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Dropping an ISAT



Robert Stuart Junior High ninth-grader Patrick Maxwell pauses during his algebra class Tuesday in Twin Falls. State school officials announced they won't be conducting the ISAT test for ninth-graders due to cost issues.

Schools concerned about loss of ISAT testing in 9th grade

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

Local school district authorities are concerned about a decision Monday by Idaho State Board of Education Director Mike Rush to drop state testing for ninth-grade students.

Idaho Standards Achievement Tests assess students and hold schools accountable under federal No Child Left Behind mandates. High school students in Idaho can't graduate unless they pass the 10th-grade ISAT.

The move to nix ninth-grade testing stemmed from a staff oversight, State Board Spokesman Mark Browning confirmed. Staffers hadn't realized that costs charged by the state's vendor for testing second- and ninth-grade students were additional — beyond costs for federal testing requirements including grades three through eight and 10, Browning said.

"In my mind this is a very important test. We're not doing kids any favors but we'll get by."

— Kimberly School District Superintendent John Garner

"It's unfortunate but we must balance our budget," said State Board President Milton Terrell in a press release Monday. "Accountability is key, and that includes fiscal accountability."

So now the State Board's budget — which will now be \$826.320 lighter — is balanced, Browning said.

But it's the second State Board staff oversight in recent months.

A federal grant matching program that helps provide college scholarships for lower income kids, called Gear Up, has recently been swelled by funding uncertainty. Staff used unavailable in-kind matches in the funding scheme.

The State Board in September said it would continue ISATs for ninth-graders.

and they got rid of the second-grade tests. The interim executive director at the time also voluntarily submitted her resignation.

But that doesn't alleviate concern from many school district authorities.

"In my mind this is a very important test," said Kimberly School District Superintendent John Garner. "We're not doing kids any favors but we'll get by."

At Twin Falls High School, which serves students in 10th through 12th grade, teachers will have less of an indication about academic proficiency for students entering high school.

"It's taking away one of our measuring

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Paying to use public land

Sen. Crapo wants to nix user fees for good

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

This land is your land — for a price. A federal law passed in 2004 gave public-land managers authority to charge fees to camp, park at a trailhead, hike, or drop a boat into a river. It's called the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, calls it double taxation. The Idaho legislator introduced a bill this week that would repeal FLEREA, saying taxpayers already pay to use public lands.

Land management agencies say the law bolsters their underfunded coffers. It's likely they'll oppose the bill.

"We are now seeing far too much reliance by our public-lands managing agencies — our fees — rather than the appropriations from the Congress for the

More online

Visit <http://www.crapo.senate.gov> to see a copy of Crapo's bill.

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Hit-and-run case goes to civil stage

Criminal charges finalized in Sept. 12 Twin Falls crash

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

A hit-and-run that severely injured a Buhl woman and her baby has run its course in the criminal courts. Now the matter appears headed for a civil trial.

The woman and her infant daughter suffered broken ribs, a punctured lung, bleeding from the brain and impeded vision, between them, after a Sept. 12 hit-and-run collision sent both to an emergency room, according to a recently filed lawsuit.

Alberto Carmona Jr. was sentenced Dec. 3 to spend two to five years in prison for one count of leaving the scene of an injury accident. The prosecutor



Carmona



Maloney

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Pentagon: Mail to 'Any Wounded Soldier' returned or thrown out

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Hundreds of thousands of holiday cards and letters thanking wounded American troops for their sacrifice and wishing them well never reach their destination. They are returned to sender or thrown away unopened.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks and the anthrax scare, the Pentagon and the Postal Service have refused to deliver mail addressed simply to "Any Wounded Soldier" for fear terrorists or opponents of the war might send toxic substances or demoralizing messages.

Mail must be addressed to a specific

Say it online

U.S. Army site for posting messages to U.S. troops in general: <http://www4.army.mil/ocpa-toursoisoldiers/>

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Scientists worry global warming past 'tipping point'

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — An already relentless melting of the Arctic greatly accelerated this summer, a warning sign that some scientists worry could mean global warming has passed an ominous tipping point. One even speculated that summer sea ice would be gone in five years.

Greenland's ice sheet melted nearly 19 billion tons more than the previous high mark, and the volume of Arctic sea ice at summer's end was half what it was just four years earlier, according to new NASA satellite data obtained

by The Associated Press.

"The Arctic is screaming," said Mark Serreze, senior scientist at the government's snow and ice data center in Boulder, Colo.

Just last year, two top scientists surprised their colleagues by projecting that the Arctic sea ice was melting so rapidly that it could disappear entirely by the summer of 2040.

This week, after reviewing his own new data, NASA climate scientist Jay Zwally said: "At this rate, the Arctic Ocean could be nearly ice-

free at the end of summer by 2012, much faster than previous predictions."

So scientists in recent days have been asking themselves these questions: Was the record melt seen all over the Arctic in 2007 a blip amid relentless and steady warming? Or has everything sped up to a new climate cycle that goes beyond the

worst case scenarios presented by computer models?

"The Arctic is often cited as the canary in the coal mine for climate warming," said Zwally. "Now as a sign of climate warming, the canary has died. It is time to start getting out of the coal mines."

What happens in the Arctic has implications for the rest of the world.

Faster melting there means eventual sea level rise and more immediate changes in winter weather

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Thursday



Mostly cloudy skies, cool temperatures... High 29 Low 19... A few degrees warmer, a few snow showers 32 / 23

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly cloudy skies and cool temperatures... High in the middle to upper 20s... Tomorrow: Scattered snow showers or flurries and mostly cloudy... High in upper 20s, low in middle teens

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Declo Transsettlers Show Choir Christmas Concert, a celebration of the Christmas season through music, 7 p.m., Declo High School Auditorium, 505 E. Main, no cost (donations accepted), 654-2030.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Rupert American Legion Post 102 meeting, 7 p.m., Rupert Elks, 436-4806. Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, includes election of officers and free first-time lessons... 8:30 to 10 p.m., Jerome Senior Center, 212 First E. Ave., all ages welcome, (P-P bring finger foods), 734-4647.

EDUCATION

Job Search Workshop offered by the Department of Labor; learn tips on interviewing, writing resumes, completing applications and identifying skills and interests, 8:30 a.m.-4:20 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, 732-2500.

FAMILY

Rosetta assisted Living Alzheimer's support group meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., 1177 Estridge Ct., Twin Falls, one hour of free adult day care to first-time attendees, 734-9422 to R.S.V.P.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4088. DeClu Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 147 Seventh St. S., Rupert, 436-3874. Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth E. E., 733-2964. Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main, 654-2124. Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158. Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth, 432-6682. Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., 432-5451. Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 438-4101. Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, 737-5989. SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Woodcarving days, public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls, classes available, 736-0061.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"That of two cardinal sins from which all the others spring: impatience and laziness." - Franz Kafka, Czech author (1883-1924)

MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE NATION

MASSACHUSETTS Word of the Year is something gamers can 'w00t' about

Idaho 911 recording details shoot-out between deputy, intruder

SPRINGFIELD - Expect cheers among hardcore online game enthusiasts when they learn Merriam-Webster's Word of the Year. Or, more accurately, expect them to "w00t."

GRANGEVILLE - Authorities have released a recording of a 911 call that captures the panic and details of a shootout between an Idaho County deputy and an intruder at the deputy's home last week.

"W00t," a hybrid of letters and numbers used by gamers as an exclamation of happiness or triumph, topped all other terms in the Springfield-based dictionary publisher's online poll for the word that best sums up 2007.

The emergency call was placed by Teresa Gorges, the wife of Cpl. Jim Gorges, who traded gunfire with a man who forced his way into the Gorges' northern Idaho home Dec. 5.

Merriam-Webster's president, John Morse, said "w00t" was an ideal choice because it blends whimsy and new technology. "It shows a really interesting thing that's going on in language. It's a term that's arrived only because we're now communicating electronically with each other," Morse said. Gamers commonly substitute numbers and symbols for the letters they resemble.

Douglas G. Wood, 40, of Kamah, has been charged by prosecutors with burglary and intent to commit a serious felony on a peace officer. "We are still investigating ... so there may be additional crimes added," Idaho County Prosecutor Kirk MacGregor told The

Associated Press Tuesday. In the recording released to the Lewiston Tribune on Monday, Teresa Gorges, in a panicked voice, says her husband has "got this guy down on the floor and he wants to talk."

times. She turned to see what she thought was either a wolf or large dog, carrying off the 8-year-old dog. They'd had since he was a puppy, Kim Hubert said Tuesday.

Jim Gorges is heard telling the dispatcher he was shot in the arm and that the intruder had multiple gunshot wounds.

The Eagle River couple recorded the next morning, AB that remained was the dog's head and collar, found Thursday about 50 yards from the creek, gravel road on Fair Richardson, where Lisa had been walking with Buddy.

"I don't know if I have anybody else out the door," Jim Gorges says on the recording. Wood is recovering from gunshot wounds to the chest and chin and is expected to be released from Bronson Medical Center in Spokane, Wash., later this week.

"The couple then found three sites where either one or more wolves had fed on Buddy.

ALASKA Wolves kill two dogs being walked by owners

ANCHORAGE - When Kim Hubert and his wife returned to the spot where her dog Buddy was snatched by a wolf, there was a lot left. The Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever was about 30 feet behind Lisa, when Lisa heard Buddy bark a couple of

"She is pretty sad, pretty shook up," Hubert said. "That is her running friend. He was always ready to go. He had to get ambushed in my mind."

Buddy was the second dog killed by wolves in recent weeks in Anchorage as their owners walked them. "I had been a wildlife biologist with the Department of Fish and Game.

- The Associated Press

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Dec. 14, 15 - Minico High School's Madrigal Dinner, with a Renaissance theme, costumes and music throughout the evening, 6:30 p.m., Minico High School, 292 W. 100 S., Rupert, \$15, 436-4721. Dec. 15 - The Dance Center's Winter Show 2007, featuring the Top Hat Tappers, 4:30 p.m., CSI Fine Arts auditorium, Twin Falls, \$5, 736-3998.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Dec. 13 - Goodies with Santa, presented by Zeb at the Ranch includes refreshments, door prizes, entertainment and a tribute to the military, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley, \$5 per person, proceeds to Project Rudolph, 878-8646. Dec. 14 - Youth Christmas Banquet, includes an Italian dinner, entertainment by youth group members and a gift auction, 6:30 to 9 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2822 Highland Ave., Burley, proceeds to offset youth activities and events, 878-7613. Dec. 14 - Opening night fundraiser dinner, for Christmas Cantata costs and supplies; includes soup, salad and bread, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Gooding United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 805 Main St., Gooding, \$5 for adults and no cost for children age 11 and under, 934-4633. Dec. 15 - Magic Valley Romblin' A's Christmas Party, a car club dedicated to the preservation of the Ford automobiles built from 1928 through 1931, 2 p.m., Golden Card restaurant, 1825 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, new members welcome, 731-7353 or Nelsonkimrly@aol.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Dec. 13 - The Desert Sage Quilters' Guild annual Christmas party, includes potato bar, show'n tell, and a program, 6 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., visitors welcome, 733-3478. Dec. 13 - The Jerome County Historical Society annual Christmas dinner and program, includes entertainment by Celtic Fire, 6 p.m. potluck dinner with program to follow, Jerome Civic Library, 100 First Ave. E., 324-4185 or 324-3604. Dec. 13 - Magic Valley Experimental Aircraft Association meeting, aviation enthusiasts encouraged to attend, 6:30 p.m. "Happy Landings" restaurant, Twin Falls Airport, 731-1009 or www.eaa820.org. Dec. 15 - Sons of the American Legion Squadron No. 19 Christmas dinner and party, for the Legion family, guests and invited guests, 5 p.m. social hour and 6 p.m. turkey and ham dinner, Legion Hall, Fairfield, 358-0012 or 358-0827. Dec. 15 - Rosetta assisted Living Alzheimer's support group meeting, 2 to 3 p.m., 1177 Estridge Ct., Twin Falls, one hour of free adult day care to first-time attendees, 734-9422 to R.S.V.P.

EDUCATION

Dec. 14 - Twin Falls Public Librarians' favorite books of 2007, presented by the library Reference Staff, 4:30 p.m.,

TFPL Program Room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, open to the public, 733-2964, ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tfd.org.

FAMILY

Dec. 15 - "Happy Feet" (the movie), provided through the Saturday Program, includes a brief introduction by Park Guide Dianna McKeage, 1 p.m., Visitor Center, State Street, Hagerman, no cost, all ages welcome, 837-4793.

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Dec. 13 - Business After Hours open house, hosted by Adam Haynes State Farm Insurance Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce; includes food, drawings for door prizes and a visit from Santa Claus, 5 to 7 p.m., 2271 Overland Ave., Ste. 9, Overland Shopping Center, Burley, public invited, 678-8700. Dec. 13 - The Albion Community Christmas Program, includes music by Albion Elementary School students and visit by Santa, 7 p.m., DeBMark building, 124 Vaughn St., no cost, 673-6653. Dec. 14 - Live Outrigger Nativity, the biblical Christmas story told through song and dialogue by the students of Clover Trinity Lutheran School, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., on the property at 3552 N. and 1825 E. Buhl, refreshments and Christmas Book and Gift Store will be available in the cafeteria after the performance, 326-5198 for help with transportation. Dec. 15 - Annual Lucerne Grange Christmas party and program, with Santa and refreshments, 7 p.m., Lucerne Grange Hall, Buhl, bring gift for your child, all friends and family of Lucerne area welcome, 543-5017. Dec. 16 - The 23rd annual Christmas in the Park 2007 Advant 3, with devotion by Pastor Dale Metzger and music by O'Leary Junior High School Jazz Band, 6 p.m., City Park band shell, refreshments provided by Kiwanis Club by donation, 736-2265. Dec. 16 - The Burley West Stake Christmas Concert, traditional Christmas music in celebration of the birth of Christ, 7 p.m., at the church, 2420 Parke Ave. in Burley, no cost, open to the public, 678-2100.

OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 15 - Mercy Housing Magic Valley Self-help Homeownership Program Hansen Open House, includes short program, refreshments and viewing of houses, noon to 2 p.m., Hansen, 737-1470 or 404-3896 for directions.

SPORTS

Dec. 15 - Amateur Fight Night, presented by Headliner Boxing Club and U.S.A. Amateur Boxing, 7 p.m., Radio Rowdewo, Twin Falls, \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 7 to 12 and no cost for children age 6 and under, 410-2020 or 404-9361. Dec. 16 - Jerome Gun Club Spurring Clays Shoot skins game, with gift cards to each winner of each skin, 9 a.m. start time, 11 miles north of junction of I-84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 for all shooters; \$14 for all juniors, 733-6045.

Snowpack Levels. Seasonal precipitation by month. Watershed: Salmon 91% 24%, Blue Wood 107% 27%, Little Wood 108% 31%, Big Lost 179% 23%, Little Lost 179% 23%, Henry Fork/Teton Upper Snake Basin 79% 22%, Oakley 37% 9%, Selkirk 40% 10%. *A compilation of basin snowpack, on this scale, with a 30-year average. **An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season which peaks in spring.

CORRECTIONS Name incorrect on Religion page. Elder Joshua Daniel Hunt's name was listed incorrectly on Saturday's Religion page. Hunt will serve an LDS mission in the Arizona Mesa Mission, entering the Mission Training Center on Dec. 19. Business gave carpets to Jubilee House. An article published Dec. 9 incorrectly identified a Brennann Carpet & Design donation to the Jubilee House. It donated carpets. The article also incorrectly

CLARIFICATION A story Sunday about Twin Falls' high murder rate notes the Twin Falls County Prosecutor's Office has 11 deputies. In fact, there are 11 funded positions for attorneys, including the elected prosecutor. Due to incorrect information provided to the Times-News, the 60th-anniversary announcement for LaDru and LaFue Sorenson was published in Family Life. The wrong date for their open house: The open house will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the home of Rita and Hubert Shaw, 411 S. 760 E. in Dietrich.

WHAT'S ONLINE Meet a hypo-unist who had a serious message for Twin Falls, High School students.

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Fees

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 operation of public lands," Crapo said in a Monday news conference.
 The debate is longstanding. A federal pilot program started in 1996 charged a \$5 daily fee or \$15 for a season pass to access some public lands, including numerous trailheads in the Sawtooth National Forest. The program was allowed to expire in 2005 after much public opposition. But the same year, Rep. Ralph Regula, R-Ohio, introduced FERA into 2005's omnibus spending bill, which became law without a full vote or public debate.
 In Ohio, Oregon, Colorado and Montana passed resolutions in opposition to the law, and public outcry prompted then-supervisor of the SNF Ruth Monahan to lift the extra fee in Sawtooth.
 "To charge someone to take a walk is ridiculous," said Scott Phillips, a retired Forest

Service recreation manager, who has campaigned to end the fees. "The Forest Service and the BLM have become addicted to so-called free money. They've gotten greedy."
 The issue has divided Idaho's congressional delegation. Crapo has long opposed most user fees, and Sen. Larry Craig began opposing most of them in recent years. Rep. Mike Simpson and former Rep. C.J. "Butch" Otter, now Idaho's governor, support them, saying the money returns to local forests.
 Crapo isn't so sure that's happening.
 "Local forests and so forth have been able to get more dollars in their budgets in this manner ... but a lot of those dollars, in my opinion, have been siphoned off to the centers of Sawtooth."
 Crapo is co-sponsoring the repeal bill with Finance Committee Chairman Max

Baucus, D-Montana.
 "Americans already pay to enjoy their public lands on April 15," Baucus said in a statement. "We shouldn't be taxed twice to go fishing, hiking or camping on our public lands. It just doesn't make sense. That's why Mike and I are going to fight like the dickens to get this bill passed."
 In addition to repealing the FERA, the bill would reinstate a national parks pass-system program and cap the amount charged for entrance to national parks.
 A spokesman for Crapo said the representative will seek more funding for land-management agencies should his bill pass, which could make up for lost user-fee revenue.
 "The U.S. Forest Service, the agency most affected by the law, declined to comment for this story."
 Matt Christensen may be reached at 735-3243.

ISAT

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 principals," said the school's principal, Ben Allen.
 Teller School District Superintendent John Graham is also unsure about potential impacts of this change. He said he was a proponent, though, of eliminating second-grade-ISAT testing.
 "I have concerns. I know it's a money issue," he said. "But third grade, for many students, that's the transfer into high school. I hope they can find funding to bring that back."
 Teacher union officials are not as concerned about the issue.
 "My first thought is I feel like we've been over-testing to begin with," said Bert Marley, a regional director of the Idaho Education Association. Cassia School District

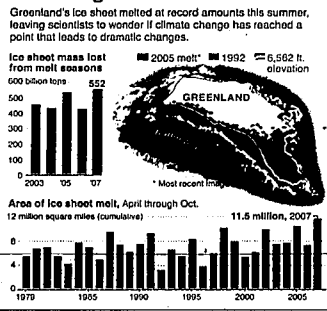
Superintendent Gaylen Smyer said he has mixed emotions about the change. "Sitting out a year, it may impact their scores," said Smyer, noting that more instructional time could be freed up by the move. "We'll just have to wait and see."
 Idaho State Department of Education authorities called the situation unfortunate, but they're adapting and they understand.
 "We understand the importance of ninth-grade testing, but like any state agency, the State Board of Education must be fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars and spend within its budget," said Melissa McGrath, a spokeswoman with the Idaho State Department of Education, in a written statement.
 But one point of the depart-

ment's proposed \$60 million teacher pay plan, called ISARS, will need to be tweaked as a result of the testing changes, McGrath said. School-wide bonuses in the plan for ISAT improvement will need to be recalculated.
 The State Board at its next meeting will need to implement a rate change in order to officially sign ninth-grade ISAT testing, Browning said.
 "We are hopeful we will stay testing ninth grade again in future years," McGrath said.
 But at least for now, it's not looking good. Funding for ninth-grade ISAT testing is not currently in the 2009 fiscal year budget, Browning confirmed.
 Andrea Gattis can be reached at 735-3300, or Andrea.Gattis@idnet.net.

