal government. Giuliani used to rail against the "punitive way" of dealing with illegal immigrants but now he tries to out-do Romney by accusing him of allowing sanctuary cities in Massachusetts.

This is all shameful. For once, President Bush got something right when he proposed more fences—no body argues with that, although anybody with a ladder and great legs can surmount them—as well as a measured plan for a path to citizenship for those already here.

There were lots of technical problems with the complicated citizenship path, but the concept is the right one.

This is one big mess. It will not be sorted out in the primaries, where candidates still have to concentrate on their own constituencies. But as we move into the general election, it will be a very large issue. And sorting out this kind of thing is just what campaigns are supposed to do.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doing nothing about carbon dioxide is much too risky

Concerning Adrian Arp's letter, "We need to make more carbon dioxide, not less."

As I read Mr. Arp's letter on CO2 and global warming, I was embarrassed to see someone promote such thoughtless irresponsibility in regard to our planet. When Mr. Arp stated that we have enough crude oil to last for the next 300 years and we should not attempt to limit the emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, he was suggesting that we continue to do things as we have always done them.

By doing things as we have always done them, we are ultimately promoting self-destruction.

"We as human beings and citizens of one planet have responsibility to take care of

the environment that we inhabit.

The reasons why the earth is warming are entirely irrelevant when it comes to our responsibility to protect it. All of us should be doing everything in our power to be as responsible as possible with what we have, even if we have to make some sacrifices.

Ultimately, it will take great sacrifice to create responsible change. If we become more environmentally responsible, and human caused climate change turns out to only be conjecture, we will have sacrificed little.

If we do nothing and it turns out we are responsible for climate change, we will have sacrificed the quality of life for all of humanity. That is a risk we should be unwilling to take.

Our planet's resources are finite. The balance in our ecosystems must be carefully

watched, maintained and restored. If we have the power to change and create more efficient and responsible ways of using energy, managing waste and protecting our planet, then we should do so! To perpetuate ideas that don't promote environmental stewardship is ridiculous.

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Christmas in the Nighttime Sky. While I applaud the fact that the sponsors have put this show on for many years as the name of collecting toys for needy children, it sure seems like everyone got crankier about it this year!

First, an article that says Kimberly Nursery prefers interactive toys instead of soft, cuddly toys. Excuse me, but a small child isn't going to know what interactive is nor will they care! A present is a present to them even if it's a teddy bear.

And who had the nerve to call anyone who happens to watch the fireworks display without attending the event "freeloaders"?

Are those who live nearby supposed to plug our ears and avert our eyes? Maybe in the future you could talk with the company that supplies your fireworks and ask them to just bring sparklers for

everyone. Then when the music starts, everyone can light their own fireworks, carefully shielding them from view of the "freeloaders," of course.

So too many of the toys aren't up to your standards and you're tired of the folks who watch the fireworks display without "paying" for the privilege to do so. This is sad commentary on what seems

to have been a worthwhile annual tradition. Perhaps it has run its course and should be discontinued.

All I can say is it's a good thing the College of Southern Idaho doesn't charge to watch fireworks on its campus each July or we'd have a valley full of nothing but "freeloaders."

EMILIE MAUGHAN Twin Falls

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Are you better off now?

"Americans' Economic Optimism Reaches Second High." That's the headline on a recent Gallup report, which shows a nation deeply unhappy with the state of the economy. Right now, 27 percent of Americans are currently optimistic conditions are either "excellent or good," while 44 percent say they are "only fair" and 28 percent say they are "poor."

Moreover, an extraordinary 75% of Americans now say the economy is getting worse, while a scant 13 percent say it is getting better.

What's really remarkable about this dismal outlook is that the economy isn't in recession, and consumers haven't yet felt the full effects of \$200 oil (wait until you see this winter's heating bills) or the phasing dollar, which will raise the prices of imported goods.

The response of those who support the Bush administration's economic policies is to complain about the unfairness of it all. They rattled statistics that supposedly show how wonderful the economy really is, but these statistics are misleading or irrelevant, but it's true that the unemployment rate is fairly low by historical standards. So why are people so unhappy?

The answer from Bush supporters — who are, on this and other matters, a pretty whiny bunch — is to blame the "liberal media" for failing to report the good news. But the real explanation for the public's pessimism is that whatever good economic news there has been translated into gains for most working Americans.

One way to drive this point home is to compare the situation for workers today with that in the late 1990s, when the country's economic optimism was almost as remarkable as its pessimism today. For example, in the fall of 1998 almost

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two-thirds of Americans thought the economy was excellent or good.

The unemployment rate in 1998 was only slightly lower than the unemployment rate today. But for working Americans, everything else was different. Wages were rising, yet inflation was low, so the purchasing power of workers' take-home pay was steadily improving. So, too, were job benefits, including the availability of health insurance. And homeownership was rising steadily.

It was, in other words, a time when Americans felt they were sharing in the country's prosperity.

Today, by contrast, wage gains for most workers are being swallowed by inflation. In fact, the reality for lower- and middle-income workers may be worse than the official statistics say, because the prices of necessities like food, transportation and medical care are rising considerably faster than the Consumer Price Index as a whole. One striking statistic: the cost of a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner was 11 percent higher this year than last year.

Meanwhile, the percentage of Americans receiving health insurance from their employers, which began to decline in 2001, is continuing its downward trend. And home ownership, after rising for several years on a tide of subprime mortgages — well, you know how that's going.

In short, working Americans have very good reason to feel unhappy about the state of the economy. But what will it take to make their situation better?

The leading Republican candidates for president don't even seem to realize that there's a problem. A few

months ago Rudy Giuliani, denouncing Hillary Clinton's economic proposals, declared that "he wants to go back to the 1990s" — as if that would be a bad thing.

In fact, memories of how much better the economy was under Bill Clinton will roll again. President Clinton was a good economic manager, but much of the good news during the 1990s reflected events that won't be repeated, including low oil prices and the great medical cost pause — the temporary leveling off of health care spending as a percentage of GDP that took place in the 1990s despite his failure to pass health care reform.

And there are good reasons to think that the negative effects of globalization on the wages of some Americans are larger than they were in the 1990s. That's a huge, contentious issue within the progressive movement, with no easy resolution. I'll write more about it in the months ahead.

Despite these caveats, Democrats have every right to make a political issue out of the failure of the Bush economy to deliver gains to working Americans — especially because conservatives continue to insist that tax cuts for the affluent are the answer to all problems.

But Democrats shouldn't kid themselves into believing that this will be easy. The next president won't be able to deliver another era of good times unless he or she manages to take the longer-term trends that underlie today's economic disappointment: a collapsing health care system and inexorably rising inequality.

Paul Krugman is a columnist for the New York Times.

Southern Idaho water: What goes around comes around

Some of the members of the recharge district board of directors, who originally got the Idaho

Legislature to pass a law making recharge a beneficial use of water so we could get a permit for water to recharge the aquifer. We put in an application for a water right to the Idaho Department of Water Resources for a 12,000-cubic-feet-per-second permit above Miller Dam, and as the Idaho State Water Plan calls for no water over Minner, what are you doing with that application that we gave you?

On another subject, Alternativa Energy Holdings, an energy company based in Roanoke, Va., is planning on placing an application for 1,500-megawatt nuclear power plant west of Teton, near the Snake River. They say they can generate electricity for 1.7 cents per kilowatt-hour. I recommend that they pump their cooling water into reservoirs on the Mountain Home desert to water the desert.

If you remember your first lesson in hydraulics, the water cycle, you will understand that it can't rain unless there is water in the air. By putting water into the air, it will recycle to the mountains and desert to the east as we are in the westerly wind currents. That water will be available to



READER COMMENT
George Lemmon

recharge the Snake River Plain Aquifer, and should double the agricultural production and supply cellulose material for the power plant to get methane generation. When Bell Rapids was operating on the south side of the river, we had trouble drying our hay, but when you bought the water right from Bell Rapids project, our hay dried much faster.

What can the water board do to counteract the black-cat syndrome of fear of radiation, being that all energy, oil, coal, gas, hydro and geothermal all come from the atom's reaction, mostly on the sun? Why are people so afraid of radiation? When I was looking for uranium during the uranium rush during World War II I had a Geiger counter that registered 10 inches per minute of natural background count of radiation. My nephew picked up a piece of flat rock south of the Wind River Mountains in Wyoming and carried it for weeks. He

brought it home and asked me what it was. I put that piece of granite on the counter and the Geiger counter and the counter was made to flash continuously. It was impossible to count the radiation. I carried it for months in my pocket as a souvenir. Neither the nor I have contracted cancer since that period.

In 1952, we brought a ranch in the Blackfoot River area in eastern Idaho. Farmers there were having trouble growing 15 to 20 bushels per acre of barley between the droughts and freezing. The following 15 years, they put in the sprinkler systems from Idaho Falls to Bliss which caused much more evaporation of water. When we left there, those same farmers were making 70 bushels per acre from increased humidity. Every night dew formed on the barley and ran down the stem to irrigate the plants. In 2003, the farmers around the China flat area were growing 100-bushel dry land from the humidity from the valley. It also affected the rangeland and the timber because they depend on the dew which precipitates each night.

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Own a Business? Put Retirement, Succession Plans in Order

If you own a small business, you probably laugh at the notion of a "9 to 5" workday. Unfortunately, many small-business owners work so hard, and are so focused on the "here and now" — increasing sales, controlling costs, attracting new customers, etc. — that they forget to plan for their own retirement and for the fate of their business.

Don't make those mistakes. No matter how hectic your schedule, take the time to set up a retirement plan for yourself and a succession plan for your business.

Let's consider retirement plans first. These days, small-business owners such as yourself have several good retirement plans from which to choose as well as other options that may provide even more opportunity. If your business has no employees except you (and possibly your spouse), you can choose an SEP IRA, an "owner-only" 401(k) or a "owner-only" defined benefit plan. If you have employees, you might want to explore a SIMPLE IRA or a "Safe Harbor" 401(k). All these plans have at least two things in common. First, your earnings can potentially grow tax-deferred. Second, you can fund any of these plans with virtually any type of investment: stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, government securities and more. You can even create a mix of investments to reflect your time horizon and risk tolerance.

Beyond these similarities, though, these plans have different requirements and features, so, to find the one that's right for you, consult with a financial advisor who is experienced in helping business owners.

Once you've established your retirement plan, it's time to think about succession planning. Here are a few general recommendations to keep in mind:

- Always know what your business is worth. Your succession plan may involve either selling the business or passing it to your heirs, so it's essential you know the sales price or its inheritance value. Once you have this information, you can help draw up plans for selling the business or helping your family pay estate taxes.
- Integrate your succession plans with your estate plans. Many small-business owners just plan on leaving the business to their spouse — a move that could cut off other heirs from an inheritance. This can be particularly troublesome if all your net worth is tied up in the business — a situation you'll want to avoid by having some outside investments, in addition to one of the retirement plans mentioned above.
- Include key employees in your planning. If you'd like to keep some key employees on after the business is transferred, let them know your plans while you're still in charge. Of course, if you plan on selling your business to one of them, you'll need to invest and organize the proceeds in such a way that they can be efficiently passed on to your family.
- Plan for "what if?" A good succession plan must also include plans for contingencies. To cite just one possible complication, what if you want to leave your business to an adult child, but that child dies before you? You may need to take many "what ifs" into account when you construct your plans.

You invest your heart and soul into your business. To protect that investment, work with your financial, tax and legal advisors to create the appropriate retirement and succession plans. Even as busy as you are, it will be time well spent.

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Wenden should support public's right to bear arms

I had heard that several attorneys general across the nation had begun signing up to help with the Parker/Heller vs. D.C. case going before the Supreme Court. This growing number of attorneys general are stating that the Second Amendment refers to an individual's right to keep and bear arms as opposed to referring to state militias.

