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Rapper and Romney share a moment

BOSTON (AP) — A rapper with the Grammy-nominated club act LMFAO says former Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney first touched him — and not the other way around — during a confrontation aboard an Air Canada flight that was preparing to take off from Vancouver, British Columbia.

Sky Blu, whose given name is Skyler Gordy, says in a video posted Friday on TMZ.com that he was trying to go to sleep when he leaned his seat back in the coach section of a the Vancouver-to-Los Angeles flight Monday. He says Romney loudly told him general times to straighten it, as is required until takeoff under commercial flight regulations. Then, he says, Romney reached forward and grabbed his shoulder.

"I just react — boom — got off me, you know," Gordy says in the video, taking a swig through the air as he speaks. "And I didn't take it any further than that. I just wanted the man not to touch me."

Gordy says that Romney's wife, Ann, screamed and said that the plane returned to the gate before two police officers escorted him off. After being detained briefly, he was allowed to buy a ticket for another flight.

Romney spokesman Eric Fehrnstrom had no comment Friday about whether Gordy was the man that Romney was the man that Romney had the confrontation.

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Today
High: 35
Record: 60 (1997)
Sunrise: 6:36 a.m.

Tonight
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Sunset: 5:21 p.m.

Sunday
High: 33
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Sunset: 5:22 p.m.

Monday
High: 35
Low: 26

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Obama challenges GOP on health care

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP) — Days before hosting an intensive health care summit with both Republicans and Democrats, President Barack Obama made a fervent push for his overhaul, calling it critical not just for the millions without insurance but for the entire country's economic well-being.

"It is vital for our economy to change how health care works in this country," Obama said Friday at a town hall meeting in a high school gym. "Don't let the American people go another

year, another 10 years, another 20 years without health insurance reform in this country."

The president's plea for his top domestic priority, which faces an uncertain fate after nearly a year of work in Congress, earned him huge applause. He said the drawn-out effort has cost him politically, and also has undercut the standing of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Obama was in Nevada to help the Senate leader survive a tough re-election fight this

year — a race that could have a big impact on the balance of power in Washington and the fate of Obama's own proposals on health care and beyond. Obama needs to protect every vote he can in the Senate if his own agenda is to succeed.

The president's bipartisan summit is being held Thursday. He dared Republicans to present a proposal addressing the uninsured and rising medical costs, rather than merely saying no to Democratic approaches.

Apologetic Tiger Woods unsure of return to golf

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Missing his smile and aura of invincibility, Tiger Woods finally showed his face to a waiting world Friday and apologized again for cheating on his wife, without revealing the scope of his infidelity or when he will return to golf.

Standing at a podium before a presidential-blue backdrop in a hushed room of his closest associates, Woods stumbled a few times as he read a 13½-minute statement. He offered no new details of what happened or

what's next, except that he was leaving Saturday for more therapy.

"I have made you question who I am and how I could have done the things I did," Woods said.

Woods' wife, Elin, did not attend his first public appearance since he crashed his car into a tree outside their home three months ago, setting off shocking allegations of rampant extramarital affairs.

"I was unfaithful. I had affairs. I cheated," Woods said. "What I did was not acceptable."

U.S. Marines seize Taliban headquarters, IDs, photos

MARJAH, Afghanistan (AP) — After a fierce gunfight, U.S. Marines seized a strongly defended compound Friday that appears to have been a Taliban headquarters — complete with photos of fighters posing with their weapons, dozens of Taliban-issued ID cards and graduation diplomas from a training camp in Pakistan.

Insurgents who had been using the field office just south of Marjah's town center abandoned it by the end of the day's fighting, as Marines converged on them from all sides, escalating operations to break resistance in this Taliban stronghold in southern Helmand province.

Marines from Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines fought their way south from the town center Friday after residents told them that several dozen insurgent fighters had regrouped in the area.

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Bartlett selectman charged with possessing child porn

BARTLETT — Selectman Jon Tanguay has been arrested and charged with possessing child pornography.

Tanguay, 37, pleaded not guilty Friday in Northern Carroll County District Court in Conway. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash or corporate surety.

Tanguay is charged with four felony counts of possession of child sexual-abuse images. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

He was arrested following an investigation by N.H. Attorney General's office, N.H. State Police and the Carroll County



Jon Tanguay

Sheriff's Office. Senior Assistant Attorney General Jane Young wouldn't say what prompted the investigation.

Carroll County Sheriff

Chris Conley said Friday evening the investigation is a "public integrity" case led by the Attorney General's office. He said the sheriff's department is doing forensic work on computers seized in connection with the case.

"We did seize some computers for graphic images of child sexual abuse," Conley said.

Tanguay has been a Bartlett selectman since 2005.

Fellow selectman Gene Chandler deferred comment to the Attorney General's office, saying only, "I don't know anything yet. Obviously it's disturbing news."

Legislative committee approves rules on LLC tax

By SHIRA SCHOENBERG
CONCORD MONITOR

CONCORD — The rules governing the so-called LLC tax are set to become law.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules yesterday approved the rules governing the extension of the interest and dividends tax to limited liability companies. The 6-4 party-line vote came at the end of a six-hour meeting, in which the

committee heard testimony from the public and the Department of Revenue Administration. The Democrats on the committee voted for the rules, the Republicans opposed them.

"The rules had changed drastically from when they were first posted for the public to yesterday afternoon," said state Sen. Sharon Carson, a Londonderry Republican. "The rules were practically rewritten and at that point, the public didn't have the opportunity to weigh in on them until today."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

"Who are you, Where are You Headed" Workshop A free workshop, entitled "Who are you, Where are You Headed and How Can Higher Education Help," is being offered from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Granite State College in Conway for anyone unsure of their future direction and how to get there. Participants will learn how to identify their specific strengths, skills and interests, and set realistic career goals and objectives. Bring a lunch. For more information call 447-3970.

Chilly Chili Cook-off Postponed The seventh annual chilly chili cook-off is at Flatbread Company in the Eastern Slope Inn Resort has been postponed to Feb. 27. For more information contact Mary Seavey at 356-5701 ext. 305 or e-mail mary@mtwashingvalley.org.

Snow Princess Fantasy. The fourth annual snow princess fantasy is taking place at the North Conway Grand Hotel. Courts will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Snow princesses can check in 15 minutes prior to their scheduled court time. Flowers and raffia tickets will be sale with all proceeds to be donated to the Kennett cheerleaders. For more information contact Monica Belkin at 356-7317 or omominn@aol.com or find the registration form at ncomunitycenter.org or stop by the community center.

Green Mountain Pug Rescue Meet And Greet. There will be a Green Mountain Pug Rescue meet and greet at Four Your Paws Only at 1821 White Mountain Highway Route 16 in North Conway from 12 to 3 p.m. Stop by to learn more about this amazing breed, see who's available for adoption, and visit with some adorable pups and the folks from Green Mountain Pug Rescue. To learn more about this rescue group visit them at www.greenmountainpugrescue.com.

"One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" M&D Productions is presenting "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" at Your Theatre in North Conway at 7:30 p.m. "Cuckoo's Nest" is a classic novel which was turned into was turned into a play and then a movie portraying the lives of several inmates who under the strict supervision of Nurse Ratched are quickly turned on end when Mr. McMurphy comes in to their world to help spice up a their mundane lives. For more information and tickets call 662-7591.

Bartlett Church February Suppers. The 40 year tradition of Bartlett Church February Suppers continues. "Fabulous February Feasts" buffet dinners are happening every Saturday in from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bartlett Union Congregational Church on Albany Avenue in February. Adults \$8, children 5-12, \$4, 4 and under free. Great food, great price, great experience.

Family Movie Matinee This month's feature at family movie matinee at the Effi Ngham Public Library at 30 Town House Road is "Monsters Vs. Aliens," from DreamWorks Animation. This film is rated PG. Adults \$8, children 5-12, \$4, and is the popcorn. For more information call the library at 539-1537 or e-mail marilyn@effi.ingham.lib.nh.us

Pampering Parents at Mount Washington Valley Children's Museum Mount Washington Valley Children's Museum located at 2936 White Mountain Highway in North Conway is pampering parents all day long with bagels from the Bagles Plus and coffee from Starbucks. There will be surprise treat as well. Admission is \$5 per person age one and up. Members are free. Members who want to enjoy the extended day from 5 to 8 p.m. are asking to donate \$5 per

person to help support the ongoing costs of running and renovating the children's museum. For more information call 356-2992 or visit www.mwvchildrensmuseum.org.

Fryeburg Beautifical cant Committee Cheese Auction Fryeburg Beautifical cant Committee will have it's first Cheese auction at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Chase. Doors open at 1 p.m. and tickets start drawing at 3 p.m. The community is invited to donate items. Contact Tracy Eng (207) 935-3372 or masterpacer1953@gmail.com.

Family And Contra Dance Family dance followed by contra dance at Tin Mountain Conservation Center at 1245 Bald Hill Road in Albany. The family dance starts from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. taught with music by Red Wing, Lucy Gatchell and Dexter Harding. The cost is \$2 for children, \$3 for adults and \$10 for families. The contra dance is from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Beginners are welcomed. No partner needed. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and under. Byron Ricker is calling the dance with music by Seth Austen and the Mountain Top String Band. For more information Contact Dexter at 383-9946. Directions @ www.tinmtn.org

Sausage Making Workshop. The Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm located at 58 Cleveland Hill Road in Tamworth is presenting a workshop on sausage making from 10 a.m. to noon. This workshop is designed for ages 16 and up, with a participating adult. RSVP by calling the museum's visitor center at 323-7591 or toll free (800) 686-6117. For more information and to view all of our upcoming workshops you may visit us online at www.remickmuseum.org

Sandwich Sled Dog Race. The Sandwich sled dog race to be held in North Sandwich starts at 9 a.m. with a 45-mile race that heads southwest and make a loop to Mount Israel Road in Center Sandwich. They then come back toward the starting area and then northeast to Wonalonact, making a large portion of the run and passing through the checkpoint located in the scenic Wonalonact Intervale. The 20-mile teams and skijorers will start around 10 a.m. and will go to the Wonalonact Intervale checkpoint, which is approximately halfway for them, and then return to the fish line. Food and drinks will be available at the Bennett Cafe located at the start and fish area. Bennett Street is located just off Route 113A in North Sandwich. Signs will be posted at critical intersections to direct spectators, or more information can be obtained by visiting www.sandwichsleddograce.org or www.sandwichsleddogracers.com or by calling 626-6262.

Caribbean Dance Party The 11 piece Caribbean steel drum band Mango Groove will perform on February 20th at 7:30 p.m. They will bring a warm musical breeze to the Theater in the Woods in Intervale. For more information call 356 9688.

"Winter Birds of Plum Island" Nature Program. Tin Mountain Conservation Center invites the public to the nature program "Winter Birds of Plum Island" for their annual trip to Plum Island in Massachusetts where snow buntings, harriers and rough-legged hawks are just a few of the possible birds you may see. Plum Island, an eight-mile barrier island that is part of Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Ipswich, Mass., offers an excellent opportunity to observe migratory birds. Car pooling from Tin Mountain Conservation Center is encouraged. Meet at the Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center at 1245 Bald Hill Road, Albany at 7:30 a.m. Donations of \$3 per person and \$5 per family are requested. Dress warm, bring binoculars or borrow some from Tin Mountain. Call for reservations at 447-

6991 or e-mail Donna at ddolan@tinmountain.org.
Winter Interlude Exhibit. The "Winter Interlude" exhibit featuring juried, member work in pastels, oils, acrylics and watercolors is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mount Washington Valley Visual Arts Center at 16 Norcross Place in North Conway, home of the Mount Washington Valley Arts Association Exhibit through Feb. 25. For complete information and program listings, visit www.mwvarts.org or call 603-356-ARTS(2787).

Registration Deadline For "Felted Birds" Needle Workshop. Today is the registration deadline for "Felted Birds" needle felting workshop with Nancy Coe at 10:00 am on Monday, Feb. 27. Workshop runs from 1 to 3:30 p.m., is open to adults and children ages 12 and up. The cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members and includes materials. To register call 356-ARTS(2787).

Spaghetti Dinner. There will be a spaghetti dinner at the Moultonville Methodist Church in Center Ossipee at 5 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti with homemade meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$7. Proceeds for oil fund.

Fencing Competition. Barndoor Fencers Club is putting on a fencing competition at the North Conway Community Center in North Conway Village starting at 10 a.m. Open to the public. For more information call Cathy McClean at 733-5008.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Benefit Breakfast. The Masons of North Conway will be hosting a benefit breakfast for the White Mountain Waldorf School from 8 to 11 a.m. The breakfast buffet now includes omelets to order, pancaes/waffles/French toast, fruit salad, cereal, home fries/sausage and coffee/juice/tea. Take a tour the Mason Hall. It is a sight to see. For more information call 447-3168.

George Washington's Birthday Celebrations The 100 minute film "A More Perfect Union" will be shown at 4 p.m. on the big screen at the Conway Cafe's Majestic Theater. Film depicts Washington interacting with various Founding Fathers at the 1787 Constitutional Convention. This is a single showing and free event. Questions call Norman Tegenza 733-6736.

Wildlife Tracking. Tin Tamworth Conservation Community and Bearcamp Trackers for a couple of hours of parking tracks and other animal signs starting at 1 p.m. Rank and meet at The Community School on Bunker Hill Road in South Tamworth. For more information 387-7869.

Doubt Auditions. M&D Productions invites all community actors to audition for the powerful drama "Doubt" at 6 p.m. at Your Theatre located at 1857 White Mountain Highway in North Conway. M&D Productions' artistic director Ken Martin will hold open auditions for all roles: Father Flynn (age range 30-50), Sister Aloysius (age range 40-50), Sister James (late 20s), and Mrs. Muller (African-American in her late 30s). M&D presents "Doubt" Thursday through Saturdays April 8-24. For more information, contact Ken Martin at 662-7591.

Boston String Quartet. Arts Council of Tamworth is delighted to present the vibrant and original Boston String Quartet on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Saint Ann's Church in Tamworth. For tickets and information visit www.arttamworth.org or call 323-8104.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Mount Washington Valley Toastmaster's Club Mount Washington Valley Toastmaster's Club meets 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Eastern Slope Inn. The club promotes communication, listening, organizational skills, building self-confidence for up-ward mobility in a positive learning environment. Professionals and non-professionals alike, as well as visitors are welcome. Membership is open. For information Sheila 323-8800; DonnaRae 356-3448.

Life Drawing Session There will be a life drawing session from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mount Washington Valley Visual Arts Center at 16 Norcross Place in North Conway village. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Preregistration appreciated. For complete information visit www.varts.org or call 356-ARTS (2878).

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EVERY SATURDAY

Family Fun Days There will be family outdoor activities on the Trails in the Wood at 100 Acre Wood, 41 Observatory Way in Intervale at 10:30 a.m. will be followed by indoor entertainment in the Theater in the Wood from 12 to 1 p.m. Donation: \$10 are adults, \$6 for juniors (11-12) and free for 3 and under. Indoor entertainment only is \$5

for adults, \$3 for juniors and free for 3 and under. For more information call 356-9980 or visit www.believeinbooks.org.

Saturday Morning Puppy Playgroup For Your Paws Only, located next to D'Angelo's on Route 16 North Conway, hosts a weekly puppy playgroup on Saturday mornings from 11 a.m. to noon. All puppies must be on a leash and have up-to-date vaccines. For more information contact Four Your Paws Only at 356-7297.

Thrift Shop The thrift shop of the Lovell United Church of Christ on Route 5 in Center Lovell, Maine is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information call Peg at (207) 935-7528.

Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at the Gibson Center in North Conway from 8 to 9 p.m.

Al-anon Al-anon Family Group meets every Saturday from 8 to 9:15 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church on Whittier Road in Tamworth.

EVERY SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at the Gibson Center in North Conway from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and at the Conway Village Congregational Church on Main Street in Conway Village, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Gym Flyers An indoor radio control model flying activity every Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Ossipee Town Hall gym. For all age groups. Children under 12 years with family adult supervision. This is hosted by the Mount Washington Valley Radio Control Club. The cost is \$2. Flyers under 12 are free. For more information call 520-0944.

Zen Meditation Zen meditation takes place at 30 Pleasant Street, Conway, with silent sitting and walking meditation from 8 to 9 a.m. and Zen reading and discussion from 9 to 10 a.m. Open to the public; \$2 donation suggested. For information or questions, contact Bill Nagahiro, 447-5066.

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Leanne Smith 'on a mission' today

Conway Olympian competes in super G, and may also stay to race in slalom

BY LLOYD JONES
THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

Conway's Leanne Smith is fired up and ready to go as she gets ready to compete in the women's super G today in the Vancouver Winter Olympics at Whistler Mountain.

It was supposed to be Smith's final event of the Games, but after a strong showing in the slalom portion of Thursday's super-combined, she may have earned another event, the slalom, planned for Friday.

Smith, 22, the daughter of Paula and Joe Smith of Conway, finished 21st overall and was the third American finisher in Thursday's super-combined. The event combines downhill and slalom.

"I talked with Joe (Thursday night), and one of the ski technicians said the coaches really liked her slalom," Dave Gregory, Smith's former coach on the Mount Washington Valley Ski Team, who was on the slope for the downhill portion of the super combined race, said. "I know the team is looking a little thin in that event right now. As of (Thursday night) no one knew if Leanne or Alice McKinnis would get that final slalom start. It could very well go to Leanne, especially after she skied so well Thursday."

Gregory plans to watch Smith race today in super G and then return home to Intervale the following day. Smith was planning to leave the Games tomorrow, too.

"She's supposed to head to Aspen on (tomorrow) for NorAms and then head back to Europe for World Cups before coming back for U.S. Nationals (in Lake Placid, N.Y.)," Gregory said.

NBC will air a portion of the super G (the network only showed six skiers in the women's super-combined on Thursday and only aired Smith's result, not footage) on WCHS 6 at 7:30 p.m. Those with computers can follow the race live over the Internet on the Euro Sports network at <http://www.fromsport.com/c-11.html> at 1 p.m. eastern time.

NBCOlympics.com also offers video, but after the result.

Gregory is looking for strong showing from Smith today.

"She's got her first Olympic event under her belt and it was a solid performance," he said. "I'm sure she'll be on a mission Saturday (in the super G). She was at a tremendous disadvantage in the super combined not having been able to run the downhill the day before. (Saturday) the playing field is totally level; no one has seen the course beforehand. I think she's really going to be motivated the rest of this season. I think she'll go on a tear."

I know she wants to prove to the coaches that they made a mistake not picking her to run the downhill."

Gregory has thoroughly enjoyed his Olympic experience taking in all of the skiing events, including yesterday's men's super G, in which Bode Miller won a silver medal and teammate Andre Weibrecht took bronze.



