



UPSET SUNDAY

Cowboys crumble against Giants, Chargers stun Colts in NFL playoffs.

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SHE'S BACK

Jan Mittleider's biweekly health column returns.

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TAMING TEMPTATION

See how our fitness warriors survived the holidays.

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A LITTLE BIT MORE



Stephanie Constable gets a kiss Saturday from her daughter Kylee Richey, 6, as she sits in the shallow end of Twin Falls city pool while holding her 10-month-old daughter, Corrin. The YMCA is seeking to raise admission fees at the pool.

Pool, City Recreation want to increase fees

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

It could get a bit more expensive to take a dip, hit a softball or sink a basket in Twin Falls. The city and the YMCA, which manages the pool, worked a fee increase into the Y's contract negotiations during the last few months. It approved by the City Council at a public hearing scheduled for Jan. 22, the cost of an annual pass to the pool for adults and family would go up about 15 percent to \$190 and \$260, respectively. It's been five years since rates have increased at the pool. "After five years, it's time to do something," said Karen Jachimowski Sharpnack, CEO of the Twin Falls YMCA. "The increases are necessary, she said, because general costs for the pool have risen while the entrance fees have stayed steady. Besides supplies and equipment, she named the recent minimum wage increase and raises for long-time staff members as the driving factors for the request. Renting the facility for a minimum of two hours would cost 20 percent more, or \$120. And daily admissions for those without passes would go up by \$1 each, to \$3 for youths and \$4 for adults. A \$170 youth pass would make it cheaper for parents to buy a pool pass for one child, though Jachimowski Sharpnack said families would still find a family pass cheaper.

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Obenauer thinks that's a bad idea. "The residuals that come from these power plants don't stop at a county line," she said. "More people besides commissioners need to be involved in the siting process. I wouldn't want a nuclear facility built in Wendell in Gooding County without a say, because I'm downwind." Earlier this year, Rickards announced plans to gather 46,000 signatures required for a statewide ballot initiative. If his measure passes, new nuclear power plant permits would require the approval of two-thirds of Idaho voters. The proposal is based on similar laws in Oregon and Washington. Under current Idaho law, nuclear permits are granted by three-person county boards, in most cases. That's how many Republicans would like to keep it, saying local decisions should be made by local people. Activists and Democrats have said by commissioners lack the expertise to make those decisions. Please see NUCLEAR, Page A3

Obenauer joins activist in anti-nuclear effort

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

A Twin Falls activist has recruited a new ally in his effort to change siting laws for nuclear power plants. Jerome County Commissioner Diana Obenauer has joined the grassroots campaign of Peter Rickards, a Twin Falls podiatrist and longtime anti-nuclear activist who wants to pass a ballot initiative that would require statewide voter approval for a nuclear power plant permit. The endorsement is significant because Obenauer is a Republican county commissioner, and most conservative lawmakers in Idaho want to leave permit issues up to county boards. Obenauer thinks that's a bad idea. "The residuals that come from these power plants don't stop at a county line," she said. "More people besides commissioners need to be involved in the siting process. I wouldn't want a nuclear facility built in Wendell in Gooding County without a say, because I'm downwind." Earlier this year, Rickards announced plans to gather 46,000 signatures required for a statewide ballot initiative. If his measure passes, new nuclear power plant permits would require the approval of two-thirds of Idaho voters. The proposal is based on similar laws in Oregon and Washington. Under current Idaho law, nuclear permits are granted by three-person county boards, in most cases. That's how many Republicans would like to keep it, saying local decisions should be made by local people. Activists and Democrats have said by commissioners lack the expertise to make those decisions. Please see NUCLEAR, Page A3

Find more

View a copy of the nuclear-related ballot initiative proposal at <http://www.myspace.com/ida-hoenergy>.



Obenauer



Rickards

Otter family ranch receives wildfire aid

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The company's primary stockholder is Otter's ex-wife, Gay Simplot. Otter worked for 30 years for Simplot. The ranch is used for livestock owned by the Simplot Company. The land is in a trust fund for Otter's children from his first marriage, according to Otter's office. Otter did not intervene on behalf of Gay Simplot, and the rehabilitation efforts were coordinated among state and federal agencies, said Chuck Jones, ranch operation manager for Simplot Livestock Management Company, which has 16 ranches. "The governor didn't use his influence as an ex-husband of Gay Simplot to get us anything. He was concerned about everybody, not just Simplot ranches." Jones said that Gay Simplot and her family members are primary stockholders. It said that the state and federal land by the ranch is mixed within its private land. Please see WILDFIRE, Page A3

HOISE — As Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter asks state lawmakers for millions of dollars in reserves in case wildfires devastate Idaho again in 2008, funding for rehabilitation efforts in southern Idaho have already benefited his former employer — and ex-wife. Last year, Otter issued \$2 million by executive order for rehabilitation and reseeded in the wake of the 600,000-acre Murphy Complex Fire. The money went to state-owned land, much of it used for grazing by ranchers. Among the beneficiaries was Buck Creek Ranch, a corporation owned by Simplot Livestock Management Company. About 70 percent of the ranch's land was burned. The ranch has two permits for access to 5,600 acres of state land, according to the Department of Lands. Its permit cost \$3,689 based on an annual unit count of 620.

EEK! Scientists grow rat heart

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

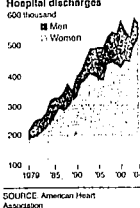
WASHINGTON — Researchers seeking new treatments for heart disease managed to grow a rat heart in the lab and start it beating. "While it still sounds like science fiction, we've hopefully opened a new door in the notion that we can build these tissues and one day provide options for patients with end-stage disease," said Dr. Doris Taylor, director of the Center for Cardiovascular Repair at the University of Minnesota. "We're not there yet, but at least now we have another tool in our tool belt." Taylor led the team whose research appeared in Sunday's online edition of the journal Nature Medicine. Scientists have worked for years for ways to grow body parts. Many efforts have focused on heart valves as an

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Living with falling hearts

The number of women discharged from hospitals for heart failure rose in 2004, while male patients lost a slight drop. Hospital discharges 600 thousand. Source: American Heart Association.



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Western storms bring deadly avalanches along with great skiing

John Palmer of the Colorado Department of Transportation stands on top of his snowplow to take a picture after making his way through an avalanche that covered U.S. Highway 550 north of Durango Colo., on Jan. 7.



By George Merritt
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Powerful storms in the West have delivered the best snow conditions in years but also have claimed lives from Colorado to Alaska, threatening to make this winter outdoor sports season the region's deadliest in recent memory. Avalanches have killed at least 15 people across the West since Nov. 12. In Washington alone, they have claimed more lives this season, the most in that state since a single slide killed 11 climbers on Mount Rainier in 1981.

"I'm not sure if they are taking more risks or if it is a lack of knowledge," said Maj. Rick Alvord of the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office in Colorado, referring to winter sports enthusiasts. The national annual average for avalanche deaths is about 25. Thirty-five people were killed nationwide in avalanches in the 2001-2002 season, the most on record, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Avalanches are the biggest killer, but they are not the only one. Blizzards, reckless skiing and snowboarding, and suddenly changing weather have also taken their toll.

On Jan. 6, a skier was killed at Colorado's Pangloss resort after skiing off a cliff in a blizzard. In Oregon, a snowboarder at Mount Hood Meadows suffocated Dec. 27 in quicksand-like snow around the base of a tree. On Jan. 7, six snowmobilers from New Mexico were rescued after being trapped for three days in a blizzard in the remote southern Colorado wilderness. But a search continued for two New Mexico snowboarders missing since Jan. 5 at the nearby Wolf Creek Ski Area. Please see STORMS, Page A3



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Tuesday
Breezy to windy at times, partly sunny and mild-cold	A little colder, a few snow showers	
High 36	Low 23	31 / 16

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Areas of morning fog, then partly to mostly sunny and dry. Highs lower 30s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and breezy. Lows near 20.
Tomorrow: Turning cloudy with a brisk wind and a chance of late snow showers. Highs near 30, lows middle teens.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Auditions for Dillatante Group of Magic Valley "Titanic," singers and dancers of all ages needed; rehearsals begin Jan. 21, 6 to 9 p.m., First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, 736-7136.
Jerome Band Concert, includes Dallas Brass with the Jerome High School Symphonic Band and Jerome Middle School Tiger Band, 7 p.m., Jerome High School Jerry Diehl Auditorium, tickets: \$10 and \$15, 324-2711 or 324-2392.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Mini-Cassia Retired Educators meeting, with head of school drug program Cary Bristol speaking on his work, odd and hander, 11 a.m., Mory's Steakhouse, Burley, guests welcome, 438-5917.
Local Chapter 1359 Narle (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) monthly meeting, with BLM Archeologist John Kyle on archeology of the Snake River Canyon and Southern Idaho, 1:30 a.m., Long Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, for all retired or active Federal employees, 733-9477.
Community Council of Idaho Regional Council membership meeting, with guest speaker Javier Claderon on the BSU/HEP program and recommendations for Board of Trustee vacancy elections, 7 p.m., 744 Overland Ave., Burley, members urged to attend, open to the public, (208) 878-1171.

FAMILY

Grandparents as Parents Support Group meeting, 6 to 7:30 a.m., College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging, Twin Falls, 736-2122.

GOVERNMENT

- Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
- Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.
- Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7302.
- Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home, 587-2129.
- Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main, 934-4841.
- Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
- Minkidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.
- Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
- Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-7801.
- Halley City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 115 Main St. S., 788-4221.
- Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N., 543-5650.
- Hanson City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 388 Main, 423-5158.
- Jerome County Planning Commission, 7 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 324-9116.
- Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln, 487-2755.
- Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school, 610 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.
- Valley School Board (Edon-Hazleton), 7 p.m., media center, 882 Valley Road S., 829-5333.
- Jan. 14 Twin Falls School Board Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900.
- Haystack School Board, 8 p.m., high school, 150 Lake St. W., 837-4777.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with a.m. stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Guiding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the old gym in Buhl; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.
Fit and Fall Pro Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Agnes S. Johnson Community (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.
Recovery for Life: "Find Hope, Discover Hope, Experience Healing," includes Divorce Care, Grief Share, Co-dependency for Women, 12-Step HOPE (addiction recovery) and Financial Peace (debt recovery), 6 to 6:45 p.m., meal served and 7 p.m. meet. 6:30, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.

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

MORNING BRIEFING

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind."
 — John Stuart Mill, English philosopher (1806-1873)

AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH CAROLINA

Suspect in slain Marine case spotted in Louisiana

JACKSONVILLE — The key suspect in the brutal slaying of a 20-year-old pregnant Marine was spotted in Louisiana and could be headed into Texas, authorities said Sunday.
 Marine Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean was seen at a Geyghound bus station in Shreveport, La., Saturday night by several fellow passengers, said Onslow County Sheriff Ed Brown. The bus Laurean was riding was headed to Texas, he said, but authorities didn't know yet if he continued on that route.
 "We're working with the U.S. Marshall's Service and other law enforcement agencies trying to locate him," Sheriff Ed Brown said. Chief Henry Whitehouse Sr. told The Associated Press.

MICHIGAN

Automakers putting forth green outlook

DETROIT — Hybrids, advanced diesels and green alternatives are pushing aside the traditional displays of speed and chrome at this week's Detroit auto show, a nod to a new fuel-efficient reality for car makers.
 Automakers, only weeks after Congress approved tougher fuel-efficiency requirements, are broadening their array of cars that get more on a gallon of gasoline, cutting carbon dioxide emissions, and using alternative power sources.
 Most of the vehicles and technologies are broad in their appeal to buyers, but the pushpins at the North American International Auto Show should further signal a shifting direction for the industry after years of pushing more horsepower and speed.

CALIFORNIA

'Atonement' wins Globe for best drama, score

REVERLY HILLS — The tragic romance "Atonement" was named best drama Sunday at a Golden Globes event that was deflated from star-studded revelry to dry, news conference-style awards announcements because of the Hollywood writers strike.



A cattle drive makes its way down Washington Blvd. in downtown Detroit on Sunday, the opening day of the North American International Auto Show. Chrysler CEO Robert Nardelli unveiled the 2009 Dodge Ram on the street outside Detroit's convention center with help of the herd of longhorn bulls. (See story below.)

Netfix's soon to offer unlimited movies streamed over Internet

SAN FRANCISCO — Girding for a potential threat from Apple Inc., online DVD rental service Netflix Inc. is lifting its limits on how long most subscribers can watch movies and television shows over high-speed Internet connections.
 The Associated Press has learned the change will become effective today, on the eve of Apple's widely anticipated move into the movie rental industry. Although Apple hasn't confirmed anything yet, Chief Executive Steve Jobs is expected to make it official during a presentation Tuesday in San Francisco.
 Netflix is gearing up for the increased competition by expanding a year-old feature that streams movies over the Internet instead of making customers wait for their online rental requests to be delivered through the mail.
 Until now, Netflix restricted how long its more than 7 million subscribers could

use the streaming service each month, based on how much they pay to rent DVDs.