This case could be one of the most important cases in

A virtually useless border plan

A "virtual fence" to defend our border with Mexico? You know, detectors and sensors and cameras and the like, but not a physical barrier?

That's the considered policy position of Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani, which he shares with such homeland security experts as Rep. Rep. Thompson, D-Miss., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, and Michael Chertoff, secretary of Homeland Security. All of them support a virtual fence because any fool can see that walls don't work.

Bricks, concrete, barbed wire, all that overrated! We need physical boundaries between us, only virtual boundaries. That's why we'd never put up a real fence, for instance. If we wanted to keep our children or pets from wandering away.

So why should our government do any differently? Why clutter up the border vista — it's a great view from Laredo to Nuevo Laredo, and vice versa — with some big ugly wall?

Maybe you think I'm kidding. But don't take my word for it: Here's Giuliani, quoted in an Associated Press story from last week, headlined, "Giuliani promotes virtual fence." Explains the former mayor, "Frankly, the virtual fence is more valuable, because it alerts you to people approaching the border. It alerts you to people coming over the border."

That sounds like a good plan, doesn't it? After all, you



use a virtual lock on your front door, right? That way, when intruders approach your house, you can spot them. And when they walk in, well, a police SWAT team is on the way. The key to this enforcement strategy, to be sure, is to respond after the crime has occurred. So it's strange, therefore, that Giuliani insists that he wants to build at least some physical wall.

Because virtually works better, Giuliani assures us. After all, that's why we have virtual prison walls and jail cells, right? You see, when the bad guys escape, an alarm goes off, satellites up in space look down, and helicopters fly over and scoop them up. And if the inmates try it again, well, we just repeat the apprehending process till they cry uncle.

So that's the plan for fending off terrorists from around the world — not to mention any of the 500 million South and Central Americans who might wish to come to this country illegally. We'll spot 'em and nab 'em before they get to Des Moines.

Some see weaknesses in this virtual approach. A headline in The Washington Post from Sept. 21, 2006, declared: "Plenty of Holes Seen in a 'Virtual Fence' Border Sensors

Not Enough, Experts Say." And this headline from the AP on Sept. 20 of this year: "Glitch renders 'virtual fence' unworkable." But President Giuliani can fix any technical challenge. After all, as mayor, he solved the problem of radio interference between the police and fire departments long before disaster struck on Sept. 11, 2001.

Like this idea of "virtuality," as opposed to "reality," so here's another modest proposal: Let's have a virtual border patrol. I mean, sending out actual law enforcers to intercept unknown persons coming across the border — that's a formula for trouble.

But with the virtual border patrol, we won't have any repeats of the violence that occurred Feb. 17, 2005, when two all-too-real border patrol agents, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Campana, shot and wounded a suspected drug smuggler as he was fleeing from them.

Ramos and Campana were convicted of unjustly shooting Osvaldo Aldrete-Davila. So the two border patrolmen received long prison sentences, which Aldrete-Davila went free.

You see, if Ramos and Campana had been virtualized, then poor Osvaldo would never have been shot. Guns? No. We don't need no stinkin' guns — or walls. Instead, let's have all-virtual law enforcement, all the time.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wenden should support public's right to bear arms

I had heard that several attorneys general across the nation had begun signing up to help with the Parker/Heller vs. D.C. case going before the Supreme Court. This growing number of attorneys general are stating that the Second Amendment refers to an individual's right to keep and bear arms as opposed to referring to state militias.

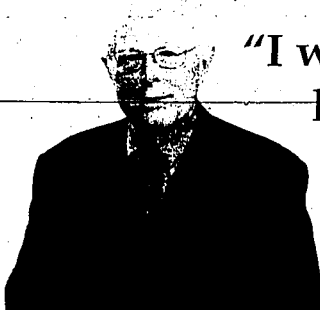
This case could be one of the most important cases in

we have seen in quite some time. I was a bit surprised to hear that Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wenden had not signed on yet. Even more concerning was Wenden's initial position of siding with D.C., which contained the right to keep and bear arms. His office later withdrew its support for D.C.

As someone who voted for Mr. Wenden, I hope that he will take a look at the Idaho Constitution, Article I, Section 11 that begins with: "The peo-

ple have the right to keep and bear arms; and a right shall not be abridged." When I contacted his office, a member of his staff dismissed my comments and concerns stating that she was unfamiliar with the Supreme Court case.

Mr. Wenden, I hope that you will join the other attorneys general that have vowed to support our right to keep and bear arms. I would also encourage others to contact your office as well.
RYAN HORSLEY
Tula Falls



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Colts take control of AFC South with win over Jaguars

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is adjusting to being without Marvin Harrison. Tony Dungy is finally adjusting to instant replay.

So the Indianapolis Colts are on the verge of their fifth straight AFC South title.

Manning, hampered by a lack of receivers for the past six weeks, threw four touchdown passes, two after the Colts won replay challenges, to beat Jacksonville 20-25 Sunday and take a two-game lead with four games to go.

It was the second victory by the Colts (10-2) over Jacksonville (8-8) this season, essentially giving them a three-game lead with four games left in a division they've controlled since Tennessee won it the first year of the current alignment.

"I feel great about where we are right now," said Dungy, who

during the early years of the challenge system couldn't win any, let alone two, as he did in a bizarre first quarter Sunday that included three challenges.

"Going into the fourth quarter of the season, we've got a good lead in the division and we're second in the conference. If we'd lost, we'd have felt we'd have to win all four of our last games."

Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio all but conceded the title.

"In all likelihood, they'll win the division," said Del Rio, whose team still leads the AFC wild-card race. "They still have to play it out, but they deserve it. We didn't quite get it done today but I saw a lot of good things."

Having lost to unbeaten New England, the Colts have almost no chance to get home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs. To get a first-round bye, they have to finish second in the AFC.

The Colts' first two TDs came

after challenges.

The first one came on the Jaguars' opening possession when Robert Mathis sacked David Garrard and knocked the ball free. Officials first ruled Jacksonville recovered at its 11, but Dungy appealed and referee Terry McAuley ruled the Colts' Raheem Brock recovered.

"I never thought there was a question," Dungy said. "I saw Raheem get the ball. He was down. This someone knocked into him and knocked it loose."

Two plays later, Manning threw a 5-yard TD pass to Dallas Clark.

On the Colts' next possession, officials ruled Ben Uechi fumbled. Dungy appealed, McAuley ruled it an incomplete pass, and on the next play, Manning threw a 49-yard TD pass to Reggie Wayne, who finished with 6 catches for 150 yards.

Jacksonville, which ran for 166 yards, finally got going after the second Manning TD pass.

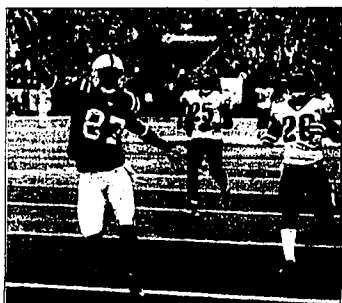
The Jags took more than 11 minutes to cut it to 14-7 on Maurice Jones-Drew's 2-yard run.

However, Manning drove the Colts right back downfield, hitting Clark from 14 yards out to make it 21-7 at intermission. Caping another time-consuming drive to start the second half, the Jaguars cut it to 21-14 on Garrard's 2-yard pass to Marcedes Lewis.

"To come out in the third quarter and put a stamp on it: 'We're not going anywhere. We're going to be here for 60 minutes,'" Garrard said.

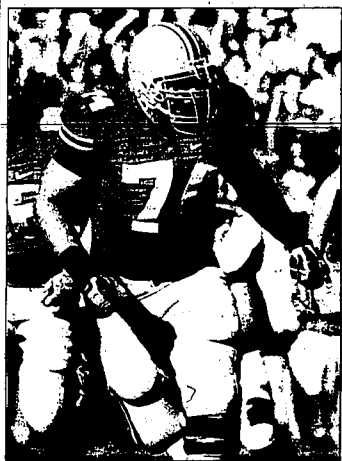
They were.

Reggie Nelson's end-zone interception of Manning ended an Indy threat and Josh Scobee's 47-yard field goal cut the Colts lead to 21-17 early in the fourth quarter. But the Colts scored again on the shovel pass to Lawton, who was just signed this week after being cut earlier in the season.



Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Reggie Wayne (87) celebrates as he scores on a 48-yard pass from Peyton Manning in front of Jacksonville Jaguars defenders Brian Williams, right, and Reggie Nelson during the first quarter of the Colts' 28-25 win in Indianapolis on Sunday.

BCS MATCHUPS SET



Ohio State tackle Kirk Barton, left, and Louisiana State running back Jacob Hester, far right, will lead their respective teams against each other in the BCS Championship Game on Jan. 7 in New Orleans.



BSU headed to Hawaii

The Associated Press

BOISE — Boise State accepted a bid on Sunday to face East Carolina in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl.

The No. 24 Broncos (10-2) lost their last regular-season game in Aloha Stadium to Western Athletic Conference champion Hawaii 39-27 on Nov. 23. East Carolina (7-5), the No. 5 team from Conference USA, accepted a bid from Hawaii Bowl officials on Saturday.

The Hawaii Bowl is played Dec. 23.

Before No. 10 Hawaii beat Washington and was picked for the BCS Sugar Bowl against No. 4 Georgia, there was concern in the Broncos camp that BSU would end up in its home

stadium in the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise.

"I already know the players' preference is to go somewhere and experience something different," Boise State coach Chris Peterson said earlier.

They got their wish when Hawaii beat Washington 35-28 on Saturday to remain unbeaten and claim a spot in a BCS bowl. That freed Hawaii Bowl officials to extend an offer to Boise State, the WAC No. 2 team.

Meanwhile, Fresno State (8-4) will play Georgia Tech (7-5) in the Humanitarian Bowl on New Year's Eve.

Another Western Athletic Conference team, Nevada (6-6), will play New Mexico (8-4) Dec. 22 in the New Mexico Bowl at Albuquerque.

No. 1 on Saturday, Missouri misses out on BCS berths

The Associated Press

MISSOURI — "We can't focus on that," Daniel said. "We've got to focus on taking the next couple of weeks off and preparing as well as we can to beat Arkansas and finish this year up winning 12 games. That's pretty special."

The bowl appearance will be Missouri's fourth in the past five years, capping one of the best seasons in school history. The Tigers' only other Cotton Bowl appearance was in 1945, while the Razorbacks will be there for the 11th time.

"This edition will be a rematch of the 2003 Independence Bowl won by Arkansas. Only this time, Razorbacks coach Houston Nutt won't be on the sideline."

Nutt resigned from Arkansas last week, hours later agreeing to become head coach at Southeastern Conference rival Mississippi. Arkansas defensive coordinator Reggie Herring will coach the team in the game.

The Jan. 1 contest will match two of the country's top offensive talents: Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel, the Big 12 offensive player of the year, and Arkansas running back Darren McFadden, the SEC's career rushing leader and 2006 Heisman Trophy winner.

For Kansas State, what followed was a monumental collapse to Purdue in the Alamo Bowl — something the Tigers will try to avoid in their first appearance in a New Year's Day contest since the 1959 Orange Bowl.

"I would like to think if you're 11-2 it's somewhat of a success," Pinkel said. "We'll get over this loss to Oklahoma and learn from it and be a better football team like we've done in the past."

Quarterback Chase Daniel said that while it's tough to see two teams the Tigers beat, Kansas and Illinois — go to a BCS game while his team missed out, being in the Cotton Bowl is a nice consolation prize.

OSU, LSU play for title

The Associated Press

LSU has a ticket to the title game. Everyone else has a pretty good gripe.

The latest chapter in this crazy, unpredictable college football season was written Sunday when LSU won the sport's version of the lottery.

The Tigers were picked to play Ohio State for the championship, leaving about a half-dozen other candidates with plenty to complain about.