Arctic

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 because of less sea ice.
 In the United States, a westerly Arctic blast moving south to the Gulf of Mexico can mean less rain and snow in some areas, including the drought-stricken Southeast, said Michael MacKenzie, a former federal climate scientist who now heads the non-profit Climate Institute. Some regions, like Colorado, would likely get extra rain or snow.
 "That's what 18 scientists told me. The AP that they were surprised by the level of ice melt this year."
 "I don't pay much attention to one year ... but this year the change is so big, particularly in the Arctic sea ice, that you've got to stop and say, 'What is going on here?' You can't look away from what's happening here," said Wallace

Ice melting accelerates to new levels



That's nearly quadrupled the amount that melted just 15 years ago. It's an amount of water that could cover Washington, D.C., a half-mile deep, researchers calculated.
 "The surface area of summer sea ice floating in the Arctic Ocean this summer was 23 percent below the previous record. The dividing line is already being affected by wildlife, with 6,000 walrus coming ashore in northwest Alaska in October for the first time in recorded history. Another first: the Northwest Passage was open to navigation."
 "Still to be released is NASA data showing the remaining Arctic sea ice to be unusually

Crash

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 dropped a second count against Smith and Carmona.
 On that same day, the victim, Jennifer Smith, and her family sued Carmona for damages caused by alleged gross negligence.
 Their suit alleges that while driving his parents' 1999 Jeep Cherokee over the speed limit, with a suspended license, and after having consumed alcohol, Carmona plowed through a stop sign at Washington Street South and Orchard Drive and hit the driver's side of Smith's car.
 Prosecutors have also dropped charges against a second man whose car did not cause the accident but who fled the scene. Jeffrey Maloney quickly turned himself in to Twin Falls police before officers arrested him and Carmona were wanted for questioning.
 Prosecutors dropped two counts of leaving the scene of an injury accident but Maloney admitted he violated his probation for a 2002 felony forgery charge. His disposition hearing is pending.
 The crash caused numerous injuries to the child, including three broken ribs, a punctured lung, bleeding from the brain and contusions, wrote Smith's Twin Falls attorney, Richard Worst, in the lawsuit.
 Smith's left eye was severely damaged. She suffered bleeding from the brain, impaired vision, a split tooth, whiplash, nerve damage in the left foot and left hand, lacerations and a concussion. Smith was left with some permanent memory loss, disfigurement and scarring.

At Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Smith underwent speech, physical and occupational therapy. Between the medical bills that ran high for both Smith and her baby, the family is now demanding compensation, a trial and attorney's fees.

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For Additional job fair information, contact the Idaho Dept. of Labor at 678-5518

thin, another record. That makes it more likely to melt in future summers. Combining the shrinking area covered by sea ice with the new thinness of the remaining ice, scientists calculate that the overall volume of ice is half of 2004's total.
 "Alaska's frozen permafrost is warming, not quite thawing yet. But temperature measurements 66 feet deep in the frozen soil rose nearly four-tenths of a degree from 2005 to 2007, according to measurements from the University of Alaska. While that may not sound like much, "it's very significant," said University of Alaska professor Vladimir Romanovsky.

Mail

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 member of the armed forces — a rule that puns some well-meaning Americans this Christmas season.
 "Are we going to forget our soldiers because we are running in fear?" Fena D'Ottavio asked. "The suburban Chicago woman was using her blog to encourage friends to send mail to unspecified soldiers until she learned of the ban, which she called a sad commentary on society."
 Last season, despite the rule, officials say as many as 450,000 pieces of mail not addressed to anyone in particular managed to reach Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. But they were returned or, if they had no return address, were thrown out altogether.

because the hospital lacked the manpower to open and screen all the mail, spokesman Terry Goodman said.
 "A lot of this is because of security concerns because this is unclassified mail that someone is going to have to go through," Goodman said. "Also, being a democratic society, there could be inappropriate mail from someone who, say, doesn't support the war, and then you've got a wounded soldier getting it."
 Lt. Col. Kevin Arata, a spokesman with the Army Human Resources Command, said no one tracks the amount of unaddressed-soldier mail being returned, so it is impossible to judge the size of the problem.

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Hundreds of thousands shiver after storm knocks out power, encases nation's midsection in ice

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Stan Turner awoke Tuesday to find not only was his home without power but an ice-coated tree limb had crashed into his classic Mustang. The only heat available for the house came from a fireplace, a wood-burning chimney on the porch and a gas stove.

"I've been scrounging all the wood I can," he said. "I'm going to get out there and get the bigger limbs down, but the wet weather is what's making it so hard."

Turner was among a million utility customers who were struggling without electricity in the nation's midsection after a massive storm dropped sleet and freezing rain across much of Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Iowa. The system has been blamed for at least 24 deaths since it developed

last weekend. Glistening, ice-covered roads contributed to many of the deaths. Downed power lines caused dozens of fires in Oklahoma. And then there was the problem of staying warm because officials cautioned that electricity may not be restored for days, if not weeks.

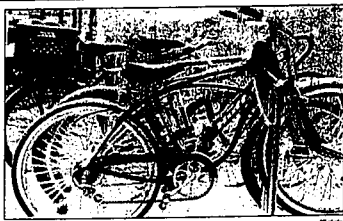
"We have the upstairs fire-

place going and the gas burners on the stove," Turner's wife, Joanie Wilson, said in the couple's frigid home. "That's it for heat. I'm getting the cider ready for later, and the Captain Morgan's for later, later."

The power outage was the worst ever in Oklahoma, with nearly 600,000 homes and businesses without elec-

tricity Tuesday. Nearly 350,000 other customers were affected by outages in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois.

The storm also caused extensive travel problems. About 560 flights were canceled at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, and hundreds of other flights were badly delayed.



Bicycles are covered in ice Tuesday at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., after an overnight ice storm.

Ohio attorney under treatment after admitting she made up kidnapping

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — An attorney and former city councilwoman was getting treatment after admitting she fabricated her tale of being kidnapped at gunpoint last week, her husband said Tuesday. Police said she probably will be charged with filing a false report.

Karyn McConnell Hancock, who was found Saturday in Georgia, never was abducted outside Toledo's juvenile court building last Wednesday or found in a vehicle, police Capt. Ray Carroll said.

Instead, she drove by herself from Toledo to the Atlanta area, where she was found on an amusement park, investigators said.

The 35-year-old Hancock had been having psychological issues for several years, her husband, Lawrence Hancock, said at a news conference. The couple have a 3-year-old son and she is six months pregnant with their second child.

"She experienced a meltdown and attempted to handle those matters without the assistance of professional help," he said. "Karyn elected to leave everything because she felt that she was unable to continue."

He said her doctor recommended she not take part in the news conference "as she continues to undergo professional treatment."

In the first few hours after her disappearance, her husband said, he thought she may have just needed to get away—and figured she would come home soon. He did file a police report that night.

Then on Thursday afternoon, his wife called him, saying she had been abducted and thought she was going to die. "She told me don't let her son forget her and that she loved me," he said.

The family went on national television asking for help and community members gathered at churches to pray for her return.

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Commission votes to allow retroactive easing of cocaine sentences

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Sentencing Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to allow some 19,500 federal prison inmates, most of them black, to seek reductions in their crack cocaine sentences. The commission, which

sets guidelines for federal prison sentences, decided to make retroactive its recent easing of recommended sentences for crack offenses. Most of those eligible could receive no more than a two-year cut in their prison terms, but roughly 3,000 inmates could be released from prison within a year after the March 3

effective date of Tuesday's decision. Federal judges will have the final say whether to reduce sentences. The commissioners said the delay until March would give judges and prison officials time to deal with public safety and other issues. The commission took note of objections raised by the

Bush administration, but said there is no basis to treat convicts sentenced before the guidelines were changed differently from those sentenced after the changes. The sentencing commission recently changed the guidelines to reduce the disparity in prison time for the two crimes. The new guidelines took effect Nov. 1.

U.S. District Judge William Sessions of Vermont, a commission member, said the vote on retroactivity will have the "most dramatic impact on African-American families." A failure to act "may be taken by some as particularly unjust." Sessions said before the vote, Four of every five crack

defendants is black. Most powder cocaine convictions involve whites. Even after the change, prison terms for crack cocaine still are two to five times longer on average than sentences for powder cocaine, the result of a 20-year-old decision by Congress to treat crack more harshly.

CIA's Hayden faces questions on tapes destruction as ex-agent says waterboarding OK'd at the top

By Pamela Hess
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — CIA Director Michael Hayden, testifying before the Senate Intelligence Committee behind closed doors Tuesday, failed to answer central questions about the destruction of secret videotapes showing harsh interrogation of terror suspects, the panel's chairman said. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., called the committee's 90-minute session with Hayden "a useful and not yet complete hearing" and vowed the committee would get to the bottom of the matter. Among lingering questions: Who authorized destruction of the tapes, and why Congress wasn't told about it?

today, when Hayden appears before the panel's House counterpart.

Tuesday's hearing came as a former CIA agent who was part of the interrogation team went public with his account, saying the waterboarding of a top al-Qaida figure was approved at the top levels of the U.S. government.

According to the former agent, waterboarding of terror suspect Abu Zubaydah got him to talk in less than 35 seconds. The technique, which critics say is torture, probably disrupted "dozens" of planned al-Qaida attacks, said John Kiriakou, a leader of the team that captured Abu Zubaydah, a major al-Qaida figure.

Kiriakou did not explain how he knew who approved the interrogation technique but said such approval comes from top officials. He did not witness or participate in the waterboarding, he said.

"This isn't something done willy nilly. This isn't something where an agency officer just wakes up in the morning and decides he's going to carry out an enhanced technique on a prisoner," he said Tuesday in a round of television news show appearances. "This was a policy made at the White House, with concurrence from the National Security Council and Justice Department."

Hayden told reporters afterward that he had "a chance to lay out the narrative, the history of why the tapes were destroyed" and the process that led to that decision. But since the tapes were made under one of his predecessors, George Tenet, and destroyed under another, Porter Goss, he wasn't able to completely answer all questions, he said. "Other people in the agency know about this far better than I," Hayden said, and promised the committee he would make those witnesses available. A similar session is set for



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EDITORIAL

Twin Falls shouldn't be Idaho's murder capital

Five murders in one year, in a city of 40,000 people — six, if you count a woman found under the Perrine Bridge just inside in Jerome County — seems like a crime wave. It isn't — the crime rate is actually down in Twin Falls by almost 20 percent over the past three years. That's good news, but no cause for complacency.

Too many of us are on society's ragged edge. And that's not just a police problem.

Twin Falls' economy, geography and demographics have a lot to do with the crime rate. Those issues are far more amenable to solution by the schools, social services, churches and families than by the criminal justice system.

Ours is still a friendly, relatively safe town, though support systems that once helped keep individuals out of trouble have dwindled. Too few people know their neighbors and too many families are fragmented. And community resources — teachers, clergy and extended family — aren't as effective as they once were.

A sizable number of Twin Falls residents are in but not of the community. They work, by and large, in low-paying jobs. They don't vote, read a newspaper or watch TV news. They don't go to church. They don't participate in their kids' education in the public schools. They may abuse alcohol, meth and other drugs.

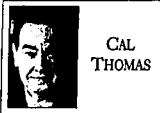
This alienation is driven in part by economics. Too many people feel they just don't fit. That's regrettable, because folks emotionally invested in a community are far less likely to do violence to it.

Twin Falls has some tools to promote social integration — non-profits such as the Boys and Girls Club that keep kids from falling through the cracks; a flexible public school system and a community college open to just about anybody willing to learn.

What we lack are an effective community strategy for curbing drug use and a consensus that the dispossessed are everybody's problem.

The police only clean up the consequences of social alienation. The cure is up to the rest of us.

Our view:
Twin Falls' sky-high murder rate in 2007 reflects some problems that can only be remedied by the whole community. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



CAL THOMAS

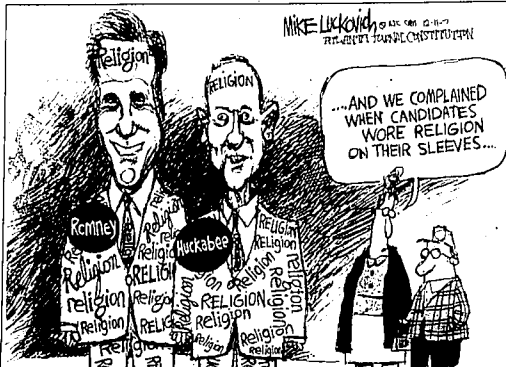
What no one mentioned (so I will) is the curious practice by a substantial number of voters who require our presidential candidates to acknowledge faith in God. Article VI of the U.S. Constitution prohibits a "religious test" for office, but that hasn't stopped many, especially in Iowa, from requiring statements of evangelical faith before deciding for whom to vote.

Does one expect to know the spiritual bona fides of an individual, other than pastor or religious worker, for any other job?

In the 1970s, a curiosity called the "Christian Yellow Pages" made the rounds of churches and certain businesses owned by evangelicals. It contained names of professions one finds in the regular Yellow Pages — plumbers, taxi drivers, auto mechanics, dry cleaners — except these were owned and operated by certified, God-fearing, Bible-believing Christians. The clear implication was that businesses found in the Christian Yellow Pages "would do a better job at a better price than the presumed "heathen" who advertised in the bigger yellow book.

I never saw any data that

More about ability, less about ideology



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proved a connection between faith in Jesus and the ability to repair a car at a reasonable cost, so I usually went with the shop that did the best job at the lowest price and didn't bother to ask if the repairman went to church.

Voters who require statements of faith from presidential candidates risk disappointment. Many evangelicals who voted for Jimmy Carter regretted having done so when they saw his post-election policies and what they regarded as his incompetence as president. Bill Clinton could quote Scripture, but not many would hold him up as an evangelical icon, given his roving eye and penchant for lying under oath.

Much of this fixation on audible faith has to do with evangelicals having been ignored by culture following the embarrassment associated with the Scopes Trial 82 years ago. Emerging from their political catacombs in the late 1970s, these Christians basked, if not in new

respect, then in the intoxication that comes with public attention. They were told they were now players in the kingdom of this world and in presidential politics. Their leaders were invited into the corridors of political power. They exchanged real power and its ability to transform lives for temporal power, which changes little of lasting importance.

While requiring politicians to express belief in Jesus and the Bible, many evangelicals voters ignore Christ's statements about the source of genuine power. They also conveniently forget what Christ said about how they would be regarded and treated by a world that had rejected Him (and still does as the best-selling atheistic works of Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins attest).

It was Jesus, in whom Mitt Romney said he believed, who warned, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first" (John 15:18) and "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also" (John 15:20).

Those warnings are not the creed of contemporary evangelicals who think personal ethics a negative newspaper editorial or a disparaging remark by a skeptic on a cable TV show. Too many contemporary evangelicals want the blessing without obeying their real commander in chief, who said doing things His way would bring real persecution.

This election should be more about competence and less about ideology, or even faith. It shouldn't matter where — or if — a candidate goes to church, but whether he (or she) can run the country well, according to the principles in which the voter believes. And, if those principles include a person of faith, so much the better. God can be the ultimate check and balance on earthly power.

If a car hits me, I care more about whether the ambulance driver knows the way to the nearest hospital and the skills of the emergency room doctor than where they stand with God.

That's the attitude we should have toward those who desire to be president of the United States in a fallen world.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wolves are destroying Idaho's elk and deer

A month or so ago, my son went to join his cousins on a hunt in Utah. These cousins had hunted that area for several years successfully. This year, however, nothing — not even that much sign.

This was in the western Utah Gold Hill area. On the way back to Idaho, nearing the Nevada-Utah border near Wendover, he saw a line of animals crossing the road ahead of him. At first, he thought they were deer. No. There on the ridge, he counted 12 wolves heading to the area he had just left.

Now it seems reasonable to me, if a pack of 12 wolves is in a prime hunting area, it's no wonder there were no elk for the human hunters. Perhaps they ran out of prey in Idaho so migrated to Utah. Maybe Utahans will have enough sense to have an open season on the wolves. Idaho seems to be dragging its heels while elk and deer are being decimated.

EDITH ROBERTSON
Wendell

Arrest and deport illegals at driver's license office
I don't understand the

debate over issuing illegal aliens driver's licenses. Why don't they arrest and deport them when they admit they are an illegal alien?
DWIGHT SHAW
Twin Falls

Walden opposes D.C. in Supreme Court case

This is in response to a recent letter to the editor regarding the case of District of Columbia vs. Heller. This case, addressing the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2008.

In July of 2006, Attorney General Wadsen committed to join Texas and other states in opposing the District of Columbia in this case. The state of Texas will be writing the amicus brief, which will be filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in February 2008. Attorney General Wadsen looks forward to joining in this multi-state effort to defend the Second Amendment rights of Idahoans and all Americans.

BOB COOPER
Boise
(Editor's note: Bob Cooper is director of constituent information and communications at the Idaho Attorney General's Office.)

Santa's in need of a serious makeover

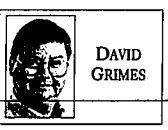
I think it may be time to phase out the whole Santa Claus thing. Instead, I'm now talking about the real Santa, the one who lives — rather precariously one would imagine — atop the shrinking ice floes of the North Pole.

That, the real Santa is not exactly a cover boy for the diet-and-exercise crowd, and Indonesian sweat shops look like something out of Silicon Valley compared to the dim, unheated warrens he forces his elves to slave in.

But to me that just means that Santa is "old school." Hey, he's been around since the invention of the reindeer, so he must be doing something right.

No, my beef is not with the original, it's with the impositors. You know, the ones you find in the shopping malls, seated high on gaudy, over-lit stages, gamely smiling for the obligatory \$15 Polaroid while a screaming child molsters his lap.

Baltimoreans can run a touching photo feature recently called Santa Trauma. The pictures all feature a smiling Santa and a small, lap-bound child who looks like he's being



DAVID GRIMES

tortured by John Gacy. Between Santa Trauma and a companion site, On Santa's Lap, there are maybe 20 pictures.

In only two of those does the child look remotely happy. In one, Santa appears to be handing a little girl a wad of cash, so that could explain her good mood for life.

So, if you can make any sort of generalization about this (if you won't, I will), fully 90 percent of little kids who visit Santa are traumatized for life.

I'm not blaming the mall Santas for this. By and large they seem like decent, well-meaning guys who enjoy spreading Christmas cheer in return for a little something to help with the bills. It's the system that's broken.

Asking a small child to climb onto the lap of a strange man who looks like he could have been pushing

Asking a small child to climb onto the lap of a strange man who looks like he could have been pushing a shopping cart full of cans down the street the day before is insensitive to the point of cruelty.

These guys are advertised as Santa's helpers, right? So where is it written that Santa's helpers have to dress like Santa?

Why don't they lose their garish red suit and the scraggly beard and the shiny boots that could have been props in a Village People video and wear something a little less off-putting?

I'm thinking cardigan sweater, conservative tie, brown slacks and shoes...yes, I suppose I do have a picture of Mister Rogers in my head.

Santa Rogers could greet the kids at the Food Court because that's where young people feel most comfortable. Santa Rogers and the kids could stare egg rolls at global

warning, subprime interest rates or whatever other topic your typical 3-year-old is interested in.

I'd do away with the whole sit-in-the-lap thing, too.

It's never really worked out for Santa or the kids and it also runs counter to everything we've ever taught our kids about touching, or being touched by, strangers.

By allowing the mall Santa experience, I think kids will come away with a much more positive attitude toward Christmas. And it's best that they enjoy it as kids, because once they're adults and the bills start rolling in... well, let's just say that's another kind of Santa Trauma.

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Which candidacy will best match the zeitgeist of the closing days?

The 2008 presidential election has fundamentally shifted, but it hasn't been because of events in Iowa and New Hampshire. It's because of events everywhere else.



