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the Migdal mystery



By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

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Fifteen years ago, a mother disappeared near Gooding. Now, the county sheriff is reopening the mysterious case of Rose Migdal.

Closure is a dream for Robert Hinman, a Colorado Springs man who's spent half his life without a mother. Hinman's mom, Rose Migdal, was 45 when she went missing near Gooding on Oct. 20, 1993.

Her red 1992 Chevrolet was found high-centered on a rock pile in the desert southeast of Gooding. An extensive search for the mother of two turned up nothing. The Wyoming woman was officially declared dead in March 1997.

A year later, a sheep herder tending his flock two miles from where the car was found saw what he

thought was an old soccer ball. He gave it a kick, and to his horror discovered that it was a human skull.

How Migdal came to die in the desert remains a mystery. She had a history of mental problems related to bipolar disorder, but Hinman believes foul play was behind his mom's disappearance and death, which remains an open cold case in Gooding County.

"I think about this every day, I want closure on this," he said.

Fifteen years later, Hinman could get some answers. Retired Gooding County Sheriff Jim Jax has put forth a new theory: Migdal was murdered, and the motive was money.

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Cardboard conundrum

Economy takes its toll on recycling operations

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

It takes a few more empty pop cans these days for 10-year-old boys to earn some recycling cash.

The nosedive the economy took last year dragged recycling companies' customers along for the ride, said Russ Taylor, manager of Pacific Steel and Recycling in Twin Falls. Manufacturers don't need the raw resources, he said, and valuable overseas markets are seeing the same problems. "All the cardboard mills are full," Taylor said. "We still take it. Some of it is just sitting around."

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Officials say T.F. recycling program holds steady.

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Israeli troops invade Gaza to halt rockets

By Ibrahim Barzak and Jason Keyser
Associated Press writers

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Thousands of Israeli troops backed by columns of tanks and helicopter gunships launched a ground offensive in Gaza Saturday night, with officials saying they expected a lengthy fight in the densely populated territory after eight days of punishing airstrikes failed to halt militant rocket attacks on Israel.

The incursion set off fierce clashes with Palestinian militants and Gaza's Hamas rulers vowed the coastal strip would be a "graveyard" for Israeli forces.

"This will not be easy and it will not be short," Israeli Defense Minister Ehud

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AP photo
Raed Azzam, 23, right, of Deerport, N.Y., protests Saturday in New York's Times Square demanding an end to the Israeli attacks on Gaza.

Oregon looks at taxing mileage instead of gas

By Ryan Kost
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon is among a growing number of states exploring ways to tax drivers based on the number of miles they drive instead of how much gas they use, even going so far as to install GPS monitoring devices in 300 vehicles.

The idea first emerged nearly 10 years ago as Oregon lawmakers worried that fuel-efficient cars such as gas-electric hybrids

could pose a threat to road upkeep, which is paid for largely with gasoline taxes.

"I'm glad we're taking a look at it before the potholes get so big that we can't even get out of them," said Leroy Younglove, a Portland driver who participated in a recent pilot program.

The proposal is not without critics, including drivers who are concerned about privacy and others who fear the tax could eliminate the financial incentive for buying efficient vehicles.

But Oregon is ahead of the nation in exploring the concept, even though it will probably be years before any mileage tax is adopted.

Congress is talking about it, too. A congressional commission has envisioned a system similar to the prototype Oregon tested in 2006-2007.

The National Commission on Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing is considering calling for higher gas taxes to keep highways, bridges and

transit programs in good shape.

But over the long term, commission members say, the nation should consider taxing mileage rather than gasoline as drivers use more fuel-efficient and electric vehicles.

As cars burn less fuel, "the gas tax isn't going to fill the bill," said Rep. Peter DeFazio of Oregon, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

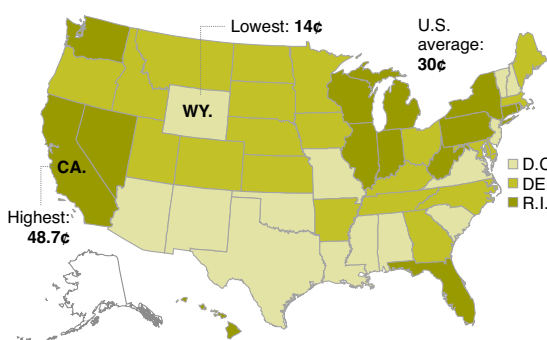
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Large variation in state gas taxes

The current 18.4 cents a gallon federal gas excise tax hasn't increased since 1997, however state taxes can change daily.

Total state gasoline taxes per gallon, Oct. 1, 2008

Legend: 0 to 10 cents, 11 to 20, 21 to 30, 31 to 49



NOTE: Includes state excise tax and other taxes; Alaska's gas taxes have been suspended until Aug. 31, 2009

SOURCE: American Petroleum Institute

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MORNING BRIEFING



Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio Three things to do today

- If you don't ski, go tubing. Many ski areas have places to zoom down on a tube or call the Sawtooth National Forest headquarters at 737-3200 for places to go. All you need is warm clothes, hot chocolate and, of course, a tube.
- If you want to move over a floor, instead of down a

hill, dance to the Melody Masters from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. The cost is \$4 per person.

- A free horsemanship course will be taught to high school and college-level people starting Jan. 7 at the Billingsley State Park

Arena in Hagerman. The instructor is Phil Dawson. To sign up, call 208-324-2059.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at patm@magicvalley.com.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, 734-5084.

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" presented by Company of Fools, 3 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$10 for children (ages 18 and younger), (208) 578-9122.

CHURCH EVENTS

First Sunday of Month luncheon, pizza for friends and neighbors, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main St., Wendell, freewill offering, (208) 536-2305.

Life Church of the Magic Valley in Jerome healing service, open to the general public and anyone who needs to be healed, 5 p.m. pre-service prayer with service at 6 p.m. (public may attend both services), Life Church, 425 E. Nez Perce (100 South), Jerome, LIFECHURCHMV.COM or (208) 324-5876.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Reservations deadline for Jan. 6 Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon, with program: yoga, 11:30 a.m., Vickie's Catering (by Norm's Cafe), 803 Main Ave., Twin Falls, \$12, 734-8418.

TODAY'S MEETING MEMO

Meeting memo for Jan. 5 meeting of Magic Valley Region of Idaho Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, guest speaker Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter, 7 a.m., Depot Grill, 545 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls, 733-0874 or henri@lemoynerealty.com.

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

Recycling

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Chris Carey, a district manager for PSI Environmental Systems, said he'd heard "horror stories" where U.S. companies loaded up ships with recycling to sell in China, but were paying that country's companies to take the materials by the time the ships were halfway there.

"I've heard China has three months of recyclables on the ground," he said.

So recyclers work to send out what they can, and await the day when things rebalance. Eventually, the drop in packaging and shipping finished goods will cause a drop in recyclables, which then will mean less items coming into their facilities and a balance of supply and demand, said Rick Gillihan, general manager of Western Recycling — Magic Valley Recycling's sister company in Boise.

"There really isn't anything that we can do," Gillihan said. "We're just encouraging customers to hang in there and bear with us."

Tightened profit margins mean Idaho recyclers now pay out less. Lori Mahler with Western Waste Services said her company's checks from Magic Valley Recycling are 10 percent of what they once were.

"That recycling check pays for our services," Mahler said, noting that the company expects the payments to increase again over time.

Cardboard no longer pays for customers looking to drop it off at Pacific, Taylor said. Aluminum cans are down to 22 cents per pound from 55 to 65 last year, and his company has seen reductions in hours and staff in response to the problem. The lower reimbursement rates may lead to another problem, Taylor said: more recyclables headed for the trash heap.

"People recycle because of the money, for the most part," he said, noting that those who don't will keep recycling no matter the earnings.

It seems that less goods are coming in overall. Gillihan said his company is usually swamped during Christmas, but wasn't this year, a sign that retailers were selling less. At the same time, Sherry Jeff, sanitation director for the city of Twin Falls, said PSI officials told her they had to run extra trucks this past week to collect all the recycling that was put out, though the city has seen somewhat of a drop in both recycling and trash.

Both Taylor and Gillihan estimated their markets may start to recover by the second quarter of 2009. But they won't spring back to normal right away, and Taylor said it could be a couple of years before the industry gets back on its feet.

"In the long range, this will be a blip on the screen," Gillihan said.

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MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

An employee of Magic Valley Recycling operates a forklift to move bales of cardboard around the Twin Falls facility Tuesday. A souring economy has hurt recycling, and many companies have stopped paying as much for cardboard, cans and other recyclable items.

Officials say T.F. recycling program holds steady, despite drop

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The total amount of trash kept out of the landfill by Twin Falls' recycling program continues to drop, according to numbers provided by the city.

But the overall percentage of recycled trash has stayed steady, and both city and waste-company officials say they see little change in the number of people recycling.

The city signed a five-year, nearly \$7,000-a-month contract in October 2005 with PSI Environmental Systems to run the voluntary program. Residents subsequently received a 90-gallon tub for cardboard, cans and newspapers.

About 761,500 pounds of recyclable trash was diverted from the landfill in the 2007 fiscal year through the program. But that figure dropped to 715,100 pounds in the 2008 year, which ended Sept. 30.

Figures also show, however, that the percentage of diverted trash has stayed right around 2 percent of waste sent to the landfill since the program's inception, said city Sanitation Director Sherry Jeff.

That means there's been a decline in waste overall, something probably attributable to the economy, said Chris Carey, PSI district manager.

"You're going to see a drop in volume with the recession anyway, because people are buying a lot less stuff," Carey said.

It can be challenging to start up a city recycling program. But others near and far across the nation have seen their pay off.

A high mark seems to be Carson City, Nev. — nearly 55,000 people in 2007 — which states on its Web site that its program for cans, newspapers, plastic and glass bottles and other materials achieved a recycling rate of 40 percent in 2007.

No one at the city could be reached Wednesday to talk about the program. But Jay Paxson, environmental coordinator for the nearby city of Elko, Nev., said he thinks his city is within a year of getting its own curbside program going.

In the city of 17,000, Paxson guessed he could see recycling rates of maybe 3 to 4 percent right off the bat, rising to 10 percent over time as commodity prices recover. The challenge, he said, is overcoming a rural mentality

BY THE NUMBERS

715,126 pounds, or 358 tons, of trash recycled through Twin Falls' program in FY 2008

19,015 tons sent to the landfill from city bins during the same span

\$31,500 benefit to the city from recycling revenue and landfill savings in FY 2008
Source: City of Twin Falls

that doesn't pay much mind to recycling.

"This is the part of the country where most folks dig a hole in their back 40 and pour (their garbage) in the hole," he said.

Twin Falls' latest decline is several times larger than one that caught the attention of the City Council in December 2007. Its members then expressed concerns about how the program operated, and PSI sales manager Les Reitz said the company had endured staffing problems, customers not breaking cardboard down correctly and totes going unused.

Council members contacted Wednesday said they hadn't reviewed the latest figures yet, but all expressed hopes for the program to improve.

Mayor Lance Clow said only setting out one type of material each week may improve PSI's ability to pick recyclables up, and said he wishes it was easier to track who is and isn't recycling. Trip Craig, with Clow the only other current council member around for the 2005 vote, wondered whether residents' consciences pushed more of them to recycle at first. And council member David E. Johnson laid into everything from the inconvenience of the blue tubs to the various rules for breaking down and separating recyclables.

"If we're really going to get serious about recycling, it's going to take a different level of commitment," Johnson said.

PSI officials plan to sit down with the city soon to talk about enhancing the recycling program, Carey said. Possibilities include expanding the materials collected through the program, as well as removing at least some of the sorting requirements and providing larger bins. The company previously did not have the capability to sort items after they'd been picked up, he said.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



Photo courtesy Twin Falls Public Library

The home of Glenn and Vivian Trail, which was located at the southwest corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Filer Avenue, was removed in 2000 to make room for Schuck's Auto Parts store.



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Our fitness reviewer leads you through the Twin Falls YMCA's new features.

MONDAY IN HEALTHY & FIT



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TUESDAY IN HOME & GARDEN



Restaurant rounds

What dishes are our regional chefs experimenting with?

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD



Watershed	Seasonal percentage	% of Avg. peak	Little Lost	103%	44%
Salmon	104%	43%	Henry's Fork/Teton	95%	40%
Big Wood	100%	42%	Upper Snake Basin	102%	44%
Little Wood	110%	45%	Oakley	98%	39%
Big Lost	109%	44%	Salmon Falls	107%	44%
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Migdal was in Idaho only about a week before she disappeared.

In the photo from her Wyoming driver's license, her eyes are intense, wide and slightly off-kilter. There's no smile.

When interviewed by investigators, her family members were unclear on exactly why she drove to Idaho, though just before leaving Wyoming, Migdal had been a patient at a mental hospital. Her mental problems were so severe she had already surrendered custody of her two sons to their father.

When she left Riverton, Wyo., she had at least \$750 in cash, a gift from her now-deceased mother, Edna Moore of Lander, Wyo.

Migdal checked into the Holiday Motel on Jerome's Main Street on Oct. 15, 1993, paying \$29 for one night in room 15. The next day, she put down \$540 for a month's stay.

The motel's owner, the late John McDowell, later told deputies that she was "flashing" a lot of cash.

A week later, on Oct. 23, sheriff's deputies found her abandoned car. It was locked, but a window was rolled down enough to reach in and open the door.

"This just doesn't seem right," a deputy wrote about Migdal's abandoned vehicle.

The small red four-door sedan was out of gas and the battery was dead. The key was in the ignition, turned on. A shoeprint marked the driver's side door.

The windshield wipers were twisted and mangled, jutting out unnaturally from the glass. Side mirrors, broken.

It was loaded with clothes. A power cord was hanging from the window, and small change and crumpled bills littered the dry ground.

Searchers the next day followed footprints leading 150 yards northeast from the spot before losing the trail. About 50 yards from the abandoned car they found a rag and a small bottle of paint thinner. They also recovered a fitted bed sheet, underwear, a towel, a small coin bank, a dishrag and glass from a broken mirror.

An intense five-day search, including four days of helicopter flyovers, was called off when no body was found.

Jerome city police went to the Holiday Motel on Oct. 24, learning from an employee that Migdal had last been seen there on Oct. 20. The employee said Migdal had talked of driving to Boise on the 21st.

Migdal's rented room was in disarray: The sofa cush-

ing when you don't know what happened."

But that was before he heard Jax's theory.

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"I don't know who killed her, for sure," said Jax.

"I do know who drove her body out into the desert and dumped her."

Jax, who personally handled the case until 1997, when he retired shortly before the bones were found, said he didn't initially consider the case to be a homicide.

But as the years passed, he came to think otherwise.

Jax thinks Migdal was killed somewhere in Jerome County and that a woman — he knows a name but says he'll keep it to himself for now — drove her car into the desert to dump the body but then became stuck when trying to leave the scene.

"I do have a witness who saw the person driving the car out in that direction where the car was stuck," Jax said. "I don't want to implicate anyone without proof."

The car was found miles from any paved road. Getting there required crossing a canal at a remote bridge known only to locals.

"How would a woman from Wyoming know? It had to be someone else who knew the area," said Jax.

"I think the body had already been done," he said. "This gal (his suspect) was trying to get back. The headlight switch was still pulled on, so we know it was night."

In 1993, Gooding County didn't have much in the way of forensic capabilities.

"We didn't consider it a homicide scene, we didn't take the pains that we should have with fingerprints," Jax said.

Someone had urinated by the car, and left soiled toilet paper there, Jax said. He remembers collecting samples as evidence, but county commissioners later rejected his request for \$3,000 to run DNA tests.

"I see where the commissioners were coming from because we didn't have a body," he said. "They said without a body we can't even prove she's dead."

Even now, investigators cannot say exactly how Rose Migdal died. Her skull was fractured, but experts couldn't say if she was still alive

Help solve the mystery

To report any information connected with the case, call the Gooding County Sheriff's Office: 208-934-4421

ions were stuffed under it, soaked with an unknown substance. Stove burners were pulled off. A bed sheet and towels were missing and the mattress was flipped over.

Her small dog, which she took everywhere, was still in the room, without food or water though there were ample groceries in the kitchenette.

Migdal had tried suicide years earlier, her mother told investigators, but her sister-in-law, Christine Moore of Ogden, Utah, said last week that the family doesn't consider that likely.

"A suicidal person would have left a body," Moore said. "Why was she not found?"

Robert Hinman also said he wonders why his mother's boots and clothing — not even buttons — have never been found.

"Why didn't they find her clothing? It just seems weird," Hinman said. "She never disappeared before."

Letters found in Migdal's room contained nothing to lead investigators to consider suicide, according to reports in the Gooding County cold case file.

Current Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough, who did not become involved in the case until after the bones were found, initially said it's possible that Migdal drove into the desert, ran out of gas, got stuck, got mad, beat up her car, then took off walking.

"It would be nice to solve it," Gough said. "It's frustrat-

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The Buhl Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, January 10th, 2008, at Clear Lakes Country Club. A no-host social hour will start at 6:00 pm including prelude music by Lindsay Murray. At 7:00 pm, a chicken and beef buffet style dinner will be served including a desert cart. Banquet tickets are \$25 each.

Danny Marona will be the featured keynote speaker. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door. Raffle items include a Soldier Mountain Ski package, a

massage therapy certificate, and a pickup spray-on bed liner.

The Chamber of Commerce luncheons are being held once a month, the first Tuesday of every month, at the Eighth Street "Arts" Center, 200 8th Avenue, in Buhl. The January 6th luncheon, from 12:00-1:00 pm, will feature Buhl Mayor Charles Sheridan speaking on Buhl economics. Lunch cost is \$10.

For more information or reservations for either event, please call the Buhl Chamber at 543-6682.

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The next Congress "could begin to set the stage, perhaps looking at some much more robust pilot programs, to begin the research, to work with manufacturers."

Gov. Ted Kulongoski has included development money for the tax in his budget proposal, and interest is growing in a number of other states.

Governors in Idaho and Rhode Island have considered systems that would require drivers to report their mileage when they register vehicles.

In North Carolina last month, a panel suggested charging motorists a quarter-cent for every mile as a substitute for the gas tax.

James Whitty, the Oregon Department of Transportation employee in charge of the state's effort, said he's also heard talk of mileage tax proposals in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Colorado and Minnesota.

"There is kind of a coalition that's naturally forming around this," he said.

Also fueling the search for alternatives is the political difficulty of raising gasoline taxes.

The federal gas tax has not been raised since 1993, and nearly two dozen states have not changed their taxes since 1997, according to the American Road & Transportation Builders Association.

In Oregon's pilot program, officials equipped 300 vehicles with GPS transponders that worked wirelessly with service station pumps, allowing drivers to pay their mileage tax just as they do their gas tax.

Whitty said the test, which involved two gas stations in the Portland area, proved the idea could work.

Though the GPS devices did not track the cars' locations in great detail, they could determine when a driver had left certain zones, such as the state of Oregon. They also kept track of the time the driving was done, so a premium could be charged for rush-hour mileage.

The proposal envisions a gradual change, with manufacturers installing the technology in new vehicles because retrofitting old cars would be too expensive. Owners of older vehicles would continue to pay gasoline taxes.

The difference in tax based on mileage or on gasoline would be small — "pennies per transaction at the pump," Whitty said.

But the mileage tax still faces several major obstacles.

For one, Oregon accounts for only a small part of auto sales, so the state can't go it alone. A multistate or national system would be needed.

Another concern is that such devices could threaten privacy. Whitty said he and his task force have assured people that the program does not track detailed movement and that driving history is not stored and cannot be accessed by law enforcement agencies.

Bridal Registry

Shanna Bell & Nick Kraus
January 17th
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January 31th

RECOLLECTIONS

Israel

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Barak said on national television about two hours after ground troops moved in.

The night sky over Gaza was lit by the flash of bullets and balls of fire from tank shells. Sounds of explosions were heard across Gaza City, the territory's biggest city, and high-rise buildings shook from the bigger booms.

Troops with camouflage face paint marching single file. As the ground troops moved in, Israel kept pounding Gaza with airstrikes. F-16 warplanes hit three targets within a few minutes, including a main Hamas security compound.

Witnesses in Gaza said that in the first phase, Israeli ground forces had moved several hundred yards inside Gaza. Israeli security officials said initial clashes with militants took place in open fields and soldiers did not immediately move into Gaza's crowded cities, where warfare would likely get much deadlier.

"We have many, many targets," Israeli army spokeswoman Maj. Avital Leibovich told CNN. "To my estimation, it will be a lengthy operation."

Israeli leaders said the operation, known as Cast Lead, was meant to quell militant rocket and mortar fire on southern Israel. They said it would not end quickly but that the objective was not to reoccupy Gaza or topple Hamas. The depth and intensity will depend in part on parallel diplomatic efforts that so far haven't yielded a truce proposal acceptable to Israel, the officials said.

In the airborne phase of Israel's onslaught, militants were not deterred from bombarding southern Israel with more than 400 rockets — including dozens that extended deeper into Israel than ever before. They fired six rockets into Israel in the first few hours after the ground push began, the military said.

One rocket scored a direct hit on a house in the southern city of Ashkelon earlier Saturday and another struck a bomb shelter there, leaving its above-ground entrance scarred by shrapnel and blasting a parked bus.

"I don't want to disillusion anybody and residents of the south will go through difficult days," Barak said. "We do not seek war but we will not abandon our citizens to the ongoing Hamas attacks."

Israel called up tens of thousands of reservists in the event Palestinian militants in the West Bank or Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon decide to exploit the broad offensive in Gaza to launch attacks against Israel on other fronts.

The military said the country's north was on high alert in case Hezbollah guerrillas decided to use its vast stockpiles of missiles against Israel. Israel and Hezbollah fought a 34-day war in the summer of 2006.



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Why farmers are never happy

My dad was a wheat grower in eastern Idaho, and whenever it would rain for several days my mom would ask him if he'd had enough precipitation.

"Enough?" he'd reply. "Gosh almighty, too much is never enough in farming."

I thought about dad last weekend as I sat at the breakfast table reading the newspaper. It had been snowing steadily for a week, and I'd just had to rescue the family's venerable Lhasa apso, Petunia, from a snow-drift in the backyard where she had become high-centered. Then I came across a headline that read, "When lots of snow isn't enough snow: Storms help add to snowpack levels, but could do more."

The article quoted Ron Abramovich, a federal government hydrologist, as worrying that the snow of the previous two weeks had been too dry.

Comparing snowpack totals to the average peak measurements in the spring, the percentages ranged from 17 to 28 percent of their ideal spring totals, he said.

A couple of days earlier, I had helped rescue a farmer friend of mine who had gotten his rig stuck in his own driveway. The last thing I was in the mood to hear was that, once again, too much is never enough.

But it's ever thus in agriculture. Remember the old story about the farmer who won \$100 million in the lottery? He went down to the cafe the next morning, and folks asked him what he was

"Enough?" my dad would reply. "Gosh almighty, too much is never enough in farming."

going to do with all that money.

"Well," he said, "I'll probably just keep farming until it's gone."

Is a farmer ever happy? Five years ago, when artist Ralph Lehrman created the statue of I.B. Perrine that now overlooks the Snake River Canyon, he crafted Perrine with his arm extended and his palm upturned, as if awaiting a crop subsidy check. That's about right.

In late June 1997 I was sitting in the Curry Cafe one morning, nursing a cup of coffee. The Snake River was overflowing its banks, threatening the city of Twin Falls' water pipeline and forcing postponement of the Burley Regatta.

Another farmer acquaintance of mine, who works the Salmon Tract, sat down at the counter, removed his seed-company baseball cap, ran his hand over his balding pate, and sighed deeply.

"What's the problem, Ben?" I asked. "Not enough moisture," he explained with a straight face. "This is the driest spring since 1996."

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Army helmet provides history lesson for students

By Bill Roberts
Idaho Statesman

"It's like bringing history back to our time."

— Austin Townend, 17

BOISE — Anthony Malone of Middletown, Conn., died at age 83 eight years ago, when the 11th grade international history students at the Vineyard Christian Home School Co-op in Boise were in second or third grade.

But the students know about him. They know he served in World War II as a medic. They know he was stationed in Europe — likely France, Italy and North Africa.

They started their investigation from a peculiar place: Malone's Army helmet, in which he wrote his name, company and Army serial number.

Now the students are making a Christmas gift of the helmet — which their teacher, Dennis Mansfield, has owned for nearly 40 years — to Malone's family, including his wife, two children and grandchildren.

The family is delighted. "I think it is awesome that someone found his name in the helmet," said Diane Morin, Malone's daughter, who lives in Bolton, Conn.

Mansfield is well-known in Idaho for his work supporting evangelical Christian causes and his 2000 unsuccessful run for Congress in the Republican primary against now-Gov. Butch Otter.

He got the helmet in 1971 as a gag gift from his father when Mansfield was living in Michigan. He is also involved in the school at the Vineyard church, where pre-kindergarten through 11th-grade students go a couple of times a week for instruction. The school plans to add a 12th grade next fall.

For 37 years, Mansfield carted around the helmet, which looks as though it dates to World War I, with a brim typical of that era.

When he began teaching this year's international history class — which his son Colin attends — he was looking for ways to make history fun. He hit on the helmet.

So Mansfield brought it to his students and gave them a mission: Find out about the man who wrote his name in the leather lining.

For two weeks, they Googled, read a newspaper obit and studied the military unit — 16th Battalion Medical Detachment — to which Malone belonged.

Michael Page, 17, discovered through online and other sources that the helmet was not World War I issue, as Mansfield had thought, but likely one used in the late 1930s or early 1940s or was possibly British-made.

Lanae Langdon, 17, typed Malone's serial number into

Google and discovered he had been in the Army. Malone joined the service in 1941, before the attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entry into the war.

Along the journey, the students learned something else: History is real. And learning about it is fun.

"It's like bringing history back to our time," said Austin Townend, 17, of Boise.

Students also discovered the whereabouts of Malone's family, when they found his obituary online. Family members didn't know what to make of the initial calls from students. But as they came to know the students and Mansfield, they embraced the work the students had done.

Malone — everyone called him Tony — was like many World War II vets and didn't talk much about his war experience, family members say.

When kids are young, they just see their father as a father, said Lorraine Decker, 56, Malone's daughter, who lives in New Jersey. But the research by Vineyard students helped her understand more about her father.

Malone's family filled in some of the blanks the students hadn't learned about his life.

He told Decker he joined the Army because he thought it was the only way he'd ever see Europe.

Boy, did he see Europe. Records show his unit was in Sicily, mainland Italy and France.

Malone received a Purple Heart, though family members aren't sure why. "I'm guessing he was injured helping someone else," Morin said.

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Idaho inmates cause disturbance at Boise prison

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — More than 100 inmates at a medium-security prison south of Boise broke control-room windows, overturned furniture and started a small fire in a temporary housing block opened only Friday as part of efforts to trim costs amid a state budget crisis.

The disturbance at the 34-year-old Idaho State Correctional Institution, built to house a total of 1,490 inmates, began before midnight and was under control at

1:05 a.m. Saturday, the Idaho Department of Correction said. Four inmates suffered minor injuries, including one man who received cuts to his head that required stitches.

No staff members were hurt.

In all, 199 inmates consisting largely of parole violators had been moved into a temporary quarters converted from a prison work building to help make room for 300 inmates prison chief Brent Reinke wants to bring home from Texas. Reinke is trying to reduce prisoners housed outside Idaho under costly con-

tracts with private prison companies in order to meet Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's order for agencies to slash their 2009 budgets by 4 percent and 2010 budgets by up to 10 percent.

"If we're not as creative as we can be in this mix, we're going to have to cut the heart out of our programs," Reinke said, on why the work programs building was converted into housing. "That's why

we're being as creative as we can to manage our population in different ways."

In November, Idaho had about 7,300 inmates, down from 7,370 last January. About 628 are in Texas and Oklahoma.

Reinke hopes to have repairs on the temporary facility completed within two to three weeks, so he can proceed with his plan to bring

inmates now at the Bill Clayton Detention Center in Littlefield, Texas, back to Idaho.

He said he is uncertain just why the fracas began — Ada County Sheriff's detectives

and prison investigators are now reviewing security videotapes — but it's possible the prisoners were unhappy with their new quarters.

"There's always a trigger," Reinke said.

AROUND THE STATE

BOISE Otter: 100 jobs, hours could be cut

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's proposed 2010 budget for lawmakers will likely include 100 layoffs and pare the workweek at some offices to four days.

Otter already ordered a 4 percent, \$130 million budget cut for the current fiscal year.

In 2010, planned cuts at agencies will range from zero to 6 percent, with the total reduction pegged at \$120 million.

Wayne Hammon, Otter's budget chief, says it will be "impossible to do that and not have tangible consequences."

Hammon, who shed one employee in his office this week, said the planned layoffs will be scattered throughout government.

He says Otter is doing his best to spare the Department of Health and Welfare unnecessary pain.

Hammon says, "We've already cut them so much."

Otter will unveil his budget Jan. 12 in his State of the State address.

Weather across Idaho causes disruptions, fire

BOISE — While skies over Boise were clear, much of Idaho experienced havoc as storms deposited lots of snow.

In northern Idaho, another 7 inches fell Friday, a Jan. 2 record.

In Hayden, heavy snow sliding off a building severed a natural gas line, sparking a fire that burned for seven hours at the Warren K Industrial park and caused \$1 million in damage. There were no injuries.

Meanwhile, in eastern Idaho, snows in Fremont County caused flooding as the Arcadia Canal near St. Anthony overflowed its banks.

Slick roads were a factor in two-vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 20, which resulted in two people transported to Madison Memorial Hospital in Rexburg by ambulance.

And fire crews in Island Park near the Montana border are blaming a buildup of snow and ice for bending a conduit and causing an electrical fire that destroyed an unoccupied cabin.

COOLIN Idaho volunteers pull moose from icy lake

COOLIN — Some 30 volunteers started their new year by rescuing a female moose that had crashed through the ice at Priest Lake in north Idaho.

Residents of the town of Coolin first spotted the struggling animal shortly after day-break Thursday, treading water about 100 yards from shore. Eight hours later, the moose had been hoisted out of the lake, warmed up, and fed some oats. The animal eventually regained enough strength to amble off into the nearby pine forest.

Idaho Fish and Game agents weren't involved. And in fact, Officer Craig Walker said later, "It makes a neat story, but I wouldn't advise anyone to repeat it." He adds that cow moose can weigh 700 pounds and are often belligerent.

LEWISTON Corps to kill cormorants in salmon study

LEWISTON — U.S. Army Corps of Engineers biologists will kill more double-breasted cormorants in 2009 to see if the predators are gorging themselves on juvenile chinook salmon, hampering recovery of the species.

The agency, which has a permit to kill 60 of the fish-eating birds along the Lower Snake River, plans to examine the contents of their stomachs. Forty cormorants were killed and examined in December 2007 after concerns arose that they were moving upriver toward Lewiston and neighboring Clarkston, Wash.

That effort showed the birds taken near Lower Granite Dam in Washington state were eating shad, not young salmon; this year, the cormorants will be killed later in the winter when water temperatures cool and shad have left the river system.

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Forest service settles with environmentalists in Idaho timber suit

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service settled a lawsuit filed by environmentalists fighting a central Idaho timber sale by agreeing to scale back logging that was meant to reduce fuels near the town of Salmon.

In May, the Missoula, Mont.-based Alliance for the Wild Rockies won an order from U.S. District Court Judge Edward Lodge to halt the Salmon-Challis National Forest's 1,486-acre Moose Creek timber sale, which had

been approved in 2006.


According to a pact signed this week by both sides that resolves the litigation, work will now be limited to several areas that a local logger had purchased before the 2007 lawsuit was filed.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest also agreed to stop logging old growth stands greater than 80 acres and apply heightened scrutiny to future commercial logging until it updates the Land and Resource Management

Plan it uses. The agency also must pay the environmental group's \$23,000 legal bill.

In its lawsuit, the Alliance argued the Moose Creek project, which could have resulted in nine million board feet of lumber, would have allowed

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Denver schools chief named to fill Senate vacancy

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter on Saturday named Denver's public schools superintendent as his choice to fill a Senate vacancy that will be created by the promotion of Sen. Ken Salazar to interior secretary in the Obama administration.

The move surprised many Republicans and Democrats, who considered schools superintendent Michael Bennet a dark horse candidate for the Senate spot because of his lack of legislative experience. The 44-year-old Democrat has never campaigned for or held public office.

Bennet had been mentioned as a possible choice

for President-elect Barack Obama's education secretary, but Obama chose 44-year-old Arne Duncan, chief executive officer of Chicago public schools for the Cabinet post.

Salazar's nomination to head the Interior Department will be considered by the Senate. He has two years left in his term.

Ritter praised Bennet as a proven leader and problem-solver in the both public and private sectors.

