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TODAY'S FORECAST

Mostly cloudy, with a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s.



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WOMEN'S INITIATIVE VISITS LOCAL SCHOOLS

When Nicole Bieber and Anjali Muralidhar, engineering students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), signed up for the MIT Women's Initiative, they had no idea the program would bring them to northern Arkansas. **Page 2A**

DEATHS

Johnny Earl Coonts, 49, Independence, Mo.

Joyce A. Studyvin, 78, Ozark, Mo.

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THAT'S ODD

\$4,000 SCAM SENT TO WASHINGTON POLICE

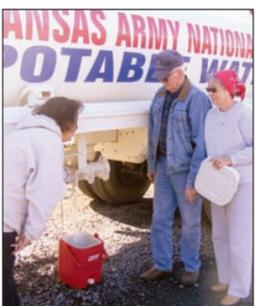
RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — Not even the police are immune from those offers of free money from African countries that are really scams.

Richland police could use another \$4,000, but the department wasn't tempted by the cashier's check it received Friday in the mail from the country of Benin.

Officer Erica Tunesvik says officers immediately recognized it as a bogus attempt to learn bank account information if the check were deposited.

An officer wrote up a report on the incident and Tunesvik says it serves as a reminder that if the police can be the target of such a scam, anyone can.

INSIDE



BOIL ORDER STILL IN EFFECT FOR AREAS

According to Eva Cooper, there's no way that boiled water will ever compare to fresh water. **Page 10A**

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KIDNAPPING AND ESCAPE PLOT

Tracy Waits caught at Lead Hill

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Newton County Sheriff Keith Slape told the *Harrison Daily Times* that a third suspect in a jail escape/kidnapping plot was arrested Wednesday in Boone County.

Tracy Waits, 30, of Mt. Judea had been named in a plot to either help her father, 53-year-old David Middleton, escape from jail or kidnap Slape's son to use as leverage to have Middleton released.

Boone County Sheriff Danny Hickman said Boone County deputies and officers

from Newton County and the 14th Judicial Drug Task Force had developed information and traced down leads concerning a vehicle that had been seen at Walmart in Harrison.

A Harrison Police report shows Newton County authorities requested an officer go to Walmart about 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, for a possible sighting of Waits at the store.

Hickman said the vehicle was traced to an address near Lead Hill. Officers checked

a couple of houses in the area and located Waits outside one of those houses. He said Waits didn't try to run from police.

"She was trying to hide, though," Hickman said, adding that she was arrested without incident when found.

Hickman said four other people were taken into custody as well. They were being interviewed as part of the investigation, after which authorities will determine what, if any, charges might be filed against them.

Hickman said Boone County doesn't currently have charges pending against Waits, **See WAITS, Page 10A**



Waits



LEE H. DUNLAP/STAFF

No one was seriously injured when this Harrison Police patrol unit malfunctioned and slammed into a tractor parked at the city shop, where it had been taken for repairs.

THROTTLE STICKS

Employee hurt; patrol unit damaged

Staff Report

Officials say no one was seriously injured Wednesday after a Harrison Police patrol unit malfunctioned, destroyed a garage door at the city shop and smacked into a parked tractor with an employee in the car.

Harrison Police Capt. Joe Gilliam said

the patrol car had been taken to the city shop for repairs.

He said a crew had the car on a rack and did a complete brake job on it. They then dropped the car back to the floor and were preparing to work inside it as well.

One worker, Allen Rine, 44, got in the **See CRASH, Page 10A**

BOONE COUNTY

Trammell to run for sheriff

After working at FedEx Freight for the past nine years, Jim Trammell of Harrison plans to return to the law enforcement field and announces his intention to run for sheriff as a Republican candidate.

Trammell said he has 13 years of experience in law enforcement. Since beginning his Law enforcement career in Missouri in 1987, he served as a deputy for the Boone County Sheriff's Office from 1988-1990 and as a patrol officer and detective sergeant at the Harrison Police Department from 1990-2000.