Leanne Smith hopes to medal today. (U.S. SKI TEAM PHOTO)

This brings the Americans skiing medal haul to six thus far, making this the most successful alpine skiing team fielded by the USA in Olympic history.

With his medal yesterday and Monday's bronze medal Miller makes his two silvers from Salt Lake City in 1992, making him the most decorated male alpine skier in U.S. history.

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Lindsey and Thomas Vonn following the women's downhill Wednesday. (DOUG HANEY/U.S. SKI TEAM)

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"Bode still has three events left," Gregory, who watched the race from just below the start gate, said, "it'd be nice to see him get a gold, he's skiing so well. Andrew's result was outstanding, I'm really happy for him. I thought the track might get a little spindly later in the race and it might slow Aksel Lund Svindal (of Norway) down; but he's a machine.

"He crashed so hard at Beaver Creek a few years ago that he almost bled to death," he continued. "He came back to the same mountain the next year and won all three races. He's amazing and knows no fear. He was monitored for a race once in Chile; it was a minute, 15 second training run, and he only blinked once the whole run; he's just has a race switch that he can turn on."

On Thursday night, Gregory had dinner with fellow Intervale resident Gail Paine and two of her children,

Ellen and Dexter, who is a U.S. Ski Team trustee. Gail and Gregory later attended the super-combined medal ceremony to see USA's Julia Mancuso get her silver medal.

"I kind of snuck in with Gail," Gregory, said, laughing. "Ellen and Gail got me in with fake credentials, I got in as Ellen, and look nothing like her."

While at the medal ceremony, Gregory saw a woman working for the U.S. Ski Team at the event, who looked familiar. It turned out it was Lindsey Arnold, who skied for the Mount Washington Valley Ski Team about a decade ago.

"It was kind of cool," Gregory, who was scheduled to have dinner with Leanne and her family Friday night, said. "She's working to get me tickets in the finish area (for Saturday's super G; otherwise I'll go up on the mountain. I'm looking forward to seeing Leanne race one more time and then come home."



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IN REVIEW

HAPPY VALLEY TOON.



Week

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DIGEST OF STORIES IN THE SUN THIS WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 13

• After a whirlwind trip home last weekend, Leanne Smith will make her Olympic racing debut this week at Whistler Mountain in Vancouver on Sunday.

• Leanne Smith is one in a long line of alpine and cross-country skiers from Mount Washington Valley who have competed in the Olympics over the years.

• A new year-round attraction is coming to Mount Washington Valley. Atitash announced Friday plans to add a new adventure attraction, the Mountain Coaster, opening in summer 2010.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

• The county nursing home is moving toward accepting dialysis patients following an outpouring of support for an elderly Tamworth woman rejected because the home said it couldn't handle her kidney care.

• Selectmen don't want to use any tax money to construct bicycle lanes on Kearsarge Road, but a group of bike-lane supporters will ask voters if they're willing to ante up \$40,000 for the project.

• Despite concerns over cost and wording, the Conway Budget Committee votes 8-2 in support of a warrant article for a \$600,000 town garage.

• In what is believed to be a first, the default budget will be greater than the town budget proposed by selectmen this year.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

• The county is ready to roll out its first public buses in the spring. But some Republican lawmakers worry the heavily taxpayer-subsidized operation may be ripe for abuse and could drive down local taxi businesses.

• Calling the opening ceremonies "an incredible experience," Olympic skier Leanne Smith, of Conway, is now ready to get down to the business of racing. Her training runs wiped out because of weather, Smith will not compete in the women's downhill Wednesday at the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver. Her first race will be the super-combined on Thursday, an event originally scheduled for last Sunday but postponed because of bad weather and snow conditions.

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— Tele-Talk —

Should the county have an obligation to help released jail inmates line up housing and transportation?

To help released inmates transition back into society and stay out of jail, the county for the past two years has been lining up shelter and transportation for homeless and mentally-troubled inmates after they are freed. Jail officials vowed recently to continue that practice but said it's getting increasingly difficult and costly. "It's definitely one of the biggest issues we're facing right now," Capt. Michael Fowler told the Carroll County Commission, and he offered up a typical scenario. "It's 5 o'clock tonight and we have this person who legally we have to release. They have no resources and nowhere to go. These guys have absolutely zero resources." Fowler said he has a bin of coats and boots to hand to departing inmates and that the jail has been "taking it on our own and arranging shelter and transportation." In the cold winter months especially, "The jacket's just a small piece of it," Fowler said. "I'm not putting a homeless guy on the street."

This week's Tele-Talk question is: **Should the county have an obligation to help released jail inmates line up housing and transportation?**

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IN REVIEW



There were long lines at Crammore and other local ski areas for February vacation week. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

DIGEST from page 9

• State prosecutors last Wednesday charged a deaf Tamworth man with targeting hard-of-hearing clients in an illegal mortgage scam.

• The chairman of Fryeburg's board of selectmen is accusing his town manager of stonewalling his efforts to see public records.

• Conway School Board members Rick Breton and Randy Davison are frustrated that a draft of a new student-athletic contract designed to curb bad behavior off school grounds has yet to materialize.

Thursday, Feb. 18

• As the economy struggles to recover from the financial crises of the past two years, some local investors are left wondering where to put their money to grow new wealth or, for some, just to keep it safe. While some see market recovery, many are cautious about investing; most say they're willing to take risks and be patient as still keys to doing well with investments.

• Jail officials vowed to continue lining up shelter and transportation for homeless and mentally troubled inmates after they are freed. But they say it's getting increasingly cumbersome and costly and the need shows no sign of letting up.

• A woman with a long "sad" criminal history fueled by heavy drinking has been found competent to stand trial on drunk-driving charges. But both a judge and police worry the woman — whose mental state has been evaluated at least twice in criminal cases — could continue to slip through the cracks in a justice system lacking resources for the mentally ill and substance abusers.

• In the midst of a townwide budget controversy, Fryeburg Police Department laid off its administrative assistant days before the chief and a lieutenant went on a taxpayer-funded training session last week at a Connecticut casino.

Friday, Feb. 19

• After days of delays due to weather, which ultimately cost her spot in the women's downhill, hometown hero Leanne Smith finally made her Olympic debut at Mount Whistler (located 70 miles north of Vancouver) in the super-combined Thursday. She finished 21st overall and was the third American finisher.

• Members of the budget committee are "stunned" selectmen are not supporting the \$35,000 funding request for White Mountain Community Health Center.

• The Conway Municipal Budget Committee is supporting the selectmen's budget to operate town services, as well as a plan to build a \$600,000 town garage.

Off the Wall

Some of the comments from The Conway Daily Sun's Facebook page this past week:

On the importance of Fryeburg's Eastern Slopes Regional Airport:

"The issue transcends economics. Airports are part of our transportation infrastructure. We have lost too many general aviation airports, and they continue to be closed, their actual and potential value forever lost. Fryeburg's Eastern Slopes Regional Airport is an asset to the entire area." — Hap Eliason

On vacation week traffic:

"Don't know how busy the stores were, but I came inches away from getting t-boned on the North-South Road by an SUV with Massachusetts plates blowing right through a stop sign. And she had the nerve to flip me off!" — Cathy Kelleher-Capachetti

On the Sun posting the results of the Bode Miller Olympic downhill race on Facebook before people had a chance to see it on TV:

"Um, thanks for spoiling that for me." — Jennifer O'Rourke Matthews

"Please do not post the winnings. We like the anticipation of watching and see for ourselves." — Brenda M. Felton Gillette

"Don't ruin our fun! Can't you keep a secret for a few hours?" — Pam Bliss

"Please keep posting them. Not all of us can watch the events and like to know the results. No one is forced to look at

what you post if they don't want to know." — Scott Hanson

"Just watched. Knew he bronzed; I didn't have to fret about him crashing. Great run." — Kate Briand

On the need for a public transportation system in Carroll County and whether people would "abuse" the service:

"It's a good idea, but why would using it be considered 'abuse'? Try to find a taxi that will take you from Memorial Hospital to Wolfeboro for three bucks! We have the same bus service north of the notches but I've never used it." — Cynthia D. Eliason

"Yes it is needed. People without cars up here are basically 'stranded.' Unless you can walk for miles no matter the weather, you're dependent on others with cars to get you to appointments, stores, etc. Fostering independence in individuals is not abuse." — Suze Hargraves

"I'd like to know why there is a concern about mass transit being 'abused.' Isn't the point of having buses to help those without cars and to get people out of single-car driving? And isn't the volume of ridership what makes mass transit feasible?" — Ann Haralambie

Favorite Olympic event so far:

"Nordic Combined. I was on the edge of my seat, cheering the Americans, knowing this could be their first Olympic medal. Tears in my eyes, as Johnny Spillane nabbed silver. Those guys have worked super hard and have been so under the U.S. media radar. Finally, recognition and respect for these incredible athletes!" — Sue Long Wemyss

IN REVIEW

NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Grumpy Nation



David Shribman

This is the winter of everyone's discontent. The left is angry about the demise of a sweeping overhaul of health care. The right is angry about the growth of Washington's power. Democrats are angry at Republican intransigence. Republicans are angry at Democratic arrogance. Liberals think Barack Obama has left his progressive moorings. Conservatives think the president is a closet Communist.

This dyspepsia rumbles within the parties, too. The Democrats are divided between purists and pragmatists. The Republicans are divided between regulars and rebels.

The House doesn't trust the Senate, either, and vice versa — always a factor in Washington, but more so today — and virtually everybody harbors doubts about the president.

This national bad mood extends beyond the capital. The latest Rasmussen Reports poll found three out of four likely American voters at least somewhat angry at the government's policies. Nearly one in two said they are very angry.

Ordinarily a president and a Congress of the same party have the same priorities. Then again, ordinarily the House speaker and the president have a basic working agreement. But just as Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. and President Jimmy Carter hardly ever saw eye to eye — they came from different worlds, one from the wards of Cambridge, the other from the peanut fields of Plains — Speaker Nancy D. Pelosi and President Obama seldom seem to read from the same hymnal.

The president wants a broad spending freeze, excluding defense. The speaker wants any freeze to include defense spending. In those two sentences is a world of difference, and none of the deference that a Democratic Congress customarily has for a Democratic president.

Members of Congress like to signal their independence from the executive branch; they're jealous of their prerogatives and customarily cite article and section of the Constitution to buttress their claims. But this Congress seems to want to declare independence specifically from the Obama administration.

Then again, some members of Congress have even declared independence from Congress.

Last week's declaration by Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh that he wouldn't seek a third term stunned the political establishment. Here was a second-generation senator, a man bred to be a presidential aspirant by a father who himself was a presidential aspirant, someone whose entire adult life, from the office of secretary of state of Indiana to the governor's mansion to two terms in Washington, had been in elected office, avowing that political life was empty and that Washington politics was poisoned beyond repair. In a speech full of poignant remarks, none was as chilling as this: "I was raised in a family that believes public service is the highest calling in the church, that what matters is not what you take from life, but what you give back. I believe that still."

This was not the statement of a man one step ahead of the sheriff or a vicious divorce lawyer or even a challenging re-election opponent. It was a cri de coeur by one of the Senate's own, a lawmaker professing that "my passion for service to my fellow citizens is undiminished, but my desire to do so by serving in Congress has waned."

He received extraordinary attention for utter-

ing an ordinary idea — that "Congress is not operating as it should" — and that there is "too much partisanship and not enough progress, too much narrow ideology and not enough practical problem-solving." You can hear that critique on any radio station on the dial or in any coffee shop in the country. Hell, you can hear it at your own dinner table.

Or you can look at the latest Washington Post ABC News poll — you almost have to see figures like this with your own eyes to believe them — which showed that only about one in three Americans plan to vote to re-elect their representative in Congress.

All this suggests a political upheaval of massive proportions.

We thought we saw a political upheaval of massive proportions 15 months ago, when a center-right nation elected a black man with a liberal voting record to the presidency. Now even those who find former Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska irritating are irritated that they can find some virtue in the cloaking question she asked recently: "How's that hopey-changey thing working out for ya?"

Add a few more elements to the parade of discontent. The streets of Washington and other Eastern cities were in deplorable condition for 10 days, maybe two weeks, after large snowfalls. People are just now sitting down and filling out their income tax returns and wondering where the services went. The news of huge Wall Street bonuses being given to the very people who caused the financial mess and required a public bailout is not exactly soothing to the masses.

So in this environment it is not unreasonable to think that incumbents, at all levels of government but especially on Capitol Hill, could lose in percentages far larger than any that have been seen in a half-century or more.

Though we columnists write easily of political earthquakes, it is important to remember that in every election since 1954, at least 90 percent of House members who sought re-election have won another term. In some years, the re-election rate has been as high as 98 percent. Indeed, re-election has been so nearly automatic that DePauw University held a three-day conference to examine why elections were basically over before they were even held.

This year, retirements are running slightly above average, but it is possible that as many as 20 percent of congressional incumbents will be defeated, some in primaries, which ordinarily is almost unheard of, and others in general elections. Such a result would amount to a repudiation of the 2008 election, which itself was a repudiation of the 2004 election — and to a remarkable political phenomenon: There has never been a time when people voted for something that caused such widespread optimism and, then, such a swift onset of disappointment. "The time period from euphoria to desperation," says L. Sandy Maisel, director of the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement at Colby College, "is at an all-time short." Welcome to a cranky country.

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LETTERS

I applaud court decision on finance reform

To the editor:
I disagree with Mr. Heigl's opinion regarding the recent Supreme Court decision on McCain/Feingold, campaign finance reform (Another Nail in the Coffin of Democracy, Feb. 3) and applaud the court for finding that censorship of corporations is unconstitutional.

In his majority opinion, Justice Kennedy clarified that, with this decision, "government may not suppress political speech on the basis of the speaker's corporate identity," and that no limit may be placed on political speech of nonprofit or for-profit corporations.

The decision does not change the ban on corporations and unions making direct contributions to federal candidates nor does it change the law prohibiting foreign individuals or corporations from contributing to candidates.

This decision is a victory for freedom of speech and finally levels the playing field with regard to campaign advertising. Corporations may now join the once exclusive list of those hoping to educate, influence, and, yes, to manipulate voters — a list that includes the likes of ACORN, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) which contributed \$60.7 million to elect Obama, Georgia.org of moveon.org, a variety of Political Action Coalitions (PACs) and even the mainstream media — whose obviously biased reporting for the last election was nauseating. (Who could forget

Chris Matthews' comment that Obama caused a "tingle up his leg"!) And what of the unions and newspapers who publicly announce their endorsements of political candidates right before an election? Aren't they too trying to influence how voters perceive a candidate? So why should corporations be censored while the other entities are allowed no limit on political speech? Why should this particular Supreme Court decision disturb so many?

Mr. Heigl is concerned that, "Voters can now be influenced and manipulated more than ever by corporations," although he seems not to be bothered by other organizations that do the same. His statement also assumes that voters are stupid and will blindly believe advertising without verifying what's presented. It assumes voters are sheep. Under that assumption, the government should limit ANY advertising, political or otherwise, because people could be manipulated or influenced — which is, by the way, the point of advertising. The answer to this dilemma is not to violate the constitutional right to free speech in order to protect us but for all of us to protect ourselves by educating ourselves about candidates, issues and the organizations that pay for the advertising. Corporations, unions, PACs, the media can only manipulate us if we let them.

Bobbi Spillane
Bartlett

Nicholas Howe

Super Cooper



Christin Cooper has a gift for words. She's doing TV commentary for Olympic ski racing this week and describing the g-forces in the women's downhill, she said, "going through that turn is like carrying a piano."

I first knew Christin almost 30 years ago and one day she was describing her childhood on the beaches of California. Her father raced on the open-ocean powerboat circuit and later he'd get in his jeep and pull his children through the water really fast or he'd toss them in the air. "We were always playing hard games out there in the sand and the waves, so even when we were little, our playthings were the forces of nature."

She also has a gift for silence, and one day during training for the 1980 Olympics, the U.S. women's team had an early call before the helicopter ride to a tune-up race in Vermont. They made a considerable crowd outside the hotel dining room, racers and coaches waiting for breakfast with that numb, out-of-focus look of early risers trying to think of something to say. Christin was alone in a corner of the lobby attending to her stretching and flexing, and she did not invite conversation.

She can be a changing, too. She came down after course inspection for World Cup slalom and knowing her sometimes reclusive habits and her need to concentrate on the race, I expected her to head straight for the lift. Instead, she came over with a smile and laughed about a recent race in France when, blinded by fog, she got caught in a rut and slung off the course and into the gloom.

Another time we were at a summer training camp at Mr. Hood, in Oregon. Christin was at the far end of a swimming pool and as she played with the water I thought of the time I came to brook in the New England woods and found an other inventing endless games, spinning and rolling in a sun-dappled pool. Then, drying in the sun, Christin talked about a paper she was writing on the 1917 revolutionary period in Russia and the reforms of Peter the Great. She wasn't just making polite conversation, either; these things are important to her. In fact, she never makes polite conversation, you get the real thing or nothing at all.

She needed all the real things she could get. The World Cup circuit is the basic reality in top-level ski racing and there are Olympics and World Championships alternating on two-year intervals. This means continuous travel from November to the end of March, then there are national championships and on-snow training camps in the spring and fall and glacier camps in the summer. There's also washing your clothes in the basin of a hotel room and hardly enough time at home for a good cheeseburger, which are not available anywhere else in the known universe. As Christin put it, "Everyone skis about as quickly well at this level — it's mainly who can keep going."

Christin kept going better than most. She was named to the U.S. Ski Team in 1979 and announced her intentions with a seventh in the end-of-season slalom in Japan. She went on to win basketballs of flowers and World Cup trophies, and toward the end of her career she placed second in the 1982 World Championship slalom and giant slalom and third in com-

pared, the last time it was a separate downhill/slamov event, and when she retired in 1984 she was ranked second in World Cup giant slalom with a silver medal for the event in that year's Olympics.

Results, however, reveal a person about the way a price list reveals merchandise, and there was more to Christin than numbers. She was a fiery competitor and in the endlessly crowded and often tense life on the international racing circuit she was the one on the American team who cleared the air; she was the one who got things out in the open, but the hard edge was balanced

by an often child-like delight in what she was doing.

Memory preserves a moment during the 1982 World Championships in Schladming, Austria, when a rainstorm flooded the streets hubcap deep and shut down the scheduled events. There was a local giant slalom in nearby Kleinarl and many of the first-seed women went there to stay in tune. The course wound down through woods and pastures like a child's fairy tale and after the race the women took shelter in a local cafe. The trophies were on a table and one was a green dragon winding around a globe and Christin said, "Oooh, I hope that's for whatever place I'm in!"