"This is a critical time in history. The economic challenges facing America and Colorado are unprecedented," Ritter said in a written statement. "Our challenges are so serious that it will take a new generation of

leaders, a new way of thinking and a bold new approach to problem-solving to steer us through this."

Obama said in a statement that Bennet would be "a breath of fresh air in Washington."



Billy Scharnhorst, aka Billy Jeffrey, talks about being a contestant on the new reality show 'True Beauty,' Dec. 26 at his home in Lewiston.

AP photo

Idaho hunk puts 'beauty' on line in new TV series

By Jennifer K. Bauer
Lewiston Tribune

LEWISTON — Going from small-town Idaho to national reality television isn't as far of a distance as some people might think.

Lewiston's Billy Scharnhorst, aka Billy Jeffrey, is one of 10 contestants on ABC's newest reality program, "True Beauty." The show features 10 beautiful people living in a Los Angeles mansion under the unblinking gaze of cameras while they vie for the title of Most Beautiful Person. They don't know they are being judged on their inner beauty.

As a world-touring Chippendales dancer and Lewiston business owner who has followed an out-of-the-ordinary career path, Jeffrey says: "I felt I've lived my life under a microscope a little bit. Going into the house wasn't really that big of a change in environment for me."

Coast to coast, 10,000 people auditioned for "True Beauty." Jeffrey, who uses his middle name for show-business purposes, got a call from a casting director for the program and wasn't told much before he was flown to an audition, "just that I'd been selected as one of, if you want to call it this, one of the hottest people in the country, to compete for \$100,000 and a spot in People magazine."

"True Beauty" premieres at 9 p.m. Monday on ABC. After eight episodes, along with the cash prize, the winner will be featured in People magazine's 100 most beautiful people issue.

Ads for the show revel in contestants' vanity. "Sometimes when I walk into a room I feel like time freezes," one of the four men says about the impression he makes.

"It's very possible I might be the most beautiful person in the country," says one of the six women.

This isn't Jeffrey's first brush with fame. He was chosen by Cosmopolitan magazine as Idaho's most amazing bachelor in 2000 and competed on FOX TV for Sexiest Bachelor in America. With Chippendales' elite European and Las Vegas tour group, he recently performed on the "Ellen DeGeneres Show," "The View" and other programs. He was once a finalist for ABC's "The Bachelor," but let the opportunity slide.

"First, I wasn't interested in getting engaged on national TV. Second, I didn't want to send 15 girls back to their Lewiston, Idahos, to talk crap about me. That's not my style," he says.

Jeffrey says he never wanted to be an actor or model but he wanted to be in the spotlight. His ultimate goal is to have his own TV show or host a program built around helping people achieve their health and fitness goals.

Jeffrey says that as a teen he dreamed of being an NBA basketball player but at 17 realized it was impossible. His interests in health and fitness led the 1995 Lewiston High School graduate to owning a

GNC store in the Lewiston Center Mall where he's known for telling it like it is.

"I'm famous for saying, 'I'm not a pat-on-the-back friend.' I've helped thousands of people lose weight, lower their blood pressure, get healthy, get their husband back, get their life back. I haven't gotten people to that goal by saying everything's OK."

Jeffrey got a foot in show business at age 23 when manager Lou Pearlman told him the truth.

He was scouted by the creator of the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync to be in a boy band, says Jeffrey. When the two met, Pearlman told him he was too old for a boy band but that he had something. Pearlman owned a percentage of Chippendales and in 2002 Jeffrey got a call asking him to audition for the group's European tour. Jeffrey agreed to consider it and watch the group's show in Las Vegas.

"I was floored at how much fun the show was, for the girls going crazy in the audience and the guys on stage," he says. He was among 500 men who auditioned the next day and one of five chosen. The group performs in European arenas to crowds of 1,200 to 5,800. He's traveled around the world nine times with the performers and can be found under January in Chippendales' 2009 calendar. He gets fan mail from women and men around the globe.

"The experience is really what it's all about, and being a part of pop culture," he says. "If it wasn't classy, if it wasn't professional, I wouldn't be doing it."

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Credit freeze puts chill on financial dealmaking

By Dana Hedgpeth
The Washington Post

What a difference a year makes.

With the virtual collapse of credit markets and the drying up of money from private equity firms, 2008 turned out to be a very slow year for mergers and acquisitions.

Globally, there were 37,445 deals, totaling \$3.3 trillion, down 29 percent from record volume in 2007, according to Dealogic, a data research firm

in New York. In the United States the value of deals dropped 29 percent to \$1.1 trillion.

"There were record highs in 2006 and 2007 in terms of the volume of deals," said Josh Lerner, a professor of investment banking at Harvard Business School. "What ended up happening with the credit crunch is that people couldn't get access to debt financing at

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the very generous, cheap terms they had before."

The value of mergers and acquisitions was largest in the U.S. financial sector as the credit crisis spurred linkups. The sector did \$157.9 billion in deals, with Bank of America's \$44.4 billion acquisition of Merrill Lynch accounting for the lion's share. The health-care and consumer products industries, which did \$138.6

billion and \$135.6 billion in deals, respectively, ranked next, according to Dealogic. The company's data extends to Dec. 22.

In the United States, the number of buyouts — deals undertaken by private equity firms — dropped roughly 32 percent to 635 deals valued at \$61 billion, from 930 deals valued at \$375 billion in 2007. Financial industry buyouts were the largest in value, at

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Slow to Merge

The credit crisis put a severe crimp in merger and acquisitions activity last year.

2008 Industry	Value in billions	No. of deals	2007 Industry	Value in billions	No. of deals
Finance	\$15.56	37	Utility & energy	\$46.43	13
Professional services	9.82	104	Telecom	42.43	38
Health care	8.53	64	Finance	42.01	43
Oil & gas	4.09	19	Professional services	32.68	145
Telecom	3.93	18	Health care	30.61	82
Technology	3.72	127	Dining & lodging	27.58	17
Chemicals	2.07	19	Real estate	23.07	6
Food & beverage	2.04	23	Retail	17.83	50
Leisure & recreation	1.55	11	Auto & truck	17.63	29
Retail	1.15	18	Technology	17.45	135

SOURCE: Dealogic

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"Too many families live with no cushion, so when something goes wrong, they turn to payday lenders."

— Elizabeth Warren, chairwoman of a congressional watchdog panel on the \$700 billion bailout



RICK LOOMIS/Los Angeles Times

Lunetta Blanks, right, pays back a loan she took out for car repairs to Sadia Garcia, branch manager of Advance America in Los Angeles.

Payday loans mushroom in middle class America

Business traces roots back to illegal 'salary buying'

By Kim Christensen
Los Angeles Times

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — With its quaint downtown and tree-lined streets, this little city in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains seems an unlikely epicenter for a \$50 billion-a-year financial industry.

But this is where W. Allan Jones founded Check Into Cash, the granddaddy of modern payday lenders, which cater to millions of financially strapped working people with short-term loans at annualized interest rates of 459 percent.

"It's the craziest business," said Jones, 55, a homegrown tycoon who founded his privately held company in 1993. "Consumers love us, but consumer groups hate us."

license, a pay stub and a checking account, he can walk into a typical payday loan store, postdate a check for \$300 and stroll out with \$255 in cash after a \$45 fee.

No muss, no fuss, no credit check.

And for some, no hope of paying it back any time soon.

By various estimates, Americans pay as much as \$8 billion a year to borrow at least \$50 billion from payday lenders. That's more than 10 times the level of a decade ago, according to a report by the California Department of Corporations.

In California alone, customers now borrow about \$2.5 billion a year from payday lenders, according to the report.

Nationwide, the number of payday outlets has exploded from zero in 1990 to some 25,000 today, running the gamut from mom-and-pop outfits to national chains.

How payday loans work

Payday loans are available in about three-dozen states, with varying fees, regulations and maximum amounts that range up to \$1,000.

Borrowers must have a checking account, fill out an application, present a driver's license or other official identification, submit proof of employment such as a pay stub, and postdate a personal check to the next payday, typically two weeks. The lender agrees to hold the check until the due date, when borrowers have three options:

- Do nothing and allow the check to be cashed by the lender.
- return with cash to buy back the check, or
- "flip" the loan by paying it off and immediately replacing it with a new one — and paying additional fees.

Advocacy groups have long bashed payday loans as "debt traps," accusing lenders of baiting customers with easy cash and hooking them into an endless cycle of borrowing.

But as the economy has worsened, payday loans have increasingly become crutches for those higher up the economic scale, said

Elizabeth Warren, a Harvard law professor who serves as chairwoman of a congressional watchdog panel on the \$700 billion bailout for the U.S. financial system.

More middle-class families use the loans "to put off the day of reckoning," she said. "Too many families live with

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Auto industry girds for chilling Dec. sales report

By Dan Strumpf
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The good news for the auto industry in December came when General Motors and Chrysler got their federal bailout. The bad news is coming Monday, when automakers are expected to report another month of staggering sales declines.

Many analysts are predicting the industry to report that U.S. sales in December dropped about 40 percent, bringing an official close to what has been one of the industry's most trying years and providing little hope for much improvement in 2009.

"I'm off the same 40 percent that everyone else is," said David Kelleher, owner of two Chrysler dealerships in the Philadelphia area. "I've had to downsize quickly to get in front of this. We're hanging in there."

The auto Web site Edmunds.com is predicting December sales of 852,000 light vehicles in the U.S., down 38 percent. Deutsche Bank auto analyst Rod Lache predicted a sales drop of 41 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 9.5 million. That figure reflects what sales would be if they remained at that month's pace all year, with adjustments for seasonal fluctuations.

"All the negative factors that were with us the last three months will still have an impact on sales in December as well," said Jesse Toprak, executive director of industry analysis for Edmunds.

U.S. auto sales fell 37 percent to 746,789 in November, their lowest

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— Jesse Toprak, executive director of industry analysis for auto Web site Edmunds.com

level in more than 26 years, as skittish consumers avoided big purchases, unemployment and home foreclosures rose, and tight credit markets made it difficult for some willing buyers to obtain loans.

Edmunds expects sales for the full year will total just over 13 million, down 18 percent from 2007 and the lowest level since 1992, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. Sales peaked at 17.4 million in 2000.

As the battered industry staggers into 2009, analysts caution that the sales slump is likely to persist.

"Perhaps by the second half of (2009) there can be a case for an improved economy, or at least an economy that's getting back on its feet," said George Pipas, Ford Motor Co.'s top sales analyst.

J.D. Power & Associates is forecasting sales this year of 11.4 million units. Chrysler in its presentation to Congress last month said it expects industrywide sales of 11.1 million in 2009, while GM said it will

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AP photo

Unsold 2008 Nitro sports-utility vehicles sit at a Dodge dealership in Littleton, Colo. Automakers are scheduled to report December and full-year sales on Monday, bringing an official close to what has been one of the most trying years for the industry in recent memory.

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RIGHT ON TRACK CHILD CARE



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Right On Track Child Care, a Chamber member, celebrated the completion of its new facility with a red ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. The business is located at 1411 Falls Ave. E., Ste. 501, Twin Falls. Right On Track Child Care is now enrolling children ages birth through kindergarten. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is licensed and the staff are all first aid and CPR certified. Meals are included. Information: 736-0073. Pictured from left, Kenny Anderson, Gena Anderson, Zoey Thompson, Wacey Anderson, Robyn Wiseman, Bonnitte Motley, Maggie Atkinson.

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CAREER MOVES

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center registered nurses

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center announced that several registered nurses have recently gained advanced certification within their area of expertise.

Registered Nurse certifications validate specialty knowledge and experience. Requirements for specialty certification generally include education and experience as well as an examination. The American Board of Nursing Specialties defines nursing specialty certification as the "formal recognition of specialized knowledge, skills, and experience demonstrated by the achievement of standards identified by a nursing specialty to promote optimal health outcomes."

The following nurses have achieved certifications in the past six months:

Certified Medical-Surgical Nurses: Ann Wilden, Mary Talbot, Angelica Bennett, and Leann Blasius.

Critical Care Certified Nurses: Matt Harrington and Eric Bailey.

Certified Radiology Nurse: Anne McMurtry.

Certified Emergency Nurse: Stephanie Motzner.

Certified Obstetrics Nurses: Heather Milligan, Jackie Hendrickson, and Karen Anderson-Barker.

Mitch Major

Barker Realtors of Buhl has welcomed Mitch Major to their real estate firm.

Major has returned to the Magic Valley after a few years living in the Treasure Valley. He was born and raised in Gooding. Upon graduation from Gooding High School, he attended the College of Southern Idaho and then graduated from Boise State University.

He has four years of experience in selling and investing in real estate with a specialization in investment property and is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Idaho Association of Realtors, and will be a member of the Greater Twin Falls Board of Realtors.

While working on his bachelor's degree, he met and married his wife, Erin. They have one son, Benjamin. The family resides in Buhl.

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no cushion, so when something goes wrong, they turn to payday lenders."

Payday loans aren't available only on payday. The term derives from the fact that they are designed to help borrowers get from one paycheck to the next, usually about two weeks.

As an alternative to payday lending, some credit unions and other lenders have begun offering short-term, small-dollar loans at annual rates as low as 12 percent. But many borrowers are unaware of such options.

Although industry statistics show that many borrowers repay on time, others do not. Instead, they borrow from a second lender to pay off the first, or repeatedly roll over or "flip" their loans into new ones, sinking deeper in debt.

The Center for Responsible Lending, a nonprofit and nonpartisan advocacy group based in North Carolina, contends that the average payday loan is flipped eight times, pushing the cost of a \$325 cash advance to \$793.

"That's common, that's hoped-for, that's expected," said Ginna Green, the center's California communications manager. "These loans are designed to be flipped and refinanced, over and over."

Lenders say that Green's organization and others exaggerate borrowers' difficulties.

"Consumer groups are very effective at using that 3 (percent) or 4 percent of horror stories about people who misused the product and got

more loans than they can afford," said Steven Schlein, a spokesman for the Community Financial Services Association of America, a trade group.

Many payday borrowers earn \$25,000 to \$50,000 a year and many loan stores that don't offer check-cashing or pawn services are in middle-class neighborhoods, he said.

In California, the maximum loan amount is \$300, which yields borrowers \$255 after a fee of \$15 per \$100. That's 17.6 percent of the amount borrowed, so if a customer takes a year to pay it off, the annual rate works out to 459 percent — 17.6 percent multiplied by 26 two-week periods.

Lenders say it's unfair to express their fees as percentage rates because their loans are short-term. Some liken cash advances to taxi rides, saying that both are bad choices for the long haul — and that borrowers know it.

"We are dealing with people who are a whole lot smarter than what the consumer groups say they are," Jones said.

Modern payday lending's roots reach to illegal "salary buying" of a century ago, when loan sharks charged workers up to 300 percent for cash advances on their paychecks. That led to government regulation of small loans, which eventually were made by finance companies and other traditional lenders.

But as mainstream lenders abandoned the market, fledgling payday lenders stepped in — and quickly multiplied.

Standout fund managers staying defensive

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Playing it safe paid off in 2008 for Tom Forester and David Ellison, two standout mutual fund managers in a year when winning meant losing less money than the competition.

Forester's eponymous Forester Value Fund (FVALX) focused on stocks that typically do well in recessions to roughly break even for the year, declining just 0.82 percent through Tuesday — easily making it the top-performing large-cap value fund of the year, according to Morningstar Inc. data. The second-place Copley Fund was down nearly 17 percent, which was still well above the average decline in the category of 38 percent.

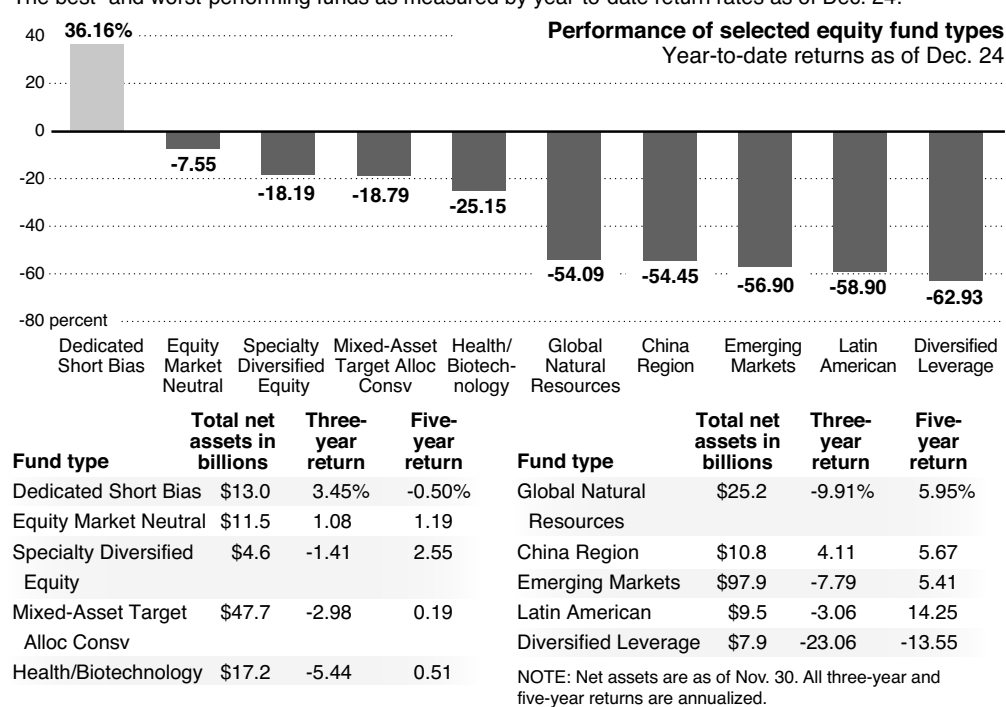
Ellison's FBR Small Cap Financial Fund (FBRSX) also stood out in 2008, ranking No. 2 among financial sector funds. It shed just 10 percent of its value, easily beating the category's average decline of 45 percent.

If the economy is poised to turn around, Forester and Ellison might do well to heed the contrarian investment maxim that yesterday's winners are likely to be tomorrow's losers.

But the two managers — both of whose funds carry Morningstar's five-star ranking — aren't yet ready to budge from the approaches that served them so well in 2008. Neither sees enough positive economic news to merit shifting from investments that typically do OK in recessions to those more likely to gain when conditions improve.

Mutual fund's highest highs and lowest lows in 2008

The best- and worst-performing funds as measured by year-to-date return rates as of Dec. 24:



SOURCE: Lipper Inc.

AP

"I'll probably be in some of the same stocks for the first six months or so of 2009," said Forester, whose recent success has drawn new clients and boosted his fund's assets more than fivefold since the start of 2008, to \$55 million. "And then as I see things getting better, I'm going to shift out of the real defensive things, and get more constructive on the more cyclical stocks that can grow quite well as we come out of this period."

The fund's top five holdings as of Sept. 30 included Kraft Foods Inc., Johnson & Johnson and H.J. Heinz Co. — three companies that man-

aged to outperform broader markets for the year, with their shares all losing less than 20 percent. Other 2008 investments included Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and McDonald's Corp., which draw budget-conscious consumers during hard times.

Forester also spent 2008 easing out of financial stocks with heavy exposure to the mortgage meltdown, and unloading energy holdings before skyrocketing oil prices reversed course at midyear.

While Forester used much of his fund's cash holdings to snap up low-priced stocks in the third quarter, Ellison continues to keep plenty of

money on the sidelines. About 40 percent of his \$179 million fund's assets are in cash, and Ellison said he doesn't plan to use much of it until he sees signs that the slide in home prices and the surge in job cuts are about to end.

The former bank teller has managed his small-banking specialty fund since its inception 12 years ago. While smaller banks generally weren't as exposed to mortgage troubles as much as larger rivals, Ellison took pains to find the small banks with the least risk. Shares of his fund's top holding, Paramus, N.J.-based Hudson City Bancorp., were up about 4 percent for the year through Tuesday.

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U.S. manufacturing index drops to 28-year low

By Ellen Simon
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Signs grew that the economy could turn even weaker in 2009, as an index of December manufacturing activity sank to its lowest point in 28 years. Every corner of the sector was down, from bakeries to cigarette-makers to aluminum smelters.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing executives, said Friday its manufacturing index fell to 32.4 in December, a greater-than-expected decline from November's reading of 36.2. Wall Street economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters had expected the reading to fall to 35.5.

Components of the index hit historic lows. New orders fell to their lowest level on records going back to 1948. Prices fell as the number of respondents saying they had paid more in December than in November sank to its low-

est monthly reading since 1949.

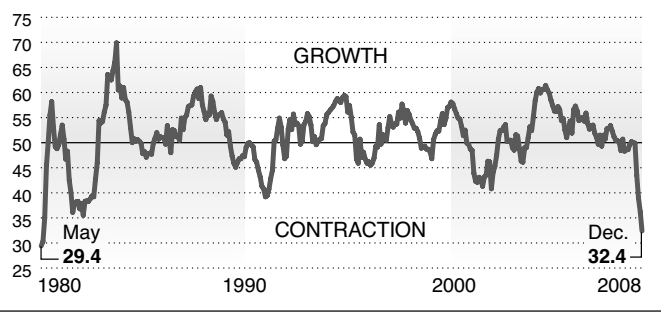
December's reading is the lowest since June 1980, when the economy was near the end of a six-month recession.

If December's rate of manufacturing activity were to persist for 2009, the nation's gross domestic product would show a 2.7 percent contraction, said Norbert Ore, chairman of the group's business survey committee. GDP, the broadest measure of economic activity, decreased at an annual rate of 0.5 percent in the third quarter of 2008, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

"An increasingly constrained consumer, deepening woes for the housing sector, and a desire to pare inventories will all continue to weigh heavily on domestic demand," said Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at MFR Inc., an economics consulting firm in New York. "Overall U.S. manufacturing output, which has been

Manufacturing drops to 28-year low

The Purchasing Managers' Index fell in December to its lowest level since May 1980.



SOURCE: Institute for Supply Management

cal stimulus continues to grow," Ryding said.

Investors shrugged off the grim report on the new year's first day of trading, eager to start fresh after the losses of 2008. Stocks closed higher, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 258.30 to 9,034.69. Broader indexes were also higher.

As the economy sputters through a recession that began in December 2007, no industry is proving resistant. No sector reported overall growth in December. Also, none reported growth in new orders, production, employment or prices, as businesses from tobacco to coal products to foodmakers saw declines.

Declining prices, coming after the summer's soaring market for commodities, have sent manufacturers — especially in chemicals and metals — reeling.

Century Aluminum last month cut production at a West Virginia plant and said that it might have to cease

production at the plant entirely unless it cuts costs and prices stabilize. LyondellBasell Industries, the third-largest independent chemical company in the world, said Wednesday that while several lenders had allowed it to postpone \$160 million in loan payments, a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing might still be an option.

The summer's commodity bubble was devastating for many food processors. Pilgrim's Pride Corp., the nation's largest chicken producer, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Dec. 1.

With the overall unemployment rate at 6.7 percent in November, the highest in 15 years, manufacturing continues to be one of the hardest hit sectors. The sector lost 85,000 jobs between October and November, according to the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. More losses are expected in coming months as demand continues to be weak.

shrinking since late 2007 and losing momentum at a more rapid rate recently, is likely to be even weaker in coming quarters."

Only three recessions in the history of the index have showed weaker manufacturing readings, said John Ryding, of RDQ Economics.

Those recessions were in 1948 to 1949, 1973 to 1975 and 1980.

The U.S. weakness is part

of a worldwide slowdown. China's manufacturing sector, which accounts for 43 percent of the

economy, contracted for a fifth straight month in December. Singapore said its economy shrank in the fourth quarter, and South Korea said its exports fell 17.4 percent in December. With European manufacturing indexes also dropping, "the case for a massive global fis-

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\$15.6 billion. By comparison, the utility and energy sector, which led 2007, had deals valued at \$46.43 billion.

Greg Peters, chief credit strategist at Morgan Stanley, said the declines show how challenging the environment is. "Deals are typically debt financed," he said. "With debt markets essentially frozen, the ability to do a transaction just isn't there."

One of the biggest consumer products deals in 2008 highlighted the difficulties in the market. When Mars wanted to buy William Wrigley Jr. for \$23 billion, it had trouble raising financing and ended up going to billionaire investor Warren Buffett for money, analysts said.

Not every deal went through.

Globally, a record 1,309 deals, valued at \$911 billion, were withdrawn. In the United States, \$245.6 billion in deals fell through. Leading the way, Microsoft withdrew its bid for Yahoo, valued at \$47.5 billion.

Deals fell through because in many cases in poor economic times, buyers want to renegotiate the terms and sellers are hesitant. In other cases, buyers might still be eager but can't raise the financing.

World markets kick New Year off with rallies

By Pan Pylas
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Investors will be looking to Monday's session, when volumes are expected to be nearer normal, as a better barometer of market sentiment.

Friday's gains on Wall Street came despite further dismal U.S. manufacturing data. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing executives, said its manufacturing index fell to a 28-year low of 32.4 in December from 36.2 in November. Any reading below 50 indicates contraction and the bigger the difference from 50 the greater the contraction.

As well as the grim ISM reading, investors had other bad economic news to digest.

In Asia, Singapore said Friday its economy shrank by an annualized rate of 12.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 2008, while China's manufacturing sector, which accounts for 43 percent of the economy, contracted for a fifth straight month in December.

And in Europe, manufacturing activity contracted for the seventh month running in December for the countries using the euro, falling at its sharpest rate for at least 11 years, according to the monthly purchasing managers index for the euro-zone.

In Britain, house prices fell in 2008 at their fastest rate for at least 25 years, the country's biggest mortgage lender HBOS said. Elsewhere, the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply reported that Britain's manufacturing sector, which accounts for around 15 percent of the total economy, suffered its second worst month since 1992 in December.

"It is unfortunate that today's headlines serve as a depressing reminder of the synchronous downturn under way in the global economy," said Neil Mellor, an analyst at Bank of New York Mellon.

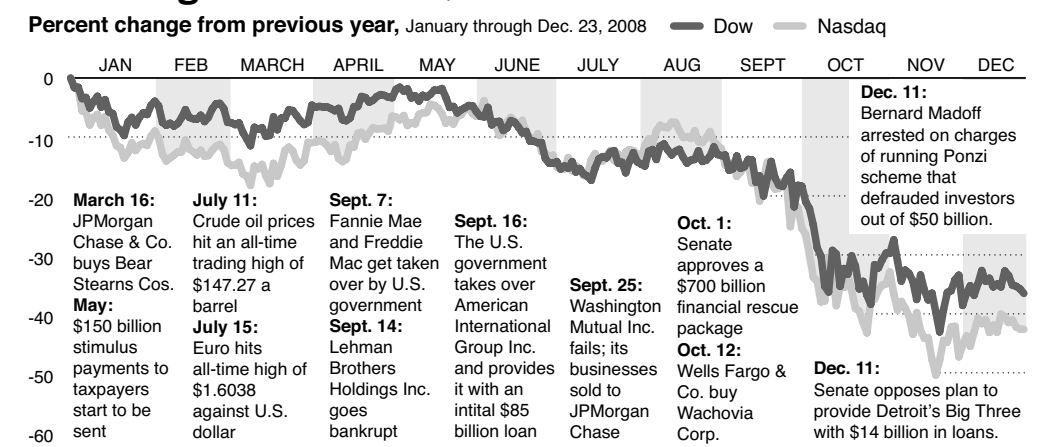
After one of the worst years ever for global equities, many expect volatility to remain the name of the game for some time to come, especially as the first part of the new year will likely be dominated by mounting economic gloom and massive job losses.

Stock markets have historically started to recover around 6 months to 9 months before the economic activity data turns for the better. Many stock market observers think the markets should be pushing higher, rather than falling or trading largely flat, possibly by the middle of the year.

Earlier, Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index led the Asian markets that were open higher,

Wall Street hits record highs and lows

After a year of devastating losses on Wall Street, the stock market awaits December's record \$8.9 trillion money supply to be poured back into the market.



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vaulting 655.33 points, or 4.6 percent, to 15,042.81. More than half of Asian's markets, including Japan's Nikkei,

remained closed.

Elsewhere in Asia, South Korea's Kospi added 2.9 percent to 1,157.40, Singapore's

benchmark rose 3.9 percent, and Mumbai's Sensex traded 0.6 percent higher. Australia was modestly lower.

Autos

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become profitable again once annual sales return to between 12.5 million and 13 million.

A major source of trouble in 2008, particularly for the Detroit Three, was consumers' newfound aversion toward pickups and sport utility vehicles. These high profit-margin vehicles have been the bread and butter for GM, Ford and Chrysler, and Asian

automakers like Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co. boosted their own truck and SUV production recently.

But if December is anything like the rest of the year, 2008 will be the first year that passenger cars outsold trucks and SUVs since 2000, Pipas said.

"There was a presumption on the part of the auto manufacturers — and it wasn't just a Big Three thing — that trucks

would never look back once they outsold cars in 2001," Pipas said. But the summer's run-up in gas prices and a political and consumer climate that has shifted drastically against big gas guzzlers changed all that this year, he said.

"There's no rebound in the SUV market," he said. "The idea that people are going back to sport utility vehicles is just that — it's an idea."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A cold day under partly cloudy skies. Highs 20 to 25. **Tonight:** Increasing clouds. Another cold night with lows near 10 early, then rising towards dawn. **Tomorrow:** Cloudy with a decent chance of snow. Not as cold with highs 30 to 35.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A cold day under partly cloudy skies. Highs 15 to 20. **Tonight:** Increasing clouds. Another cold night with lows 5 to 10 early, then rising towards dawn. **Tomorrow:** Cloudy with a decent chance of snow. Not as cold with highs near 30.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A dry, but cold day today. Increasing clouds tonight with snow developing. Snow is likely Monday through Tuesday. Snow amounts could be moderate, especially over higher elevations.

Today Highs 11 to 17 Tonight's Lows -1 to 1

BOISE Partly cloudy today. Increasing clouds tonight with a chance of snow showers late. Cloudy with a decent chance of snow or mixed rain and snow Monday.

NORTHERN UTAH Partly cloudy and chilly today. Increasing clouds tonight. Snow becomes likely Monday and continues into Tuesday.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 32 at Boise Low: -15 at Coeur D'Alene

weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, fg-fog, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-winterly mix, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, sh-showers, sn-snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy and cold	Increasing clouds	Warmer, good chance of snow	Warmer still, a chance of snow	Scattered snow showers	Mixed rain and snow possible
High 22	Low 9	33 / 25	36 / 26	35 / 25	37 / 24

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	32	20	0.00"
Burley	25	20	Trace
Challis	21	10	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	16	-15	0.00"
Idaho Falls	20	9	Trace
Jerome	23	12	0.00"
Lewiston	28	19	0.00"
Lowell	31	19	0.00"
Malad	not available		
Malta	27	21	0.00"
Pocatello	23	15	0.00"
Rupert	20	10	Trace
Slaton	21	12	0.00"
Stanley	11	-13	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature
Yesterday's High 29
Yesterday's Low 22
Normal High/Low 32 / 17
Record High 45 in 1998
Record Low -4 in 1988

Precipitation
Yesterday 0.00"
Month to Date 0.03"
Normal Month to Date 0.13"
Year to Date 3.36"
Normal Year to Date 3.18"

Humidity
Yesterday's Maximum 65%
Yesterday's Minimum 50%
Today's Maximum 93%
Today's Minimum 50%
A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

Barometric Pressure
6 pm barometer
Yesterday 30.16 in.