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Animal cruelty, neglect cases on the rise

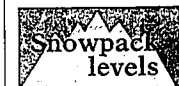
BOISE — Animal neglect and cruelty complaints are rising at a startling rate across Idaho — an increase some believe could be driven in part by the popularity of animal reality television.
 "Animal care cases have skyrocketed," state veterinarian Greg Ledbetter, head of the Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industries, said during a recent briefing for lawmakers in Boise.
 Ledbetter said complaints are up 33 percent over last year, and that the agency is on track to reach one complaint a day by year's end. In 2006, investigators dealt with 246 animal care complaints — a 15 percent increase from the previous year.
 "Television shows such as "Animal Cops" on Animal Planet, which follows animal cruelty investigators in major cities, may be driving the increase in complaints, said Bill Barton, senior veterinary medical officer in the Division of Animal Industries.
 — From wire reports

ON THE AGENDA

- TUESDAY**
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 - Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 205 1st Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.
 - Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
 - Animal Shelter Advisory Commission, noon, 305 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, 736-2296.
 - Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 6 p.m., Pandora's, Historic Downtown Twin Falls, 308-3906.
 - Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main, 543-6436.
 - Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
 - Castelford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main, 537-6511.
 - Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
 - Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 438-9500.
 - Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.
 - Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main, 536-6318.
 - Filer City Council, 7:30 a.m., council chambers, 300 Main, 326-5000.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 - Sun Valley City Council, 3 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elk Horn Road, 622-4438.
 - Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-1117.
 - Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens, 326-4369.
 - Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 - Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., council chambers, 81 Elk Horn Road, 622-4438.
 - Minkidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., council chambers, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7180.
 - Bollevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.
 - Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 141 Center St. W., 423-4170.
 - Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.

- THURSDAY**
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 - Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., council chambers, 81 Elk Horn Road, 622-4438.
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Watershed	peak	% of avg	peak
Big Wood	115%	56%	
Little Wood	109%	54%	
Little Wood	104%	49%	
Big Lost	100%	47%	
Little Lost	95%	47%	
Henrys Fork/Teton	103%	51%	
Upper Snake Basin	92%	45%	
Owley	96%	47%	
Salmon Falls	90%	43%	

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Wildfire

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The fire doesn't just start on private land, but it starts at state land and then start up again," he said. "It just burns through everything. The state and the Bureau of Land Management cooperated with everyone on how to reduce the risk."

The ranch also has an allotment, under the name Diamond A Ranch, to access about 110,000 federal acres for grazing purposes, according to the BLM. The cost, which is based on the number of animals, is \$10,070.20. It expires at the end of February. That entire allotment is shared with two other permit holders.

Buck Creek Ranch also owns 13,700 acres of private land with an allotment total close to 130,000 acres, according to the BLM.

In Idaho, there are 2,224 federal land allotments for grazing or related uses, according to the BLM. They are given in 10-year blocks and range in size from a couple of acres to thousands, said agency spokeswoman MJ Byrne.

Otter is asking for \$10 million for his governor's emergency fund, which he said would possibly be used for wildfire response. His aides have said.

The fact Simplot has access to public land for grazing purposes did not affect Otter's response to the Murphy Center fire, said spokesman Jon Hanian. Hanian said the governor did not inquire about how much the fire affected the property and was unaware the fire even reached the land until he flew over it in a helicopter.

"I had no hearing whatsoever on anything he did," Hanian said.

Storms

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complex siting decisions for nuclear plants. And they say externalities from a nuclear plant — fallout in a disaster, for example — would affect the entire state, not just the county in which the permit is granted.

Similar arguments were made in 2005, when activists fought to block a coal-fired power plant from being built in Jerome County. Commissioners had approved the siting permits, but the plans were called off amid public outcry when then-Gov. Jim Hinch declared a moratorium on coal plants, essentially sidestepping the local control issue.

"We've already seen commissions make bad decisions," Rickards said, referencing the coal-fired controversy. "We're all local citizens for such huge-

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The proposed city recreation fees came after the Parks and Recreation Commission was asked to review what it charged for things like field usage and sports participation. Commission chairman Mitch Watkins said. The commission's proposal will also be considered at the Jan. 22 hearing.

"We were ... trying to raise fees that accurately reflect some of the true cost of the programs, keeping in mind that obviously the city supplements and supports, to a great degree, those programs," Watkins said.

Youth participating in basketball, baseball, soccer or other city sports who live in the city limits would pay \$15 instead of \$12, while out-of-town youth would pay \$25 rather than \$15. Youth jur-

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seys would double in price to \$10, and men's city-run softball participants would have to pay \$150, 23 percent more.

Teams will be able to save some money from field usage fees, which Watkins said would be changed from \$15 per player to \$25 per field preparation. Teams, according to a public notice, would have paid \$2,150 in 2007 rather than \$4,590 under the current method. The proposal overall would bring in just less than \$20,000 more for the city and puts Twin Falls about on par with fees charged in many other Idaho cities, Watkins said.

"Really, to play basketball or baseball or soccer, I think it's a pretty good value still, hopefully at a price most people can really afford," he said.

In other city news, a presentation of the final facilities plan update for the city's wastewater plant means today's meeting, in the council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E., will start at 4 p.m. rather than 5 p.m. The plan, prepared by engineering firm CH2M Hill for \$130,700, will contain the basics for the city to overhaul the facility, starting with a water bypass project.

The council will also bear-proposed standards for businesses that want to operate as an animal kennel and a proposal to charge a larger franchise fee from Idaho Power. The latter could generate an additional \$500,000 for improving public rights-of-way and city streets.

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ing, it has been a powder day almost every day."

But the danger created by blankets of fresh snow can be as spectacular as its promise of adventure.

"It is that balance between enthusiasm and caution that is so important," said Doug Ahornoff, director of the U.S. Forest Service National Avalanche Center in Ketchum, Idaho.

"When you have these huge systems that come, that is typically when we get the most fatalities," he said.

Bob Comey, director of the Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center in Jackson, Wyo., said Wyoming has seen a number of those calls this season. A snowmobiler died in an avalanche in the Snowy Range last week.

"About 90 percent of the people who die in the avalanche trigger the avalanche or someone with them triggers the avalanche that kills them," Comey said. "The most important thing to do is to get a little bit of education on avalanches and unstable terrain, and what triggers them."

On Jan. 4, a Worcester,

Mass., man was killed when he was buried by falling snow while skiing in the backcountry near Vail, Colo.

That same day in Washington near Mount Pilchuck, a teenage girl was hiking with a group she was hiking with was hit by a snow slide. Two companions were swept up but managed to escape.

A Utah snowmobiler was killed New Year's Eve in an avalanche 200 feet wide and 1,000 feet long.

Ron Hazard, a rescuer for the Wasatch County Sheriff's Office, responded to that slide. He said asking why people head into the backcountry despite high avalanche risks is like asking why drivers speed on the highway despite traffic deaths.

"They do it because I'm not going to get caught ... because I can't resist the temptation of virgin snow. It's just out there screaming my name," Hazard said. "If people were smart about it, they would put me out of business."

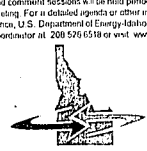
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- Progress to Cleanup
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- Accelerated Remedial Project III EE/CA
- Waste Area Group 7 Public Comment Report

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Public question and comment sessions will be held periodically throughout the meeting. For a detailed agenda or other information, contact Robert Pappas, U.S. Department of Energy-Idaho Operations Office, Federal Coordinator at 208-549-6518 or visit www.inrlcnao.com



INL Site Environmental Management
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The Citizens Advisory Board provides advice to the Department of Energy on issues related to the Idaho National Laboratory Site environmental management program.

Heart

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alternative to the plastic or animal valves that wear out after being implanted in humans.

An estimated 5 million people live with heart failure, and about 550,000 new cases are diagnosed each year in the United States. Approximately 50,000 die annually waiting for a heart donor.

Taylor said in a telephone interview that her team began by trying to determine if it were possible to transplant rat heart cells. They took the hearts from eight newborn rats and removed all the cells.

Left behind was a gelatin-like matrix shaped like a heart and containing conduits where the blood vessels had been.

Scientists then injected cells back into this scaffold — muscle cells and endothelial cells, which line blood vessels.

"The muscle cells covered the matrix walls and lined up together, while the endothelial cells found their way inside to coat the blood vessels," she said. Then the hearts were stimulated electrically.

"In two days we saw tiny, microscopic contractions, and by seven to eight days there were contractions large enough to see with the naked eye," she said. The tiny hearts could pump liquid at about one-fourth the rate of a normal fetal rat's heart.


"Obviously we have a long way to go," Taylor said. But the long-term hope, she said, is that a similar process could work with either human hearts or cadavers or pig hearts, with their cells stripped off and replaced by cells from the person needing a heart transplant to avoid rejection.

The next step is to take a pig heart, strip away the cells and re-implant it with cells from a pig to see if it will work in a larger heart.

Dr. John Mayer Jr., a heart specialist and researcher at Children's Hospital in Boston, said the report was an "imprudent paper" that advances the ball down the road. "But, he added, "It's pretty long road."

Mayer, who was not part of Taylor's research team, noted that this was done in a small animal and it remains to be seen whether the same can be done in larger ones. He also wondered whether blood would flow freely, without clotting, through the reconstructed blood vessels.

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Water season still in 'early innings'

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

The 2008 irrigation season looks better than it did a month ago, but snowpacks affecting Mini-Cassia are still below normal, said Ron Abramovich, a water supply specialist for Natural Resources Conservation Service, during a presentation at Hurley's Century Stadium 5 theaters.

Abramovich said snowfall in the rest of January and early February will likely prove the difference between a smooth irrigation season and the drying up of hundreds of thousands of acres.

"The next 30 days are critical for us because this is when we get the most of our precipitation," he said. "We're only in the fourth inning of the game and we've only hit half the season so far."

Abramovich said forecasts for the rest of the winter suggest extended dry periods will separate intense storms like the blizzards that passed through southern Idaho the past few days. Though that may make for a dry January, a water system he referred to as the "Pineapple Express" may bring significant moisture to the area in February.

Other than precipitation figures, Abramovich said it is important to pay attention to temperature, especially during the spring, because warm weather causes snowpacks to melt more quickly, leaving less water for later in the season.

"Last year, warm temperatures hurt us, especially in the springtime," he said.

Also on hand at Thursday's presentation was Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tutthill, who spoke primarily about water management issues facing Idaho, the West and the nation.

"I would suggest that we get the snake out of Idaho or the eastern Snake Plain but the whole nation is getting a wake-up call," he said. Tutthill said in a worst case scenario, with precipitation levels at record lows established in 1977, irrigation could be curtailed on 450,000 acres on the Eastern Snake Plain. If precipitation equals last year's levels — about 65 percent of

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— Ron Abramovich, a water supply specialist for Natural Resources Conservation Service

normal — about 500,000 acres would be dried up.

To avoid any cancellation, Tutthill said about 106 percent of normal precipitation is needed, 110 percent of normal precipitation would completely fill the area's reservoirs.

But hoping for snow and conserving the snow that does fall is not enough, Tutthill said.

"Conservation and management are important, but I don't think they'll be sufficient to meet our future needs," he said.

To regulate water flows in the decades to come, Tutthill said, water officials throughout the West need to invest in new infrastructure, such as reservoirs and groundwater recharge programs. He said all branches of the state's government, as well as a number of private interest groups, have expressed a willingness to form long-term water solutions.

"We couldn't have a better opportunity to move forward with expanding infrastructure than we do right now," he said.

Building water reservoirs like the Teton Dam in eastern Idaho is a way to store water in "years of plenty" for use in dry years, he said. A committee formed to manage the ISPA is considering a proposal to expand Minidoka Dam.

"It's the right time to be looking at some surface water storage. This is not the panacea, but it's important," he said.

Tutthill also said planners and irrigators need to face the reality of climate change. Scientists predict "higher highs and lower lows" in temperature that will lead to an overall wetter trend, which will drastically affect weather and water availability, he said.

"This could be the biggest driver of them all as we look at the next century," he said.

HANDS-ON LEARNING



Jeff Rast, science teacher at Camas County High School, explains the electrophoresis lab procedure to biology students Thursday. The lab recently got new equipment from a grant.

Camas County High receives grant, new equipment

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Camas County High School Students got their hands on some fancy new equipment in biology class, thanks to a \$4,910 grant from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Fund of the Idaho Community Foundation.

A more sophisticated form of the same technology is being used to help convict criminals and free the innocent nationwide.

"It opens up a lot of different possibilities," science teacher Jeff Rast said.

The equipment supports

Rast's differentiated education — creating environments in which all types of learners can excel in their own way.

At the beginning of a lesson, Rast distributes a menu of assignment options. For the biotechnology unit, students complete a required test, DNA extraction and lab, and round out the unit with other assignments of their choice from the menu. The point value of each assignment is clearly labeled.

The kids, though, aren't thinking about differentiation. They're just having fun learning about DNA.

On Thursday, students

used electrophoresis to isolate DNA from onion cells. In addition to learning about biology, they practiced safety, attention to detail and other skills necessary in a science lab.

Megan Stampke, 16, said biology labs are helpful and fun.

"There's not a whole bunch that's known about (DNA)," she said Saturday. "We know so much and yet so little."

Stampke said she wants to enter medicine because she enjoys the problem solving involved. She will attend a National Youth Leadership Forum for medicine in

Houston in July to help clarify her career choice.

Biologist Cyndi Hall of the Idaho State Police crime lab in Meridian said students who want to make careers DNA analysis should choose their majors carefully.

"There's a misconception that a major in criminology will give them the background that they need," Hall said.

But the new biology lab equipment could give students a promising head start.

Other uses of the grant funds include organic chemistry and presentation equipment.

Hailey mayor stepping down at tonight's meeting

By Kelly Jackson
For the Times-News

HAILEY — At tonight's regular city council meeting, Mayor Susan McBryant will relinquish the gavel she's commanded since she was appointed mayor in 2002 to newly appointed Mayor Rick Davis.

Then, she will put on her coat and walk away.

Although McBryant may not be the face of Hailey politics anymore, her political career, as well as her presence around city hall, is not necessarily over.

"Nothing is more invigorating than being involved with the decisions that shape how you live," she said last week.

Politics has always been, and will likely always be, part of McBryant's life.

The Idaho native, raised in American Falls, grew up in a home where politics was more than just a discussion to coincide with family dinners. It was a way of life.