DAVID BROOKS

terrorism as their top concern. But, according to a Wall Street Journal/NBC poll, roughly a third do today. As Peter Beinart, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, has noted, the number of New Hampshire voters who cite Iraq as their top concern has dropped 14 points among Republicans and 16 points among Democrats.

The shift has also been evident in the candidates' town meetings. The number of questions about Iraq has dropped precipitously. Republicans don't want to talk about Iraq because they're humiliated by the conduct of the war, and Democrats don't want to talk about it because they were wrong about the surge. Instead, other issues have moved to the front of public consciousness: Mormonism, the shift in public sentiment has been evident in the polls. Before the 2003 election, half of all voters listed

things are only beginning to be felt. If voters in next year's election are like those in the last election cycles, then 20 percent of them will likely make up their minds during the final three days of the campaign and another 20 percent or 30 percent will make up their decision during the last couple of weeks.

But the more comprehensive difference between a wartime election and a post-war election is that there is a shift in values. In wartime, voters prize things like courage, steadfastness and ruthlessness are prized. Voters are willing to vote for candidates they distrust so long as they seem tough and effective (Hillary Clinton, Rudy Giuliani).

In a postwar election the Democratic side, Obama captured the mood exactly with his Jefferson-Jackson Day speech of a few weeks ago. In that speech, he asked voters to reject fear, partisanship and textbook politics. He asked them to vote instead on the basis of their aspirations for a new era of national unity. As a result, Obama has pulled ahead in Iowa and approached parity in New Hampshire.

The tragedy of the Republican race is that Mitt Romney and Giuliani, who could have offered a new kind of Republicanism, opted to run as conventional Bush-era Republicans. Now Huckabee has emerged as

the fresh alternative. Huckabee is socially conservative, but not a partisan culture warrior. It's a pragmatic, gubernatorial Republican, not a rigid creature of the beltway interest groups.

My guess is that this race has a few more twists and turns. Something terrible could happen in the world, in which case the wartime mentality would be back in spades. Obama and Huckabee could beat Clinton and Romney, respectively, in the early states, only to fall victim to their own weaknesses later on. You laugh, but this thing could still spin

into the lap of Fred Thompson or John McCain, Chris Dodd or Joe Biden.

The main point is, this money and organization matter less right now than getting in tune with the zeitgeist shift. In 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill had formidable advantages over Clement Attlee. But when a public turns from a war mentality to a peacemaking one, it turns with a vengeance -- even though in this case no armistice has been declared.

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Americans of Japanese ancestry were not guilty of any wrongdoing

Sixty-six years ago last Friday, the lives of millions of people worldwide were irrevocably altered by the tumultuous events that transpired on the "Sept. 11, 2001" of the Greatest Generation happened at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The tenuous acceptance of Americans of Japanese ancestry was deeply affected by that day of infamy.



READER COMMENT
Rod Tatsuno

did not cultivate fields along airport runways or highways for espionage purposes. They could only afford to lease such marginal lands.

But if the misinformed would like to cast blame upon Americans of Japanese ancestry, then go ahead and accuse us of the events of Sept. 11, the sinking of the Titanic, Little Big Horn, the Korean conflict, Vietnam, the war in Iraq, the Sand Creek Massacre, Katrina, the San Francisco earthquake and fire, Gettysburg and Antietam, the JFK assassination, the Crash of 1929, inflation, the housing bubble bust, and maybe even your kids' bad grades, since none of it would make any sense and wouldn't be based on logic or fact. J. Edgar Hoover, former chief of the FBI, categorically stated that Americans of Japanese ancestry were not guilty of any espionage or wrongdoing.

I took my first breath of air at the Tanforan race track, where we lived in horse stalls still odorous from their former inhabitants. I did not reside in the glamorous Idaho resort of Minidoka, but rather the barren wastelands of the Sevier Desert of Utah. I still dislike desert vistas. But even more, I dislike the reconstruction of my history by well-intentioned but very opinionated individuals who have not walked in my moccasins or endured hatred for things we did not do.

I served honorably in the U.S. Army, both as an enlisted man and an officer. It

must have been the influence of my Uncle Tuo, who trained with the famous 432nd Regimental Combat team but ended up as a translator on Gen. MacArthur's occupation staff in Japan. He was shown in Ken Burns' great PBS documentary, "The War," visiting the Topaz camp in his army uniform, accompanied by a armed guard who wore the same uniform. I was the little boy in the striped T-shirt.

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Huckabee in 1992: No gays in military, no women in combat, don't kill Saddam

By Andrew DeMillo
Associated Press writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The U.S. shouldn't try to kill Saddam Hussein in Iraq, Mike Huckabee declared when he first ran for office. No women in combat anywhere. No gays in the military. No contributions in politics to candidates more than a year before an election.

His statements are among 229 answers Huckabee offered as a 36-year-old Texarkana pastor during his first run for political office in 1992. In that unsuccessful

race against Sen. Dale Bumpers, Huckabee offered himself as a social conservative-and-out-listed "moral decay" as one of the top problems facing the country.

Now that he's a front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, he's being asked anew about some of the views and comments he expressed in the survey by The Associated Press. Over the weekend, he said he wouldn't retract answers in which he advocated isolating AIDS patients from the general public, opposed increased funding for finding a cure and

said homosexuality could pose a public health risk — though he said today "he might phrase his answers a little differently."

Some of the words in his answers to the questionnaire are indeed strong. Asked about gays in the military, for example, he didn't just reject the idea but added: "I believe to try to legitimize that which is inherently illegitimate would be a disgraceful act of government. I feel homosexuality is an aberrant, unnatural and sinful lifestyle, and we now know it can pose a dangerous public health risk."

The full questionnaire offers in written form a chance for voters to see what he was saying as he began his political career.

In the questionnaire, he called for the elimination of political action committees and campaign contributions from lobbyists. He also said candidates should not be allowed to receive contributions until one year before an election and said there should be limits on the amount of out-of-state money they could accept.

As Arkansas governor, Huckabee formed a political

action committee based in Virginia to raise money for non-federal candidates that allowed him to travel and raise his profile for a potential presidential run. The Hope for America PAC shut down earlier this year as Huckabee entered the White House race.

Said he would not support any tax increases if elected to the Senate, Huckabee's record of raising some taxes as Arkansas' governor has drawn fire from fiscal conservatives in the presidential race.

When asked whether the U.S. should take any action to kill Iraqi President Saddam

Hussein, Huckabee replied: "The U.S. should not kill Saddam Hussein or anyone else." The U.S. military captured Saddam, an Iraqi court convicted him and he was hanged last December.

Rejected the idea of women in combat "because of my strong traditional view that women should be treated with respect and dignity and not subject to the kinds of abuses that could occur in combat."

Said living together out of wedlock "is demeaning to the highest expression of human love and commitment."



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Golden Eagles chuck Chukars in 73-point romp

Win sends CSI to 11-0; Kimberly grad Mumm scores 16 to lead TVCC

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

ONTARIO, Ore. — The black jerseys work pretty well, too. The No. 2 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team rolled through Ontario, Ore., Tuesday night, notching its 11th straight victory to start the 2007-08 campaign with a decisive 131-59 in a well-fought battle at the Jerome High School gymnasium host Treasure Valley Community College. The two towns combined

for 190 first-half points — 75 of which came from a mix of the potent CSI offense and its suffocating full-court press. The Golden Eagles harassed the 1-6 Chukars into 28 first-half turnovers, 22 the product of CSI's 51 forays upcourt during the 20 minutes, only 17 failed to result in points. The Golden Eagles shot better than 63 percent in the first half, which will happen when a team scores 26 fast-break points and 43 off turnovers.

"I thought our guys did good," CSI head coach Harret Percy said. "It's very challenging to keep that level of intensity for 40 minutes when the gap is so big, all due

respect to them." The CSI onslaught slowed a bit after the break, but not much as the Golden Eagles hit the century mark with 11 minutes, 17 seconds left in the game. Joey Shaw's baseline drive and lay-in put CSI up 49-39, and the ensuing free throw off a Nest Bassy foul put CSI up 61.

Sophomore NCAA Division I Preseason All-American Juan Patillo led CSI with 23 points and 12 rebounds, while fellow sophomore Bruce Ita added a 12-point, 10-rebound double-double. Eight CSI players scored in double digits, as Daquon Montreaux's 10 points were second in the game only to Patillo. Montreaux hit 7 of 10 attempts from the field and went 4-

for-4 from the free throw line to help CSI's energetic attack. "I thought our energy was good because we were on the road and it's not a crazy environment," Percy said. "We had to kick ourselves in the behind a little bit to get it started. But I thought our energy was good."

Liam Mumm, a 2007 Kimberly High graduate, led the Chukars with 16 points while both Bassy and Kyle Hart added 10. However, the Chukars shot only 33.3 percent from the field, and were outshouted 55-21 for the game. "I thought we could get on the glass when we wanted to when we worked hard and consistently went for the rebounds," Percy said. The Golden Eagles and Chukars

will meet again at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, in Twin Falls.

No. 2 CSI 121, TVCC 59

CSI (11-0) vs TVCC (3-14)

CSI	TVCC
1st Half: 63-28	28-63
2nd Half: 68-31	31-68
Total: 131-59	59-131

CSI Stats: Points: 131 (63.3%), Rebounds: 43, Assists: 22, Steals: 17, Blocks: 10, Turnovers: 28, Fouls: 22. TVCC Stats: Points: 59 (33.3%), Rebounds: 21, Assists: 10, Steals: 10, Blocks: 10, Turnovers: 22, Fouls: 22.

Bruins beat Tigers — again

Twin Falls scores final six points to pull away

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

JEROME — Twin Falls put another notch in the win column as the Bruins continued their dominance in the rivalry series with Jerome, beating the Tigers 56-50 in a well-fought battle at the Jerome High School gymnasium on Tuesday.

"We fought through some tough times. I thought we responded late with our aggressive rebounding and hitting the free throws when we needed them. I really liked our attitude and our great senior leadership," said Twin Falls coach Matt Harr.

The Bruins held a slight edge on the boards, 30-30. Twin Falls pulled down 23 defensive rebounds with senior Bryant Ward having a team-high nine. Ward tied senior Brandon Cary with 10 points. Junior Russell Crane hit 6 of 11 free throws and had 11 points. "It was a nerve-wrecking game," said Cary. "We don't want to lose to Jerome and they made us work. We were starting to come together and are more of a unit and are getting into a flow. And we are also deep." Jerome played well at times, but there are some things they need to get a grasp of and get better at, said Tigers coach Joe Messick. "This team needs to understand proper execution, spacing and balance on offense,"



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Twin Falls (3-1) hosts Bonanza on Thursday, while Jerome (4-2) travels to Boise to face Bishop Kelly on Saturday.

The Jerome Junior varsity beat Twin Falls 60-49.

Twin Falls 56, Jerome 50

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Justin Stokes	13	5	2
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Second best: CSI men No. 2

Times-News

There's apparently a price for taking a week off. The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team received No. 2 in the NCAA Division I Poll released Tuesday, but the Golden Eagles did lose one of the two first-place votes they garnered last week.

Chipola College (Fla.) stayed atop the poll for the fourth consecutive week, eating up 15 of 15 first-place votes in the two first-place votes they garnered last week. CSI (11-0) is strongly No. 2, near-

missed by South Plains College (Texas) and University of Arkansas-Fort Smith round out the first five in the rankings. The scenic West Athletic Conference now has three teams in the Top 20 as Salt Lake Community College (Utah) is tied at No. 6 with Three Rivers Community College (Mo.) and Northern Idaho (10-0) made its debut in the poll at No. 14. Both SLCC and NIC knocked off Northeastern Junior College (Colo.) last week, dropping Northeastern from No. 4 to No. 15.

NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll

Released Tuesday, Dec. 11

College (1st-place votes)	Rk.	Pts.	LW
1. Chipola (15)	140	159	1
2. CSI (4)	110	143	2
3. Southwestern Illinois	90	104	5
4. South Plains College	120	88	7
5. Arkansas-Fort Smith	141	67	9
6. Salt Lake CC	120	66	8
7. Three Rivers CC	111	66	3
8. Midland	131	28	12
9. Iowa Western CC	129	12	12
10. Itawamba CC	100	28	11
11. Vincennes	101	21	11
12. Palisc State	110	13	16
13. Wallace Community College	100	13	13
14. North Idaho	100	11	NR
15. Northeastern	122	7	4
16. Missouri St.-West Plains	121	6	17
17. Sheridan College	121	5	NR
18. Kaskaskia	110	4	15
19. Walters State CC	151	3	NR
20. Okaloosa-Walton	111	3	NR

Others receiving votes: Barton College (2), Eastern Arizona (2), Southeastern (2), Indian Hills (1).

Heisman winner Tebow, McFadden highlight AP All-American team

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — When it comes to being an All-American, Darren McFadden doesn't have to settle for second. The Arkansas running back and two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up was one of four players voted to the Associated Press All-America team for the second consecutive season. Michigan offensive tackle Jake Long and LSU defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey and Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis were the other two in the first-team AP All-American on the team released Tuesday.

Central Florida's Kevin Smith, who leads the nation with 2,448 yards and 30 touchdowns. Smith is the first All-American from UCF, which began playing major college football in 1996. Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel, who finished fourth in the Heisman voting, was voted to the second team. Hawaii's Colt Brennan, third in the Heisman voting, was the third-team quarterback. Boise State junior Ryan Glady was named to the second team offense at tackle. McFadden set school records with 1,725 yards rushing and 2,172 all-purpose yards, leading the marks he set last year. He scored 16 touchdowns and threw four TD passes, working as a quarterback out of Arkansas shot-



McFadden, Long, Dorsey, Laurinaitis

gun Wild Hog formation. The junior has said he'll decide whether to return to school for his senior season after the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1 against Daniel and Missouri, though he may have given a hint as to which way he was leaning after the Heisman ceremony when he said, "I think my quarterbacking days are about to come to a halt."

Nelson went from walk-on to All-American. Nelson didn't get a scholarship after playing at Riley County High School, about 20 miles from Kansas State's Manhattan campus. He redshirted in 2003, and was a defensive back in 2004, again not seeing any game time. "He moved to receiver in 2005 and started all 11 games, catching 45 passes for 688 yards. In 2006, he battled

injuries and caught 39 passes for 547 yards. This season, Nelson became a star. He ranked second in the country in both receptions (122) and receiving yards (1,666) behind fellow All-American Michael Crabtree of Texas Tech. "I couldn't envision this going into my senior year," Nelson said. "Week after week the numbers kept coming. I have to give a lot of credit to the coaches. "It surprises me what's happened." Crabtree set NCAA freshman records with 125 receptions for 1,881 yards and 21 touchdowns. Fellow redshirt freshman, Jeremy MacIn (from Missouri's full-purpose player) and Arizona State kicker Thomas Weber also made the first team.

The last freshman to be an AP All-American was Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson in 2004. Crabtree was also one of four players unanimously selected to the first team by a panel of 12 media members, along with McFadden, Dorsey and Southern California defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis. "Tebow became the first sophomore to win the Heisman on Saturday night. He was the second-ranked passer in the country, led the Gators in rushing and became the first major college player with at least 20 rushing touchdowns and at least 20 TD passes in the same season. "The last Florida quarterback to be an All-American. Please see INNOVOS, Page B6.

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Hutto moves past Brazil for first in tie-down roping at Finals Rodeo

LAS VEGAS — Houston Hutto took first in tie-down roping during the sixth round of the National Finals Rodeo on Tuesday, clinching a second Brazile's cue for a triple crown.

Hutto, of Del Rio, Texas, and Josh Peck of Pueblo, Colo., tied for first with times of 7.4 seconds. With the victory, Hutto moved into the top spot in the world standings with the event's record.

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TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls boys basketball team is inviting elementary-age boys to Thursday's game against the Pocatello Indians.

Petrino hired at Arkansas after leaving Falcons

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Bobby Petrino will lead Tuesday as the football coach at Arkansas, capping a whirlwind day in which he stunningly resigned from the Atlanta Falcons after just 13 games.

Petrino succeeds Houston Nutt, who stepped down at Arkansas two weeks ago and became the head coach at Mississippi. Petrino was introduced as the Razorbacks coach by incoming athletic director Jeff Long at a late-night news conference.



Atlanta Falcons coach Bobby Petrino resigned Tuesday afternoon as head coach at the University of Arkansas.

However, the star quarterback came under investigation for a grisly dogfighting operation that led him to plead guilty to federal charges. On Monday Vick was sentenced Monday to 23 months in prison without ever taking a snap for Petrino.

On Monday night, the Falcons lost to New Orleans 34-14, and hours later Petrino left the team with a 3-10 record to return to the college ranks.

"Today was a day of decision," Petrino said. "It was difficult on one side very easy on the other. It was difficult to leave Atlanta, the staff, players, fans. The timing of it probably the think that made it most difficult. Coming to Arkansas was the easy part."

Arkansas had been looking for a coach for two weeks to replace Nutt, who resigned after a tumultuous season of his own. The Razorbacks came close to hiring Wake Forest's Jim Grobe last week, but Grobe

remained with the DePaul Deacons and Arkansas fans had to wonder whether the school could attract a big-name coach.

In Petrino, the Razorbacks found an interim coach since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger. Pete McCulley was fired after starting out 1-8 with San Francisco in 1978, and Sid Gillman lasted only 10 games in his second stint as San Diego coach, going 4-6 in 1971 before quitting.

Petrino received a standing ovation from the Arkansas supporters who came to his introductory news conference.

"Coach, this is just the tip of the iceberg," chancellor John White announced.

Petrino's stint was one of the shortest for a non-interim coach since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger. Pete McCulley was fired after starting out 1-8 with San Francisco in 1978, and Sid Gillman lasted only 10 games in his second stint as San Diego coach, going 4-6 in 1971 before quitting.

coached the New York Jets for 13 games in 1976. He went 3-10, then left to coach the Jets with one game remaining to become the coach at Arkansas.

Atlanta owner Arthur Blank and general manager Rich McKay were scheduled to hold a news conference Wednesday, but there was no immediate word on who would take over for the team's final three games.

After losing Vick, Bobby Petrino tried three quarterbacks without success. The Falcons have lost four straight, all by double-digit margins, and are assured of the 32nd season of 500 or worse in their 42-year history.

"Anything you're without one of the best athletes in the National Football League, it's going to be tough," comeback DeAngelo Hall said earlier in the season. "Take Peter Manning from the Colts and they'll go through a little slump."

"It is a tremendous honor for me to be named the 30th head coach at Arkansas, particularly on a night when we honored coach (Frank) Broyles for his 50 years service," Petrino said, referring to former head coach and outgoing athletic director Frank Broyles. "He's such a legend and I can't wait to develop a relationship with him."

In January, Petrino left as head coach at Louisville to take over in Atlanta, agreeing to a five-year, \$24

million contract handed out by a team that felt he could help Michael Vick reach his full potential.

Seahawks are better overall than '05, but just how far can they go?

SEATTLE (AP) — If a team can quickly ramp up into the playoffs, that's what the Seahawks are doing.

You know, the Seattle Seahawks. The team tucked into the upper, outer corner of the country that last registered on the national scale two Super Bowls ago.

The New England Patriots are pursuing perfection. The Dallas Cowboys are pursuing a rematch with those Patriots, the only team that has beaten them, in the Super Bowl. The two-loss Green Bay Packers are pursuing a storybook finish to Brett Favre's career.

And the Seahawks are pursuing more anonymity.

NFL fans from Maine to Maui know the wardrobe of Tom Brady better than they know that of Seattle. It is the only team besides the Patriots to have just clinched its fourth consecutive division title.

"We are kind of far away. Heck, we're in Alaska almost," said coach Mike Holmgren, who arrived at the league's most far-flung outpost in 1999. "There's a lot of stuff going on."

Including in Seattle. Really.

While few outside this city have been paying attention, the league's hottest team in the NFL has won five consecutive games. It's a perfectly timed charge into another postseason during this, the golden era of Seattle football.