While working at the Harrison Police Department, Trammell said he received the Medal of Valor and held certifications as a law enforcement officer, law enforcement instructor, and firearms instructor.

Trammell commented, "I believe my past law enforcement experience and my long-time involvement in the community will allow me to provide the leadership and integrity needed for the office of Boone County Sheriff."

Trammell said law enforcement has been in his family for two generations. His grandfather, Carl D. "Peck" Trammell, worked for the Arkansas Highway Police at the weight station in Bellefonte as a sergeant for a number of years and his brother, Jason Trammell, is currently employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol in Springfield, Mo.

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Trammell

RIVERCLIFF

Bank foreclosing on golf course at Bull Shoals

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YELLEVILLE — Arvest Bank of North Central Arkansas has filed foreclosure action against the golf course at Bull Shoals.

According to a lawsuit filed Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Marion County Circuit Court, Arvest Bank is suing Rivercliff Golf LLC; Jerry Ott, individually and as manager of Rivercliff; and FIA Card Services National Association. The petition for foreclosure says the bank is attempting to recover \$714,171.60 in principal, interest and fees that Arvest says was owed Thursday, Dec. 31, plus \$167.38 per day in 2010.

The lawsuit dates transactions to April 27, 2004, when it shows a promissory note for \$800,000 was signed by Ott. It says \$693,281.33 of that loan is past due and

unpaid along with \$14,243.08 in interest at 8.6 percent. Those figures date to Dec. 31, 2009.

An additional note for \$8,448 and dated June 10, 2008, is backed by a Kubota tractor which is included in foreclosure

The lawsuit also names FIA Card Services National Association as a defendant, noting it had obtained a judgment of \$36,193.87 against Jerry K. Ott, recorded Nov. 5, 2009, and saying its judgment is inferior to Arvest's suit. The lawsuit names three specific tracts:

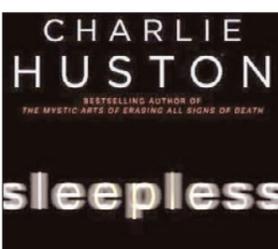
- Tract two is roughly 1/20th of an acre and includes Golf Course Drive and Putter Circle as boundaries.
- Tract three is about 51.62 acres and its boundaries include a Corps of Engineers monument and golf course's back nine.
- Tract four is a leasehold and concession agreement with the city of Bull Shoals, origi-

nally dated Feb. 8, 1971, and is for land owned by the United States and leased to the city of Bull Shoals.

The lawsuit also asks for all equipment, including machinery, vehicles, furniture, fixtures, manufacturing equipment, farm machinery and equipment, shop equipment, office and recordkeeping equipment, and parts and tools. Specifically listed are 12 club cars and a variety of mowers.

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) filed a lawsuit against Ott in late December 2009 seeking damages of \$229,800 plus \$500 per day for allegedly allowing runoff from a 20-acre subdivision, the Bluffs at Rivercliff, to pollute the White River immediately downstream from Bull Shoals Dam.

That lawsuit dates its damages from a 2007 inspection.



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BOOK REVIEW

A new novel from the writer of the moment, Charlie Huston, kept us up all night through 275 pages.

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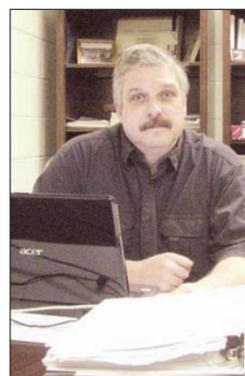
YOUR VIEWS FROM THE WEB: 'CHICKENS AREN'T MEANT TO BE RAISED THIS TIME OF YEAR.'

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COMING TOMORROW

NEW HOME

The Office of Emergency Management, including director Mike Smithyman (right), has moved into its new digs at the old Boone County Jail.



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