This early nurturing flourished when she attended the University of Idaho, where she penned a weekly political opinion column for *The Argonaut*, the campus student newspaper. As

McBryant earned her degree, she also earned her place in the world as an opinionated mover and shaker.

In 1979, at the age of 25, she moved to Blaine County and jumped into politics. She rubbed elbows with numerous political personalities who inspired her over the years, including Idaho Sen. Frank Church, who served in the U.S. Senate from 1957-1981, and William Averell Harriman, the Union Pacific Railroad chairman and national political figure responsible for founding the Sun

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Planned Parenthood offers HPV vaccine for low-income women

Planned Parenthood of Idaho, which has an office in Twin Falls, is offering a full course of human papilloma virus vaccine to low-income Idahoans to coincide with National Cervical Cancer Screening Month.

The offer, part of vaccine manufacturer Merck's patient assistance program, covers the \$435 cost of the vaccine, though patients will still have to pay a visit fee.

\$34 to \$75 per each of the three injections, depending on income. To qualify, patients must reside in the U.S., have no health insurance, and have annual incomes of less than \$20,240 (individuals), \$27,300 (couples), or \$41,300 (family of four).

The HPV vaccine is designed to prevent most

forms of cervical cancer, the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among women worldwide. Experts estimate about 11,150 cases of cervical cancer were diagnosed in the United States in 2007, according to Planned Parenthood. About 4,000 American women die of the disease every year.

For more information: 734-9955 or visit the Twin Falls Planned Parenthood office, 200 2nd Ave. N.

State offers free radon test to first 1,000 callers

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Indoor-Environment Program is offering a free radon test kit to the first 1,000 callers during the month of January, which is National Radon Action Month.

Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally from the decay of uranium in soil. It is odorless, tasteless and invis-

ible. It also is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Elevated levels of radon gas have been detected in all parts of Idaho. It seeps into homes and other buildings through gaps in walls and foundations.

Radon test results reported to the Indoor Environment Program indicate 58 percent of homes tested in Idaho had levels of radon equal to or greater than the Environmental Protection Agency's action level of 4 pCi/L (picocuries per liter). This federal action level was established as a point where steps should be taken to reduce radon in homes or buildings. The average indoor radon level for Idaho is 6.4 pCi/L.

Testing for radon is easy. Homeowners simply get the kit in their home for free to seven days, and then mail it to a lab for analysis in a matter of days. If the test kit, if a high level of radon is discov-

ered, it can be fixed through a variety of techniques, depending on the home.

To order your free test kit: Idaho Caroline, 211. For more information about radon: Idaho Indoor Environment Program, 1-800-445-8647 or faust@idhw.idaho.gov.

Canning company recalling kidney beans sold in Idaho Wal-Marts

The New Era Canning Company has announced a recall of several canned bean products because some cans from each lot may not have been adequately cooked, which could cause the growth of the bacterium that causes botulism.

While no illnesses have been reported, the company is recalling these products as a precautionary measure.

In Idaho, the recall is limited to a dozen cases of Great Value brand Dark Red Kidney

Beans in 15.5 ounce cans, with lot number 00249 CKIG1D printed on the end of the can. This lot of canned beans was sold at Wal-Mart stores in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and Arizona.

Any cans of this product without a printed code should not be opened or used, and should be disposed of by double bagging the cans in plastic bags that are tightly closed, then placed in a trash container for non-recyclable trash outside the home or business. Restaurants and institutions should assure that such products are only placed in locked receptacles not accessible to the public.

"Shoppers should be leery of any canned goods if the can appears to be bulging," said Patrick Guzzie, Food Safety Program manager at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. "Remember that any food that may be contaminated

should always be disposed of carefully. Even tiny amounts of toxins ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the eye or a break in the skin can cause serious illness. Skin contact should be avoided as much as possible, and hands washed immediately after handling food."

Botulism can cause general weakness, dizziness, double vision and trouble speaking or swallowing. Difficulty breathing, weakness of their muscles, abdominal distention and constipation may also occur. People experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention; in most cases the symptoms appear after 12 to 24 hours.

For more information on recalled food products and lot numbers: U.S. Food and Drug Administration Web site, http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/ffmrecalls/new/enrol_08.html.

— from staff reports

SERVICES

Elha Claire Sparks, infant daughter of Kelly and Tom Sparks of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Parks's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Hilda T. Mall of Twin Falls, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Thomas William "Skin" Matthews of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Springdale LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 559 E. 200 S. in Burley, visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Hassmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

George J. (Sonny) Klundt of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

J. Bruce Hall of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

William Donnie Brown of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; burial will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the Hagley Cemetery; visitation from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

LeRoy L. Hicheson of Salt Lake City, Utah, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Riverside Stake Center, Fifth N. 1100 W. in Salt Lake City; visitation one hour before the service at the church (Larkin Mortuary in Salt Lake City).

Ann Patterson of Missoula, Mont., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Alvin Leon Zabriskie of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Mount Pleasant City Cemetery in Mount Pleasant, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hassmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Barbara Jane Gardner of Meridian and formerly of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Lyle Raymond Morton of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hassmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Lewis Elvin Young of Hills, graveside service at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Brunau Cemetery in Brunau (Hos Funeral Home, McCurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Clea Iudd Holyoak of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hassmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church.

James Edward Utt of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Eden, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls city 'DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE' SENTENCINGS Daniel L. Husband, 16, Halley; driving under the influence, under age 21; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; credit for two days in jail already served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Michelle L. Dubina, 23, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; \$600 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Bradley B. Silvester, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS Kirk L. Christiansen, 59, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine with \$100 suspended; \$75.50 costs; five days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation. William D. Detamore Jr., 46, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine with \$100 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation. Michael J. Bosma, 37, Kimberly; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 10 days in jail

with balance suspended; 12 months probation. William T. Walters, 25, Jerome; driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 335 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 12 months probation. Michelle L. Dubina, 23, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; \$600 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count providing false information to an officer dismissed. Victor M. Gonzalez, 17, Buhl; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$250 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. David R. Jaquith, 43, Filer; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Catherine A. Williams, 33, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to unlawful use of a driver's license; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days in jail with balance suspended; 12 months probation. Jason C. Duniphan, 33, Twin Falls; battery; \$500 fine with \$250 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 178 suspended, credit for time served.

12 months probation. James R. Crowder, 75, Twin Falls; failure to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident; \$200 fine; \$75.50 costs; 12 months probation. Armando S. Baeza Jr., 25, Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to battery; \$500 fine with \$250 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 60 days in jail with 58 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation. Irene De La Cruz, 22, Burley; resisting/obstructing an officer; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 29 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation. Daniel J. Douglas, 41, Twin Falls; battery; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation. Lynn M. VonDrum, 24, Hollister; no insurance; \$600 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 12 months probation. Jose R. Ortega-Lopez, 47, Twin Falls; domestic assault; \$600 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation, complete treatment/counseling. Cassandra A. Silvera, 20, Filer; dogs at large; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs.

Jennifer M. Stickle, 21, Twin Falls; pett theft; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation. Brandi L. Bradford, 18, Twin Falls; pett theft; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; five days in jail with five suspended; 12 months probation. Quincy M. Helthecker, 20, Boise; possessing a place where a controlled substance is used; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation. Benjamin E. Daniels, 34, Filer; possession of a controlled substance; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 175 suspended, credit for two days served, three days work detail; 12 months probation. Zachary A. Jones, 18, Hansen; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 12 months probation. Darrell K. Bastian, 19, Kimberly; possession of suspended driver's license; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days in jail with balance suspended; 12 months probation. Kelly M. Bradley, 40, Twin Falls; unlawful sale of liquor; \$200 fine; \$75.50 costs.

DEATH NOTICES

JoDean Foreman RUPERT — JoDean Foreman, a 38-year-old Rupert resident, died Jan. 12, 2008, at Mnhidoka Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Hansen Mortuary Buried. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service of Wednesday.

Okie K. McDowell HAGERMAN — Okie K. McDowell, 61, of Hagerman, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at his residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Gilbert Serr JEROME — Gilbert Serr, 81, of Jerome, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at the Sunbridge Care Facility in Twin Falls. Services are pending under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Juan Avila RUPERT — Juan Avila, a 47-year-old Rupert resident, died Jan. 12, 2008, at Saint Alphonsus in Boise. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SOMEbody NEEDS YOU

Volunteers — The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is looking for volunteers to visit residents in skilled nursing and residential care facilities. Volunteers can be advocates for residents and improve elderly care. A new training session will begin later this month. Information: Mary or Laurene, 736-2122.

Volunteers — The Idaho Reads VISTA program at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls is in need of volunteers to serve as reading coaches in the classrooms. Volunteers are needed from 11:30 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 1 p.m., and 2:30 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10:30 to 11:10 a.m. Thursday and Friday. Information: Betty, 733-4321.

Want to help? This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 4764, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

Information: Edith, 736-4764.

Volunteers — South Central Community Action Partnership is in need of volunteers to assist in food pantry, pick up donated food (mileage - reimbursed with correct documentation) and sort donated food items. Information: Leanne or Sandra, 733-9351.

Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers for his new program, Eleventh Hour Angels. Volunteers are needed to spend time with patients who are in their final hours of life. Training is available. Information: 735-0121.

Drivers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Minidoka area to take senior citizens to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Information: Kitty, 677-4872, ext. 2.

Volunteers — Aspen Grove Hospice is looking for a volunteer to serve as bereavement coordinator. Volunteers also are needed to assist in the hospice office and to visit with patients. Information: 733-2234 or Sue at 731-5211.

Volunteers — The Twin Falls County Historical Museum is in need of volunteers to help with archival preservation, cataloging, research and greeting the public. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Information: Darcene at 736-4675.

Mayor

Continued from page 4M She'll remain involved in Halley's continuing efforts to improve and implement environmental policy. This past year, she signed the U.S. Climate Protection Agreement, which catapulted Halley into a year of "greening." In both environments and policy by establishing the Halley Climate Protection Committee and installing energy-efficient light bulbs at city hall. "I will keep a close eye on

where she was coming from. "At the end of the day, the only person you have to account to is yourself," she said. "McBryant also plans to continue to lead by example. She boards a northbound bus almost every day near her home in Halley that takes her to work in Keeshauk. McBryant said her biggest political strength was sometimes her greatest weakness: transparency. Whether citizens agreed with her or not, was seldom difficult to see

where she was coming from. "At the end of the day, the only person you have to account to is yourself," she said. "As for her newfound free time, McBryant said she did not choose to leave office because she's asked to do something different. She does, however, anticipate more time for recreational activities, especially skiing. "Being mayor was a privilege, and everything that I did was with Halley in mind," she said.

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EDITORIAL

Early childhood education is too important to ignore

Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter is leaving two popular early childhood education programs, Head Start and Parents as Teachers, twisting in the wind. Finding money for Head Start and PAT is somebody else's problem...

Our view: Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter cut funding for Head Start and the Parents and Teachers program. It's his responsibility to help keep the programs alive in Idaho.

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

Head Start provides education, health, nutrition and parent involvement for low-income children and their families. Kids who attend Head Start are more likely to complete high school...

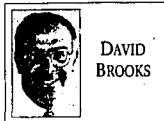
PAT is a home-visit program offering moms and dads — many of them single parents and most of modest means — tools and training to prepare children for school.

Head Start and PAT don't cost Idaho taxpayers a dime; the state only has to find the right funding combination. Seems to us that Otter ought to take the lead in doing that.

At the heart of the problem, of course, is the state's mindless law prohibiting funding for preschools. Without that statute, Idaho would have much more flexibility in paying for Head Start, PAT — and Read to Me.

Reinventing the Republican Party

In 1974, a group of economists and journalists got together in a bar and founded supply-side economics. It was a superb political and economic package. It addressed a big problem: stagflation.

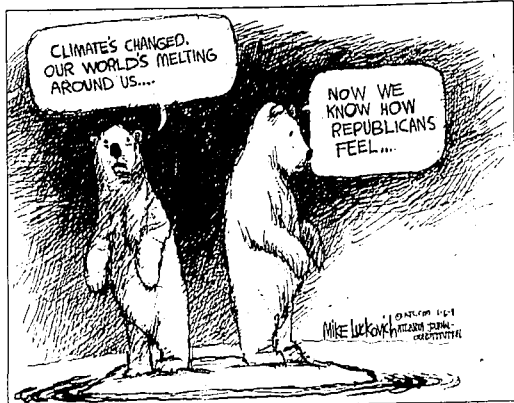


DAVID BROOKS

Supply-side economics had a good run, but continual tax cuts can no longer be the centerpiece of Republican economic policy. The demographics have changed. The U.S. is an aging society.

The political situation has changed, too. Republicans used to appeal to the investor class with economic policies and the working class with values, crime and welfare policies. But that formula has broken down.

As a result, smart Republicans are groping for a new economic model, and as they do, Republican economic policies are shifting. The entrepreneur is no longer king.



The entrepreneur is no longer king. The wage-earner is king. As the presidential campaign rolls into Michigan, it's clear that Republicans are adjusting their priorities to win back the anxious middle class.

as a remorselessly punishing process. They argue that individuals can still control their own destinies, provided they work hard and get educated. They believe it would be a catastrophe if the U.S. abandoned free trade or adopted a European-style safety net.

But they envision a different role for government than the 1980s Republicans. 'Americans aren't afraid of competing in a global economy,' says Douglas Holtz-Eakin, John McCain's economic adviser.

There are four main spheres of policy innovation. First, a human capital agenda. The U.S. needs a more skilled work force, but for the first time in our history it is getting a generation no better educated than its parents.