The Seahawks will play their eighth postseason game since 2004 next month, probably as the No. 3 seed in the NFC at home in the first round against whoever secures the last wild-card berth.

Seattle appeared in just eight playoff games in its first 28 years, from 1976-2003.

If they were in New York or Chicago, these perennially contending Seahawks would be hosting "Saturday Night Live" outside the stadium.

In Seattle, Patrick Kerney, the NFL's sacks leader with 13½, walked out of a sushi restaurant and down a crowded sidewalk with friends on a Friday night in the city's elite Belltown section—and not one person noticed the 6-foot-5, 272-pound star of a big-play defense.

"It was fantastic," Kerney said.

In Atlanta, where he played from



Seattle Seahawks' Bobby Engram, left, holds up the ball as teammates Shaun Alexander (37) and Delon Braelin join him in celebrating Engram's first-quarter touchdown reception against the Arizona Cardinals on Dec. 9 in Seattle.

1999 through last season, he couldn't take four steps without getting stopped.

You are either more Seattle than "Grey's Anatomy" or a fantasy league nerd if you know that Bobby Engram leads the Seahawks by far with 76 catches, fifth most in the NFC. Or that Nate Burleson leads them with six touchdown receptions from Matt Hasselbeck, who is having the best season of his career.

These five straight wins have come since the refreshingly candid Holmgren boldly announced to the league's defenses that he would no longer really try to run the ball because Shaun Alexander was hurt and going nowhere, anyway. Holmgren declared he was plucking the weight of the season upon

Hasselbeck's throwing arm.

"Really, looking back on it, I was trying to ram a square peg in a round hole," he said.

It's Holmgren's best move since he was leading Green Bay and put in some raw kid named Brett Favre for injured starter Don Majkowski on Sept. 27, 1992 — and never took himself out. That turned out OK.

Even though defenses have known what's coming, Hasselbeck has completed 63 percent of his throws during Seattle's winning streak, with 11 touchdowns and just three interceptions.

This Seahawks team is better than those '05 NFC champions in one key aspect: defense. This one attacks more and makes more plays in the secondary.

PGA AWARDS

Tiger wins another Player of the Year

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — No one came close to matching Tiger Woods on the PGA Tour, which is becoming as predictable as Woods being voted the PGA Tour player of the year.

With seven victories and another major championship, Woods won the award Tuesday for the third straight season and the ninth time in his 11 years since he turned pro. The only questions now are whether he's playing his best golf, and how much better he can get.

"Is he spilling everyone?" Brett Beckner asked after a presser around at the Target World Challenge. "I don't see anyone close. I don't see who the next guy is."

Other player on the PGA Tour ballot with three victories, including The Players Championship, Woods won the money title by more than \$2 million over Mickelson, and Woods' stroke average was 1.4 shots per round lower than Ernie Els.

But when asked to review his year, Woods spent a lot of time looking at last season.

He was tied for the lead at some point in the final round of the Masters and U.S. Open and was a runner-up in both of them by a combined three shots. "And the only tournament he failed to win during the PGA Tour Playoffs was at the Deutsche Bank Championship, where he lost to Mickelson in the final round and finished two back."

So while he won one fewer event and one fewer major in 2007, Woods considers it a better season than 2006.

"I had a great chance to win three of the four majors this



Tiger Woods discusses his being named PGA Player of the Year at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif., Tuesday.

year," Woods said. "I finished second in two of them. I was just a few shots away from basically doing what I did in 2000. What did I finish, second to Phil and then the two other championships. If I got those done, get those squared away, people would probably be comparing it to 2000, if not better."

The 2000 season has always been the benchmark for Woods, when he won nine of 20 starts on the PGA Tour, including the final three majors. He won two of those majors by 22 shots, which is one reason that year draws so much attention.

But he was just as dominant at times, twice winning by eight shots.

"Every year has been an unbelievable year," Jeff Sluman said. "He's played well every week of every year."

Only one season Woods did not win the PGA Tour player of the year award were in 1998 and 2004, both times when he was revamping his swing. Mark O'Meara won two majors in 1998, while Vijay Singh won nine-time and a major in 2004.

Todd Turner resigns as Washington's A.D.

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington athletic director Todd Turner resigned Tuesday, nearly four years after he was hired to straighten out a department thrown into disarray by scandals.

The resignation takes effect Jan. 31. Turner was in the middle of a five-year contract worth \$325,000 in base salary and up to \$420,000 annually with incentives.

Step backward Washington's vice president for external affairs, will become acting athletic director when Turner leaves, university president Mark Emmert said.

"After conferring with the president Emmert over the last few weeks, it was determined that a change in leadership in the athletics program would be in the best interests of the university," Turner said in a statement.

The resignation comes six days after the school retained football coach Tyrone Willingham follow-

ing a 4-9 season.

Emmert said Turner's resignation had nothing to do with Willingham staying. He said there was a lack of general "fit" between Turner and what the athletic department hopes to accomplish.

"There will be a number of folks who will want to, I'm sure, integrate this somewhat around coach Willingham. And that's not the case at all," Emmert said Tuesday. "I'm completely comfortable and confident in our decisions surrounding coach Willingham, and I look forward to him being our coach next fall."

Turner had been having problems raising money to renovate 87-year-old Husky Stadium. He has said it will take hundreds of millions of dollars to update the Pac-10's oldest facility.

Emmert hired Turner from Vanderbilt in 2004, when Washington was dealing with an NCAA investigation of former football coach Rick Neuheisel.

EWU's Wulff named Washington State coach

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — New Washington State coach Paul Wulff returned to his alma mater Tuesday and immediately took aim at the Cougars' biggest rival.

"It's 22 years later and I really don't like purple," Wulff said, referring to the Washington Huskies' color. "My goal is to turn this program into the state of Washington's team. That is a battle we will win."

The 40-year-old Wulff, who has been coach at nearby Eastern Washington the past eight years, played center at Washington State from 1985-89.

He replaces Bill Doba, who was forced out after going 30-29 in five seasons. The Cougars did not qualify for a bowl game in Doba's final four seasons, going 5-7 this season.

Wulff will sign a five-year contract that will begin paying him about what Doba was paid, around \$500,000 a year, athletic director Jim Sterk said.

Wulff is the 31st head football coach at WSU, and the first alumna to hold the job since Phil Sarboe in 1945-49.



Paul Wulff, the new Washington State coach, addresses the media and fans at a news conference, Tuesday in Pullman, Wash.

"Paul Wulff has had great success at Eastern Washington University and his Cougar roots run deep," university president Elson S. Floyd said.

Wulff was 53-40 at Eastern Washington, located 70 miles to the north in Cheney. His team qualified for the Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) playoffs in three of the past four seasons. This year the Eagles went 9-4, losing to Appalachian State

in the quarterfinals.

Wulff was Big Sky Conference coach of the year in 2001, 2004 and 2005. His teams are noted for potent offenses. Eastern Washington ranked eighth in the nation in offense this season at 482 yards per game. Wulff plans to install the no-huddle offense at Washington State.

Wulff played under WSU coaches Jim Walden, Dennis Erickson and Mike Price.

Price said he was impressed by Wulff's charisma, and felt it was less of a risk to gamble on a head coach than on an assistant at a bigger program who'd never been a head coach.

"He is a great leader of men," Sterk said.

Sterk acknowledged that Wulff began as something of a dark horse. Sterk adds that after interviewing six candidates, members of the search committee came to a unanimous decision on Wulff.

Wulff noted many coaches have successfully gone from lower divisions to the top echelon of college football successfully, including Erickson, Price and Jim Thress at Ohio State.

Wulff plans to bring five or six assistants with him from EWU, and may keep one or two members of the current WSU staff. He declined to identify them. Washington State quarterbacks coach Tim Rosenbach served as Wulff's offensive coordinator at Eastern Washington before taking the Pullman job in 2003.

"Obviously this has been a dream of mine since I joined the coaching profession," Wulff said. "It is my alma mater, a university with great tradition and a program I feel very strongly about."

"Every year has been touched by tragedy."

His mother disappeared when he was 12 and was presumed murdered. The case was never solved, and Wulff was raised in California by relatives and an older brother.

His first wife, Tammy, died from brain cancer at 39 in 2002, after a five-year battle. "I have successfully gone from lower divisions to the top echelon of college football successfully, including Erickson, Price and Jim Thress at Ohio State."

"They helped raise me and get me to WSU," said Wulff.

Aford says it's no fun facing his mentor, Knight

—LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — No matter who he coaches, New Mexico's Steve Aford ends up with mentor Bob Knight on the schedule.

"It's not doing it on purpose and, frankly, he doesn't like it. Saturday's fifth meeting between Texas Tech's Knight and his former player will be about the same for Aford as the previous four — "not fun."

"I want them to be successful, and I want us to be successful," Aford said. "Nobody pulls for each Knight more than I do."

Knight doesn't like these matchups either, and he's won three of them. The first one when Knight was at Indiana, where Aford helped him win the last of his three national championships in 1987.

Aford lost the first meeting as coach at Southwest Missouri State in 1997-98,



Texas Tech coach Bob Knight, left, and Iowa coach Steve Aford, right, who played for Knight at Indiana, meet on the court prior to a game in Dallas, on Dec. 22, 2003. The two meet again Saturday as Aford's New Mexico team hosts Knight's squad.

and a year later he lost again in his first season at Iowa. After Knight was fired at

Indiana and hired at Texas Tech, the pair split two games, with Aford getting his

only win in 2004 when nationally ranked Iowa routed the Red Raiders 63-53. Aford said the win was "huge" for the Hawks' but "a little bitter-sweet" for him.

Aford left Iowa for New Mexico in the off-season, putting himself back on Knight's schedule and setting up Saturday's meeting between the Lobos (8-2) and Red Raiders (6-3) in Albuquerque, N.M.

"That's a game that we prepare for just like any other game that we play," Knight said. "If I had to give special consideration to everybody who we play that I've either coached or coached for me, that's all I'd get done."

This relationship is special, though, Knight and Aford won 92 games at Indiana and the 1984 Olympic gold medal together, so it stands to reason Aford can't help but notice the Red Raiders.

Last week he was working in his office when he glanced at the TV and caught a partial score for Texas Tech's 86-31 victory against Louisiana Tech. That win included a 42-1 Tech run.

"I started bugging my assistants when I saw their score come up," Aford said. "I told them, 'I've got to know if that's the right score.' It came up 72-19 or something like that."

Knight didn't hesitate to recommend Aford for the New Mexico job. And he of the crew of one of those making the decision, David Schmidt, New Mexico's president since February, held the same post at Tech and was instrumental in hiring Knight in 2001.

"When you understand how to play, these are great coaches," said Knight, in his seventh year at Tech and the winningest Division I coach with 896 victories. "He's worked at coaching very

hard, and he's been able to get kids to play hard."

The Knight-Aford series is probably best known to the point for Knight's profanity-laced interview with ESPN's Stuart Scott at halftime of Tech's 65-59 victory against Iowa in Dallas four years ago.

Sitting next to Knight, Aford barely spoke while Knight unloaded on Fran Blazich, a former New Mexico coach who was interviewed about their relationship. Knight later apologized to feel officials.

Moments like those haven't changed Aford's regard for Knight, who's famous for his temperamental nature as he is for winning games and championships. "I've certainly been my closest friend in college basketball," Aford said. "If there's ever an issue I have, on or off the floor, he's the first one I call."



Former heavyweight boxing champion Larry Holmes poses in Easton, Pa., Tuesday. Holmes was named to the 2008 Induction class of the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

Holmes takes spot in Boxing Hall of Fame

—CANASTOTA, N.Y. (AP) — He had a boxing record that could stand beside the greatest in his sport. Yet, Larry Holmes always seemed to have to justify himself as a champion.

"There was no need for explanation Tuesday.

Holmes received the ultimate validation when he took his place in the International Boxing Hall of Fame, joining the 2008 class of 11 others honored and recognized as members of the Boxing Writers Association and a panel of international boxing historians.

He was enshrined as the longest reigning world heavyweight champion in boxing history, holding the title for nearly seven years (1978-85). Holmes' 20 successful heavyweight title defenses were surpassed by only Joe Louis with 25. He was on the verge of matching Rocky Marciano's perfect 49-0 mark when he was upset by Michael Spinks for his first loss.

"I think there were some people who shortchanged me, not the fans," Holmes said by telephone from his business office in Easton, Pa. "Sometimes the critics try to make you think you are less than what you are."

"I feel good about myself. I'm not going to let people put me down. I worked hard. I

worked hard," said Holmes, who is 59 but just five years removed from his last fight.

Holmes will be inducted June 8 along with junior welterweight champion Eddie Perkins, Middleweight Holman Williams will be inducted posthumously. All three are in the hall's modern-era category.

Middleweights Len Harvey and Frank Klaus and welterweight Harry Lewis were honored in the old-timer category, and 19th-century Irish heavyweight Dan Donnelly in the pioneer class.

Holmes compiled a record of 69-6, with 34 knockouts. But there always seemed to be questions about just how good he was. Hall of Fame executive director Ed Brophy said, "Holmes defeated the title against contenders of varying quality. For every Muhammad Ali, Ernie Shavers and Leon Spinks, there was a Lorenzo Zanon, Scott Frank and Ossie Cecotto, Brophy said.

"Larry Holmes was probably the most under-appreciated heavyweight champion in history," said trainer Emanuel Steward in a 1996 Hall of Fame induction. "He should be right there with Muhammad Ali and Joe Louis, an all-around fighter. He would have been a major problem for any heavyweight champion of any era."

Toronto's Ford taken off on stretcher

LeBron wins in return

—ATLANTA — Toronto point guard T.J. Ford was taken off the court on a stretcher following a scary fall late in Tuesday night's 100-81 victory over Atlanta.

Ford, who missed the 2004-05 season with Milwaukee following neck surgery, stole the ball and was headed toward a breakaway basket when Atlanta rookie Al Horford hit his face with his hand. Ford landed hard on his back, his head bouncing off the floor.

"After a while I could see him moving and that was a relief," Toronto's coach Bosh said, adding there was immediate concern about Ford because everyone knew his injury history.

"He was conscious. He wasn't trying to move too much. I'm sure he was feeling pain in his arms and legs. I just hope he's OK."

Raptors spokesman Jim Lalumbar confirmed Ford "had feeling in his upper and lower extremities when he was taken off the floor."

Ford, who scored 26 points, was taken to Piedmont Hospital.

CAVALIERS 118, PACERS 105

—CLEVELAND — LeBron James returned as a reserve and Cleveland snapped a six-game losing streak.

James, the NBA's leading scorer, had missed the previous five games with what the Cavs have described as a sprained left index finger. Wearing a padded, protective glove on his hand, James scored 17 points in 22 minutes.

The Cavs set season-highs in points and field goal percentage (55). Larry Hughes also came off the bench and scored a season-high 36 points — in just 26 minutes.

Mike Dunleavy scored 23 points and Jermaine O'Neal had 18 for the Pacers. Indiana guard Jamaal Tinsley who was shot at with assault weapons in a room of a downtown Indianapolis hotel over the weekend, scored 10.

WIZARDS 102, TIMBERWOLVES 88

—WASHINGTON — Antawn Jamison had 22 points and 13 rebounds and Caron Butler added 20 points and 10



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) shoots over Indiana Pacers defender Shawn Williams (4) Tuesday in Cleveland.

rebounds as Washington overcame a career-high 36 points from Craig Smith. Brendan Haywood had 11 points and 14 rebounds, and reserve guard Roger Mason Jr. scored 17 points, as the Wizards (1-10) moved above .500 for only the second time all season.

The Timberwolves dropped to 1-8 on the road and 3-16 overall.

CLIPPERS 91, NETS 82

—EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Chris Kaman and Tim Thomas both scored 18 points to lead the Clippers to their first win in New Jersey in nearly 10 years.

Richard Jefferson led the Nets with 21 points but was 6-for-21 from the field. New Jersey shot 32 percent (26-for-81), including 5-for-25 in the fourth quarter. Los Angeles had lost eight of its last nine games.

PISTONS 113, GRIZZLIES 103

—MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Chauncey Billups had 28 points and 14 assists, while Richard Hamilton scored 27 points in Detroit.

Taysham Prince scored 19 points and Jason Maxell finished with 15 points.

S. Illinois sends No. 24 Saint Mary's to first loss

—CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — Bryan Mullins scored 24 points and Southern Illinois spoiled Saint Mary's first game as a ranked team in 16 years with a 71-56 victory

over the 24th-ranked Gaels on Tuesday night.

The point total was a season low for Saint Mary's (7-1), last ranked in March 1989. Southern Illinois (4-3)

ended a three-game losing streak that had knocked the Salukis from the Top 25.

Saint Mary's, which trailed 36-24 at halftime, rallied within six points with 4 min-

utes remaining, but Mullins scored nine down the stretch and the Salukis held on.

Freshman guard Patrick Mills, Saint Mary's leading scorer, was held to 11 points.

New-look Nationals specializing in giving players second chances

—WASHINGTON — Paul Lo Duca and Lastings Milledge rose to pose for photos in their crisp, white Washington Nationals jerseys Tuesday, standing in front of a colorful sketch of the team's new ballpark.

The two ex-Mets and Nationals Park are hardly the only changes in this franchise. No major league club has been busier of late than the Nationals, who have reshaped their roster with a mix of long- and short-term fixes.

"They've done a lot to get us better," third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said in a telephone interview. "We went out and got some talented young players that could develop into really good players, and then we went out and got some veteran players that know how to play the game and manage it."

Milledge, a 22-year-old outfielder, would fit into the first

category, as would other recent acquisitions Eljah Dukes, a 23-year-old outfielder, and a checked-out player, Tyler Clippard, a 22-year-old right-hander who could wind up in the starting rotation.

Lo Duca, a catcher who'll turn 36 in the season's first month, and 34-year-old infielder Aaron Boone (son of Nationals assistant general manager Bob Boone) fit into the second category.

All were added in trades or free-agent signings over the past two weeks. And no one should be surprised if general manager Jim Bowden ends more to a club that ended a string of three consecutive last-place finishes in the NL East by moving up one spot to fourth with a 73-89 record in 2007.

"Jim — he's not done yet," manager Manny Acta said Tuesday, sitting at a news conference with Lo Duca, Milledge and Bowden. "That's

why I'm not even thinking about a lineup yet, because I know he's going to keep on working and continue to make our team better. It's a totally different ballgame."

Giving guys another chance is a hallmark of Bowden's career as a GM, and he might be in the process of turning the Nationals into Oakland's version of the NFL's Oakland Raiders: A team known for picking up players over their team's ship.

That was the case with Dmitri Young, who was out of baseball late in the 2006 season and had all sorts of personal problems. The Nationals bought him in a spring training bid and stuck him with the kids at the minor league facility — and how did that work out?

Young thrived. He hit .320 with 74 RBIs, made the NL All-Star team, won comeback player of the year honors, and became a club-

house leader.

Perhaps emboldened by that, Bowden traded with the Tampa Bay Rays for Dukes, whose history of problems includes being accused of violating a protective court order his estranged wife obtained after she said he threatened her and the couple's children.

"We think this was a chance for us to get a talent at minimal risk. And with the programs we have in place, we also thought it had a very significant chance of succeeding," Nationals president

Stan Kasten said. "We hope it does. If it doesn't, I guess we'll turn the page."

MLB reviews draft of Mitchell's report

—NEW YORK — Major League Baseball has begun to review a draft of George Mitchell's report on drug use in the sport, one of the final steps before the results of his 20-month investigation are released.

Baseball planning a draft

Tuesday at the Manhattan office of DLA Piper, the law firm that Mitchell chairs, a baseball official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because Mitchell hasn't authorized any statements.

The report likely will be released Thursday, and Commissioner Bud Selig does not plan to attend Mitchell's news conference, the official said. Selig could have his own news conference or hold a conference call.