Then she was back to business on the storm-lashed hill and when America's Tamara McKinney finished the second run she said, "Really a nice course — I just wish I could have seen some of it." Christin was seeing well enough that week and she won two silver medals in the World Championships.

After Christin retired, she made a rock video for the team and she was recruited to do television commentary. One day a Swiss skier came down a slalom course and Christin said, "Heidi sort of spits herself out of the turns." It would be difficult for a network pro to say what Christin meant, but it was clear that Heidi was doing just exactly that.

Later on, I went to visit Christin in the cabin she built on the shore of a river in Idaho. The inside is spacious and airy, but the size isn't as noticeable as the small things. There's an old-fashioned sepia print of "The Gleaners," the same picture my grandparents had in their upstairs hall. Near the kitchen there's a picture by Swiss modernist Paul Klee, and there's an almost childish sketch, carefully framed and showing odds and ends of winter: ski boots, skates, and so on. Christin says, "The sort of official mural guy at Lake Placid did that," it's a small and personal souvenir of the 1980 Olympics.

Then she had to leave for real estate negotiations. Christin grew up in a well-provided family and after many years of team life in the glossiest hotels the mountain world can provide, she feels the need for a change. "It's a little old place I can work on, a one-room kind of house on Trail Creek. I feel like I want to have a place that it's just mine and it's got my own things in it and I can be there. A place I can bring my friends and feel comfortable and not like I'm living on someone else's house all the time. A place of my own."

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The Bartlett Historical Society celebrated the 80-year history of the town's 13 active ski clubs at a talk held Jan. 17 at the Hickory Hawks in Glen that was jointly hosted by their neighboring club, the Innitout Ski Runners. Among the 13 clubs represented at the forum were the Penguins (left) of Route 302, the Polecats (right) of Route 16-A, and the Skiddaddlers (below) of Route 302. (COURTESY OF BARTLETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

Ski clubbin' from way back when

By TOM EASTMAN
THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

BARTLETT — Cheap lodging. Like-minded people who love to ski. Sitting around the fireplace after a day of skiing. Rambling old converted farmhouses. Hearty meals. Great social gatherings. Even once-a-year spring ice bars.

That's the popular image of ski clubs.

But a larger picture about ski clubs and their role in the local economy over the years emerged at a well-received talk on the history of ski clubs organized by the Bartlett Historical Society and presented at the old Glen Depot by the Innitout Ski Runners and Hickory Hawks Ski Club last month.

All of the 13 active ski clubs in Bartlett participated, and it was a standing-room-only event attended by approximately 100. The presentation was videotaped by Bob Holmes of Bartlett for the historical society.

Representatives gave an overview of their club's individual history, with some of the clubs dating to the early 1930s — although not necessarily in the same location. Some clubs rented structures and later bought houses; other houses burned and were rebuilt.

The presenters included Larry Langford of the Schussverein; Henry Milani of the Massa-Schussers; Marty Kil-



lourie of the Lawrencians; Leo Ryan of the Hickory Hawks; Christina Brown and Dave Groves of the Innitout; Jan Lankowski of the Brettl-Hupfers; Roy Lundquist of the Propectors; Paul Burns of the Wedelnis; Karyn Liberator of the Ski-Daddlers; Frank Sapiezna of the Polecats; Ly Dang of Ala-Bye; Fran Jeffries of the Ski Meisters; and an unidentified speaker from the Penguins.

All of the clubs are members of the Eastern Inter-Club Ski League, a group of 23 ski clubs in New Hampshire and Massachusetts incorporated in 1953 to promote recreational skiing, boarding and racing

at the amateur and club level. Most are located in Mount Washington Valley, with others including the Abenaki Ski Club and S-KIMOS in Jackson; and the Clipped Wings, Fall River, Makusue, Ski-Bees and Ski-Wheelers, all of North Conway.

In telling their individual histories at the Jan. 17 talk, many a speaker underscored that the clubs have been tied to the community, helping the economy while also giving back to the town civically by hosting Christmas parties for the young and elderly,

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Bartlett has a ski history that started much earlier than Attitash, though the town's contributions to skiing tend to be overshadowed by better-known incidents and personalities in nearby Conway and Jackson. While certainly not complete, these stories may serve to recall that skiing in Bartlett has had its moments.

In Bartlett as in many other New England villages in the 1930s, the first significant ski trails were cut by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The CCC cut two trails in Bartlett in the summer of 1933 — the Maple Villa trail on Bartlett Mountain in Intervale, and the Bear Mountain Trail south of Bartlett village. The Maple Villa started very near the New England Inn, and was a popular trail with ski train passengers due to its proximity to the Intervale and North Conway railroad stations. It dropped 1,900 vertical feet over 2 1/4 miles, and was rated for beginners and intermediates.

Bartlett seems to abound in high points named for bears, and the mountain of the CCC trail was not the Bear Peak that is a relatively recent addition to Attitash. The CCC's Bear Mountain Trail was divided into an upper and lower section by the cross-

ing of the then-new Bear Notch Road. The upper section was for experts, with a vertical drop of 1700 feet in less than 1 1/2 miles. It became a quiet favorite among the White Mountain ski trails, and became the particular domain of the Schussverein Ski Club, which ran an invitational race there from 1937 until the war years.

Shortly after the 1939 arrival of Austrian skimeister Hannes Schneider in North Conway, he and his instructor Franz Koessler surveyed the Bear Mountain Trail and recommended that it be rated a Class A race trail. This designation was granted by the Eastern Amateur Ski Association, and meant that the Bear Mountain joined four other New England trails — the Wildcat, Nose Dive, Taft and Thunderbolt — as venues for racing's most severe tests.

The legendary 1939 American Inferno on Mount Washington had its genesis at the third Schussverein invitational downhill on the Bear Mountain Trail. "Last week as we stood on Bear Mountain and viewed the complete snow covered beauty of Mount Washington, there was a hue and cry from the old guard that we must revive the old Hochschnee Inferno Race, which means the old down Mount Washington Race from Summit to Pinkham Notch," wrote Alec Bright to the White Mountain National Forest Supervisor. In a matter of weeks Bright and his Ski Club Hochgebirge had organized the race that is remembered today for Toni Matt's hair raising schuss of the Tuckerman Ravine headwall.

Also serving skiers in Upper Bartlett in the 1930s was the Stanton Farm, a rope tow slope in the area of today's Stillings Grant (and the subject of a Conway Daily Sun cover story in the Feb. 6 edition: "Retracing ski history: Couple restored old Stanton Slope lift shack into guest haus." That story told how Massachusetts skiers Deb and Dan Holland have recently renovated the old lift shack into a guest house. Meanwhile, the old ticket shack not located on their property at the base of the slope remains in need of preservation).

Stanton has a place in ski history by virtue of its association with a young man who lived in an adjacent farmhouse in the late 1930s and skied at the ski slope in his back yard.

Pete Seibert's father arrived in town to serve as a civil engineer with the CCC as they performed forestry projects

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| 7:30-9 AM | Race Registration * 10th Mountain HQ |
| 7:30-9 AM | Continental Breakfast * Eating House |
| 9:15 AM | Opening Ceremony * Snow Stage |
| 10 AM | First Run Meister Cup Race
Dual GS * Competition Slope
Ice Carving Begins * |
| 10 AM | |
| 10:30-3:20 | Silent Auction * Eating House |
| 11:30-12:30 | Lunch Served * Eating House Deck |
| 11:45 | Second Run Meister Cup Race |
| 12 PM | Ice Carving Judging * |
| 2:00 PM | Vintage Attire Awards * Snow Stage |
| 4-5 PM | Awards Ceremony * Eating House |
| 3:30-5 PM | Après-Ski Bratwurst * Eating House Deck |
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in the Bear Mountain area, and the family rented the Stanton farm. "We probably lived in one of the first ski-in/ski-out homes in the United States," Seibert wrote in his biography.

A few years later, Seibert joined the 10th Mountain Division, and was grievously wounded in Italy. After the war he settled in Colorado, intent on finding a mountain on which to start a resort that would combine fine skiing with a European-style village. Anyone who has visited Vail knows how well one-time Bartlett boy Pete Seibert succeeded in realizing his vision.

Long before American Skiing Company acquired Attitash in the early 1990s, Bartlett was home to a ski area that was part of a multi-resort empire called Ski Tows Inc. assembled by brewing heir Fred A. Pabst, Jr. Finding skiing more congenial

than taking a position in the family business, Pabst embarked on building ski areas around the northeastern United States and nearby Canada in the mid-1930s.

One of his early locations was Intervale Ski Area in Bartlett, just behind the New England Inn and near the base of the Maple Villa Trail. As he did at many of his other areas, Pabst installed an early J-Bar lift, which was the state of the art in ski lifts at the time. In 1939-40 the Eastern Slope Ski Club obtained help for Intervale by the Works Progress Administration, which did slope and trail work and built a footbridge over the East Branch to allow for parking on Town Hall Road.

That was the peak year of Pabst's "chain store" of ski resorts, and Intervale contributed 10 percent of his total receipts of \$33,664. In the next few years, it became evident that the war and the far-flung nature of

Pabst's empire were both hurting his business, and he began to retrench, ultimately moving many of his J-Bars to Bromley, Vermont, where he could concentrate on a larger, consolidated operation.

The Stimpson family operated Intervale after the war. The area featured a Poma lift installed in 1956, a ski jump used by school teams, and a Tucker Sno-Kitten for grooming.

"There is just about the right amount of ski terrain for the capacity of the lift," wrote Sel Hannah after looking over the area for a potential buyer in 1961. "The surrounding terrain lends itself to expansion. The area can double."

Hannah estimated it would cost about \$175,000 to put in a double chair and expand the area to match it. The New Jersey resident did not pursue the area, and by the early 1970s Intervale was leased to Eastern Mountain Sports, the outdoor retailer,

which operated it as a nordic center for several years.

In 1950, Bavarian-born Peter Limmer, maker of some of the first ski boots in the United States, moved to Intervale and established his boot-making business in the old Harmony Dancehall. Limmer had emigrated from Germany to Jamaica Plain, Mass., in 1925, and had been ski boot maker for the last 15 years since the mid-1930s on. Ski boots continued as a mainstay of the Limmer and Sons business in Intervale until the advent of the plastic boot in the 1960s.

The U.S. Forest Service evaluated many locations in the White Mountains for ski resorts in the 1960s. Among them was a site just north of Bartlett that Sel Hannah saw as having "the physical potential for one of the major ski areas east of the Mississippi."

This was the eastern exposure of Saunders Mountain, in Hart's Location between the Sawyer River Road and the Notchland Inn. Sawyer River Skiways' was the planned name, and it would have had a vertical drop of more than two thousand two hundred feet. Beginner terrain would have extended onto the lower slopes of Mount Tremont, and a ski touring trail was planned from the summit of Mount Saunders to the abandoned townsite of Livermore.

It is unclear why this 1964 plan did not take shape, but by that time planning was under way for Attitash. Among the original people involved with Attitash were Phil Robertson, recently retired as manager of Mount Cranmore, and Thad Thorne, a veteran of the 10th Mountain and Wildcat.

Robertson had extensive ski area experience. He had been involved with the original overhead cable lift in the valley (one of the first two in the country), installed at the Moody Farm in Jackson in 1935.

(The designer of the lift, George Morton, was a Bartlett mechanic and engineer who later invented the Skimobile.)

As manager at Cranmore Robertson had a hand in the development of the earliest ski area grooming system known in the United States.

Attitash opened in January 1965, calling itself "the red carpet ski area" for its customer service focused on limiting lift lines by limiting ticket sales.

In an era of 30- or 45-minute lift lines this was an appealing philosophy, but was quietly dropped by the end of the decade. Phil Robertson,

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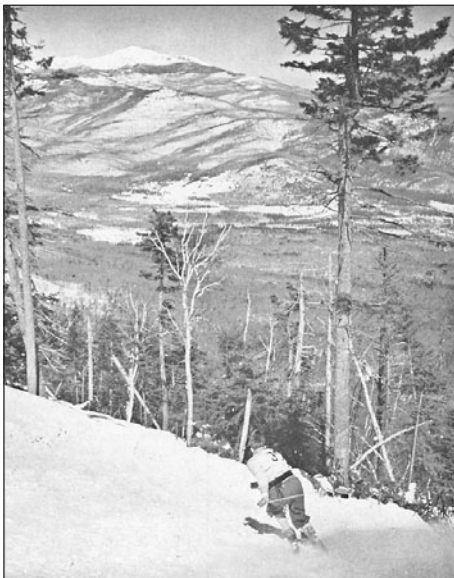
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Early Bartlett skiers enjoyed skiing the demanding Bear Mountain Ski Trail, cut by FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Above, Hubert D Kernan, Jr. competes in a race sponsored by the Schussverner Ski Club of Bartlett on the trail. (PHOTO BY ROGER B. COREY/NEW ENGLAND SKI MUSEUM COLLECTION)

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sponsoring scholarships, buying ski equipment for local Eastern Slope Ski Club Junior Program kids at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School and more.

"The economic impact the clubs have had on the town and Mount Washington Valley has been tremendous and their continued contributions in the form of scholarships, dinners and donations to local non-profits admirable," said Marcia Burchstead of the Bartlett Historical Society in a recent letter to

the editor about the evening gathering, which began with a dinner at the Innitout Ski Runners and continued with the presentation at the former depot.

The old depot serves as the social room for the Melrose Hickory Hawks and is just down the street from the Red Parka Pub, which once was a store in the enclave of Glen.

As one speaker noted, establishments such as the Red Parka and the Scarecrow Pub have long been popular with the ski clubbers, as has Glen Junction for breakfast.

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But it gets beyond that, according to Burchstead.

"The clubs have benefited the town in many, many ways," said Burchstead, saying that in the 1950s, one club bought a fire truck for the community, while others hold dinners for seniors; ski races for the benefit of the American Cancer Society; golf tournaments for local causes; and make donations to the school and the Memorial Hospital. "I went to a meeting of EICSL (the Eastern Inter-Club Ski League) in December, and they were discussing how they were going to give to Angels and Elves. So their contributions need to be recognized and the story of the clubs told," said Burchstead. (Burchstead was originally a Hickory Hawker in 1984, and later an Innitout after she met her eventual husband in 1990. They bought a home in Intervale in 1993.)

The Hickory Hawks' Ryan said many of the clubs took over old Bartlett farmhouses and gave them new life. "I remember when we were looking there were something like 20 old farmhouses available, which gave us a pretty good price," Leo Ryan said.

Ryan brought with him vintage photos of the old Glen station from the 1890s when it was the teeming focal point of the village. Combined with the Red Parka, the ski clubs keep the area busy.

"When the club first started to repair this railroad building," Ryan

said, referring to the early 1950s, "the railroad maintained a back room here, and sometimes a passenger car would come through, and we would be having our supper and some people with suitcases would come through!"

Roy Lundquist, now a homeowner at the Village at Kearsarge, is a member of the Prospectors on Hurricane Mountain Road. Formed in 1950 in Waltham, Mass., after a rope tow-served ski hill opened there, the club rented houses in the valley in the 1950s, and then bought the Dearborn Inn on Hurricane Mountain Road in 1957 from Howard Dearborn. "That was the year that Wildcat was opening," said Lundquist, outlining how the financing was arranged.

He said from the turn of the century, the old guest house had been used in summers and fall by hikers by previous owners, the Eastmans, who ran it as the Mountain View Farm. "They added the annex in 1922, and it was winterized for snow train skiers in 1936. It was later bought by Howard Dearborn, who renovated the annex in 1947 by removing bedrooms from the first floor and adding a kitchen and common room," said Lundquist.

Under the Prospectors' ownership, rooms were added to the basement and third floor, and fire safety improvements have been undertaken, including a sprinkler system.

Among their alumni? Bob Palmer, father of 1972 valley Olympians Tyler and Terry Palmer. "They skied here, and they went on to the Olympics. So, we

have a proud history," said Lundquist.

Historical society president Norman Head — who is a local Leader — said he thinks Bartlett and nearby North Conway were popular ski club sites because of the array of ski areas and the availability of old farmhouses and summer guest lodges that, as Ryan noted, could be obtained at good rates.

Like the Prospectors, many of the clubs were incorporated in Massachusetts, and a few began in other locales near Cannon Mountain, Sunapee or Lake Winnepesaukee before coming to Bartlett.

Some of the clubs were and are known as singles clubs. Others are family clubs. A few hire kitchen cooks; others cook for themselves.

Like Burchstead, some clubbers meet as singles, marry, and move on to private second or primary homes in the valley — but most remain active with their clubs as associate members even after they no longer use the dormitory-style facilities and bunkrooms.

Sometimes, a new member doesn't work out and is asked to leave a club, a few clubbers said over dinner prior to the talk — but those cases are rare. Most members share a mutual respect for their homes, and all clubs have their required work weekends, house rules, pay dues, handle kitchen duties and meet other requirements.

Overall, the emphasis is on the fun and camaraderie that is skiing. Some

participate in Eastern Inter-Club Ski League races throughout the season.

"It's the passion for skiing and snowboarding that ties everyone in this room together," said Innitout club president Dave Groves.

Some of the clubs started in the days of snow trains, when skiers would travel from Boston to the valley from the 1930s to the early 1950s.

"The Innitouts started out in Woburn, Mass., in 1938. They had a ski jump near a pond there. Early ski enthusiasts took the snow trains and stayed above the Oak Lee (now the Norman Door) in Jackson — in 1958 they bought the place here from the Grant family," said Christina Brown of the Innitout, saying that one of the club's many colorful past members included the late Swampy Paris of Tuckerman Volunteer Ski Patrol fame.

Every club, it would seem, proudly has a Swampy. Or a Carroll Reed. Or a Charley Proctor, a 1928 Olympian and Dartmouth graduate who along with fellow Olympian and Dartmouth grad John Carleton, became the first to ski the Tuckerman Ravine headwall in April 1931.

Most of the clubs waited years before installing televisions. Now many have cable, and several others are now installing WiFi — a sign of the times and demands of members' busy lives.

Still, a love for skiing and the valley drives membership.

"I think the clubs saved a lot of these old properties, and you can see

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that they went on to be pretty good neighbors," said Ryan, now a resident of Jackson.

He regaled all with many a tale, including that the late Bartlett icon Hellen Hayes once served as their club's cook for many years.

"She was our 'frat house mother,'" laughed Ryan, always one for the telling of a good story. "She had just retired when I came along, and we thought she might start taking it easy. Well, she stopped by, saying she had picked up our mail at the post office. She was then 90, and she was driving senior citizens around Bartlett to their medical appointments!"