Sunrise and Sunset
Today Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:18 PM
Monday Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:19 PM
Tuesday Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:20 PM
Wednesday Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:21 PM
Thursday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:22 PM

Moonrise and Moonset
Today Moonrise: 11:56 AM Moonset: 12:52 AM
Monday Moonrise: 12:23 PM Moonset: 2:03 AM
Tuesday Moonrise: 12:57 PM Moonset: 3:18 AM

Moon Phases
Jan 4 First Qtr. Jan 11 Full Moon Jan 18 Last Qtr. Jan 26 New Moon

U. V. INDEX
Low Moderate High
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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	32 20	38 27	41 28
Bonnars Ferry	24 21	31 25	35 29
Burley	18 8	29 23	36 27
Challis	14 5	22 17	29 25
Coeur d'Alene	25 23	32 27	38 31
Elko, NV	25 5	35 19	37 19
Eugene, OR	39 39	47 41	51 43
Gooding	24 10	35 26	38 27
Grace	-1	22 16	33 22
Hagerman	25 8	36 24	39 25
Halley	19 5	24 18	32 22
Idaho Falls	7 -2	21 18	32 23
Kalispell, MT	20 16	30 23	33 27
Jackpot	19 8	31 23	35 22
Jerome	22 6	27 19	35 23
Lewiston	35 32	43 35	46 39
Malad City	12 0	26 17	37 23
Malta	15 5	26 20	33 24
McCall	20 7	24 16	30 21
Missoula, MT	22 15	31 25	34 29
Pocatello	11 4	25 21	36 27
Portland, OR	38 38	45 40	49 42
Rupert	18 10	29 25	36 29
Rexburg	5 -4	19 15	29 21
Richland, WA	35 28	41 35	43 36
Rogerson	22 10	30 26	36 27
Salmon	16 6	24 18	31 26
Salt Lake City, UT	21 10	30 27	38 30
Spokane, WA	25 23	36 31	43 30
Stanley	16 2	26 16	30 18
Sun Valley	20 4	30 18	34 20
Yellowstone, MT	10 -3	15 6	18 8

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	66 49	60 44
Atlantic City	42 36	42 36
Baltimore	42 35	47 28
Bilings	22 15	30 21
Birmingham	69 45	54 48
Boston	36 30	43 25
Charleston, SC	69 57	68 52
Charleston, WV	60 40	41 29
Chicago	37 14	26 20
Cleveland	45 24	30 21
Denver	26 10	43 20
Des Moines	20 8	31 18
Detroit	38 20	27 14
El Paso	60 33	55 34
Fairbanks	-28 -41	-29 -45
Fargo	0 -22	4 3
Honolulu	79 71	79 70
Houston	75 46	46 44
Indianapolis	46 20	36 26
Jacksonville	75 56	76 54
Kansas City	28 14	37 28
Las Vegas	51 33	51 38
Little Rock	53 32	42 39
Los Angeles	59 43	59 47
Memphis	56 34	43 38
Miami	79 67	79 64
Milwaukee	35 11	23 19
Nashville	62 32	44 38
New Orleans	76 59	64 56
New York	40 33	46 26
Oklahoma City	40 20	40 31
Omaha	27 8	36 18

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	85 74	87 74
Athens	59 50	57 48
Auckland	70 49	73 47
Bangkok	87 68	88 68
Beijing	31 13	32 14
Berlin	34 19	27 14
Buenos Aires	89 65	92 68
Cairo	66 38	68 41
Dhahran	63 54	68 55
Geneva	32 6	27 12
Hong Kong	68 64	70 64
Jerusalem	59 43	63 45
Johannesburg	83 60	78 59
Kuwait City	57 40	60 42
London	34 26	36 22
Mexico City	70 40	70 40
Moscow	12 -3	pc 8 -1
Nairobi	78 51	78 52
Oslo	21 12	pc 16 14
Paris	33 22	pc 32 18
Prague	29 12	28 5
Rio de Janeiro	79 66	79 65
Rome	46 37	47 40
Santiago	85 55	83 54
Seoul	36 22	33 17
Sydney	79 64	86 66
Taipei	61 61	63 61
Tokyo	45 32	45 32
Vienna	31 19	30 10
Warsaw	30 12	20 14
Winnipeg	10 -23	pc -2 -2
Zurich	25 11	19 -2

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	7 2	15 7
Oranbrock	13 13	19 17
Edmonton	5 0	12 7
Kelowna	14 13	28 26
Lethbridge	5 0	12 7
Regina	-3 -3	17 12
Saskatoon	-3 -3	17 0
Toronto	25 16	31 14
Vancouver	32 32	36 32
Victoria	37 37	44 40
Winnipeg	10 -23	pc -2 -2

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 6 p.m. today
Yesterday's National Extremes:
High: 89 at Cotulla, Texas
Low: -30 at Havre, Mont.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"The capacity for getting along with our neighbor depends to a large extent on the capacity for getting along with ourselves. The self-respecting individual will try to be as tolerant of his neighbor's shortcomings as he is of his own."
Eric Hoffer, 1898-1983, Writer

What lies ahead for the markets in 2009? It's anybody's guess

By Frank Ahrens
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — We know what 2008 was like in the stock market: bad, and then some. For the year, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 34 percent, its worst year since 1931.

What might 2009 bring? As we've learned over the past year, your guess is as good as anyone's. Would you have guessed that General Motors would have lost 87 percent of its value in 2008? But if you're looking for indicators for 2009, a pennant may point the way. One gauge of market performance is volatility — how much the markets fluctuate from day to day. You'll remember, as will your 401(k), the Dow's several-hundred-point swings in October. On Oct. 13, the Dow rocketed up 936 points. Two days later, it plunged 733 points. Imagine this 1,669-point swing as the thick end of a pennant, like the pennant of your favorite sports team. By the end of the year, however, those daily and weekly swings had subsided substantially. A big day on the Dow is now a 100-point move. Most days it's much less. So imagine those swings as the middle part of a pennant as it gets thinner, heading toward its pointed tip. A measure of such swings among shares on the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index is the VIX, the ticker symbol for the Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index. A higher VIX number means greater volatility. Back in October, the VIX hit 80, its highest number since it was introduced in 1993. But at the close of 2008 trading on Wednesday, the VIX was 40 and falling, down from 55 a month ago. And even though only the boldest are ready to call a bottom, it appears the markets are settling. And that may be worth waving a pennant.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho's part-time
half-hearted
government

Is anybody happy with the way state government runs in Idaho?

Evidently so: Ninety-seven percent of the incumbent legislators who sought re-election were returned to Boise by the voters last year.

So why do you hear so much dissatisfaction with the way they do things?

Simply put, we're used to it. Idaho is a one-party state, and has been for 60 years. In the best of times, we have governors — Cecil Andrus, Phil Batt, Robert Smylie — who work with the Legislature to solve problems. But usually we don't.

Regrettably, that's the case now. Despite having a supermajority of his party in the Legislature, Republican Gov. Butch Otter has spent two years pursuing his own agenda — which hasn't dovetailed with legislators' interests.

Much of that can be traced to personality conflicts — Otter doesn't like to be told no; unfortunately, neither does House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star. As a consequence, the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee — co-chaired by Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome — effectively sets the agenda.

In normal times, that's OK. But these aren't normal times.

At the root of the problem is that Idaho has a state Constitution written by Populists 120 years ago and a government now run by conservatives. There's no vision about what government can and should be and no real planning beyond the next fiscal year.

Idaho's ruling conservatives are simply reactive. They excel at cutting budgets, but aren't so clear about the next steps.

So, the Legislature does things the way it always has. Does it make sense, for example, for taxpayers to fund a state Department of Education and a State Board of Education — essentially, competing government agencies? No, but there's no constituency to change.

Part of that, certainly, is because of the part-time character of the Legislature. Citizen-lawmakers tend to be citizens first and lawmakers second. But it's also because of the lack of leadership. Over the past 50 years, Idaho has only had four strong governors — Andrus, Batt, Smylie and Jim Risch, although he only served seven months. Democrat John Evans spent most of his 10-year tenure feuding with the Legislature's GOP leadership and Republicans Dirk Kempthorne and Don Samuelson were largely ineffective.

Otter's resume — 12 years as lieutenant governor, six years in Congress, six years in the Idaho House of Representatives — suggests a better governor than he has, so far, turned out to be.

The last of the strong legislative leaders — House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley — retired in 2004. The "greatest generation" of lawmakers — Mike Simpson, Mike Crapo, Laird Noh, Pete Cenarrusa, William Lanting, Dick High, John Barker, Tom Boyd, John Peavey, Bill Roberts, Risch and Batt — have moved on, leaving a leadership vacuum.

So on the state level, Idaho continues to drift. We have a higher education system based on regional pride that we can no longer afford, twice as many school districts as are needed and a fragmented transportation system that squanders money paving low-use farm-to-market roads while our interstate highways are full of potholes.

Nobody — not Otter, not the Legislature — has the first idea of how to fundamentally transform state government for the better. Worse, nobody seems to have the will to try.

So Idahoans get the government we deserve — part-time and half-hearted. We elect public officials who are skilled at putting out fires, but lackadaisical about making sure they don't flare up again.

So remember how we got here next time you bust a ture in a pothole or hear that lawmakers just couldn't bear to think more than a year out.

It's time to demand better.

Our view:

State government in Idaho works poorly. Unfortunately, there's no popular will to demand better.

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

Sacagawea would be ashamed of us

JOHN LAIRD

Almost 203 years ago in what would become eastern Idaho, Sacagawea bunkered down in a Bitterroots blizzard and faced just two choices:

1. She could have called up a radio talk show and snarled over the airwaves: "These people around here don't know squat about dealing with snow. Back in North Dakota, where I was last year, those people know a thing or two about snow. Government officials here are complete morons."

2. Or, instead of expecting the government officials to come hold her hand, she could have taken responsibility for her own problems and come up with her own solutions.

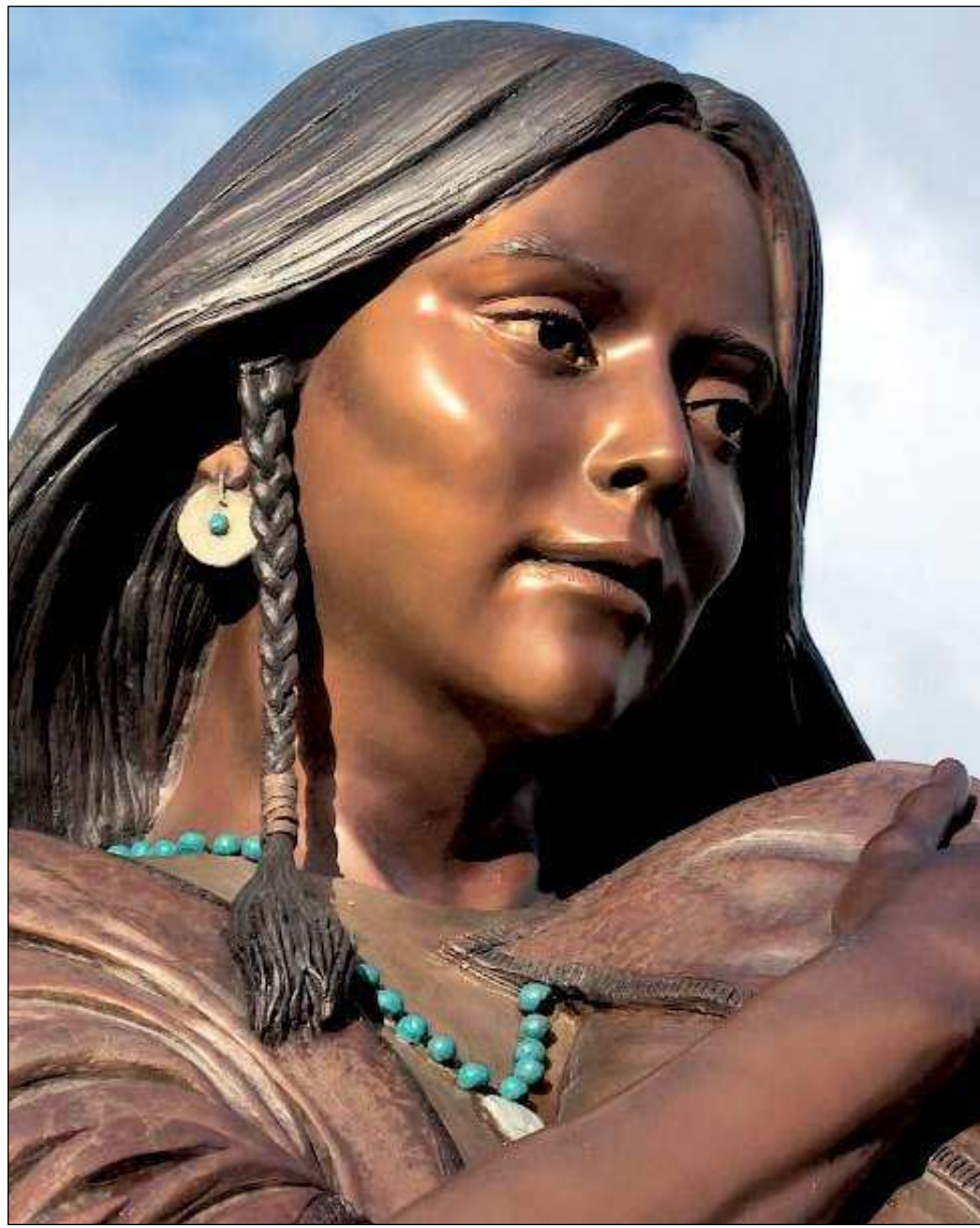
Fortunately, Sacagawea chose No. 2, with a little help from her companions. And she continued her march, helping set the first path for the wave of European settlers to the Pacific Northwest.

Today, our heroine would be quite surprised at the profusion of an invasive species known as the Clark County snow pansy, which thrives under the strangest of circumstances. It blooms only once every 40 years, and after a foot of snow has fallen. Thousands of snow pansies pop up everywhere, bellowing their expertise about snow-plowing and complaining that the government won't come plow their streets so they can drive to rent DVDs and buy cigarettes.

I have to admit, I almost became a snow pansy. On Thursday I wondered why my street wasn't snow-plowed. I also wondered why it took a half-hour to drive — tire chains and all — a few blocks to Interstate 5, where traffic raced by at 60 mph on clear pavement. Then I read in *The Columbian* that the people who drive a limited number of snowplows had made it their priority to clear roads that would help emergency vehicles and expedite access to the most vulnerable people.

So, while the lonely, winding roads leading to The Laird Estate remained tough to navigate, I figured somewhere a nursing home had its parking lot and street cleared. I decided to calm down and solve my own problems.

The hilarious thing about the snow pansies is that two weeks ago many of them were extolling the virtues of "rugged individualism" and viciously denouncing cradle-to-grave, nanny-state governments that only enable the entitlement-demanding softies. Then look what happened. After a foot of snow fell, these same people were snorting and whimpering



City of Salmon

A statue of Sacagawea in Salmon, near her birthplace.

"It's time for all of us to Shoshone up and accept responsibility. Your trash didn't get picked up? Deal with it. It's your trash. Your streets didn't get plowed. Cry me a river."

about too little government response.

I've got news for the snow pansies. Your governments have had their revenue legs cut out from under them by the economic slump. Better get used to a lot less government. And while your elected officials are slicing millions from local budgets and billions from state budgets, they're not much interested in bolstering the 40-Year Blizzard Response Department. They're just trying to keep the lights on at the cop shop and the fire station.

Yes, we've got too few snowplows. And no, snowplow drivers aren't all parked at the mall with their feet up on the dashboards, waiting for the weather to clear. They're helping people who



AP photo

really need it and wondering why you won't invest in tire chains and help yourself.

Some people complain that streets aren't plowed; others complain that plowed snow blocks driveways. My suspicion is that snow response crews are doing the best they can with limited equipment, trying to figure out a better way to handle the next 40-year event. I also suspect that if we tripled the snowplow fleet, some folks would then complain about a fleet of snowplows doing nothing for 39 years.

Fellow winter survivors, let us turn to the spirit of Sacagawea and find inspiration in how she overcame adversity. Imagine walking

from North Dakota to the Pacific Ocean, carrying an infant and following about 40 men who didn't know where they were going.

It's time for all of us to Shoshone up and accept responsibility. Your trash didn't get picked up? Deal with it. It's your trash. Your streets didn't get plowed. Cry me a river.

Take heart in the fact that the snow pansies only bloom every 40 years or so. And the next time a blizzard rolls in, do the manly thing. Bundle up and walk to rent DVDs and buy cigarettes.

John Laird is a columnist for The Columbian in Vancouver, Wash.

Hartgen not affiliated with the *Times-News* anymore

A shocking number of people think that state Rep. Stephen Hartgen owns the *Times-News*.

Let's be crystal clear about this: He does not. Nor has he been employed here for years.

I suppose it's inevitable that some people will continue to associate Hartgen with the paper because he had high-profile jobs here for a long time. He was the editor here from 1982 until 1990, when he became the publisher.

But when Hartgen was employed here, which he isn't anymore, he worked for Howard Newspapers. In 2002 Lee Enterprises, a publicly traded corporation based in Davenport, Iowa, bought the paper from Howard.

Brad Hurd, my boss, took over as publisher in 2004. Hartgen moved north to become publisher of a now-defunct sister paper in

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Hailey, and retired from that job in September 2005.

That means Hartgen is no longer affiliated in any way with the *Times-News* or Lee Enterprises. But he hasn't exactly faded away, either. He is now affiliated with the Idaho House of Representatives, having been appointed to that body last July and then elected in his own right in November.

We endorsed Hartgen in that election, but not because he used to work here (but doesn't anymore, you know). The Editorial Board just thought he was better qualified for the job.

We also made Hartgen pay full price for all of his campaign ads and his subscription — no employee discount, see, because he's not an employee here anymore. Did you know that? Just checking.

Never one to shy from controversy, Hartgen vaulted his way onto the national stage, of sorts, even before he starts his first legislative session. He recently said he just might introduce legislation banning anonymous posting of snarky comments on Internet sites.

Yes, of course you saw this coming: Hartgen has quickly become the subject of snarky, demeaning and threatening anonymous comments from all corners of the globe. In these comments someone usually mentions the name of this august publication, given that he was formerly a journalist but now is not, especially not one associated with

this newspaper in any way. Honest.

Let me tell you, there are some snarky people out there in cyberspace. And they don't always slow down to read the disclaimers that someone in the distant past was a newspaper publisher but has since gone full-tilt politico, and no longer is affiliated with the paper in any way. They especially don't ponder this fact before spewing in the general direction of us poor, ink-stained wretches who have nothing at all to do with the representative or his plans for legislation.

By the way, did I mention that Stephen Hartgen doesn't work here anymore?

Pass it on.
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OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... penalizing employers

Idaho Press-Tribune, Nampa

Sen. Mike Jorgenson, R-Hayden Lake, and Rep. Phil Hart, R-Athol, said they will try to pass the proposed law that has been rejected the last two years. If the bill passes, companies that violate it could have their business licenses suspended or revoked.

Commerce and agriculture groups have expressed concerns about a law that would put the burden of verifying legal status on employers. But it's important for businesses to be diligent in their efforts to ensure workers are eligible for hire.

... the Bush administration ordered all companies that do business with the federal government to use a system called E-verify to check the Social Security numbers of employees. The system is available on a voluntary basis to private businesses, but the Los Angeles Times reports it has been criticized by business groups and immigrant advocates because errors in the database can lead to red-flagging of legal residents.

Still, it seems reasonable that businesses and farmers should use these types of resources to avoid hiring illegals.

If they take proper steps, they can properly argue that they did not know workers were illegally in the United States.

The proposed law Hart and Jorgenson plan to intro-



duce would also make it possible for immigrants who falsely impersonate other people to be punished with up to two years in jail or a \$5,000 fine. That seems appropriate ...

... rebuilding Teton Dam

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Larry Craig carved out a 28-year congressional niche by staunchly defending Idaho's loggers, miners, ranchers and farmers.

While sitting on the influential Senate Appropriations Committee, Craig has never been bashful about using the budget process to serve industries' needs. Idaho's congressional delegation allowed the senior senator to assume a lead role on resource issues.

Craig's going-away present to Idaho is completely in character: \$3 million to study dam proposals coveted by irrigators. It is not surprising, yet disappointing, that Craig would attach his political legacy to one tragically failed project: the Teton Dam east of Rexburg.

It is unwise and insensitive to discuss rebuilding the Teton Dam. In June 1976,



while the reservoir was being filled, the earthen dam failed. The ensuing flood killed 11 people, caused \$1 billion in damage — and leaves deep political rifts, three decades later.

The feds have said they can rebuild the dam safely. Some irrigators have long pushed for the additional water storage. State officials want to study a range of possible dam sites — not just the original location — and quantify how much water could be stored in the Teton basin. "It would be premature to take that option off the table," said David Tuthill, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

On the other side of the debate are national and regional environmental groups and some local residents who vividly remember the 1976 flood ...

Not that Craig is acting alone. In March, the Legislature voted to put \$400,000 into studying Teton Dam — an ill-advised decision, and not merely because state tax collections were beginning to tank at the time.

The national recession ... may give new life to any number of dam projects. Gov. Butch Otter's staff is collecting a list of Idaho infrastructure projects that could benefit from an infusion of



federal dollars; not surprisingly, a big item is a \$300 million expansion of Minidoka Dam near Rupert. (The 2008 Legislature also kicked \$1.4 million into studying this project.)

With plenty of other projects in the hopper, it's time to stop chasing good money after bad on Teton Dam ...

... ignoring wind energy

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

Idaho energy director Paul Kjellander has disbanded the Idaho Wind Power Working Group, which he says is unwielded and whose functions can be better served by absorbing it into the Idaho Strategic Working Alliance, a body created by Gov. Butch Otter to plan for the state's energy needs.

Kjellander says he made the changes to better coordinate renewable energy development, including bio-gas from dairies, solar and geothermal.

Wind? That's a four-letter word where Idaho has been concerned. The state currently has a capacity of around 75 megawatts, enough to light 60,000 homes.

That's piddling, compared

with Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado who together are producing 3,500 megawatts of wind energy.

There will be a wind task force embodied in the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance, but its role will be reduced to providing "insight and input" to the governor, according to Brian Jackson, an Idaho wind developer and member of the task force.

Kjellander may be correct when he says wind is only part of the energy equation — "there's no single resource that's magically going to solve our problems." And, in

Idaho, that's certainly the case.

Wind-generated power has its problems, with turbines costly and in short supply. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission says it plans to publish new electricity rates that utilities pay small wind power generators, which may encourage more development. But the future, in Kjellander's view, is nuclear, a preference shared by Otter.

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Sour milk: The second-worst minivan smell

As we pulled away from the house the morning after Christmas to begin a six-hour drive to grandma's, my wife told me about the sour milk smell.

I don't know if I was more rankled by the prospect of dealing with a nauseating odor for 350 miles or the fact that Sharon had chosen the moment of departure to disclose such foreboding information.

Not to worry, she said, the trash container — a plastic grocery bag stretched between the front armrests — had been changed.

"I can't imagine what could have been causing such a stink," Sharon said. "The girls haven't had any milk in the van."

"If you smelled sour milk," I sniffed, "they've had milk in the van!"

"I think I would remember giving them milk," she snapped.

"Well, let's not start the trip arguing. All's well that ends well," I sighed. "At least the smell is gone."

Famous last words. The struggling American automobile industry could gain a lot of ground toward redemption if one of the Big Three would produce a minivan interior that can neutralize terrible odors.

Sour milk may not be the worst smell produced by children, but it ranks right up there among the top three. It goes without saying what holds the No. 1 spot, but at least that smell is usually temporary.

Assigning the No. 2 position would be a toss-up between sour milk and vomit, except that prolonged exposure to sour milk odor can actually induce vomiting.

Every parent knows that children are more prone to becoming carsick when traveling in a vehicle fouled by sour milk. It's a close call, but the resulting shift in odors is at least a slight improvement.

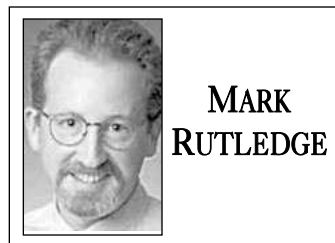
Less than 20 miles into the trip, the rotten milk smell was reactivated.

"I smell it. Do you smell it?"

"I don't smell it."

"Well, I definitely smell it."

"Oh, wait. There it is. Yep,



MARK RUTLEDGE

that's it all right."

A few miles later, it was gone. A few miles later, it was back. Gone. Back. Gone. Back.

The intermittent mystery milk continued to plague us throughout the journey. We had our three daughters search their seats and surrounding areas for the source — any possible source. There was nothing.

We tried turning off the heat. Perhaps some perishable product had spilled

into a vent, we theorized. But heat or no heat, the smell seemed to come and go without rhyme or reason.

About an hour from grandma's, our smallest, most delicate flower, Julia Rose, fell asleep, and the spells of terrible smells increased. I looked at that sweet little 6-year-old face and wondered aloud how she could enjoy such peaceful slumber in a van so rotten as ours.

"Julia!" my wife and I exclaimed in unison.

We both suddenly realized that the source of our displeasure was neither a liquid nor a solid — and that left only one possibility. What we had assumed was the second worst minivan smell was, in fact, the first.

We sometimes call Julia

our "sweetest most petitest." With her long, lean limbs and blonde hair, she bears a striking resemblance to Disney's most famous fairy. A little glitter and a pair of wings are all she needs at Halloween to make a convincing Tinker Bell.

Next Halloween, I'm thinking we'll skip the glitter and start "Tinker Bell" with an "S."

Now that's a scary fairy.

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A tale of two presidential workouts

Ah, the perks of media affection. On Christmas Day, *The Washington Post* delivered a front-page paean to Barack Obama's workout habits. The 1,233-word ode to O's physical fitness read more like a Harlequin romance novel than an A-1 news article.

Sighed smitten reporter Eli Zaslav, "The sun glinted off chiseled pectorals sculpted during four weightlifting sessions each week, and a body toned by regular treadmill runs and basketball games." Droll cup to the newsroom, stat.

Zaslav imparted us with vital information about buff Bam's regimen: "Obama has gone to the gym for about 90 minutes a day, for at least 48 days in a row." *The Washington Post* enlightened us with more gushing commentary from Obama friends and associates, who explain how, as the subtitle of Zaslav's opus put it, "Gym Workouts Help Obama Carry the Weight of His Position."

For adoring journalists,



MICHELLE MALKIN

you see, Obama's workout fanaticism demonstrates the discipline and balance in his life. Apparently, what's good for Obama's glistening pecs is good for the country. Zaslav quoted Obama Chicago crony Marty Nesbitt, who offered this diagnosis: "He doesn't think of it as something he has to do — it's his time for himself, a chance for him to reflect. It's his break. He feels better and more revved up after he gets in his workout."

And when Obama feels better, the skies will part, the sun will shine (in moderate, environmentally correct, non-global warming-inducing amounts, of course), and peace will reign worldwide!

Too bad the doughy, McDonald's-chomping, coffee-guzzling members of the

White House press corps couldn't see the merits of White House exercise over the past eight years. After giggling about his out-of-shape colleagues in the media, Zaslav mentioned in passing that President George W. Bush shares Obama's commitment to health. What he failed to acknowledge is that the same reporters who so greatly admire Obama's lithe figure derided Bush for his training schedule.

Former *Washington Post* writer Jonathan Chait famously attacked Bush three years ago in an opinion piece for the *Los Angeles Times* headlined "The (over)exercise of power." Recounting how President Bush ran 3.5 miles a day and preached more cross-train-

ing to a federal judge, Chait fumed, "Am I the only person who finds this disturbing? ... What I mean is the fact that Bush has an obsession with exercise that borders on the creepy." Continued...

Chait argued that Bush's passionate devotion to exercise was a dereliction of duty. "Does the leader of the free world need to attain that level of physical achievement?" he jeered. "It's nice for Bush that he can take an hour or two out of every day to run, bike or pump iron. Unfortunately, most of us have more demanding jobs than he does."

Can you imagine any member of the Obamedia mocking the incoming gym rat-in-chief this way?

Chait was not alone.

Reuters journalist Caron Bohan weaved the same unhinged themes into a piece on Bush's two-hour, 17-mile bike ride with cycling champ Lance Armstrong in Crawford, Texas, in 2005. After noting his six-day-a-week workout schedule, Bohan steered the piece into an anti-war screed:

"Bush says exercise helps sharpen his thinking. But some of his critics view his exercise obsession as an indulgence that takes time away from other priorities. Among them is Cindy Sheehan, the Vacaville, Calif., mother of a soldier killed in Iraq, who until late last week was camped out down the road from Bush's ranch seeking a meeting with him to discuss her opposition to the

war. Sheehan, who left her vigil on Thursday to tend to her sick mother, has said she believes Bush should take fewer bike rides to have more time to focus on the 'the nation's work.'"

Fit Republican president = Selfish, indulgent, creepy fascist.

Fit Democratic president = Disciplined, health-conscious Adonis role model.

The good news: In just a few short weeks, W. will be able to exercise in peace, free from the disapproving glares of journalists now rushing to mop the sweat — er, the glisten — from Barack Obama's hallowed brow.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Good riddance to Bush

Ask your doctor if medical advice from a television commercial is right for you. Don't ask George Bush. He's been telling us for years that his medicine will heal our country, despite the dangerous side effects. It's obvious that he was the disease.

Things have not gone well for Bush and Cheney, America's toy soldiers. Their plan to quickly take over Iraq and show the rest of the world what military supremacy looked like backfired on them. It only showed the world that they're nothing more than a pair of dead-end idiots.

To their credit though, their war on the environment is going well. It's a shame we've had to fight our own administration to save our environment. Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been polluted and the last fish has been caught will we realize that we can't eat money.

Sorry, Dubya, you can't have my rights. I'm still using

them. I pledged allegiance, not thoughtless obedience. You must have misunderestimated me.

It's too bad that intelligent people elected Genghis Bush and his marauding hordes and then stood by and watched while they pillaged and plundered the land, the treasury and the Constitution. Worse yet, we let them get away with it. Shame on us.

Now, after eight long years of lies, deceit, fraud and corruption, the American people stood tall on Nov. 4 and said, "Enough!"

Besides himself and Cheney, Bush will probably pardon O.J. and then laugh like the silly moron he is.

So long, dummy. We'll miss you, Cheney, Addington and Rice — not! On Jan. 20, I'll be crossing out your pictures on my "Axis of Brain Dead Evil" playing cards. Rumsfeld, Rove, Wolfowitz, Ashcroft, Libby and Gonzales have already been flushed.

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Power changes hands peacefully in Ghana elections

By Francis Kokutse
Associated Press writer

ACCRA, Ghana — Opposition leader John Atta Mills was declared Ghana's next president Saturday in a peaceful ballot that secured the West African nation's place as a beacon of democracy on a volatile continent.

The country is one of the few in Africa to successfully transfer power twice from one legitimately elected leader to another, proof that Ghana's democracy has truly matured after an era of coups and dic-

tatorship in the 1970s and 1980s.

But tensions still ran high in what became the closest vote in Ghana's history, and some feared violence could erupt as it did earlier this year in Kenya — an East African nation that also was a model of stability until a similarly tight 2007 ballot unleashed weeks of tribal bloodshed.

Ghana's ruling party candidate, Nana Akufo-Addo, had threatened to reject the results, but withdrew his court challenges and conceded peacefully. President John

Kufuor appealed on both sides to accept the outcome and his call appeared aimed at his own governing party.

Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan — who helped broker peace in Kenya last year — also flew home New Year's Day and worked behind the scenes to calm tensions, according to Peter Pham, an Africa expert at James Madison University in Virginia.

Though democracy has spread in Africa over the last decade, some countries — like Zimbabwe — are ruled by

strongmen whose elections have been shams. In Mauritania in August, the military toppled the first democratically elected president in decades. And in Guinea, the army seized power after the country's longtime dictator died a few weeks ago.

After Ghana's Dec. 7 election proved indecisive, Atta Mills won Sunday's second round ballot by capturing a razor-thin victory with 50.23 percent of the vote to 49.77 percent for Akufo-Addo.

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AP photo
Supporters of opposition party presidential candidate John Atta Mills celebrate his victory in Accra, Ghana, Saturday.

AROUND THE NATION

WISCONSIN Homicides are down in some large US cities

MILWAUKEE — Killings dropped by a third here last year, making Wisconsin's largest city among the nation's most successful in tackling its 2008 murder rate.

While New York and Chicago saw an uptick in slayings last year, other cities including Detroit, Cleveland, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Los Angeles had fewer violent deaths in '08 than '07.

Although a study released Monday by Northeastern University showed black teenagers killing each other in rising numbers, Milwaukee stands out. The number of black men between the ages of 15 and 29 killed dropped nearly two-thirds, from 54 in 2007 to 19 last year.

Total homicides dropped 32 percent, from 105 in 2007 to 71 last year — the lowest number since 1985. The city also saw fewer gun deaths.

"I think today Milwaukee is allowed to feel good about itself because this reduction is the work of many people. ... This year they saw a return on their investment," Police Chief Edward Flynn told a news conference Friday.

CONNECTICUT Man's last lotto ticket wins \$10M for widow

DANBURY — On the day that Donald Peters died, he unknowingly provided financial security for his wife of 59 years and their family.

Peters bought two Connecticut Lottery tickets at a local 7-Eleven store on Nov. 1 as part of a 20-year tradition he shared with his wife Charlotte. Later that day, the 79-year-old retired hat factory worker suffered a fatal heart attack while working in his yard in Danbury.

On Friday, his widow cashed in one of the tickets: a \$10 million winner which, in her grief over her husband's death, she had put aside and almost discarded before recently checking the numbers.

"I'm numb," Charlotte Peters, 78, said at Connecticut Lottery headquarters in Rocky Hill.

NEW YORK Judge rejects religious excuse for monkey meat

NEW YORK — A federal judge in Brooklyn has rejected a Liberian woman's religious reasons for smuggling endangered monkey meat into the country.

U.S. District Judge Raymond J. Dearie ruled Wednesday that Mamie Manneh's faith didn't preclude her from applying for permits to import exotic food or explain why she misled officials. Manneh was charged with smuggling the meat three years ago after customs agents seized a shipment of primate parts as it passed through Kennedy Airport on the way to her Staten Island home.