—The Associated Press

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Cookie circus

15-year-old takes southern Idaho Cookie Champ title

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

A cookie avalanche hit the Times-News office for our first southern Idaho Cookie Championship. All 23 contestants were worthy, but in the end, 15-year-old Grace Stukenholtz narrowly beat out the group of goody gladiators to claim first place.

Starting in mid-November, the Times-News solicited entries. We asked competitors to bring six chocolate chip cookies and six cookies of their choice on Dec. 3 to be judged by a panel of cookie connoisseurs.

We received dozens of inquiries. In the end, 23 people competed for the title, bringing tasty treats like yam cranberry cookies, English shortbread and lemon biscotti.

Contestants varied as much as the cookies they submitted. The youngest competitor, Melodee McGregor, 12, competed against experienced bakers and grandmothers.

Rachael Tappan, 16, entered her great-grandmother's applesauce cookies. Her mother, Wendy Hess, enjoys the treats more than anyone.

"They're pretty good," Hess said. "I've probably gained my Christmas weight on her cookies."

The judges were fans, too. Two home economics teachers, seven children, a teenager and a Santa Claus impersonator made up the panel of cookie connoisseurs who judged appearance and taste on a

See the sweets online

Watch a video of the cookie judging and see a gallery of photos, at Magicvalley.com.

Find the recipes inside

Make your own samples of the winning recipes, on page C3

scale of one to five. The panel was nearly silent during the hour-long tasting. Each judge took the duties seriously, thinking about the scene before writing it, and cleansing the palate with milk between bites.

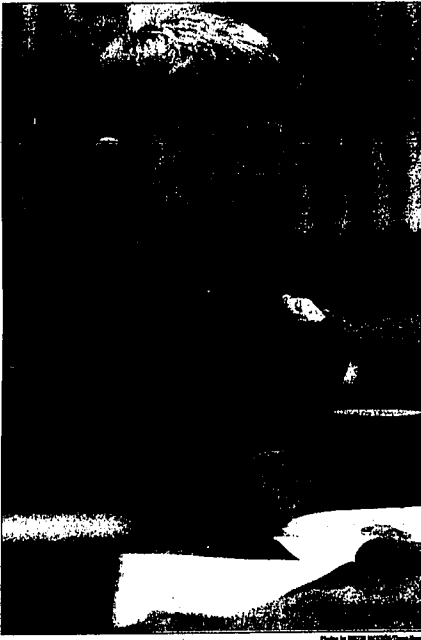
Some used their culinary expertise to narrow the field. "The snickerdoodles are OK, but they're a little too soggy for a snickerdoodle," home economics teacher Cheryl Savenko said. Savenko scrutinized each sweet she sampled, examining its appearance and dwelling on each cookie's taste.

Others used personal preference, like 8-year-old Hollie Maccabee.

"I don't like coconut," she said after taking a bite of one of the entries.

Of all the panelists, no one was more eloquent than 6-year-old Mitchell Brizee, who said his taste buds did backflips after eating one cookie.

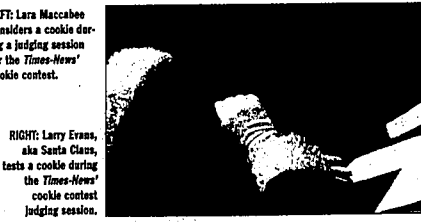
"I liked the gingerbread the best. The very, very best," he said. "If they had a six, I'd give it a six."



Panelist Anthony Scholes judges a cookie's flavor before he scores it, Dec. 3 at the Times-News office in Twin Falls.



LEFT: Lara Maccabee considers a cookie during a judging session for the Times-News' cookie contest.



RIGHT: Larry Evans, aka Santa Claus, tests a cookie during the Times-News' cookie contest judging session.

Meet the judges



Darlene Annee, 64, Filer. Home economist for 37 years.



Cheryl Savenko, 57, Twin Falls. Home economics teacher at Twin Falls High School.



Wreny Black, 11, Twin Falls. Eats anything and everything.



Mitchell Brizee, 6, Twin Falls. Well-spoken cookie enthusiast.



Anthony Scholes, 7, Twin Falls. "I just like cookies."



Larry Evans, Filer. Who knows cookies better than Santa?



Lara Maccabee, 6, Twin Falls. Her disposition is as sweet as the cookies.



Hollie Maccabee, 8, Twin Falls. Tiny cookie aficionado.



Mia Scholes, 9, Twin Falls. One of the most critical judges. Don't let her sweetness fool you; this little girl is harsh.



Michael Brizee, 12, Twin Falls. Knows what cookies he likes and isn't afraid to voice his opinion.



FIRST PLACE

Grace Stukenholtz

Twin Falls
Chevy chocolate chip cookies

Christmas cookies
It was hard to choose a champion from the sea of sweets, but in the end, only one could walk away a winner.

Stukenholtz, 15, won over panelists with her intricately decorated cookies, which tasted nearly as good as they looked. Her tasty chocolate chip cookies also scored high.

Stukenholtz will receive an assortment of Christmas cookie cutters, a cookie spatula and a Doughmakers professional stainless steel cookie sheet, all donated by Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in downtown Twin Falls.



Vickie Stone

Twin Falls
Chocolate chip cookies

Santa cookies
Stone got the idea for her stylized Santa cookies from a family friend, making the treat all the more special to her. The carefully decorated treats use coated candies for Santa's eyes, piped icing for his beard and fine red sprinkles for his hat.



Matthew McGregor

Twin Falls
Chocolate chip cookies

Macaroon kiss cookies
McGregor, 14, was the only male who entered the contest and the second youngest participant. His mother, Elizabeth McGregor, said Matthew has been baking since he was 6. He impressed his relatives with these treats during Christmas last year.



Sally Baugh

Twin Falls
Chocolate chip cookies

Frosted sugar cookies
Baugh used to bake these sugar cookies for her children, who would help her decorate. Now that they're grown, she still makes them throughout the year, using the seasons for decoration inspiration. "They're just one of my favorite cookies," she said.



Alicia Eakin

Twin Falls
Chocolate chip cookies

Caramel cream sandwich cookies
Eakin's caramel cream sandwiches stood out in the pile of cookies. "My girlfriend really loves them every time I make them," Eakin said.



HONORABLE MENTIONS

Programmable thermostat a smart choice, and money saver

DEAR JIM: I went to a hardware store to find a programmable thermostat to save energy. There were many with different specifications, and I had no idea what I needed. How can I tell which features are important?

—Bob V.



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DEAR BOB: Installing a programmable thermostat provides about the best economic return of any energy conservation improvement you can make.

When it is programmed properly for your family's schedule, there really is no reduction in your comfort. In fact, sleeping in a cooler bedroom is actually healthy. Setting the furnace thermostat lower at times during winter and higher during summer results in significant savings on your utility bills. Depending upon your climate, the savings range from 1 to 3 percent for each 10-degree setback period of eight hours during winter. The percentage savings when air conditioning is even higher.

As you found, there are



This 5+1+1 programmable thermostat has the same daily schedule for every day of the week and different ones for Saturday and Sunday.

many programmable thermostats from which to select. Although more expensive ones may have more features, a relatively simple one will meet the needs of most families. As with most electronic products, prices have dropped dramatically, so don't think an inexpensive one will not be adequate.

The first decision to make is how many setback periods you desire per day. The simplest thermostats allow for just one setback period per day, usually overnight. If you also want to set the temperature back during the day when everyone is either at work or school, select a thermostat with four setback periods per day. This offers more flexibility for future schedule changes, and it is the most commonly installed type.

Next, determine how many different daily setback schedules your family needs. If each weekday and weekend schedule is the same, you can select an inexpensive 5+2 thermostat. This designation means there is one schedule for five days of the week and another schedule for the two weekend days.

If you need a different schedule on Saturday and Sunday, select a 5+1+1 thermostat. For the option to have different schedules every day of the week, select a 7-day thermostat. For simple programming, they all offer a repeat button to copy one day's schedule to another day. Some of the better thermostats also allow you to program the indoor humidity level and alert you when to change the air filter.

If your television DVD player is still flashing "12:00," select a thermostat with a feature which allows you to snap off the cover and take your time to program it in an easy chair. Another nice feature is a generic pre-programmed setback schedule so you can begin using the thermostat immediately. Once you read the manual, you can modify the schedule.

The following companies offer programmable thermostats: Bryant, (800) 428-4326, www.bryant.com; Honeywell, (800) 468-1502, www.hottfreshchool.com; Hunter Fan, (888) 430-1326, www.hunterfan.com; Lux Products, (856) 234-8003, www.luxproducts.com; and Trane, (877) 800-3381, www.trane.com.

DEAR JIM: I have been having problems with the plumbing. We now have metal pipes, some in the attic. I would like to switch to all white PVC pipe. Is this safe for drinking water, and what about the cold temperatures?

—Lynn G.
DEAR LYNN: First of all, standard white PVC pipe is used only for drain pipes. Supply lines must be metal or a different type of plastic, usually CPVC. No piping material can withstand the expansion forces of freezing water.

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Pressure cooked potato salad still a hit

By Julie Rothman
Special to The Baltimore Sun

Janet Gross of Dayton, Ohio, was looking for a fast recipe from many years ago for making German Potato Salad in a pressure cooker. It seems that many readers are still using their pressure cookers, and many even still had the original recipe booklets that came with the cookers.

One of them was Bobbie Nachman of Baltimore, who still had the recipe for German Potato Salad that came with the pressure cooker her parents gave her as a wedding present about 55 years ago.

While pressure cookers are not as fashionable these days, they still can be a handy item

to have in the kitchen. My mother, who was a big fan of the pressure cooker, passed hers on to me when she moved and I use it when I want to cook vegetables, soups or other things quickly.

As this recipe demonstrates, they can be used to cook quickly and efficiently with wonderful results.

GERMAN POTATO SALAD

- 6 slices bacon, diced
- 4 potatoes, diced
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 2 to 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley

Heat pressure cooker and brown bacon. Pour off excess drippings. Add potatoes and onions. Combine and then add sugar, salt, pepper, mustard, vinegar, water and parsley. Mix well. Close cover securely.

Allow steam to flow from vent pipe to release all air from cooker. Place pressure regulator on vent pipe and

cook 5 minutes with pressure regulator rocking slowly. Cool cooker at once under cold running water. Serves 5 to 6.

Per serving (based on 6 servings): 157 calories, 4 grams protein, 3 grams fat, 1 gram saturated fat, 29 grams carbohydrate, 3 grams fiber, 7 milligrams cholesterol, 938 milligrams sodium.

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FOOD & HOME

Smoke alarms last about 10 years; dual sensors best

By Gary Dymki
Newsday

Question: 'My smoke alarms are old, dusty and look awful: How long do they last, and are they expensive to replace?'

Answer: Smoke alarms generally last up to about 10 years, but a lot depends on the interior air quality in your home. There are two types of alarms: an ionization type that can detect small amounts of smoke and a photoelectric type that recognizes larger amounts of smoke. The best types for homes are dual sensor types. In most cases, each type is less than \$10 and operates on 9-volt batteries.

In newer homes, the alarms are hard-wired or attached to the electrical system. These hard-wired alarms also have a battery backup (in case of a power outage). When the weather turns, it's a good idea to test your alarms and replace the batteries.

Installing them is simple. A plate is attached to the wall or ceiling, and then the alarm is twisted onto the plate. Installation and operating instructions are included in packaging with each alarm. Visit the U.S. Fire Administration Web site, www.usfa.dhs.gov for information on replacing

and testing smoke alarms. While you're testing your smoke alarms, also test your carbon monoxide detectors. These devices warn inhabitants about the odorless, colorless exhaust gas produced by the burning of fossil fuels from home heating systems. If furnaces and boilers are not operating properly, this exhaust gas can leak into living areas, causing injury and death.

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THE RECIPES

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Gracie Stukenholtz, 15, impressed panelists with her intricately adorned cookies, shown at right, which she decorated with toothpicks and food coloring. "It took me three hours," she said. The cookies tasted as good as they looked, making this recipe a keeper.

- 3 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Sift together dry ingredients. Cream butter and sugar together in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Stir in sifted dry ingredients. Beat until smooth. Roll out 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with floured cookie cutter. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges. Cool on wire racks.

After cookies are cooled, decorate with diluted food coloring, using small artist's brush or toothpicks. Makes 5 dozen.

CHEWY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

We received several variations on chocolate chip cookies, but in the end, Gracie Stukenholtz's traditional take on the classic won panelists over. The soft, thin cookie, adapted from a Western Family recipe, is as close to cookie heaven as one can get.

- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 (4.5-ounce) bag milk chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a small mixing bowl, combine first 3 ingredients. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars together until fluffy. Add vanilla and egg. Beat well. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture. Mix well. Mix in chocolate chips. Drop rounded spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet, 2 inches apart. Bake 10-15 minutes. Remove cookies from oven and place on cookie rack. Makes 3 dozen.

CHERRY SNOWBALLS

Panelist Larry Evans gave Kelly Paston's cherry-filled cookies a perfect score for both taste and appearance.

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 ounces marschchino cherries, stemmed, drained and halved
- Additional confectioner's sugar



MACAROON KISS COOKIES

Matthew McGregor, 14, was the only male who entered the contest, the second-youngest participant and one of four honorable mentions. These impressive cookies are pretty and were especially popular with the adults.



SANTA COOKIES

Contestant Vickie Stone got the idea for her stylized cookies from a close friend, making the treat all the more special to her, she said. The charming cookie impressed the panelists, although Larry Evans, a Santa impersonator, said he was concerned about eating a likeness of himself.

- 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 1 3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 teaspoons almond extract
- 2 teaspoons orange juice
- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 5 cups sweetened coconut flakes
- 1 8-ounce bag Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate Kisses

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Beat margarine, cream cheese and sugar until well blended. Add egg yolk, almond extract and orange juice. Beat well.

Stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add to butter mixture, beating until well blended. Stir in

3 cups of the coconut.

Cover dough and refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm enough to handle.

Remove wrappers from Kisses. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll balls in remaining coconut. Place on cookie sheet.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and immediately press a Kiss on top of each cookie.

Cool for 1 minute and carefully remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Makes 4 dozen.



2/3 cup water

- 4 tablespoons meringue powder
- 12 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 1 1/4 cups vegetable shortening
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon butter flavor
- 3/4 almond extract

Combine water and meringue powder. Whip at high speed until peaks form. Add 4 cups sugar, 1 cup at a time, beating at low speed after each addition. Alternately add shortening and remaining sugar. Add salt and flavorings. Beat at low speed until smooth. Makes 7 cups.

CARAMEL CREAM



SANDWICH COOKIES

Alliea Bak's honorable mention cookies scored high on both taste and appearance with judges young and old alike.

- 3/4 cup firmly-packed brown sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

In large bowl, combine brown sugar and butter. Blend until light and fluffy. Add egg yolk and blend well. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 15 minutes. Shape dough into 1-inch balls.

Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. With fork dipped in flour, flatten each into 1 1/2-inch round.

Bake for 10 to 14 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute and remove cookies from sheets. Cool completely, then spread scant teaspoon frosting between 2 cookies.



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Frosting:
2 tablespoons butter (do not substitute margarine)
1 1/4 cup powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
4 to 5 teaspoons milk

In medium saucepan, heat butter over medium heat until light golden brown, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in remaining frosting ingredients, adding enough milk for desired spreading consistency. Blend until smooth.

PECAN PIE COOKIES

Marsha Forster's pecan pie cookies impressed the Times-News staff and scored high with the adults on the panel.

- 6 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups cold butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar and salt. Cut in cold butter until crumbly. Press onto the bottom and up the sides of two 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pans. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until crust edges begin to brown and bottom is set.

- Filling:**
- 8 eggs
 - 3 cups sugar
 - 3 cups corn syrup
 - 1/2 cup melted butter
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
 - 5 cups chopped pecans

Combine eggs, sugar, corn syrup, butter and vanilla in large bowl. Mix well. Stir in pecans. Pour over crust. Cool on wire racks. Cut and refrigerate until serving. Makes 6 to 8 dozen.


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For desserts, rosemary is wild, thyme more demure

By Betty Hallock
and Donna Deane
Los Angeles Times

One: Who knew both rosemary and thyme were so distinctly fantastic for baking? And two: Who knew rosemary and thyme were so easily interchangeable in all those cookies, crisps, cobblers, even flan?

Put a batch of rosemary or thyme cookies in the oven, and the wintry herbal-floral aromas that fill the kitchen are a crisscross of butter, sugar and a toasty bouquet of rosemary with hints of pine and lemon, and slightly minty thyme (they're both members of the mint family) are known for pulling up the flavors of roasted meat or fish, accenting the salsiness in sauces, and defining the vegetable-garden tastes of tomatoes, peppers and onions.

But they work just as fabulously in desserts: creamy custards or "panna cotta"; buttery cookies; and pies, crisps and cobblers made with fall fruit, such as apples and pears.

Take lemon zest or ginger used in baking, rosemary and thyme focus the elements in fruit that aren't sweet while tempering the sugars, but the two herbs add their own pungent, piney nuances.

Add finely chopped, fresh rosemary or thyme leaves to rolled-out butter cookies, and the fragrant herbs play off vanilla bean seeds and "flour de sel" in the batter. The herb-flecked cookies are simultaneously savory and sweet.

Despite the strong essential oils in rosemary leaves, you can use the same amount of either rosemary or thyme in the cookies. Same with cobblers and crisps. A pear crisp gets a butter-flour-brown-sugar topping with a tiny bit of ground ginger and a couple of spoonfuls of either fresh chopped rosemary or thyme leaves. The herbs scent the pears in the crisp, mingling with the vanilla and lemon juice that are mixed in with the fruit.

For a creamy, luxurious flan, braided sprigs of the herbs (with the leaves and stems) are infused in a milk and cream mixture for one hour, and the flavor of rosemary becomes much stronger than the flavor of thyme. So, in this case, you would use more thyme than rosemary in the recipe. Once the flan is baked, it's allowed to cook, then refrigerated overnight, and the flavor of the herb becomes a little stronger.

The flan's layer of unctuous, sweet caramel is especially delicious with the creamy, herb-studded custard. Now you know.

ROSEMARY-THYME COOKIES

1 3/4 cup flour
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon "flour de sel"
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 1/2 vanilla bean, split lengthwise

2/3 cup sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped rosemary or thyme, plus additional for sprinkling
1 egg
1 tablespoon milk

Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Sift together the flour and baking powder in a medium bowl. Sift in the flour de sel.

Cream the butter in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment (or in a medium bowl using a hand mixer). With the tip of a knife, scrape the vanilla bean seeds into the butter. Continue to beat until blended. Add the sugar and mix until light and fluffy, making sure to scrape down the sides of the bowl. Beat in the rosemary or thyme, then beat in the egg just until blended.

Beat in the flour mixture just until the dough is well-mixed. Remove the dough from the bowl and flatten into a disk. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap, and chill it for 15 minutes.

Remove the plastic wrap and roll the dough out on a lightly floured surface to 1/4-inch thick. Cut out cookies into 2-inch squares, rounds or triangles. Place them on a buttered cookie sheet. Lightly brush the tops of each cookie with milk, then sprinkle with a little rosemary or thyme. Place the cookie sheet in the refrigerator to allow the cookies to chill an additional 15 minutes.

Bake the cookies for 9 to 12 minutes, until the cookies have faint coloring around the edges. Remove the tray from the oven, and transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool.

Total time: 40 minutes; plus chilling time. Servings: Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

Each cookie: 92 calories; 1 gram protein; 13 grams carbohydrates; 0 grams fiber; 4 grams fat; 2 grams saturated fat; 19 milligrams cholesterol; 115 milligrams sodium.

ROSEMARY-THYME PEAR CRISP

6 ripe Bartlett pears
1 1/2 cups lemon juice
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar, divided
1 cup flour plus 2 tablespoons, divided
1 vanilla bean, split
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
2 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped rosemary or thyme
1/2 cup (1 stick) cold butter, cut into 1-inch pieces

Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Quarter, core and peel the pears. Sprinkling the pears with lemon juice as you go to prevent browning, cut each quarter crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices. You should have about 6 cups of sliced pears.