To remedy this, Ramesh Panuara of The National Review proposes an

increased child tax credit to reduce the stress on young families, the seedbed of human capital. Gov. Mark Sanford of South Carolina proposes tuition tax credits for families earning less than \$75,000.

Second, Republicans have embraced health care reform. While Democrats emphasize the uninsured, Republicans emphasize cost control. They understand that it's not a question of protecting health markets from government takeover.

Third, Republicans are putting together pieces of what you might call a resiliency agenda to help families withstand setbacks. McCain would subsidize the wages of workers who were laid off and forced to take lower-paying jobs.

activist agenda to reduce obesity and prevent chronic illness.

Finally, Republicans are shifting their emphasis from tax cutting to fiscal rectitude. McCain, Huckabee and Thompson emphasize spending control and dealing with the monumental problem of entitlements. Middle-class workers don't worry so much about investment incentives.

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This spring Ross Douthat and Reihan Salam will publish "Grand New Party," a book about efforts to win back the so-called Sun Belt Republicans.

David Brooks is a columnist for the New York Times.

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Dogfighting must not gain foothold in Idaho

I am convinced that now is the time to change Idaho's existing law, which only provides a misdemeanor penalty for criminal neglect of dogs.



READER COMMENT Sen. Brad Little

As times change we have to change our laws as well. Last year, I asked prosecutors for evidence of dogfighting and was told there were no cases filed with any of the prosecutors who responded to the inquiry.

This bill is a truly collaborative piece of legislation. In addition to Gov. Otter and many legislators, a variety of groups representing animal advocates, agriculture and law enforcement have provided input on this legislation.

Department of Agriculture, Idaho Prosecutors, Idaho Sheriffs Association and the federal prosecutors office. Idahoans abhor animal cruelty. And those of us who love our dogs — whether they are treasured pets, sporting dogs, or working livestock dogs — in any case a three-in-one have no use for those who participate in the cruel act of organized dogfighting.

Perception. We in Idaho are serious about our disdain for this heinous act.

Deterrent. We do not want to attract any element of the transient dogfighting industry to our state. Therefore, we have included language in our bill to deal with anyone who might profit from this activity.

Dogfighting attracts various criminal elements. Drug dealing, illegal arms, high-stakes gambling and gang violence go hand-in-hand with animal-fighting operations.

Drug dealing, illegal arms, high-stakes gambling and gang violence go hand-in-hand with animal-fighting operations. That's why it's hardly surprising that the discovery of the Oneida County case resulted from a narcotics investigation. When sheriff's deputies served a drug search warrant on the property, they found not only an actual dogfighting pit but also 30 chained and neglected pit-bulls.

Cooperation with the federal prosecutors. Michael Vick was recently prosecuted by the federal prosecutor's office.

Generally, prosecutors at the federal level are reluctant to get involved with convictions in states where the crime is a misdemeanor. A felony crime

assures better cooperation with the federal prosecutors relating to interstate criminal activity — a common denominator in illegal dogfighting. Extrajudicial. Generally, extradition is much easier to achieve with a felony charge. Since the most egregious cases are dogfighting rings that move from place to place, a change to a felony penalty is critically important.

Look forward to joining with my fellow legislators in passing this common sense legislation. Our animal companions deserve this kind of protection.

Brad Little, a Republican from Emmett, has represented Gem and Canyon counties in the Idaho Senate since 2001. He is the majority caucus chairman.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Russian olive: Fish and Game should know better

The following is in response to the article, "Wildlife habitat or noxious weed?" in the Dec. 28, 2007, edition of the Times-News.

Let me see if I understand this correctly: The Idaho Department of Fish and Game uses our license dollars to plant a tree in Habitat Improvement Projects in the Southwest Region that no one else uses in any other region, and other regions spend the same license dollar to eliminate and control said tree.

As near as I can tell, the Russian olive is a weed, and like a lot of weeds, it can be good for wildlife. Well, kochia weeds are great plants to eat, but as far as I know, neither Shoshone nor anyone else has suggested planting them. Dandelions are good for wildlife too; ruffed grouse, sharp-tail grouse and pheasants eat the leaves and flowers, but no one plants them as we don't have to — they are ubiquitous.

I'm glad to hear that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists in our

region don't use this obnoxious, thorny bush. They need to give those who do a Three Stoges dose: slap I have to agree with Steve Paulsen, quoted as saying they should know better in this day and age.

We support the Idaho Department of Fish and Game with our license dollars, and it should know better.

BOB ADAMS Twin Falls

Democratic majority might make pot legal

I recently read an article in the Times-News quoting Rep. Wendy Jaquet from Blaine County. She was hoping for a resurgence of the Democrats in Idaho.

They have been a minority for quite a long time. I fear if the Democrats should become a majority, the influence from San Valley and Ketchum would be a major factor. The whole state, for example, could be legally smoking marijuana. DWIGHT SHAW Yuma, Ariz. (Editor's note: Twin Falls resident Dwight Shaw is wintering in Arizona.)

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Tendency to tyrannize women is defining trait of radical Islam

Some time back, I read a commentary by Iraqi journalist Aziz al-Falji about the struggle to form a constitution in his country. In a translation provided by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, al-Falji warned of the danger of an Islamist system — like that in Iran or Sudan — developing in Iraq.



JONATHAN GURWITZ

The title of his article, which appeared on a progressive Iraqi Web site, was "Women are Their First Prey." The terms of the Iraqi constitution were determined in a public referendum in 2005. But I've kept a copy of al-Falji's article on my desk to this day. I've held on to it because, even though it was specific to the situation in Iraq, it serves as a template to understand so many other events in the world. "Standard" articles and editorials have been published on the attempts by Arab political Islamists to impose a siege on women," he wrote, "and how they have made that their first battle in their fight to establish an Islamic system."

ideology by how it treats the disempowered and marginalized in its midst.

A culture willing to dispose of the rights of the unborn, children, the elderly, the sick, the physically or mentally handicapped, religious and ethnic minorities, gays or lesbians is unlikely to drop its oppressive tendencies at the threshold of "normal" or traditional society — whether Aryan, proletarian or zealously sectarian.

It's no coincidence that systems of hate separated by great expanses of time and distance tend to subjugate and exterminate so many of the same groups. And the tendency to tyrannize women is a defining trait of radical Islam. Before most people in the West had heard of the Taliban,

Mullah Omar's thugs were beating women for dress code violations or shooting them for moral infractions in Kabul's Olympic Stadium in front of crowds cheering, "God is great."

In 2006, Taliban gunmen assassinated Safia Arzu, Jan, a Afghan Ministry of Women's Affairs who bravely ran an underground school for girls during their despotic rule.

When Wahhabism was still a relatively unknown term, Saudi religious police in Mecca beat back girls trying to flee a fire at their school because they were not wearing correct Islamic dress. They also prevented them from helping the girls because it was, the Saudi Gazette reported, "sinful to approach them."

More than 50 were injured. In 2006, a woman in Saudi Arabia known only as the Qatif girl received a sentence of 90 lashes for being in a car with a former boyfriend when they were attacked and gang raped. When she appealed her sentence, a judge increased her

punishment to 200 lashes and six months in jail. Last month, in response to an international outcry, King Abdullah issued a pardon to the Qatif girl.

Recently, al-Qaida assassins killed opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, following a vile tradition of blaming the victim, President Pervez Musharraf says Bhutto is responsible for her own death. Law enforcement officials in Texas are looking for Yasser Abdel Sali, who is wanted on a warrant for capital murder in the New Year's Day shooting of the victim's parents. President Pervez Musharraf says Bhutto is responsible for her own death. Law enforcement officials in Texas are looking for Yasser Abdel Sali, who is wanted on a warrant for capital murder in the New Year's Day shooting of the victim's parents.

Said would not be immune in that criticism. And the ranks of parents who kill their children are fully non-denominational. But among very few groups in the 21st century — Islamic, extremists among them — is the concept of the "honor" killing considered both a duty and a virtue. And as long as that is the case, I suspect I'll be keeping Aziz al-Falji's com-

mentary on my desk. columnist Jonathan Gurwitz may be reached at jgurwitz@express-news.net.

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Title of school nutrition article was misleading

I took offense when I read the title to your article, "Idaho gets 'F' for school food program." To me, it indicates child nutrition programs in Idaho are failing. It saddens me that something so simple like the title of a newspaper article can be so misleading. By the title, a person would assume the article is about school lunch. The article is actually addressing the wellness policy.

We offer fresh fruits, vegetables and low-fat milk at all district schools and whole grains daily at our elementary and middle school. In March 2006, we were the first elementary school in the Western Region of the United States to achieve the Gold award in the healthier U.S. School Challenge. We take advantage of Team Nutrition Grants. We have installed milk vending machines, and pop machines no longer adorn the middle school hall.

We were one of 25 pilot schools in Idaho participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program from 2006 to 2007. We celebrate fitness and nutrition every chance we get. We teach nutrition education regularly, we speak to the nutrition classes, the USDA Team Nutrition mascot, "Power Panther," visits regularly. We hold interactive nutrition assemblies and community walks, our students go on physical activity-based field trips, our halls and cafeterias are lined with nutrition posters and banners, and we take advantage of our Web site.

If you think the Idaho child nutrition programs are getting an "F," please enlighten me and let me know how to get an "A." Idaho is a leader in child nutrition. We have great examples of that all over our state. No wonder we take offense when the title to your article implies something much different.

ANU BAUMANN
Gooding
(Editor's note: Anu Baumann is a certified dietary manager and food protection professional. She is director of child nutrition for the Gooding School District.)

Alternative sites must be considered for cell tower

The excellent Jan. 4 Times-News editorial reached the correct conclusion that the proposed 90-foot cell tower in our 970-square-foot building on Galena Summit is ill-advised. A giant metal "sequoia tree" disguised as an inverted toilet brush simply won't work. Alternative sites must be explored.

Congress passed Public Law 92-400 which established the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in 1972. Both PL 92-400 and the Sawtooth Forest Management Plan appropriately have extremely high thresholds for protecting the visual resource. Galena Summit has never been designated as an official forest

Service communications site for all the right visual reasons.

There is also a Sawtooth Forest Visual Supplement endorsed by forest supervisor Ron Stoleston in the '80s that, in effect, says that 500 annual users on a travelway will trigger higher visual sensitivity levels. With the explosion in winter use, there is an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 skiers each winter gliding right by the proposed site!

The whitebark pine and lodgepole are dying on this 8,000-foot exposed ridge. No snowing over 35 feet will soon be left. The tower and building are obtrusive and non-conforming structures. No amount of disguise as a "tree" will soften the impact.

The Blaine County commissioners formally object to the 90-foot tower height. The applicant seized on Galena Summit as his sole preference because it has a state (second) highway, an approved Forest Service side road, electrical power, and because it is the cheapest location.

Forest supervisor Jane Kollmeyer has ample law, documentation and long-

established visual policy to deny the 90-foot cell tower application as presently proposed. She should absolutely insist that the applicant go back to the drawing board. Protection of the scenic and recreational resource is crucial to the SNRA's statutory mission. Please urge her to make the proper decision to insist the applicant evaluate sensible alternative sites.

SCOTT PHILLIPS
Halley
(Editor's note: Scott Phillips is a retired Forest Service SNRA recreation staff member.)

Older folks won't regret taking classes at CSI

It's almost time for spring semester to start at the College of Southern Idaho. It took me 30 years to get back to college. I feel very lucky to have started back with just a few classes. It feels great just to learn new things and enhance information gathered in a lifetime.

If you're considering taking a class or two, go for it. You won't regret the challenge. In some ways, I'm too old

to be 20 years young but too young to be old. Go CSI! And go to CSI!

VICKIE STONE
Twin Falls

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In the old days, if you worked for a company, your retirement income would likely have been the form of a pension, with the amount based on your income level and years of service. Apart from those factors, you had little control over the size of your pension benefits. That pension model is still around, but it's not as prevalent as it once was.

Today, many employers offer 401(k) plans, which give you the responsibility of choosing the right investment mix for your risk tolerance and retirement goals. Yet, along with their 401(k)s, many employers also provide some level of financial education — so you'll want to take full advantage of it.

As you peruse your company's financial education program and materials, however, keep one thing in mind: Your employer is not going to advise you on your investment decisions. In some cases, an employer may provide you with access to a financial advisor, but it's your decision as to whether to use this financial advisor, find one on your own or make your own 401(k)-related investment decisions independently.

Nonetheless, whichever route you choose, you may find that your employees' financial education materials can be helpful. Pay close attention to the following:

- Descriptions of investments - Your 401(k) plan might offer a dozen or more investment options, including accounts made up of stocks, bonds and money market instruments. You may also be able to invest in your company stock. Study these investment choices carefully as you put together your 401(k) portfolio, and make sure you understand exactly the potential advantages and disadvantages of each individual investment.

Ideally, you'll want to diversify your holdings. While diversification, by itself, can't guarantee investment success, it may be able to help you reduce the effects of market volatility, which can hit investors especially hard if all their investments are tied up in just one type of asset. And, as you build and maintain your 401(k) portfolio, be aware that most 401(k) participants are probably not aggressive enough in their investment options, putting too many dollars into fixed-income vehicles and too few dollars into stock-based accounts. You will likely be investing in your 401(k) for several decades - long enough to not get caught up with the daily fluctuations of the market and give yourself a chance for a "buy-and-hold" strategy to work.

- "Nuts and bolts" of your plan - 401(k) plans can vary quite a bit in how they are administered and what services they offer, so it pays to take some time to really understand how you plan works. What fees, if any, are involved in your 401(k)? How often can you change your investment allocation? Can you reach live customer representatives during working hours only, or are they also available at night and on weekends? How often will you get statements? Will you have access to a Web site that provides customized information on your investments' performance? These are the types of questions you'll want answered as you explore your plan.