— The Associated Press



AP photo
President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush look over their portraits during an unveiling at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington on Dec. 19.

How will Bush be remembered? President's accomplishments, personality shape his legacy

By Ben Feller
Associated Press writer

AP news analysis

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush will be judged on what he did. He will also be remembered for what he's like: a fast-moving, phrase-mangling Texan who stays upbeat even though his country is not.

For eight years, the nation has been led by a guy who relaxes by clearing brush in scorching heat and taking breakneck bike rides through the woods. He dishes out nicknames to world leaders, and even gave the German chancellor an impromptu, perhaps unwelcome, neck rub. He's annoyed when kept waiting and sticks relentlessly to routine. He stays optimistic in even the most dire circumstances, but readily tears

up in public. He has little use for looking within himself, and only lately has done much looking back.

Bush's style and temperament are as much his legacy as his decisions. Policy shapes lives, but personality creates indelible memories — positive and negative.

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He is up early and in the Oval

Office by 6:45 a.m. By 9:30 to 10 at night, it's lights out. He likes to be fresh and won't get cheated on his sleep.

In sessions with policy experts, Bush tends to ask questions that get right to the nub of a sticky issue. His top aides speak regretfully about how the country never got to see that side of him, even after all this time. They describe a man who is deeply inquisitive, not blithely incurious as much of the world thinks.

When Bush wants answers, guessing isn't advised.

"He can sniff it out a mile away if you don't have the goods," said White House communications director Kevin Sullivan.

Other people write Bush's speeches, but he'll kick out phrases that he thinks stray from a logical

progression. It's about discipline.

You can tell the issues that really get Bush going, because he talks about them differently, more passionately: education, AIDS relief, freedom. They happen to be ones that can be viewed more clearly through a moral lens. That's how he sees the world.

Bush reads the Bible regularly. Another devotion: exercise. He makes time for a workout at least six days a week, wherever he is. And he goes at it hard, especially on his mountain bike on the weekends, when he pushes Secret Service agents to keep up with him. He is competitive and likes to stay in command.

Even eating is approached with sheer purpose.

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Library of Congress to keep sermons on inauguration

By Kamala Lane
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Inauguration-week sermons would be videotaped to highlight Barack Obama's rise to power in an unprecedented quest by the Library of Congress to capture this transfer of power for future generations.

The folks at the library's American Folklife Center are soliciting churches, synagogues, mosques and others for copies of sermons or passionate speeches that focus on the significance of the Jan. 20 inauguration of Obama as the country's first black president.

The Folklife Center is looking for both video and audio clips, all to be preserved in a public collection that includes interviews after



AP file photo
Worshippers celebrate during a sermon by Rev. J. Rayfield Vines Jr., as he mentions the election of President-elect Barack Obama, Nov. 9 at the Hungary Road Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.

Pearl Harbor and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"If a historian asks 'How did Americans react to Obama's inauguration?' we'll

have immediate responses to this powerful event," said Dr. David A. Taylor, head of

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Navy to consider closing case of missing pilot

By Ben Evans
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The family of a Navy pilot missing since his plane was shot down during the first Gulf war isn't ready to give up hope that he is alive and say they will oppose any decision to declare him killed in action.

The Navy has scheduled a review board hearing for Monday on the status of Capt. Michael "Scott" Speicher, who has been missing since January 1991, when his FA-18 Hornet was shot down in Iraq on the first night of the Persian Gulf War.

The hearing comes several months after the Navy received a fresh intelligence report on Speicher from Iraq. Speicher's family, which has seen the latest information, believes Navy Secretary Donald Winter is moving toward changing Speicher's

status from missing/captured to killed, according to family spokeswoman and attorney Cindy Laquidara.

The family — including two college-age children who were toddlers when Speicher went missing — believes the Pentagon should do more to determine definitively what happened, Laquidara said. They see the outcome as setting a standard for future missing-in-action investigations, she said.

"This really is a precedent for every other captive serviceman or woman and it needs to be done right," Laquidara said. "We've looked at the information that's going to be presented to the board and we feel pretty confident that it's not time under the standards that they've set to change the status. There are things that need to be done before one can be certain."

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Bush wants his lunch ready when he is, and wolfs it down. His tastes are clear: maybe a peanut butter and honey sandwich, a BLT, or a burger. Former White House executive chef Walter Scheib learned from Bush never to serve a grilled cheese sandwich unless it came with a side of French's yellow mustard.

The man from a land of cowboy boots orders proper dress in the White House. No jeans allowed in the West Wing. Coat and tie in the Oval Office.

"Orderliness in the process gave him confidence," said Peter Wehner, a former top Bush aide and now a senior fellow at the Ethics & Public Policy Center.

And if you're in Bush's presence, turn off your cell phone. Pity the person who gets the Bush stare when a Blackberry rings at the wrong time.

Then there are his stories. He repeats his favorites. Like the one about the cheery rug in the Oval Office. Or the spectacular rainbow that day in Romania.

Who's going to stop him?

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Bush's words betray him sometimes.

"They underestimated the compassion of our country," Bush said of the Sept. 11 terrorists. "I talk to families who die," he said, meaning the loved ones of those who perish in war. "Children do learn when standards are high," he said in promoting his education plan.

Ivy League educated, Bush is good-natured about his verbal trip-ups. Yet he appears to have grown a bit more methodical in public, as if searching carefully for the right words.

His tangled moments have undoubtedly helped shape an unflattering public perception; there are entire books of his "Bushisms." Invariably, though, people

who talk to him privately — historians, journalists, dissidents — come away with a very different impression of a meticulous thinker.

It is a paradox of his presidency.

Some of Bush's sillier times are of his own choosing. He doesn't take himself too seriously.

Like his herky-jerky dance moves in Liberia, or his odd little tap dance while waiting for John McCain to show up one day. He likes to back-slap people. And when he's ready to move on, there are telltale signs. To end an event with visitors, he'll say, "Let's get a picture," and that's that.

Bush generally calls people by the labels of his choosing, too. Reporters, Cabinet members, heads of state — anyone is fair game for a nickname. The practice tends to add a touch of familiarity between people and the president, and Bush likes that.

As for fun, Bush is far from the first president with a love for sports, but he may have advanced the cause.

In baseball season, he often has a game on TV, even for soothing background noise while he works. He quietly welcomes ball players to the executive mansion for tours or dinnertime conversation. And regardless of the sport, he loves it every time any

championship team comes to the White House.

Their moment is his moment.

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Bush can flash a temper and impatience. But if he takes criticism personally — and he gets lots of criticism — he tries not to show it.

When former press secretary Scott McClellan wrote a scathing book about Bush's leadership, the president told his senior aides to let it go.

"Find a way to forgive, because that's the way to lead your life," White House press secretary Dana Perino remembers Bush advising her.

Bush is insistently — some say unforgivably — optimistic, no matter how low his poll numbers get.

"Every day has been pretty joyous," he said recently, summing up one of the hardest presidencies ever known.

The toughest moments for him come when he meets the grieving families of the troops he sent to war. Or when he meets severely wounded troops in recovery. Many of the hurting tell Bush they want to get back out in active duty. He is moved by the sacrifice.

"I do a lot of crying in this job," Bush once acknowledged.

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research and programs at the American Folklife Center.

The "Inauguration 2009 Sermons and Orations Project" marks the first time the library has gathered this sort of material from a U.S. presidential inauguration. Taylor says the project is especially timely — with the inauguration coming a day after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday — and as it ties into King's reputation as a great orator.

Nearly 70 percent of the 4,000 collections at the center involve the spoken word, whether it's on paper, audio or video.

Michael Taft, head

archivist at the Folklife Center, says it was decided to collect inauguration-themed sermons because that speech form is poetic, dramatic — and at some churches, "an important art form."

One Washington church is already planning to answer the library's call.

Foundry United Methodist Church, where President Bill Clinton and his family attended services, says that it plans to invite the Obamas to attend services and will contribute to the project by providing tapes and a manuscript of the inauguration-centered sermon to be delivered by

guest Illinois preacher Bishop Gregory A. Palmer, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops.

Palmer said his homily will address the inauguration with a focus on citizens answering the call of service in the community.

"It's a moment of great adulation, joy and accomplishment for all persons in this nation, whether they voted for the president-elect or not," he said. "But this nation will not be better if every citizen isn't engaged on a daily basis in making their communities the places they want them to be."

Ghana

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according to the country's Electoral Commission.

"I assure Ghanaians that I will be president for all," Atta Mills declared, mindful of his thin mandate.

He also called on his supporters to be "circumspect and do nothing to provoke anyone."

Opposition supporters thronged the streets and jubilant drivers honked horns across the capital, Accra. Atta Mills told a pulsating crowd outside his campaign headquarters "the time has come to work together to build a better Ghana."

Though buoyed by Ghana's recent discovery of oil, the 64-year-old tax expert who will be inaugurated president Wednesday of the world's No. 2 cocoa producer will have to struggle with the effects of a global economic downturn. The poor in Ghana already complain that wealth is not trickling down and Atta Mills has accused the government of corruption.

The historic ballot marked the third time Atta Mills ran for president — and was so close authorities had to rerun it Friday in one district that had a ballot shortage earlier.

Akufo-Addo conceded defeat and congratulated his rival, and the ruling party ended court filings questioning some districts' voting results to promote national unity.

Pham, the Africa scholar, called the vote "a milestone."

"It's the first case in Africa I can think of where a country has seen two successive transfers of power from democratically elected incumbents to democratically elected successors," he said.

That the transfers were between opposing governing powers "is an important indicator of the vibrancy of a country's democracy and the maturity of its political institutions," Pham added.

Atta Mills served as vice president under former coup leader Jerry Rawlings, who stepped down in 2001, and he will have to dispel any notion his rule could hark back to Rawlings' strongman era.

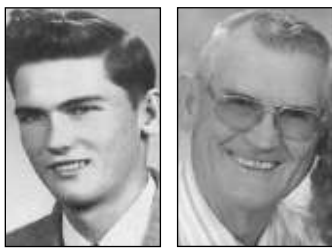
William (Bill) R. Parsons

KIMBERLY — William (Bill) R. Parsons, 76, of Kimberly, peacefully passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009.

Bill was born Oct. 15, 1932, in Fallon, Nev., the son of Marion Parsons and Adrienne Sayle Parsons. Bill attended school in Parma, where he enjoyed sports, especially boxing. After he graduated in 1951 and becoming a member of the National Guard, he attended the Nampa Business School. This is where he met the love of his life, Maurine Koch of Paul, Idaho. They were married July 19, 1953, at the Paul Congregational Church. Bill and Maurine had 55 wonderful years together.

In 1953, Bill joined the Army and he was deployed to Germany, where he served as a teletype operator. He received an honorable discharge in February 1955. Bill returned home to his wife and an infant daughter, Susan, was born in 1954. Sandy, a second beautiful daughter, was born in 1955. The family moved to Ogden, Utah, for a year, where Bill worked as a teletype operator for Western Union. When the family returned to Twin Falls, Bill continued working for Western Union. A third daughter, Karen, was born in 1957. The family was complete. The final move to the Kimberly area came in 1958, where Bill and Maurine have made their home since. Bill started working for the Northrup King Co. as a bookkeeper, later becoming a fieldman. This career took him to other companies such as Sun Seed, Conida and Twin Falls Bean Seed. He worked hard into his early 70s, when he finally retired.

Bill was a loving husband,



father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Many will remember him as a "gentleman," always respectful of others.

Bill enjoyed attending sporting and school activities of his grandchildren. His family all benefited from his woodworking skills and the time he spent with them. Over the years, many dogs have enjoyed his companionship, the latest being "Mindy."

Several family trips have been taken the last few years, and a special trip was to Yellowstone, marking Bill and Maurine's 50th wedding anniversary. He will be greatly missed, always loved and never forgotten.

Bill is survived by his wife, Maurine of Kimberly; daughters, Susan (Bruce) Johnstone of Boise, Sandy (Joe) Miller of Twin Falls and Karen Tattersall of Hansen; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Audrey Thompson, Nancy Meckert, Diana Page and Peggy Siminon. He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers, Mike, Manley, Fred, John and Joe.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, with a visitation one hour prior at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Interment will be at the Paul Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.magicvalleyfuneral-home.com.

Peter Rudolf Martens

Peter Rudolf Martens passed away peacefully on New Years Day 2009 at BridgeView Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho, at the age of 97.



Rudy was born on Dec. 15, 1911, in Avondale, Colo., to Emil and Lena Martens. As a young child, he moved with his family to Utah, where his father farmed for one year. The family then moved to southern Idaho, first settling and farming in Kimberly and later in Eden. It was there that Rudy met and fell in love with Lois Charlotte Westendorf. They were married on Christmas Day 1936, and their marriage lasted for nearly 66 years, when Lois passed away in 2002.

The first few years of their marriage were spent farming west of Twin Falls. They then moved south of Kimberly, where he farmed leased land as well as his own farm. During the early years of his farming career, he farmed with horses and was later able to purchase his first steel-wheeled tractor. Taking great pride in all the land that he farmed, he always had the straightest rows and weed-free fields. Rudy won many awards from local seed companies for the crops he grew, especially his garden beans.

After retiring at the age of 72, Rudy and Lois moved to Twin Falls. He started delivering "Meals on Wheels," which he continued until the age of

90 when macular degeneration forced him to stop driving. Rudy was a member of the Lions Club, the Walking Club at the Magic Valley Mall and a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church.

Rudy is survived by his children, Kenneth (Ann) Martens of Las Vegas, Nev. Joanne (Dee) Hepworth of Twin Falls, Betty (Butch) Johansen of Warden, Wash., and Marilyn (Jerry) Sorensen of Boise, Idaho; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one brother, Randolph (Carole) Martens of Seattle, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Lois; one daughter, Shirley Martens; his twin brother, Herman, as well as brothers, Ulrich and Winfred; sisters, Eunice Jones, Emilena Meyerhoff and Marie Mason; his son-in-law, Marvin Hurlless; and one grandson, Todd Michael Hepworth.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, with Pastor Vedder officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." The family suggests memorials to the "Rudy Fund" for the hearing and visually impaired at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Family and friends may share their thoughts and memories at www.MeM.com.

Janine Irene Ambrose Hieb Gordon

RUPERT — Janine Irene Ambrose Hieb Gordon, 68 years old, of Rupert, passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

She was born Nov. 25, 1940, in Clatskanie, Ore., to Jerry and Melba Ambrose. Being raised in Oregon, Janine and her family moved to Idaho when she was young. She and the family lived on the North side in a tent the first winter they lived here. She would tell stories of burning sagebrush for heat and cooking. But always said that was some of the best times of their childhood and they thought they were just camping out.

She married Clifford Hieb in 1959 with whom she had four children, living in Rupert and raising a family. Janine was a very hard worker and enjoyed life to its fullest extent. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. Mom was a great cook, her cooking abilities were famous at many establishments including We's Bar and Grill, which Mom and Al ran until her stroke in 1996.

Janine will be greatly missed as a mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend.

She is survived by her children, Jerri (Dennis) Cole, Tammy Koepnick, Clifford (Jennifer) Hieb and Amber (Rod) Blincoe; grandchildren, Christopher Cole, Jana'e Phelps, Tayler Blincoe,



Trevor Blincoe, Kelsey Blincoe, Erin Hieb, Logan Hieb, Madison Hieb and one on the way; and one great-grandchild due in March; and her sister, Sharel (John) Kerr.

She was preceded in death by her parents; spouse, Jim Gordon; sister, Darlene Poindexter; sister, Lucille Wolff; longtime partner, Al Whiting; and beloved grandson, Jerem Koepnick.

Janine was fortunate enough to meet and marry Jim Gordon later in life. Jim and Mom were residents of Valley Vista for several years, where Jim took very good care of Janine until his passing in 2007. Mom had many friends at Valley Vista and the family wants to thank everyone at Valley Vista for her wonderful care and friendship over the years.

A memorial service for friends and family will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, with Pastor Pam Meese officiating. Private family graveside service is also being held. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Bob Leonard

IDAHO FALLS — Robert Leonard, 80, of Idaho Falls, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at his home. He was under the care of Hands of Hope Hospice.



Robert "Bob" Leonard was born in Price, Utah, on Dec. 11, 1928, to Lawrence and Emily Leonard. He attended junior high and high school in Salt Lake City and graduated from East High School in 1945. He married his high school sweetheart, Ronna Lowther, in 1946. The couple moved to Idaho Falls in 1949. He was a salesman for Lang Company of Salt Lake City for 10 years. Bob opened Leonard Petroleum Equipment of Idaho Falls in 1959, a second store in Twin Falls in 1975, and a third store in Boise in 1993.

Bob was an avid golfer, fly fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed spending time with

his children and grandchildren.

Bob was exalted ruler of the Idaho Falls Elks Club in 1968. He was a member of the Idaho Falls Country Club and past board of directors.

Survivors include his wife, Ronna Leonard of Idaho Falls; sons, Craig Leonard of Idaho Falls and Steven Leonard of Twin Falls; daughter, Stacy Leonard Browning of Idaho Falls; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Sandpiper Restaurant, 750 Lindsay Blvd. in Idaho Falls.

A special thanks to Hands of Hope Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hands of Hope Hospice, 1379 E. 17th St., Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Arrangements are under the direction of Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Ave. in Idaho Falls.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.woodfuneralhome.com.

Elsie Jane Cummins

JEROME — Elsie Jane Cummins, 90, passed away Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at her home in Nuevo, Calif.

She was born Elsie Jane Bradley on Feb. 4, 1918, in Dodge, Okla. Her family moved to Ferry, Okla., in 1932 and, shortly thereafter, she met her future husband, Connie Cummins, who lived in nearby Alva, Okla. They were married Sept. 5, 1937, and moved to southern Idaho in the spring of 1938. Elsie was a homemaker while Connie worked in manufacturing and farming until 1960, when he went to work for the Forest Service. She and Connie enjoyed living and working at Loon Creek in the Challis National Forest until he retired in 1984. They lived in Jerome after retirement and, in 2001, moved to California to be closer to family.

She is survived by her sister, Osie (J.D.) Taylor of Nuevo, Calif., in addition to four generations of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death her husband, Connie; parents, Harve and Dora Bradley; brother, Dennie (Genola) Bradley; sister, Dorothy (Dick) Olson; and niece and nephews, Lucille, Dean and Percy Bradley.

A funeral was held Jan. 2 at the Miller Jones Mortuary in Perris, Calif.; a luncheon followed at her home in Nuevo.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the Wendell Cemetery. Visitation will be conducted from 9 until 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral

Mary Eileen Julian-Hobdey

GOODING — Mary Eileen Julian-Hobdey, 56, peacefully passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at her home in Gooding with her family at her side.

Mary was born July 14, 1952, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Edward and Chrysta Julian. She attended elementary, middle and high school there. She attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where she majored in special education for the visually impaired and elementary education.

Mary's sense of adventure led her to Idaho, where she started her teaching career at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in 1975. In 1982, she transferred to the Jerome School District and worked with severely handicapped and autistic children. In 1987, Mary was the recipient of "Teacher of the Year" honors by the Idaho State Conference of Autism Association for her integration techniques into the regular classroom. Mary came to the Gooding School District in 1989, where she worked for 19 years as both a middle school and elementary school special education teacher. Mary loved teaching, and her students (most of them, anyway), and was most passionate about their success, not only in school, but also in every aspect of their lives. Mary always kept busy, even in the summers she would dedicate her time to students in summer jobs through Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services as a teacher-consultant, and was honored by Gov. Phil Batt for her dedication to the program.

Mary loved the outdoors, animals, skiing, rafting, reading, and spending time with friends and family. In addition to teaching, she especially loved being a mother and grandmother. Mary



fought for what she believed in, and some may have considered her stubborn. Her passion and strength was contagious, and inspired many throughout her most difficult battle with cancer. She made many good friends, and was well known for her compassion, kindness and willingness to lend a helping hand.

She married Craig Hobdey on April 17, 1986. The couple had one daughter, Samantha.

Mary is survived by her husband; daughter, Samantha; stepdaughter, Janell (Marlin) Antrim; two grandchildren, Brooklyn and Lucas Antrim; two sisters, Lynn (Larry) Elliot of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Ann (Michael) Mulder of Alto, Mich.; two brothers, Bob (Jeanette) Julian of Plainwell, Mich., and Greg Julian of Troy, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Allen Julian.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at St. Elizabeth's. Funeral and cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mary's name to the Gooding Education Association at 507 Idaho St., Gooding, ID, 83330 to assist special education children, or to a charity of your choice.

Dewey Wayne John

HAZELTON — Dewey Wayne John, 41, of Hazelton, passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at his home.

He was born July 29, 1967, in Oakland, Calif., to Robert and Margie John. Dewey moved around a lot with his family and spent a lot of his school years in the Cassia-Minidoka schools. At a young age, he started driving truck and then he worked in the custom farming industry. After working in the custom farming industry, he worked for Blick Trucking, running a hog loading potatoes.

When his health permitted him to, he enjoyed camping and fishing. He also enjoyed

putting models together, spending many hours doing it to his satisfaction, and he also loved working on electrical equipment (stereos, VCRs, DVDs, etc.).

Dewey was a very hard person to get to know, but rest assured when you finally got to be part of his life he made sure not only you but everyone knew it.

He is survived by his mother, Margie (Gary) Moore of Hazelton; and brother, Jimmy (Robert) John of Hazelton. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert John.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, with visitation one hour prior at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.magicvalleyfuneral-home.com.

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Rebecca Jean Stimpson of Burley and formerly of Nampa, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Nampa LDS 17th Ward Church, 607 W. Locust Lane in Nampa; visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. S. in Nampa, and noon to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Marjorie Eleanor Renfrow of Mesquite, Nev., and formerly of Wendell, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Mesquite United Methodist Church in Mesquite, Nev. (Virgin Valley

Mortuary in Mesquite, Nev.)

Kenneth M. Hettenbach of Meridian and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

Adine Valate Givens of Kimberly, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

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Galen Cleverley

Galen Cleverley, 62, of Twin Falls, passed away on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, 2008, at his home following a courageous two-year battle with cancer.



Galen was born on July 14, 1946, in Idaho Falls, the son of Velta and James Robert Cleverley. He grew up in Gooding, where he attended schools, graduating from Gooding High School. He furthered his education at the Idaho State University, while he was working for BLM. In March 1966, Galen entered into the U.S. Army National Guard, where he served his country until March of 1972. He began working in 1968 for the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning, and then started at JUB Engineers Inc. He moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1971, where he worked as a designer for an engineering firm for five years before moving to Prescott, Ariz., where he was a building contractor and subcontractor. While in Prescott, he served on the City Planning and Zoning Board and was president of Yavapai County Contractors Association. In 1981, he returned to Idaho, where he worked in various business adventures, including raising melons and beefalo. In 1991 to present, Galen worked for JUB Engineers Inc. as a construction observer.

Galen married Cheryl May Stephens on Nov. 25, 1966, in Gooding. They later had their marriage solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on April 13, 1968.

Galen was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he served in many callings including bishopric counselor, branch president, Sunday school teacher, Young Men's president, High Priest group leader and Elders Quorum instructor.

Galen loved planes, trains and fast automobiles. He

enjoyed constructing and flying model airplanes and helicopters. He loved various music and was a drummer for local bands. He enjoyed the outdoors and was proficient in many activities including waterskiing and dirt biking. He camped, fished and bow hunted. His love was his family and he enjoyed spending time with them whenever he could.

Galen is survived by his wife of 42 years, Cheryl May Cleverley of Twin Falls; his four daughters, Sheila Majors of Twin Falls, Jennifer (Trent) Searle of Twin Falls, Melanie (Quinn) Morrill of Woodcross, Utah, and Amanda (Craig) Bench of Chatham, N.J.; his mother, Velta Cleverley of Twin Falls; his sister, Elaine Chatwin of Gilbert, Ariz.; and his brother, Jesse Ray Cleverley of Twin Falls. He is also survived by his 11 soon-to-be 12 grandchildren, Stacy, Benjamin, Paige, Jordan, Taylor, Zachary, Grace, Jackson, Drew, Keira and Kendall. He was preceded in death by his father, James Robert Cleverley; his sister, Charlotte Cleverley; and his brother, James Robert Cleverly Jr.

A celebration of Galen's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the First Ward LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Brent White conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Visitation will take place from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday evening at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, as well as one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Galen's name to the Hospice Visions Inc. or the Huntsman Cancer Institute for the outstanding care they have given to Galen and his family. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff at the services or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Harry E. 'Toad' Reed

JEROME — Harry E. "Toad" Reed, beloved husband and father, passed away quietly in his sleep at home on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009. He was 72.



Harry was born June 4, 1936, to Alexander Leroy Reed and Viola F a y e VanDergrift Reed in Beatrice, Neb. He was the 10th of 11 children. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. After leaving the service, Harry got a job driving semi-trucks over the road. He continued to work in this profession until an on-the-job injury forced him to retire in 1983. Harry also completed studies and became certified as a small engine mechanic and owned his own small engine repair shop in Kelso, Wash., for a period.

Harry met and married Barbara Elaine Gingles of Phillipsburg, Kan., in 1968. They spent a very happy and eventful life together for 40 years until his death. Throughout his life, Harry lived in and visited several states but always kept returning to his beloved Idaho. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, sports, reading, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Harry was preceded in

death by his father, Alexander; his mother, Viola; brothers, Alec, William and Duane; by sisters, LaVella, Shirley, Margene, Bernadine and Peggy; by stepbrothers, Glenn and Joe; and stepsisters, Gladys and Dorothy.

Harry is survived by his wife, Barbara of Jerome; son, Delbert (Sheila) Reed of Wendell; son, Eric Reed of Jerome; son, Jason Reed of Jerome; daughter-in-law, Jamie Reed of Pocatello; son, Charles Grooms of Iowa; son, Danny Stephens of Nebraska; and daughter, Rose Marie of Nebraska; sister, Vera Marble of Eugene, Ore.; brother, Jim (Betty) Reed of Cortez, Colo.; sister-in-law, Amy Reed of Nampa; brother-in-law, John Ross of Jerome; sister-in-law, Gerry Reed of Beatrice, Neb.; brother-in-law, Chuck Ferdig of Missouri; brother-in-law, Vern Larson of Washington, Kan.; brother-in-law, Dr. Leonard (Carla) Gingles of Sylacauga, Ala.; sister-in-law, Leola Gingles of Lincoln, Neb.; and father-in-law, Frank (Marjory) Gingles of Phillipsburg, Kan. Harry is also survived by 19 grandchildren, one great-grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews. Harry will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

A memorial service for Harry will be held at a later date to be announced. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

U.S. winery owner dies in Brazil

By Bradley Brooks
Associated Press writer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A German-born businessman who owned a New York winery has died while swimming in the ocean off of Brazil, police said Friday.

Christian Wolffer, 70, suffered two deep cuts on his back while swimming on New Year's Eve near the colonial town of Paraty, about 150 kilometers (100 miles) west of Rio de Janeiro, police investigator Luiz Carlos dos Anjos Batista said.

Authorities are investigating whether the cuts were caused by a passing boat. It isn't clear if Wolffer drowned or died from the cuts.

Citing testimony from

witnesses, Batista said that Wolffer was at a lunch party at a Brazilian friend's beach home when he decided to go for a swim.

"Minutes later he was heard shouting for help and seen waving his arms frantically," Batista said. "One of the guests rushed out in his boat and with the help of two other swimmers, pulled him out of the water with two deep gashes on his back, apparently caused by a passing boat."

Wolffer was dead by the time he reached the hospital, Batista said, without providing further details.

He said relatives of Wolffer were in Rio and were expected to fly the body to Germany for burial early next week. He did not know who the relatives were.

Scholarship Applications

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Ellen Marie La Fromboise

HEYBURN — Ellen Marie Rush La Fromboise, age 55, of Heyburn, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.



She was born May 29, 1953, in Boise, the daughter of Le Roy E. and Irene P. Robinson Rush. When she was growing up, she wanted to be a veterinarian because she loved animals and wanted to help them. Instead, she became a health care worker caring for people who needed her.

Ellen was a beautiful wife and best friend. She was the half that made her husband, Keenan, whole. She was a great mother and raised her children well. She was always

the best comfort when her children needed her. She was always there. She will be missed very much.

She will be missed by her loving husband, Keenan J. La Fromboise; two daughters and one son, Tina and Mike Cooper, Kenneth and Connie Taylor, and Amy Taylor; five grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters, Garold Rush, Linda and Don Kibler, Barbara and Doug DeWitt, and Le Roy and Stacy Rush; and 13 nieces and nephews. She will be going home to her father and mother, and her brother, Kent Rush.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the First Christian Church Praise Chapel, 1110 Eighth St. in Rupert. Arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

Jewell F Bublitz

BURLEY — Jewell F Bublitz, 83, of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

At her request, no formal funeral will be held. Cremation was under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Harold V. Lee

BOISE — Harold Vernon Lee, 80, of Boise, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at a local care center.

A service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Relyea Funeral Chapel, 318 N. Latah in Boise (Cremation Society of Idaho).

Margie M. Herring

Margie Marie Herring, 86, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Charles J. Printz

GLENN'S FERRY — Charles J. Printz, 88, of Glens Ferry, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at a Gooding hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the United Methodist Church, 207 W. Harrison in Glens Ferry. Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Martha M. Robertson

GLENN'S FERRY — Martha Mary Robertson, 83, of Glens Ferry, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at a

local hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the First Baptist Church, 417 S. Oneida in Glens Ferry. Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Vernes F. Hanks

RUPERT — Vernes Faye Hanks, 87, of Rupert, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Nona B. Askew

Nona B. Askew, 94, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Theodore F. Lindner

Theodore Franklin Lindner, 79, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Rudy Frank Prudek

BUHL — Rudy Frank Prudek, 87, was born June 20, 1921, southwest of Buhl and passed away peacefully Dec. 30, 2008, at his farm southwest of Buhl.



Rudy's life span of 87 years was filled with transition and change from horse-drawn machines to flight. He was glad to be part of this exciting era.

Rudy loved the land and all living things. He especially loved his cattle, which knew, loved and trusted him as their caretaker. To see yearlings come to him and lick his hand as he fed and bedded them. A truly extraordinary relation between man and animal.

As a teenager, Rudy drove a team of horses, cutting hay and planting very straight

rows of beans. He enjoyed many activities, boating, skiing and dancing, and most of all, his love of flight and owning his own aircraft.

All of this reflected in his kind and gentle generosity and his willingness to help others in a time of need. He will be sadly missed by his many friends and family of so many years.

He is survived by sisters, Evelyn Reedy of Spokane, Wash., and Rose Hahn of Twin Falls; brothers, Jake Prudek and V.C. Prudek; special friend, Arlee Tegan of Twin Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia; and his parents, Jacob and Rose Prudek.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. A viewing will be one hour prior to service at the funeral home.

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AROUND THE WORLD

PAKISTAN Officials: Pakistan nabs senior Taliban figure

PESHAWAR — Pakistan has arrested a former Taliban spokesman who was released by Afghanistan in 2007 in exchange for a kidnapped Italian journalist, intelligence officials said Saturday — a high-profile catch at a time when many in the West are concerned tension with India could distract Pakistan from fighting militants on the Afghan border.

Taliban leader Mullah Omar sent his former spokesman, Ustad Mohammed Yasir, to Pakistan last year to mediate between two Taliban groups in the Mohmand tribal area on the Afghan border, an intelligence official said.

Many Taliban and al-Qaida militants fled to Pakistan in 2001 after the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan to oust the Taliban regime.

The U.S. has pushed Pakistan to crack down on the militants, who have regrouped in the country's northwest and have been launching attacks against Western forces across the border in Afghanistan.

IRAQ

Marines in combat still seek a better flak vest

BAGHDAD — Acting on widespread complaints from its troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Marine Corps has ordered major modifications to its body armor to improve comfort, mobility and safety, The Associated Press has learned.

The decision results from a survey of more than 1,000 Marines, many of whom reported that their flak jackets, which cost the Marine Corps more than \$100 million, were too heavy and restrictive.

"The Marine Corps is developing an Improved Modular Tactical Vest to address the problem areas uncovered by the survey results," Capt. Geraldine Carey, a Marine spokeswoman, told the AP by e-mail last week.

Earlier in 2008, the Marine Commandant, Gen. James Conway, temporarily suspended an order for more than 20,000 of the so-called Modular Tactical Vests.

INDONESIA Powerful quakes rock eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA — A series of powerful earthquakes in remote eastern Indonesia cut power lines, cracked building walls and sent panicked residents running out of their homes today, officials and witnesses said.

A 7.6-magnitude quake struck at 2:43 a.m. local time about 85 miles from Manokwari, Papua, at a depth of 22 miles, the U.S. Geological Agency said.

The Indonesian Meteorology and Seismology Agency issued a tsunami alert but it was revoked within an hour after it was determined the epicenter was on land.