Once you have sliced all the pears, add 2 tablespoons of the brown sugar and 2 tablespoons of the flour to the pears, tossing to coat. With the tip of a knife, scrape the seeds from the vanilla



Rosemary/thyme cookies.

bean onto the pears and toss to coat evenly. Set them aside while you prepare the topping.

Combine the remaining 3/4 cup brown sugar, 1 cup flour, baking powder, ground ginger, kosher salt and rosemary or thyme. Add the butter and work into the dry ingredients until it is crumbly.

Spoon the pear mixture into a 9-inch square baking dish. Sprinkle crumb topping evenly over the top of the fruit. Bake 35 to 40 minutes, until bubbly and lightly browned on top. Remove from the oven and let stand until warm before serving.

Total time: 1 hour. Servings: 6 to 9.

Each of 9 servings: 293 calories; 2 grams protein; 59 grams carbohydrates; 4 grams fiber; 10 grams fat; 6 grams saturated fat; 25 milligrams cholesterol; 114 milligrams sodium.



THYME FLAN

1 1/2 cups milk
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
1 1/3 cups sugar, divided
3 sprigs rosemary about 5 to 6 inches long or a small handful of thyme sprigs (about half of a 2 1/2-ounce package)
3 egg yolks
3 eggs

In a medium saucepan, combine the milk, the cream and 2/3 cup of the sugar. Bruise the sprigs of rosemary or thyme with a mallet to lightly crush them. Add the herbs to the milk mixture in the saucepan, and bring to a

simmer over medium heat. Remove from the heat, cover and let the infused milk steep for 1 hour. Strain the mixture through a cheese-cloth-lined strainer. Lift the cheesecloth out of the strainer, and squeeze out any remaining liquid from the herbs, then discard them.

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the remaining 2/3 cup sugar into a heavy-bottomed skillet and heat over medium heat. Shake the pan so that the sugar is evenly distributed in the bottom of the pan. Tilt and move the pan around on the burner to prevent hot spots, and heat until the sugar caramelizes to an amber color, 5 to 6 minutes.

Pour the caramelized sugar evenly into the bottom of a 2-quart, round, glass baking dish. If necessary, tilt the baking dish back and forth so the bottom is evenly coated with the caramel. Allow the caramel to cool.

Whisk together the egg yolk and eggs just until blended. Whisk the infused milk mixture into the eggs and strain.

Put the caramel-lined baking dish into a deep, 13-by-9-inch pan and pour the egg custard mixture into the baking dish. Pour in enough hot water to come halfway up the sides of the pan to the level of the custard. Carefully put it in the oven.

Bake until the flan is set and the center has a slight jiggle, about 1 hour to 1 hour, 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool, then cover and chill overnight.

When you're ready to serve, loosen the sides of the flan with the tip of a knife or a small spatula and invert the flan onto a large serving plate. If you have a problem removing the flan, dip the baking dish into a pan of hot water to loosen the bottom and sides.

Total time: 1 hour, 45 minutes, plus overnight chilling. Servings: 8.

Each serving: 358 calories; 6 grams protein; 37 grams carbohydrates; 0 grams fiber; 22 grams fat; 12 grams saturated fat; 222 milligrams cholesterol; 65 milligrams sodium.

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Pereza puts kitchen at center of family life

By Associated Designs

Just as the kitchen is at the heart of family life, so it is in the Pereza — right smack dab in the middle of everything. This mid-size three-bedroom plan covers all the bases, offering both formal and informal family gathering spaces.

Accessible from all directions, it opens into the dining room, entry hall, family room, and a utility room that connects with the garage. Pocket doors in the passage-way to the entry and dining room allow busy cooks to close off the kitchen when

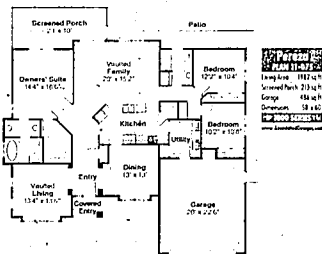
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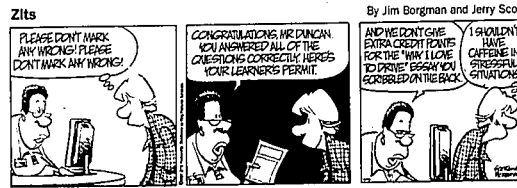
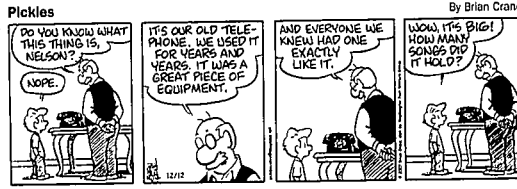
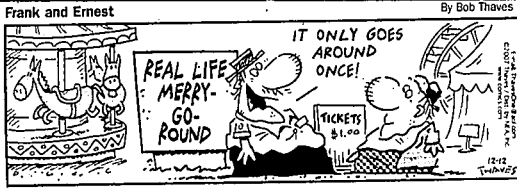
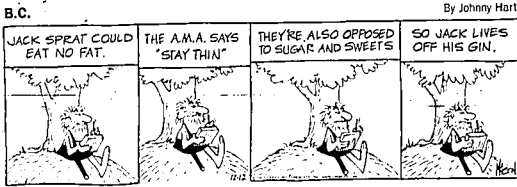
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IF DEC. 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The desire for fame and fortune can light up your life in the year ahead. During the next four weeks you can make wise choices and may receive unexpected material help as beneficial influences pass your way. Positive changes are likely in April when you are dazzled by startling insights and briefly influenced by fascinating new people who present you with alternative viewpoints. Take advantage of the blessings showered upon you next August and don't pass up generous offers that fall in your lap.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Everything will be all right. Yesterday's "good vibes" may have worn off by just a small amount. Don't regret promises that were made or be suspicious that personal confidences will be revealed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pay attention to the rules. Your burning desire for fun and games might be snuffed out by outside influences. If something you enjoy has true merit it will stand up to unbiased criticism.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Two heads are better than one. You will be happiest if you go along with the flow and ask others for their opinion. Refuse to be goaded into competition with your peers or supporters.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The ultimate ends are reached by unwavering devotion to a cause. Wave your flag or root for the home team. You can make field goals in business or score points with a family member.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Thrift makes sense. Penny-pinching efforts and an economy-minded outlook puts holiday shopping on hold. Remain generous, sensitive and understanding to the people in your immediate circle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Remember the words of the song "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother." It is time to counteract the fleeting tendency to be moody loner. Take responsibility for loved ones and don't expect compensation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Honesty is the best policy. That nagging voice may urge you to pretend you are capable when you aren't. You may feel a brief need to tighten the belt when household expenses are an issue.

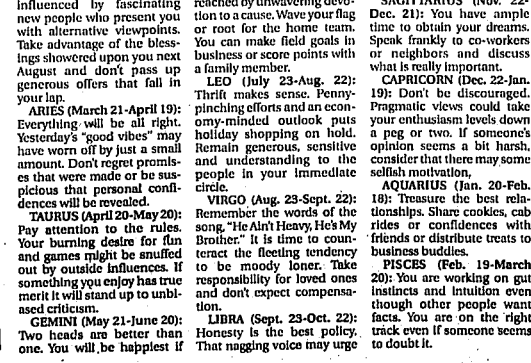
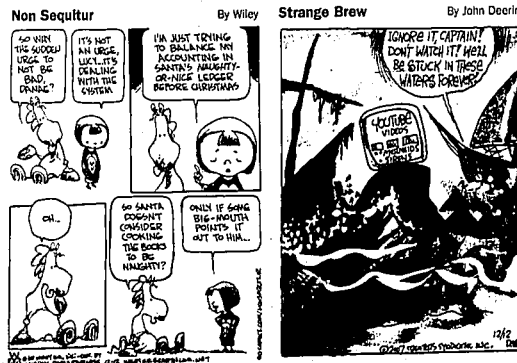
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Reality rears its sensible head. You could feel somewhat competitive; maybe you dream of a bigger office or more expensive car to prove your worth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have ample time to obtain your dreams. Speak frankly to co-workers or neighbors and discuss what is really important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be discouraged. Pragmatic views could take your enthusiasm downs down a peg or two. If someone's opinion seems a bit harsh, consider that there may some selfish motivation.

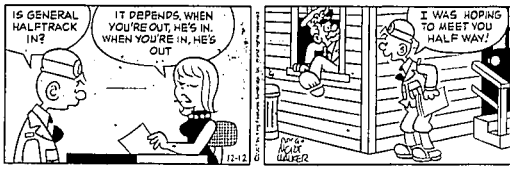
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Treasure the best relationships. Share cookies, candies or confidences with friends or distribute treats to business buddies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are working on gut instincts and intuition even though other people want facts. You are on the right track even if someone seems to doubt it.



Beetle Bailey

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Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom, & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



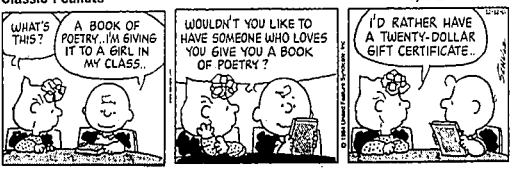
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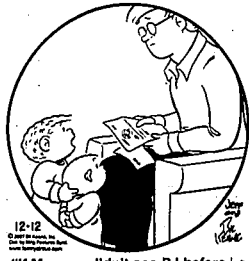
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By Bil Keane



12-12 "I HEARD THAT GANT'S BLEIGH IS OVERLOADED, SO HE'S GIVIN' OUT GIFT CARDS THIS YEAR."

Abusive uncle's pending visit casts shadow over holidays

DEAR ABBY: I am a happily married mother of two — a girl, 9, and a boy, 7. My problem is my older sister is married to a pedophile. Frank went to jail after pleading guilty to sexual interference with a young girl. It was not his first offense. My sister and Frank have no children and live a five-hour drive away. They plan to visit us at Christmas, but not stay at our house.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

Check it out with the authorities in your community.

DEAR ABBY: I need you help with a serious problem. I stole. I'm in my 60s and have done it since I was a teen.

children unharmed. — WISHES SISSEY WAS SINGLE, ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR WISHIES: I assume that your sister and Frank will be visiting more relatives than you and your husband because, under the circumstances, I cannot believe you would have invited them.

My husband and I are somewhat worried about how to handle this situation. Our children don't remember Frank because he has been "away" for a couple of years. How do we make sure they will be safe? Do we tell them to stay away from him and then have to explain why — or reinforce what we have already taught them about private parts of their bodies and inappropriate touching? It's a given that everyone will be on "red alert" the entire time he is around.

This is especially difficult for me because I was sexually abused as a child. I know how quickly and easily predators can do things to children. With professional help, I have dealt with this past sin. I could be a healthy parent. How can I get through Christmas with my sanity and my

Because of your personal history, your alarm is understandable. And considering Frank's history, I am sure the adults in the extended family will watch him like hawks. However, your children should not only be reminded about inappropriate touching, you should also make clear to them that your sister's husband did some things he should not have to other children, and warn them to keep their distance and not trust him regardless of how "nice" he may seem.

PS: I don't know what the laws in Canada, but in the States, as part of his release from prison, Frank might not be allowed to be around minor children.

I have never been caught because I do buy things. I am well-educated and have a nice way with people. I tried to stop because one day I knew I could be arrested and bring shame to myself as well as my husband and family. I don't steal expensive things, and sometimes I exchange price tags. No one notices it.

What causes this behavior? Am I financially well off and have no need for half of what I take. It's an impulse I just can't control. I am ashamed of myself for doing it, and I pray for help, but nothing works. Can you help me, please?

— SINFUL SENIOR IN FLORIDA DEAR SINFUL SENIOR: I don't know why you are doing it, but you need to make up for something they feel is missing in their lives. Others do it for a "thrill." If you are sincere about wanting to know what's driving your impulse to take things you don't need, you should consult a psychiatrist to help you get to the root of it.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2007. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 12, 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

On this date:

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1897, "The Katzenjammer Kids," the pioneering comic strip created by Rudolf Isidore, made its debut in the New York Journal.

In 1906, President Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be secretary of commerce and labor. Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1925, the first motel — the Motel Inn — opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an

Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

In 2000, a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election, transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect.

Ten years ago: litch Ramirez Sanchez, the international terrorist known as "Carlos the Jackal," was on trial in Paris on charges of killing two French investigators and a Lebanese national. (Ramirez was convicted, and is serving a life sentence.)

Five years ago: President Bush publicly rebuked Senate Republican leader Trent Lott for his statement that appeared to embrace half-

century-old segregationist politics, calling it "offensive" and "wrong." A defiant North Korea said it would immediately reactivate a nuclear power plant that U.S. officials suspected was being used to develop weapons. Actor Nick Nolte called no contest in Malibu, Calif., to one count of driving under the influence of drugs; he was sentenced to three years' probation.

One year ago: A suicide bomber struck a crowd of mostly poor Shiites in Baghdad, killing some five dozen people and wounding more than 200. A two-day conference questioning the Nazi Holocaust ended in Tehran. Actor Peter Boyle died in New York at age 71.



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

TV host Bob Barker is 84. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch is 83. Singer Connie Francis is 69. Singer Dionne Warwick is 67. Rock singer-musician Dickey Betts is 64. Actor Wings Hauser is 60. Actor Bill Nighy is 58. Country singer LaCosta is 57. Gymnast-turned-actress Cathy Rigby is 55. Actress Sherree J. Wilson is 49. Singer-musician Sheila E. is 48. Pop singer Daniel O'Donnell is 46. Rock musician Eric Schemmman (Spin Doctors) is 44. Rock musician Nicholas Dimlichino (Nine Days) is 40. Actress Jennifer Connolly is 37. Actress Madchen Amick is 37. Country singer Hank Williams II is 35. Actress Maylin Blalik is 32. Model Bridget Hall is 30.

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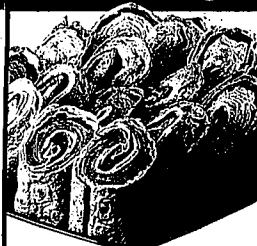
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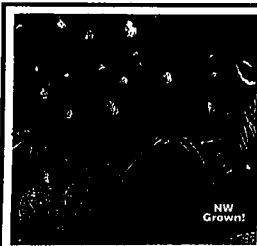


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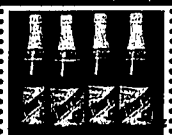
Darigold Sour Cream
99^c Ea.

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Fred Meyer 4-Day Coupon



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Magic Valley doesn't do winter anymore

Not to put too fine a point on it, but you should park your car until April.

You see, Idahoans don't know how to drive on icy roads — and especially you. I followed you home from Boise the other day, in the middle of a snowstorm, at speeds ranging from comatose to 80 mph. You hit your brakes 412 times.

And I noticed that the degree of peril at any given moment had nothing to do with your driving behavior. You sped up after that tractor-trailer jackknifed outside Mountain Home. You slowed down when the ice cleared off around Wendell.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

That's because, all those snow tires and jeep Cherokees notwithstanding, most of southern Idaho really doesn't have winter. Haven't for years. Not since the winter of 1949-50, when the last glacier from the last ice age melted outside Fairfield.

Idahoans, however, cling tenaciously to the delusion that they're rugged cold warriors — even those who live just down the road from the alligator farm in Idaho.

Truth be told, we're all a bunch of winter-weather weenies, cosseted by electric socks and gas fireplaces. We're nothing more than Californians with bad sun-tans.

Want proof? Where does the typical Idahoan go the winter after he or she turns 65?

Sun City, of course. Or Lake Havasu or St. George. Anyplace with a Golden Corral and a ceiling fan. I'm here this morning to say that your forebears are bitterly disappointed in you. They not only knew winter; they thrived in it.

I had an uncle with only two fingers remaining on his right hand. He lost the other one to frostbite after he fell into Hawkins Basin Reservoir while ice fishing on New Year's Day.

My grandmother tried to get into her '53 Chevy pickup one morning in mid-January. She opened the truck's door and it fell off. My granddad changed a truck tire one bitter morning in February. The lug nuts squeaked so loudly that he had ringing in his ears for years.

Idaho winters in those days could actually kill you while you were minding your own business. In order to succumb today, you'd have to go to the South Hills wearing only a swimsuit, find a snowdrift and sit in it. But our evolving into sunshine soldiers isn't as disturbing as the fact that we keep *whining* about winter.

The average annual snowfall in Twin Falls over the past 10 years has been fewer than 20 inches. That's less than Roanoke, Va., receives. So the next time a weather-system blows through, dropping 4 1/2 inches of snow across the Magic Valley and slickening the highways, have the goodness to stay off the roads.

Do something constructive. Instead of poking geraniums or spring cleaning.

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Filer School District could resurrect failed bonds

Growing district still needs funds for building expansion

By John E. Swazy
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The slim defeat of a \$14.9 million levy last October doesn't mean that facility improvements and building expansion needs in the Filer School District have disappeared.

Members of the district's long

range planning committee met Monday evening to discuss the possibility of hosting another special election for the proposed bond.

"I think that everyone agrees that we should try again in six months," said District Superintendent John Graham. "We need to wait and see by how much or if the bond amount will increase and if there's any change in the legislature."

The first attempt actually asked voters to consider the bond in two separate parts. Part one would have allocated \$11 million to construct a 40,000 square foot intermediate school for the fourth through sixth grades and freed up classroom space

"I think that everyone agrees that we should try again in six months."

— Filer School District Superintendent John Graham

at both the elementary and middle schools.

About \$3.9 million would have been earmarked for roof repair at the elementary school, parking lot resurfacing at the middle school, and the addition of eight classrooms at the high school.

A second bond of \$800,000 was

aimed to improve football field amenities such as restrooms, lighting and concession stand.

The committee plans on holding a meeting in January to begin developing a new public information campaign for the bond.

"Nothing is set yet," Graham said, "but we need to decide whether to present the whole amount as a single bond, or again as two separate bonds, or reduce our expectations."

"We'll probably have representatives from other districts come and tell us how they did it in the past."

John E. Swazy can be reached at 326-7212 or swazyc@tdn.com.

A spell of sobriety



Under the hypnotist's spell and the red glare of stage lights, Twin Falls High School students mourn a death at the end of the show Tuesday morning at the high school's auditorium. The presentation, given by a Las Vegas hypnotist, aims at deterring students from drinking and driving.

Message against drinking and driving draws attentive audience

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

Twin Falls High School students Tuesday were moved, some even to tears, during a performance from a Las Vegas hypnotist with a powerful message.

Mare Savard gave two shows for almost two hours each at the high school. He weaved comical interludes and student involvement into an emotionally charged fatal scenario of drinking and driving, which many students said deeply affected them.

"It was a really strong influence and really powerful," said 17-year-old 11thayer Howard.

Howard along with other students said they will spread the message and remind their peers not to drink and drive.

Their new commitment to the issue was born from watching classmates

become the victims of a drunken driving crash.

During the show, Savard brought around 14 students up to the stage. The lights dimmed and deep music lulled in the background.

Savard spoke quickly, telling the kids they were "fired" and "heiny." They slumped down with their heads resting on one another and their arms went limp. Then he made a popping sound with his mouth and woke them up.

Savard told them to do a jig when music came on — and that's just what they did — as the audience roared with laughter.

But then Savard changed the lighthearted mood of the show. He had the students sit in chairs that were spaced into two sections. Each of the two groups resembled a car.

One of those cars, Savard told the teens, had a family. The other contained a group



Savard

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See video of a hypnotist who had a serious message for Twin Falls High School students.

of young people who had been drinking at a party.

Then a huge boom rang out, and the teens went into action. Savard told his young volunteers that a child in the family's car died, and a teen in the other car couldn't walk.

In one car they were crying at the loss of their family member. In the other vehicle, the teenagers were screaming and their tears were real.