LSU (11-2), ranked second in the latest Associated Press poll, will be the first team to play in the BCS title game with two losses.

No. 1 Ohio State goes into the game, Jan. 7 at the Superdome in New Orleans, at 11-1.

Missouri and West Virginia, the teams that came into the weekend ranked Nos. 1 and 2, lost Saturday to blow their title chances.

Why did LSU, which was

seventh in the BCS standings heading into the final weekend, make the jump to No. 2 while Oklahoma, USC, Georgia and a number of others fell behind?

The 174 poll voters and handful of computer nerds whose calculations make up the BCS rankings probably all have their own reasons.

Among the best is that LSU was rewarded for winning the SEC, which is traditionally viewed as one of the toughest

leagues in the nation.

There's also the argument coach Les Miles and athletic director Skip Bertman offered up Saturday night: The Tigers went undefeated in regulation this season — their two losses both coming in triple overtimes.

Paper-thin as that line of reasoning may sound, it's as good as any in this topsy-turvy season during which the top-ranked team lost four times.

Rose Bowl

USC (10-2) vs. Illinois (9-3)

USC and Illinois will play in the Rose Bowl, giving organizers the traditional Big Ten-Pac-10 matchup they desire even though Ohio State was lost to the BCS championship game.

USC got healthy and finished strong, winning four straight to end the season and take the Pac-10 title for the sixth straight season.

The sixth-ranked Trojans earned their third straight Rose Bowl bid Sunday and fourth in five seasons.

No. 13 Illinois (9-3) orchestrated one of the best turnarounds of the season, getting back to the postseason for the first time since 2001 season after going 2-10 last year.

Fiesta Bowl

Oklahoma (11-2) vs. West Virginia (10-2)

West Virginia will face No. 3 Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, a matchup of conference champions who had national title hopes dashed in the last three weeks.

The 11th-ranked Mountaineers (10-2) were a victory away from the national title game, but were upset by Pittsburgh 13-9 on Saturday night. The Big East champions received their second BCS bid in the last three years Sunday night.

The Sooners (11-2) won the Big 12 and an automatic berth in the Fiesta Bowl with a 38-17 victory over Mississippi, but a loss at Texas Tech two weeks earlier cost Oklahoma a shot at the national title.

Orange Bowl

Virginia Tech (11-2) vs. Kansas (11-1)

Kansas capped its best season in decades with its first Bowl Championship Series berth, a bid to the Orange Bowl to face No. 5 Virginia Tech.

The eighth-ranked Jayhawks (11-1) set a school record for victories and didn't lose until their regular-season game last week against Missouri. The Tigers won the Big 12 North and reached conference championship game, but got shut out of the BCS in favor of rival Kansas.

Virginia Tech (11-2) won the Atlantic Coast Conference championship for the second time in four seasons since joining the league.

Sugar Bowl

Hawaii (12-0) vs. Georgia (10-2)

Hawaii is taking its perfect record to the Sugar Bowl, where Colt Brennan and the high-scoring Warriors will face No. 4 Georgia.

The only unbeaten team left in major college football, No. 10 Hawaii (12-0) earned an at-large bid to the Bowl Championship Series on Sunday after completing its perfect season with a dramatic come-from-behind 35-30 victory over Washington on Saturday.

The Warriors are the champions of the Western Athletic Conference.

Georgia was one of the best teams in the country over the last six weeks and heads to its second Sugar Bowl in three seasons.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

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Chicago	San Antonio	95-90	
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Final BCS Standings List

Rank	Team	Points	OT	BCS
1	Ohio State	1,011	0	100
2	Michigan	1,011	0	99
3	Florida	1,011	0	98
4	Alabama	1,011	0	97
5	Washington	1,011	0	96
6	Nebraska	1,011	0	95
7	Illinois	1,011	0	94
8	Georgia	1,011	0	93
9	Michigan State	1,011	0	92
10	Ohio State	1,011	0	91
11	Michigan	1,011	0	90
12	Florida	1,011	0	89
13	Alabama	1,011	0	88
14	Washington	1,011	0	87
15	Nebraska	1,011	0	86
16	Illinois	1,011	0	85
17	Georgia	1,011	0	84
18	Michigan State	1,011	0	83
19	Ohio State	1,011	0	82
20	Michigan	1,011	0	81
21	Florida	1,011	0	80
22	Alabama	1,011	0	79
23	Washington	1,011	0	78
24	Nebraska	1,011	0	77
25	Illinois	1,011	0	76
26	Georgia	1,011	0	75
27	Michigan State	1,011	0	74
28	Ohio State	1,011	0	73
29	Michigan	1,011	0	72
30	Florida	1,011	0	71
31	Alabama	1,011	0	70
32	Washington	1,011	0	69
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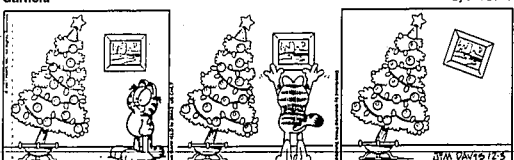
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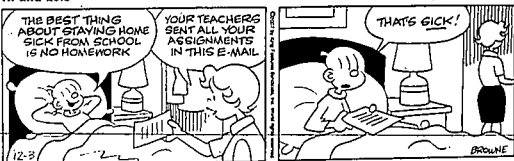
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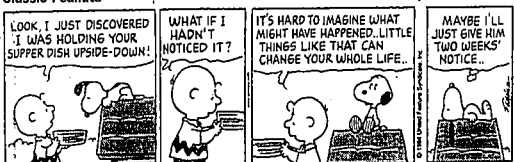
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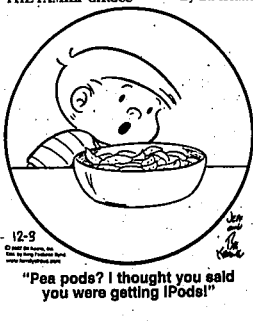
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Daughter's whirlwind visits leave little time for parents

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Mara," now 27, recently married a wonderful young man. After they had dated for a few years, she moved to his state of residence and attended graduate school there. It became their home.

When they came to visit us for a weekend, Mara constantly makes plans to see her old high school and college friends, get her hair done at her favorite salon, or attend someone's birthday party, wedding or bridal shower. In the 48 hours they're here, we see them less than four hours. I have tried asking Mara not to text while she's talking to me, or if we could plan something for just the four of us. Am I wrong to expect a little quality time with my daughter and her husband? I feel neglected and sometimes wish they hadn't come at all. What do you think?

— SECOND BANANA IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR SECOND BANANA: Clear the air with your daughter and ask her to block out some quality time with you and your husband during her visits. You're not being neglected; you are being taken for granted and probably treated the way she has always treated you.

Try this: The next time she calls to say she's coming in for a visit, tell her it isn't convenient because you have already made other plans. If you're not quite as available, Mara may wake up to the fact that you and her dad won't be around forever.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: My parents moved to Florida 10 years ago. The rest of my family lives more than four hours away. We are not close to my husband's family, but we do have my friends whom we talk to often. The holidays are approaching, and I dread them because we have nowhere to go. I have tried asking people what they're doing and mentioning that we aren't doing anything, but they don't get the hint that we'd like to be invited to their home. I would be happy to bring a dish or two — or even cook the whole meal. If it meant we wouldn't have to be alone.

What can I do? For me, the holidays are so depressing. Please help. I can't face another lonely holiday.

— LONELY IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

DEAR LONELY: How about

hosting a holiday feast at your own home? Invite your friends and ask them to bring a potluck dish.

And by the way, the surest cure for the holiday blues is to do something for someone else. This year that might include stopping by a rest home and delivering a batch of holiday cookies, or helping out at a shelter. I guarantee that if you do, you'll be too busy to be lonely, and by the time you leave, you'll be counting your blessings.

DEAR ABBY: My landlord is a nudist. When my friends drop by to visit late at night, they have sometimes seen him outside in the nude and were freaked out by it. My boyfriend is also uncomfortable with it.

I don't know how to confront my landlord. He's the best one I ever had, and I'm just a tenant. How should I address this? I don't want to have to move out.

— CHALLENGED IN HOUSTON

DEAR CHALLENGED: Ask your friends not to drop by without calling first. And when you know someone will be coming over, ask your landlord to please cover up because his nudism is shocking to some of your visitors. You do not have to be confrontational. If he's as nice as you say he is, he will accommodate you.

TODAY-IN-HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 2007. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 3, 1957, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart.

On this date:

In 1816, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1820, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States by the Electoral College.

In 1857, English novelist, Joseph Conrad was born in Berdychiv, Poland.

In 1925, "Concerto in F" by George Gershwin, had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with Gershwin himself at the piano.

In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the musical "Kismet" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, the musical "Camelot" opened on Broadway.

In 1967, the 20th Century Limited, the famed luxury train, completed its final run from New York to Chicago.

In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1984, thousands of people died after a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.

Ten years ago: President Clinton hosted his first town hall meeting on America's

race relations in Akron, Ohio. South Korea struck a deal with the International Monetary Fund for a record \$55 billion bailout of its floundering economy.

Five years ago: Thousands of persons' files released under a court order showed that the Archdiocese of Boston went to great lengths to hide priests accused of abuse, including clergy who had allegedly snorted cocaine and had sex with girls aspiring to be nuns. U.N. weapons inspectors made their first unannounced visit to one of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces.

One year ago: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez won re-election, defeating Manuel Rosales. Marat Safin had 16 acres in beating Jose Acasuso 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5) in the fifth and deciding match on, giving Russia a 3-2 decision over Argentina for its second Davis Cup crown.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Country singer Ferlin Husky is 82. Singer Andy Williams is 80. Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 77. Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 76. Actress Mary Alice is 66. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 59. Actress Heather Menzies is 58. Country musician Paul Gregg (Restless Heart) is 53. Actor Steven Culp is 52. Actress Daryl Hannah is 47. Actress Julianne Moore is 47. Actor Brendon Fraser is 39. Singer Montell Jordan is 39.



Osbourne

Actor Royale Watkins is 38. Actor Bruno Campos is 34. Actress Holly Marie Combs is 34. Actress Lauren Roman is 32. Actress Anna Chikumsky is 27. Actor Brian Donnell is 26. Actor Michael Angarano is 20.

THOUGHT

"Facing it, always facing it, that's the way to get through. Face it."

— Joseph Conrad, English novelist (1857-1924)

Nearly 69 years later, Girl Scout finally gets Golden Eaglet award

GRAND CHUTE, Wis. (AP) — A Girl Scout who failed to receive a Golden Eaglet award because she woke up with the mumps finally got the accolade — 69 years later.

Faith James Schremp, 86, joined Girl Scouts in 1938 and earned all the proficiency badges needed to win the award.

But the morning Schremp, of Wausau, was to leave for Girl Scout Camp, she woke up with the mumps. Attending camp was the final rite of passage in earning the award.

Schremp said she was heartbroken.

That is until Fran Raley, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, presented

Schremp with her long-deserved award Saturday during the Girl Scouts' 2007 Holiday Fun Fest.

Receiving the Golden Eaglet award, the predecessor of the Gold award, is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

Daughter-in-law Dee Schremp, of Appleton, a former Girl Scout leader, knew of the pin's importance to Schremp. She worked with

Raley to track down an Eaglet pin at Girl Scouts of the USA without success. They also were outbid on eBay for a discontinued pin, which fetched \$800.

However, Raley remembered there was a pin embedded on an art project near the entryway to the scouting office.

An artist extracted the pin and had it repaired at a jewelry shop.