Your 401(k) can be an excellent retirement-savings vehicle. Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis and your pre-tax contributions can lower your annual taxable income. To get the maximum benefits from your plan, however, you'll need to fully understand how it works - so take a close look at those employee education materials.

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Inmate blames sheriff for injuries suffered during escape

By DeeDee Correll
Los Angeles Times

DENVER — Scott Anthony Gomez Jr. made his first break from the Pueblo County Jail two years ago.

He pushed up a ceiling tile, hoisted himself up into the ventilation system and climbed until he reached a roof. Then he shimmed down the wall on bedsheets fashioned into a makeshift rope.

Caught two days later, he ended up back in his cell. The next time, Gomez again pried loose a ceiling tile and vanished into the guts of the building. But as he tried to rappel on bedsheets down the side of the 85-foot building, he fell.

Now he would-be Inlandia is suing the sheriff in this southern Colorado county, saying authorities caused his injuries by making it too easy to fly the coop.

"Defendants ... did next to nothing to ensure that the jail was secure and the plaintiff could not escape," according to his lawsuit, which seeks an unspecified amount of money.

Filed this month in federal court in Denver, the case has attracted considerable attention statewide and on the Internet, mostly from people chuckling and fuming at Gomez's legal efforts.

"It doesn't pass the straight-face test," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk Taylor, who took office one day before Gomez's second escape one year ago.

Taylor declined to discuss specifics in the lawsuit but said Gomez's two escapes — and another jailbreak during that period — meant that jail security was a priority during his first year on the job. Built in 1978, the five-story jail had weaknesses, including a sub-par door-locking system.

The ability to remove ceiling tiles was another problem, one exacerbated by overcrowding, the sheriff said. Intended to hold about 189 inmates, the jail routinely housed 300, requiring the use of bunk beds. "You give them access to the ceiling because of the second bunk," Taylor said.

These were weaknesses Gomez, now 22, detected when he arrived at the jail in 2006.

Convicted of a weapons-related charge in 2004, he had served two years in a state prison. Not long after his release, he was arrested for violating his parole and sent to the Pueblo County Jail.

There, his lawsuit said, the prison staff abused him, kicking and beating him, spraying him with Mace and shooting him with Taser guns. Fearing for his life, he said, he was forced to latch his first plot to escape.

When Gomez was returned to the jail after his short-lived freedom, he said he warned prison officials that, "There were many ways to get out of the facility," according to his complaint.

Gomez said his warnings went unheeded, and in January 2007 — maintaining continued abuse by guards — he decided to escape again, with another inmate.

The jail made it easy, he said. Its cell doors could be opened easily and ceiling tiles could be removed, "giving plaintiff an open invitation to escape," according to the complaint.

On Jan. 10, 2007, Gomez and his fellow inmate left their maximum-security cells and opened a ceiling tile in the shower. They climbed through the hole and found a shaft that led to the roof. When Gomez tried to descend on a makeshift ladder of bedsheets and mattress covers, he fell 40 feet, seriously injuring himself.

Police academy strengthening efforts to decertify bad officers

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho's Peace Officers Standards and Training academy has stepped up efforts to root out misbehaving police officers.

POST is investigating officers for misconduct and deciding whether their actions, criminal or not, should result in losing certification.

Before 2001, POST only looked at egregious conduct, such as murder, as a basis for decertification. Now, the agency will at least investigate

allegations such as an officer cheating on his time card, Executive Director Jeff Black told the *Post Register*.

"It was just a staffing issue, and (POST) didn't have the resources to do it," he said. "This is an evolution ... to become more professionalized and to make sure we're policing our own."

Statistics tell the tale. From 1973 to February 2007, POST decertified 113 officers. Today, there are 78 investigations in progress into officer misconduct.

Some dating back three or four years.

The volume of cases prompted POST to hire four new contract investigators last year, more than doubling its staff to seven.

"The numbers don't mean today's officers are behaving worse than their predecessors, Black said. More officers would have been decertified in the past if the academy had dedicated more resources to investigations, he said.

"There were decertifications back then, but they were probably the most egregious issues," Black said. "It was mostly officers convicted of felonies, really serious stuff."

POST Council Chairman Gary Aman says attitudes have changed for investigating officer misconduct.

George Gotschalk, president of the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training, agrees.

Law enforcement candidates who served in the military understood concepts such as chain of command, he said.

"These are things that are a surprise to people who are not used to them," Gotschalk said. "The culture has changed."

POST initiates investigations into officer misconduct in various ways. In some cases based on reports from agencies.

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Chargers stun Colts

By Barry Wilner
Associated press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Gone — Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison, Adam Vinatieri and the rest of the Colts.

By stunning Indianapolis, the San Diego Chargers just knocked off New England's biggest road block to the Super Bowl.

Now San Diego must avoid a repeat of its last performance at New England.

That will be especially difficult without an injured Ed Johnson Tomlinson, who departed in the first half with a bruised left knee, and starting quarterback Philip Rivers, who went out in the third quarter with a damaged right knee in the Chargers' stunning 20-24 victory Sunday.

With Billy Volek at quarterback and Michael Turner as the main runner, San Diego went 74 yards on eight plays, with Volek sneaking in from the 1 with 4:50 remaining for the lead. The Chargers' big-play defense then held on downs at its 7, and stopped Indy again in the final moments to preserve their eighth straight win.

To make it nine in a row and advance to their second Super Bowl — the other was a loss to San Francisco after the 1994 season — the Chargers will need all the resourcefulness they showed at Indianapolis. Being undermanned against undefeated New England hardly is an enticing prospect.

Still, with All-Pro cornerback Antonio Cromartie getting an interception and fumble recovery, and linebackers Shawne Merriman and Shaun Phillips plugging Manning, the Chargers showed they have the ability to throw off any offense. Maybe even the most prolific attack in NFL history.

The Chargers didn't come close against the Colts in Week 2, falling 28-14. That was the beginning of a slide to 5-5 for San Diego, but the Chargers (13-5) are rolling now.

A lot's happened since then. Patriots coach Bill Belichick said, "We'll definitely start all over on the preparations. It's like it's a new team."

It was a gutsy showing by Rivers, who threw for three scores — he banged his right knee on a 56-yard scamper pass (11) by Darren Sproles to end the third quarter. And Turner, who could be a starter elsewhere but usually

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Vikings wear down Bengals

Too many turnovers doom Idaho State

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — It looked like everything was going to go Idaho State's way. With a little less than 16 minutes left in the game, Portland State was already over the limit with fouls. Their offense had stagnated and even though they had a lead, it didn't look like it would hold.

Turns out it held just fine as the Vikings beat the Bengals 71-61 before a sparse crowd for a rare Sunday afternoon game at Lolo Arena.

The difference after the 16-minute mark for the Vikings (10-0) overall, 3-2 Big Sky) was twofold. First Alex Tiefenbacher came off the bench to hit back-to-back three pointers, part of an 11-2 run. Second, PSU's defense turned up the heat and held the Bengals (5-11, 2-1) to only four field goals in the last 11:04 of the contest and one of those was a three at the buzzer.

Tiefenbacher ended up with 15 points, all on three point shots. It was his three at the end of the first half that gave PSU a 32-31 lead.

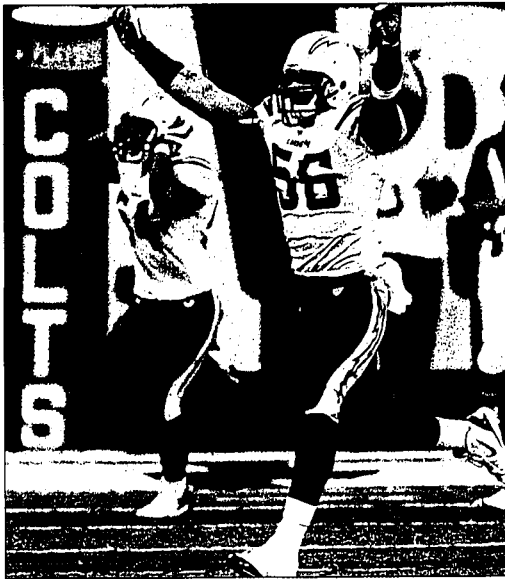
Bengal head coach Jon Phipps was disappointed in the performance of his team, especially coming off back to back wins for the first time this season. "They wore us down. The storyline is that we'd play great defense but then couldn't get the rebound off the missed shot. They had a 25 second chance points this set back in. Then we complicated it with 19 turnovers, only four of which were forced. We just didn't have enough players come up big for us today."

One Bengal who did was local product Matt Stueck. He tied his career high by dropping in 25 of second chance points this set back in December in a win at Idaho. Stueck only had eight in the second half. At one stretch in the first half, he scored 10 straight ISU points.

Deonte Huff led PSU with 17 points. PSU also got production from Scott Morrison with 16 and Jeremiah Dominique with 13 points.

Expectations — for the only other ISU player in double figures with 11.

Next up for ISU is the Montana road trip this week which traditionally has caused them problems. They are at Montana on Thursday and at Montana State Saturday.



San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman celebrates after the Chargers stopped the Indianapolis Colts short of the goal line in the fourth quarter of an NFL divisional playoff football game Sunday, in Indianapolis. San Diego went on to win 28-24 to advance to the AFC Championship game.

sis behind league-rushing leader Tomlinson, gave the offense the balance it desperately needed in the late stages of the upset, rushing for 71 yards.

The Chargers' opportunistic defense, which led the league in takeaways (49) and turnover margin (plus-24), grabbed two interceptions — both on tipped balls — and a fumble. While San Diego couldn't stop Manning's offense from steadily marching downfield most of the game, it could make the key plays that get you closer to the Super Bowl.

Still, if Tomlinson is limited or sidelined, how much chance do the Chargers have against the perfect Patriots? Not to mention perhaps missing Rivers or tight end Antonio

Gates, who courageously played much of the day on a dislocated toe.

For the Colts (13-4), it was a bitterly quick elimination from the postseason.

A year ago, they won three playoff games, then beat Chicago in the Super Bowl. They couldn't recapture their touch on offense or defense this time, and a defense that allowed the fewest points during the season wore down against the equally physical Chargers.

Still, the Colts went in front 24-21 when Gonzalez slipped past Marlon McCree down the left sideline to complete a 65-yard scoring play with 1:07 to go. Chargers coach Norv Turner challenged that Gonzalez

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Cowboys crumble in playoffs; Giants headed to Green Bay

Cowboys 21



By Jamie Arn
Associated press writer

DIVING, Texas — Tony Romo can go wherever he wants with Jessica Simpson now. Eli Manning and the New York Giants knocked him and the Dallas Cowboys into the offseason Sunday.

Having to wait out long, slow drives by Dallas, Manning made his few chances count, throwing two touchdown passes to Amani "ponner and getting a 1-Brandon Jacobs for a 21-17 victory that put New York into the NFC championship game for the first time since the 2000 season.

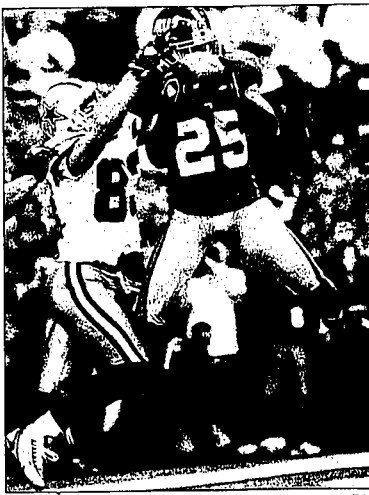
"I won't get tired of hearing that this week," Manning said. "No one's given us much credit and probably still won't. But that's OK. We like it that way."

Cornerback R.W. McQuarters intercepted a pass into the end zone with 9 seconds left, ending the Cowboys' final drive and marking Romo's second straight last-minute go-ahead to cost Dallas a playoff game. This flubbed goal of a short field goal in Seattle ended the Cowboys' season last year.

Manning is heading to his first NFC championship game, at Green Bay next Sunday. Manning had a much better day than his brother, Peyton, whose Indianapolis Colts were stunned by San Diego.

"I know he was watching and rooting for me," Hill said.

Dallas' failure is huge, much bigger than last season's flop in Seattle when Romo batted the



New York Giants cornerback R.W. McQuarters intercepts a pass intended for Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terry Glenn in the end zone during the final seconds of the fourth quarter of an NFC divisional playoff football game Sunday, in Irving, Texas. The interception ended the Cowboys' final drive and sealed the

hold on a go-ahead field goal in the final minutes.

The Cowboys just wasted a 13-0 possession, which matched the best in team history. They're the first No. 1 seed in the NFC to lose in this round since the NFL

went to the 12-team playoff format in 1990. They also became the seventh team to lose a playoff game against a team they'd beaten twice in the regular season — joining Dallas' 1998 club.

Worst of all is the extension of

all the skids: Romo now 0-2 in the playoffs, coach Wade Phillips 0-4 and the team 0-for-the-postseason since winning a wild-card game in 1996. The Cowboys have dropped five games since then.

The Cowboys might be headed into a stormy offseason. Team owner Jerry Jones said Thursday he would keep Phillips regardless of what happened in the playoffs. Now that will be tested, especially with highly valued assistant coaches Jason Garrett and Tony Sparano interviewing for jobs elsewhere.

Critics may point to Romo's trip to Mexico last weekend with his latest celebrity girlfriend as a distraction, but the problems went a lot deeper. There were all kinds of penalties that hurt Dallas drives and helped New York's sloppy tackling on defense and special teams, dropped passes and wasted timeouts.

The Giants loved every bit of it.

New York gave up 45 and 31 points in the first two meetings; in part because the defensive front that produced an NFL-best 53 sacks went hard after Romo but missed and wound up allowing big plays. This time, the Giants were content to give up short yardage, and the Cowboys accepted the invitation.