It was too much for some teens to take. Three girls in the audience bolted from their seats in the dark auditorium as they walked and rushed to the door.

"For some people this is

where it ends," Savard told his young audience.

Often impressionable teenagers have a sense of invincibility, Savard said, and that can lead to poor judgment. Savard was hit and badly injured by a drunken driver, and he showed the students pictures of his serious injuries.

"You're going to live your life," Savard said. He didn't tell the kids not to drink — he told them to make responsible decisions about their lives: call a cab, call parents, or identify a designated driver."

One parent, whose daughter helped raised the \$5,000 to bring Savard to Twin Falls, said he thought

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Crowded runway

Company promises to remove rock pile near Buhl airport

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

A Buhl business has been given until the end of the year to shorten a large rock pile by at least 15 feet.

The problem came to the city's attention this summer when Airport Commission Chairman Phil Smith told the City Council they were concerned with how tall the rock pile had become because it was located on the approach end of the airport runway.

Smith said the "pile of rubble" which is about 700 feet from the runway, has been the contention of local pilots and even mentioned in several Federal Aviation Agency surveys.

The city had Engineer Scott Bybee conduct another survey. He found the pile to be about 42 feet tall, 15 feet taller than allowable, per FAA policies. The pile also encroaches upon an air space easement the airport district has around the facility.

During Monday's City Council meeting Smith again expressed his concern that Tri-C, the rock crushing and gravel company responsible for the towering rocks, hasn't yet shortened the pile.

"Safety continues to be our main concern," Smith said.

Councilman Reggie Finney said he had been in contact with Tri-C owner, Ron Clark, and that the company plans to crush the pile down within the next few weeks and called on the airport to have patience.

"They will be mobilizing their stuff to crush what pile down," Finney said. "It's not going to happen in two weeks."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Walk-through today at Summit Elementary

The public can get a close-up view today of Jerome's newest school, Summit Elementary.

A community walk-through at the school is set from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., said Principal Alice Hecklander. A tour at the facility is also scheduled for parents and teachers Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., she said.

Students and teachers are slated to begin moving into the new facility at the end of

the month.

The building has a theme of United States and Idaho history.

Chaparelle House gets clean bill of health

Chaparelle House, an assisted-living facility in Twin Falls, has received a definitive survey from the state of Idaho for 2007, residence director Mark Serr announced through a press release Friday. The surveys, conducted by the Idaho Department of Health and

Welfare, ensure that such facilities conform to state requirements and measure both safety and health care requirements.

The home, one of nine assisted-living facilities in the state owned by Assisted Living Concepts Inc., made headlines last spring after its parent company decided to stop accepting new Medicaid patients. Health and Welfare records show the facility had one complaint in March, but has been in compliance with the state since July.

Assisted-living facilities are

only regulated by the state, not the federal government, and have fewer requirements than nursing homes due to the simpler level of care. Health and Welfare spokeswoman Emily Sinnitt said. Between 80 and 85 percent of such facilities have no serious violations when surveyed.

BLM update on land rehab is Thursday

The Twin Falls District Bureau of Land Management will present an update on

land rehabilitation progress in the aftermath of the Murphy Complex Fire from 6 until 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at Silver Bureau Insurance, 2732 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

BLM specialists from Jarbridge, Burley and Shoshone field offices will answer questions about rehabilitation progress around the district. For more information about the meeting: Heather Tiel-Nelson, 736-2352.

— from staff reports

Billie Jo (Garrett) Brady

Billie Jo (Garrett) Brady passed away quietly and with family by her side on Dec. 6, 2007.



born Nov. 26, 1926, one of nine children in Spurr, Texas, to Maggie Bell and Homer Harmon Garrett. Her family left Texas and finally settled in Montrose, Colo. There she met and married Roy Owen Brady on Feb. 21, 1945. She was a homemaker and worked alongside Roy as they farmed and ranched. In 1974, they moved to Nancy and farmed until 1982, when they moved to Jerome. After the death of Roy, she sold her home and eventually moved into Hospice Visions Home. She had three children, Linda and Kenny Lyon of Rupert, Kim and Terry Way of Jerome, and Margaret and Buss (deceased) Brady of Montrose, Colo. Also survive-

ing are six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one remaining sister, Margaret Dahlbaker of Jerome.

Billie loved to fish, camp, work in her rose gardens and play family get-togethers. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Jerome and had a strong devotion to God and her family. Billie will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell.

The family requests memorials be made to the Special Olympics or to the charity of one's choice. The family would also like to express their sincere thanks to Miralida Maria and all those at Hospice Visions for their love and tender care.

Berta Jean Turner

Berta Jean Turner, was born Sept. 4, 1920, in Twin Falls, and gently left this world Dec. 5, 2007, at home while being cared for by her children.



She was the daughter of Victor and Annie Mae Legault of Harze Hom. She attended school at Hazelton, graduating in 1948. Throughout her high school years, she was active as a member of the basketball team. During her sophomore year, she played on the All-Star Girls Basketball team and was team captain her senior year. Hazelton had a most successful season without any losses and had the honor of being the only team in their division of being undefeated in the state. Most was awarded the title of Most Valuable Player for 1947-48.

In 1949, she married her high school sweetheart, Gene Turner. During the early years of their marriage, they spent time near their families in Hazelton. On Jan. 1, 1961, they purchased the family farm and relocated to Hagerman. Mom enjoyed making new friends while being active in the community through square dancing, pinocle and her children's school activities. Mom welcomed everyone and anyone into her home, and they were ever fortunate enough to know our mother, you never felt unwelcome or left her home hungry. Her first grandchild, Bob, was the one you like to eat" when she wasn't working with Dad on the farm, she enjoyed sewing, cooking, oil painting and putting miles on the family car going to multiple yard sales. In 2003, our par-

ents purchased their home in Twin Falls. New friends were created and welcomed again into her home and her heart.

She is survived by her five children, Terry Parker of Sandy, Utah, Susan (LARRY) Heaton of Idaho Falls, Shelley of Hazelton, Olie Turner of Boise, and Vickie Turner of Boise. In addition to eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, whom she loved and cherished dearly. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gene Turner; father, Victor Legault; mother, Annie Mae Legault; sister, Allene Perkins; and brother, Dean Legault.

Mother will forever be remembered for teaching us honesty, the importance of forgiveness, keeping harmony in our lives, family values and that family always comes first.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Mike Seward officiating. A reception will immediately the service at the Park's. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First Choice Home Care and Hospice of the Magic Valley, ID 83301, (202) 736-0900; or the Nazarene Church, P.O. Box 415, Kimberly, ID 83341 (208) 423-5200.

The family would like to express their thanks to Wicky Boloson, RN; Pastor Mike Seward; and her dear friend and neighbor, Helen Shaff, for the wonderful friendship and care provided in her

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

ARRAIGNMENTS (DEC. 20)

D. Williamson, 27, Filer; driving under the influence, plea: guilty, public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; posted bond. Antonio C. Ramirez, 26, Twin Falls; domestic battery, plea: innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; \$5,000 bond. Michael J. Witherspoon, 37, Twin Falls; domestic battery; plea: innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; released on own recognizance. Florentino Gutierrez, 26, Hartford, Calif.; possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal drug tax stamp, possession of a concealed weapon; plea: innocent; public defender denied; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 12; posted bond. Lonne R. Johnson, 51, Boise; grand theft by disposing of stolen property; plea: innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 21; \$10,000 bond. Benjamin D. Rasmussen, 22, Twin Falls; felony driving under the influence; plea: innocent; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 21; \$10,000 bond. Victor O. Salazar, 22, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, possession

of drug paraphernalia, driving without privileges second offense, illegal drug tax stamp, possession of a concealed weapon, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance; plea: innocent; public defender denied; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; \$5,000 bond. Kimberly K. Behlmann, 39, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; plea: innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; released on own recognizance. Travis E. Carroll, 24, Murtaugh; failure to appear-driving with out privileges; plea: innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; \$1,000 bond. Robert A. Humstman II, 24, Twin Falls; failure to appear-failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; plea: innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 22; \$300 bond.

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Goodies with Santa in Burley Thursday

Goodies with Santa, presented by Zeb at the Ranch, will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley. Cost is \$5 per person. All proceeds will go to Project Redupol, an organization

that sends holiday care packages to military personnel serving overseas. The event will include refreshments, door prizes and entertainment. There will also be a tribute to the military. For more information: 878-8645.

Message

Continued from page D1 the presentation was constructive.

"I think it's a positive message for students to know it's their choice to make good decisions," said the parent, Paul Krumm. Savard said he has visited schools with his hypno-logic, anti-drunk driving show for about 11 years. But Tuesday's visit was only his first of the year because of Las Vegas performance constraints and other obligations. Last year he did more than 200 shows.

Twin Falls High School students called Savard clown, begging for him to come to the school with his show. They crowded

around him Tuesday after the performance asking how to hypnotize people.

"Definitely others should see it. It sends a powerful message with actual emotions that are played out," said Tom Sanford, 16.

Students could relate to how the message was delivered and powerfully. I could envision what it would be like," said 16-year-old William Dimmock. Principal Ben Allen said other educational activities because parental waivers weren't signed or returned, and some students preferred not to attend.

Pile

Continued from page D1 A letter written by Hybee to Tri-C, dated Nov. 1, outlines that the city suggests 20 feet of the pile be removed to allow a buffer between the clear zone and the top of the pile.

"They have until the end of the year," said Mayor Charles Sheridan. "If nothing happens by then we will get in contact with them and take the next step."

Sheridan expects the issue to be dealt with soon.

"If they don't get it taken care of they will probably get another letter," Sheridan said. "We are willing to negotiate but it can't just remain unchanged forever." Gail Clark, wife to Ron Clark, said that Tri-C is aware of the pile, has had correspondence with city officials and is taking steps to correct the problem.

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DEATH NOTICES

Randall Atwood

RANDALL — Randall "Randy" Atwood, age 47, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at his home from an apparent heart attack.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, with visiting from 11 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, both at the Wood River Chapel in Halley. A service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Bidwell Funeral Home in St. Anthony.

Loretta L. Harris

BURLEY — Loretta L. Harris, 76, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at the Canyon Regional Medical Center in Burley. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Burley LDS 5th Ward Chapel.

2420 Park Ave.; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main in Burley and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Brent L. Huether

Brent Lamar Huether, 52, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Thelma Goodwin

BURLEY — Thelma Goodwin, 97, of Burley, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at the Warren House. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

SERVICES

Hubert L. Hansen of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center. Visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Joyce Sue Kincheloe of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Stacey Brown of Salmon, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Faith Bible Chapel in Salmon; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at Casey Funeral Home in Salmon.

Berle W. Riese of Fairfield, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Doris Vaughan of Twin Falls, graveside inurnment at 11 a.m. Jan. 11, 2008, at the Elmwood Cemetery in

Gooding (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Robert Wiley Meyers of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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Government on hunt for potato pest from Canada

By Heith Ridler
Associated Press writer

HOISE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is hunting for seed potato shipments to eight states from Canada that it fears might have been carrying a microscopic, wormlike pest that attacks potato plants.

The department has banned additional shipments into the U.S. and plans to search for the golden nematode in fields in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, North Dakota, Colorado, Maine and Nebraska, said Larry Hawkins, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Sacramento, Calif.

U.S. officials are concerned that discovery of the golden nematode in any of the eight states could lead to some countries banning U.S. potatoes, which happens every 2006 with the discovery of the similar pale potato cyst nematode in Idaho, Hawkins said Tuesday.

The department closed the U.S. border to seed potatoes from the Canadian province of Alberta on Nov. 1 after officials with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency on Oct. 23 announced the discovery of the golden nematode at two farms about 60 miles apart.

"At this point the concern we have is whether or not Canada has been able to determine what the extent of the infestation is in Canada," Hawkins said.

Earlier this month, Mexico also cut off shipments of Alberta seed potatoes.

Canadian seed growers have since mounted a campaign to reopen the U.S. border.

"From our perspective we don't think the ban is justified," said Alain Boucher, national manager of the potato cyst nematode emergency section of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. "Some farms have no association at all with the two fields, but by default they are all treated the same way."

He said it is unclear how the nematode got into Alberta, but an investigation is being conducted.

Seed Potato Growers of Alberta recently sent a letter to U.S. clients asking them to contact agriculture officials to request the restrictions be lifted.

"They're lobbying very hard to get the U.S. potato growers to accept seed potatoes, and we feel that's very risky," said Hawkins.

The nematodes feed at the roots of potato plants and can reduce crop production by 60 percent. Officials say the pest is not harmful to humans and doesn't have any effect on the potatoes themselves.

Seed potatoes are an inch or two in diameter and are often grown in cooler areas at higher elevations. When planted, they grow into potato plants that produce more potatoes.

Morgan said he is dealing with the discovery in 2006 of the pale potato cyst nematode, which initially led Canada and Mexico to ban all fresh potato imports from Idaho, and Japan to ban all fresh U.S. potato imports.

Earlier this year, Canada and Mexico lifted their bans. Japan still bans fresh potatoes from Idaho, but accepts them from other U.S. states.

U.S. officials said those countries relaxed restrictions on U.S. growers as a result of extensive testing in Idaho. Mike Cooper, deputy administrator at the Idaho Department of Agriculture, said officials in Canada have not yet completed that kind of testing.

"It took us 35,000 or 40,000 (soil) samples to figure out what we had," he said. "And (Alberta) is only two months into it and they've only taken 3,000 samples. As far as I'm concerned, they're barely gotten a good start on looking at their situation."

"We don't need another kind of nematode."

Idaho's testing helped locate the "index" field, or heaviest concentration of the pale nematodes.

He said the index field in Alberta has not been found. Hawkins said not knowing the extent of the problem in Alberta makes it more difficult for U.S. officials to determine what problems they face. He also said finding where all the seed potatoes from Alberta have been planted in the U.S. might be impossible.

"We'd like to be able to trace any potential seed shipments from Alberta all the way back to where they might have been planted," Hawkins said. "However, I don't know that we'll be able to do that. I'm not certain

that the shipments are identity preserved all the way to a field."

Idaho grows about one-third of all the potatoes in the United States, and this year produced 13.2 billion pounds. This year's crop is still being tested, but last year's slightly smaller crop was worth \$712 million to Idaho farmers.

The state imports about 5 percent of its seed potatoes in all varieties from Alberta, and Cooper predicted possible shortages of red and yellow potatoes as a result of the ban.

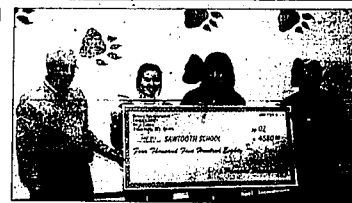
Washington imports about 30 percent of its seed potatoes from Alberta, said Brad White, pest program manager for the Washington State Department of Agriculture. He predicted some growers will face seed potato shortages.

"Once the federal side determines the sales of potentially infested seed potatoes, then we'll have an idea of how big our exposure is," White said.

Oregon imports up to 13 percent of its seed potatoes from Alberta, said Jim Cramer of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. He said state authorities will be working with federal officials to find fields planted with seed potatoes from Alberta.

He said Oregon growers will likely face seed potato shortages.

"Some of them are scrambling for seed," he said. "But the U.S. can't in good conscience open up the seed potato border."



From left, Mr. Rutledge, principal of Sawtooth Elementary; Jessica Pletcher, PTO treasurer; Darin Mason, PTO president and Scott Pierce, Blue Lakes Rotary.

Rotary Club presents check to Sawtooth Elementary

The Blue Lakes Rotary Club presented a check to Sawtooth Elementary School in the amount of \$4,050 from the proceeds of a pancake breakfast held at the school.

The Rotary club helps elementary schools to provide additional funding for projects or supplies. Each year the club puts on a pancake breakfast at a local elementary school.

Food donations were supplied from area sponsors including McDonald's, Magic Valley Mall, Fred Meyer, Independent Meat, United Butyraman of Idaho, Farmer's Brothers Coffee and Lamb Weston.

Club members cooked and served the breakfast and thanked students and Rotarians sold the tickets with all proceeds going to the school. The Blue Lakes Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls. Guests are welcome.

Albion celebrates season with Christmas party

The Albion Community Christmas Program will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Debrah building at 124 Vaughn St.

The program will be by the Albion Elementary School students as well as some other special numbers. The Grange will present its Community Citizen Award.

Santa will visit at the end of the program and present bags of treats prepared by Grange members to the children. There is no charge to attend.

For more information: Albion Elementary School, 673-6653.

Group to visit Daughters of Utah Pioneers headquarters

On Friday, the Minidoka Company Daughters of Utah Pioneers will sponsor a bus trip to Salt Lake City to visit the international headquarters of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP).

Camp members will tour the DUP museum and attend a Christmas Jubilee, a program given by international DUP, titled "Christmas Remembrances."

Daughters from the five camps of the Company will be participating in the event. The five camps are: Syringa, Snake River, Star Bright, Sage Brush Beauties and Indian Point Brush.

The bus will leave at 8 a.m. from the Rupert First Ward Building, 806 G St. Daughters will take a sack lunch to eat on the way to Salt Lake and the Company will provide a snack for the bus ride back to Rupert.

Any woman over the age of 10 who has an ancestor that came to Utah Territory before the completion of the railroad, May 10, 1869, is eligible to join Daughters of Utah Pioneers. For information about joining one of the Camps in the Minidoka Company: President Lova Taylor, 436-4025.

Snow tracks first physical evidence of wolves paired in Oregon

By Jeff Barmad
Associated Press writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — For the first time, state fish and wildlife trappers have physical evidence that two wolves have paired up after moving into northeastern Oregon from Idaho.

Tracks found by a rancher in snow near the southern edge of the Eagle Cap Wilderness about 20 miles north of Baker City appear to be from two wolves walking side-by-side. One set of tracks was larger than the other, which could mean one is male and one female.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wolf coordinators Morgan and Barmad stressed that they don't know whether Oregon has its first pair of breeding wolves since wolves were wiped out by bounty hunters a century ago. Males and females often travel together without breeding, there is no way to tell the ages of the animals

from the tracks, and breeding season isn't until February.

Biologists followed the tracks for three-eighths of a mile before the snow ran out. Since they were rechecked in late October, other sets of single tracks have been found in the area, Morgan said.

Morgan said the tracks were found by a rancher checking on his cattle grazing on the Wallawa-Whitman National Forest, but there has been no indication of any livestock, elk or deer killed by wolves in the area.

Biologists have long expected that wolves would spread west after they were reintroduced to Central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park in 1995. The Idaho wolf population numbers more than a dozen years ago, but they leave the pack and strike out for new territories rather than overcover an old one.

To get to northeastern Oregon, they just have to swim the Snake River or walk across a bridge or dam. At least five wolves are known to have reached Oregon since 1999.

Wolves are protected by federal and state law, so it is illegal to shoot or trap them, even if they attack livestock. Oregon has adopted a wolf management plan that sets a goal of four breeding pairs each in Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon.

"This is really the first time we've documented more than one wolf traveling together," Morgan said. "This is not a surprise. We've expected wolves to enter Oregon from Idaho. We've expected them to find each other and group up like wolves do."

"I think this represents how things are changing as wolves come in," he added. "The reports we receive now of multiple animals are increasing. Now we are

finding actual field signs of multiple animals. I think that does represent a significant change in northeastern Oregon."

Once trackers have a good idea where the wolves are living, they plan to put out live traps, so they can put a radio-tracking collar on a wolf and set it free to track its territory and look for evidence of breeding.

In all, Morgan is keeping tabs on four areas that may be occupied by wolves on the outskirts of the Eagle Cap Wilderness, the largest and most remote tract of wilderness in Oregon and a prime spot for wolves to settle.

North of the town of Elgin in the Wenah River drainage, tracks have been found that may represent two wolves. East of Joseph in the Big Sheep Creek District, there have been sightings reported, but no tracks found. And more reports have come in from an area north of Halfway.