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Mount Washington Valley in general, and Bartlett in particular, has seen a concentration of the clubs over the years, said presenting speaker Jeff Leich of the New England Ski Museum at the Jan. 17 gathering.

Leich, of North Conway, and a Dartmouth graduate, said he was never a ski clubber but that he "married into the Prospectors Ski Club."

He provided an overview on Bartlett's role in ski history and of the Eastern Inter-Club Ski League — including that the first freestyle competition in the country was hosted at Attitash by Peter Pinkham (now of Pinkham Real Estate) in 1966, Attitash's second year of operation.

He also said that Eastern Inter-Club Ski League is "best known in ski history circles for hosting the first World Cup in the United States at Cannon Mountain in 1967."

"Putting on a World Cup has got to be a tremendous undertaking, and it's got to be the last time that a ski club put on a World Cup," quipped Leich, adding, "It also was the last time that one person swept a World Cup, as did future 1968 Olympics three-time Gold medalist Jean-Claude Killy."



Among Bartlett's old ski areas was the Intervale Ski Area, located behind the New England Inn off Route 16-A. (PHOTO BY DICK SMITH/COURTESY OF NEW ENGLAND SKI MUSEUM)

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perhaps recalling the success Cranmore had in developing an entirely new form of ski lift with its Skimobile, became an advocate for a cog monorail ski lift at Attitash.

In early 1967, a full-size model was installed at the base, and the line of the track was eventually cut to the summit. "Reality set in" when construction planning started, recalled Thad Thorne, and the uncertain prospects of obtaining financing and Forest Service permission for the expensive, unproven experiment caused its quiet abandonment.

Growth at Attitash continued with the summer Alpine Slide in summer 1976, the installation of snowmaking after several snowless winters in 1981, and the expansion under the ownership of Les Otten's American Skiing Company to Bear Peak in the 1990s. Attitash is now owned by Peak Resorts, and has undergone upgrades to its snowmaking under that ownership.

While the cog monorail and limited ticket sales are distant memories, one 1966 Attitash event still resonates.

In January of that year the Ski Masters event became the first meet in the United States to include a freestyle skiing element. Conceived by Peter Pinkham, then president of the East-

ern Slope Inn, the event bore little resemblance to today's mogul and aerial competitions, but nonetheless marked the dim beginnings of what would become an Olympic sport. Few towns can claim as much.

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Editor's note: To learn more about the historical society or to join and support its mission, check out the Web site at www.hartletthistory.org.

Located in Franconia Notch next to the Cannon Mountain Tramway, the New England Ski Museum is a nonprofit, member-supported museum dedicated to collecting, preserving and exhibiting aspects of ski history. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week from Memorial Day through the end of March. Admission is free.

The museum also maintains satellite exhibits at the Shops at Norcross Place in downtown North Conway, at Cranmore Mountain Resort's Arlberg Base Lodge and at Bretton Woods Mountain Resort. The museum's major fund-raiser of the year is the Hannes Schneider Meister Cup, which this year returns to Cranmore Mountain Resort March 6. The event is open to five-person teams, and includes in addition to the ski race a vintage ski fashion show, a silent auction, and ice carving. For more information, call (800) 639-4181 or visit www.skimuseum.org.

Tamworth Scholarship Committee accepting applications until April 17

The Tamworth Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The applications are available at the Cook Memorial Library, Chocorua Library, Kennett High School guidance

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A snowboarder enjoys the fun in the sun at Cranmore Mountain Resort Friday. (BILL LEE PHOTOGRAPHY)

Snow Report: Lovin' Leanne; Cranmore fireworks Saturday

By TOM EASTMAN
THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

CONWAY — Have you caught it yet? No, we're not talking about a bad cold — we're referring to a bad case of Olympic fever sweeping the valley, as everyone waits to watch local star Leanne Smith

of the U.S. Ski Team in Saturday's Super G.

Tune in to NBC-TV Ch. 6 Saturday evening to view the Olympic action — or better still, log on to your computer and surf the Web to <http://www.fromsport.com/c-11.html> at 1 p.m. EST. A reader on the Conway Daily Sun's Face-

book page provided that link to Eurosport TV, which we used to view Bode Miller's silver-medal-winning Super G performance Friday, LIVE! Now, you can, too, to watch Leanne. Wouldn't it be great to watch it at some apr ski locale live?

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WEEKENDERS

A 'pleasant' Maine hike

It was another great week for outdoor sports, and I did two hikes that I would like to revisit. On both I went alone and didn't meet any other hikers on the trail, though on one, I passed by the busy summit of a ski area.

With snow forecast for Tuesday morning, I headed out early. I wanted to do a 6.7 mile loop hike on Pleasant Mountain (2,006 feet) in Bridgton and Denmark, Maine. Although the last 1.5 miles was on the quiet paved Mountain Road getting back to my car, it was a very pleasant and worthwhile hike overall (the mountain is named appropriately).

To get to the trailhead, I drove east on Route 302 about 8 mile from Fryeburg, and bore right on Mountain Road, soon passing Shawnee Peak Ski Area. Slightly over 3 miles from Route 302, I turned around and parked in a small plowed turnout. I walked across the road past the wooden trail sign for the 1.8 mile Ledges Trail, and started up.



Hiking
Ed Parsons

I immediately passed a small kiosk put up by the Loon Echo Land Trust, which owns most of the east side of the mountain. I opened the box and took one of their wonderful folders for Pleasant Mountain, complete with a color map by AMC cartographer Larry Garland. The folder has a rip off section for donations to the land trust.

The direct morning sunlight bathed my surroundings in gold as I crossed the flats and started up a steep section of switchbacks to the first great eastern lookout in 0.8 miles. Directly below, Moose Pond was luminous in the morning light. Looking out, a cloud bank was spreading north, sending cloud tendrils along the coast. I expected snow later as I hiked along the ridge. But it wouldn't come till evening.

From the first lookout, the south facing slope was almost bare from direct sun and lack of precipitation. Instead of removing the MICROspikes for my boots, I looked for ice and snow

here and there to walk on. These traction devices seem to be minimally effected by the occasional rock. They can also be sharpened.

Uniform snow quickly returned on the trail as I got closer to the summit. I got there at 8:30 a.m. The vast western vista was inspiring. It was one of those mornings when the sun slants under clouds and strongly illuminates white peaks. Mount Washington was aflame with light. I might as well have been Giovanni Da Varrazano sailing up the New England coast in 1524, and seeing the Crystal Hills to the west.

As is my recent custom on Pleasant Mountain, I dropped my pack and climbed the steel rungs of the 48-foot fire tower to just beneath the locked cab. I hoped to see the ocean to the east. The spreading clouds prevented any glow on the salt water, but I saw a small sliver of ocean disappearing in the mist.

From the tower, I headed down the Fire Warden's Trail, bore right on the Bald Peak Trail, and started north

along the ridge. Pleasant Mountain was burned over in 1860 and many open ledge areas remain today, interspersed with open forest. After 1.2 miles of delightful ridge walking, with vistas on both sides, I reached the summit of Big Bald Peak, and walked down through an open red pine grove to a trail junction.

Instead of bearing right on the Bald Peak Trail and descending directly to Mountain Road, I decided to bear left on the North Peak Trail, and visit the top of Shawnee Peak Ski Area. After that, I would reconnect with the Bald Peak Trail lower down via a trail called Sue's Way.

The North Peak Trail descends through an interesting area of boulders, unusual for a west facing slope, usually scoured out by the glacier. Soon I could hear voices, and took a short side trail on the left to the top of the ski area. Vacation week skiers were already unloading in a steady stream on the chair lift. "A beautiful morning for a hike," a pleasant elderly

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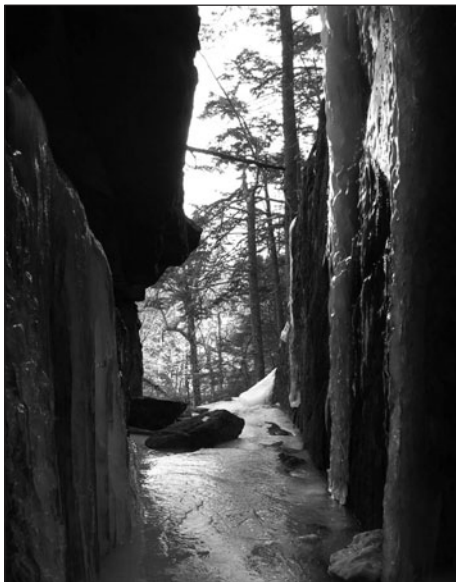
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Looking out from the "Needle's Eye" on the Bald Peak Trail, Pleasant Mountain. (ED PARSONS PHOTO)

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skier said to me as he skied off the lift. "And for a ski." I offered. On the summit ski patrol shack, I was surprised to see a sign that said "Skiers Welcome." I assumed hikers were too, and went in. I was greeted pleasantly, asked about my hike, and I sat in a corner, had a snack and looked at magazines as they discussed first aid scenarios.

Back on the trail, I took a left on Sue's Way, which descended to the Bald Peak Trail. Later, four tenths of a mile from the road, I took a short side trail to the "Needle's Eye." This was a fantastic little flume cut in the rock by a stream. This time of year it was lined with flowing ice, and I carefully walked into it, my foot traction biting in clear ice.

Later, the pleasant mile and a half

walk on the road went quickly.

The next morning, I knew that I wasn't done hiking for the week. Although the Mount Washington Observatory Website said that clouds would linger on the summits that day, it was blue outside my window, and the temperatures were mild. I decided to go to the exciting 8.9 mile Bridle Path/Falling Waters Trail loop on the Franconia Ridge.

There are many levels to being a creature of habit, and I am pretty high up on the habit scale, say, as opposed to those who strive to complete the "Grid," or all forty eight New Hampshire 4,000 footers in every month of the year. Despite returning to the same peaks 12 times, there is a lot of different territory seen. I admire local Dr. Peter Crane, who has completed the Grid.

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It's time to remember to actively ski both feet, with both ankles and both legs, through each turn from top to bottom. In the old days, we focused on the outside, downhill ski exclusively—many of us lifting the inside foot through each turn. With today's equipment and technique understanding, actively skiing both skis will produce better results and prevent the inside ski from "catching" on loose snow mid-turn.

Yes—you will still have more weight on your outside ski through most of your turns. You racers will have nearly all your weight balanced over the outside ski through the top and apex of your turns. However, with the softer snow on warm days, you need to be sensitive to how much pressure your turning skis can handle before the snow surface breaks loose. Being light-footed, sometimes more two-footed, and paying attention to how the snow is reacting under your skis will allow you manage the pressure and carry more speed on soft snow days.

How do you educate that inside leg to get more involved? Try skiing a few runs with your feet super-wide — crazy-wide — as wide apart as you physically can get them. When you

ski "Cowboy style" you have to do many things right. Notice how your inside leg manages this wide stance, and then take that into your regular stance. The more you ski with your legs super-wide apart, the "better educated" your inside leg will become.

On soft snow days this will pay off with faster race times and more pleasure outside the course.

Remember, best advice of all, take a lesson or attend a race clinic. You'll have a great time and improve your time.

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HIKING from page 25

There is something that draws me back to certain winter hikes, like Mount Washington, South Baldface in Chatham, and the Franconia Ridge. I can do them endlessly. The weather gives me enough variety, and I seem to embrace a certain familiarity, though I love new hikes as well.

Early Wednesday morning I drove over the Kancamagus Highway and headed north on I-93, where I communicated with my girlfriend and my spotter — the Conway artist Bob Gordon. They both don't seem to mind keeping track of my whereabouts, at least so far.

Pulling into the Bridle Path parking lot at 8:45 a.m., one other vehicle had gotten there before me. As I headed up the trail in an inch of new snow, I saw that the person wore snowshoes, and had turned right onto the Falling Waters Trail.

Instead, I headed up the Bridle Path in virgin powder, with my MICROspikes biting the hard snow beneath. Early that morning, I had checked out the new Website www.NewEnglandTrailConditions.com, built by prodigal Tamworth hiker Jeremy Clark. I saw an account of a recent hike on the Franconia Ridge — that MICROspikes were sufficient for most of it — and I decided to go there instead of crampons, and to carry an ice ax.

Suffice to say that the hike was cosmic. The Bridle Path went quickly. From its various lookouts I could look across into the dark ravines of the Franconia Ridge up to the bottom of the cloud level at 3,800 feet. After a quick snack in the lee of Greenleaf Hut, I headed up into the clouds. Nearing the summit of Mount Lafayette (5,260 feet), new snow from the night before had built up as six inches of ice feathers on ground, and I broke through their perfection. Just below the top, the sun started to shine through the clouds above, and I reached the top in an exhilarating white glow.

It took me a little while to find the cairns in the thick clouds on the Franconia Ridge Trail, then I headed south. The ridge was aglow with the flirting sun above me, but the clouds never lowered further to reveal any peaks. I was in a lit up enclosed world that was also as vast as the universe. The wind was steady, yet the temperature mild. After the summit of Mount Lincoln, the descending ridge over to Little Haystack was spectacular with snow choked cliffs on the west side, and the talus below them dropping down into the mist.

The walk down the well packed Falling Waters Trail from Little Haystack went quickly, the waterfalls on Walker Brook slowly beginning to open up beneath billowing ice bulges.

It had been a great hike on this familiar loop.



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Common snowboarding injuries

It's just about mid-season, it's my day off and I'm inside watching the first snowfall that we've had in who-knows-how-long — not riding like I have been doing all winter long. My winter season is over because of a broken foot. Hey, at least I did it snowboarding, right? But on the bright side I will have relatively new equipment for next season.

With the Winter X-Games behind us and the 2010 Olympics well under way, it is more than likely you have seen some injured riders. Though I'm no doctor, I'd thought I would educate you on some common snowboarder injuries and some ways to prevent such things from happening.

Collarbone and wrist fractures, broken arms and shoulder dislocations are the injuries that taunt riders the most, and then there is also the dreaded snowboarder's ankle (the real name of the injury), which is a lateral fracture on the talus bone in the foot. This type of fracture usually accounts for roughly 1 percent of common foot injuries, but accounts for 15 percent of those who snowboard and hurt their feet. Wrist injuries are by far the most

common of them all. Think about it: When you have both feet strapped onto a snowboard, when you're falling over you don't have the ability to put your leg out to catch your balance, what's the next thing that comes to mind? Sticking out your arms to catch your fall.

One simple way of preventing any injury is learning how to fall properly. If you're going to fall forwards, suck your arms into your chest and try to let your knees hit first and then your elbows instead of the fragile wrists. If you're going to catch your heel edge and fall backwards down the hill, still suck your arms in and ring your chin to your chest to prevent any neck injuries, and let your butt take the impact! To prevent knee injuries, always make sure your knees are bent to absorb the impact from varied terrain, jumps or rails. Allow your knees to act as shocks.

Finding the proper equipment can also save you in the long run. Stiffer boots offer more support for ankles resulting in a lesser chance of injuring the joint when falling. Any force



Becca Deschenes

transmitted back from the board tends to be absorbed by this joint — which usually happens when the ankle is either compressed or turned in (which can occur after a jump). Also make sure your bindings are tightened enough to prevent any movement from your foot.

Protective gear is also key to add extra protection against snowboarding injuries. You name the body part, and there is most likely a pad or brace designed to protect it; wrists, knees, shins and back guards are all popular. Most importantly, though, a helmet should be worn while riding or skiing. Crashes with natural objects, such as hard snow surfaces or ice, rocks and trees, or unnatural objects such as rails and boxes in terrain parks, can cause serious head injuries, and the one thing you can do to protect yourself from these injuries is to wear a helmet.

Although there's little doubt about the importance of wearing a snowboard helmet, keep in mind that wearing a helmet while snowboarding does not make you invincible.

Well, there's the scoop on some common snowboarding injuries. So while you're out there, keep your safety in mind and stay within your riding ability. Be smart when shredding down the mountain.

Here is the last stretch of snowboard events for the 2010 season:

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• Feb. 27-ATP Free Ride Series-Skier/Ridercross

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• King Pine, Madison, 367-8896
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Jen's Friends holds fund-raiser Feb. 23

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Since 1998, Jen's Friends has supported the community. Organized in the name of Jennifer Hill, a native of the valley diagnosed with cancer, Jen's Friends mission is to help other residents of the Mount Washington Valley who have been diagnosed with cancer by assisting with non-medical living expenses such as food, utilities and gas.

In 12 years of service the group has helped more

than 120 families. Currently Jen's Friends is helping 59 families living within the SAU 9, SAU 13 and MSAD 72 school districts. In January alone the grocery bill was \$6,800 and the need is growing.

Other fund-raising events include the Climb Against Cancer and an annual golf tournament; 98 percent of all monies raised by Jen's Friends go directly to Mouna Washington Valley community members in need.

For more information on Jen's Friends and how you can help visit the Web site at www.jensfriends.org or visit the group's Facebook page.

Plight of the Red Knot discussed Feb. 24

ALBANY — With slides and maps, Ned Beecher and Stefan Gaschott will discuss the plight of the Red Knot, the international efforts to help it, and the joys and opportunities of being involved in citizen science at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center's nature program Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center at 1245 Bald Hill Road in Albany.

Two years ago, Beecher and Chris Clyne happened upon a cannon netting and bird banding session on a Florida beach. Beecher has returned twice for week-long "working" vacations, assisting this long-term research effort focused on Red Knots, the "beach robin," a large sandpiper. Last May, he and Gaschott helped the same research team with resighting and banding work at Delaware Bay, where, in May each year, Horseshoe Crab eggs draw 80 percent or more of many shorebird species for voracious feeding on their long journeys to the Arctic breeding grounds.

Tin Mountain Conservation Center Nature Programs are open to the public. Donations of \$3 per person and \$5 per family are appreciated, members are free.

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Driving up the Connecticut River Valley

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fishing tackle in that neck of the woods will probably recognize the name. The Grimes have been tying and selling flies for over 40 years. You will find their flies in just about every northern fly shop in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Driving up the Connecticut River Valley

in winter is quite the departure from my usual trips in the summer months. I left the shop around 11 a.m. under blue skies and the sun shining brightly. As soon as I started the climb up Crawford Notch it started to snow. This is pretty much the norm when it comes to traveling through the notch in February.

The snow stopped as soon as I

arrived in Twin Mountain and turned onto Route 3. The sun was trying to break through, but it just couldn't muster the energy needed to break through the gray clouds. I have said it before, but driving north on Route 3, above the notches, is like entering a time warp; suddenly you are brought see next page

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Country Ecology: Mourning dove

The mourning doves I have enjoyed this winter now are now continuing to coalesce in the old dead elm snag outside my living room windows. I sense they might begin to pair up, because they are in groups of two's, and cooing up to each other as they roost together. At times, they surprise me with their presence, because they are surely demonstrating they now like staying around this area of NH. Even in any winter's extreme cold, the doves remain with us over this season, and that is no longer even unusual. Some mornings, they are on the ground, pecking at the fallen thistle seed there, and once in a while, they have even alighted on the hanging tray feeder I have in place just off that snag. There, they gather up the "Meaties" sunflower chips. They don't forget where good



David Eastman

food is.