Their first three scoring drives took nine, 20 and 14 plays, burning a total of 2:32 off the clock. Dallas converted eight straight third downs in that

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Serena Williams wins in Australian Open

By John Pyle
Associated Press writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — The difference in 12 months was easy to see.

Serena Williams, wearing inch-wide bicycle shorts and headband, a short white dress and dangling, chandelier-inspired earrings, found her form quickly and beat former champion Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 6-2 on Monday in the first match in the Australian Open.

Last year, Williams was unseeded, ranked 18th and coming off one of her worst losses on tour — in a Tier 4 event at Hobart — yet she beat six seeded players en route to the title at Melbourne Park. It was her eighth, and least expected, Grand Slam win.

Expectations — for fans and the pundits — are much higher this season.

"It's obviously a lot different — I'm not No. 81 any more. And the courts different — it's a different color," Williams told the crowd after her 62-minute match at Rod Laver Arena against wild-card entry Jankovic, a Slovak who is representing Australia.

"I thought about last year, you know, my last match on that court I was able to win it — and that's all I thought about. I didn't think about holding up the trophy. I just got right back into the swing of things and thought, 'I have to stay focused.'"

Top-seeded Justine Henin, in her first match at Melbourne Park since retiring from the 2006 Fed Cup against Amelie Mauresmo, won the last six games to beat Aiko Nakamura 6-2, 6-2, her 29th consecutive win.

Third-seeded Jelena Jankovic saved three match points and needed 3 hours, 9 minutes to edge Austria's Tamira Paszek 2-6, 6-2, 12-10 at Vodafone Arena. The deciding set was 4 minutes shy of 2 hours, included 15 breaks of serve and an injury timeout for each player.

Henin was going through a divorce and skipped the last Australian Open, then came back to win the French and U.S. Opens and

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Raptors deal Trail Blazers second loss in double O.T.



Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh shoots over Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy during overtime NBA basketball action in Toronto on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008.

TORONTO — Chris Bosh had 38 points and 14 rebounds, and the Raptors handed the Trail Blazers their second loss in 19 games.

Bosh, who played 55 minutes, scored six points in the second overtime to lead Toronto to its third straight victory.

Brandon Roy had a career-high 33 points and 10 assists for Portland, and made a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left in the first overtime to tie it 104.

Anthony Parker finished with 25 points for Toronto and Jose Calderon added 22 points and 10 assists to help the Raptors recover after blowing a six-point lead in the final 2 minutes of regulation.

KNICKS 89, PISTONS 65
NEW YORK — The end of the Detroit Pistons' road trip was almost the worst night in their history.

Zach Randolph had 25 points and eight rebounds, and the New York Knicks rolled to an 89-65 victory over the weary Pistons on Sunday night.

With the Pistons playing the finale of a four-game, five-night road trip and coming off a 103-100 overtime victory in Charlotte on Saturday, the Knicks rolled to their most lopsided victory of the season, giving coach Isiah Thomas a rare easy night — against his former team, no less.

Detroit needed a three-point play by Amir Johnson to avoid finishing with the lowest point total in franchise history: The Pistons shot 30.7 percent (23-of-75), matching the NBA low for field goals made in a game this season.

Antonio McDyess had 15 points and 13 rebounds, and Chauncey Billups scored 14 points for Detroit.

Jamal Crawford scored all of his 15 points in the third quarter, when the Knicks turned it into a blowout. Their previous highest victory was an 18-point win over Cleveland.

WARRIORS 106, PACERS 101
OAKLAND, Calif. — Monta Ellis scored nine of his 29 points during a fourth-quarter comeback, and Mike Dunleavy missed a key free throw for Indiana in the final seconds.

Baron Davis scored 27 points for the Warriors, who won for the third time in four games by erasing Indiana's early 17-point lead and hanging on through a tense final period.

Dunleavy and Troy Murphy were booed heartily in their first trip back to Golden State since the eight-player trade that sent Stephen Jackson and Al Harrington to the Warriors.

Jermaine O'Neal had 27 points and nine rebounds for the Pacers, who have lost nine of 11. Dunleavy had 18 points and 10 rebounds, but missed a potential tying free throw late in the game.

HAWKS 105, BULLS 84
ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 37 points, including 25 in the first half, and the Hawks beat the Bulls to end a 12-game losing streak in the series.

Atlanta had not beaten Chicago since a 116-101 victory at the United Center on April 9, 2004.

The Hawks built a 22-point lead in the first

half and never let the Bulls mount a serious comeback.

Latol Deng led Chicago with 20 points in his return from missing three games with a sore Achilles tendon.

In an unannounced vote by Chicago's players, rookie Joakim Noah was benched against Atlanta.

Noah had a confrontation with assistant coach Ron Adams in practice before Friday's game at Philadelphia. He was inactive against the 76ers for what the team called internal discipline, and the players told interim coach Jim Boylan after Friday's game they felt one game was not enough.

HORNETS 87, ROCKETS 82
HOUSTON — Chris Paul had 19 points and 11 assists and made four free throws in the final 15 seconds to lift New Orleans to the win.

David West scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Hornets, who ended the Rockets' five-game winning streak.

The Hornets have won seven consecutive road games and seven of their last nine meetings with Houston, a divisional rival.

Yao Ming had 20 points, 16 rebounds and six turnovers for the Rockets, who lost for the third time in the 10 games Tracy McGrady has missed with a sore left knee. McGrady is expected to return for Saturday's game against San Antonio.

Ysion Chandler grabbed 14 rebounds for New Orleans, now just a game behind Dallas in the Southwest Division.

—The Associated Press

No. 10 Indiana top Illinois again



Indiana guard Eric Gordon (23) lays the ball in as Illinois center Shaun Pruitt defends during the second half of the basketball game at Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Ind., Sunday, Indiana won 62-58.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Eric Gordon and No. 10 Indiana struck it to Illinois again.

The high scoring freshman, who reneged on an oral commitment with the Illini and signed instead with the Hoosiers, had 17 points and Indiana rallied from a seven-point deficit in the second half to beat Illinois 62-58 Sunday.

It was Indiana's 10th straight victory and 27th in a row at home.

Big ten rebounding leader D.J. White, coming off 21 points and a career-high 22 rebounds in a win at Michigan on Tuesday, added 15 points and 10 boards, and Armon Bassett had all 11 of his points in the second half for the Hoosiers (14-1, 3-0). Shaun Pruitt led Illinois (0-9, 0-4) with 14 points.

NO. 9 DUKE 87, VIRGINIA 65

DUHAM, N.C. — DeMarcus Nelson scored 20 points to lead Duke.

Gerald Henderson added 18 points and Kyle Singler scored 13 for the Blue Devils (13-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who never trailed, led by double figures for the entire second half, hit 11 3-pointers and shut down Virginia's perimeter game.

NO. 22 RHODE ISLAND 80, DUQUESNE 78

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — Will Daniels matched a season-high with 20 points and Jimmy Barone hit a fadeaway jump shot with 3.2 seconds left to give Rhode Island a come-from-behind win.

Baron's shot put Rhode Island (15-2, 1-1 Atlantic 10 Conference) up by one point with 3.2 seconds left, and Kaihem Seawright hit a foul shot to seal the win in the Rams' conference home opener.

OREGON 71, NO. 23 STANFORD 66

EUGENE, Ore. — Maarty Leunen scored 16 points, and Oregon used an 8-0 run in the final 2 minutes to beat Stanford.

Malik Hairston and Tajuan Porter each added 15 points for the Ducks (12-4, 3-1), who beat the Cardinal (13-3, 2-2) for just the third time in 13 meetings. The win also keeps Oregon undefeated in eight games at home this season.

Porter, who's 3-point shooting was instrumental in the Ducks' run to the NCAA tournament regional finals last season, was removed from the starting lineup three games ago. He had made just one of 10 3-point attempts in conference play prior to Sunday's game. But he came up big for the Ducks in the final two minutes with four points and a steal, and finished 6-of-13 from the field overall.

—The Associated Press

Choi wins Sony Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — K.J. Choi had to work harder than he imagined to become the Sony Open champion everyone expected.

Equipped with a four-shot lead, Choi struggled in blustery conditions Sunday at Wai'aleae Country Club and held off a late charge by Rory Sabbatini to close with a 1-over-71, the first Sony Open champion in 41 years with a final round over par.

That was more a testament to the wind that caused palm trees to sway and made birdies scarce. Sabbatini managed six of them in a spirited run at Choi, but he three-putted the final hole for par from 65 feet for a 68, leaving him three shots behind.

Choi won for the seventh time on the PGA Tour, and for the fourth consecutive season. Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh are the only other players with active streaks that long.

But it wasn't easy until the end. Choi didn't make his first birdie until the final hole when the outcome was no longer in doubt. He finished at 14-under 266 and earned \$954,000.

Sabbatini started six shots behind, took a double bogey on No. 8, and still managed to make a game of it.

He had six birdies, the final one a sand wedge to 4 feet on the 16th to get within two shots, as Choi was struggling to make par three groups behind him. Choi settled down with a par from just off the 16th green, a chip that caught part of the cup on the 17th, and breathing room when he stepped on the 18th tee with a two-shot lead.

Jeppu closed with a bogey-free 67 to finish alone in third.

The last Sony Open champion to close with a round over par was Dudley Wysong, who beat Billy Casper in a playoff in 1967. Conditions had been mostly calm all week, but the wind gusty across Wai'aleae all day, and only eight players broke par.

"Being killed to sleep for three days made it tougher," Kelly said. "If we would have been facing this all week, we might have seen more rounds like that. I'll tell you, I'd hate to be a rookie



K.J. Choi reacts on the 18th green of Wai'aleae Country Club after winning the Sony Open golf tournament in Honolulu, Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008. Choi shot a 1-over-par 71 to finish at total 14-under-par.

and just all of a sudden see this place Sunday."

One such rookie was Tim Wilkinson, the 29-year-old from New Zealand playing in only his third PGA Tour event, and starting off in the final group with Choi after a third-round 62. Wilkinson started off with a bogey and it went badly from there. He shot 78 to tie for 25th.

Choi only had two birdie putts inside 15 feet in the final round, both on the par 5s. He missed a 3/5-putt on No. 9 that gave the field hope, and made the last one that only determined the margin of victory.

Choi, a 37-year-old from South Korea, became the first outright wire-to-wire winner at the Sony Open since Paul Azinger in 2000.

Chargers

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stepped out of bounds at about the 25, but the play stood.

So San Diego's backups then won it, helped by a 27-yard screen pass to rookie Legedza Nancee and a 15-yard face mask penalty against Indianapolis cornerback Jackson.

Manning did throw for 402 yards, completing 33 of his 48 throws, but the interceptions killed deep scoring threats.

Rivers was 14-of-19 for 264 yards, and Volek went 3-of-4 for 40 yards in his clutch relief role. Vincent Jackson became Rivers' top target with Gates struggling, and had seven catches for 93 yards and a score.

Indianapolis lost only six of 11 games all season, but Harrison (who hadn't been hit in almost three months while sidelined by a knee injury) was stripped on his first reception by Cromartie. McCree recovered at the San Diego 22,

stymying a lengthy drive begun with Kelvin Hayden's interception.

San Diego capitalized with a 78-yard march, including three third-down conversions. Jackson beat double-coverage to the corner of the end zone for his 14-yard score on third down, making it 7-7.

The first Indy scoring series was vintage Manning. He picked apart the Chargers with short timing throws. Joseph Adair and Reggie Wayne, who picked up 8 yards on a fourth-and-2 at the San Diego 37.

Two plays later, tight end Dallas Clark displayed moves like Wayne, using a double fake on Clinton Hart for a 25-yard touchdown catch.

Indianapolis' top 10-2-and-a-half-point-per-season-best 47-yard field goal, then the Chargers, now minus L.T., got the Colts 31 behind Turner, who gained 25 yards on the march. But Nate Kaeding's 48-yard field goal try bounced off the

right upright.

In the final seconds of the half, Manning's fourth incompletion in 22 throws, a deflection by Wayne on a high pass, was picked off by Cromartie, the league leader in interceptions. He got several blocks, including one on Manning, in running it back to the end zone, but a block by Eric Weddle was ruled holding, negating the long touchdown.

Nore Turner was livid at the call, berating the officials after what appeared a simple legal push by Weddle, who also had the other San Diego interception.

Rivers found Chris Chambers with a 30-yard TD pass to open the second half—and the Colts came back on Wayne's 9-yard sideline reception on which he bled to the pylon. Initially ruled out-of-bounds, Wayne was given the touchdown after the Colts challenged.

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Mountaineers' Slaton to pass up final year to enter NFL draft

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Today: Morning fog again possible, then skies will become partly to mostly sunny. Highs middle 30s.
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Map of the United States showing weather patterns, with a legend for Cold, Warm, Stationary, and Occluded fronts.

Clemens not committing to deposition with House committee

By Ronald Blum Associated press writer NEW YORK — Roger Clemens' lawyer would not commit Sunday to having the pitcher give a deposition to congressional investigators, even as he said the seven-time Cy Young Award winner remains willing to testify in open session.

Mets clubhouse attendant who has admitted supplying players with steroids and human growth hormone. Hardin wouldn't directly answer questions about a deposition.

ESPN.com, citing an unidentified individual familiar with the inquiry, reported Hardin is hedging on whether Clemens will give a deposition because it could interfere with the defamation suit Clemens filed against McNamee on Jan. 6.

"He has no choice in the matter if he's subpoenaed," Emery said. "It's just a question of whether the congressional investigators will be subpoena him, if they don't, they're crazy."

Williams

Continued from page B1 the season-ending championship. Her only loss in six months was to Marion Bartoli in the Wimbledon semifinals.