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Lost and Found

REWARD: Small black Cocker Spaniel in vicinity of Tootsies Park. Answers to Juncumb, Bland in right eye. 300-0356 or 731-1364 or 539-7731

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1. Pit Bull, black & white, female, big pup, Hollister
2. Red Heeler, female puppy, Kimberly
3. Red Heeler, female, young adult, Victory Ave.
4. Samoyed Female, adult, I-84 Wendell area
5. Heeler Border Collie X, male, adult, Murtaugh
6. Rottweiler X, female, black & tan, big adult, Hollister
7. Border Collie Heeler X, female, adult, short tail. Hollister
8. Hound, tri color, female, adult, Main St in Twin Falls.

ADOPTIONS

1. Border Collie X, male, big pup
2. Lab Cheshire X, female, big pup
3. Lab X, male pup
4. Lab X, female pup
5. Heeler Pit Bull X, REAL NICE DOG
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CHILD CARE Openings, 1 year of age and up. LICP certified, 1st Aid and CPR. Hours 8:30-5:00 P.M. Call 208-643-8473

HABITAT FOR KIDS

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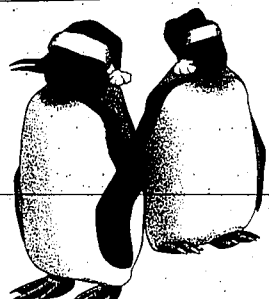
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Monday, Dec. 3, 2007

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"We can neither love nor pity nor forgive. If you make a slip in handling us you die!"

— Rudyard Kipling

Even Homer nods, they say, meaning that from time to time the best bridge players make mistakes that they would afterwards regret.

And occasionally even top internationalists do things that might tempt them to give up the game. Take this deal from the U.S. Trials a few years ago to see what I mean. In one room, declarer tackled his game as if he were playing in a pairs event. He won the heart lead and cashed the spade ace and king, then took the club finesse, relying on East, who did bid, to have one of the missing top honors. This was unlucky — or if you prefer it, unbelievably poor play for someone at his level of competence. Of course, when the club finesse lost, the defense crushed out for down one.

Yes, declarer could have recovered from his poor early view in spades by playing on diamonds before clubs to shake his heart loser on the 13th diamond, but that was not his unforgeable play.

Compare the line that Jeff Mockstroth followed when faced with this problem. After winning the heart lead, he hesitated just one spade, then played two diamonds and a lead to the spade toward dummy's jack. West could take his spade queen and lead two more rounds of hearts, but declarer could cuff-in-hand, unblock the spade jack, come to the club ace, draw the last trump, then run diamonds for 10 sure tricks.

NORTH		12-14
♥ A 10	♦ K 10 9 8	♠ A 10
♥ K 4 3	♦ Q J 9 5	♠ K 7 3
♥ Q J 9 5	♦ K 10 9 8	♠ A 10
♥ K 10 9 8	♦ A 10	♠ K 7 3
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WEST EAST
♥ K 10 9 8
♦ A 10
♠ K 7 3

South West North East
Pass 1 ♦ 2 ♥
3 ♠ 3 Pass Pass
Dbl. Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ All pass

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	3 ♠	1 ♦	2 ♥
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Heart three

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:	12-14
♥ A 6 5 ♦ K 7 3 ♠ A 7 3 ♣ Q 10 3	

South West North East
Pass 3 NT All pass

ANSWER: I would simply lead from my long suit — my choice would be the heart eight, not the seven. I prefer to lead top of a sequence rather than second-highest, but whatever card your system requires will be fine. Fourth highest seems like a bad idea, however; partner may get on lead and not know whether he needs to shift.

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Solving your winter wardrobe woes



Christa Hannold tries to stay warm while walking downtown. Looking good while fighting off the cold is difficult, Hannold says, especially on the way to her Twin Falls business. 'Downtown, you have to park far away, and then you have to walk.'

Photo by MELISSA DAVLIN/TIMES-NEWS

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Fashion and function rarely work well together. The tension between the two intensifies in the winter for Magic Valley professionals, who need to look good for their jobs while keeping warm.

"I tend to think fashion's more important," said Christa Hannold, owner of Christa's Dress Shoppe. "But the older I get, the more I kind of go for the function."

Warm socks. Bulky sweaters. Ear flaps. Toasty? Yes. Trendy? Better trade them in for heels and skirts.

While it's hard to balance style and sensibility, savvy shoppers can pay homage to both with a little planning.

Don't worry about clothing crazes, said Loraine Devey, owner of Fashion Cents in Twin Falls. Instead, focus on building a solid winter wardrobe with pieces that will never go out of style, like classy sweaters. Spice them up with colorful scarves, gloves and other accessories that will keep you warm while helping you look great.

Patricia Hansen agreed. The executive director of United Way South Central Idaho said she splurges on wardrobe essentials that she wears every year, but budget-buys ephemeral trends.

Most importantly, wear what you like.

"I like to feel good and look good, and when people compliment me, I think it's OK," Hansen said.

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Loraine Devey, owner of Fashion Cents in Twin Falls, sports this winter's trends, including a belt over a sweater and a monochromatic color scheme. "When you bring style into your environment, you feel good about yourself," she says.

The quiz tells all

Think you know winter business fashion? Test your style sense against local fashionistas. Which of these winter looks make the grade, and which should be left in the closet on office days?

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|---|-----|----|
| 1) Sweater vest over blouse | YES | NO |
| 2) Belts over sweaters | YES | NO |
| 3) Pompoms on hats | YES | NO |
| 4) Boots with skirts | YES | NO |
| 5) Baggy sweat shirts | YES | NO |
| 6) Scarves, gloves and other winter accessories | YES | NO |

ANSWERS:

Sweater vest over blouse — YES

A sweater vest might not hold up in the boardroom. But elsewhere in the office, certainly.

Layering in general is key to looking good while staying warm. Wear several layers outside, and peel them off when you get to the office. "I layer camis and lightweight knits under my sweaters," said Patricia Hansen, United Way executive director.

Sweaters over blouses are especially fashionable, shopkeeper Loraine Devey said. "To me, this is a working girl's top," she said.



Belts over sweaters — YES

Belted a sweater can slim and lengthen a torso. Play around with different combinations. Hansen likes to pair chunky belts with lightweight sweaters. "It's kind of trendy and a little edgy, especially for someone my age," she said.

Pompoms on hats — NO

Don't fear the hat. With the right style, you'll look sharp on downtown sidewalks.

But there's one surefire wrong style: No one over 25 or under 80 should wear pompom hats, Devey said. Young people can pull it off and still look cute, and seniors can wear whatever they want.

Boots with skirts — MAYBE

Trick question.

According to Devey, skirts and boots simply don't go together. Bend the rules a little when the weather is bad, but remember to change your shoes when you get to work.

Devey said. "You want to be safe and you want to stay warm, but once you get to where you need to go, put on your stylish shoes."

But the fashion-conscious Hansen embraces the skirt-and-boots combo and doesn't care if some don't like the look. "I like to go against the trend sometimes," she said.

Baggy sweat shirts — NO

They're warm and comfortable, but sweat shirts of any fit are inappropriate for work.

Don't feel guilty for wearing them on your time off, though, said Christa Frazier, women's clothing manager at JCPenney. "If you're just out and about, why not? Why not be comfortable while you're out doing your things?" she said. "But for work wear, definitely not."

Try a cozy knit sweater instead.

Scarves, gloves, winter accessories — YES

A colorful scarf can glam up an otherwise drab winter outfit. Look through your closet and add to the ensembles you already have. It's a cheap way to spruce up your wardrobe. Bonus: They never go out of style, Frazier said.

"Scarves are always in," she said.

Ear muffs? Yes. Gloves? You can't go wrong.

Everything but leg warmers. Keep those at the bottom of the drawer.

Your score:

6 out of 6: You've got the job. You can fight the cold with hot fashion; and you're not afraid of trying new styles.

5 out of 6: You're working your way up and looking good in the process.

4 or under: You're out in the cold with your clothing choices. Don't be afraid of winter fashion. You'll look great and feel even better.



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"HeartSaver Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation" class, 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 508 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Under the guidelines of the American Heart Association, the class includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants. Cost is \$36. Registration required: 737-2007.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. This week's topic is the Mommy Club. The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. Free: 324-7262.

About childbirth

Fifth class of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's prepared childbirth series, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

Topics will include labor rehearsal, postpartum care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person. Fee is \$5. To register: 324-1122, ext. 3361.

Alzheimer's support

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at

Rosetta Hilland, 1919 Hilland Ave. in Burley.

The meeting is open to Mini-Cassia residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. Information: Maquel Wrigley, 677-5451.

About back injuries

"Back School," a course on preventing and treating back injuries, 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's Rehabilitative Services, 560 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

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

Cost is \$25. To register: 737-2126.

Big Kids Klub

Big Kids Klub meeting, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic

Valley Regional's Education Center, 508 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

The class helps prepare siblings for a new baby. Participants need to bring a photo of themselves. Cost is \$10 per family with one child or \$15 per family with two or more children. Pre-registration required: 732-3138.

Alzheimer's support

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, at Rosetta Eastridge, 1177 Eastridge Court.

The meeting is open to Twin Falls-area residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. Information: Lisa Junod, 734-9422.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. E-mail notices to ramona@mag-image.com.

Some gift ideas for movers and shakers

By Howard Schneider
The Washington Post

Howard Schneider wears some of the fitness gifts he's tested.

OK, so what if Santa's a fat shlob?

Just because he has earned the right doesn't mean we have.

As you work through your shopping list, here are a few ideas to keep friends and loved ones off the couch as we head into the "new year," whether they're technogeeks or old school.

Enjoy the season, go easy on the eggnog, and let's make a promise to model ourselves after the Three Wise Men: Next time you have an important appointment, walk, ride your bike or take a camel — anything to exert a little effort.

Podfitness.com Take martial arts champion Bas Rutten, have him bark orders at you, and set it to tunes from "The Fastest" No problem.

Sick of the goody-two-shoes music you hear at most yoga sessions?

Podfitness lets you mix an extensive database of workouts with playlists from your iPod, Microsoft Zune or other MP3 player, customizing the soundtrack to a variety of exercise routines.

Sounds gimmicky, I know, but I have been playing with it for a few weeks and it's fun. The routines are diverse — yoga, shake-your-body aerobic, weightlifting, whole-body workouts, outdoor and treadmill running, and sessions devoted to the elliptical — and they get sequentially harder each time you download a new session.

You get your choice of trainers. I've been alternating Rutten's conditioning sessions with interval runs set up by swimsuit model Judy Olson. (Fair warning: There is a Danny Bonaduce option, for those who dare associate with the rambunctious ex-child star of Partridge Family fame.) You can tailor the workouts to your fitness level, set them to match the equipment you have at home or at your gym, and tell the program whether the last round was too hard or too easy so it can adjust.

The service costs about \$20 a month. A 60-day trial is included with the purchase of a Polar F11 heart rate monitor



(roughly \$150), and Polar has its own dedicated heart rate zone workouts on the site. One caveat from the Podfitness Web site: The program lets you use only imported music, not tracks purchased from the iPod or Zune music stores. And one from me: Although this has worked seamlessly with my iPod, it does not work with one of my other MP3 players, so buyer beware: If you are not using the iPod or Zune.

Rollerblade Marathon Carbon Skates: Vikes! Hundred-millimeter wheels are really big and really fast, at least for someone used to a more modest skate. Between that and the stiff, light carbon frame, these are not for the faint of heart.

But for someone who wants a challenging aerobic workout and wants to cover more ground than on a jog through the neighborhood, this is a gift worth considering. The skates retail for about \$300, and unless the recipient is already adept, I'd recommend investing in a lesson or two as well.

The in-line crowd likes to boast that the sport is easier on the knees than running, but blading does carry its own risks. So please include a helmet and wrist guards with the skates.

Nautilus Selectech Dumbbells: The fate of home gym equipment is not always kind, as evidenced by the stationary bikes, rowing machines and treadmills that end up on Craigslist. But for someone who might actually use home equipment, weights offers more versatility than the standard home machines, and these have the added advantage of not eating up floor space.