In winter, mourning doves prefer average minimum January temperatures greater than 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Rocky Mountain, Great Basin, and Great Plains birds may migrate to escape the cold. Mourning doves also require a source of water; thus, peak abundances occur near rivers. In arid areas, large flocks visit water sources at dawn and dusk. Mine keep enjoying the open leads of the deep snowpack over the Bearcamp River's surface, to get at the water. They commonly flutter across this riverine corridor to the woods along the far shore, and their shadows moved across the crystalline snowpack in their flying. When disturbed, mourning doves burst into strong, rapid flight on whistling wings.

These shadowy patterns announce

how present these birds have become in my life here. I still consider the mourning dove a southern bird species, reminiscent of my Maryland boyhood, and register awe that they have moved this far north at all. In many states they are a very controversial bird, because they become a sport species by bird hunters with shotguns. Not much meat is on their breasts, but their undulating, deviating flight makes them desirable as "flying skeet." Considered game in many of our states, the mourning dove has the widest distribution of any North American game bird.

Its flight speed has been clocked at 15 to 45 mph, but a strong tail-wind will result in higher ground speeds, making it a difficult bird for a hunter to hit. These mourning doves are swift fliers and usually travel at 30 to 40 mph, accelerating to speeds greater than 60 mph. Their steady and rapid wing beat, which usually

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produces an audible whistling sound, is caused by wind traveling over the wing feathers. When mourning doves fly, they make abrupt changes in direction and speed. This is a defense against avian predators, like the Cooper's hawk.

When other anti-hunting advocates think of them as their designated State bird of New Hampshire, one realizes there are going to be some contentious arguments. New Hampshire voted down sporting notions a decade back. This dole bird just seems too demure to be a game species.

However, I have watched these mourning doves tough it out fairly well with blue jays during any long winter, and brush off some obnoxious starlings as well. They are no pushovers, and can't be bluffed. They stand their ground when pressed.

Mourning doves have strong legs and feet. Powerful leg muscles enable them to launch rapidly. Generally, tough tendons and a limited supply of blood and nerves in the legs and feet of birds make them somewhat resistant to freezing. Mourning doves, however, can lose several toes from freezing, making it harder for them to scratch on the icy ground while feeding. But, they strike me as pretty confident in their living habits.

In the early 1990s it was estimated that there are 475 million mourning

doves in the United States. In the winter, mourning doves flock together to feed and roost. The size of the flock can range from 20 to 50 or more. Rarely will a lone dove be seen. As food sources change, the flock will move and search for another food source. The mourning dove diet consists of mainly small dry seeds, forcing a dependence on drinking water throughout the year. However, with their strong ability to fly, they do not need to stay very near their water sources. Doves drink continuously there, by sucking and swallowing, up to six times faster than other birds, thereby reducing the time required at available water.

Watch for spring courtship to begin soon. The male will woo the female from a perch in a nearby tree. Males will also do a repetitive flight to attract a mate. The male begins loudly clapping his wings, leaves his perch, flies up to one hundred feet in the air and spirals down. The male can also be seen charging the female on the ground, all puffed up in his iridescent feathers.

Dave Eastman also broadcasts "Country Ecology" four times weekly over WAMW 93.5 fm. As Vice President of the Lakes Region Chapter/ASNH, he welcomes you to monthly programs at the Loon Center in Moultonborough. Contact him at: cebirdman@hotmail.com.

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Leanne, 22, is the daughter of Paula and Joe Smith of Conway. She grew up racing at Cranmore, Attitash and Wildcat with the Mount Washington Valley Ski Team. Her Mount Washington Valley Ski Team coach, Dave Gregory, is out there watching her, as are Smith's parents and sister, Kenneth High alpine coach Laurel Zengliowski. Go Leanne Go!

Joining the several valley residents already in Vancouver for the Olympics will be the Jackson Ski Touring's Thom Perkins, who said this week that many of the athletes now competing at the Cypress Snowboard and Cross Country Stadium have raced in Jackson over the years.

"Olympians Liz Stephens, Kris Freeman, Kikkan Randall. They all have raced here. We really do get an opportunity to see future Olympians coming through here in Jackson," said Perkins, who notes that the next big event at Jackson's homelgated course is the 2010 TD Bank NENSA J2 Championships, March 5 through 7.

The NENSAs will continue the long

tradition of recreational events and ski competition in Jackson beginning with the mountain races of the mid 1930s organized by the Jackson Ski and Outing Club and extending into the 21st century.

Competitions include regular citizen's, high school, and college races, the Eastern Citizen's Championships (1980), the first U.S. Masters National Championships (1982), the NCAA National Championships (1984, 1996 and 2007), the Jackson International Relays (1985), the U.S. Ski Team Tryouts (1986), the Jackson International (1987), the World Nordic Championships for the Disabled (1990), the Jackson 2000 (U.S.S.A.'s Junior Olympics), the 2002 NENSA Masters' Championships, numerous UNH College Carnivals, the 2008 NENSA J2 Championships and this year the sixth annual White Mountain Classic.

On a negative note, due to the lack of snow, Jackson's Groomed Trail Challenge has been cancelled, according to Perkins. It was originally set for Saturday, Feb. 21.

Despite that cancellation, Jackson has plenty of great skiing, Perkins notes: as of Friday, Jackson Ski Touring (389-9355) has 77.8 kilometers

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open of its 156k system, with 36.2k tracked, 30.2k for skate skiing and 31.8k for snowshoeing. The best skiing is along the Ellis, Wentworth, Maple Mountain, South and North Hall and Woodchuck Fields. East Pasture and Prospect Farm were recently groomed as well, Perkins said. Go to www.jacksonsx.org or call 383-9355 for more information.

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In addition to Leanne Smith's Olympic Super G run Saturday, the weekend's highlights include Attitash's U Go Girl Dual Slalom Saturday, Cranmore's Cranapalooza Saturday afternoon and evening, with fireworks at 7:30 p.m., and King Pine's Winter Triathlon Sunday. The following is an overview of upcoming alpine area events:

- Through Feb. 21: Bretton Woods Omni Mount Washington Resort (278-3320): Family Fun Week I: Feb. 20 – Outdoor Adventure; Feb. 21 – Winter Fun. Family Fun Week 2: Feb. 22-28. Night skiing through Feb. 20.

- Vacation week at Attitash (374-2368) Feb. 20: U Go Girl Dual GS (females-only giant slalom). The third and final event of the U Go Girl Series places the girls in a head-to-head format for the dual giant slalom course set up on Spillway. Stop by Parmigiani's for apres ski with Truffe, a band that has been playing together since 1986. The band's sound is a mix of swampy soul, R&B, Bluegrass, New Orleans grooves and world music. 3 p.m. Feb.

24: Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge. The Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge Race Series is a free, fun race open to all ages and abilities. Bring your friends, bring your family and join in the fun and the excitement of this race series.

- Through Feb. 21: Vacation Week at Black (383-4490): Pony rides. Feb. 20: Apres ski date for mom and dad. Feb. 21: Locals' Appreciation Party with Jeff Conley in the pub.

- Through Feb. 21: Wildcat Vacation Week (466-3326): Feb. 20: Apres ski with DJ Cooper Fox. Feb. 21: Apres ski with Bill Cameron. Apres ski with Tuckerman Brewing Company on Two-Fer Wednesdays.

- Through Feb. 21: Vacation Week at Cranmore (356-5543): Feb. 20: Cranmore Pink Ribbon Jibbin' and fireworks at 7:30 p.m. Also, Meister Hut Wine Dinner. Reservations required. Feb. 26: Comedy Night.

- Vacation Week at Shawnee Peak (207-647-8444): Feb. 20: EMS Demo Day and KISS 101 party. Feb. 21: Russ Haggatt Memorial Race. Night skiing through Feb. 20.

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For cross country:

- Howie Wemyss of Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center (466-2333) also reported good skiing: The Snow-Coch is operating to the halfway point on the snow-covered Mount Washington Auto Road and the tubing hill is also open. Great Glen has all 43k open for snowshoeing, and 15k tracked and 17k skate groomed for skiing. Bretton Woods Ski Touring (278-3322) has 60k of its 100k system open, with a Salo-

mon Demo Day planned for Feb. 20, giving skiers a chance to try out the latest equipment.

- Cort Hansen of MWV Ski Touring and Snowshoe Center (356-9920) said crews are "grooming 10 to 15k every morning" in Whitaker Woods.
- The Purity Spring Cross-Country & Snowshoe Reserve (367-8896) has 9k of its 28k system open as of Friday.

- New this year is the Believe in Books Literacy Foundation's Theater in the Wood (356-9890) in Intervale, which offers 100k for snowshoeing and limited ski touring. Mango Groove Steel Drum will bring the flavor of the islands there Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Other highlights on the ski touring side of life this week include:

- Feb. 20: Jackson Ski Touring/Northeast Passage Learn to Ski: Jackson Ski Touring (383-9355) has partnered with Northeast Passage to offer Learn To Ski opportunities for individuals with disabilities living in the New England region.

- Feb. 27: Moonlight Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Tour at Bretton Woods. Snow and a full moon accentuate the breathtaking beauty of Mount Washington Resort's Nordic and snowshoe terrain. Join the Nordic Center staff on this hour-long excursion along the cross-country moonlit trails of the resort. If the views and experience are not hot enough, hot chocolate and a roaring fire will warm participants following the adventure. Info: 278-3322 or see next page

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- Feb. 27: Full Moon Snowshoe Tour at Great Glen Trails. Info: 466-2333.

- Feb. 28: 21st annual Chocolate Festival Ski Tour. The Mount Washington Valley Ski Touring Center in Intervale will host its 21st annual cross-country ski tour from inn to inn for those who love chocolate and will go to almost any lengths to have some. Enjoy hand-dipped chocolate strawberries, chocolate truffle cheesecake, chocolate chip cookies and many more chocolate delights as skiing, snowshoeing or even driving to each of the inns and businesses participating in this sweet experience between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Info: 356-9920 or www.crosscountryskinh.com.

- Fridays and Saturdays: Guided Naturalist Skiing and Snowshoe Tours at Bear Notch. Guided naturalist skiing and snowshoe tours on Fridays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. throughout the winter. Info 374-2277 or www.bearnotchskiing.com.

- Every Saturday: Guided Snowshoe Walks at MWV Ski Touring & Snowshoe Center. Come by the center in Intervale any Saturday at 1 p.m. for a guided snowshoe walk along the East Branch and Saco rivers. Snowshoes are available for rent. Info: 356-9920 or www.crosscountryskinh.com.

- Every Saturday: Snowshoe Instructional Nature Tour. Jackson Ski Touring offers a guided nature tour every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. It's the perfect way to learn to snowshoe and experience the winter woods. Rental snowshoes are available in the Touring Center. Skill Level: First-timers to expert. Info: 383-9355 or visit www.jacksonsx.org.

- Every Monday: Waxing Demonstration at JSTF. The Jackson Ski Touring Foundation will host a waxing demonstration every Monday at 9:30 a.m. Find out the latest info from getting started to race fine tuning. All are welcome, free of charge. Info: 383-9355 or www.jacksonsx.org.

- Every Tuesday: Tuesday Trekkers at Jackson Ski Touring. Like Friday Gliders but for snowshoes. Program goes through March 23. Enjoy a fun and social treat to explore the forest followed by refreshments by the fire. Info: 383-9355 or www.jacksonsx.org.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays: Easy Sliders at JSTF. This program is a gentle introduction to cross-country skiing and winter fitness for people who want to exercise but don't quite know how to begin. Open to absolute beginners on Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 11. Info: 383-9355 or www.jacksonsx.org.

- Every Friday: Friday Gliders Classic Social Ski at JSTF. On Fridays, through March 26, the Friday Gliders Classic Social Ski with Marianne Borowski will be held

at 1 p.m. Very fun and social with instructional tips along the way. Includes après ski stretching and refreshments. Cost is \$10 for annual members or \$55 for the season. Info: 383-9355 or www.jacksonsx.org.

For the truly adventurous, Bretton Woods offers canyon tree tours, and Wildcat features its exciting ZipRide. Attitash announced last week it plans to install a new year-round Mountain Coaster this summer.

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King Pine ski ticket for the day in which case admission is free. The North Conway Outing Club maintains a free rink in Schouler Park. Free skating is offered throughout the day and evening, although several slots have been reserved for children's and adult hockey games. To the north, skaters can enjoy the ice on Emerald Lake at Nestlenook Farm and Resort. There's a warming hut and skate rentals available too. Call 383-0845 for up-to-date information on rental and admission costs.

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HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You offer your ideas with a no-nonsense style. Friends know that you are quick to be a straight shooter. Those who don't know you may be startled by your directness. They'll get used to it. Don't change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a unique way of looking at a sticky situation. And this causes you to slide through with great ease. If you don't engage trouble, it will ignore you right back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's a wild card kind of day. Anything can and will happen. The events have nothing to do with how happy you will be. A good attitude is the one ingredient that is central to your happiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Things become clear all of a sudden. The thing you were looking for was right under your nose. How could you have not seen it before? You see things when you are ready to see them and not a moment sooner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23). Though you don't want to be in a position of judgment, in order to get the best outcome, you must use your critical-thinking skills. Your insights will be astute. You will carefully discern the best answer for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you wish you could be invulnerable to emotional pain, the fact is that if you weren't capable of being hurt, you wouldn't be capable of feeling the soaring happiness you've experienced, either.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's very little worth fighting against today, and it takes too much energy to do so anyway. Better to concentrate your powers on what you love and on

moving toward what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Each of your experiences is indelibly written on your consciousness. You can't wipe the record clean, and in most cases you wouldn't want to. The trick is in finding an empowering way to view the experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's your turn to entertain. Tell a joke or have a few friends over for a casual visit. Or, if you're ambitious, throw a party. Invite the usual suspects and a few new faces to spice things up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't need anything good to happen to you today. You are the good that happens to the world. Furthermore, good can't help but swirl around you wherever you go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone in a position of power will be moved by you. This one might call you over and want to know you better. Be brief in your discourse. Short conversations will leave a strong impression.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will use your talent well. When it's not your turn, you will observe others to deepen your understanding of the ways things work. And when it's your turn, you'll step up and deliver.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 29). A transformation is underway. You'll begin to think of yourself differently. You might even change your name!

Next month, a lucky phone call begins an adventure. May it be your shot at a new position within a group. You'll make excellent choices in your personal life, sticking to relationships that inspire you. Scorpio and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 1, 22, 19 and 16.

Garfield by Jim Davis

EVER WANT ANYTHING YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T HAVE, GARFIELD?
 YUP
 -LIKE IMMORTALITY?
 HOPE
 -LIKE FAME?
 LIKE 25 HOURS OF SLEEP EVERY DAY!

For Better or Worse by Lynn Johnston

"WELL, BEING DRESSED FOR BARRY, COULD BE A NIGHT TO REMEMBER."
 REALLY? THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK?
 SURE, DON'T WORRY. THAT'S THE POINT—CONSIDERING HOW MANY AWKWARD MOMENTS HE'S SURVIVED SINCE WE GOT HERE EXTRA!
 IS THAT SOMEONE FROM "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"?

DILBERT by Scott Adams

THE WORD ON THE STREET IS THAT YOU CAN HELP ME GET MY SOUL BACK.
 SOULS ARE TOTALLY FUNGIBLE USE THIS SHAMLOW TO ABSORB SOMEONE ELSE'S SOUL WHILE YOU SUCK ON THE OTHER END.
 WHY DOES THIS SUDDENLY SEEM SO WRONG?

Get Fuzzy by Darby Conley

WHAT IS THAT SHE WAS ASK?
 THAT'S A GUILTY-LIKE MURDER!
 THAT'S A FASCINATING MURDER! IT'S ONE OF SIXTY-SIX MURDERS!
 YES, THIS ONE'S BEEN HERE FOR HOURS!
 THE ONLY PROBLEM IS "WHY ARE THEY TOGETHER UP IN THAT?" SHE THINKS SHE KNOWS THE ANSWER. BUT IT'S GUARANTEED I'LL GET THE CORRECT ANSWER!
 YEAH, IT'S THE WAY HE IS. GUNNY, YOU'RE TIGHT AS A LUCK.

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter

YEP, THE HUMPS ALWAYS FIRST TO GO.

CROSSWORD

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Yesterday's Answer

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Today is **Saturday, Feb. 20**, the 51st day of 2010. There are 30 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard the Mercury spacecraft Friendship 7.
On this date:
 In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.
 In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled that no state legislature could annul the judgments or determine the jurisdictions of federal courts.
 In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.
 In 1934, a blizzard muddled the northeastern United States.
 In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."
 In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Louisiana v. Rabinowitz*, ruled 5-3 that authorities making a lawful arrest did not need a warrant to search and seize evidence in an area that was in the "immediate and complete control" of the suspect.
 In 2002, a fire broke out during a rock concert at the Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

One year ago: President Barack Obama was making a gathering of mayors at the White House that he would call them off if they wasted the money from his massive economic stimulus plan. The Dow Jones industrial average ended the week at 7,365.67, the lowest level in more than six years.

Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt is 84. Author-screenwriter Richard Matheson is 84. Actor Sidney Poitier is 83. Racing Hall of Famer Bobby Unser is 78. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 73. Racing Hall of Famer Roger Penske is 73. Hockey Hall of Famer Phil Esposito is 68. Actress Brenda Blethyn is 64. Actress Sandy Duncan is 64. Rock musician J. Geils is 64. Actor Peter Strauss is 63. Rock singer-musician-producer Walter Becker (Steely Dan) is 60. Country singer Kathie Ballie is 59. News-presser heiress Patricia Hearst is 56. Actor Anthony Stewart Head is 56. Country singer Leonard Martin is 53. Actor James Wilby is 52. Rock musician Sebastian Steinberg is 51. Comedian Joel Hodgson (HARD-suit) is 50. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Charles Barkley is 47. Actor Willie Garson is 46. Actor French Stewart is 46. Actor Ron Eldard is 45. Model Lynn Crawford is 44. Actress Lili Taylor is 43. Singer Brian Littrel is 35. Actress Lauren Ambrose is 32. Actor Jay Hernandez is 32. Country musician Coy Bowles is 31. Actress Majandra Delfino is 29. Singer-musician Chris Thile (THE-ee) is 29. Actor Jake Richardson is 25. Singer Rihanna is 22.