The initial jolt was followed by a series of strong aftershocks, including one with a strength of 7.5, the agency said.

"We have not been able to get any information of casualties or damage but since the epicenters were on land, they have a potential to cause significant damage," said Rahmat Priyono, a supervisor at the National Earthquake Center.

monopoly Gazprom accused Ukraine of boycotting contract negotiations.

As Russia and Ukraine traded accusations in their bitter dispute over energy prices, four European nations — Romania, Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria — all reported some supply drops in natural gas Saturday.

Gazprom cut off gas shipments to Ukraine on Thursday. Then Gazprom and Ukraine embarked on dueling charm offensives, both trying to assure western European nations that they were reliable energy partners and the fault lay with their rival.

The Russian delegation hoped to convince investors in Prague, Paris, Berlin and London that Kiev is to blame for any gas shortages, saying Ukraine is siphoning off natural gas from Russian shipments, as well as refusing to pay \$600 million in fines or negotiate a new price contract for 2009.

Russia supplies Ukraine with natural gas and also sends 80 percent of its gas supplies to Europe through pipelines in Ukraine. The stakes in the dispute are high because Europe relies on Russia for a quarter of its gas needs — and because heat is crucial in the biting northern European winter.

BAHAMAS Two experts to perform Travolta son autopsy

FREEPORT — The Bahamas will use two pathologists to ensure a careful autopsy on John Travolta's son, who died at the actor's vacation home in Grand Bahama, the territory's health minister said Saturday.

Dr. Hubert Minnis told The Associated Press that he decided to use a second specialist to guarantee a thorough assessment of what might have caused Jett Travolta's death.

The 16-year-old was found collapsed in a bathroom on Friday after having a seizure and hitting his head on the

bathtub, said a police officer who declined to be named because she was not authorized to speak on the matter.

He was taken by ambulance to a Freeport hospital, where he was pronounced dead, police Superintendent Basil

Rahming said in a statement. A U.S.-certified clinical and forensic pathologist from Nassau will fly into Grand Bahama on Monday to help perform the autopsy, Minnis said.

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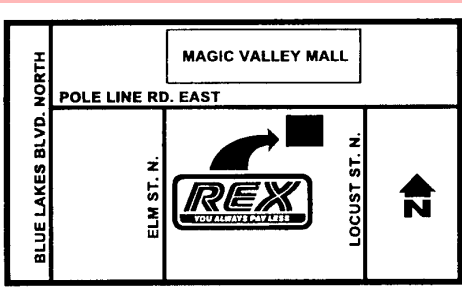
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UKRAINE Ukraine warns Europe may face gas shortages

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Minico boys start '09 with win over Idaho Falls

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

Minico's effective inside-outside game was too much for visiting Idaho Falls as the Spartans returned from the holiday break with a 49-41 win Saturday.

Starting point guard Mark Leon and post player Shad Hubsmith each scored 14 points to lead Minico, which improved to 5-2 on the season.

"We like to go inside first, but we don't want to force it in there like we did in the first half," said Minico coach Mike Graefe. "We have kids who can shoot the ball. The shot that presents itself, that's what we'll take."

Minico scored 19 of its points in the paint and also hit six 3-pointers by five different shooters.

Minico was a bit passive in the first half on both ends of the floor, scoring just 15 points. But the Spartans officially put the holidays behind them with 34 points after halftime.

"I didn't know what to make of this game," Graefe said. "It wasn't really intense, and we kind of backed off. It was kind of a weird deal. Execution-wise I thought we did a nice job for having two weeks off."

Minico's guard play — which was an area of concern to begin the season — is seeing solid improvement,

with Leon making better decisions with the basketball and a poised sophomore, Casey Christiansen, coming off the bench.

"At the first of the season we really didn't know what we were doing because we were just beginning with a new team," Leon said. "It's getting better, though. We have started playing harder."

Idaho Falls (2-6) got 13 points from Landon Walker. The Tigers have now lost six straight after winning its first two games.

The Spartans trailed by three at halftime, and then led by three heading into the fourth quarter. Big 3-pointers in the final

four minutes by Coltin Johnson and Christiansen gave Minico a cushion, and the Spartans converted 7 of 9 free throws down the stretch.

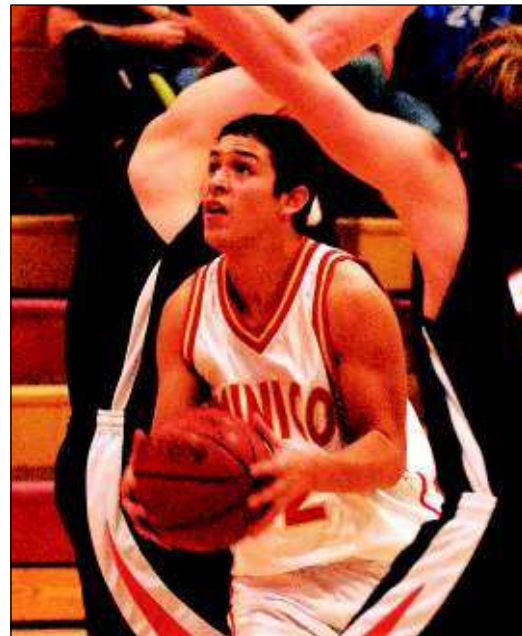
Minico hosts Highland on Wednesday.

Minico 49, Idaho Falls 41

Idaho Falls 8 10 9 14 — 41
Minico 10 9 15 19 — 49
IDaho FALLS (41)
Devan Munk 4, Luke Erwin 3, Landon Walker 13, Hayden Bottcher 8, Jason Burton 7, Eric Hillam 6. Totals 16 4-11 41.

MINICO (49)
Kalen Knopp 3, Mark Leon 14, Coltin Johnson 3, Shad Hubsmith 14, Pete Coats 3, Casey Christiansen 5, Tyson Crane 3, Kevin Jurgensmeier 4. Totals 17 9-11 49.
3-point goals: Idaho Falls 4 (Bottcher 2, Burton 2); Minico 6 (Knopp, Leon 2, Johnson, Coats, Christiansen). Total fouls: Idaho Falls 12; Minico 15. Fouled out: Munk.

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Minico's Mark Leon squeezes through Idaho Falls defenders on a drive to the basket Saturday.

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AP photo

Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, center, catches the ball for a touchdown as Atlanta Falcons defensive backs Lawyer Milloy (36) and Chris Houston (23) defend Saturday during the first quarter of an NFC wild card playoff game at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

Warner, defense, lead Arizona past Atlanta 30-24

The Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals were no playoff pretenders.

Kurt Warner opened with a 42-yard touchdown pass to Larry Fitzgerald and connected with Anquan Boldin on a 71-yard scoring play as the Cardinals beat Atlanta 30-24 Saturday before a raucous, white towel-waving crowd in their first home playoff game in 61 years.

Atlanta rookie Matt Ryan was intercepted twice, was tackled in the end zone for a safety and fumbled the ball away on a botched handoff. The fumble was returned 26 yards by Antrel Rolle 52 seconds into the second half to put Arizona ahead for good.

The Cardinals' Edgerrin James outgained Atlanta's Michael Turner, the NFL's No. 2 rusher.

James, who has made it known he will not be back with the Cardinals next season, carried 16 times for 73 yards. Turner, who rushed for

1,699 yards in the regular season, had 42 yards in 18 attempts.

Warner, in the playoffs for the first time since leading St. Louis to a second Super Bowl in 2001, was 19-of-32, 13-for-17 in the second half, for 271 yards. He was intercepted once.

"I hope this gives us a lot of confidence," Warner said. "I knew we thought we could win this game. Hopefully we can parlay this into some more confidence and know we can win wherever we have to go."

Arizona will play at either the New York Giants or Carolina Panthers next weekend. Arizona has played both teams this season, losing 27-23 at Carolina on Oct. 26, and 37-29 at home to the Giants on Nov. 23.

Ryan, the AP Offensive Rookie of the Year, completed 26 of 40 passes for 199 yards and two scores.

The Cardinals went 9-7 to

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Golden Eagles blow big lead, surge late for victory

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team huddled around head coach Steve Gosar during the timeout, figuring out what had just happened, and what to do about it.

The 18th-ranked Golden Eagles had just watched a 21-point second-half lead evaporate, and Gosar told them they needed to make a big stop.

Byago Diouf delivered that stop, and all was suddenly well in CSI Gymnasium once more.

CSI survived a 27-5 run by Sheridan (Wyo.) College, replying with a 22-4 spurt of its own to take a 101-84 victory in the final game of the James Ray Construction Shoot Out on Saturday night.

With the score tied at 70-all, Aziz N'diaye missed two free throws that could have given CSI the lead, after the Golden Eagles (13-2) grabbed a series of offensive rebounds to put the Senegalese big man at the line. Daequon Montreal got the next offensive board, however, and fed Jay Watkins for the bucket and the foul to give CSI a three-point lead. Byago Diouf's quick hands forced a tie-up on Sheridan's next trip down the floor and Montreal later knocked down an 8-foot baseline jumper to restore order.

"Those were huge, huge plays for our team," said Gosar. "We told the guys that all runs start with stops, and Byago got in there and ... we got the ball back and got a



College of Southern Idaho forward Jay Watkins goes up for 2 during the first half of play against the Sheridan Generals Saturday night in Twin Falls.

JUSTIN JACKSON/
Times-News

huge basket out of that."

Watkins and Montreal, the team's only sophomores, stepped up to lead the Golden Eagles with 24 and

21 points, respectively, to offset the 25 from Sheridan's J.R. Cadot.

CSI started off slow but countered with a 22-6 run in

the first half to take an 18-point lead into halftime. Sheridan (10-3) came back

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San Diego defeats Indianapolis 23-17 in overtime

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Peyton Manning has his MVP award and nothing more, outdone again in January by the San Diego Chargers.

Speedy little Darren Sproles scooted 22 yards for the winning score 6:20 into overtime and the Chargers beat the Colts 23-17 in an AFC wild-card game Saturday night, ending Indianapolis' nine-game winning streak a day after Manning won his third Associated Press NFL MVP award.

Sproles came up big on a night when the Chargers played the final 2 1/2 quarters without LaDainian Tomlinson, who stood on the sideline in obvious discomfort from a

groin injury.

Fifty years after the Baltimore Colts won the first overtime game in league history by the same score over the New York Giants for the NFL title, Indianapolis wasn't so fortunate. It was victimized by Sproles, who rushed 23 times for 105 yards, caught five passes for 45 yards, had 106 yards on four kickoff returns and 72 on three punt runbacks.

The Chargers (9-8) won the overtime toss. Indy's Darrell Reid called heads, but referee Ron Winter's flip came up tails. Sproles sent the Chargers into the second round of the playoffs, either at Tennessee or Pittsburgh, by finishing off the only series of overtime with his TD run around left end against an

exhausted defense for the Colts (12-5).

San Diego's winning drive was aided by two defensive holding calls, the second against Tim Jennings on third-and-8. On the next play, Colts linebacker Clint Session was whistled for grabbing Sproles' facemask. Sproles scored on the next play, shedding a defender at the 5-yard line.

Sproles' TD run sent Qualcomm Stadium into bedlam. It was San Diego's fifth straight win; the Chargers needed the previous four victories to secure the AFC West title with an 8-8 record.

Last season, the Chargers pulled off a 28-24 upset at Indianapolis in the divisional round after Rivers and Tomlinson



AP photo

San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers, right, pats Indianapolis Colts' Peyton Manning, left, on the back Saturday after their AFC wild card playoff game in San Diego.

both went out with knee injuries.

It was the 25th overtime game in the postseason,

including one game in the AFL. The last overtime game in the playoffs was last season's NFC title game, won by

the New York Giants and Manning's little brother, Eli, against Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers.

Kimberly girls win SCIC clash over Wendell

Times-News

The Kimberly girls basketball team remained undefeated in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play with a 45-40 victory at Wendell on Saturday.

Megan Crist and Alex Pfefferle led the Bulldogs, each scoring in double figures in a tight contest.

"Both are good ball clubs and were tough defensively," Wendell coach Delon Huse said. "We just missed some free throws and some shots here and there."

The Trojans also had two players in double figures, Kristen Brandsma and Jaci Lancaster.

Wendell (8-2, 3-1 SCIC) will travel to Glenns Ferry Tuesday, while Kimberly (7-1, 4-0) will travel to Jerome Wednesday.

Kimberly 45, Wendell 40

Kimberly 8 10 13 12 - 45
Wendell 9 11 14 - 40

KIMBERLY (45)
Alex Pfefferle 14, Sarah Lentz 6, Whitney Carlton 4, Averie Schroeder 2, Megan Crist 15, Kelsey Molyneux 4. Totals 15 13-24 45.

WENDELL (40)
Jori Fleming 4, Krystyl Miller 4, Jaci Lancaster 10, Kristen Brandsma 16, Heather Sturgeon 6. Totals 14 11-20 40.

3-point goals: Kimberly 2 (Carlton, Crist); Wendell 1 (Miller). Total fouls: Kimberly 18, Wendell 22. Fouled out: Wendell, Sturgeon. Technical fouls: Wendell, bench.

DIETRICH 57, HANSEN 44

Jesse Dill scored 22 points to lead Dietrich to a 57-44 win over the host Hansen Huskies.

"We ended the game with only four players on the floor," said Hansen coach Jim Lasso. "But we only lost by 13 points to a quality team."

Dayna Phillips was also in double figures for the Blue Devils with 10 points. Nadine Giardina had 13 points and Shelbie Hancock posted 10 for Hansen (3-8).

Hansen is at Shoshone on Tuesday.

Dietrich 57, Hansen 44

Dietrich 19 17 11 10 - 57
Hansen 12 15 5 12 - 44

DIETRICH (57)
Ellie Dalton 7, Nakia Norman 6, Jesse Dill 22, Moriah Dill 4, Shayla Porter 8, Dayna Phillips 10. Totals 23 9-18 57.

HANSEN (44)
Marlen Murrillo 9, Nadine Giardina 13, Claudia Vega 2, Dori Lockwood 3, Shawnie Higgins 7, Shelbie Hancock 10. Totals 17 8-17 44.

3-point goals: Dietrich 2 (Dalton, Norman); Hansen 2 (Murrillo, Giardina). Total fouls: Dietrich 18, Hansen 16. Fouled out: Hansen, Lockwood, Higgins. Technical fouls: none.

said Kimberly coach Marvin Mumm. "We held an 8 to 10 point lead most of the first half and our pressure got to them in the second half."

Cody Wadsworth led Kimberly with 16 points and A.J. Schroeder posted 14. Eric Marvin and Duston Brown also were in double digits for the Bulldogs with Marvin scoring 12 and Brown adding 10. Tyler Montgomery led the Indians with 13 points and J.D. Leckenby had 10.

Kimberly (5-2) hosts American Falls on Tuesday.

Buhl (0-6, 0-1 SCIC) is at Declo on Thursday.

Kimberly 71, Buhl 47

Buhl 9 13 15 10 - 47
Kimberly 16 13 16 24 - 71

BUHL (47)
Nathan Romans 2, J.D. Leckenby 10, Jack Hamilton 3, Garret Schiltz 7, Gabe Jacobson 2, Nick Hamilton 6, Cader Owen 4, Tyler Montgomery 13. Totals 17 10-17 47.

KIMBERLY (71)
A.J. Schroeder 14, Isaac Makings 2, Lael Schoessler 7, Eric Marvin 12, Duston Brown 10, Justin Winnill 4, Cody Wadsworth 16, Jared Mumm 6. Totals 23 19-28 71.

3-point goals: Buhl 3 (Montgomery 2, Schiltz); Kimberly 6 (Marvin 3, Schroeder 2, Brown). Total fouls: Buhl 21, Kimberly 14. Fouled out: Buhl, Romans, Jacobson. Technical fouls: none.

Boys basketball

KIMBERLY 71, BUHL 47

Kimberly moved to 2-0 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference as the Bulldogs rolled over the Buhl Indians 71-47.

"We just wore them out,"

DECLO 65, FILER 56, OT

After finishing regulation tied 49-all, Declo outscored Filer 16-7 in overtime as the Hornets beat the visiting Wildcats 65-56.

Declo held a 40-34 lead

after three quarters but the Wildcats scored 15 points in the final period to push the game into the overtime.

"It was good to get back after a two week layoff," said Declo coach Dee Lewis. "We were a little rusty in the first half and missed a lot of free throws (6). (Bryce) Beard and (Justin) Orban hit some threes in the fourth quarter for Filer. We got things rolling in the overtime and the kids really stepped up and competed."

Declo had three players in double figures with Shaylon Fenstermaker scoring a team-high 14 points followed by Connor Garner with 12 and Jared Erickson added 10. Beard scored a game-high 26 points in the losing effort for the Wildcats.

Declo (5-3) hosts Buhl on Thursday.

Filer is at Wendell on Friday.

Declo 65, Filer 56, OT

Filer 10 12 12 15 7 - 56
Declo 10 16 14 9 16 - 65

FILER (56)
Bryce Beard 26, Nathan Hughes 6, Justin Orban 7, Andrew Wright 2, Terrell Bailey 8, Nathan Karel 5, Ryan Karel 2. Totals 17 15-20 56.

DECLO (65)
Jared Erickson 10, Tucker Edgar 7, Connor Garner 12, Brandon Petersen 5, Tyler Briggs 9, Shaylon Fenstermaker 14, Jeremy Jenkins 8. Totals 23 18-28 65.

3-point goals: Filer 7 (Beard 4, Orban 2, Bailey); Declo 1 (Garner). Total fouls: Filer 28, Declo 19. Fouled out: Filer, Hughes, Nathan Karel. Technical fouls: none.

GOODING 52, VALLEY 46

Gooding won for the first time this season as the Senators beat the visiting Vikings 52-46.

"We are going in the right direction and getting better since our first game to now," said Gooding coach Max Piper. "We are starting to play our game."

Gooding was led by Tyler Rex with a game-high 17 points followed by Tommy McMurdie with 15 and Justin Parke with 13.

For Valley, Juan Zambrano and Montana Barlow each had nine points.

Gooding (1-6) hosts Glenns Ferry and Valley is at Wendell on Wednesday.

Gooding 52, Valley 46

Valley 7 6 18 17 - 46
Gooding 12 15 11 14 - 52

VALLEY (46)
Cristian Orozco 5, Matt Garr 4, Brogen Reed 7, Daniel Burns 4, Juan Zambrano 9, Montana Barlow 9, Chase Brown 2, Jacob Mikesell 6. Totals 18 6-11 46.

GOODING (52)
Justin Parke 13, Tommy McMurdie 15, Austin Basterrechea 4, Colton Knoff 3, Tyler Rex 17. Totals 22 6-9 52.

3-point goals: Valley 4 (Barlow 3, Orozco); Gooding 2 (Parke 2). Total fouls: Valley 13, Gooding 14. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CAMAS COUNTY 33, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 29

Cory Brand and Mickenzie Boggs each scored 11 to lead Camas County to a 33-29 win over the Community School

in Ketchum on Saturday afternoon.

Lucas Vorsteveld led all scorers with 13 for the 2-4 Cutthroats (2-2 Northside Conference), who host Dietrich on Tuesday.

Camas County 33, Community School 29

Camas County 14 7 8 7 - 33
Community School 8 6 10 5 - 29

CAMAS COUNTY (33)
Cory Brand 11, Mickenzie Boggs 11, Andrew Simon 9, Derek Walker 2. Totals 10 13-23 33.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL (29)
Lucas Vorsteveld 13, Eddy Albaran 6, Caspar Brun 5, Will Weston 2, Paul Davis 2, Chet Stephens 1. Totals 10 4-4 29.

3-point goals: Camas County 4 (Albaran 2, Vorsteveld 2). Fouled out: Community School, Brun. Technical fouls: none.

Late Friday Girls basketball

VALLEY 63, CAREY 44

Katie Hall scored a game-high 23 points to lead Valley to a 63-44 win over visiting Carey on Friday.

Jessica Parke scored 12 for the Panthers.

Valley (9-3) hosts Shoshone on Monday.

Valley 63, Carey 44

Carey 10 8 17 9 - 44
Valley 14 15 15 9 - 63

CAREY (44)
Green 6, Parke 12, Murrill 2, Ellsworth 5, Hansen 11, Bailey 8. Totals 17 7-12 44.

VALLEY (63)
Hall 23, Callen 3, Hunter 5, Sizemore 8, Henry 7, Kraus 2, Nava 8, Wood 7. Totals 25 10-19 63.

3-point goals: Carey 3 (Green, Parke, Hansen); Valley 3 (Callen, Hunter, Henry). Total fouls: Carey 18, Valley 16. Fouled out: Carey, Parke, Ellsworth. Technical fouls: none.

Teague leads No. 6 Wake Forest over BYU

PROVO, Utah — No. 6 Wake Forest ended the nation's longest home winning streak by beating BYU 94-87 on Saturday.

The Cougars had won 53 straight dating to a loss to Loyola-Marymount to open the 2005-06 season. Jeff Teague just missed his career high with 30 points and James Johnson had 22 points and 15 rebounds as the Demon Deacons improved to 13-0 for the first time since the 1996-97 season.

Wake Forest broke an 85-all tie with eight straight points in the final two minutes. Aminu Al-Farouq had 12 points and L.D. Williams scored 11 for the Demon Deacons.

Jimmer Fredette had 23 points and Lee Cummar scored 17 for the Cougars (11-2).

KANSAS ST. 83, IDAHO STATE 57

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jamar Samuels scored 15 points to lead Kansas State to a 83-57 win over Idaho State on Saturday.

Jacob Pullen added 12 for the Wildcats (10-3).

Matt Stucki and Phillip Taylor led the Bengals (4-11) with 13 and 10 points respectively.

The Bengals struck first on a layup by Stucki, but back-to-back 3-pointers by Pullen gave the Wildcats the lead for good.

After falling behind 25-13, Idaho State narrowed the gap to eight, but scored just five points in the final 9:30.

Kansas State ended the half on an 8-1 run to take a 40-22 lead into intermission.

Stucki opened the second half with a pair of free throws, but Kansas State responded with a 9-1 run to push its lead to 49-25.

The Bengals got within 18 on a 9-3 run midway through the half, but a pair of free throws by Pullen extinguished the comeback attempt.

Men's Top 10

NO. 2 CONNECTICUT 82, RUTGERS 49

STORRS, Conn. — Hasheem Thabeet led a balanced Connecticut attack with 15 points and eight rebounds, and the second-ranked Huskies snapped back from their first loss of the season with a 80-49 win over Rutgers on Saturday night.

Jerome Dyson added 14 points and Jeff Adrien had 13 for UConn (12-1, 1-1 Big East). Stanley Robinson, making his first start of the year, chipped in 11 points



AP photo

Wake Forest's Harvey Hale, left, fouls BYU's Jonathan Tavernari, of Brazil, as he drives to the basket Saturday during the second half in Provo, Utah.

and seven boards.

It was the third consecutive loss to a highly ranked team for Rutgers (9-6, 0-2), which was beaten last Sunday by No. 1 North Carolina and lost on Wednesday to No. 3 Pittsburgh.

Freshman guard Mike Rosario, who had 26 points against the Tar Heels and 22 against Pitt, hit just two of 13 shots from the field and finished with 10 points. Gregory Echenique led the Scarlet Knights with 17.

NO. 3 PITTSBURGH 70, NO. 11 GEORGETOWN 54

WASHINGTON — Fourteen games into the season, No. 3 Pittsburgh took its first major test and passed it with plenty to spare — thanks to the inside muscle of DeJuan Blair.

Blair had 20 points and 17 rebounds to win his duel with Georgetown standout freshman Greg Monroe, and the No. 3 Panthers never trailed in Saturday's 70-54 win over the No. 11 Hoyas.

In a rematch of the last two Big East tournament championship games, Pittsburgh (14-0, 2-0 Big East) broke open a close contest with a 17-4 run midway through the second half.

OKLAHOMA 93, COPPIN ST. 62

NORMAN, Okla. — Tony Crocker scored 20 points to lead No. 4 Oklahoma to a 93-62 victory over Coppin State on Saturday.

Crocker hit five 3-pointers, including four in the opening half when the Sooners (13-1) raced out to leads of 20-6 and 34-13 over the Eagles.

Tywan McKee scored 20 points to lead Coppin State (2-11).

The Sooners took a 45-23 lead at the break behind 15 points from Crocker and 12 from Blake Griffin, who finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season.

Coming off of its first loss of the season against

Arkansas on Tuesday, Oklahoma shot 54 percent from the field and outrebounded Coppin State 48-29.

Willie Warren added 14 points for the Sooners, Omar Leary had 11 and Ray Willis scored 10.

ST. JOHN'S 71, NO. 7 NOTRE DAME 65

NEW YORK — D. J. Kennedy scored 20 points, including four free throws in the final 15 seconds, and had 10 rebounds to send St. John's past No. 7 Notre Dame 71-65 on Saturday.

The Red Storm (10-4, 1-1 Big East) snapped their three-game losing streak by holding Notre Dame to one of its worst 3-point shooting games of the season (4-for-17), including a 1-for-5 effort from long-range specialist Kyle McAlarney.

Luke Harangody had 28 points and 14 rebounds for the Fighting Irish (10-3, 1-1), who had won four straight. This was the third of the last four meetings to come down to the final minute.

NO. 10 MICHIGAN ST. 77, NORTHWESTERN 66

EVANSTON, Ill. — Raymar Morgan scored 22 points and grabbed a season-high 13 rebounds to lead No. 10 Michigan State to a 77-66 victory over Northwestern and the Spartans' seventh straight win on Saturday.

Kalin Lucas came on strong after a rough start, scoring all but three of his 18 points in the second half. Chris Allen scored 16 and provided the spark as the Wildcats scored the first 12 points of the second half to turn a one-point deficit into a 44-33 lead. That doused any notion of an upset and sent Michigan State (11-2, 2-0 Big Ten) to its 12th consecutive win over Northwestern (8-4, 0-2).

Women

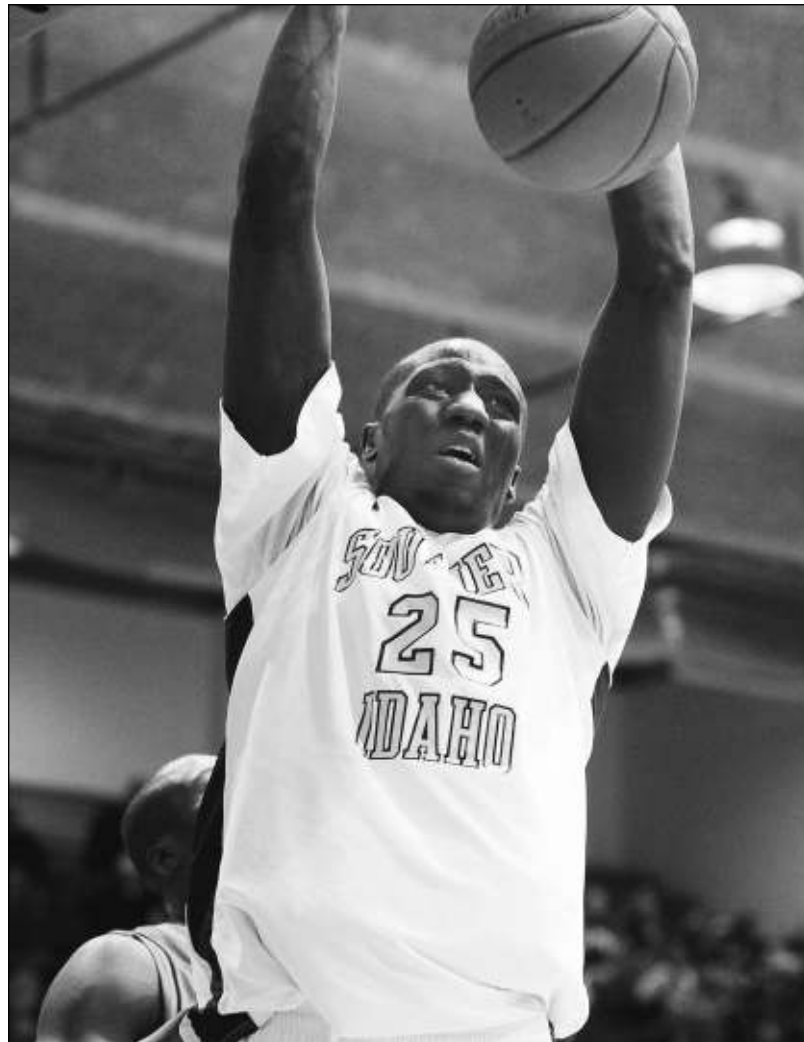
BOISE STATE 60, IDAHO 56

The Boise State women's basketball team defeated in-state and Western Athletic Conference rival Idaho 60-56 Saturday in Moscow.

The Broncos (8-7, 1-0) won their WAC opener with three players scoring in double figures (Heather Pilcher 16, Jamia Malone 11, Janie Bos 10).

Missed baskets and free throws, along with too many turnovers, doomed the Vandals (3-9, 0-1) to a loss for their WAC opener. Freshman Shaena Kuehu led Idaho with 14 points and eight rebounds, and Yinka Olorunnife added 13 points and nine rebounds.

— The Associated Press



CSI center Aziz Ndiaye dunks the ball during the first half Saturday night in Twin Falls.

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CSI

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with its massive run to eradicate the deficit, but the Golden Eagles had the last laugh.

"We knew they were bound to get a run eventually, so it was just a matter of calling our time-out and going back to how we did things in the first half," said Montreal, who finished with 11 rebounds to go with his point haul. "When we had all those offensive rebounds and Jay got the basket, I knew we were going to be alright."

Watkins and Montreal hit just about every big shot for CSI down the stretch, bar one. Janelle Barrett, who picked up tournament MVP honors, hit a runner in the lane to drive home the final nail in Sheridan's coffin with a couple of minutes left to go.

The freshman Barrett finished within sniffing distance of a triple-double, piling up 14 points to go with eight rebounds and eight assists. But it was the pair of sophomores that led the way both emotionally and through action.

"Coach relies a lot of us to lead the younger guys along," said Watkins, who repeatedly pounded his chest after the game-changing basket and urged the crowd a few times to pump the noise up. "It shows a mark of a good team ... the game of basketball is a game of runs, and we made sure we got the last one."

The first 11 minutes of the second half were a point of concern for Gosar, who said he still felt good about his team's prospects ahead of the conference season.

But, as Montreal said, those 11 minutes are some-

James Ray Construction Shoot Out

At CSI Gymnasium Thursday's games

Sheridan College (Wyo.) 84, Westchester CC (N.Y.) 73
No. 18 CSI 98, Treasure Valley CC (Ore.) 71

Friday's games

Sheridan 95, Treasure Valley 90
CSI 91, Westchester 65

Saturday's games

Westchester 77, Treasure Valley 68
CSI 101, Sheridan 84
All-Tournament Team: Jarrid Famous, Westchester; J.R. Cadot, Sheridan; Aaron Snooks, Treasure Valley; Aziz N'diaye, CSI; Moustapha Diarra, Sheridan.
Tournament Most Outstanding Player: Janelle Barrett, CSI.

thing to file away and use to get better, starting on Monday.

"It was like we had two different teams out there, the one that started and finished the game and the one that started the second half that none of us recognized," Gosar said. "But it's a testament to the mettle of our team that we have guys who are going to fight back and aren't going to just let it slip away."

"They got themselves into good positions and did some important things, and I was really pleased with that, especially when the momentum had totally shifted in (Sheridan's) favor."

CSI ended its pre-confer-

ence schedule with Saturday's game. The Golden Eagles open up Scenic West Athletic Conference play with a trip to Colorado Northwestern Community College on Friday.

WESTCHESTER (N.Y.) CC 77, TREASURE VALLEY (ORE.) 68

Jarrid Famous had a game-high 32 points and 23 rebounds as Westchester picked up its first win of the weekend, 77-68 over Treasure Valley.

Khalid Martin added 17 for the Westcos (6-5), who outrebounded their opponents 44-28.

Jacob King scored 22 for the Chukars (3-11) on 11-for-11 shooting from the field. Aaron Snooks added 15, including three 3-pointers.

CSI 101, Sheridan 84

SHERIDAN (80-3)
Josh Peery 14 0-0 2, Quintin Dailey 6-17 1-2 16, Moustapha Diarra 7-12 0-0 14, Steve Ivory Jr. 1-2 0-1 2, Scottie Payne 4-11 1-2 9, Jake Lohoff 0-1 0-0 0, J.R. Cadot 9-15 7-12 25, Bryan Pyles 0-2 0-0 0, Sam Iweuke 1-4 0-0 2, Antoine Proctor 3-6 2-5 8, Charlton Wilson 2-5 2-5 6. Totals 33-79 13-27 84.