The Selectech design includes several plates in a case, with a cam on the bar that lets you dial different weights and lock them in place. The result: You get a range of intensities in a single set of dumbbells.

Consider carefully who will be using these. The largest set goes up to 99 pounds on each dumbbell (180 pounds total). The size of the handgrips might be uncomfortable for anyone with a smaller hand, and the width of the bar might make it unstable.

There are lighter sets that max out at around 50 pounds and 20 pounds per dumbbell. The retail prices listed on the Nautilus Web site are \$149 for the lightest set, \$399 for the middle weight and \$599 for the heaviest pack. However, the middle set was recently listed on Nextag.com in the low \$200s.

Lafayette Sunday Run Bamboo Carbon "Anti-stink" Jersey: Nice shirt. Comfortable to work out in.

But — how can I put this delicately? — after a five-mile run, a night in the gym bag and an afternoon lifting weights, the shirt stinks. Bamboo charcoal fiber or not.

Canadian company Lalulemon is all peace and love in its marketing, but it has some issues to sort out. The New York Times recently tested the company's "seaweed" fiber, advertised to release healthful marine chemicals on your skin, and found that it had roughly the same mineral content as ... cotton.

When I bought my stink-free shirt a few weeks ago — \$64 — I was told it was designed to be worn, say, on a camping trip, with the odor-absorbing carbon allowing you to wear the same item for a few days.

Well, at least the bears won't be chasing me. Eleanor has been a bit standoffish — as well, come to think of it.

Save your money (and your marriage).

Wash your clothes.

Fitness books: There's a glut of fitness books on the market, difficult to sort through. For example, you want the "L Cool Y's Platinum Workout" (\$27.95) just because you're an ardent fan of the hip-hopper. Me, I'd go for anything that explained how Red Chili Peppers vocalist Anthony Kiedis got his abs. The Methuene Sex-Pack?

If you're tempted by this sort of gift, pay attention to the attitude of the author. Some people might find John Basedow a big turn-on, while to others he might seem like the Spawn of Steinfeld: a bit too creepily perfect.

One nicely voiced book that crossed my desk recently was Martina Navratilova's "Shape Your Self" (\$27.95). It includes not only exercise and nutrition information, but also the author's advice on how to motivate yourself.

The workouts employ stability balls, resistance bands, foam rollers and other inexpensive equipment you can use at home.

For anyone who regularly lifts weights, "Power Training" (\$19.95), published by Rodale, includes a lot of not-so-well-known exercises that would add diversity to the standard chest-press, biceps-curl rut that many men fall into. The book is refreshingly realistic in discussing what it calls "the big lie" that many fitness programs perpetuate.

Common Retirement Mistakes

For many people, retirement is not the stress-free vacation from financial concerns that they envisioned. Bad planning is often the culprit. For the next 10 weeks we will cover the most common mistakes that retirement-age individuals often make as they try to manage their own financial affairs.

Week 9 — UNDERESTIMATING YOUR FINANCIAL NEEDS. Despite their own confidence, many individuals are completely unprepared for the future, and lack any semblance of a clear financial plan. These investors often find themselves in difficult situations. You might be a superstar at your job, but you are probably ill-equipped to formulate a retirement plan for you and your family. For financial security in retirement, seek professional guidance.

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D) now through Dec. 31 have

a new Web tool to help them

compare plans and costs.

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Medicare site lists premiums,

co-pays and deductibles by

state.

Weighting all three costs is

important, says Stuart

Guterman, director of the

Program on Medicare

Future at the

Commonwealth Fund, a

nonprofit advocacy group.

Some plans may have pre-

miums as low as \$25 per month

and no deductible, but high

co-pays.

Co-pays vary with the cate-

gory, or tier, to which your

drug is assigned. Guterman

advises making a list of your

drugs, then checking any

plan you're considering for

tier and cost. Compare totals

before signing up.

Under Medicare regula-

tions, insurers can't change

tier prices before 2009 but

can move drugs from tier to

tier. But according to the

Medicare Rights Center in

New York, if you're on the

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State's wolf plan debuted tonight

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter could be one step closer to getting his wish: being the first Idahoan to kill a wolf if the animals are removed from federal endangered-species protection.

The federal government is expected to delist wolves and give states control over wolf management early next year. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will host tonight an open house in Jerome to debut the state's plans, which include allowing hunters to kill wolves to control a rising population.

Wolves have become a tony issue for ranchers, hunters, environmental groups and outfitters since they were reintroduced to the Northern Rockies in 1985 and 1996. Some hunters and ranchers say wolves are wreaking havoc on elk and livestock populations. Many environmentalists disagree.

Fish and Game officials say tonight's meeting could be heated.

"It could be a contentious issue," said Dave Parrish, who heads Fish and Game's Magic Valley office. "But I hope not. We're just looking at how to manage if they are delisted."

Please see WOLVES, Page D4

Wolf talk

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will host an open house from 6 until 9 p.m. tonight at its Magic Valley office, 319 South 417 East, Jerome, to introduce a proposed plan to manage wolves if they're removed from the federal endangered-species list early next year.

A simple gift

Christmas donations make a difference to area seniors

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Last month, the Times-News asked area nursing homes for Christmas lists from their residents. Today, we'll begin publishing them.

Now it's up to readers like you. A gift purchased from the list can make all the difference to a resident of an assisted living home, especially one who doesn't have any family in the area, said Elaine Todd, owner of Alpine Manor in Twin Falls. Her facility has published a gift list each year for the past three years and the response, she said, has been amazing. Some families

INSIDE:

View wish lists for area seniors.

See page D5

even adopted all eight of the facility's residents, buying a gift for each one.

"It just brightens (the holiday) up," Todd said. "It's a very good thing, I think."

Artis Shipley, who helps oversee the Alzheimer's unit at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation in Twin Falls, said the gifts help ensure every resident has a good Christmas. The home has sent out Christmas lists for 18 years, she said, and even though some of her residents don't always remember the holiday later on, the gifts and Christmas party do make a difference in their lives.

"We make sure that our residents have a special Christmas," Shipley said. "For some, it could be their last Christmas."

Both homes' parties have included visits from Santa in the past, as well as from family members for those who have them in the area. But the key, they said, is the overwhelming community support that ensures each resident gets a gift.

"The community is very, very supportive, and our list does get filled," Shipley said. "It's greatly, greatly appreciated."

Nate Poppino may be reached at 735-3227 or nppoppino@magicvalley.com.



Elaine Todd, of Alpine Manor, helps Esther Houston, a resident, place a Christmas decoration on a tree Friday afternoon in Twin Falls.



Esther Houston, a resident of Alpine Manor, chooses a Christmas decoration to place on a tree Friday afternoon in Twin Falls.



Sarah Hess, a resident of Alpine Manor, shows off a hat given to her as a present Friday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls man dies when car strikes tree

Times-News

A Twin Falls man died early Sunday morning when his car drifted off the road and struck a tree south of Twin Falls, the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office reported.

John Allen "T.J." Leeming, a 48-year-old Twin Falls resident, was northbound on Blue Lakes Boulevard at about 3:45 a.m. when his Ford Mustang veered off the road, said Nancy Howell, a department spokeswoman.

Authorities suspect excessive speed was a factor in the crash but did not release other details.

Buhl School Board hosting workshop to restore public trust

Residents have gathered signatures to recall two board trustees

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

The Buhl School District will host a workshop for residents and board members today to restore relations between the public and district officials.

The workshop follows several weeks of tense relations between parents, district residents and board trustees in which petitions have been formed to recall trustees Jay

Anderson and Ken McDonald.

The petitions have garnered the 20 required signatures to file with the board clerk — but for a number of reasons, including fears sparked from an anonymous call and lawsuit threats, the signatures have not been filed, and those requesting the recall are unwilling to come forward. And law that says trustees can't be recalled in the last six months of their terms has halted the procedure indefinitely.

Anderson and McDonald are both up for re-election in May.

McDonald's petition, which is worded "similar" to Anderson's, reads: "In the opinion of zone one's patrons

that the above mentioned trustee has become increasingly unprofessional in his representation of District 412."

McDonald declined comment about the petition, but said he is looking forward to learning the results of today's meeting. McDonald won't be in town and will review a report of the meeting when he returns.

"We need to focus on what's important here, and that's the kids," said Trustee Jackie Frey. "I've been hearing this recall thing for months. I've even heard that I am going to be on the chopping block. Whether that's fact or fiction, I don't know, but whatever happens the patrons are here in support

Voices your concerns

The Buhl School District will host a workshop for residents and school board members from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at Buhl High School.

of some change."

Frey said she hopes patrons are finally given the opportunity to say their piece during the meeting — and get their questions answered. The district has heard a number of concerns from residents, including the condition of elementary school restrooms and bus drop-off and pickup areas at the school, said

Board Chairman Gene Clemens.

"A starting point, I think, would be building trust and communication," Clemens said. "We need to build two-way communication, and I hope this is a starting point."

While patrons may not get all of the answers they seek, Frey said there are legitimate concerns to be aired.

"Sadly, there are a lot of issues, and it is our responsibility to listen and be respectful of the people — the taxpayers — who put us here," Frey said. "We need to show the public that (the board) is a professionally minded team."

Blair Koch may be reached at 316-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com.

A successful walk

Filer Elementary students raise \$22K for classroom equipment

By John E. Swartz
Times-News correspondent

FILER — What happens when the energy of youth is focused on a fundraising project?

If it involves students at Filer Elementary School, the answer comes down to just

two words — the unbelievable.

For the past 12 years, students in preschool through fifth-grade have logged thousands of laps on the school's quarter-mile track as participants in an annual walk-a-thon.

At a recognition assembly held Friday afternoon, more than 300 trophies were presented to students who raised from \$25 to more than \$200 in October.

Student body efforts surpassed this year's goal of

"... the ones who really get to me are those of you with envelopes that have only a few cents in pennies, nickels and dimes."

— Vicki Leach, physical education specialist and walk-a-thon coordinator to Filer Elementary students

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Mini-Cassia man pleads guilty to abuse

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

A Burley man pleaded guilty Thursday to sexual abuse of a child less than 16 years of age, a crime that carries a maximum penalty of 25 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Jorge Enrique Ventura, 35, admitted to kissing and fondling his victim, a 12-year-old girl, after locking a door and barring her exit from a room during an Aug. 31 incident.

Cassia County Deputy Prosecutor Blaine Cannon said although Ventura confessed to the basic structure of sexual abuse, there are discrepancies between his account of the incident and that of the victim.

"The victim paints a picture that is more coercive and more forceful in nature than what the defendant does," Cannon told. Fifth District Judge Michael Crabtree, who presided over the hearing.

Because of those discrepancies, Cannon said, he will withhold sentencing recommendations until Ventura is given a psychosexual evaluation and polygraph test.

If Ventura fails the polygraph or is assessed as anything more than a "low-risk" to re-offend, Cannon said he may recommend a harsher sentence.

"If it turns out to be as bad as I (though it was, then I could make that recommendation," he said.

In addition to sexual abuse charges, Ventura is wanted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for illegal entry to the country said Tim Little of the Cassia County Sheriff's Office.

If sentenced to prison, Ventura, listed as a native of El Salvador, would have to serve his sentence then be deported on his release. Ventura's sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cassia County Courthouse in Burley.

Donald Wayne Black

Donald Wayne Black our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother passed peacefully from this life on Nov. 29, 2007, at age 83. Donald was born June 16, 1924, in Perrine to Arthur Myron Black and Hazel Emma Hansen. He was the sixth of nine children. Donald was graduated from Eden High School in 1942. He married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Yuliah "Marie" Iles, in Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1944. They were sealed together for time and eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple. They were blessed with three boys, Don Jr., David and Ted.