Committee reviews Moscow measure seeking power to regulate guns

MOSCOW (AP) — A city administrative committee has finished reviewing a proposal to ask state lawmakers to let cities restrict guns in certain areas.

The next step is for the resolution to be viewed by the City Council, which is expected to do so before the end of the year. If approved by the council, city officials want to have the resolution introduced as a bill in the 2008 Legislature.

The resolution reviewed by the committee Monday states that "the city believes that the right to bear arms should be secondary to the right of all citizens to be granted free and full access to the public process, to government, and to public facilities and spaces."

Mayor Nancy Chaney has sought restrictions since a gunman over a rampage in May killing three people and wounding three others before killing himself.

She has said that someone might be afraid to speak openly at public meetings knowing some people in attendance are carrying guns. She said she's not seeking a citywide gun ban, only the ability to restrict weapons in such places as City Hall.

Council members Kit Craine and Tom Lamar agree with Chaney that there is no reason to carry a weapon in City Hall, city buildings, parks and youth recreation sites.

"Whether or not the state Legislature acts on it — I think it would be unfortunate

if they didn't," Lamar said.

The proposal notes that gun safety training city employees have felt threatened by "angry and/or belligerent citizens."

City Attorney Randy Fife told the *Lexington Tribune* that the resolution is designed to begin a discussion at the state level about letting cities restrict guns. An earlier attempt by Moscow to restrict firearms failed when the attorney general's office ruled the city didn't have legal authority to restrict guns on city property.

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Colorado church gunman may have warned of second deadly attack over the Internet

By George Merritt
Associated Press writer

DENVER — In between his two deadly shooting sprees, church gunman Matthew Murray apparently posted a furious threat on the Internet to kill Christians. But whether the warning reached police before he struck again was unclear Tuesday.



Phil Aboya, spokesperson for the family of church gunman Matthew Murray, delivers a message from Murray's family during a news conference in Arvada, Colo., Monday.

The FBI would not immediately confirm that. The threatening message was posted on a site for former Pentecostals at 9:55 a.m. or 10:55 a.m. — the time zone was not clear, said Joe Istre, site administrator and president of the Association of Former Pentecostals.

Either way, that was several hours after Murray killed two people at Youth With a Mission, a training center for missionaries in the Denver suburb of Arvada, and at least two hours before he killed two more people at the New Life Church in Colorado

Springs around 1 p.m. Denver FBI spokeswoman Renee Vonder Haar said the agency began an investigation immediately after receiving a phone call at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. She refused to discuss the nature of the call but said the information was passed on to police in Arvada and Colorado Springs.

However, Colorado Springs police Sgt. Scott Schwall said that police there did not learn the Murray family home's address in Englewood until after the church shootings, and that a search did not

begin until well after dark. Arvada police spokeswoman Susan Medina confirmed that the FBI passed on information regarding the mission center shootings at about 10:30 a.m. She would not discuss the information in detail but said "we began work on that tip immediately."

Medina said Arvada detectives did not go to Murray's home and speak to his family until 3 p.m., well after the second attack. Medina said police cannot say with certainty who nightmchld26 is. Murray was dismissed from Youth With a Mission in 2002 for what the training center has described only as health reasons. Youth With a Mission maintains an office at the New Life Church.

An autopsy determined that Murray killed himself with a bullet to the head after he was brought down by gunfire from a volunteer security guard at the church, authorities said.

The online threats appear to include whole passages lifted from a manifesto written by Eric Harris, one of the teens who carried out the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School — 13 miles from Murray's hometown. In the weeks before the shooting, nightmchld26 posted a number of messages about his own pain, despair and fury toward Christianity.

New study says overall drug use declining among teens, but painkillers remain popular

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Illicit drug use by teens continued to gradually decline overall this year, but the use of prescription painkillers remains popular among young people, according to a federally financed study released Tuesday at the White House.

The survey, by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, looked at the behavior of 6th, 10th and 12th graders nationwide. The study, in its 33rd year, found that overall drug use is falling, thanks to a drop in the popularity of marijuana and methamphetamines. But it also found that teen use of other drugs, such as cocaine, is holding steady, and narcotics like OxyContin and Vicodin remain in vogue.

Overall, the proportion of 8th graders reporting use of an illicit drug at least once in the 12 months before the survey was 24 percent in 1995. It now has fallen to 13 percent — a drop of nearly half.

Among 10th graders, the rates dropped from 39 per-

cent to 28 percent between 1997 and 2007. Twelfth graders saw a decline from a peak of 42 percent in 1997 to 36 percent this year.

"The cumulative declines since recent peak levels of drug involvement in the mid-1990s are quite substantial especially among the youngest students," said Lloyd Johnston, the principal investigator for the study, which was financed by the National Institute on Drug Use. It surveyed 50,000 teens.

The drugs most responsible for this year's decline in illicit drug use are marijuana and various stimulants, including amphetamines, methamphetamine and crystal methamphetamine.

"The most encouraging statistic relates to the use of methamphetamine, which has plummeted by an impressive 64 percent since 2001," President Bush said.

"One exception to this trend is a rise in the abuse of certain prescription painkillers," Bush said. "This is troubling, and we're going to continue to confront the challenge and the overall direction is hopeful."

Police: 6 students shot after getting off school bus in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Six junior high or high school students were shot Tuesday after they got off a school bus, and two were critically hurt, police said.

Gunshots rang out in northeast Las Vegas just before 2 p.m., Officer Bill Cassell said. Six young people were transported to area hospitals. Four had minor gunshot injuries and two were in critical condition, Cassell said.

At least two people are believed to have taken part in the shootings, he said. Police were not saying whether the shooting suspects were on foot or in a vehicle.

The shooting occurred less than a mile from two elementary schools, Woolley and Clyde Cox Elementary Schools. A Clark County School District official said the schools were not closed.

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Two truck bombs kill at least 26 in Algerian capital

UN buildings heavily damaged

By Hassano Melahi
Associated Press writer



Rescuers help an injured man from the site of a bomb blast in Algiers, Tuesday. Car bomb attacks targeting United Nations offices and a government council killed at least 26 people and injured scores of others in Algeria's capital on Tuesday, authorities said.

ALGIERS, Algeria — Truck bombs exploded minutes apart Tuesday in central Algiers, heavily damaging U.N. offices and partly ripping the facade off a government building. At least 26 people were killed, including U.N. workers, and scores were wounded, officials said.

The North African branch of al-Qaida claimed responsibility in a Web site posting and said suicide bombers carried out the attack. Jihadists in Iraq who later affiliated with al-Qaida were blamed for attacking the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad in 2003, killing 22.

The two bombs exploded around 9:30 a.m., and one had deliberately targeted United Nations offices, according to the head of the U.N. refugee agency in Geneva. The other bomb struck outside Algeria's Constitutional Council, said Interior Minister Noureddine Yazid Zerhouni.

Al-Qaida-linked militants who were arrested after deadly April bombings in Algeria had identified those buildings as among their future targets, the official AP news agency quoted him as saying.

A small tanker truck was used in the U.N. attack while it was used in the other bombing, he said.

A statement on a militant Web site said two "martyrs" of al-Qaida in Islamic North Africa drove vehicles each

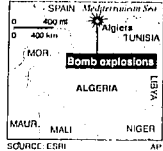
loaded with more than 1,700 pounds of explosives "to attack the headquarters of the International 'Infidels' den" and the Algerian Constitutional Council.

"This is another successful conquest... carried out by the Knights of the Faith with their blood in defense of the wounded nation of Islam," said the statement.

The attacks killed 26 people, an Interior Ministry statement said, adding that the dead included two U.N. staffers — one Danish, the other Senegalese. Also among the dead were three people from Asia, although their nationalities were not given.

As many as 177 people were wounded.

U.N. spokeswoman Marie Okabe said in New York that five U.N. employees were believed to be among the



U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon strongly condemned the bombings as a "cowardly strike" and ordered "a review of security."

"This is just unacceptable," said a southern Islam, who was in Bali, Indonesia, for a U.N. climate conference. "I would like to condemn it in the strongest terms. It cannot be justified in any circumstances."

The Bush administration added its denunciation.

"We condemn this attack on the United Nations office by these enemies of humanity who attack the innocent. The United States stands with the people of Algeria, as well as the United Nations as they deal with this senseless violence," said National Security Council spokesman Gordon Johndroe.

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Former Peru President Fujimori convicted, sentenced to six years for abuse of authority

By Monte Hayes
Associated Press writer

LIMA, Peru — Former President Alberto Fujimori was convicted and sentenced to six years in prison on Tuesday on a charge of abuse of authority stemming from an illegal search he ordered as his government imploded in scandal seven years ago.

Supreme Court Judge Pedro Guillermo Urbina declared that Fujimori was guilty of abusing his power when he ordered an aide to pose as a prosecutor and search the luxury apartment of the wife of his spy chief without a warrant in November 2000. He also fined him the equivalent of \$134,900.

quickly with his defense lawyer and then addressed the judge, saying he was "partially" appealing the sentence and the fine. He did not elaborate.

The trial on the charge of abuse of authority was conducted in closed hearings before a single judge because it involved a minor charge. The trials are taking place at the police base on the eastern outskirts of Lima where Fujimori is being held.

The search of the apartment of Montesinos' wife was conducted without a court order, Fujimori admitted ordering one of his military aides, an army officer, to pass himself off as a prosecutor during the search.

It was the first prison sentence handed down for Fujimori, 69, who ruled Peru from 1990 to 2000, before fleeing to Japan, his ancestral homeland, as his government collapsed. He faces three other trials on charges that include murder, kidnapping and corruption.

On Monday, an indignant Fujimori shouted his innocence and waved his arms in outrage as he went on trial in a separate case on charges he authorized an army death squad to kill leftist rebels and collaborators. He faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted for his alleged role in the killings, which came amid a government crackdown on a bloody Marxist insurgency.

Fujimori showed little emotion during Tuesday's hearing. After the sentence was read, Fujimori consulted

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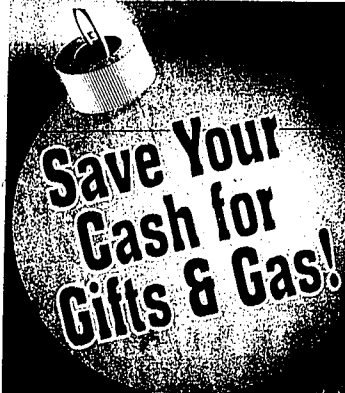
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Stocks fall on Fed rate cut

(AP) Stocks fell Tuesday after the Federal Reserve lowered its benchmark interest rate by 0.25 percent, disappointing some investors who hoped the central bank would be more aggressive.

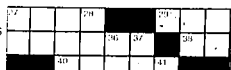
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Fed cuts key interest rate for third time in 3 months

Policy makers say further cuts are possible

By **Martin Crottsinger**
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve cut the key interest rate by one-quarter of a percentage point Tuesday, trying to keep the country out of recession.

The reduction in the federal funds rate to 4.25 percent marked the third rate cut in the past three months. Fed officials signaled that further cuts were possible if a severe downturn in housing and a crisis in mortgage lending get worse.

Commercial banks were expected to quickly match the latest reduction by trimming their prime lending rate, which would reduce this

benchmark rate for millions of consumer and business loans to 7.25 percent.

In addition to cutting the funds rate, the Fed announced it was reducing its discount rate, the interest it charges to make direct loans to banks, by a quarter-point as well to 4.75 percent. This reduction was aimed at encouraging banks to borrow more freely from the Fed at a time when there are worries that a rising number of bad loans will prompt banks to tighten credit conditions too severely, adding another strain on the already fragile economy.

The Fed embarked on this round of rate cuts in September in response to severe turbulence in credit markets around the globe as investors reacted to various reports of mounting losses on mortgages, the latest fallout from the worst slump in the



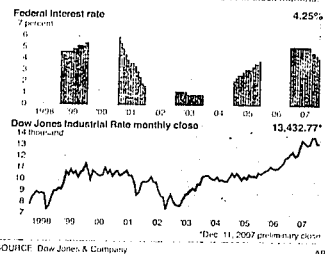
A television screen in a booth on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange announces the Fed interest rate decision Tuesday.

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After cutting the funds rate by a half-point on Sept. 11 and a quarter-point on Oct. 31, the central bank indicated that these two reductions might be all that were needed

Fed interest rate and the Dow drop

The Federal Reserve lowered its key rate by a quarter point Tuesday. This rate is one factor that causes movement on the stock markets.



SOURCE: Dow Jones & Company

to combat the threat of a recession given that financial markets appeared to be stabilizing.

However, increased market turbulence following the

October meeting and growing fears of a recession caused the Fed to do an about-face.

In a brief statement explaining its action, the Fed

said that recent economic data indicated that the economy was "slowing," reflecting the intensification of the housing correction and some softening in business and consumer spending.

"The Fed also noted that 'strains in financial markets have increased in recent weeks.'"

In its Oct. 31 statement, the Fed said it viewed the risks from weak growth as roughly balanced with the risks of higher inflation.

However, that phrase was changed in the current statement to read, "Recent developments, including the deterioration in financial market conditions, have increased the uncertainty surrounding the outlook for economic growth and inflation."

The Fed vote for the rate cut was 9 to 1 with Eric S. Rosengren dissenting, arguing for a bigger half-point cut in the funds rate.

Growth industry

Burley's Department of Labor office to hold job fair today

For the Times-News

Mini-Cassia's economic development professionals have five big reasons to celebrate these days — that is the number of major construction projects underway for new industrial facilities coming to the area.

In addition to Dutchman Manufacturing, Brewster Dairy, Gossner Foods, a Les Schwab plant and other industries that took over existing industrial sites, the latest companies are building from the ground up.

Pacific Ethanol and Renova Energy are building ethanol production plants in Burley and Heyburn. Packaging Specialties and Dot Foods, an operator of redistribution centers, are building at Washington Street and 100 South, just west of Burley — the same area Pacific is building in. Hi-Desert Milk is building a production facility along Bedke Boulevard near Highway 30.

The industries will soon be creating more than construction jobs for the area. Packaging Specialties, an Arkansas-based company that prints graphics and text on plastic packaging, will hold a job fair at the Idaho Department of Labor's Burley office, 127 West 5th St. N., from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The company, which announced its expansion to Mini-Cassia Nov. 15, expects to employ around 25 initially with good starting wages and benefits, according to a press release issued at that time. Living wages and benefit packages have been conditions of economic development professionals charged with recruiting companies to the area in recent years.

Construction is underway for the 25,000-square-foot printing facility, which is slated to begin operations in February 2008. Jan Rogers, executive director for Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, said she expects job fairs to be held in coming months for Dot and Pacific.

PROTECTING YOUR PET

Pet insurance companies help owners afford costly bills

By **Erica Littlefield**
Times-News correspondent

Pets are part of the family, and just like human family members, there are options to help pay for their medical expenses when they are sick or injured.

Pet insurance companies, such as Boise-based Pets Best, offer policies that cover accidents, illnesses and routine care for dogs and cats. Founder and president of Pets Best, Dr. Jack Stephens said pet insurance is on the rise and can help prevent economic euthanasia, or a situation where a pet owner has to put their dog or cat to sleep because they can't afford to pay for the medical care they need.

"There's nothing more heartbreaking than not to be able to treat a pet who is a valued family member," Stephens said.

About three years ago, Stephens crossed paths with Greg McDonald, chairman of General Fire and Casualty in Boise, as well as founder and past president of McDonald Insurance in Twin Falls.

McDonald's son, Pete, and his partners purchased McDonald insurance in 2000 and renamed it Premier Insurance.

McDonald shared Stephens' vision for a simple, user-friendly pet insurance business. A year ago, they joined forces to start Pets Best.

"It became clear to me that some pet owners didn't have the opportunity or money to take care of their pets properly," Stephens said.

After retiring from VPI in 2004, he founded Pets Best in 2005. Stephens said he has seen the number of pet insurance policy holders increase dramatically in the last 10 years as more customers hear about the insurance and are willing to do more for their pets.

Pet insurance is similar to human medical insurance in many ways. With Pets Best, cus-



Tara Martens of Twin Falls purchased insurance for her dogs through Pets Best Insurance to help cover any unexpected health costs.

tomers can choose plans that offer a lower monthly payment or more coverage. After customers pay a deductible, the company reimburses 80 percent of the costs of things like visits to a vet, laboratory tests, and even prescription medicine.

"It's pretty gratifying to see pets receiving care that would be

unheard of without insurance," Stephens said.

Tara Martens, an attorney with Moffatt Thomas in Twin Falls, is a policy holder with Pets Best. She insures her two dogs and two cats with the company and has been pleased with the coverage it provides, especially when it comes to accidents and

routine care.

When Martens' 7-year-old lab cross Toga needed stitches and a root canal after getting caught in a rodent trap, her Pets Best policy helped cover the expenses.

"It made a big difference to me to have that care available to her," Martens said.

According to Stephens, the average monthly cost of a policy with Pets Best is \$25 for a cat and \$32 for a dog. The plans have no annual limits, and lifetime limits from \$42,500 to \$100,000. Stephens said the expense can make customers shy away from insuring their pets. However, he also said when people think about what their pets give back to them, they often decide the money to keep them happy and healthy is worth it.

"Giving back to them is a reward for all they do for us," said Stephens.

Stephens and Pets Best are also making efforts to give back to the pet community in general. The company recently joined forces with Oneura Partners, a national pet care specialty firm, to provide free cancer consultations to any pet that has been diagnosed with the disease. In July, it also pledged \$1 million to the Morris Animal Foundation's campaign to find a cure for canine cancer.

Dr. Zsigmond Szanto, veterinarian and owner of Twin Falls Veterinary Clinic and Hospital, works with several pet insurance companies, including Pets Best. Szanto said Pets Best is one of the most pet-friendly companies he's worked with.

Szanto said many pets can be predisposed to issues like joint problems, and insurance can help cover the cost of treating those issues.

"You can almost anticipate that over the life of a pet, they're going to have a problem like that," Szanto said.

Szanto also said that just like any kind of insurance, it is important for pet owners to select the policy that best suits their needs. Whatever policy pet lovers select, Szanto believes it's money well spent.

"Just for the peace of mind, it's worth it," Szantos said.

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Gom State Succo-15 temp construction laborers in Gen Job ID 21/08-1130/08. Perform tasks involving physical labor at construction sites. May operate hand tools and may clean and prepare silos, dig trenches, set bracks to support the sides of excavations, erect scaffolding, clean up rubble and debris, and remove asbestos, lead and other hazardous waste materials. Must assist other craft workers \$24.00/hour. No experience. Resume to DWS, Idaho Department of Labor 317 W. Main St. Field Support, Boise, ID 83735-0810. Job Order # 1295955

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FIRST FEDERAL

First Federal Bank is currently seeking applications for a Security Assistant

The ideal candidate will perform general clerical duties; possess excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills. Computer skills should include word processing and spreadsheet capabilities. Candidate should be a self-starter, work independently and be proficient at organizing and analyzing data.

Candidates may pick up an application at any First Federal branch location. Send to First Federal Bank attention Human Resources P.O. Box 249, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, call Becky Curtis (208) 933-4222.

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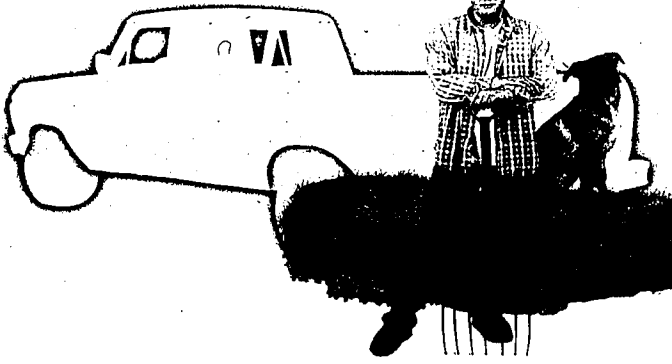
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