Sharapova, in the second round. Davenport opened her campaign at Margaret Court Arena against lady's Sara Errani, a fifth-seeded Sharapova was at Vodafone Arena against Jelena Kostanic of Croatia.

then slipped and fell onto her bottom on the new blue Plexiglas surface. She got up, and regained her footing moments later. She won the set with consecutive aces and then dropped just one of her last 16 points on serve and made only five unforced errors in the second set.

French Opens — played Viktor Troicki of Serbia in the night match on center court. Federer has a Tuesday start after a disrupted buildup because of a stomach virus.

Pashanski 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. In a match between two former finalists, 2003 runner-up Rainer Schuettler of Germany beat 2001 runner-up Arnaud Clement of France 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (3), 6-4.

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Giants

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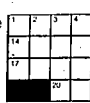
drop in the end zone by tight end Anthony Fasano and a fast punt nearly on Flozell Adams stalled things. Dallas settled for a field goal and a 17-14 lead. The Giants had to go only 37 yards on their go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter, but ran it in, then drove the ball into the play clock for emphasis.

teammates and pointing after an incomplete. New York then started on its 3-yard line and saw Jacobs get stuffed on a third-and-1. Dallas had great field position, but Romo wasted it with another sack. Then came a third-down conversion erased by an illegal formation penalty, an intentional grounding on a heave out of bounds and a third-and-20 pass to Terrell Owens that came up short.

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Bush tempers criticism on stalled Mideast democracy, slams Iran

By James Gerstenzang
Los Angeles Times

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — President Bush on Sunday called Iran "the world's leading state sponsor of terror" and sought to shore up opposition to the government in Tehran throughout the Middle East. But even as he criticized Iranian leaders, saying they were seeking to repress their own citizens and cow neighboring countries, Bush appealed to U.S. allies in the region to open up their own political and economic systems to greater democracy.

Spotlighting a swath of the globe where U.S. diplomacy is built around seeking help

for the administration's anti-terrorism effort, the president criticized only Iran by name. He avoided mentioning Egypt, his final stop of a six-nation Middle East trip, despite its long record of human rights abuses, limited political rights and economic disparity. Nor did he cite other nations across the region with similarly troubled histories.

Speaking just 150 miles across the Persian Gulf from Iran, Bush said the Islamic Republic "sends hundreds of millions of dollars to extremists around the world, while its own people face repression and economic hardship at home." He said Iran was seeking to

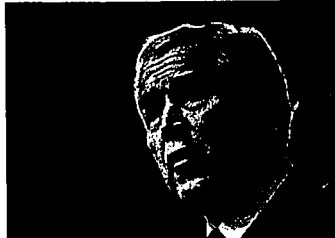
intimidate its neighbors with ballistic missiles and bellicose rhetoric." In Tehran, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammed Ali Hosseini dismissed the Bush's approach to Iran as ineffective.

"During the past seven years, the Bush administration has followed a policy to isolate Iran and promote Iranophobia in the region," Hosseini said, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency. "All regional states adopted a vigilant approach regarding that policy and opposed it."

Bush's criticism of Tehran occurred as the International Atomic Energy

Agency in Vienna, Austria, reported that Iranian representatives had promised to answer key questions within a month about their nation's past covert nuclear activities. Tehran also provided information about its effort to develop an advanced centrifuge that would enrich uranium much more quickly and efficiently than a model it now uses, the U.N. agency said.

Bush made only brief reference to alleged Iranian efforts to develop a nuclear weapon, which an administration intelligence report recently said had been halted in 2003, and did not speak of the announcement in Vienna.



President George W. Bush speaks at the Emirates Palace Hotel, Sunday in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Bush said Sunday that Iran is threatening the security of the world, and that the United States and Arab allies must join together to confront the danger 'before it's too late.'

A war of words

Clinton says Obama campaign 'distorting' comments on race, Obama says that's 'ludicrous'

By Beth Fouhy
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton suggested Sunday that Barack Obama's campaign had injected racial tension into the presidential contest, saying he had distorted for political gain her comments about Martin Luther King's role in the civil rights movement.

"This is an unfortunate story line the Obama campaign has pushed very successfully," the former first lady said in a scripted appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I don't think this campaign is about gender, and I sure hope it's not about race."

Clinton taped the show before appearances in South Carolina, where Jan. 26 primary will be the first to include a significant number of black voters. Blacks were 50 percent of primary voters in the state in 2004 and the number is expected to swell this time.

Both New York Sen. Clinton and her husband, the former president, have engaged in damage control this week after black leaders criticized their comments shortly before the New Hampshire primary last Tuesday.

The senator was quoted as saying King's dream of racial equality was realized only when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, while Bill Clinton said Illinois Sen. Obama was telling a "fairy tale" about his opposition to the Iraq war.

Former President Clinton has since appeared on several black radio programs to say he was referring to Obama's record on the Iraq war, not on his effort to become the nation's first black president.

At an awards dinner Sunday in Atlanta celebrating black achievement, Michelle Obama said her husband is the person America needs in the White House right now and was critical of anyone who would "dismiss this moment as an illusion, a fairy tale." He is the right candidate "not because of the color of his skin, but because of the quality and consistency of his character," she said.

As evidence the Obama campaign had pushed the story, Clinton advisers



Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., is silhouetted as he speaks at the Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ in Las Vegas, Sunday.

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A memo later surfaced on a handful of political Web sites. Obama later called Clinton's accusations "ludicrous," and said he found Clinton's comments about King to be ill-advised and unwarranted.

"If Senator Clinton wants to be distracted by the sorts of political posturing that was evident today then that is going to be her prerogative," Obama said.

Another rival, John Edwards, added his voice to the chorus of criticism of

Clinton's comments about King. "I must say I was troubled recently to see a suggestion that real change came not through the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King but through a Washington politician. I fundamentally disagree with that," Edwards told more than 200 people gathered at a predominantly black Baptist church in Sumter, S.C.

Later Sunday, the Clinton campaign scrambled to explain comments by one of its top black supporters, BET founder Bob Johnson, that seemed to raise the issue of Obama's admitted teenage drug use.

"I am frankly insulted the Obama campaign would imply that we are so stupid that we would think Hillary and Bill Clinton, who have been deeply and emotionally involved in black issues — when Barack Obama was doing something in the neighborhood. I won't say what he was doing, but he said it in his book — when they have been involved," Johnson said at an event with Clinton in Columbia, S.C.

Military chief says he favors closing Gitmo

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The chief of the U.S. military said Sunday he favors closing the prison here as soon as possible because he believes negative publicity worldwide about treatment of terrorist suspects has been "pretty damaging" to the image of the United States.

"I'd like to see it shut down," Adm. Mike Mullen said in an interview with three reporters who toured the detention center with him on his first visit since becoming chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last October.

His visit came two days after the sixth anniversary of January 2002. He stressed that a closure decision was not his to make and that he understands there are numerous complex legal questions the administration believes would have to be settled first, such as where to move prisoners.

The admiral also noted that some of Guantanamo Bay's prisoners are deemed high security threats. During a tour of Camp Six, which is a high-security facility holding about 100 prisoners, Mullen said he had looked at some of the cells; one prisoner played at Mullen through his narrow cell window as U.S. officers explained to the joint chiefs chairman how they maintain almost-constant watch over each prisoner.

Mullen, whose previous visit was in December 2005 as head of the U.S. Navy, noted that President Bush and Defense Secretary Robert Gates also have spoken publicly in favor of closing the prison. But Mullen said he is unaware of any active discussion in the administration about how to do it.

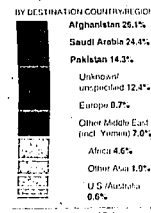
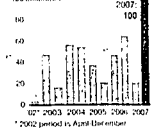
"I'm not aware that there is any immediate consideration to closing Guantanamo Bay," Mullen said.

Detainee transfers

Nearly 500 detainees have been transferred from Guantanamo Bay. Of those, less than 3 percent were released to Yemen. Currently, Yemen is accused for nearly 100 of the 275 prisoners.

Transferred detainees

BY SIX MONTHS IN THE PAST



SOURCE: Department of Defense

Asked why he thinks Guantanamo Bay, commonly dubbed Gitmo, should be closed, the prisoners perhaps moved to U.S. soil, Mullen said. "More than anything else, it's been the legal conditions of the prison — how Gitmo has become around the world, in terms of representing the United States."

Gates have changed that detainees have been mistreated in some cases and that the legal conditions of their detentions are not consistent with the rule of law.

"I believe that from the standpoint of how it reflects on us that it's been pretty damaging," Mullen said, speaking in a small hall that ferried him in and from the detention facilities across a glistening bay.

"He said he was encouraged to hear from U.S. officers here that the prison population has shrunk by about 100 over the past year, to 277."



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies before the Congressional Joint Economic Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington in November. The Federal Reserve is not currently forecasting a recession," Bernanke said last week. "We are forecasting slow growth."

Will economy survive current strains or collapse into a recession?

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The unemployment rate leaps to a two-year high, record numbers of people are forced from their homes and Wall Street nose-dives again. Such is the fallout from a housing meltdown that threatens to slingshot the country into a recession.

The big economic question these days is whether the weakening economy will survive the strains or collapse under them.

The odds have grown that the economy will slip into a

recession. At the beginning of last year, many economists put that chance at less than 1-in-3; now an increasing number says it has climbed to around 50-50. Goldman Sachs, the biggest investment bank on Wall Street, even thinks a recession is inevitable this year.

Hopeful it can be avoided, President Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress are exploring economic rescue measures, including possible tax rebates. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke pledged to lower interest rates as needed.

The idea is to induce people to boost spending, especially on big-ticket items such as homes and cars, and revitalize economic activity.

"The recession gorilla is there. The question is can the Federal Reserve do enough to avert a recession?" asked Brian Bethune, economist at Global Insight. "We think the odds are close to 50 percent that there will be a recession. It is high — no question about it."

Much hope rides on the Fed by dropping rates, it can act quickly — faster than Congress or the White House could agree on and deliver

an economic boost.

"The Federal Reserve is not currently forecasting a recession," Bernanke said last week. "We are forecasting slow growth."

Bernanke signaled that a rate cut would come this month. Many economists believe a key rate, now at 4.25 percent, could fall by as much as one-half of a percentage point. Such a cut would lower the rates that are charged to millions of consumers and businesses for many different types of loans.

Analysts predict the Fed will keep doing that in the

months ahead as part of a campaign that started in September, when the central bank cut rates for the first time in four years.

Trying to put the fragile economy back on firm footing is the biggest challenge for Bernanke since taking over the Fed nearly two years ago. His job requires a deft reading of the economy's vital signs and keen insights into what makes people and businesses tick. It is their behavior that shapes the economy. And it is in turbulent times that the Fed chief needs to bolster public and investor confidence.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Error is always in haste." - Thomas Fuller, M.D.

There are several reasons why it may not be right to draw trumps straightaway. One of them is that you need to establish a discard for one of your side-suit losers.

How will you play four spades when West leads the diamond jack, won in the dummy?

If you lead trump, then when West wins with the spade king, he may well switch to the heart six. You will then lose two heart tricks, putting you one down. So, instead, you should lead a club to throw your hand at trick two, hoping to find the club ace onside and set up a discard.

If East plays low, you will win with the club king. You then cross to dummy with the remaining diamond honor and lead another club. Let's say that East rises with the club ace and switches to the heart five. West will cover whatever card you play from your hand. You win with dummy's heart ace and cross to your spade ace, rightly spurning the chance to finesse in the suit. You can then discard dummy's remaining heart on the club queen. You lose just one trump, one heart and one club.

You would make the same play (a club at trick two) even if your trumps were A-K-10-6-4. If the defenders' trumps broke 3-0, you would then avoid defeat when the club ace was onside.

Hand analysis section with NORTH, WEST, SOUTH, and EAST cards listed.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1 A Pass 4 A All pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: A J 6 K 10 4 K 10 8 5 4 A 6

West holds: A Q J 6 4 J 8 4 K Q 6

South West North East 1 A Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

ANSWER: Leading a heart and playing your partner for a good holding might work. But my choice would be to lead the diamond ace to try to pin a doubleton jack in dummy or subsequently to drop a doubleton king in declarer's hand or in dummy.

When you have as much as a 14-count, it does not seem that likely that you will find much help from partner.

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Winning ways for losing weight

Jan Mittleider took the summer and fall off from writing her column. Now, watch for "Alive and Well" every other week, here in Image.

Mike Huckabee may have catapulted into the presidential contention's winner's circle, but he is the biggest loser of all... when it comes to a sustainable 113-pound weight loss. I had a conversation with him six months ago at the National Wellness Conference when most Americans would have said, "Huckabee wins!"

His transformation from a funny Southern "fatboy" into a funny, energetically fit presidential prospect is compelling and courageous, regardless of your political persuasion. He claims: "If I can lose weight, anyone can. I was fat for three reasons: I'm from the South; my family was so poor that we deep-fat-fried everything; I'm a Baptist where I thought a religious symbol was a casserole in a dish."

Sometimes a single event is the catalyst that spurs a commitment to losing weight. That was the case for Huckabee, who developed obesity-triggered diabetes. His doctor gave him a compassionately stern change-your-life-now-or-else speech. His own mortality suddenly loomed large. The premature disability his doctor discussed was not the end strategy he wanted, a process that he documented in his book, *Digging Your Grave with a Knife and Fork*.