Donald was devoted to his family, his country and his church. He served his country during World War II as a staff sergeant in the army in Gen. George S. Patton's Fourth Armored Division. After returning from military service, Donald owned and operated Black Oil Co. for 50 years until he and Yuliah were called to serve a church mission in the Chicago Temple.

Donald held many callings as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as bishop of the Hazelton Ward, stake president of the Jerome Stake, and was called by President Gordon B. Hinckley to hold the sacred office of sealer. Donald and Yuliah also served together in the Boise Temple for the past 16 years.

He enjoyed many hobbies but was particularly fond of golfing with Gay and Sammie Iles and fishing with John O. He became quite skilled at Uno and dominoes and enjoyed the time he and Yuliah spent playing these games with their special friends from Utah. In his earlier years, Don and Yuliah enjoyed bowling-in leagues. Another part of Donald's life that he loved was his farm, especially raising cattle. The farm is a place that holds spe-

cial memories for many of the grandchildren—and a great-grandchildren—because they were able to spend one-on-one time with Papa, Donald and Yuliah's greatest joy seemed to be the time they spent with their family. Seldom did they miss a dance, recital, ball game, talent show or special event for their children and grandchildren.

He is survived by Yuliah, his sweetheart of 63 years, two sons and their wives, Don (Susan) Black of Twin Falls and Ted (Lana) Black of Eden; nine grandchildren, Toni, David, Steven, Kirk, Scott, Kim, Krista, Amy, Beth, 22 great-grandchildren, plus two more due to arrive this spring; two brothers, Karl and David; and two sisters, Lorene and Betty Lou.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, David, a sister, Enid, and three brothers, Ferrell, LaMar, and an infant brother, Golden Eugene.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Jerome LDS Stake Center, 26 North 100 East, Jerome. Friends and family may attend the visitation at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 6 until 8 p.m., and again one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow in the Sunset Memorial Park cemetery.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the many wonderful people who have shared cards, phone calls, visits, meals and expressions of love.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls city

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Clayton J. Weaver, 22, Twin Falls; under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; 30 days in jail with 29 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Malene J. Schwan, 21, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, three days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; six months probation.

Edgar E. Garcia, 24, Twin Falls; one count domestic battery; amended to battery; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 87 suspended, credit for one day served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 86 suspended; 20 hours work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count possession of a suspended driver's license dismissed.

Jose R. Pina, 29, Twin Falls; one count petty theft and one count provide false information to an officer; costs waived; 70 days in jail, credit for time served.

Eriverto S. Ramirez, 36, Twin Falls; provide false information to an officer; costs waived; 73 days in jail, credit for time served.

Summer C. Stout, 30, Twin Falls; petty theft; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with nine suspended, credit for time served; six months probation.

Shantae Hornaday, 23, Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to battery; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; six months probation; two days community service.

John J. Credille, 34, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 10 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

he; one count resisting/obstructing an officer; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia and pedestrian under the influence dismissed.

Iwlin R. Adams, 17, Jerome; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; six months probation; two days community service.

Jeramy K. Williams, 24, Twin Falls; under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$82.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; six months probation; no alcohol.

Chance A. Hartley, 20, Buhl; battery; amended to assault; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; six months probation; \$202 court compliance fees.

Lewis G. Robbins, 44, Buhl; battery; amended to assault; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; six months probation.

Twin Falls County

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Emily S. Gould, 19, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 87 suspended, credit for one day served, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count minor possession; \$100 fine; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; concurrent; one count open container dismissed.

Marvin L. Cross, 43, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation.

Zenon W. Anderson, 19, Filer; driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 87 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

ed; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 87 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; six months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Jessica M. Hanea, 25, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; six months probation.

Tyrel J. Givin, 19, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 27 suspended, credit for time served; six months probation.

Jason B. Woodside, 37, Twin Falls; boating/operating watercraft under the influence; \$700 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 29 suspended; credit for one day in jail already served; 12 months probation.

Steve A. McCabe, 46, Twin Falls; failure to carry driver's license on person; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; six months probation.

John G. Bond, 31, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; six months probation; one count petty theft; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; three months probation; concurrent.

Valentina Raygoza-Silveira, 34, Kimberly; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 176 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months probation.

Kerrie B. Pollock, 22, Murtaugh; domestic assault; amended to assault; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 50 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Danny R. Garrett, 58, Wendell; possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$82.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 26 suspended, credit for time served; six months probation; no alcohol.

FELONY SENTENCINGS

Dallas E. Kunz, 43, one count grand theft; five years probation; three years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$750 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$350 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; two counts forgery dismissed.

Elizabeth A. Miller, 22, Twin Falls; second degree murder; 10 years penitentiary; two years determinate; eight years indeterminate; \$87.50 costs. Eduardo Escobedo, 22, Twin Falls; one count burglary; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$350 prosecution costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; apologize to victim; 58 hours community service; \$801.87 restitution; one count attempted burglary dismissed.

Cheri L. Carroll, 40, Twin Falls; forgery; two years penitentiary; one year determinate; one year indeterminate; suspended; four years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; 50 hours community service.

FELONY DISMISSALS
Jeremy C. Johnston, 31; accessory to felony; dismissed by prosecutor; insufficient probable cause.

CIVIL FILINGS
Craig and Kamie Nulhak vs. Fourwise Endeavors Inc., formerly known as Magic Valley Motor Speedway, doing business as Magic Valley Speedway. Seeking judgment against the defendant in an amount in excess of \$10,000; request to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff's allege that while attending an event at Magic Valley Speedway, Kamie Nulhak was struck by flying debris at the race track.

DEATH NOTICES

John Allen 'T.J.' Leeming

John Allen "T.J." Leeming, 48, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2007, as the result of an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary Chapel by the Park.

SERVICES

Juanita Jean Wright of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Filer First Baptist Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

N. Kenneth "Ken" Miller of Nampa—and formerly of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Zeyer Funeral) Chapel in Nampa.

Eric Max Haag and Donna M. Almsworth Haag of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul LDS 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel, 300 S. 500 W. Heyburn; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

W. in Heyburn; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Nannette Haug Miller of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul LDS 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel, 300 S. 500 W. Heyburn; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Robert "Barney" J. Bell of Twin Falls, memorial service and reception at 1 p.m. today in the Great Room at

Bridgeview Estates (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Jack Leonard Jensen Sr. of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 324 E. 18th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Christina Ann Cuevas of Declo, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Burley LDS 3rd, 7th and Spanish Branch Chapels, 2200 Oakley Ave.;

visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 130 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Rudy Bernard Klips of Hagerman, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Billings Creek Lodge.

Vernon Olden Miller of Gooding, funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Donmar Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the chapel.

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— Steve Nadeau, large carnivore manager of Idaho Fish and Game

be allowed to kill all but 100 wolves each year, the minimum required by the federal government.

The Legislature is debating how much to charge for wolf tags, with a figure of \$8.50 for residents and \$150 for nonresidents being studied, Nadeau said.

Any Idaho wolf hunting seasons and limits would be set by the state's Fish and Game Commission after delisting, which could occur as early as February.

Ed Bangs, the federal wolf

recovery coordinator, predicted that regardless of the final management decision, the matter will end up in federal court. That might push hunting back for years.

A key decision when court cases are filed will be whether the judge temporarily bans hunting while the issue is litigated, Bangs said.

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Wolves

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Western predators, who for centuries ate, hunted livestock and humans, hunted the animals nearly to extinction by the 1930s. Wolves were placed on the federal endangered list in 1973.

Since then, wolves have thrived thanks to abundant food and lack of predators. An estimated 1,545 now roam Idaho, Montana and Wyoming more than enough, federal officials say to justify removing them from the endangered species list. The population grows about 20 percent to 30 percent per year.

Yet experts say a return to hunting wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains will not be a repeat of what happened

eight decades ago. People have a much different view of wolves now, hunting advocates say, and the animals would most likely be secondary targets for sportsmen already in the field in search of deer or elk. That's because wolves are relatively difficult to hunt and are not prized for meat, and only a small number of hunting tags would be available, experts said.

"They've been hunted in Alaska and Canada forever, and there's not much interest," said Steve Nadeau, large carnivore manager of Idaho Fish and Game and the Associated Press. "People would rather look for caribou, and shoot a wolf if they see one," he said.

Otter has suggested hunters

they take helps raise funds toward computers, digital cameras and projectors for the classrooms.

"This school has two computer labs we wouldn't have if it wasn't for this," said Vicki Leach, physical education specialist and walk-a-thon coordinator.

Because they exceeded

their goal, students are looking forward to swimming and bowling parties — and for Principal Matt Mahannah to ride a Harley-Davidson motorcycle through the school's hallways.

"I get to ride a Harley, but if they didn't meet the goal I had to ride a tri-cycle," he said.

"Of course I'm proud of the

kids who go out and bring in hundreds of dollars," Leach told the audience. "But the ones who really get me are those of you with envelopes that have only a few cents in pennies, nickels and dimes."

John E. Swazy may be reached at 326-7212 or Swazy@aol.com

Walk

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\$18,000 by collecting \$22,000 in community sponsorships. Since its inception in 1996, the walk-a-thon has generated \$250,000.

The event increases awareness of physical fitness among students, and teachers and parents who join in the week-long walk as well. Every step

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County

CIVIL PLINGS

Amanda F. Allen vs. Daniel R. Meierhoff. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Billy Corina vs. Steven A. Orsland. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:

Daniel S. Hurst. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$351 monthly support plus 54 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,492.10 for foster care and child support costs.

Felice F. Hurst. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$298 monthly support plus 46 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,115.80 for foster care and child support costs.

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Merrie Pollock. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$148 monthly support plus 46 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,395.34 for uncovered medical costs and \$888 for public assistance granted.

Cherish J. Rovig. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$175 monthly support plus 54 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,060 for public assistance; and child support costs.

Casely L. Pearson. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$173 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,136.54 for uncovered medical costs.

Joseph R. Thompson. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$299 monthly support plus 62 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

Juan C. Hernandez. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$254 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

DIVORCES FILED

Henry L. Williams vs. Kevin D. Williams.
Ally M. Durfee vs. Edy D. Durfee.

Kathleen D. Hogue vs. Nathaniel A. Hogue.
Victoria D. Lucas vs. James G. Tarter.
Jerry M. Schmoie Jr. vs. Rachelle B. Schmoie.

Patricia V. Parton vs. Kyle A. Parton.
Ranellie L. Hanson vs. Justin D. Hanson.

ARRAIGNMENTS (NOV. 29-30)

Garrett P. Robbins, 21. Twin Falls; obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 7; \$15,000 bond.

Wallace R. Pankratz, driving under the influence, possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 8, posted bond.

Scott A. Webster, 35. Buhl; domestic violence; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 7; \$100 bond.

Scott D. Graham, 36. Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 7; \$7,500 bond.

Evan D. Fischer, 18. Twin Falls; grand theft; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 7; no bond information.

Dale, Bush named federal magistrate judges for Idaho

BOISE (AP) — U.S. Magistrate Judge Mike Williams says Boise attorney Candy Dale has become Idaho's first female federal judge next year.

Dale and state District Judge Ronald Bush were appointed federal magistrate judges last week, pending FBI background checks. They are expected to be formally sworn in later this year.

Dale will take over for Williams in March, and Bush will succeed Magistrate Judge Larry Boyle in September.

Dale, a University of Idaho College of Law graduate, has been a trial lawyer in Boise since 1982. She is president of a Boise law firm.

Bush, an Idaho graduate, earned his law degree at George Washington University School of Law in 1983. He has been a district judge since 2003.

SENIOR WISH LISTS

Each resident is identified by gender and the number. Deliver gifts directly to the assisted living centers, not to the newspaper office.