SATURDAY PRIME TIME		FEBRUARY 20, 2010						
Dial	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2	WCBC	Girls High Basketball	High School Basketball	Marine Western Class C Tournament, Final: Teams TBA, From Augusta, Maine.	Roundtable: Three Girls and Their Study Partner	WBZ News (N)	The Insider (N)	The Factor (N)
4	WBZ	NUMBERS 'Where Cars Go' (In Stereo) (N)	48 Hours Mystery (In Stereo) (N)	48 Hours Mystery A Doc (In Stereo) (N)	48 Hours Mystery A Doc (In Stereo) (N)	WBZ News (N)	The Insider (N)	The Factor (N)
5	WPME	College Hockey (Mass-Low) at Maine (Live)	Game of the Week			WBZ News (N)	The Insider (N)	The Factor (N)
6	WCBS	XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Bobsled, Sliding, Speed skating: men's short track 1000m; bobsled, sliding: women's Super G. (In Stereo) Live						News
7	WHOH	XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Bobsled, Sliding, Speed skating: men's short track 1000m; bobsled, sliding: women's Super G. (In Stereo) Live						News at 11PM (N)
8	WMVT	Movie: *** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004, Fantasy) Emma Watson: The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. (In Stereo)				News 8 WBTV at 11 (N)	News 8 WBTV at 11 (N)	CSI: NY: The Party's Over
9	WMUR	Movie: *** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004, Fantasy) The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. (In Stereo)				News 9 News 9 (N)	News 9 News 9 (N)	Housewives
11	WEHN	Antiques Roadshow "Madison" Hudson set at Seaboard bracelet. (In Stereo)	Keeping Up the Appear: How the Guys Go by (In Stereo)	Good Neighbors	After You've Gone	The Vicar of Dibley	Are You Being Served?	News
12	WPXT	The Hills "Back to LA" (In Stereo)	The Hills "Back to LA" (In Stereo)	Lost "The Lie" Part 1 (In Stereo)	Community	Healthcare Heroes (N)	Desperate Housewives "Getting Married Today" (In Stereo)	Entertain- News 13 at 11 (N)
13	WGME	NUMBERS Murders are being copied from sports (In Stereo)	48 Hours Mystery (In Stereo) (N)	48 Hours Mystery: Live and Whipped? A doctor's wife is murdered. (In Stereo)	WGME	Entertain- News 13 at 11 (N)	Entertain- News 13 at 11 (N)	Entertain- News 13 at 11 (N)
15	WPFO	Cops A dir- cops "Dan- cops" (In Stereo)	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Crime (N)	News 13 on the Office FOX (N)	News 13 on the Office FOX (N)	The Wendy Sides Show Single Sides (In Stereo) (P)	The Wendy Sides Show Single Sides (In Stereo) (P)	News
19	NECN	WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND	WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND	WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND	WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND	WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND	WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND	WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND WEEKEND
20	CNN	Camel Broadcast	Larry King Live Newsroom			SportsNet SportsNet	SportsNet SportsNet	News
27	MSNBC	XXI Winter Olympics Hockey. (In Stereo) Live	College Basketball UCLA at Washington. (In Stereo) Live	Lockup: World Tour	Lockup: World Tour	Lockup: World Tour	Lockup: World Tour	News
31	ESPN	College GameDay	College Basketball UCLA at Washington. (In Stereo) Live	SportsCenter SportsCenter	SportsCenter SportsCenter	SportsCenter SportsCenter	SportsCenter SportsCenter	News
34	NEEN	College Hockey Merrimack at Massachusetts.	SportsDesk The Bricks	SportsCenter SportsCenter	SportsCenter SportsCenter	SportsCenter SportsCenter	SportsCenter SportsCenter	News
39	OXG	Next Top Model	Movie: *** "Bruce Almighty" (2003)	Movie: *** "Bruce Almighty" (2003)	Movie: *** "Bruce Almighty" (2003)	Movie: *** "Bruce Almighty" (2003)	Movie: *** "Bruce Almighty" (2003)	News
41	TVNO	Griffith	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	News
43	WICK	Carly	The Troop	Carly	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	News
44	TOON	Tom Titano	Batman	Saturdays	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	News
45	FAM	Movie: *** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) James Gait	Movie: *** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) James Gait	Movie: *** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) James Gait	Movie: *** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) James Gait	Movie: *** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) James Gait	Movie: *** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) James Gait	News
46	DISN	SuiteDeck	SuiteDeck	SuiteDeck	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	SuiteDeck
47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Movie: *** "Holt" (2006) Kevin James	Movie: *** "Holt" (2006) Kevin James	Movie: *** "Holt" (2006) Kevin James	Movie: *** "Holt" (2006) Kevin James	News
48	USA	NCIS "Doc" (In Stereo)	NCIS "Judgment Day"	NCIS "Judgment Day"	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	News
49	TNT	Movie: *** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004)	Movie: *** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004)	Movie: *** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004)	Movie: *** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004)	Movie: *** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004)	Movie: *** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004)	News
51	SYFY	Movie: "Predator"	Movie: "The Land That Time Forgot"	Movie: "The Land That Time Forgot"	Movie: "The Land That Time Forgot"	Movie: "The Land That Time Forgot"	Movie: "The Land That Time Forgot"	News
52	FX	Movie: *** "2002, Action) Martin Coakes	Movie: *** "2002, Action) Martin Coakes	Movie: *** "2002, Action) Martin Coakes	Movie: *** "2002, Action) Martin Coakes	Movie: *** "2002, Action) Martin Coakes	Movie: *** "2002, Action) Martin Coakes	News
53	TLC	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	News
54	HIS	Kennedy: The Curse of Power	The Kennedy Assassination: 24 Hours After	The Kennedy Assassination: 24 Hours After	The Kennedy Assassination: 24 Hours After	The Kennedy Assassination: 24 Hours After	The Kennedy Assassination: 24 Hours After	News
55	DMC	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild "China"	Man vs. Wild "China"	Man vs. Wild "China"	Man vs. Wild "China"	Man vs. Wild "China"	News
56	HGTV	Dir. Design Sarah	Outdoor	Curb/Curb	House/House	House/House	House/House	News
58	AP	It's Mr. or the Dog (N)	Underdog	Underdog	Underdog	Underdog	Underdog	News
59	TRAV	Find Cash Treasures	Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt	News
61	SPRKE	Movie: "The Hills Have Eyes"	Movie: "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (2007)	Movie: "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (2007)	Movie: "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (2007)	Movie: "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (2007)	Movie: "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (2007)	News
67	COM	Alpha Tyler UT	Harry: Grow Little Man	Have Chappelle: Killin' Kat	Kat Williams	Kat Williams	Kat Williams	News
69	AAE	Movie: *** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama)	Movie: *** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama)	Movie: *** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama)	Movie: *** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama)	Movie: *** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama)	Movie: *** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama)	News
70	LIFE	"In the Land of Women" (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Walrus" (2007, Comedy-Drama)	Movie: *** "Walrus" (2007, Comedy-Drama)	Movie: *** "Walrus" (2007, Comedy-Drama)	Movie: *** "Walrus" (2007, Comedy-Drama)	Movie: *** "Walrus" (2007, Comedy-Drama)	News
71	EI	Too Young to Kill? 15 Shocking Crimes	Kardashian	The Soup	The Soup	The Soup	The Soup	News
72	AMC	Movie: *** "The Queen" (2006) Premiere.	Movie: *** "Phildelphia" (1993)	Movie: *** "Phildelphia" (1993)	Movie: *** "Phildelphia" (1993)	Movie: *** "Phildelphia" (1993)	Movie: *** "Phildelphia" (1993)	News
73	BRAVO	House "Meaning" (In Stereo)	House "Carle & Alpa" (In Stereo)	House (In Stereo)	House (In Stereo)	House (In Stereo)	House (In Stereo)	News
74	TCM	Movie: *** "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977)	Movie: "The Godbye Girl" (1977)	Movie: "The Godbye Girl" (1977)	Movie: "The Godbye Girl" (1977)	Movie: "The Godbye Girl" (1977)	Movie: "The Godbye Girl" (1977)	News
75	HALL	"Daniel's Daughter" (In Stereo)	Movie: "Always and Forever" (2009)	Movie: "Always and Forever" (2009)	Movie: "Always and Forever" (2009)	Movie: "Always and Forever" (2009)	Movie: "Always and Forever" (2009)	News

3: Valley Vision, 10: QVC, 16: RSN TV16 News Court TV, 17: C-Span, 18: C-Span2, 20: HSN, 25: Headline News, 28: CNBC, 28: Fox News, 32: ESPN2, 36: CNN, TV, 37: TV Guide, 38: EWTV, 57: Food Network

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Saturday, February 20
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 (blues)

Recession Season 85 - Gallitard Paul Rishell and harmonica artist Annie Raines have become the Blues genre's most dynamic duo.
 A little ticket for a lot more music!

The Rest of the Season...

Feb 25 Dave Bromberg Country
 Feb 26 Tom Rush (folk legend) **SOLED OUT**
 Feb 27 Mindy Smith (rocky folk)

Mar 6 Carol Nannon and the Stone Mountain Boys host Stone Mountain LIVE #1: The Godfather God Show... with special guest Galtier Jolly Kirkham

Mar 10 Alan (Celtic traditional)
 Mar 13 Carolina Chocolate Drops
 Mar 20 Ochsberg Morphine featuring members of the alt band "Morphine" **Just Added**

Mar 20 Terrence Simen & The Zydeco Experience (dance show)
 Mar 25 Black Miller (of the Old 87's) **SOLED OUT**
 Mar 27 Cheryl Wheeler (singer songwriter) **Just Added**

Apr 2 Suzanne Vega (folk/pop)
 Apr 2 John Gorka (singer songwriter)
 Apr 3 Pizza and a Picture Show Series "This is Spinal Tap" ... **Just Added**
 Apr 5 Jay Ungler and Molly Mason (American Roots)
 Apr 11 Boulder Fife Trio
 Apr 16 Cowboy Junkies **SOLED OUT**
 Apr 17 Cindy Martin with special guests the Nicks!
 Apr 18 Joyce Stone with Yacouba Sissoko (Africa) to Appalachia
 Apr 23 Richie Havens (folk icon)
 Apr 24 Cheryl Wheeler (singer songwriter)
 May 1 Greg Brown (folk)
 May 8 Gordon Rob (folk)
 May 14 Kevin Barry and Gonzalez Cardinale Barry (guitar and latin jazz)
 Recession Season # 6 (use ticket price)
 May 15 David Aron and the Republic of Strings (fiddle) **Just Added**
 May 22 Cowboy Junkies (singer songwriter)
 May 22 Bruce Conner (singer songwriter) Recession Season #7... **Just Added**
 June 11 Le Vidin Band (Canadian folk)
 June 28 Christine Lavin (Canadian folk singer)

July 3 Carol Nannon and the Stone Mountain Boys host Stone Mountain LIVE #2 with Special Guests Scottish Madder Fiddler Maudslair Fraser and Celtic Ace Natalie Hus

July 24 Don Campbell Band (country)... **Just Added**
 July 25 Cowboy Junkies (singer songwriter) Celtic fiddle... **Just Added**
 July 31 The Waybacks (reagan, swing)... **Just Added**

Aug 7 Carol Nannon and the Stone Mountain Boys host Stone Mountain LIVE Anniversary Show with Special Guest Chris Smith **Just Added**

Aug 19 Celtic Crossroads (Celtic supergroup)
 Aug 29 The Waitin' Arousers (bluegrass)
 Aug 31 Suzi Boggess (country star)
 Sept 2 Natalie MacMaster
 Sept 23 Bluegrass Unleashed at the Rays (bluegrass)

Sept 4 Carol Nannon and the Stone Mountain Boys host Stone Mountain LIVE # 24. A night of music and laughs with special comedian Bob Marley. **Just Added**

Sept 5 Riders in the Sky (singing cowboys)
 Sept 25 Ten O'Brien (American roots folk)
 Oct 3 Uncle Earl (bluegrass legends)
 Nov 12 The Gibson Brothers (bluegrass) **Just Added**
 Nov 28 The Stone Family (Celtic band) **Just Added**

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 by Mike Argriton and Jeff Kruek

Unscramble three Jumbles, one letter for each square, to form four ordinary words.

HERBT
 DUJHM
 CIMTRE
 CHOPON

ANS: A TO

Answers Monday
 Jumbles: GASSY KHAKI POTENT BANANA
 Answer: What she did for her hands soft - NOTHING

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

BABY SITTER NEEDS MORE THAN A MOMENT'S NOTICE

DEAR ABBY: I am 17 and baby-sit regularly for a family on my street. The kids are well-behaved and enjoy it when I go to watch them. My problem is their mother never gives me notice when she needs me. She'll ask if I can baby-sit that day, or even worse, that moment. Sometimes she'll just say something vague like, "Some time later today - I'll let you know when I need you."

I love the kids and enjoy looking after them, but I do not appreciate their mother's inconsiderate behavior. How should I deal with her next "request"? -- SEETHING SITTER IN NEW YORK

DEAR SEETHING: The next time the woman calls at the last minute, tell her you're sorry. But you already have something scheduled, and when she needs you to baby-sit to please give you more notice so you won't disappoint her. And if she isn't definite about what time she wants you to be there, let her try to know NOW so you can make any arrangements you need to.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I were recently invited to a friend's home for a screening of a movie in their home theater. About 15 other guests were also in attendance. We arrived on time and chose our seats by leaving our coats on them, then joined the other guests for pre-movie socializing.

When we returned to the room to watch the film, we found that a college-age couple had tossed our things aside and taken our seats.

Because there were no other seats together, we told them the coats were ours and that we had placed them on the seats for a reason. The couple left.

Later, another couple mentioned that they thought we had overstepped our bounds - that we should have said nothing because this was a private home. I had always been taught

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that one could set one's items down, and that it indicated that these were spoken for. Were we in the wrong? -- WONDERING IN COLUMBUS

DEAR WONDERING: Everybody was "in the wrong." The young couple should not have moved your things and grabbed your seats. Because you were all guests in a private home, you and your wife should have taken what seats were available. If in the room, would it have killed you to sit apart for a couple of hours? And last, the couple who corrected you should have kept their mouths shut.

DEAR ABBY: I have a special needs daughter who is currently on a waiting list for a service dog. She has been moved to the priority list, and I'm hoping she will receive her dog within the next two months.

While I'm thrilled about the opportunities the dog will provide, it has also raised a concern. What do I say when people ask what her disability is?

I know that legally no one is allowed to ask that question -- per the Americans With Disabilities Act -- and I would have no problem telling noisy strangers to keep their questions to themselves. But there are people -- like my co-workers and my daughter's classmates -- whom we can't avoid.

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The Conway Daily Sun COMMUNITY

Local businesses build support for land conservation in Mount Washington Valley

CONWAY — Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, a local non-profit organization working to preserve the land and waters in the valley, has recently begun a new program, partnering with local businesses to raise awareness of local conservation efforts and the direct link between the preservation of natural resources and a vibrant economy.

Through the program, Contribute To Place, businesses are telling the story of the land trust's mission as it directly affects the reasons people are attracted to living in and visiting this area.

The Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce counts more than 2 million visitors a year from all over the world to the communities on the eastern slopes of the White Mountains. This region provides a host of recreational opportunities, attractions, and amenities, nestled in an incomparable landscape, and visitors and residents alike benefit from generations of responsible stewardship across a network of private and public lands.

The Upper Saco Valley Land Trust (USVLT) works with private landowners to voluntarily preserve their lands, by conservation easements, and has preserved more than 4,000 acres since 2001. Such agreements retain the land in private ownership while permanently preserving ecological and conservation values that are present. The land trust also works with town conservation commissions to identify and set aside lands considered of high priority for public benefit.

Survey numbers from the hospitality industry suggest that 61 percent of Americans believe their travel experience is better when their destination preserves unique natural, historic and cultural sites. The local economy is linked directly to the conservation, preservation, and responsible stewardship of an unspoiled natural landscape, and the recreational opportunities supported by this network of public and private lands. Hotels, restaurants, sporting goods outfitters and other businesses cater to visitors who come to enjoy the many local recreation opportunities. Even businesses that don't seem directly connected to tourism contribute to and benefit from that economy. Local farms provide restaurants with high quality locally produced foods, sponsor farm days and events for families, support recreational opportunities, while contributing to the rural character of our region.



Tom Kugel right presents Tom Henderson Vice President of the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust with his second donation check.

Café Noche in Conway joins Contribute to Place program

Café Noche in Conway was the first restaurant to join the Contribute to Place program. Tom Henderson, vice president of the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust said Café Noche has had several successful months of interacting with customers.

Café Noche is a Valley Original restaurant, founded by Tom Kugel 17-years ago. He believes that instilling an awareness of conservation is essential to positive growth, and Henderson said this fits perfectly with what Contribute To Place initiatives hopes to achieve. An avid motorcyclist and world traveler, Kugel's extensive travels through Mexico are evidenced by the unique décor and menu at the restaurant.

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Effingham Town Column

Henry Spencer 539-4964

Election season heats up winter in Effingham

Turn out for Candidate's Night at the municipal offices was somewhat low. There was a pretty good snow storm, by this year's standards, going on at the time, and there was only one contested seat, for school board, on the ballot, but almost every candidate for every seat was on hand to let us know why they wanted to run and serve. Ms. Diane Drelick, one of the school board candidates is running for her third term. She stated her hope to stay on the board so she can see out the end of the various building projects in our school district. When asked if residents can hope to see an end to high single and double-digit annual increases in the school budget, Ms. D. gave a sincere and honest effort to explain the

unexplainable process by which school districts apportion the per thousand per student town rates within the district. In truth any person or candidate who could explain this process in a couple of minutes would probably be a good candidate for president of the United States. Mr. Bill Piekut, the other candidate for school board, stated that he has served many years as selectmen and has been consistently asked about and occasionally assailed over the constantly increasing tax load for property owners. He would like to serve on the school board to bring the perspective of a selectman to that body. Neither candidate made any comment other than complimentary concerning the abilities of their opponent. It was

reported that when the current building program at Kingswood is finished the Governor Wentworth Regional School District has no other plans to raise funds for new building projects.

There was one other surprise and a very pleasant one that Ms. Avril Davis is running for cemetery trustee and she seems more than anxious to get out there in an official capacity to locate, map, clean up, protect and GPS spot every old and new grave in town. There are those who see grave yards and cemeteries as doorways to history, and a way to honor those who built what we now stand upon. Ms. Avril D. is one of those people. Cemetery

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Stowell collecting blankets for troops in Afghanistan

It is almost town meeting time. You can pick up a copy of the school budget at town hall now. Kathy is working diligently on the town report, which should be ready shortly.