CSI (101)
Byrge Dlouf 1-3 0-0 2, Aziz Ndiaye 5-8 1-6 11, Janelle Barrett 5-10 4-4 14, Louis Garrett 3-7 4-5 10, Max Carrier 0-1 0-0 0, Cheyne Martin 2-7 2-2 8, Jay Watkins 9-13 6-6 24, Romario Souza 1-2 2-2 4, Charles Odum 0-1 7-10 7, Totals 33-68 33-43 101.
Halftime: CSI 56, Sheridan 37. 3-point goals: Sheridan 5-20 (Peery 0-2, Dailey 3-9, Cadot 2-6, Lohoff 0-1, Ivory 0-1, Pyles 0-1); CSI 2-11 (Barrett 0-2, Garrett 0-2, Martin 2-4, Montreal 0-3). Rebounds: Sheridan 43 (Cadot 8); CSI 53 (Montreal, Watkins 11). Assists: Sheridan 20 (Payne 8); CSI 21 (Barrett 8). Turnovers: Sheridan 14, CSI 17. Total fouls: Sheridan 32, CSI 24. Fouled out: Sheridan, Diarra, Peery; CSI, Ndiaye. Technical fouls: none.

Westchester 77, Treasure Valley 68

WESTCHESTER (65)
Lopez Willis 3-4 0-0 8, Miles Nicholas 3-11 0-0 6, Chris Abney 3-10 0-0 6, Jarrid Famous 13-20 6-9 32, Jerome Alexander 5-8 0-0 0, Chaz Crisbs 0-0 0-0 0, Khalid Martin 8-10 1-1 17, Javon Holley 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 34-68 2-6 77.
TREASURE VALLEY (3-11)
Daniel Collins 0-0 0-0 0, Nick Brothers 1-5 0-0 3, Kyle Hart 1-4 0-0 2, Aaron Snooks 6-11 0-0 15, Jacob King 11-11 0-0 22, Jordan Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Mychal Harris 2-7 0-0 5, Austin Potts 3-5 0-0 6, Eric Giardina 2-8 2-4 6, Manny Lopez 3-9 0-1 6, Pat Blanchard 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 30-64 2-5 68.
Halftime: Treasure Valley 33, Westchester 31. 3-point goals: Treasure Valley 6-17 (Brothers 1-2, Hart 0-1, Snooks 3-5, Blanchard 1-1, Harris 2-6, Potts 0-1, Lopez 0-1); Westchester 2-6 (Willis 2-2, Nicholas 0-2, Holley 0-2). Rebounds: Treasure Valley 28 (King 7); Westchester 44 (Famous 23). Assists: Treasure Valley 28 (Hart 6); Westchester 23 (Willis 8). Turnovers: Treasure Valley 8, Westchester 10. Total fouls: Treasure Valley 13, Westchester 12. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

D-Wade leads Heat past Nets in overtime

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 29 points, had three key blocks in the closing minutes and the Miami Heat overcame a 16-point deficit to beat the New Jersey Nets 101-96 in overtime Saturday night.

Wade did it all in the Heat's biggest comeback victory of the season.

The superstar went up high for two blocks on 7-footer Brook Lopez, including one in overtime, and swatted a jumper by Vince Carter into the stands in the final minute of regulation. Wade's 3-point play with 37.2 seconds left in overtime stretched Miami's lead to eight at 96-88.

Trailing by 16 points in the first quarter, the Heat rode a season-high 19 points from Yakhouba Diawara and 17 points from Michael Beasley. Miami's biggest previous comeback was Dec. 22 against Indiana, when it rallied from 15 points down.

New Jersey cut it to 99-96, but Carter's desperation 3-point attempt missed.

Keyon Dooling had 23 points, and Carter had 20 for the Nets.

HAWKS 103, ROCKETS 100

ATLANTA — Mike Bibby made a 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds remaining, and Josh Smith scored a season-high 29 points for Atlanta.

Joe Johnson had a season-high 14 assists, the last when he drove from the perimeter and into the left side of the lane before passing to Bibby for the winner.

The Hawks won their sixth straight at home, improving to 15-2 this sea-

son at Philips Arena. Overall, Atlanta has won six of seven. Reserve Carl Landry scored 18 points, and Yao Ming had 16 points and 15 rebounds for Houston, which has dropped two straight and five of seven. Aaron Brooks missed a 3 from the left corner at the buzzer that would've forced overtime.

SPURS 108, 76ERS 106

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker hit a high-arching 15-footer at the buzzer and San Antonio won after blowing an early 21-point lead.

Parker finished with 15 points and 10 assists to help the Spurs win for seventh time in eight games. Tim Duncan led San Antonio with 26 points on 11-of-15 shooting.

Andre Miller led Philadelphia with 28 points on 12-of-14 shooting.

PACERS 122, KINGS 117

INDIANAPOLIS — Danny Granger scored 13 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter in Indiana's second straight victory.

T.J. Ford had 16 points and seven assists, and Troy Murphy added 12 points and 13 rebounds. Kevin Martin led Sacramento with a season-high 45 points, making 13 of 24 shots and a career-high seven 3-pointers. The Kings are 1-8 in their last nine games.

BOBCATS 102, BUCKS 92

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald



Wallace scored 24 points, Boris Diaw added 21 and Charlotte snapped a three-game losing streak.

The NBA's lowest-scoring team took advantage of Bucks center Andrew Bogut's absence because of back spasms to avenge a Friday night loss in Milwaukee.

Richard Jefferson scored 19 points for Milwaukee.

TIMBERWOLVES 102, BULLS 92

CHICAGO — Randy Foye scored 21 points, and Al Jefferson added 18 points and 14 rebounds to help Minnesota win consecutive games for the first time this season and improve to 4-2 in its last six games.

Derrick Rose had 22 points for Chicago, which has lost six of its last seven games.

NUGGETS 105, HORNETS 100

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony scored 22 points, including a layup with 56.5 seconds left, and the Denver Nuggets blew a 26-point third quarter lead before recovering to beat the New Orleans Hornets 105-100 on Saturday night.

J.R. Smith scored 11 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter for Denver.

Chris Paul had 30 points and 11 assists, and David West had 21 points for the Hornets, who had their four-game winning streak snapped.

— The Associated Press



Miami Heat's Yakhouba Diawara shoots and scores a three-point basket as New Jersey Nets' Trenton Harris defends during the third quarter in Miami, Saturday.

AP photo

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All Time Best Eastern

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	5	.853	—
New Jersey	16	18	.471	13
Philadelphia	13	20	.394	15½
Toronto	13	20	.394	15½
New York	12	19	.387	15½

Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	26	7	.788	—
Atlanta	22	12	.667	4
Miami	18	14	.563	7½
Charlotte	12	22	.353	14½
Washington	6	25	.194	19

Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	27	5	.844	—
Detroit	20	11	.645	6½
Milwaukee	16	19	.457	12½
Chicago	14	20	.412	14
Indiana	12	21	.364	15½

Southwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	22	11	.667	—
New Orleans	20	10	.667	½
Dallas	21	12	.625	1½
Houston	20	14	.600	2
Memphis	10	23	.303	12

Northwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	23	12	.657	—
Portland	20	13	.606	2
Utah	19	15	.559	3½
Minnesota	8	25	.242	14
Oklahoma City	4	30	.118	18½

Pacific

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	26	5	.839	—
Phoenix	19	12	.613	7
Golden State	10	25	.286	18
L.A. Clippers	8	24	.250	18½
Sacramento	8	26	.235	19½

Friday's Games

Orlando 86, Miami 76
Toronto 94, Houston 73
New Jersey 93, Atlanta 91, OT
Indiana 105, New York 103
Cleveland 117, Chicago 92
Boston 108, Washington 83
San Antonio 91, Memphis 80
Denver 122, Oklahoma City 120
Detroit 98, Sacramento 92
Minnesota 115, Golden State 108
Milwaukee 103, Charlotte 75
Dallas 96, Philadelphia 86
Phoenix 106, L.A. Clippers 98
New Orleans 92, Portland 77
L.A. Lakers 113, Utah 100

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 103, Houston 100
Charlotte 102, Milwaukee 92
Miami 101, New Jersey 96, OT
Minnesota 102, Chicago 92
San Antonio 108, Philadelphia 106
Denver 105, New Orleans 100
Orlando at Toronto, 10:30 a.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 11 a.m.
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 1:30 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 2 p.m.
Boston at New York, 4 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

Sacramento at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 5:30 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 7 p.m.

NBA Boxes

Spurs 108, 76ers 106

PHILADELPHIA (106)
Young 8-16 2-2 19, Igoudala 10-15 5-8 25, Dalember 1-3 0-0 2, Miller 12-14 3-4 28, Green 1-9 0-0 2, Williams 4-9 1-2 11, Spoelstra 4-7 2-2 10, Evans 0-2 2-2 1, Ivey 1-2 1-2 3, Ratliff 2-0 0-0 4, Totals 43-79 16-19 106.

San Antonio (108)

Finley 9-9 0-0 14, Duncan 11-15 4-8 26, Bonner 3-8 0-0 9, Parker 7-17 0-0 15, Mason 6-10 2-2 19, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Ginobili 8-13 3-4 21, Tolliver 0-2 0-0 0, Hill 0-1 0-0 0, Bowen 2-3 0-0 4, Totals 42-79 9-14 108.
Philadelphia 19 31 31 25 - 106
San Antonio 40 26 18 24 - 108
3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 4-12 (Williams 2-3, Miller 1-1, Young 1-2, Ivey 0-1, Igoudala 0-2, Green 0-3), San Antonio 15-26 (Mason 5-5, Finley 4-6, Bonner 3-5, Ginobili 2-5, Parker 1-2, Bowen 0-1, Tolliver 0-1, Hill 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 45 (Igoudala 8), San Antonio 36 (Duncan 12). Assists—Philadelphia 19 (Igoudala 8), San Antonio 27 (Parker 10). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 15, San Antonio 18. Technicals—Igoudala, A.—18,797 (18,797).

Bobcats 102, Bucks 92

MILWAUKEE (92)
Jefferson 6-12 7-8 19, Mbah a Moute 1-2 2-2, Gaudzurc 4-6 0-0, Rindour 5-9 2-2 12, Redd 6-14 4-17, Elson 1-2 1-2 3, C.Bell 4-8 1-1 11, Villanueva 2-6 1-2 5, Lue 1-3 1-2 3, Sessions 1-2 0-0 2, Alexander 3-4 1-2 8, Totals 34-68 21-29 92.
Charlotte (102)
Wallace 7-17 9-10 24, Diaw 8-11 3-4 21, Okafor 5-8 4-6 14, Felton 4-8 3-3 11, Carroll 8-5 1-7, Mohammed 1-1 0-0 2, Augustin 3-8 5-12, Howard 2-3 2-2 6, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Morrison 1-6 2-2 5, Ajinca 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 33-70 29-33 102.

Milwaukee 21 20 21 29 - 92

Charlotte 22 20 25 26 - 102
3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 3-11 (C.Bell 2-5, Redd 1-4, Rindour 0-1, Jefferson 0-1), Charlotte 1-8 (Carroll 2-3, Diaw 2-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 24 (Villanueva 10), Charlotte 35 (Felton, Okafor, Diaw 6). Assists—Milwaukee 15 (Redd 5), Charlotte 22 (Diaw 7). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 23, Charlotte 24. Technicals—Milwaukee Coach Skiles, Villanueva. Milwaukee defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Villanueva, A.—14,201 (19,077).

Pacers 122, Kings 117

SACRAMENTO (117)
Salmons 5-12 0-0 13, Moore 2-6 1-2 5, Miller 5-9 2-5 13, Udrih 3-6 0-0 7, Garcia 4-7 1-2 10, Jackson 5-10 4-5 15, Martin 13-24 12-12 45, Thompson 3-9 3-3 9, Brown 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 40-85 23-29 117.
Indiana (122)
Granger 10-20 13-16 35, Murphy 4-12 2-2 12, Hibbert 5-6 2-2 12, Jack 5-9 1-1 13, Daniels 4-8 4-12, Ford 6-9 4-6 16, Rush 0-2 0-0 0, Foster 2-4 2-2 6, Nesterovic 4-5 0-0 8, Graham 2-6 2-6, McRoberts 1-4 0-0 2, Diener 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 43-80 30-35 122.

Indiana 37 30 28 - 122

Indiana 37 30 28 - 122
3-Point Goals—Sacramento 14-25 (Martin 7-12, Salmons 3-4, Miller 1-1, Udrih 1-2, Garcia 1-2, Jackson 1-4), Indiana 6-18 (Jack 2-2, Murphy 2-4, Granger 2-6, Rush 0-1, Diener 0-1, Graham 0-2, Ford 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 44 (Jackson 10), Indiana 55 (Murphy 13). Assists—Sacramento 24 (Miller, Martin 6), Indiana 19 (Ford 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 29, Indiana 26. Technicals—Garcia, Indiana defensive three second. A.—12,765 (18,165).

Heat 101, Nets 96, OT

NEW JERSEY (96)
Simmons 7-14 2-3 19, Yi 4-11 4-4 13, Lopez 6-17 0-12, Dooling 9-14 3-3 23, Carter 5-21 9-11 20, Boone 3-5 1-2 7, Hayes 0-3 0-0 0, Najera 1-2 0-0 2, Hassell 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 35-88 19-23 96.
Miami (101)
Cook 5-12 2-2 15, Haslem 2-7 1-2 5, Wade 8-23 13-17 29, Beasley 7-12 3-6 17, Diawara 5-10 4-4 19, Quinn 3-5 0-0 7,

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
2:30 p.m.
CBS — National coverage, Kentucky at Louisville
NFL FOOTBALL
11 a.m.
CBS — Playoffs, AFC Wildcard
Game, Baltimore at Miami 2:30 p.m.
FOX — Playoffs, NFC Wildcard
Game, Philadelphia at Minnesota
PREP FOOTBALL
6 p.m.
ESPN — All-America Game, at Orlando, Fla.

Magliore 0-3 0-0 0, Totals 31-76 30-39 101.
New Jersey 27 19 17 22 - 96
Miami 14 24 23 24 - 101
3-Point Goals—New Jersey 7-20 (Simmons 3-6, Dooling 2-4, Yi 1-3, Carter 1-5, Hayes 0-1, Najera 0-1), Miami 9-23 (Diawara 5-8, Cook 3-7, Quinn 1-3, Chalmers 0-2, Wade 0-3). Fouled Out—Hayes, Cook. Rebounds—New Jersey 58 (Carter, Simmons 9), Miami 53 (Haslem 13). Assists—New Jersey 17 (Dooling 7), Miami 21 (Wade 6). Total Fouls—New Jersey 29, Miami 28. A.—19,600 (19,600).

Hornets 100, Rockets 100

HOUSTON (100)
Walter 7-17 0-1 17, Scola 5-9 6-8 16, Yao 7-12 2-2 16, Alston 4-13 1-1 10, Barry 4-8 0-0 11, Brooks 4-10 0-0 0, Landry 5-8 5-8 18, Head 1-5 0-0 3, Hayes 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 37-77 17-20 100.
Atlanta (103)
Evans 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 13-16 3-4 29, Horford 4-7 0-1 17, Bibby 5-10 0-0 13, Johnson 7-16 0-0 14, Murray 6-13 4-4 17, Law 2-4 0-0 4, Pachulia 4-4 2-2 10, Jones 1-2 2-4, Totals 43-73 13-14 103.

Utah 37 20 24 32 - 100

Utah 37 20 24 32 - 100
3-Point Goals—Houston 9-21 (Barry 3-5, Walter 3-7, Head 1-2, Brooks 1-3, Alston 1-4), Atlanta 4-10 (Bibby 3-5, Murray 1-2, Smith 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Evans 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 43 (Yao 15), Atlanta 31 (Horford 6). Assists—Houston 22 (Alston 9), Atlanta 27 (Johnson 14). Total Fouls—Houston 14, Atlanta 21. A.—16,740 (18,729).

Timberwolves 102, Bulls 92

MINNESOTA (102)
Gomes 7-16 4-4 19, Smith 0-2 1-2 1, Jefferson 8-12 2-2 18, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Foye 6-13 7-7 21, Telfair 5-8 3-15, Love 7-15 4-7 18, Miller 1-5 2-2 4, Cardinal 0-3 0-0 0, Carney 3-8 0-0 6, Totals 37-89 23-27 102.
Chicago (92)
Sefolosha 1-5 0-0 3, Thomas 4-9 7-7 15, Gray 4-9 2-10, Rose 9-9 4-4 22, Gordon 7-24 0-0 7, Hughes 0-3 0-0 5, Noah 2-6 1-4 5, Nocioni 5-9 0-13, Hunter 1-2 0-2 2, Totals 35-89 14-19 92.

Hornets 92, Trail Blazers 77

NEW ORLEANS (92)
Stojakovic 5-11 0-0 14, West 12-21 1-1 25, Chandler 3-5 1-2 7, Paul 7-16 2-2 17, Butler 0-2 0-0 0, Posey 5-10 2-2 15, Armstrong 6-6 0-0 12, Peterson 1-3 0-0 2, Daniels 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 39-76 6-7 92.
Portland (77)
Batum 0-2 0-0 0, Aldridge 5-18 3-4 13, Oden 2-4 0-0 4, Blake 2-2 2-7, Fernandez 6-11 4-4 19, Przybilla 4-6 2-2 10, Outlaw 7-13 2-4 16, Bayless 1-6 2-2 4, Diogu 1-2 0-0 2, Rodriguez 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 29-73 15-18 77.

Memphis 106, Hawks 100

NEW ORLEANS (100)
Stojakovic 1-14 1-12 19, West 8-15 5-6 21, Armstrong 6-8 5-17, Paul 12-18 6-30,

Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans

44 (Posey 9), Portland 41 (Aldridge 10). Assists—New Orleans 20 (Paul 11), Portland 15 (Elliott 5). Total Fouls—New Orleans 20, Portland 16. Flagrant Fouls—Chandler, Ejected—Chandler, A.—20,708 (19,980).

BETTING

Monday's College Line

For Jan. 4
NCAA Football
FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG

Tomorrow
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Texas 11½ 8 (51½) Ohio St.

Tuesday
GMAC Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Tulsa +2½ 1 (75) Ball St.

Thursday
BCS Championship Game
At Miami
Florida 1½ 3½ (70½) Oklahoma

NFL Playoffs
All Times MST
Wild Cards
Saturday, Jan. 3
Arizona 30, Atlanta 24
San Diego 23, Indianapolis 17, OT

Sunday, Jan. 4
Baltimore at Miami, 11 a.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL Boxes

Arizona 30, Atlanta 24
San Diego 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
Sunday, Jan. 4
Baltimore at Miami, 11 a.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.

Cardinals 30, Falcons 24

Atlanta 0 17 0 7 - 24
Arizona 7 7 14 2 - 30
First Quarter
Ari—Fitzgerald 42 pass from Warner (Rackers kick), 10:28.
Second Quarter
Ari—FG Elam 30, 10:00.
Ari—Baldin 71 pass from Warner (Rackers kick), 8:58.
Ari—Turner 7 run (Elam kick), 2:55.
Ari—Peelle 2 pass from Ryan (Elam kick), :23.

Third Quarter

Ari—Rolle 27 fumble return (Rackers kick), 14:08.
Ari—Hightower 4 run (Rackers kick), 2:48.

Fourth Quarter

Ari—Safley, Ryan sacked by A.Smith in end zone, 12:37.
Ari—White 5 pass from Ryan (Elam kick), 4:15.
A.—62,848.

First downs 20
Total Net Yards 250
Rushes-yards 24-60
Passing 190
Punt Returns 3-31
Kickoff Returns 2-54
Interceptions Ret. 1-0
Comp-Att-Int 26-40-2
Sacked-Yards Lost 3-9
Punts 5-42.4
Fumbles-Lost 2-1
Penalties-Yards 6-52
Time of Possession 29:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Atlanta, Turner 18-42, Norwood 12, Ryan 4-6, Arizona, James 16-73, Hightower 6-23, Warner 4-0, Arrington 1(-2), Breaston 1(-8).
PASSING—Atlanta, Ryan 26-40-2-199, Arizona, Warner 19-32-2-71.
RECEIVING—Atlanta, White 11-84, Jenkins 5-51, Peelle 3-11, Finneran 2-11, Pollard 2-7, Norwood 1-28, Turner 1-7, Douglas 1-0.

Chargers 23, Colts 17, OT

Indianapolis 7 3 7 0 0 - 17
San Diego 0 14 0 3 6 - 23
First Quarter
Ind—Addai 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 2:59.
Second Quarter
SD—Tomlinson 3 run (Kaeding kick), 10:15.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 43, 6:46.
SD—Spoltes 9 run (Kaeding kick), :42.

Third Quarter
Ind—Wayne 72 pass from Manning (Vinatieri kick), 8:10.
Fourth Quarter
SD—FG Kaeding 26, :31.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 43, 6:46.
SD—Spoltes 22 run, 8:40.
A.—68,082.

First downs 17
Total Net Yards 366
Rushes-yards 22-64
Passing 302
Punt Returns 2-6
Kickoff Returns 4-63
Interceptions Ret. 1-36
Comp-Att-Int 25-42-0
Sacked-Yards Lost 1-8
Punts 6-46.8
Fumbles-Lost 0-0
Penalties-Yards 9-74
Time of Possession 29:11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Indianapolis, Addai 16-44, Rhodes 4-12, Clark 1-9, Manning 1(-1), San Diego, Spoltes 23-105, Tomlinson 5-25, Bennett 4-24, Rivers 2-13.
PASSING—Indianapolis, Manning 25-42-0-310, San Diego, Rivers 20-36-1-217.
RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Clark 7-33, Gonzalez 6-97, Wayne 4-129, Addai 4-28, Harrison 3-20, Robinson 1-3, San Diego, Gates 8-87, Spoltes 5-45, Chambers 4-57, Naanee

Surprising Dolphins face improved Ravens

MIAMI — Six weeks into the season, the Miami Dolphins still looked a lot like a punch line.

They were 2-4, last in the AFC East and licking their wounds after being manhandled by the Baltimore Ravens. That defeat made it 22 losses in 25 games, and as coach Tony Sparano bemoaned deficiencies in blocking and tackling, it seemed the rebuilding project under the new Bill Parcells regime might take several seasons.

Now, Miami is the NFL's most improbable playoff entrant and three wins from the Super Bowl. With a rookie coach, a castoff quarterback and a roster low on star power, the Dolphins (11-5) have won nine of their past 10 games to claim the AFC East title and make the post-season for the first time since 2001.

Their reward in the first round Sunday: another crack at Baltimore.

This is a rematch in more ways than one, because the Ravens (11-5) are making their third trip to Miami in 13 months. The Dolphins earned their only victory of 2007 by beating Baltimore 22-16 in overtime; the Ravens exacted revenge by winning 27-13 on Oct. 19.

Everyone agrees the Dolphins have improved greatly in the past 2½ months. Blocking and tackling are no longer problems, the offense has become a model of efficiency and the defense can be stingy for long stretches.

Baltimore is better, too. Starting with the victory at Miami, the Ravens have won nine of their past 11 games.

"Everybody talks about the Dolphins being on this ride," Baltimore linebacker Ray

Lewis says. "We don't care about the Dolphins' ride. We're on our own ride."

At the wheel for the Ravens is rookie Joe Flacco, who in the past 11 games has thrown only five interceptions with 13 touchdown passes. He has helped the Ravens win by such scores as 34-3, 36-7, 41-13, 27-7 and 29-10.

"Where they've grown the most is at the quarterback position," Sparano says. "He has total command of the entire playbook. He can keep the play alive, kind of Tony Romo-like. I just see a completely different kid back there right now from the first time we played."

To the astonishment of Miami fans, Flacco has apparently benefited from the tutelage of offensive coordinator Cam Cameron, who went 1-15 in his only season as Dolphins head coach last year.

The Ravens gave an emotional Cameron the game ball after their October victory in Miami. Baltimore mounted four long scoring drives, allowed Flacco plenty of time to throw, scored on an interception return and even stuffed the Wildcat, Miami's variation of the single wing that has produced eight touchdowns this season.

Against the Ravens, the Wildcat netted 4 yards in five plays, but they figure they'll see it again Sunday. The Dolphins gained 55 yards in 10 plays from the formation in Sunday's showdown victory over the New York Jets.

"They have expanded that package," Baltimore coach John Harbaugh says. "It looks more and more like the complete package, so it's tougher to defend than it was earlier in the year."

While Miami's trickery

failed to work in the earlier meeting, Baltimore was physically superior in that game, bruising more than just the Dolphins' egos.

"That's kind of their M.O.," Miami cornerback Andre Goodman says. "They do their best to intimidate you. They did a good job of it the first game. But this is a different team."

It's a team that belongs in a fantasy league, considering the storybook nature of the Dolphins' transformation. Leading the turnaround has been quarterback Chad Pennington, released by the New York Jets in August and now the AP Comeback Player of the Year.

The Dolphins are the year's comeback team — their 10-game one-year improvement matches the best in NFL history. While a soft schedule has made it easier for them to hide flaws, they're no longer a laughingstock.

"We went from the out-house to the penthouse," says linebacker Joey Porter, the AFC sacks leader.

Porter and his band of overachievers will be underdogs Sunday, even playing at home, because doubts persist that Miami belongs in the post-season. Only 11 Dolphins have started a playoff game. One is Pennington, who led the Jets to the post-season three times.

"The playoffs are a little bit more emotional. The electricity in the crowd is a little higher. The play on the field is a little faster," Pennington says. "It's just different, because now you're playing for that special prize."

The Dolphins contend they can overcome post-season inexperience by drawing on what they've learned in recent weeks. They came

from behind in the race for a playoff berth by winning their final five regular-season contests, four on the road, and four by a touchdown or less.

"Before, it was win or go home," Sparano says. "It's still win or go home."

REID, CHILDRESS REUNITE WHEN EAGLES PLAY VIKES

MINNEAPOLIS — Their bushy mustaches look about the same, and their approaches to building and organizing their teams are similar. Heck, most of their team's fans want them fired, too.

But Andy Reid and Brad Childress have different personalities and divergent styles, and this branch of the NFL's coaching tree has several variations and twists.

"He's maybe a little bit more, if you can imagine this, flat line than I am," Childress said. "Hard for you to see that, right?"

The football staff at Northern Arizona University in 1986 spawned four future NFL head coaches. The bond formed between Reid and Childress during that season together in the high desert of Flagstaff and the high-scoring Big Sky Conference was strong enough that, 13 years later, Reid chose Childress as his offensive coordinator when he was hired to lead the Philadelphia Eagles.

Childress' chance to be in charge at Minnesota came seven seasons later, and he has guided the NFC North champion Vikings to a wild-card game at the Metrodome on Sunday against Reid and his old team.

"Well, I wish I wasn't seeing Brad in the first round," Reid said, "but I am proud of him."
— The Associated Press



Tiny Squad

Brinley McDonald, Lacy Maas, Chloe Burgess, and Jehryn Oates



Mini Squad

Halle Knight, Charity Easley, Beth Kepner, Angellina Bolt, Alise Fiscus, Kaylee Livingston, Caitlin Knight, Hannah Burgess, Kaia Walker, Morgan Adams, Mikayle Meyer, and Emily Black



Youth Squad

Angela Hernandez, Ale' Hernandez, Jordan Pfeifer, Kylie Fiscus, Brinley Hollstrom, Bayley Shirley, Taylor Trappen, Avere Amador-Burgess, Kelsey Jo Wolfe, Jessica Figueroa, Morgan Bosen, Jasmina Hukic, Bailey Henley, and Samantha Easley



Senior Squad

Alexandra Lenardi, Catherine Harris, Lexxi Richardson, Kelly Madden, Jaycee Martinez, Jordan Rogers, Brianna Starley, Jordan Henley, Angela Hernandez, Bailey Barton, Shelaine Moreno, Mersadize Potter, Jessica Holstine, Michelle Coleman, Amber Janatsch, Austin Moon, Victoria Jones, Emily Walker, Ansley Meeks, Edina Hukic, Carly Capps, Katie Higley, and Hunter Slagel

Warner

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win a weak NFC West and make the playoffs for the first time in a decade. After clinching the division, they were blown out by Minnesota and New England in the two weeks preceding their regular-season finale victory over Seattle.

Atlanta (11-5) finished a game behind Carolina in the tough NFC South and came in a winner of five of its last six. But from the start Arizona showed that, at least on this afternoon, it belonged in the post-season.

The Cardinals' 30 points were their most in the playoffs, breaking a record set by the then-Chicago Cardinals in the NFL championship

victory over Philadelphia in 1947. That was the franchise's last home playoff game before Saturday.

Antonio Smith's tackle of Ryan for a safety put Arizona ahead 30-17 with 12:37 to play.

The Falcons, who rebounded from a 4-12 season to make the playoffs, made it close after that. On fourth-and-6, Ryan connected with Jerious Norwood for 28 yards to Cardinals 26. That led to Ryan's 5-yard scoring pass to Roddy White that cut it to 30-24 with 4:15 left.

But Warner completed passes to Fitzgerald, Steve Breaston and Stephen Spach, then the Cardinals ran out the clock.

When it was over, Arizona's second-year Ken Whisenhunt ran along the front row of the stadium, exchanging high-fives with fans. The Cardinals didn't sell out the game until Friday, but the throng was loud and boisterous throughout.

Ryan's first pass of the playoffs was intercepted by Ralph Brown, leading to Warner's 42-yard TD to Fitzgerald on a flea-flicker. Early in the second quarter, Warner threw short to Boldin, who beat safety Lawyer Milloy and ran down the sideline on a 71-yard scoring play.

Boldin hurt his left hamstring on the play. He played the next series, then left

for good.

The Falcons scored two touchdowns in the final 2:55 to lead 17-14 at the half, but a big early second-half mistake led to Arizona's go-ahead score.

Ryan's intended handoff to Turner bounced off the running back's forearm and into the hands of Rolle, who raced to the end zone to put Arizona ahead 21-17.

The Cardinals mustered their first extended drive of the game later in the third quarter. Moving the ball with James' running and Warner's short passes, Arizona used up 7:43, going 76 yards in 14 plays. Warner's 14-yard pass to Breaston on third-and-3 set up Tim Hightower's 4-yard run that made it 28-17.

YOURSCORES

SUNSET BOWL — BUHL MON. YABA
BOYS' SERIES: Chaz Hicks 185.
BOYS' GAMES: Chaz Hicks 86.
GIRLS' SERIES: Julie Anne Nejezchleba 188, Sarah Thompson 170, Alexis Breck 164.
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LADIES SERIES: Lois Tomlinson 528, Elda Huff 430, Dixie Schroeder 429, Bonnie Slijar 391.
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GAMES: Jessie Biggerstaff 192, Dorothy Moody 186, Evelyn Haslam 183, Charm Petersen 182.
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MEN'S GAMES: Jordan Parish 279,

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MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 684, Jordan Parish 626, Delbert Bennett 614.
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LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 548, Gayle Erekson 440, Jeri Holland 429.
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SERIES: Bob Bywater 729, Jordan Parish 711, Steve Studer 702.
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BOYS' SERIES: Dale Amen 548, Jared Studer 514, Brody Albertson 486.
BOYS' GAMES: Jared Studer 201, Dale Amen 200, Brody Albertson 187.
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GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 171, Rachel Watson 119, Jamie Mancias 110.
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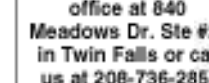
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., will be held in the banquet room at the Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Ave East, Jerome, Idaho, Thursday January 8, 2009, at 10:00 AM for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Company. The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term.

One Director from District No. 1
One Director from District No. 5
One Director at Large

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 8, 2009, and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 8, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Company. Dated this 9th day of December, 2008 at Jerome, Idaho.

NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.
By: Bernice Johnson, Assist-Sec'y

PUBLISH: Dec 28, 2008 and Jan 4, 2009

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the North Side Pumping Company, will be held at the office of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., 921 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, Friday January 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Company. The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term.

One Director from District No. 2
One Director from District No. 4

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 16, 2009 and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 16, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of said Company. Dated this 9th day of December, 2008 at Jerome, Idaho.

NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY
BY: Bernice Johnson, Secretary

PUBLISH: January 4 and 11, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) and the Idaho Department of Commerce (IDC) are requesting public comment on the State of Idaho 2009 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan. The Plan is drafted to comply with Federal requirements for the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development statewide housing and community development planning document. It also provides a summary description of anticipated resources and activities that both IHFA and IDC plan to undertake with respect to the goals and strategies of the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development (also known as the Consolidated Plan) and the accompanying 2009 Consolidated Action Plan. The 2009 Action Plan is available for public review and comment beginning Monday, January 5, 2009 through Friday, February 6, 2009 @ 5 p.m.

A Public Hearing for the 2009 Action Plan will be held at the IHFA First Floor Conference Room, 565 W. Myrtle, Boise Idaho on Monday, January 26, 2009 from 4-5:30 p.m. This hearing will provide the forum and opportunity to submit comments in person. Participants can request reasonable accommodation. This location is accessible to persons with physical disabilities.