If you're a person who went on a diet for two weeks and all you lost was two weeks, consider another try using these science-based strategies:

1. Keep track of daily food intake and exercise in a journal. Generally speaking, people underreport their caloric intake by about 1/3. The simple act of writing down behaviors helps establish and reinforce new patterns. "I having the evidence right in front of you means you're accountable for your own behavior," says obesity expert Jean Harvey-Berino.
2. Set weekly, specific behavior goals. For example, you can calculate your caloric goal by multiplying your current weight by 12 to find daily calories needed to maintain your weight. Once you know the caloric goal, you can cut back 250 calories and burn off an additional 250 calories a day to lose 3,500 calories or one pound a week.
3. Control caloric density and portion size. Eat more fresh or less processed food to get more "fiber and fill" content. Or, try Huckabee's advice: "Eat foods available 100 years ago. If it's newer, it's probably a food product. Its cardboard container may be healthier for you than its contents."

Shrink your servings. Learn to use your hand to estimate portion size. Generally, a fist full of rice or other starchy carbohydrate is a single serving. An open hand from fingertip to middle of palm is a sufficient protein serving, and a 1-ounce serving of nuts fits in one small handful.

4. Eat mindfully. It takes about 20 minutes for your brain to register fullness. Gulping food quickly leads to overeating. Instead, try chewing food slowly, savor the flavor and take time for conversation with family and friends. Happy families don't grow on trees. They grow around the dinner table.

5. Move more! The one common thread among successful losers is regular physical activity, usually walking. Since muscle is a calorie-burning powerhouse, muscle loss equals fewer calories burned. Sneak in activity wherever you can. Stand on one foot and brush your teeth, or tuck in your abdominal every time you brake your car.

6. Treat yourself with kindness. Creating new choices in crowded lives is not easy. Successful losers typically fall the first time around. Keep trying — and reward yourself for small victories with a treat that doesn't focus on food.

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

TAMING TEMPTATION

Episode 2: See how these women weathered the holidays

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

The holiday eating season is over, but many still have reminders of turkey dinners and pumpkin pies lingering around their waistlines.

For our fitness warriors, however, facing temptation was no sweat.

We introduced you to Connie Lancaster and Kathy Lundy last month. Lancaster, a newly diagnosed diabetic, was facing her first Christmas with dietary restrictions. Lundy was fighting to keep off the 40 pounds she had lost in 2007.

They won the battle of the bloat, and carried their healthy habits into the new year. We'll check back with them in February to see whether they're still on track.

Kathy Lundy, 56

Kimberly

Challenge: Maintain weight loss.
Current weight: 135 pounds.

Kathy Lundy survived her first Christmas in her new healthy lifestyle, but not without a fight.

"I didn't eat great," she said. "I had some desserts and we always have M&M's at the holidays, and I can't resist those."

Lundy and her family downsized their traditional big Christmas dinner and splurged on a breakfast instead. Still, avoiding temptation proved to be a challenge.

"There were a couple times I had food hangovers," she said.

But the occasional indulgences weren't a problem for Lundy, who went back to eating well immediately and even lost a pound in December.

Making healthy food choices became easy for Lundy, who overhauled her lifestyle a year ago for a weight loss challenge at Kimberly Elementary School, where she works, and dropped 40 pounds. During a recent trip to Fred Meyer in Twin Falls, she avoided aisles with processed foods and shopped instead at the Nutrition Center. She picked up fresh vegetables and health bars — items that would have been absent from her shopping list just over a year ago.

Her husband, Joe Lundy, doesn't mind her change in diet. He even enjoys most of the foods she has introduced, like smoothies with flaxseed oil, and tomato sauce over spaghetti squash.

He's still going to give her a hard time about it, though.

"You give a woman an inch and pretty soon the whole family's on a diet," he said.

—Melissa Davlin



Kathy Lundy bags a few pieces of broccoli while shopping at Fred Meyer on Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls. Photo by KEITH MCCOY/Times-News



Lundy stralls through the produce section of Fred Meyer in Twin Falls.

Flaxseed oil is a source of omega-3 fatty acids. Lundy, holding this bottle, mixes the oil into smoothies.



Connie Lancaster, 45

Twin Falls

Challenge: Control diabetes with diet and exercise.
Weight loss to date: 30 pounds.

Connie Lancaster didn't feel deprived during her first Christmas dinner as a diagnosed diabetic. The family still had decadent treats like ham and scalloped potatoes, but added sugar-free Jell-O and more vegetables to the feast.

"So it wasn't all the yams and the rolls," she said. "We just kind of made it a simple dinner."

Lancaster also fought temptation at family gatherings by bringing her own food and taking only nibbles of treats provided by others.

"I would just make sure I took something I could have," she said.

Throughout the holiday season, Lancaster continued her workout regimen, which has helped her lose 30 pounds since she was diagnosed with diabetes in October. She's now focusing on maintaining her routine.



During her lunch break Wednesday, Connie Lancaster of Twin Falls prepares chicken to accompany vegetables with a light yogurt.

"I try to work out four to five times a week at Curves," she said. "I get there as much as I can, and that's been going good."

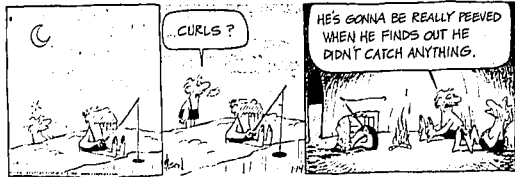
Low blood sugar counts, taken from twice-daily blood tests to help monitor her diabetes, also encouraged her. She attributed the improvement to medicine, her workout routine and her healthier diet.

Lancaster said her family has always eaten healthy, but she now eats smaller portions. She has also made minor changes to some of her family's favorites, like replacing noodles with shredded cabbage in spaghetti — a dish she said tastes better than it sounds.

"If people try it, they're like, 'Oh, that is really good,'" she said.

—Melissa Davlin

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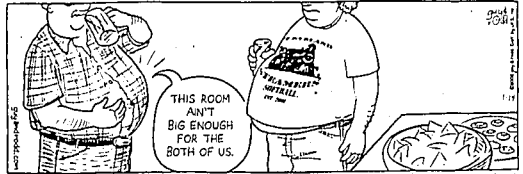
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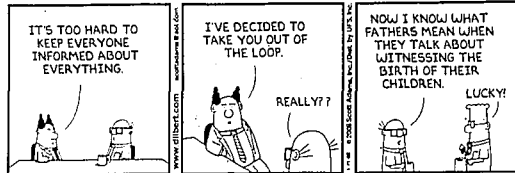
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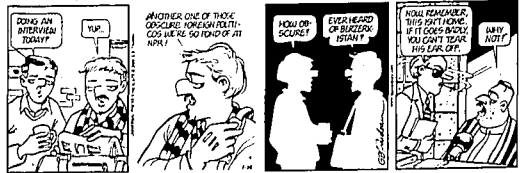
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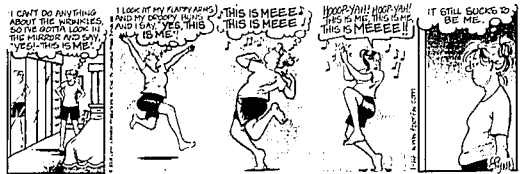
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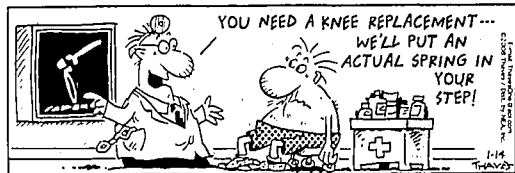
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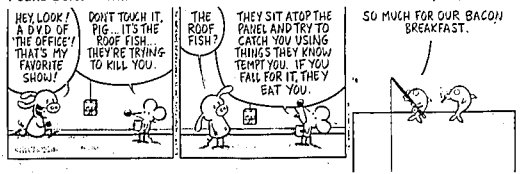
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Avoid decisions on your future, Gemini

IF JAN. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You reach the peak of your professional performance in March — so if you own a business or aspire to climb higher on the rungs of success, that is an excellent month to launch new projects. Take a break from routines or pursue a lifelong dream in June when you have time to chase a beckoning rainbow. Next October you may hook up with someone who acts as a good influence on your spirits or you may be thrown in contact with a generous person who can open valuable doors for your future success.

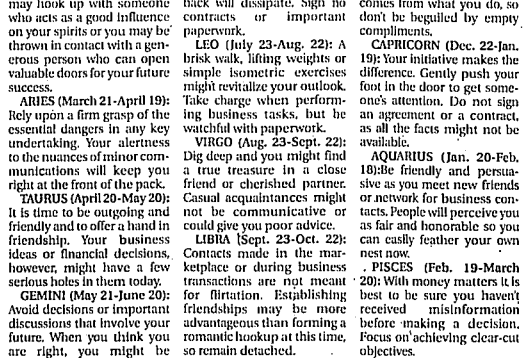
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Wait it out. A temporarily frustrating situation such as a broken phone or an erroneous entry in the bankbook could put you between a rock and hard place. Hold off on making new contacts. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): With beauty-loving Venus in your sign, you may feel more attractive than usual. Real success, however, comes from what you do, so don't be beguiled by empty compliments. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your initiative makes the difference. Gently push your foot in the door to get someone's attention. Do not sign an agreement or a contract, as all the facts might not be available. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be friendly and persuasive as you meet new friends and contacts for business contacts. People will perceive you as fair and honorable so you can easily feather your own nest now. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): With money matters it is best to be sure you haven't received misinformation before making a decision. Focus on achieving clear-cut objectives.

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Stepson's drug addiction may be the death of his dad

DEAR ABBY: After 30 years as a widow, I married a wonderful, gentle, caring man. The problem is his son, "Byron." Byron is a 50-year-old druggie who doesn't work and sponges off his father by making promises he never keeps. My husband forgives him over and over because Byron is his only son. But the fighting is going to cause my husband to have a heart attack. His son rants, screams and threatens. I have personally heard him make death threats. I finally lost my temper and told Byron exactly how I feel. Now he is refusing to come over, refuses to help his father in any way and blames me. I know what he is doing, and it breaks my heart to see my husband in such pain.



DEAR ABBY,
Jeanne Phillips

Believe it or not, your husband needs help right now as much as — or more than — his son does. An excellent place it would be the Nar-Anon Family Groups, a support group founded in 1967 that offers insight and support to families and friends of addicts. There are safe places for members to share their experience, hope and strength with each other. To locate a group in your area, call toll-free (800) 477-6291 or visit its Web site at www.Nar-Anon.org.

youngest sister's wedding in which my children and I have been asked to participate. Since the affair, Charlotte has continued to be an alcoholic. She has never attempted to apologize appropriately. Once she did, but she was drunk and refused to take responsibility for her actions. Out of respect for my feelings, I think Charlotte should be excluded from the wedding. If she's invited, I'm not sure my children and I will attend. What do you think?

—**OUTRAGED**
IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR OUTRAGED: You should thank your higher power that you're rid of the substance-abusing, morally challenged philanderer you married. He had the affair with Charlotte because she was handy, vulnerable and addicted to alcohol. She has tried to apologize, but because she was drunk couldn't get her message across. Does this absolve her? No! But until Charlotte sobers up, expecting an "appropriate" apology is as unrealistic as asking someone with a broken leg to up-land. Take part in the wedding and allow yourself to have a good time. Stop nursing your anger for Charlotte and direct it where it belongs — at your ex. Do this if not for yourself, then in the name of family unity. No woman is an island, and with your current mind-set, you're only isolating yourself.

What can I do to mend the fences? Everything, I said to his son is the truth. Please guide me.

—**HEARTSICK**
IN SEATTLE

DEAR HEARTSICK: Your husband's "child" is an addict. One of the things addicts do — and quite adeptly — is manipulate those around them into enabling them to continue their habit. The harder a person tries to protect the addict, the more it makes the addict able to continue his/her self-destructive behavior. The reason Byron acts the way he does is because it has always worked.

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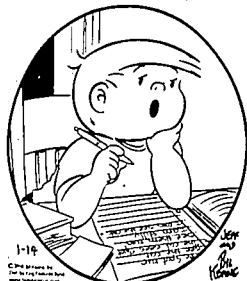
By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Dennis the Menace



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2008. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 14, 1794, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

- In 1639, the first constitution of Connecticut — the "Fundamental Orders" — was adopted.
- In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life.
- In 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" had its world premiere in Rome.
- In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.
- In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator," as he was officially known.
- In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.
- In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."
- In 1968, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated

the AFL's Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in Super Bowl II.

In 1968, 27 people aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise were killed in an explosion that ripped through the ship off Hawaii.

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their collection of films. NBC last concert together at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

Ten years ago: Whitewater questioned

Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House for 10 minutes about the gathering of FBI background files on past Republican political appointees. (Sources quoted the first lady as saying she knew nothing about any such collection of files.) NBC agreed to pay Warner Brothers \$13 million per episode to retain the highly rated TV show "ER."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

CBS commentator Andy Rooney is 89. Blues singer Clarence Carter is 72. Country singer Billie Jo Spears is 71. Singer Jack Jones is 70. Singer-songwriter Alan Toussaint is 70. NAACP Chairman Julian Bond is 68. Actress Faye Dunaway is 67. Actress Tiffani Taylor is 65. Actor Carl Weathers is 60. Singer-producer Fabrice Barrault is 60. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 59. Rock singer Geoff Tate (Queensryche) is 49. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 45. Actor Mark Adity is 44. Fox News Channel anchorman Shepard Smith is 44. Rapper Shick is 43. Actor Dan Schneider is 42. Actress Emily Watson is 41. Actor-comedian Tom Rhodes is 41. Rock musician Zak Wylde (Ozzy Osbourne band) is 41. Rapper-actor L. Cord J is 40. Actor Jason Bateman is 39.

Should I wait to start my social security benefits?
Even if you plan to keep working, social security retirement benefits are available to most workers as early as age 62. Two sources of income sound good, right?
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