The Board of Land Governance will meet on Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Town Hall.

Library Events: On Monday, the Morning Book Group will discuss "Christmas Falls" by Benjamin Black at 10:15 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. the NHS Play Group for children under 3 1/2 continues. At 6:30 p.m. the Mountain Storytellers Guild meets. All are welcome.

On Wednesday, Friends of the Library presents "Cows and Communities." Steve Taylor of the N.H. Humanities Council will talk about the impact of bovines in our region and history. Friday continues with computer class number 2 led by library director, Tara Thomas. Participants must register in advance and attend all three sessions. This is free and open to all.

Gibson Center events: New to the center are water color classes with Carl Owen on Mondays after lunch, bowling Mondays also after lunch (board the Gibson bus), history of European art on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m., ballroom dance classes on Fridays at 12:15 p.m., and AARP tax assistance for low to moderate income people, ages 60-plus. If you still have not gotten your H1N1 Flu Shot, call the Gibson Center for an appointment for the shot.

On Sunday, the Mason's of North Conway will be hosting a benefit breakfast for the White Mountain Waldorf School. Donations for the breakfast will be accepted at the door. Enjoy a buffet including omelets to order, pancakes, waffles and French toast, fruit salad, cereal, home fries and sausage along with coffee, juice and tea. In addition to the breakfast, you get a tour of the Mason Hall. The Waldorf School is holding their next session of Morning Garden on Friday, Feb. 26, and will run for six consecutive Fridays. This is a parent/child program offering a place for parents in a comfortable environment to have their newborns or toddlers up to the age of 4 meet new friends, for par-



Sandy Stowell's children Michael and Lisa are both deployed in Afghanistan and sent photos like the one above of the barracks where troops are stationed.

ents to focus attention observing their children and learn about their unique development and gifts. The cost for the program is \$60. Call 447-3168 for further information.

Sandy Stowell has been busy with her varied volunteer work. The first meeting of the Blue Star Mothers was a success even though it was a holiday weekend. Twelve people came and they decided to seek a permanent meeting location. The American Legion has offered the group space, free of charge, as they are military related. They will be meeting the third Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. except for June when they will meet on June 13 due to Father's Day. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Sandy at 447-2604. Sandy is also collecting blankets for the troops in Afghanistan. Her children, Michael and Lisa, are both deployed there and the weather is freezing. They sent a picture of the "barracks" and they look more like summer camp housing than a place to house troops. They have asked for blankets to help them (and their fellow soldiers) keep warm during this winter. If you want to help, get in touch with Sandy. She also made a trip to the Mountain View Nursing home to deliver

some of her excellent home made Valentine's Day cookies to those who don't have family in the area to visit and bring them goodies.

Thursday was a Red Hat Luncheon day. Twenty-seven women met at May Kelly's for a wonderful lunch and fun. Nearly 20 percent of those attending were from our town: Camille Rose (the Queen Bee), Mary Leavitt, Carol Munroe, Anna Cataldo, Josephine Howland, and me. After lunch Cathy Dwyer of Freedom spoke about making her wonderful preserves. She has won several ribbons for them at the Fryeburg Fair. After a tasting everyone agreed they merited the ribbons.

Thursday evening was Writer's Night at the Effingham Library. Rebecca Rule told her humorous tales of Yankee life and Susan Bruce read from works of her husband, David Emerson. Though David has left us, his humor and writings live on.

Danielle Shannon wins again! Danielle, a junior at Colby-Sawyer College has earned top honor at downhill skiing in the MacConnell Division by winning the overall individual crown. Danielle will represent her school in the NCAA Regional Championship at Middlebury Snowbowl this month.

Amanda Munroe, Winham, Massachusetts, has been visiting Bob and Carol Munroe this week. She is a high school sophomore. She has been enjoying going snowmobiling, playing Wii and shopping.

Congratulations to Bill and Elissa Smith on the birth of their grandson Davien Michael Smith born on Jan. 2 to Sara Smith and Tony Mazouka.

Congratulations to John Patch on the birth of his granddaughter, Madison Brooke Bolduc, born January 18 to Bridgette Patch and Derek Bolduc of Freedom.

Though it looked like we were going to get socked in by snow on Tuesday, we were spared. This is a holiday week, so there are lots of people in town. Hope you all have a great week.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Town of Ossipee has scheduled a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at the Town Hall starting at 6:30 PM to present the survey for merging the Fire Departments.

Ossipee Board of Selectmen

PUBLIC NOTICE CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Town of Ossipee has scheduled a Candidates Night to be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 at the Town Hall starting at 6:30 PM.

Ossipee Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF CONWAY PUBLIC NOTICE DELIBERATIVE SESSION TOWN MEETING

The Municipal portion of the deliberative session of Town Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in Auditorium at Kennett High School, 409 Eagles Way, Conway, New Hampshire.

Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on **Tuesday, April 13, 2010** at the Conway Community Building, 1808 E Main Street, Center Conway, New Hampshire. The polls shall open for balloting at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ALBANY

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be holding a Session on February 27, 2010 at the Albany Town Hall from 11:00 am - 11:30 am for additions and corrections to the checklist.

Sally Kratt
Tina Sdankus
Tina Drouin

TOWN OF OSSISPEE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Ossipee NH is soliciting qualified firms or teams of firms interested and capable of rehabilitating the historic Whittier Covered Bridge. A formal Request for Qualifications was released by the town on February 16, 2010. Responses are expected by March 16, 2010. A copy of the full RFQ can be obtained from Martha Eldridge, Ossipee Town Administrator, 55 Main St., Center Ossipee, NH 03814. E-mail requests can be sent to tossipee@myfairpoint.net. The RFQ can also be downloaded from the town website <http://www.ossipee.org>.

Town of Effingham NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30pm to discuss any questions or concerns regarding the proposed change to the method of selection of the Town's Fire Chief. The meeting will be held at the Municipal Office Building. Risk management professionals will be in attendance to provide answers and general information.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF TAMWORTH

The Town of Tamworth is looking for citizens interested in filling vacancies on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. This Board has the responsibility of dealing with appeals or administrative rulings, which occur in accordance with the Town's floodplain and cell tower ordinances. Interested Citizens should write, or email the Town Office at 84 Main Street, Tamworth, NH 03886 or <mailto:admin@tamworthnh.org> no later than February 24, 2010 at 4 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF CONWAY

Filing period for Town Offices for the Official Ballot under Senate Bill 2 is Wednesday, February 24, through Friday, March 5, 2010, until 5:00 pm. The following offices have expiring terms:

1 Selectmen	3 year term
1 Police Commissioner**	3 year term
2 Library Trustees	3 year term
4 Budget Committee	3 year term
2 Budget Committee	1 year term
1 Planning Board	3 year term
1 Supervisor of Checklist	6 year term
1 Moderator	1 year term
1 Town Treasurer	3 year term
1 Trustee Trust Funds	3 year term

**Candidates for Police Commissioner shall have been a resident of the Town of Conway for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date of their election and shall not hold nor be a candidate for any other political office of the Town of Conway during their term on said commission.

CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2 School Board	3 year term
1 Moderator	1 year term
1 Treasurer	1 year term
1 Clerk	1 year term

All candidates must sign up at the Town Clerks Office between the dates of Wednesday, February 24, through Friday, March 5, 2010, until 5:00 pm.

DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS Kennett High School 7:00 pm

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Conway Community Building

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Rhoda A Quint
Town Clerk

About 200 children take part in Skehan Youth Fishing Derby

OSSISPEE — The Ossipee Main Street Program again sponsored the annual Joe Skehan Youth Fishing Derby last Sunday on Ossipee Lake. A large crowd of families, estimated to be 200 kids and adults enjoyed a fun-filled event on a picture perfect Valentine's Day.

The excited youngsters running around on the ice and snow enjoyed the day, celebrating the chance to bait a hook with a wriggling fish, take a ride on an antique snowmobile, try their hand on the frozen bowling alleys and sip a cup of hot chocolate.



Antique Snowmobile rides were part of the fun at the annual fishing derby. About 200 children and adults took part in the fishing derby Feb. 14 on Ossipee Lake.

"We are extremely pleased with the turnout," said Scott Merrow, the executive director

of The Ossipee Main Street Program. "It's all about getting outside and having good

old family fun on a beautiful winter day." By 11 a.m., nearly 50 children had signed up



for the derby, and more cars were arriving, all the time. Schools of perch and pickerel lurked below the lake's frozen surface, but it seemed that a lot of families were having a good time well before any red flags flew up.

"It's just great to get the kids outside and have fun and enjoy winter," said Anne Ward, the event organizer. "Ice fishing is such a great way to spend time together."

One of the highlights of the day was tour rides given by David Hiltz and Brian Moriarty of the Antique Snowmobile Club. Kids and adults learned more about the classic vehicles before climbing on and cruising around the ice. West Ossipee is the birthplace of the snowmobile where Virgil White first patented a converted Model-T in 1913.

Additionally, Scott Willard of the Whittier House Restaurant presented a special ice carving demonstration. The Center Ossipee Fire and Rescue Squad also made and appearance showing off their ice rescue equipment and techniques while the 4-H club fired up their mobile kitchen to serve breakfast sandwiches, burgers and dogs.

Thanks to a generous donation from Indian Mound Hardware in Ossipee, great prize packages were awarded the longest fish caught in a few different categories. Abby Dufault, age 8, caught the longest pickerel at 21 1/2 inches long. Hunter Wringle, age 7, caught the longest yellow perch at 10 inches long and Tyler Young age 10, pulled in the longest white perch at 14 1/2 inches.

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The land trust is already working with 17 restaurants, hotels, bed and breakfasts, retail and recreational businesses in the Contribute to Place partnership.

Through the partnership, businesses provide guests and patrons the opportunity to give a small donation that goes directly to local land preservation efforts. But that is only a small part of the benefit, said partner Tom Kugel of Café Noche.

"While donations are a part of the program, educating visitors and locals alike about our natural beauty and the steps that are being taken to save it is a big reason to be part of the program," Kugel said.

Larry Baima and Leslie Fletcher, owners of The Thompson House Eatery said they decided to participate in this program "because of a committed personal interest in the preservation of the beautiful spaces that make our living environment so special. It is also a vital part of maintaining our customer base, as people who enjoy the outdoors, cyclists, skiers, hikers, climbers, and walkers. We think it is important to remind people that nothing will always be 'just as you remembered it' unless we make sure that it is, especially when it comes to potential development of scenic places."

When asked why he decided to join the Contribute to Place program, Curt Hansen of Ragged Mountain Equipment said, "To help support local land conservation efforts along with helping maintain the valley view resources." While there were some challenges at the beginning, Hansen said, "All the employees are very supportive of the effort and vocal in their endorsement of the program with customers. Several customers have voiced support for the program and our involvement with Upper Saco Valley Land Trust and told us that they were pleased that we were involved."

Steve Mannik of Attitash Grand Summit Hotel recently said, "Our guests come to the area to play outside. Most are more than happy to

contribute. Our staff is proud to be part of the program."

Tom Earle, president of the land trust said, "These voluntary gifts help the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust strengthen its mission of working with local landowners to permanently protect their forest and farmlands through conservation easements. In addition,

these contributions will help the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust acquire and manage lands that protect the scenic beauty of Maine and New Hampshire."

The land trust is currently working with the town of Eaton to acquire 99 acres on Rose Mountain to be included in the town's forestry plan, which is designed to increase biodiversity as

well as improve forest resources. Tom Henderson, vice president of the land trust said, "The positive response to the Contribute To Place program will certainly help us complete this and other projects."

The Contribute to Place program is a statewide program of the Maine Land Trust Network that fosters partnerships in local

communities between local business and the local land trust. One hopeful outcome is that tourists will recognize the Contribute to Earle said, "We sincerely hope participating businesses, their patrons and our communities benefit as we work diligently to preserve the places that make life and time spent here so special." Place brand

and choose to patronize businesses that participate in the program from the coast of Maine to the White Mountains.

The Upper Saco Valley Land Trust is a member of the Maine Land Trust Network and operates the program locally. For more information on the program and the business partners, visit www.usvlv.org.

Decorating Fears, Rules and Tips

You've seen the television shows on how to decorate on a budget, overcome your fear of color or get your house ready to sell. However, thinking about your own decorating challenges, it doesn't always translate. I for one, don't have \$30,000 to redo a master bedroom, but I don't want to decorate on a dime with homemade furniture either. At least we should be able to agree on the easiest improvement to make, right? Paint. Well sort-of. Forget the rules about light colors making a room look bigger, etc. Like most things in life, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing - is the only goal to make a room look bigger? How about making it look better, or more enjoyable for your personal taste? If you're trying to achieve a new look, and you've considered all the free things like decluttering and rearranging furniture, you're probably also looking at acquiring some new items. Choose the least flexible items first. Fabrics, tiles and art for instance, require you to find something you really like that also fits your budget. That's a very small selection compared to the millions of possible shades of paint available. Choose the paint color last - even if you want a so-called neutral. A very light paint that you think is neutral still has some color and may clash with other items and make you wish you went with a slightly different hue.

The point is, it's easier to choose the paint color to complement a bedspread or piece of art than the other way around.

Speaking of choosing art, let the experts simplify things. The first thing you should know is that all you need to know is buy what you like. All the other rules are just guidelines for the clueless. If that's you, don't worry. We cater to the clueless, the colorphobic and the embarrassed naked wall owners. We'll protect you from the notion that expensive is better. We'll help you figure out the ideal size, style and colors and let you focus on what you like.

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OBITUARIES

Rita G. (Bruni) McKinley

Rita G. (Bruni) McKinley, 80, of Rowley, Mass., wife of the late John J. McKinley, III, passed away peacefully with her family by her side, on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport, Mass. Born in Gorham, daughter of the late Francesco and Pasquarosa (Trevesani) Bruni, she was resident of Newburyport and Rowley.

Mrs. McKinley was a graduate of Gorham High School and worked as an executive secretary for Brown Company, of Berlin, until she left to raise her five daughters. She was an avid bingo player and enjoyed spending time with her many friends at Altra Merrimack Place in Newburyport.

She is survived by her five daughters, Karen A. and her husband, Richard Gauthier, of Topsfield, Mass., Kathleen M. McKinley and her fiancé, Thomas Filio, of Newton, Kimberly E. McKinley and Gerald O'Neill, of Silver Lake, Karla M. Smith, of Amesbury, Mass., and Kelly J. McKinley and her husband, Mark S. Friery, of Plum Island, Mass.; and her brother, Francis Bruni, of Gorham; two sisters, Mary Bealard, of Gorham, and Joan Purisi, of East Hartford, Conn.; her grandchildren, Nicole, Kristen and Brian Gauthier, of Topsfield, and RaeAnna Hughes, of Newton; and several nieces and nephews. She was also sister of the late Gaetano Bruni, Adele Dwyer, Rev. Philip, Amedeo, Rose, and Joseph Bruni.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church on 202 Main St., Rowley, Mass. at 9 a.m. on Monday. Visiting hours will be held on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the P.S. Roberts and Son Funeral Home, 14 Independent Street, Rowley. Contributions may be made to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA, 01843 or the Merrimack Valley Nutrition Program/Rowley Consortium, 57 River Road, Andover, MA, 01810. For information, directions, or to send condolences visit www.fsrobertsandson.com.

Kevin Scott Pearson

Kevin Scott Pearson, 54, formerly of North Conway and Fryeburg, Maine, passed away on Feb. 15, 2010 in Naples, Fla. He was the son of the late Donald Pearson and Myrna Pearson. He moved to Florida in 1996. He leaves his mother, two brothers and two sisters, several nieces and nephews. No services are planned.

Gibson Gleanings**H1N1 flu shot clinic at the center Feb. 26**

It looks like we're not the only ones suffering from a snow drought. If you were watching the Olympics this week you probably heard they had to truck in snow for some of the events. The opening ceremonies were great but to be honest I only tuned in for certain events, especially if they involved New England athletes. The one event I really wanted to see was curling — the sport where one person sends this heavy metal pot sliding down the ice while two of his buddies run in front of it smoothing its path on the ice with brooms. Fascinating! Two winters ago my friends — including my very creative husband — thought they'd try a slightly different version of this sport and call it "human curling" (You get the picture I'm sure). Fortunately, that was a very mild winter — no ice!

Gibbs — will be hosting an H1N1 Flu Shot clinic this coming Friday, Feb. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the activity room. There is no charge for the clinic but you do need to call 356-3231 and sign up. Rozzie May Animal Alliance needs volunteers one day a month to help at their spay/neuter clinics with spewer, cat comforters, etc. Call 447-3477 to sign up. The Masonic Lodge located above the North Conway movie-theater will be holding another wonderful breakfast to benefit Gifts from the Heart on Sunday, Feb. 28, from 8

a.m. to 11 a.m. We hope you will support both of these fine organizations. Finally a word of warning. A memo supposedly went out to all the police departments in N.H. advising officers to ticket cars in handicapped spaces that were not displaying a HC placard. In Somersworth they even ticketed in a private parking lot so don't forget that placard.

You can check the schedule of programs below to see what other activities are taking place this week at the center or go to our Web site at www.gibsoncenter.org. Be sure and check the list of upcoming trips as well.

Have a good week, pray for our servicemen and the people of Haiti and God bless!

Monday, Feb. 22: Chair exercise class begins at 10:30 a.m. in the activity room. A Washington's Birthday Chocolate Celebration will begin at 11:45 in the dining room. Watercolor classes with artist Carl Owen start at 12:30 p.m. in the activity room. Board the bus for bowling at 12:30 p.m. Census training begins at 1:30 p.m. in the pool room.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: Strength, balance and stretch class starts in the activity room at 9:30 a.m. Silver Lake luncheon and games start at noon. European Art History with Carl Owen begins at 12:30 p.m. in the activity room.

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games available from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and noon till 1:30 p.m. in the activity room. Game day begins after lunch in the activity room. Probate counseling with Gail Monet is available 12:30 — 2:30. First come, first serve.

Thursday, Feb. 25: Chair exercise class begins at 10:30 a.m. in the activity room. Ballroom dance class with Alice Clapp begins at 12:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26: Strength, balance and stretch class starts in the activity room at 9:30 a.m. AARP Tax Aide is offered in the social room by appointment only. Call 356-3231 to reserve a spot.

Upcoming trips need sign ups as soon as possible so that we can purchase tickets. Call 356-3231 to reserve a spot.

• Winter Waltz Party with live orchestra; at the Eagle Mountain House. Evening Dress requested. The cost is \$23, board the bus at 6:45 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27. The price includes transportation, ticket and dessert.

• Art in Bloom: View displays created by garden clubs at the Boston Museum of Fine Art Monday, April 26. The cost is \$45.