Written comments and/or questions regarding the HOME and ESG programs should be made to IHFA at 1-877-447-2687 / TDD 1.800.545.1833 Ext. 400, by email to jenk@ihfa.org, by fax (208) 331-4808, by mail to: Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Jeri Kirkpatrick, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho, 83707-1899.

Written comments and/or questions regarding the ICDBG program should be made to Dennis Porter at (208) 334-2650 ext. 2140, by email to dennis.porter@community.idaho.gov or by mail to the Idaho Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0093.

The 2009 Action Plan is available online at www.ihfa.org/grants and www.community.idaho.gov

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CITY OF SHOSHONE CITY STREET FINANCE REPORT

CITY OF SHOSHONE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SPETEMBER 30, 2008

FUND BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	\$ 204,095.00
Property tax levy	\$ 77,748.87
Sale of assets	\$ 497.70
Refunds	\$ 23,877.70
Interest Income	\$ 3,019.52
Local impact fees	\$ 22,339.80
Total Local Funding	\$ 127,483.59
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	\$ 58,229.78
Sales Tax/Revenue sharing	\$ 23,771.91
Total State Funding	\$ 82,001.69
Total Receipts	\$ 209,485.28
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Roads	\$ 6,012.61
Sidewalk, curb & gutter	\$ 54,200.00
Chip sealing or seal coating	\$ 19,891.74
Patching	\$ 10,800.00
Snow Removal	\$ 2,642.02
Other (Salaries & bene.)	\$ 35,619.02
Total Routine Maint	\$ 129,165.39
EQUIPMENT	
New Equipment	\$ 10,500.00
Gas & Oil	\$ 11,860.34
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 8,793.48
Signs	\$ 278.74
Total Equipment	\$ 31,532.56
OTHER	
Street lighting	\$ 13,215.30
Professional services	\$ 973.89
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Administrative	\$ 3,940.89
Insurance	\$ 3,060.00
Total Other	\$ 64,516.46
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OBLIGATED FOR FUTURE PROJECTS	\$ 100,000.00
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THIS CERTIFIED REPORT OF DEDICATED FUNDS IS HEREBY SUBMITTED TO THE STATE AUDITOR AS REQUIRED BY IDAHO CODE SECTION 40-708 DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2008 Wilson F. Churchman, MAYOR ATTESTED: Mary Kay Bennett CITY OF SHOSHONE, CITY CLERK

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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I was taught that, at pairs, a player who balanced the opponents into a game that they weren't going to bid had an obligation either to double or to bid one more on the theory that minus 620 was going to be the same zero as minus-790. Is this theory true?

Muddled, Montreal, Quebec

ANSWER: At pairs, there is some truth in what you say. But the point is that sometimes they reach a normal game in an odd fashion, and you were going to get an average if you had not doubled. The time to double is when you figure your contract was going to make and thus you need to protect your plus score.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Holding ♠ A-10-8-6-3, ♥ 9-7-4, ♦ J, ♣ A-K-10-4, I opened one spade at favorable vulnerability. When my partner responded two diamonds, a game-force, I bid three clubs. Because we were in a game-force, I figured I should show my good second suit rather than rebid my tatty spades. After the deal, my partner said my action showed extras. Do you agree?

Breach-of-Promise Suit, Miami, Fla.

ANSWER: This is a gray area in two-over-one bidding. Your three-club call is the least lie, but others might rebid two spades, feeling that a three-club call shows five or a decent hand. With the same shape but with the club king in the spade suit, I would rebid two spades.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Is it really true that players are not allowed to bring cell phones into bridge events? What is the world coming to?

Old Fogey, Los Angeles, Calif.

ANSWER: In the major national events, the ACBL has experimented

with a ban on cell phones. As someone who believes in the old values, I can't say this bothers me one whit! I might ban them altogether if I had my way. But taking a broader view, I can see why people would be offended at the imputation of not being trusted. We live in a wicked world; what can I say?

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I held ♠ A-9-8-3, ♥ K-J-4, ♦ J-7-5, ♣ Q-9-3. My partner opened one diamond and the next hand overcalled one spade. I jumped to two no-trump, invitational, and my partner now cue-bid three spades. What does that mean? What should I have done next?

Q-tip, Texarkana, Texas

ANSWER: Your partner has a strong hand, probably a one-suiter with short spades. (With hearts or clubs, he would have bid that suit.) Since your spade-holding is unsuitable for three no-trump facing shortage, bid four diamonds and see where he wants to go next. Plan to cue-bid the spade ace over a four-heart bid from partner.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

What is a minor penalty card? When I dropped a card on the table, the tournament director explained that this was only a minor penalty card, not a major one.

Butterfingers, Charlottesville, Va.

ANSWER: A minor penalty card comes about when two cards are played simultaneously or a card is dropped, and the exposed card is below the rank of an honor. The associated penalty is very small; the player, or his partner, can play any card at any time, EXCEPT that he must play the exposed card before any other nonhonor card of the same suit. So you could play or discard the heart jack, but not the heart three, before (say) an exposed heart seven.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact bw1967@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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Parents object to being shut out by surgery-bound daughter

DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Giselle," is scheduled to have serious surgery soon, and she has forbidden us to come to the hospital. She wants only her husband to be there.

She has gone so far as to call us and make me promise that we will not come. She says we need to respect that she is a grown woman in her late 40s, and this is her decision and her way of dealing with the situation.

Giselle lives two hours from us, and she said she will let us know when we can visit for a few days. Her husband will contact us as soon as the doctor talks to him after surgery. But Giselle says that she simply "does not want to be surrounded by family."

I feel like we are being treated like family pets — come when you're called; otherwise, stay out of the way. Up to this point we had a close relationship with her. We cannot understand her attitude. What do you think, Abby?

—BAFFLED
IN NEWYORK

DEAR BAFFLED: This isn't about you or the family pet. It is about your adult daughter facing what might be a life-threatening or life-changing operation and what will make her most comfortable. I know you love your daughter, and I'm sure it is reciprocated. But I

think it is imperative that you abide by her wishes and not impose your own on her at this time.

DEAR ABBY: When taking public transportation and you are seated on the aisle, is it customary and polite to get up so that someone can sit down near the window, or is it OK to just swivel to the side and let them "squeeze in"?

—SEAT SITTER

IN DALY CITY, CALIF.

DEAR SEAT SITTER: It is better manners — and sometimes the better part of wisdom — to stand and allow the person to be seated.

DEAR ABBY: A year ago I received such a thoughtful Christmas gift from my daughter-in-law that I can't resist telling you about it. First, she sent a card instructing me to open my gifts according to the month written on the package — so the giving would continue all year long.

For January she gave me a calendar. For February, a heart-shaped

pin; for March, a leprechaun figurine; for April, a bag of candy Easter eggs. A kitchen utensil holder with "Mom" on it was her gift for May; for June she gave me sunglasses; Fourth of July candles were the July surprise; my birthday gift in August was a candy dish. September is Grandparents' Month, so she gave me a grand-mother plaque.

Her October gift was a small jack-o'-lantern to hang up in my window. November was a decorative wall hanging, trimmed with nuts and berries. And in December, there were two housedresses.

Abby, I loved the series of gifts. They reflected affection, ingenuity and generosity — qualities my daughter-in-law has in abundance. Sign me ...

AVERY HAPPY
MOTHER-IN-LAW

DEAR MOTHER-IN-LAW: It's clear from your letter that you and your daughter-in-law have a special relationship, and it's a credit to both of you. "Gifts that keep on giving" — meaning gifts that continue throughout the year — are an excellent idea. That's why magazine subscriptions, boxes of fruit and monthly arrangements of flowers are so popular. However, your daughter-in-law's gift was tailored just for you — a very clever concept.

IF JANUARY 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Exercise clears the sinuses and puts the body in tune with the mind. Start the year off by beginning regular workout sessions or resolving to be more assertive. You have a chance to make a fresh start in January and initiate a plethora of projects that will result in your happiness. Pay attention to any offers that are made in May, as they could lead to something bigger and better. Vacations will be delightfully glamorous and exciting if you schedule them for late July or early August.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Hold on to what you've got. There are many temptations in the world but you should not yield to them during the first half of the week. Keep a tight grip on your weekly allowance and your emotions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Act like Baby Bear this week: not too much or too little, but just right. When constant cravings begin to interfere with work or the bank account you can be sure it has turned into an addiction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Eventually you will tumble to the truth. Something that attracts your interest early this week must be re-assessed with an eye toward business feasibility. It is fun to visit Disneyland, but not to live there.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get your ticket to ride. You can go far this week if you join up with groups and organizations that are introduced to you by a good friend or partner. It won't cost much to invest in helpful new friendships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Every master began as an apprentice. You can't begin any new project, hobby, or job without paying the dues, learning the ropes and practicing until you become perfect. Remain humble in the week ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You could be misled by wishful thinking early in the week. And wishful thinking won't make your bank account grow any larger. Avoid misunderstandings with loved ones and wasteful spending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Fight off headwinds by flying low to the ground this week. If you let your imagination soar too high, you might misinterpret a loved one or create a misunderstanding. Midweek, you can apologize or ask for favors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A

temporary change of tactics is needed with loved ones. New friends can be made in a blink of the eye in the week to come. Join a group, sign up for a class, or start taking an interest in community affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): To ignore the facts does not change the facts. Remain a bit skeptical about promises, contracts, and bargains during the first half of the week. You might be hearing only what you want to hear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do your personal best. You might not feel that you have accomplished much until the middle of the week. It could seem that money is spent faster than it is earned, but frugal habits will pay off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a picture, and then wait until the middle of the week to see what develops. At the moment you are either confused or can't see all the details clearly. This isn't the right time for a decision.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money doesn't buy class. You can achieve your goals by energetically pursuing them in the week ahead. Don't be distracted by passing whims and fancies that tempt you to spend your money carelessly.

Today is Sunday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2009. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Two hundred years ago, on Jan. 4, 1809, Louis Braille, inventor of the Braille raised-dot reading system for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France.

On this date: In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904, the Supreme Court, in *Gonzalez v. Williams*, ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens.

In 1948, Burma (now called Myanmar) became independent of British rule.

In 1951, during the Korean War, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces recaptured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, Nobel Prize-winning

TODAY IN HISTORY

French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address. Poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President Richard M. Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail locomotives that had crossed into its path from a side track in Chase, Md.

In 2007, Nancy Pelosi was elected the first female speaker of the House as Democrats took control of Congress.

Ten years ago: Europe's new currency, the euro, got off to a strong start on its first trading day,

rising against the dollar on world currency markets. Former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura took the oath of office as Minnesota's governor.

Five years ago: In Iowa, seven of the nine Democratic presidential hopefuls participated in a feisty, first debate of the election year. Afghans approved a new constitution. Georgians overwhelmingly elected Mikhail Saakashvili president, two months after he'd led protests that forced Eduard Shevardnadze to step down. Louisiana State University won college football's Sugar Bowl, defeating Oklahoma 21-14.

One year ago: The government reported that the nation's jobless rate hit 5 percent in December 2007, a two-year high, fanning recession fears. Howling winds, pelting rain and heavy snow pummeled California. Britney Spears lost custody of her two sons to ex-husband Kevin Federline a day after police and paramedics were called to her home.

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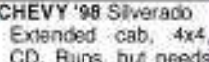
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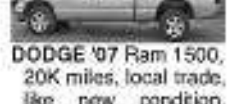
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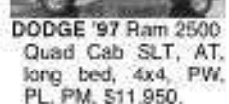
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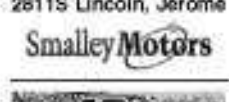
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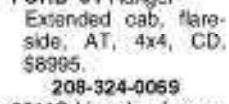
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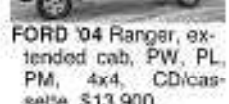
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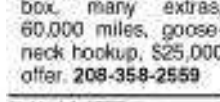
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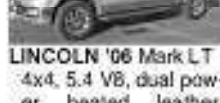
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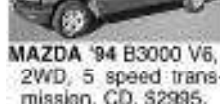
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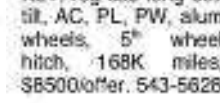
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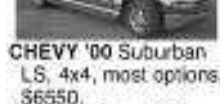
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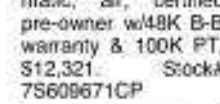
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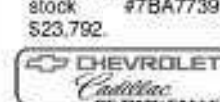
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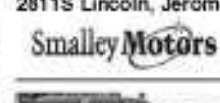
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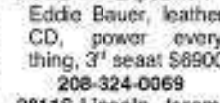
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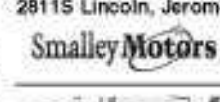
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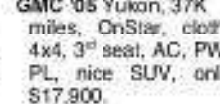
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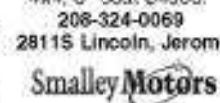
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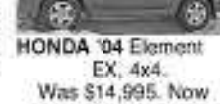
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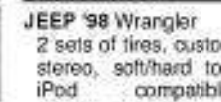
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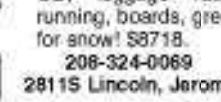
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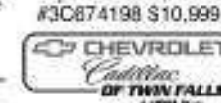
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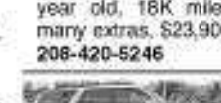
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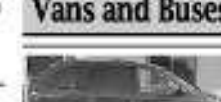
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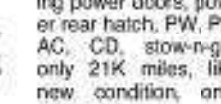
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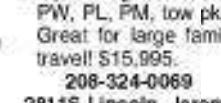
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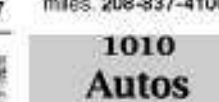
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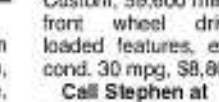
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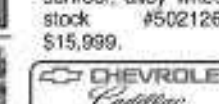
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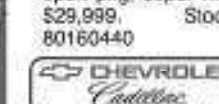
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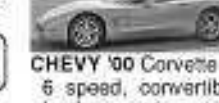
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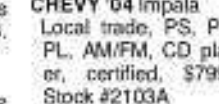
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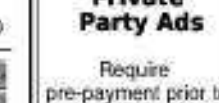
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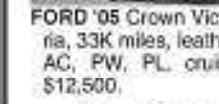
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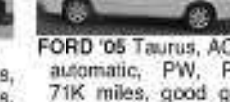
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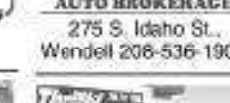
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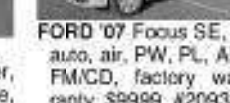
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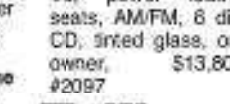
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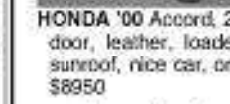
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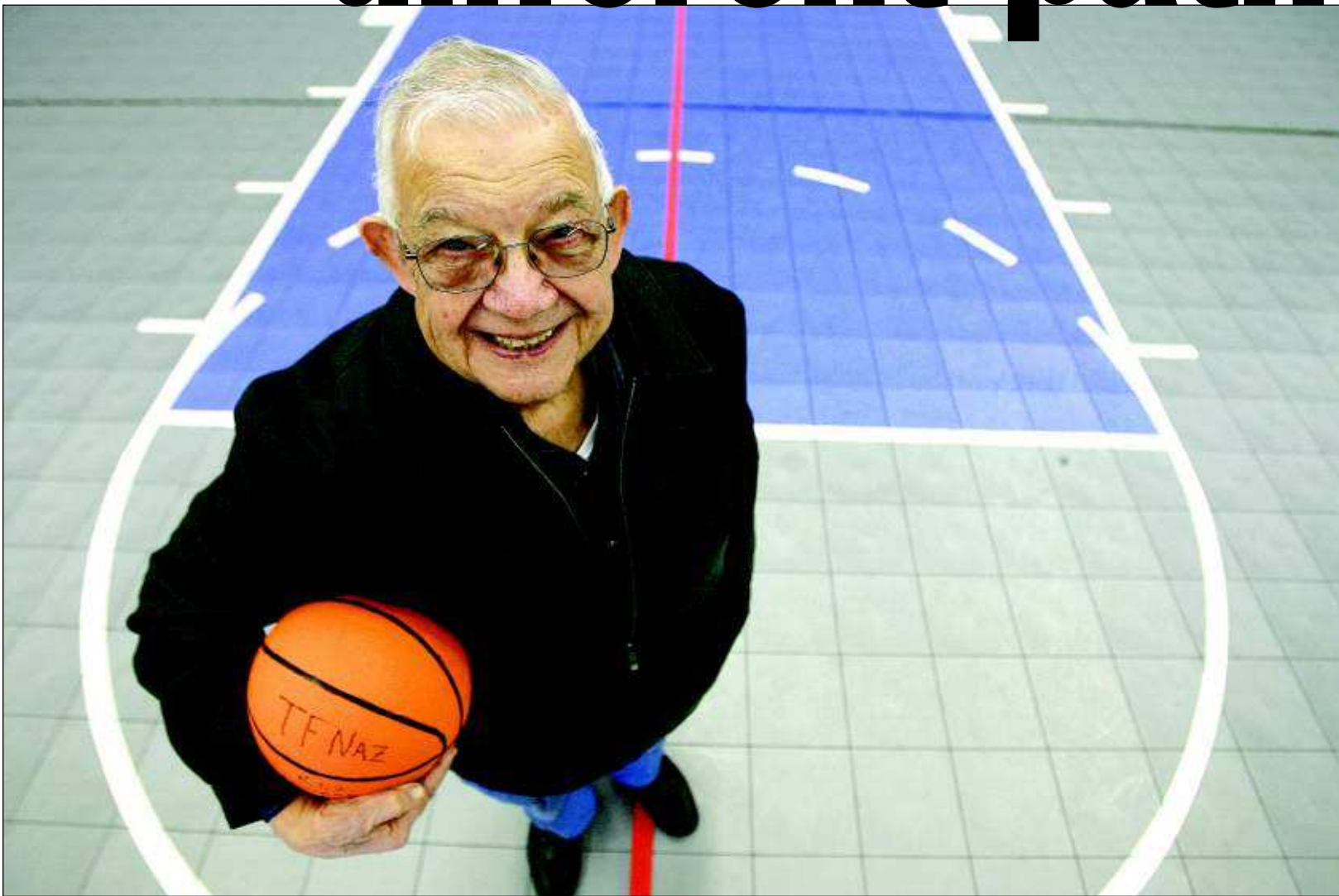
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Providing a different path



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

William Spain, 80, of Twin Falls has volunteered his time each week for the past year mentoring a boy whose father is in prison. Spain takes the boy to basketball practice and collects tree leaves.

Magic Valley mentoring program needs volunteers

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Leeanna Bagwell doesn't have any grandchildren who live nearby. But the Buhl woman still spends her time ferrying a 7-year-old girl to swimming holes and bookstores.

Bagwell is a volunteer with the the AMACHI Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program, an organization through the Office on Aging that provides mentoring for children whose parents are incarcerated. Currently, 13 children are enrolled in the Magic Valley AMACHI program. But right now, a shortage of volunteers is hampering the organization's ability to take on new children.

The Urban Institute Justice Policy Center said in a 2004 report that 59 percent of incarcerated Idahoans have at least one child. With more than 7,000 inmates reported in Idaho in November 2008, that leaves a lot of children who need a friend.

Ken Whiting, local coordinator for the AMACHI program, said the Office



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Watch a video interview with an AMACHI volunteer mentor.

on Aging focuses on recruiting senior volunteers, but anyone 21 or older can sign up. There's a crucial need for mentors who speak Spanish, he said.

Mentors are required to meet with their assigned children for at least one hour a week, although many spend more time with them. Adults can take the children fishing, shopping or to any number of kid-friendly activities. If the adults go on vacation, they're required to send a postcard and bring back a trinket from their travels.

Volunteer William Spain of Twin Falls mentors a boy whose father is in prison. His wife, Edna, mentors a 6-year-old girl.

"Those kids are so precious, I tell you what," Spain said. "You can't help

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William Spain has been collecting leaves from around Twin Falls with the boy he mentors, and the two are making a book of the leaves. Spain's son in Maryland sent a number of leaves from the East Coast to add to the collection, and the boy's favorite is the holly leaf.

Family saving ideas aplenty for a new year

A few weeks ago my 4-year-old decided to cut her own hair. Turns out she had been incessantly bothered by her long bangs. Apparently we weren't listening to her pint-sized demands. Once she discovered one of the many pairs of scissors lying around during Christmas gift-wrapping season, she took matters into her own hands — quite literally.



SPILT MILK
David Cooper

This isn't her first foray into do-it-yourself hairdressing. But with each new hairdo, she gains more confidence. On this occasion, there were only a few wisps left on the front.

"She looks like Ramona Quimby," said my oldest son. A crude comment, to be sure, but he was not in the least inaccurate.

Obviously there's a mountain of morals to learn from this. But my reservoir of parental guilt has just been emptied after spending two paychecks on Christmas gifts. And since financial planners are always saying haircuts are one way that families can save money in a recession, I'm going to try to build on this foundation.

So from now on, all the kids are cutting their own hair. Or not cutting their hair at all — probably the latter. Look, it's about 10 degrees outside as I'm writing this. Longer hair is only going to give them a warmer mane for winter. We'll talk again when my tax return comes in this spring. Until then, if they want shorter hair, they can use the buzz-cut trimmer, or just pay my 4-year-old a nice tip.

Taking the idea further, you could find other areas to save just by letting your children do their own work.

Start with driving services. My New Year's resolution has to be more exercise, for my kids. Namely, by having them walk to school. I don't know when you last drove by a school parking lot in the early morning, but I've seen less traffic at the Tijuana border. Gas is definitely cheaper now, but I'll save at least some cents and sanity by letting the kids hoof it.

Family meals are also worth re-examining for financial purposes. I'm all for nutrition and a balanced diet. But after watching my wife put on two holiday spreads that used all the basic food groups, traditional recipes from five sources, and Martha Stewart's color palette, we know better. Kids just want macaroni and cheese from a blue box, and some vegetables on the side. In fact, thanks to the geniuses in the food-processing industry, my kids cook their mac and cheese on their own. And the results are much better than with kid-styled haircuts.

Finally, there's the savings that come from letting the kids do the laundry. With five children in the house, laundry is the chore from hell. Our laundry room is in the basement, which gives it a feel and look of purgatory. The work is manageable, but the aggravation begins when kids don't put clothes away properly, and mix the clean and the dirty.

So this year why not let the kids do their own laundry? Cottons, woolens or poly-blends; hot, cold or warm water; bleach or non-bleach, whatever! This is their big chance to show their independent streaks. The big kids have to help the little ones. But eventually, they'll get the drift on how and when to launder. Even at ages 11 and 7, my sons are masters of the "whiff test."

Add all of these ideas together, and I'm sure I could save a lot of money. I would need it, too. Because when the kids show up to school having cooked their own food, cut their own hair and washed their own clothes, I'm going to need a high-priced lawyer to get custody of them from the Department of Health and Welfare.

All this leads me to conclude that being a parent is absolutely the most underpaid job in America, even with tax deductions and colorful ties on Father's Day. But I know — well, I trust anyway — that the investment will eventually pay off.

Too bad I can't say the same for my girl's haircut.

David Cooper is the Times-News' city editor. Watch for his column weekly in Family Life, and reach him at david.cooper@lee.net.

Be a mentor

To volunteer for the AMACHI program or to get a mentor for a child whose parent is incarcerated, call Ken Whiting at 736-2122. Volunteers must be 21 or older, fill out an application, be interviewed and submit to a background check.



By Jennifer Forker
For The Associated Press

If after the holidays you have someone you'd like to thank in a special way, here are three card-making ideas.

Straight from the pages of "Martha Stewart Holiday" and "Family Fun" magazines, they don't take an inordinate amount of time to make, are inexpensive and will surely relay the message that your thanks are heartfelt.

A simple thank you is best, so your recipient doesn't feel pressured to thank you back, creating a "cycle of gift giving," according to Corinne Gill, associate editor for holiday and crafts for "Martha Stewart Living." What matters, she says, "are the senti-

ments of the words, not the showmanship of the card."

Gill recommends enclosing holiday photographs with a thank-you note, especially if the recipient didn't spend the holidays with you. Two of the crafts below include photos.

Another idea is using children's artwork. "I love receiving them," says Maggie Neff, a 94-year-old grandmother in Kansas City, Mo. "It's like getting a wonderful gift you can hold."

PHOTO HOUSE CARD

Note: If mailing this card, make sure it will fit into an oversized envelope without folding.

Supplies:
Heavyweight white paper (such as cardstock) in any size

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:

Monday: Taco salad
Tuesday: Quiche
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Fried chicken
Friday: Swedish meatballs
ACTIVITIES:
Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Monday bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
 Oil painting, 4 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2
 Quilting, 8 a.m.
 Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
 Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Oil painting, 4 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Census testing, 5 to 8 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m.
 Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Saturday: Super Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
 Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Today: Roast beef
Monday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese
Friday: Meatloaf
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 AA meeting, 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Foot clinic
 Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:

Monday: Vegetable fandango and white bean soup
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Chicken patty
ACTIVITIES:
Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m.
 Haak's Band
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Fried chicken
Tuesday: Liver and onions
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: Soup and sandwich
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 5 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Cowboy Poetry Party, 3 to 5 p.m.
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 5 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Barbecue chicken
Friday: Pork chops
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Volunteer Christmas potluck, 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and

from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:

Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Barbecue riblets
Wednesday: Malibu chicken
Thursday: Hot pork sandwich
Friday: Chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John
 Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 10 a.m. Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Chicken sandwich
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Ham and beans
Wednesday: Chicken vegetable soup and tuna sandwich
Friday: Spaghetti
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Hungarian goulash
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Friday: Chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Ham and beans
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken
Friday: Baked cod or chicken breast
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:

Thursday: Baked cod or chicken breast

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Hog dogs and sauerkraut
Wednesday: Barbecue ribs
Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken
Friday: Chicken or fish
ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Thursday: Pool Exercise
 Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Liver and onions
Thursday: Roast beef sandwich and vegetable soup

Three simple steps toward being a better father

By Gregory Ramey
 Cox News Service

"I really wish I could spend more time with my dad," is the most common answer I hear from kids when asked what changes they'd like to see in their families.

While I get this response

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from boys and girls of all ages, I hear it most frequently from 6- to 12-year-old boys. "I know my dad is busy and works really hard, but when he comes home all he does is watch TV and sleep on the sofa," one 9-year-old told me recently.

It's hard to overestimate the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. Kids with caring dads achieve better academically in school, have fewer behavioral problems, are less likely to use drugs or smoke, commit fewer crimes and attempt suicide less frequently.

The expectations for being a good dad are different today from previous generations. Men are expected to provide financially for their families, as well as help out around the house and be actively involved with their kids.

According to a 2007 Pew Research Center study, 59 percent of men and 62 percent of women reported it is tougher being a dad today than it was 20 to 30 years ago.

How are dads doing with these new and challenging

The expectations for being a good dad are different today from previous generations. Men are expected to provide financially for their families, as well as help out around the house and be actively involved with their kids.

responsibilities? Well, it depends whom you ask. Only 15 percent of men feel they are doing a better job than dads of previous generations.

Working moms have a much more positive view of their husbands. Seventy-two percent of working moms who are raising young children feel their husbands are doing a good or better job than fathers of past generations.

In this world of changing and increasing expectations for the role of men in families, how can dads survive and enjoy parenthood? Here are three key rules to success:

1. Saying "yes" to parenthood means saying "no" to lots of other stuff! You can't do it all. The challenge is to figure out how to balance the demands (and joys) of working, and being a good parent and husband. You need to set priorities and determine which of those demands is of highest priority in any given situation. Learning to say "no" is the key to your survival. Dads get in trouble when their priorities are inflexible. There are times when work is and should be more important than your children, and kids need to understand that reality. You may need to miss your son's basketball game because of a significant work commit-

ment. However, there are also many times when children should come first, and you need to leave work early to attend your daughter's piano recital.

2. Being a great dad means being a great spouse. In trying to balance kids, work and a spouse, it's your relationship with your wife that typically comes last. That's a mistake!

Perhaps you feel that your time with your children is limited, so it's really impor-

tant to spend time with them. Demands at work can feel pretty intense. There's also so much to do around the house. Your wife will always be there, so it's easy to take her as a given and focus on other priorities. If you view marriage as a lifelong

commitment to your best friend, then nurturing that relationship should frequently take the highest priority. This takes time, effort and planning. It means getting a babysitter for your young children so you can spend some time with your wife. It means sending her a silly e-mail on the anniversary of your first date. It means surprising her with flowers just because you love her.

3. Being a great dad means taking care of you. In navigating many changing priorities, don't forget about you.

You need time to relax, sleep, watch TV, think and exercise. Be mindful of your eating and health habits. Even a little exercise can have many positive physical and psychological effects. Being a dad is tough, but lots of fun. Just remember that being a good dad means being a good person and a great spouse as well.

Gregory Ramey is a children's psychologist and vice president for outpatient services at The Children's Medical Center of Dayton.

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More couples say 'I don't' to big tiered cake

By Lisa A. Flam
Associated Press writer

The big, white wedding cake has gone stale for many couples who have tasted too much bad buttercream and seen too many slices left untouched on the table.

Instead, they're trying to make their celebrations more personal with other sweet expressions of their union.

For Elena Flores and Jeff Breese, there was no question that their 250 wedding guests would be treated to their favorite dessert — gelato — which they eat together once or twice a week.

"Neither of us are cake eaters," said Elena Flores Breese, 27. "In our opinion, wedding cake ... sometimes it isn't good."

After guests finished a Southwestern meal at the couple's September wedding in Phoenix, servers scooped four flavors of the Italian ice cream into martini glasses, and the bride and groom fed each other a spoonful.

"Good friends of ours and family know how much we love gelato. We wanted to share it with them on our day," said Flores Breese, who also had a sweets table and churros with several sauces.

A long-standing symbol of a wedding, the tall, tiered cake is often part of the decor, a centerpiece for the room. It's the cutting of the cake that traditionally signals the time when guests can leave without seeming rude, notes Chicago wedding planner Marina Birch.

The retreat from cake is part of a larger trend: Many couples are dropping wedding customs that don't suit them and are adding personal touches instead.

Taking the place of the iconic cake is everything from pies, cheesecakes with sauces, fresh doughnuts with toppings, and cupcakes — lots and lots of cupcakes in different flavors and sizes, arranged in cascading tiers to look like, yes, a cake.

There are desserts that guests create themselves: an ice cream sundae bar, candied or caramel apples with toppings, a fondue station or a candy table. Bite-size sweets — brownies, creme brulee, cream puffs, cheesecake lollipops, and warm chocolate chip cookies and milk served in shot glasses — are also popular.

Some couples are keeping the cake for tradition's sake but shrinking it to make room for different desserts.

"Most don't like cake, and others are wanting to personalize the wedding experience a little bit more and are finding that dessert is the easiest way," said Melissa Lee Sylvester of Rincon Beach Club and Catering in Carpinteria, Calif., where about 40 percent of the weddings are cakeless.

Although some couples may think an alternative dessert is less expensive than cake, that is not always the case. Planners say a cupcake that has to be individually decorated can cost the same as a slice of cake, while a candy table can cost less. Gelato is more expensive than a traditional buttercream-frosted cake with fresh flowers.

Cost aside, no-cake couples want their after-dinner treat to represent them.

For Lindsey Mallow and her fiance, Truett Sage, of Tulsa, Okla., their thing is pie — the peach pie they eat every Tuesday night at a favorite dive.

"My fiance and I were really set on our wedding reflecting us and not just traditional wedding things like having a cake.

We just thought we should have pie at our wedding because it's so much more us."

— Lindsey Mallow, who eats peach pie every Tuesday night with fiance Truett Sage

"My fiance and I were really set on our wedding reflecting us and not just traditional wedding things like having a cake," said Mallow, 24, who is planning her wedding for next fall. "We just thought we should have pie at our wedding because it's so much more us."

Couples are also using dessert to honor their backgrounds. Planners cite an Italian-American couple who will serve cannoli, Southern couples who have chosen mini pecan pies or red velvet cupcakes, a Maine bride who went with mini blueberry pies, and a Michigan wedding with cherry pies.

Many brides and grooms who opt out of a wedding cake do keep the tradition of feeding each other a bite of something sweet, mindful, perhaps, that their parents might miss the photographable moment.

"I could have left it out altogether, but we're doing that for my mom," said Mallow, who plans to exchange bites of pie with her new husband.

Sometimes, the pressure to have a traditional cake is too much to resist. With 350 people coming to her wedding in Los Angeles in October, Michelle Olsen wanted to have several desserts. She didn't care for the look — or price tag — of a cake big enough to serve all the guests.