Wish List for residents at SunBridge Care and Rehab in Twin Falls:

- #1 female: large rubber-sole slippers, gardening calendar, sugar-free candy
- #2 female: medium gloves, scarf, mixed nuts
- #3 male: fleece blanket, chocolate candy, root beer in cans
- #4 female: sugarcane candy, size 3XL full skirt dress (red and blue)
- #5 female: stuffed animal, landscape calendar, perfume
- #6 female: beaded necklaces, hand nail polish, flower calendar, wind chimes
- #7 female: spray perfume, large slipper socks, large sweatpants, large t-shirts
- #8 female: sugarcane chocolate, dried fruits, 2XL button-down sweater
- #9 female: stuffed animal, sand-scape calendar, perfume
- #10 male: fleece blanket, chocolate candy, root beer in cans
- #11 male: fleece blanket, sugarcane chocolate candy, Diet Pepsi in cans
- #12 male: candy, aftershave, CD radio, wool socks
- #13 male: fishing calendar, aftershave, light scented lotion, beaded jewelry
- #14 male: fleece blanket, chocolate candy, Pepsi in cans
- #15 male: fleece blanket, sugarcane chocolate candy, Diet Pepsi in cans
- #16 female: stuffed animal, landscape calendar, perfume
- #17 female: 2XL black sweater jacket
- #18 female: perfume, sugarcane candy, size 9 rubber sole slippers, light scented lotion, beaded jewelry
- #19 female: stuffed animal, landscape calendar, perfume
- #20 female: porcelain doll, jewelry, chocolate-covered cherries
- #21 male: sugarcane chocolates, landscape calendar
- #22 female: orange lip gloss, Diet Mountain Dew in cans, candy
- #23 male: aftershave, candy, Diet Coke in cans
- #24 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #25 female: fleece blanket, chocolate candy, Diet Pepsi in cans
- #26 female: body lotion, 8X10 picture frame
- #28 female: Topaz perfume
- #29 female: stuffed animal, XL red button-down sweater, Apple and Strawberry Newtons
- #30 female: large button-down sweater, large rubber sole slippers, scenic calendar, spray perfume
- #31 female: medium turtleneck shirts, soft chocolate candies, medium button-down sweater, spray perfume

- #32 male: aftershave, candy, root beer in cans
- #33 male: aftershave, candy, Diet Pepsi in cans
- #34 female: large tie-dye pants, mini candy bars (no nuts), Diet Pepsi in cans
- #35 female: large rubber-sole slippers, baby animal calendar, large button-down sweater, large turtleneck shirt
- #36 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #37 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #38 female: XL button-down sweater, scenic calendar, XL rubber-sole slippers, spray perfume
- #39 female: word search puzzle books (large print), Pepsi in cans, black velvet pictures, color markers
- #40 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #41 male: aftershave, candy, Pepsi in cans
- #42 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #43 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #44 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #45 male: aftershave, candy, color in cans
- #46 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #47 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #48 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #49 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #50 male: aftershave, sugarcane candy, Diet Pepsi in cans
- #51 male: aftershave, sugarcane candy, Diet Coke in cans
- #52 male: aftershave, sugarcane candy, Diet Pepsi in cans
- #53 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #54 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #55 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #56 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #57 male: aftershave, sugarcane candy, Diet 7-Up in cans
- #58 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #59 male: aftershave, candy, 7-Up in cans
- #60 male: aftershave, candy, Cherry 7-Up in cans
- #61 male: snap-together model cars, aftershave, wool socks, chocolate
- #62 female: Currel lotion, beaded necklaces, medium button-down sweater
- #63 female: beaded necklaces, size 8 rubber sole slippers
- #64 male: fleece blanket, white socks, handkerchiefs
- #65 female: Transformer DVD, Sugar Mini Wheaties Cereal, Sugar Puffs Cereal
- #66 female: anklet socks, cross-word puzzles, mystery books, 2XL sweatshirts
- #67 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #68 male: fleece blanket, white socks, handkerchiefs
- #69 male: Ann McCarty Crystal Line Books, landscape calendar, Idaho Spud candy

- #70 female: mystery novels, sugarcane candy
- #71 female: mystery novels, older Western CDs
- #72 female: black velvet pictures, color markers
- #73 female: sugarcane candy, stationery, stamps, colored gel pens
- #74 female: quilt batting, Almond Rocha, anklet socks, gift certificate to Golden Corral or Sizzler
- #75 female: Almond Rocha, socks, novels
- Please deliver gifts to Wm. Craig Nebecker or Activities Department at SunBridge Care & Rehab for Twin Falls no later than Dec. 20. To reserve your resident (#), call Craig: 734-8645.

Sunbridge Alzheimers Care Center is asking for Christmas donations for its residents.

They would like gifts to be delivered as soon as possible. The address is 640 Filer Ave., W. Twin Falls. Any questions, call Artin or Dawn: 734-8645.

- #1 female: size 10 slippers that fit over the heel, socks, 100-piece puzzle
- #2 female: socks, 100-piece puzzle, body powder, perfume
- #3 female: size L ladies sweatshirt, XL socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel
- #4 female: size L ladies undershorts, socks, body powder, spray perfume
- #5 female: socks, size S ladies sweatshirt, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel
- #6 female: socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel, 2008 horse calendar
- #7 female: red beads, old country CD, Diet Pepsi
- #8 female: socks, size L ladies sweatshirt, Diet Pepsi
- #9 female: socks, 2008 dog calendar, powder, spray perfume
- #10 female: size 9 slippers that fit over the heel, size 5 sweatshirt, socks
- #11 male: white undershorts size L, socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel
- #12 male: sweatpants size XL, socks, white undershorts size XL
- #13 female: size 9.5 men's Veltro dress shoes, socks, chocolate bars, candy and winter gloves.)
- #14 female: slipper socks, spray perfume, size 10 slippers that fit over the heel
- #15 male: size 9.5 men's Veltro dress shoes, socks, chocolate bars, candy and winter gloves.)
- #16 male: men's work gloves, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel, Diet Dr. Pepper
- #17 male: mens sweatpants size XL, socks, men's Sletson spray cologne
- #18 male: socks, 2008 old tractor/calendar, Old Spice spray cologne
- #19 male: socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel, white undershorts size L
- #20 female: 100-piece puzzle, socks, button-up sweater size M
- #21 female: slipper socks, sweatshirt size XL, socks
- #22 female: 100-piece puzzle,

- socks, spray perfume
- #23 female: sweatshirt size L, winter hat and gloves, Pepsi
- #24 female: winter gloves, socks, slippers that fit over the heel
- #25 female: winter gloves, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel, body powder, 2008 puppy calendar
- #26 male: baseball cap, socks, pocket t-shirts size XL
- #27 female: socks, sweatshirt size L, baseball cap
- #28 male: sugarcane chocolate, size 10 slippers that fit over the heel
- #29 female: 100-piece puzzle, black purse, sweatshirt size L
- #30 female: socks, sweatshirt size L, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel
- #31 female: body powder, socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel
- #32 female: Diet Pepsi, spray perfume, sweatshirt size L
- #33 female: sweatshirt size XL, slipper socks, Hershey Kisses
- #34 female: 2008 Elvis calendar, body powder, sweatshirt size L
- #35 female: microwave popcorn, socks, black licorice
- #36 female: small cans Dr. Pepper, size M pink sweatshirt, socks
- #37 male: socks, baseball cap, size XL white undershorts
- #38 female: baseball cap, Sletson spray cologne, socks
- #39 female: slipper socks, size XL sweatshirt, socks
- #40 female: socks, body powder, 2008 cat calendar
- #41 female: socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel, size XL sweatshirt
- #42 female: size XXL sweatshirt, slipper-socks, body powder
- #43 female: black velvet pictures, size 9 tennis shoes
- #44 female: size M sweatshirt, 2008 cat calendar, slipper socks
- #45 female: size M sweatshirt, tea bags, socks
- #46 female: size M sweatshirt, socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel
- #47 male: Sletson spray cologne, socks, handkerchiefs
- #48 male: size 9.5 slippers that fit over the heel, socks
- #49 male: size XL white undershorts, socks, baseball cap
- #50 male: winter hat, socks, size L white undershorts

The following is the Christmas Wish List for residents of Alpine Manor, 1353 Imperial St., Twin Falls, ID. Please contact Elaine at 280-1876 or Alpine Manor at 734-2794 for further information.

- #1 female (age 84): size M pastel sweatshirt, size M (or 6-7)
- #2 male (age 77): non-fluffy cigarette socks, 2008 calendar, chocolate candy/cookies
- #3 female (age 73): White Musk Cologne, Pantene shampoo and conditioner, size med. (or 6-7) non-skid, hard-sole slippers, size L flannel pajamas, jigsaw puzzles
- #4 female (age 91): Budweiser beer, size L flannel pajamas, CDs (Ray Price, Eddie Arnold, Buck Owens, Gospel music)
- #5 male (age 80): size XXL pajamas, size 12-13 non-skid, hard-sole slippers, Mennen Lactic Shave, size XXL sweat pants
- #6 female (age 80): size L (or 8-9) non-skid, hard-sole slippers, Olap Body Wash, size M: night gowns
- #7 female (age 84): size 1X warm robe, Diet Coke, size 9 non-skid, hard-sole slippers
- #8 female (age 79): size 8-9 non-skid, hard-sole slippers, fuzzy socks, size L flannel pajamas
- #9 male (age 80): size 1X warm robe, Diet Coke, size 9 non-skid, hard-sole slippers
- #10 female (age 84): size 1X warm robe, Diet Coke, size 9 non-skid, hard-sole slippers
- #11 female: Women's undershorts size L, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel, size XL sweatshirt
- #12 female: size XXL sweatshirt, slipper-socks, body powder
- #13 female: size M sweatshirt, size 9 tennis shoes
- #14 female: size M sweatshirt, 2008 cat calendar, slipper socks
- #15 female: size M sweatshirt, tea bags, socks
- #16 female: size M sweatshirt, socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel
- #17 male: Sletson spray cologne, socks, handkerchiefs
- #18 male: size 9.5 slippers that fit over the heel, socks
- #19 male: size XL white undershorts, socks, baseball cap
- #20 male: winter hat, socks, size L white undershorts
- (Various items needed: bead necklaces, socks, chocolate bars, candy and winter gloves.)

- non-skid, hard-sole slippers, Old Country CDs (Merle Haggard, Conway Twitty, etc.)
- #2 male (age 77): non-fluffy cigarette socks, 2008 calendar, chocolate candy/cookies
- #3 female (age 73): White Musk Cologne, Pantene shampoo and conditioner, size med. (or 6-7) non-skid, hard-sole slippers, size L flannel pajamas, jigsaw puzzles
- #4 female (age 91): Budweiser beer, size L flannel pajamas, CDs (Ray Price, Eddie Arnold, Buck Owens, Gospel music)
- #5 male (age 80): size XXL pajamas, size 12-13 non-skid, hard-sole slippers, Mennen Lactic Shave, size XXL sweat pants
- #6 female (age 80): size L (or 8-9) non-skid, hard-sole slippers, Olap Body Wash, size M: night gowns
- #7 female (age 84): size 1X warm robe, Diet Coke, size 9 non-skid, hard-sole slippers
- #8 female (age 79): size 8-9 non-skid, hard-sole slippers, fuzzy socks, size L flannel pajamas
- #9 male (age 80): size 1X warm robe, Diet Coke, size 9 non-skid, hard-sole slippers
- #10 female (age 84): size 1X warm robe, Diet Coke, size 9 non-skid, hard-sole slippers
- #11 female: Women's undershorts size L, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel, size XL sweatshirt
- #12 female: size XXL sweatshirt, slipper-socks, body powder
- #13 female: size M sweatshirt, size 9 tennis shoes
- #14 female: size M sweatshirt, 2008 cat calendar, slipper socks
- #15 female: size M sweatshirt, tea bags, socks
- #16 female: size M sweatshirt, socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel
- #17 male: Sletson spray cologne, socks, handkerchiefs
- #18 male: size 9.5 slippers that fit over the heel, socks
- #19 male: size XL white undershorts, socks, baseball cap
- #20 male: winter hat, socks, size L white undershorts
- (Various items needed: bead necklaces, socks, chocolate bars, candy and winter gloves.)