Menu: Monday: chicken and veggie stir-fry; Tuesday: Cathy's meatloaf; Wednesday: ham croquettes; Thursday: beef stroganoff; Friday: stuffed shells.

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NEWS IS OUR BUSINESS

Chequer's to host benefit for community nurse association

TAMWORTH — On Feb. 28, Chequer's Villa (Tamworth Road in Tamworth), will be hosting a pizza party to benefit the Tamworth Community Nurse Association. "We're thrilled to be hosting this event," said Karole Ewing, owner of Chequer's Villa. "As a former board member I know the important role TCNA plays in our community. We hope many people will come out and join in the fun. It will benefit a great organization."

Since 1921, the Tamworth Community Nurse Association has

offered Tamworth residents skilled nursing care with absolutely no fee for service. "We rely on fund-raising events to help cover the costs of our nursing service," said Jo Anne Rainville, executive director of TCNA. "It's wonderful to have partners in the community to host events such as these."

Participants will choose from an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet including soup, salad, and pasta for \$10.95 or from the restaurant menu. A portion of all proceeds will benefit the Association.

In addition to good food, there will be demonstrations of CPR and the Heimlich maneuver, with Steve Gray. A silent auction of collectibles will also be held during the event. There is no need for reservations. For more information, call Tamworth Community Nurse Association at 323-8511 or visit the Web site at tamworthnurses.org. Donations can be made online or mailed to TCNA, PO Box 352, Tamworth, NH 03817. All donations are tax deductible.



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Kugel understands the impact of growth on our world. Often when visiting places for a second or third time he is struck by the radical changes taking place. At one point he lives in the East Bay area of San Francisco. There he remodeled a home he was planning to settle in. In less than a year he said he was awed by a development of tract homes that sprung up around him,

consuming square miles of beautiful old California.

Today he donates to local charities like most business people, and his favorite is donating a couple spots so that students from local schools can attend the Ferry Beach Ecology School in Saco Maine (www.fbes.org). This outdoor education program offers one and two-day classes that teach kids about the ever-changing ecosystem of the tidal areas

where the Saco River enters the ocean. His feeling is that the more people we can instill some awareness in the better, and his thinking fits perfectly with what Connecticut To Place initiative accomplishes with the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust. Kugel recalled a quote from Reverend Jesse Jackson, which refers to honey bee sense. In essence it means the honey bee takes care of its nest.

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trustee has been one of those positions one has been able to win by simply voting for yourself. Your reporter recommends you take the time cast your vote for Avril Davis. It seems a fairly safe bet that within the next couple of years she will be placing her hand on almost every grave marker in town anyway; she might as well do it officially.

There will be a public meeting sponsored by the Effingham selectmen concerning their article on the town warrant asking the voters to

approve a new process for appointing a chief for the Effingham Fire and Rescue Department. The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the municipal offices. In one way this is simple: the Effingham Fire and Rescue wants to keep things the way they are, the selectmen see a need for change; but, it is honestly complex. Attention paid to this issue by your reporter over many years proves that there are compelling reasons for residents to become informed. Representatives from the town's insurers and the Effingham Fire

and Rescue have been invited to participate in the meeting's exploration of facts and concerns. Please plan on attending. You will be asked to vote on the issue of how the chief of the Effingham Fire and Rescue is appointed and your vote needs to be based on gained understanding. This is your chance to get the information needed to become informed. Here's one example of a weakness in democracy, attendance at a meeting like this one planned is optional; take responsibility and make it a personal mandate to attend it.

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James Cole, Sr.

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REAL ESTATE WEEKEND

HOME OF THE WEEK

MORTGAGES

Getting homebuyer tax credit may be harder than you think

By WILLIAM KUGEL

As we head into the heart of "tax season" one of the most frequently asked questions I am getting this year is about the new Homebuyer Tax Credit. Those that have recently purchased a home need to know the mechanics of how to file and receive their tax credit. Those who are still contemplating a purchase (within the upcoming deadline) are asking for details as well. In this article, I will address the significant bits of information each will need to know.

First, let me review the key deadlines ahead for those who have not yet purchased a home and have a desire to take advantage of the new tax credit. You still have time. You can avail yourself of the tax credit if you are "under contract" to purchase a home by April 30 of this year and will close the transaction by June 30. But don't feel too comfortable for you need to allow time to ramp up for your financing, find a desirable property, accomplish all of your inspections, and allow for all the ins and outs of closing.

Another relatively unknown fact is that if you have a purchase that qualifies for the new tax credit this year, you have the option to apply the credit in either the 2009 or 2010 tax year. If a qualifying purchase took place in 2009, you will need to file for the credit with your 2009 tax returns whose filing deadline is April 15.

While on the surface the new tax credit sounds straightforward, you may be surprised at how rigorous the mechanics of filing for the credit turn out to be depending on some of your circumstances. Nevertheless the IRS does have multiple online information links and one of the first places you may want to start is at its "First-Time Homebuyer Credit Information Center" (whose link is http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article0_id=187935,00.html).

In Tax Tip 2010-27, the IRS spells out "Seven Important Facts About Claiming the First-Time Homebuyer Credit" which reads as follows:

1. You must buy — or enter into a binding contract to buy — a principal residence located in the United States on or before April 30, 2010. If you enter into a binding contract by April 30, 2010, you must close on the home on or before June 30, 2010.

2. To be considered a first-time homebuyer, you and your spouse — if you are married — must not have jointly or separately owned another principal residence during the three years prior to the date of purchase.

3. To be considered a long-time resident homebuyer you and your spouse — if you are married — must have lived in the same principal residence for any consecutive five-year period during the eight-year period that ended on the date the new home is purchased. Additionally, your settlement date must be after November 6, 2009.

4. The maximum credit for a first-time homebuyer is \$8,000. The maximum credit for a long-time resident homebuyer is \$6,500.

5. New homebuyers must attach a copy of a properly executed settlement statement used to complete such purchase. Buyers of a newly constructed home, where a settlement statement is

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William Kugel



Today's Home of the Week is a three-bedroom contemporary with views of Kearsarge and Bartlett mountains.

Sitting pretty in Kearsarge

By MARY H. MEIER
THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

CONWAY — Sitting pretty on a one-and-a-half acre lot on Crown Ridge Road in the scenic Kearsarge section of town, this three-story contemporary dwelling makes the most of its views of Kearsarge and Bartlett mountains. The lot itself has been cleared and landscaped with lawn.

Originally built in 1995 and recently remodeled, the house uses pitched ceilings and multiple skylights to create sun-filled interiors. Extensive use of pine floors and other good carpentry has been newly added. There is an attached oversized two-car garage.

Entrance to the house is gained on the lowest level, directly into the 20-by-12-foot carpeted family room with its woodstove and wide, convenient window seat. The main public rooms are located on the second floor and include a living room, also with a wood-burning stove, and glass doors opening to an outside deck. The 22-by-12-foot kitchen has a slate sink and countertops, plus stainless steel appliances. There is an 11-foot-square dining area large enough to seat six.

The second floor also offers a laundry room, three-quarter bath and two bedrooms measuring roughly 12-foot square.

The 31-by-11-foot master bedroom crowns the top floor of the house and commands a very attractive mountain view.

Stefan Karnopp at Black Bear Realty in Glen is the listing agent for the house, which is priced at \$229,900. He can be reached at (603) 383-8080.



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Coldwell Banker survey: If I had \$6,500...

A recent Coldwell Banker survey looked at how the newly expanded federal housing tax credit, which was opened to existing homeowners, would impact the economy. The survey polled more than 1,000 homeowners and found the following:

- 83 percent said if they qualified for the tax credit they would use it for "smart spending," including putting the money toward paying off existing debts, home improvements, saving/investments or everyday household expenses.
- The top "smart" ways homeowners would spend the \$6,500 tax credit for existing home-

owners would be to pay off debt (34 percent), make home improvements (29 percent) and putting it into savings and investments (28 percent)

- Only 6 percent said they would spend it on luxury items, such as a vacation or shopping spree.
- 20 percent indicated that because of the \$6,500 incentive they were more likely to consider purchasing a home (versus six months ago).

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not available, must attach a copy of the dated certificate of occupancy. Mobile home purchasers who are unable to get a settlement statement must attach a copy of the retail sales contract.

5. You must file a paper return and attach Form 5405, First-Time Homebuyer Credit and Repayment of the Credit with additional documents to verify the purchase. Therefore, if you claim the credit you will not be able to file electronically.

7. If you are a long-time resident claiming the credit, the IRS recommends that you also attach any documentation covering the five-consecutive-year period, including Form 1098, Mortgage Interest Statement or substitute mortgage interest statements, property tax records or homeowner's insurance records. For more information about these rules including details about documentation and other eligibility requirements visit IRS.gov/recovery.

If you are at the point where you need to engage yourself in understanding all of the details involved, I recommend you download a copy of IRS Form 5405 and take a long hard look at it. Here are some additional matters you may come up:

- Part I of the form deals with general information and (more importantly) the factors that affect your eligibility and the size of the tax credit in YOUR circumstances.
- That's right: the amount of the credit varies per individual circumstances. Read carefully and you will notice the language "up to" before the \$8,000 and \$6,500 credit amounts. The calculations for your credit is based on a formula (starting with 10% of the purchase price) that proceeds to factor in limitations and restrictions based on your adjusted gross

income, time of purchase and other factors.

• Part II walks you through line by line entries (in traditional IRS fashion) the calculation of the tax credit as it applies to you. Variations for married and unmarried are in this section. Limitation amounts vary based on date of purchase.

• Part III contains more of the "fine print" things that can rule you in or out. How and to whom existing homeowners sold their home is pertinent; whether the home had a business or rental use can also rain on your parade.

• Part IV deals with another bitter subject; that of repayment of credit that was claimed in 2008 (which was a sore point in the original version of this legislation).

It is not my intent to discourage anyone. The tax credit is there; it is the first of its kind in my lifetime; and many will be blessed if they take advantage of it (providing the transaction would have been timely and beneficial with or without the credit). I do have customers who are now facing the realities of getting their tax credit and they need to know these details (even if they are hugely cumbersome). So, dig in and start paying close attention to the deadlines I mentioned. If you are thinking about jumping in before it is too late, start by calling a knowledgeable mortgage professional who can help you determine if what you want to do is feasible.

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Housing construction up 2.8 percent in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing construction posted a better-than-expected increase in January which pushed activity to the highest level in six months. The solid gain raised hopes that the construction industry is beginning to mount a sustained rebound from its worst slump in decades.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that construction of new homes and apartments rose 2.8 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 591,000 units. That was better than the 580,000 annual pace that economists were forecasting.

Applications for building permits, considered a good barometer of future activity, fell 4.9 percent to a rate of 621,000, but that was after two months of large increases.

In another sign of strength, Wednesday's report revised up activity in December to show builders were starting construction at an annual pace of 575,000 units during that month, much stronger than the 557,000 originally reported. Even with the upward revision, activity fell a slight 0.7 percent in December, a dip that was blamed on severe weather in many parts of the country that depressed construction activity.

Economists are hoping that housing is beginning to recover and a rebound in this area will help support the economy as it struggles to mount a sustained recovery from the deepest recession since the 1930s. The strongest last month was led by a 10 percent jump in activity in

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The strength in January pushed construction activity up by 21.1 percent from the pace in January 2009. Last month's building rate the fastest pace since July.

Construction of single-family homes rose by 1.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 484,000 units while construction of multi-family units increased 9.2 percent to an annual rate of 107,000 units.

The National Association of Home Builders said Tuesday that its housing market index rose by two points to 17 in February after having fallen for two consecutive months.

That increase in sentiment was likely influenced by a number of favorable developments including a report earlier this month that the nation's unemployment rate fell in January to 9.7 percent, still high, but lower than the 10 percent of the previous month.

In other favorable developments, mortgage rates are hovering around 5 percent, pushed down by a Federal Reserve program to buy mortgage-backed securities. And builders say they are also seeing a boost in the demand for homes coming from a government stimulus program. That program provides tax credits of up to \$8,000 for first-time home buyers and up to \$6,500 for current homeowners who decide to move.

Bob Jones, chairman of the home builders, said builders were "slightly more optimistic that the housing recovery is finally beginning to take root."

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Rates for 30-year home loans edged lower for the second straight week, a report said Thursday, but remained above last year's record lows.

The average rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage was 4.93 percent this week, down from 4.97 percent a week earlier, mortgage finance company Freddie Mac said.

Rates dropped to a record low of 4.71 percent in early December, pushed down by an aggressive government campaign to reduce consumers' borrowing costs.

Freddie Mac collects mortgage rates on Monday through Wednesday of each week from lenders around the country. Rates often fluctuate significantly, even within a given day, often in line with long-term Treasury bonds.

Mortgage rates have been at or near record lows due to a \$1.25 trillion Federal Reserve program to buy up mortgage securities. That program is scheduled to run out at the end of March, but the Fed has held the door open to extending it if the economy weakens.

Some analysts fear that once the program ends, mortgage rates could spike due to a lack of willing buyers of mortgage investments, hurting the recovery in housing and the overall economy.

But Edward DeMarco, director of the federal agency that regulates Freddie Mac and sibling company Fannie Mae, was optimistic about that the Fed will be able to end its program without a major disruption.

"I do believe that private investors — whether domestic or international — will be stepping in," DeMarco said Thursday at a forum in Washington. He cited this week's decline in mortgage rates as a positive sign.

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Foreclosure 'strategy'

By PETER G. MILLER
CTW FEATURES

QUESTION: What's a 'strategic' walk-away?

ANSWER: The Chicago Booth/Kellogg School Financial Trust Index says more than 25 percent of all foreclosures are strategic walkaways - "strategic" meaning that owners actually have the financial means to make their payments. Given that more than 300,000 foreclosure filings have been going out each month according to RealtyTrac.com, we're talking about a very large number of owners.

QUESTION: I'm likely to lose an investment property to foreclosure. I bought it at the worst possible time, and the value has gone down ever since; I'm now way underwater with it. Is the money I do not repay to the lender regarded as taxable income? Someone told me the Mortgage Debt Relief Act of 2007 only applies to one's primary residence and therefore any investment mortgage debt not paid is taxable. Is this right?

ANSWER: Yes. The IRS says "the Act applies only to forgiven or canceled debt used to buy, build or substantially improve your principal residence, or to refinance debt incurred for those purposes. In addition, the debt must be secured by the home. This is known as qualified principal residence indebtedness. The maximum amount you can treat as qualified principal residence indebtedness is \$2 million or \$1 million if married filing separately." Please see a tax pro for specifics.

QUESTION: If I get a loan modification will that lower my credit score?

ANSWER: If you're facing foreclosure then you can pretty much bet your credit has already been hurt. If you're current on your payments but can't get a new, lower cost mortgage because the equity in your home has fallen significantly then your credit score will be reduced with a modification. However, the bigger issue is that with a modification you may be able to substantially reduce your monthly mortgage payments so taking a credit score hit for several years may be worthwhile.



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Good remodeling plan involves careful scheduling and budgeting

By **BARBARA BALLINGER**
CIVIL FEATURES

When you get ready to plan a remodel project, it's smart not to think just about the materials and fixtures you want, but the timeline in which to do it — so that the design and construction get done the way you envision and by the date you have in mind.

• Who Ya Gonna Call?

Whomever you decide to hire, be sure you've interviewed at least two or three who've been recommended. Check references, ask the Better Business Bureau for reports, go see work in person, study plans to be sure they're detailed and request a copy of insurance coverage.

• Time Frame

There's no set time frame for completing a job since so much depends on the contractor's competency the project's complexity, whether the materials are available and unforeseen problems. Unfortunately, many homeowners have unrealistic expectations based on TV shows that seem to suggest that projects get done overnight. Matt Lederer, owner of Mahogany Builders in Chicago, says that some general guidelines can be considered as long as homeowners don't expect them in stone. For example:

- Bathroom remodel: 3-5 weeks
- Kitchen remodel: At least 3 weeks
- Basement conversion: 3 weeks
- Newly painted walls/ceilings: 1 week/room
- Refinished, stained hardwood floors: 3 days/room
- Price Estimates

Again, it's tough to estimate prices, since so much

depends on the contractor, room size, materials, change orders and whether unforeseen problems develop. Home-focused magazines can provide guidelines. Remodeling magazine's Cost vs. Value Report found an upscale kitchen hiked around \$112,000 between 2009 and 2010, while a midrange project was reported to be near \$57,000. Beware of lowball bids that rise once the project begins. Get a written estimate with a line itemization, so you know what everything costs, including labor and cleanup. John Kelsey, an interior designer and co-owner of Wilson Kelsey Design in Salem, Mass., also suggests setting aside 10 to 15 percent of a budget for surprises — what's hidden underneath floorboards or behind walls, for example.

• Best Time to Get Work Done

The economy affects work schedules but so does weather. Lederer says things tend to slow down in the winter months, especially around the holidays. Yet, it can be a great time to plan an outdoor project, such as a pool, so it's ready to be built come spring, says Chris Cipriano, a landscape designer in Ramsey, N.J. He likes to plant in fall so materials enjoy root growth through the winter and are established come spring. In the South, where Lederer is working on a home, the busy season tends to extend from November to March. Always ask contractors if they have a period that's slower and if they'll negotiate terms.

• Keep in Mind

Lederer stresses the importance of trusting your gut instinct to be sure you'll have good rapport and communication with your contractor. "Major obstacles will crop up," he says. "Your relationship is the key to making it through as well as saving time and money."

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- 2 lbs. Skirt Steak Bacon
- 5 lbs. Chicken Breast

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- 20 lbs. Lean Ground Chuck
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- 10 lbs. Boneless NY Sirloin
- 5 lbs. Boneless Chuck Roast
- 10 lbs. Chicken Breast
- 10 lbs. London Broil Steak
- 20 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters
- 10 lbs. Assorted Pork Chops
- 5 lbs. Sirloin Pork Roast
- 5 lbs. Lean Stew Meat
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- 4 lbs. Boneless Chicken Breast
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- 4 lbs. Chicken Thighs
- 2 lbs. Boneless Ham Steaks

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- 10 lbs. Boneless NY Sirloin
- 10 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters

60 lbs. \$149

PREMIUM SPECIAL

- 10 lbs. Lean Ground Chuck
- 10 lbs. Center Cut Pork Chops
- 10 lbs. Chicken Breast
- 10 lbs. Boneless Sirloin Tip Roast
- 10 lbs. Boneless NY Sirloin
- 10 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters

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- 5 lbs. Boneless Sirloin Tip Roast
- 5 lbs. Lean Ground Chuck
- 5 lbs. Lean Cube Steak
- 5 lbs. Country Style Spare Ribs
- 10 lbs. Chicken Breast
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