Christmas Wish List for St. Benedict's Long Term Care, 709 N. Lincoln, Jerome.

It would be appreciated if gifts were not wrapped, but put in a bag instead. Please deliver to St. Benedict's Long Term Care by Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Nurses Station 324-1322 or Activity Director 324-1322, ext. 100.

- #1 female: Women's undershorts size L, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel, size XL sweatshirt
- #2 female: size XXL sweatshirt, slipper-socks, body powder
- #3 female: size M sweatshirt, size 9 tennis shoes
- #4 female: size M sweatshirt, 2008 cat calendar, slipper socks
- #5 female: size M sweatshirt, tea bags, socks
- #6 female: size M sweatshirt, socks, size 9 slippers that fit over the heel
- #7 male: Sletson spray cologne, socks, handkerchiefs
- #8 male: size 9.5 slippers that fit over the heel, socks
- #9 male: size XL white undershorts, socks, baseball cap
- #10 male: winter hat, socks, size L white undershorts
- (Various items needed: bead necklaces, socks, chocolate bars, candy and winter gloves.)

- cookies, sweat pants size XL, short sleeve t-shirts XL, body spray
- #12 female: Sweet pants 5X, T-shirts 5X, Romance Novels, Sugar Free 7-Up, Hair accessories
- #13 female: Non skid slipper socks, short sleeve t-shirts size 2X, sweat pants XL, Loves the color purple
- #14 female: Stretch waist jeans size 18, sweat shirts size 2X, slippers with a sole size L, sugar free root beer, Fredent gum, soft warm socks, sugar-free chocolates
- #15 female: Satch pad and pencils, 7-Up, large set of dominos, button front sweater size 2X, sweat pants size 2X, short sleeve t-shirts size 2X, word search books with large print
- #16 female: Necklaces, clip on earrings, button front sweater size XL, sweat pants size XL, socks
- #17 male: Button front men's sweaters, men's belt size 38, men's trousers or slacks size 34-32, aftershave
- #18 male: Wildlife pictures, wildlife or fishing blanket, wildlife or fishing cap, aftershave, body wash
- #19 male: Planters: roasted light-colored peanuts, pinwheel cookies, men's body spray (not too strong scent), aftershave, nylon sweat pants size 2X (jogging style)
- #20 female: Sweatshirts and sweatpants size 2X, button front sweater 2X, sugar free chocolate, short sleeve shirts size 2X, socks
- #21 female: Button front sweater size 2X, short warm socks, slippers with a sole size M, sweat pants size L (like shades of blue)
- #22 female: Sweatpants size 3X, white elastic in the ankle, good smelling lotion, night shirt size 2X, large soft socks, body spray

Christmas Wish List for Aspen Grove Assisted Living Center, 1703 Alamo, Burley, 783-2955.

female: Sweatshirt size 2X (design on front preferred)

female: Nightgown, 3/4 sleeve, waltz length (no flannel)

#11 female: Light weight night gowns size XL, socks, sugar free

#12 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#13 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#14 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#15 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#16 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#17 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#18 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#19 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#20 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L


#21 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#22 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#23 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#24 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L

#25 female: Nightgown, short sleeve, waltz length, size L



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Air National Guard needs to recruit more physicians to care for pilots and staff

By Dave Kolpack
Associated Press writer

FARGO, N.D. — Dr. Bryan Delage is a nurse, a runner and former world class triathlete, but National Guard officials worry that recruiting problems are forcing them to push his stamina beyond the limit.

Delage is the lone flight surgeon for a unit that should have four doctors taking care of its pilots and support staff, and that's on top of his 20-hour-a-week family practice in Ortonville, Minn., more than 100 miles away.

"I'm afraid we're going to have some trouble," said Sgt. Claudia Edwardson, recruiting supervisor for the North Dakota Air National Guard's 119th Wing.

Recruiting medical personnel has become a first-class headache for Guard units throughout the country, especially in sparsely populated areas like eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota.

The job of recruiting doctors recently was shifted from the active duty Air Force to the National Guard, which hasn't increased the success rate, said Master Sgt. Connie Erickson, a regional recruiter from Minneapolis.

"This is very much a national shortage," Erickson said. "We're not getting the interest we once did. It's very challenging for us."

At full strength, the Air



Dr. Bryan Delage, left, shown recently at his office in Fargo, is the lone flight surgeon for the North Dakota Air National Guard's 119th Wing, which is supposed to have four doctors but is having trouble filling the other three slots.

National Guard would have about 2,500 health professionals, including doctors, nurses and dentists, said Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke, spokeswoman for the Guard Bureau in Washington. The Guard is 377 people short of that goal, she said.

"Our current situation is a priority," Krenke said.

The 119th Wing's recent change from flying jet fighters to transport planes and unmanned aerial vehicles has increased the unit's size — and nearly doubled the demand for medical care, said the base spokeswoman, Capt. Penny Ripberger.

"And that number continues to rise," Ripberger said. "We were short before. Now we're really short," Edwardson

said of the base medical staff. "It's not like going out and finding a 17-year-old who wants his or her college paid for."

The biggest roadblock, Edwardson said, is fear that military doctors will be shipped to Iraq or some other hot spot.

Deployment has been mostly on a volunteer basis so far, she said.

"We cannot guarantee that, unfortunately because we are the military," Edwardson said. "But considering that our mission is really focused here, there's a very good chance there won't be the threat of deployment that you would see in other units."

Delage has been placed on alert for Iraq three times, but

his family practice kept him from going to the Persian Gulf. He did take part in a humanitarian mission to Ghana last year.

Only one Air Guard doctor in the country has been involuntarily deployed, Erickson said.

Unlike the Air Guard, the Army has the army appears to be holding its own on retaining doctors, but many of them are close to retiring, said Dr. Gordy Leisingang, a flight surgeon with the North Dakota Army National Guard in Bismarck.

"We're just hanging in there because the country is at war," said Leisingang, 51, an emergency trauma surgeon. "If all of us were to pull the plug at the same time, they could be in trouble."

Leisingang has been deployed twice to Iraq and expects to be called up a third time. "It was absolutely the most professional, rewarding thing I've done," he said of his first two tours. "It's arduous and challenging and there are a lot of things that aren't pleasant. But taking care of soldiers is a really cool thing."

Delage calls the work of flight surgeons "medicine squared." They must show they're capable of operating in the back of a cargo plane at 30,000 feet without losing their wits. When the Fargo unit had 16 fighters, Delage flew several times to get an idea of the physical demands placed on pilots.

"We have pretty high standards," he said.

Idaho mining town ends direct sewage dumping into creek

BURKE (AP) — For the first time in decades, residents of this steep canyon town can flush their toilets knowing it won't raise the level of Canyon Creek.

The 31 residents of this historic mining district got septic tanks and drainfields, ending the practice of dumping sewage and household wastewater directly into the creek. It is likely the last town in Idaho to end a disposal method common in Third World countries.

"It's been a yucky joke since I was a kid," Burke native Jackie Siegel told the *Spokean-Review*. "It's not proper to be dumping waste into the stream. It's not a good feeling for anyone."

What makes the sewage project unique is that residents who have a historic distrust of government accepted the \$220,000 in federal and state grants administered by Shoshone County. The grants ranged from about \$3,500 to \$19,500 per house, depending on the geological difficulty of each lot.

Homeowners paid \$50 to \$100 not covered by grants for a length of plastic pipe to hook their homes to new septic systems. The final system was hooked up Nov. 7.

Because of the steep canyon walls, it is too expensive to run sewer lines up the snaky canyon. The canyon floor is so narrow and the hillsides so sheer that it's difficult to build a house, much less find enough flat ground for a septic tank and drainfield.

The old pipes leading from homes to the middle of the creek, where raw sewage used to sludge, was somewhat of a regional joke. The creek runs into the south fork of the Coeur d'Alene River and eventually into Lake Coeur d'Alene.

But Burke's lack of sewage treatment was no laughing matter, Panhandle Health District spokesman Dick Martindale said.

"It's a very fundamental public health care concern in the world," he said.

There are other environmental concerns, such as additional phosphorus and nitrogen in surface water, which cause harmful algae blooms that deprive fish of oxygen and foul recreational areas.

Burke is located inside a 21-square-mile federal Superfund site where more than a century's worth of mining waste is being contained or cleaned up.

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Students need to be taught creativity, business leaders say

By Donna Gordon Blankship
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Applicants for even the most technical jobs need more than good grades and the ability to solve complex problems, says a group of business leaders who want to add another essential to the list of things kids learn in school: creativity.

"A flexible, lifelong learner who can think creatively and solve problems creatively. That's what everybody's looking for," says Eric Liu, the motivational speaker and mentoring guru who is the driving force behind a new Washington organization called Creativity Matters.

The business people involved in this government-sanctioned but privately financed enterprise say Liu has hit upon an interesting and timely concept. They acknowledge they're slightly baffled about how it will be accomplished.

Can you even teach creativity in the classroom?

In hopes of getting a positive answer, the group is launching an "Imagination award" in partnership with a New York organization that's pursuing a similar goal.

Students need to be taught to use their imaginations to solve problems, to connect the dots, Liu said. Good teachers are already doing this, he added, but the idea needs to be given a higher priority, and project-based and experiential learning should replace some book work and tests.

Liu called Aviation High School, a magnet school near Boeing Field south of Seattle as a place where this is happening all the time.

Students are learning math, science and other subjects by learning about flying airplanes, studying weather, aviation law and the aerospace industry. From building an airplane to a class project to internships in the aviation industry, students apply their classroom knowledge to real world experiences.

If a high school diploma is going to be meaningful, it needs to include more than a list of skills to check off, said Liu, who is on the state Board of Education committee rewriting the requirements for a high school diploma.

"We want the diploma to be a promise, a social contract with whoever gets our kids next," he said.

Creativity and imagination are both job requirements at the Boeing Co., says Bob Watt, vice president of government and community relations.

"We make our living imagining things that never before existed," he said. "Creativity is at the heart of what Boeing does."

In addition to trying to hire creative people, Watt says Boeing encourages its employees to continue their education and potentially gain more inspiration by offering to pay their college tuition to study anything they want, whether it's related to building airplanes or not.

It's important to teach children both how to think and that there are different ways to think, says Bob Drewel, a former president of Everett Community College who now runs the Puget Sound Regional Council, an association of local governments.

Public education may have to change to make room for more creativity, Drewel said, adding that teachers aren't always given the time or the freedom to use their creative

energy in a way that inspires children.

Drewel, whose wife was a teacher for 32 years, said education officials may need to start listening better to teachers when they suggest other ways to teach subjects. He said class size may also be an obstacle to creativity.

Regarding how to teach creativity in the classroom, Drewel said explaining how to do this is a little like describing what kind of art, music or poetry a person admires. He recognizes good teaching when he sees it but wouldn't be able to give teachers a list of ways to teach creativity.

The Web site for the new Creativity Matters organization takes a stab at such a list. The ideas range from turning students into teachers to playing interactive games and making sure mistakes are acceptable in the classroom.

The organization's first initiative, following a conference

in Tacoma in early November, will be a partnership with the Lincoln Center Institute of New York to start an "Imagination award" to recognize a public school that best demonstrates the spirit of imagination and creativity.

The Lincoln Center Institute recently announced the first such award for a New York City school, and Washington is the first place outside of New York to start a similar program.

Other proposals that came out of the Tacoma meeting included training for principals on fostering creativity, more involvement by Washington arts organizations in public schools, some new education programs concerning the environment, and a proposal to continue directing money toward arts education after the program expires in 2012.

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