So she chose five flavors of mini cupcakes and a candy bar with sweets in her wedding colors of black, white and kelly green. No cake. But after hearing from her future husband's stepfather that wedding cake was the only reason he goes to weddings, they added a three-tiered cake in white buttercream with green trim.

"We didn't want to offend anyone, so we figured we would have a small one for the tradition and to take some pictures," said Olsen, 29. She made sure they cut the cake early to keep the party going.

Another bride wanted only cotton candy and candy for her wedding last June.

"Once we informed the moms, they were not happy campers," said Evora Alvarez-Deily, 35, of Margate, Fla. She added a wedding cake — blue icing with brown lacy swirls — to appease them.

Alvarez-Deily said her nontraditional choices were wildly successful, however.

"Everybody loved it and went crazy over it," she said of the ring pops, candy necklaces and cotton candy. "I barely had any kids there. The adults were all over it."



Above, mini cupcakes and below, a table filled with candy at the wedding of Michelle Nizich and David Olsen in Los Angeles. Michelle chose five flavors of mini cupcakes and a candy bar with sweets in her wedding colors of black, white and kelly green.



LEFT: A glass of gelato at the wedding of Elena Flores and Jeff Breese in Phoenix. For Flores and Breese, there was no question that their 250 wedding guests would be treated to their favorite dessert — gelato — which they eat together once or twice a week.

AP photo/Darby Elizabeth Photography

Unequal exchanges

By Shari Roan
Los Angeles Times

A new study appears to shed some light on why holiday gift-giving may be such a touchy matter and why your mother-in-law is still angry that you missed last season's holiday get-together.

Researchers from the University of Chicago conducted a series of experiments with college students and people in downtown Chicago to show that, in everyday social exchanges, being mean has a lot more impact than being nice. The study was published in the December issue of the journal Psychological Science.

The researchers conducted five experiments in which people played games that assigned them as givers or takers and allowed them to reciprocate acts of giving or taking. They found the positive action of giving is reciprocated in comparable measure, whereas the negative action of taking is reciprocated more harshly, which may trigger an escalation of negative social exchanges.

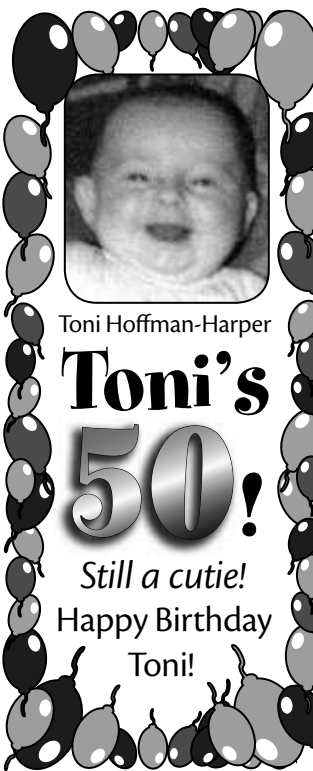
According to the study authors, reciprocity is crucial for maintaining social order and is central to many areas of social life — not to mention world peace.

The study suggests that the harm done by taking something cannot be undone by simply giving something comparable in return. "The culturally conferred wisdom about reciprocity appears to be miscalibrated and in need of revision," the authors wrote. "You scratch my back, and I will scratch yours, but if you take my eye, I will take both of yours."

QUACK AND GROWL

Idaho animals are the inspiration for a children's author.

NEXT WEEK IN
FAMILY LIFE



Toni Hoffman-Harper

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The Times-News is writing a story about giving new life to wedding dresses.

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Experts find thousands of childhood deaths preventable

By David Brown
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Can a parent imagine something worse than the death of a child? Perhaps only the thought that it might have been prevented.

Each year in the U.S. about 12,200 people younger than 19 die of unintentional injuries. Around the world, fatal injuries in children total 830,000 a year, a number roughly equal to all the children in Chicago. That's 2,270 a day, of which at least 1,000 could have been prevented, experts say.

This huge toll of heart-breaking death sits atop a pyramid of nonfatal injury. In the U.S., 9.2 million children visit the emergency room each year for unintentional injuries. Globally, about 690 children miss school or work, or go to the hospital, for every child accidentally killed.

Public health authorities are lifting the curtain on childhood injury. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in December released an atlas and 114-page report on childhood injury. Simultaneously, the World Health Organization published a detailed report on the subject.

American parents are notorious worriers. But the chance of their child dying of an unintentional injury is one-third that of children worldwide, and one-quarter that in Africa and the Middle East, the most child-dangerous regions.

Although the overall risk is relatively low, 44 percent of all deaths between ages 1 and 19 in this country are caused by injuries. The new reports show parents and policymakers where they might choose to focus their worries and efforts, from finding safe places for infants to sleep to being sticklers for the rules when teenagers get into cars.

"It is a huge public health concern, and I don't think we pay as much attention to it as we should," said Julie Gilchrist, a physician and epidemiologist at CDC and one of the authors of the report.

(By the way, you won't hear Gilchrist or her colleagues use the word "accidents." That word, they say, implies that the events could not have been avoided and the damage could not have been prevented — exactly the opposite message they want to convey.)

"Unintentional injury" excludes homicide and suicide but captures all other categories of traumatic event. Childhood injuries cost the nation about \$300 billion a year. The CDC's report sketches a picture of risk and vulnerability that differs by age, sex, ethnicity, locale and economic status.

In perhaps the most dramatic example of variation, suffocation causes 66 percent of deaths of children younger than 1 but is only a single-digit cause for all other children. Two-thirds of suffocation deaths in infants occur in bed, and only 7 percent are the result of choking on food or foreign objects. But in children past their first birthday, 7 percent of suffocation deaths occur in bed and slightly more than one-third are by choking. In the first five years of this decade, 3,868 children younger than 1 died of suffocation, compared with 1,866 over that age.

For all children older than 1, motor-vehicle-related injuries are the leading cause of unintentional death. But even in that group, much changes by age.

Rates of death in car crashes are largely unchanged from birth until a child reaches the 15-to-19 age group, when they jump sixfold. The rate of bicycle deaths is highest for those ages 10 to 14, followed by the 15-to-19 group and then 5 to 9 year olds. Pedestrian deaths are slightly higher in 1 to 4 year olds than in 15 to 19 year olds. All other ages are much lower.

Perhaps not surprisingly, age itself is a risk for injury. Of the 73,000 children who died from 2000 to 2005, 40,000 were 15 or older, 56 percent of the total.

Sex is a risk factor, too.

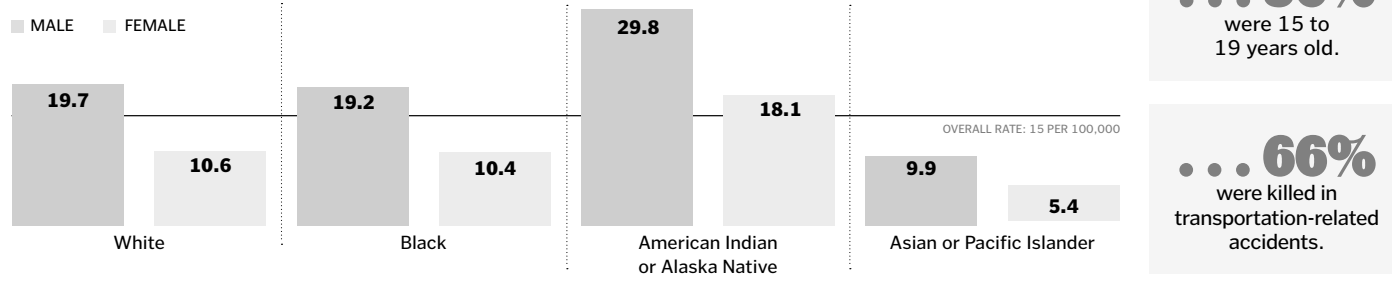
The overall annual death rate for boys is 19 per 100,000

The Who, Where and Why of Accidental Childhood Deaths

From 2000 to 2005, about 55 million U.S. children had non-fatal accidents. During the same period, about 70,000 children died from accidents and other causes. Accidents were the biggest single cause of death among Americans age 19 and younger.

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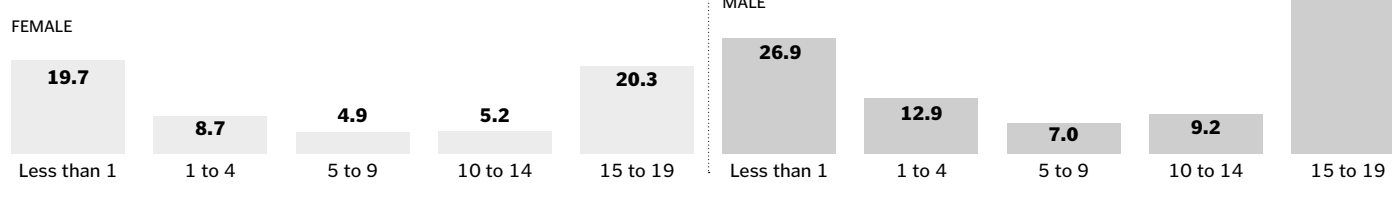
DEATH RATES PER 100,000, BY ETHNICITY



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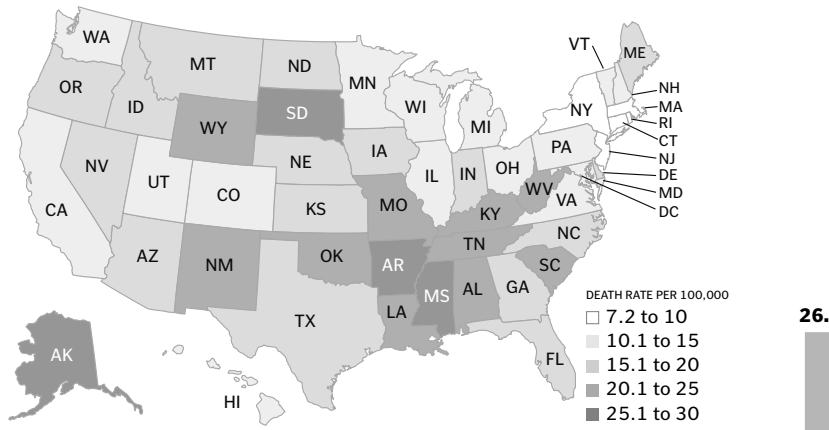
66% were killed in transportation-related accidents.

DEATH RATES PER 100,000, BY SEX AND AGE GROUP

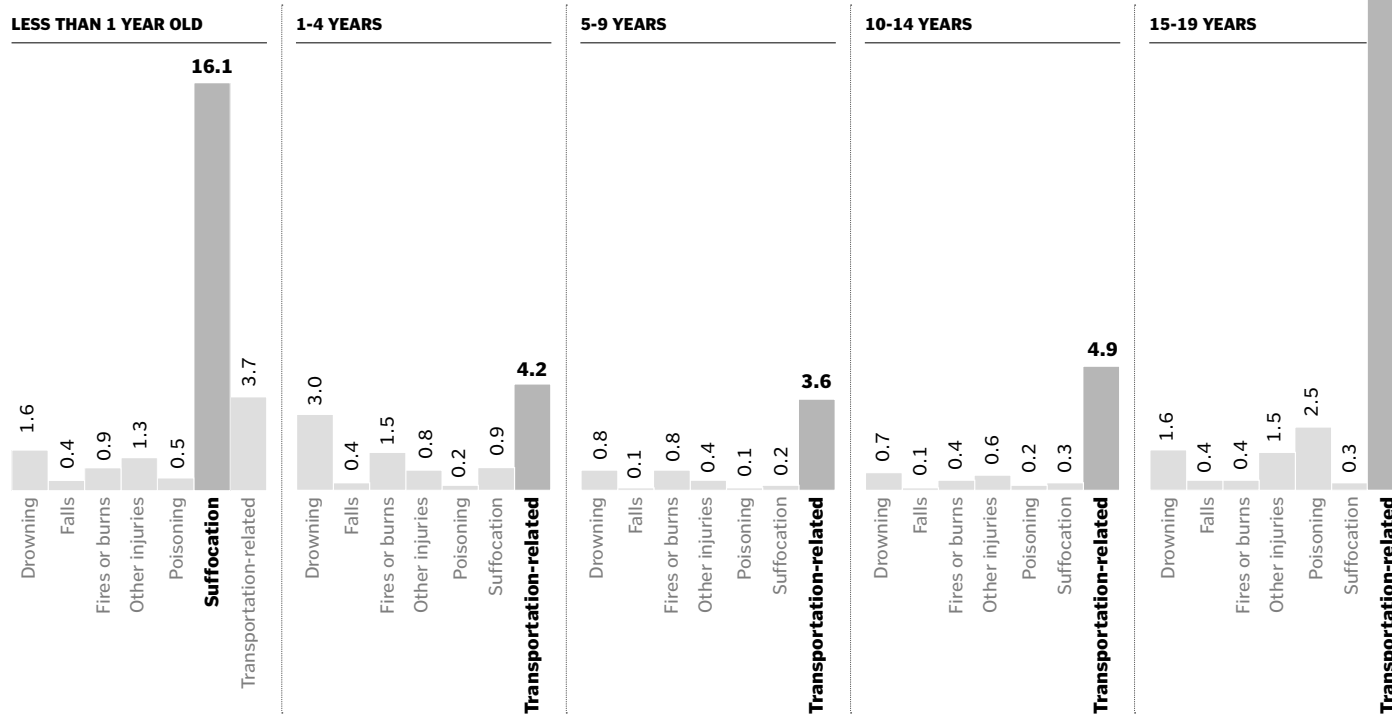


DEATH RATES PER 100,000, BY STATE

HIGHEST	MISSISSIPPI	S. DAKOTA	ALASKA
	28.8	27.6	26.7
LOWEST	NEW JERSEY	NEW YORK	MASS.
	8.2	8.0	7.2



DEATH RATES PER 100,000, BY CAUSE



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "Childhood Injury Report"; National Vital Statistics System

GRAPHIC BY BILL WEBSTER — THE WASHINGTON POST

population ("population" in this case being children of the same age group). For girls, it is just 10 per 100,000. Sex and age combine to produce a death rate of 45 per 100,000 among boys ages 15 to 19.

In motor vehicle deaths, the risk that comes with age reflects numerous behaviors and vulnerabilities.

For example, about 90 percent of infants who are fatally injured are in some sort of special seat or restraint (although not always properly used). As soon as a child is able to exert willpower, risk goes up. Of children 4 and younger who are killed, 30 percent are unrestrained. Of teen-agers killed, more than half are not wearing seat belts. (Only 47 percent of students report always wearing seat belts when riding with others, compared with 82 percent of adults.)

The high teen death rate from car crashes also reflects the inexperience and immaturity of new drivers.

Speeding and night driving are more potent risk factors for teens than for adults, as is the presence of passengers. The fatal crash risk for 16 and 17 year olds is three times as high at night as during the day. For every person who gets in a car with a teen driver, the risk of a crash increases, until with three or more passengers it is four times as high as if the teen were driving alone.

That "dose-response" effect presumably reflects distractibility of the driver. Curiously, it's exactly the opposite of what's seen in adults. As they add passengers, their trips get safer.

Cellphones and text messaging are potent new sources of distraction, but how they stack up in the hierarchy of hazards is unknown.

"We are just beginning to look at those factors. We know that any kind of distraction is contributing to crashes in teens," said Arlene

Injury risks vary around the world

By David Brown
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Preventing childhood injuries would seem a daunting task. But there's a long list of proven ways to make the world safer for children.

The World Health Organization wants its 193 member nations — and especially those in the developing world, where most deaths from injury occur — to know that accidents don't have to happen. That's why it released a 211-page "World Report on Child Injury Prevention," three years in the making, in December.

One of the document's many messages is that injury deaths can be reduced to an astonishing degree when societies put their minds and money to the task. Sweden is perhaps the best example.

In 1969, the death rate from injury for boys younger than 18 was 24 per 100,000 children, and for girls it was 11 per 100,000. By 1999, it had fallen to 5 and 3, respectively. In 2004, the global rate for both sexes combined was 39 deaths per 100,000 children — about 10 times as high.

Many prevention strategies endorsed (if inconsistently applied) by rich societies are only now being adopted in the developing world. They include strict drunken-driving laws; requirements that wells be covered and swimming pools fenced off; installing window guards in upper-story apartments; having standards for child-resistant lighters; requiring child-resistant packaging of drugs, stove fuel and poisons; and establishing poison-control centers and burn units.

Traffic injuries are perhaps the most dra-

matic example of how much could be gained if strategies that have been shown to prevent injury were put in place more broadly.

Traffic injuries are the leading cause of death worldwide for 15- to 19-year-olds and the second-leading cause for children 5 to 14. But the use of seat belts, child seats and helmets, and the institution of "graduated licensing" of new drivers is essentially unknown in many countries.

In some places, though, that's changing in a big way.

Last December, Vietnam began requiring that people on motorbikes wear helmets, including children. Helmet use went from 10 percent to more than 90 percent in a few weeks.

"They were taking motorbikes away from people in the street if they didn't have helmets," said Etienne Krug, the Belgian physician who headed the WHO injury project. Severe head injuries from motorbike accidents in Vietnam have fallen 20 to 30 percent in the past year, he said.

For society, the payoff of prevention efforts is huge. For every \$1 invested in bike helmets and child seats, for example, \$29 is saved in health care, disability and lost-income costs.

But for individuals, prevention is often economically burdensome.

According to the WHO report, a factory laborer in a low-income country must work 11 times as long as his counterpart in a high-income country to buy a bicycle helmet. (For a child seat, it's 16 times as long.) That's why injury prevention programs increasingly feature product giveaways paired with education.

Greenspan, an epidemiologist at the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

But in many ways the most provocative and perplexing variable in a child's risk is where he or she lives.

In this decade, the rate of fatal injury in children has varied fourfold among the states, from 7 per 100,000 in Massachusetts to 29 per 100,000 in Mississippi. Seemingly disparate clusters of states, however, tend to show up over and over in

many age categories and causes of death.

These include a cluster of mid-South states (Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana); upper Great Plains states (the Dakotas and Montana); and two outliers (Alaska and, for transportation-related deaths, West Virginia).

Many variables are in play in these places, with poverty and rural residence probably the most important ones. In Alaska and the northern Plains, the high rates may also

reflect the presence of many Indians and Alaska natives, whose children have twice the death rate as American children overall (30 per 100,000 vs. 15 per 100,000).

"About half of all American Indians live in a rural environment," said David Wallace, an injury prevention specialist at CDC. "Driving on rural roads has a higher fatality rate than driving in a city. There are problems with speed and inattention, and if you compound that with alcohol you get a high fatality rate."

Tips for keeping kids safe

TIPP, the Injury Prevention Program of the American Academy of Pediatrics, offers a set of age-specific "safety sheets," listing precautions parents should take during the first 10 years of their children's lives. The information is available at www.aap.org/family/tipp-main.htm. Some examples from the "TIPP sheets":

Birth to 6 Months

Make certain that your baby's car safety seat is installed correctly. Read and follow the instructions that come with the car safety seat and the sections in the owner's manual of your car. Use the car safety seat every time your child is in the car.

6 to 12 Months

Use gates on stairways and doors. Install operable window guards on all windows above the first floor. Do not use a baby walker. If your child has a serious fall or does not act normally after a fall, call your doctor.

1 to 2 Years

Children in homes where guns are present are in more danger of being shot by themselves, their friends or family members than of being injured by an intruder. Ask if the homes where your child visits or is cared for have guns and how they are stored.

2 to 4 Years

Keep safety caps on substances at all times or find nontoxic substances to use. If your child does put something poisonous in his or her mouth, call the Poison Help Line immediately. Attach the Poison Help Line number (800-222-1222) to your phone.

5 Years

Your child is learning to do many things that can cause serious injury. Bike, street, fire, car, firearm and water safety are key. Even if your child knows how to swim, never let him or her swim alone.

6 Years

Children aren't good at judging sound, distance or the speed of a moving car. Teach your children to stop at the curb and to never cross the street without a grown-up. Make sure your child wears a helmet every time he or she rides a bike.

8 Years

Your child should use a booster seat until the lap belt can be worn low and flat on the hips and the shoulder belt can be worn across the shoulder rather than the face or neck (usually at about 4 feet 9 inches tall and between 8 and 12 years old). The safest place for all children to ride is in the back seat.

10 Years

Ask your doctor which sports are right for your child's age. Be sure your child wears the protective equipment made for that sport, such as shin pads, mouth guards, wrist guards, eye protection and helmets.

Other online resources devoted to reducing children's accidental injuries include:

- **The Department of Health and Human Services** child safety resource guide (www.healthfinder.gov/scripts/SearchContext.asp?topic=160).
- **Safety and first aid tips** from the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org/healthtopics/safety.cfm).
- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's** Web pages on injuries among children and adolescents (www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/children.htm).

WEDDINGS

MILLER-BARBORKA

Megan Miller and Aaron Barborka were married Jan. 3 in the Twin Falls LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Shelly Miller of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of Jim and Juline Crandall of Twin Falls.

A reception followed. The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg, majoring in health science. The groom is a graduate of Twin Falls High and served in the Spain Bilbao Mission



Aaron and Megan Barborka

for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends BYU-Idaho as a pre-dental student.

The couple will reside in Rexburg.

LEE-MORGAN

Carissa Michelle Lee and Wyatt J. Morgan were married Nov. 29 in the Twin Falls LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Kent and Nancy Lee of Jerome. The groom is the son of Cody and Kathy Morgan of Hazelton.

Kristen Briggs, Brooklyn Lee, Calais Vergara and Briana Morgan, sisters of the bride and groom, were bridesmaids. Skyler Morgan, Derek Morgan, Ryan Lee and Conrad Lee, brothers of the bride and groom, were groomsmen.

Special guests included grandparents Jim and Carolyn Winborg of Twin Falls, Allen and JoRene Lee of Jerome, Lee and Betty Jo Morgan of Paul, and Glen and Marie Jones of St. George, Utah; and brothers-in-law Rigo Vergara and Aaron Briggs.

A reception followed at The White House.

The couple is a 2007 graduate of Jerome High School and attended Brigham Young



Carissa and Wyatt Morgan

University-Idaho. She attends the College of Southern Idaho and is working on a bachelor's degree in health science. She works at Cold Stone Creamery in Twin Falls.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Minico High School in Rupert. He attended Utah State University and served in the California Ventura Spanish-speaking Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He works at Crest View Calves in Hazelton and is the general manager of Magic View Calves in Jerome.

The couple resides in Jerome.

BARKER-POOLEY

Kami Jo Barker and Joshua Alan Pooley were married Jan. 2 at the Rexburg LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Chip and Donna Barker of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of Alan and Karen Pooley of Pocatello.

Madison Watts, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Kylee Barker, sister of the bride, and Megan Pooley, sister of the groom, were bridesmaids.

Eric Anderson, friend of the groom, was best man.

The couple was accompanied to the temple by their parents and close family and friends.

Receptions were held Jan. 2 in Pocatello and Jan. 3 in Twin Falls. The couple's fami-



Joshua and Kami Pooley

lies served at the receptions.

The bride is a 2007 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Idaho State University with a pre-major in dental hygiene. The groom is a 2004 graduate of Century High School in Pocatello and works at Lamb Weston in American Falls.

The couple resides in Pocatello.

ANNIVERSARY

THE HUDSONS

Col. Edwin C. and Betty S. Hudson of Kimberly will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Family and friends are invited from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly. The event is hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Ed Hudson and Betty West were married Jan. 10, 1959, at First United Methodist Church in Dothan, Ala.

They have lived in Florida, New York, Colorado, the Netherlands, South Dakota, Alabama, Utah and Idaho.

He retired from the Air Force in 1982, and the couple moved back to Idaho to be near his parents in Castleford. They have lived in Kimberly since 1982. He operated Hudson Insurance



Betty and Edwin Hudson

in Kimberly for 18 years. She was a teacher for 27 years, with the last 10 years at Kimberly Elementary School.

They have four children, Susan (Summer) Wells of Belen, N.M.; Danielle (Michael) Drake of Boise; Steven (Katherine) Hudson of Mountain Home; and Tom Hudson of Austin, Texas. The couple has four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Mya Angela Bost, daughter of Lisa Ann Hernandez and Cory Michael Bost of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 13, 2008.

Emma Nicole Gomes, daughter of Nicole Rene Winson of Jerome, was born Dec. 16, 2008.

Rose Mary Machado, daughter of Sandra Louise and Manuel Joseph Machado of Buhl, was born Dec. 17, 2008.

Lilia Martinez, daughter of Paula Martinez and Mario Martinez-Valadez of Hagerman, was born Dec. 17, 2008.

Sawyer Lisle James Bordwell, son of Tasha Marie Hunt of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 18, 2008.

Isabelle Adalis Garibaldi, daughter of Maribel Flores and Jose J. Garibaldi Jr. of Buhl, was born Dec. 18, 2008.

Sophia Elizabeth Daniel Fernandez, daughter of Melissa Jennifer Ann and Roberto Fernandez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 19, 2008.

Jack Nelson McQueen, son

of Amber Michelle and Cody Nelson McQueen of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 19, 2008.

Brigham Zander Phillips, son of Myisha Meagan and Joseph Brigham Phillips of Gooding, was born Dec. 19, 2008.

Devin Calvin Christensen, son of Catherine and Sean D. Christensen of Hazelton, was born Dec. 20, 2008.

Madison Belle Musgrave, daughter of Tara Bernice and Cory Wayne Musgrave of Jerome, was born Dec. 20, 2008.

Valerie Pettingill, daughter of Kolei and Timothy Jay Pettingill of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 20, 2008.

Mannix Casey Stutzman, son of Heidi Jo and Casey Ken Stutzman of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 20, 2008.

Justin Carter Goodman Pyne, son of Crystal Verlyn and Dustin Arnell Pyne of Gooding, was born Dec. 21, 2008.

Hzel Yarlynn Saldivar, daughter of Maday Yusvet and Ezequiel Saldivar of Buhl, was born Dec. 21, 2008.

Shelby Lee Heider, daughter of Gina Lee and Chad

Austin Heider of Kimberly, was born Dec. 22, 2008.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Nevaeh Mendez Spurrier Perez, daughter of Kendra Lyn Spurrier and Ricardo Mendez Perez of Jerome, was born Nov. 16, 2008.

Bailey Madison Dumas, daughter of David Dumas and Emily Jackson of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 20, 2008.

Anna Marie Charlotte Allen, daughter of Kleo and Lucy Allen of Wendell, was born Nov. 22, 2008.

Jorja Elizabeth Maddux Nordstrom, daughter of Karl and Julie Nordstrom of Shoshone, was born Nov. 24, 2008.

Tylie Joe Seefried, daughter of John and Mellisa Seefried of Wendell, was born Nov. 25, 2008.

Cristian Gonzalez, son of David and Maria G. Gonzalez of Gooding, was born Nov. 26, 2008.

Aaron Christian Atchison, son of Nathan and Beth Atchison of Hagerman, was born Dec. 2, 2008.

Christopher Joseph Cleland, son of Brock and Jusdee Cleland of Jerome, was born Dec. 2, 2008.

Braydon Lee Hastie, son of Ashley Coates and Dan Hastie of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2008.

Shannya Marie Robirts, daughter of Tanya Robirts of Shoshone, was born Dec. 2, 2008.

Maria Guadalupe Arellano Lopez, daughter of Rosalina Arellano Quintero and Juan Carlos Lopez Campos of Jerome, was born Dec. 3, 2008.

Aaliyan Anani Baroza, daughter of Berenice Quintero and Gustavo Baroza of Jerome, was born Dec. 10, 2008.

Justice Keagan Craig, son of Brandon and Jessica Craig of Shoshone, was born Dec. 12, 2008.

Brent Abbott Jr., son of Catrina and Brent Abbott of Jerome, was born Dec. 17, 2008.

Jimena Anali Nava Muro, daughter of Elizabeth Jhanely Muro Sanches of Jerome, was born Dec. 18, 2008.

Mentor

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but fall in love with them. That's all there is to it." Spain said the boy never talks about his father's incarceration, but if he brought it up, Spain would gladly listen, he said. Instead, the two play basketball and collect leaves.

The conversations between mentors and their charges are private, Whiting said. The only time that confidence is broken is in cases of abuse or illegal activity.

"We don't want the kids, especially the older ones, to think that the mentor is a spy," Whiting said.

That confidentiality helped Coral McAdams' 16-year-old charge open up to her, helping McAdams understand the girl's situation even more.

"Some of the things she told me, I really feel she was kind of handed a bad deal," the Twin Falls woman said. "She didn't have a lot of chance of breaking that cycle."

For two months, McAdams' mentored teen fell off the radar after going through a rough patch in her life, she explained. On Tuesday, though, the girl called McAdams to say hello and give an update on her life.

"We're going to get back together," McAdams said.

McAdams has also been involved with other children. A couple of months ago, she accompanied two boys to a law enforcement conference in Burley. There, the boys stood up and told the audience how the program has affected their lives.

"It even chokes me up now," she said, pausing to regain her composure.

Bagwell said her charge has blossomed under her watch.

The girl used to throw tantrums and shrink away from physical contact, Bagwell said. Now, she is calmer and more affectionate.

"I just see so much growth in her. Just amazing," Bagwell said.

Watching the children overcome their situations makes the time commitment worth it, the AMACHI volunteers said.

"I would recommend that anybody that has the time sign up and take a child," Spain said. "It does me as much good as it does him, if you want to know the truth about it."

Quick Study

By Linda Searing
Special to The Washington Post

The topic: Tonsillectomy

Anti-nausea drug may raise risk for bleeding

THE QUESTION

How effective is a drug that's often given to prevent nausea and vomiting in kids who are having their tonsils out?

THIS STUDY

It involved 215 children, ages 2 to 17, who were having surgery to remove their tonsils. They were randomly assigned to be given the steroid dexamethasone, in one of three dosages, or a placebo along with anesthesia. A day after surgery, 63 of the children had experienced nausea or vomiting, including 44 percent of those given the placebo and just 12 percent of children given the highest dose of the drug. However, within 10 days of the surgery, a bleeding problem had been reported in 22 children: 4 percent of those in the placebo group and 24 percent of the children given the highest dose of dexamethasone.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?

Children scheduled for a tonsillectomy, which is not as com-

mon a procedure as it once was.

CAVEATS

The study was stopped early for safety reasons. The authors wrote that although dexamethasone is an effective against nausea, "it may be prudent to avoid it in children undergoing tonsillectomy."

FIND THIS STUDY

It's in the Dec. 10 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

LEARN MORE

Learn about tonsillectomy at www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus (click on "Interactive Tutorials") and www.kidshealth.com (enter "Kids" site).

The research described in Quick Study comes from credible, peer-reviewed journals. Nonetheless, conclusive evidence about a treatment's effectiveness is rarely found in a single study. Anyone considering changing or beginning treatment of any kind should consult a physician.

Cards

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Markers and/or crayons
Photographs
Craft glue
Scissors

Assembly:

1. Have a child draw and color a house, including a window for each family member. (The windows probably need to be drawn larger than usual.)

2. Cut out images of each family member to fit inside each window and glue them into place. If you have pets, they can be placed inside a window or outside in the yard.

(Adapted from "Family Fun" magazine)

3-D SNOWBALL CARD

Supplies:
5 1/2-by-4 1/4-inch blank

card in festive color (sold, with envelopes, at crafts stores)

Photo of your family posing with arms cocked (as if to throw a snowball)

Glue stick
Crafting glue
Small white pom-poms

Assembly:

1. Cut the photo to fit the card, leaving a border of at least 1/4 inch around the photo.

2. Use a glue stick to glue the photo to the card.

3. Use crafting glue to adhere a white pom-pom over each throwing hand.

(Adapted from "Family Fun" magazine)

SNOWMAN BUTTON CARDS

Supplies:
3 different-size white but-

tons; the smallest must have 4 holes

Embroidery floss in red
Embroidery floss in green (optional)

Blank folded note card in festive color

Slightly larger blank white card (or white card stock)

Glue gun with glue stick

Thin ribbon 3/16-inch width

Ribbon in white or cream

Hole punch (preferably 1/8-inch size)

Sewing needle

Thimble (optional)

Assembly:

1. Using a thimble and with three strands of floss, attach the smallest button — the snowman's head — to the colored card stock by sewing a single stitch between two button holes to create a

mouth. If desired, add eyes by sewing French knots into the two remaining button-holes, using three strands of green floss.

2. With a hot glue gun, secure the button face with a drop of glue on the inside of the card. Glue the remaining two, incrementally larger buttons below the first one.

3. Tie a small piece of colorful ribbon into a knot and glue it below the snowman's head (between the smallest two buttons); trim ends.

4. Slide the white, slightly larger card inside the first one. Align, then punch two holes along the folded edge. String a ribbon through the holes and tie it to secure.

(Adapted from "Martha Stewart Holiday" magazine)

Weekly deadline

Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more.)

To submit an announcement, e-mail it to ramona@magicvalley.com. The photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event.

With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

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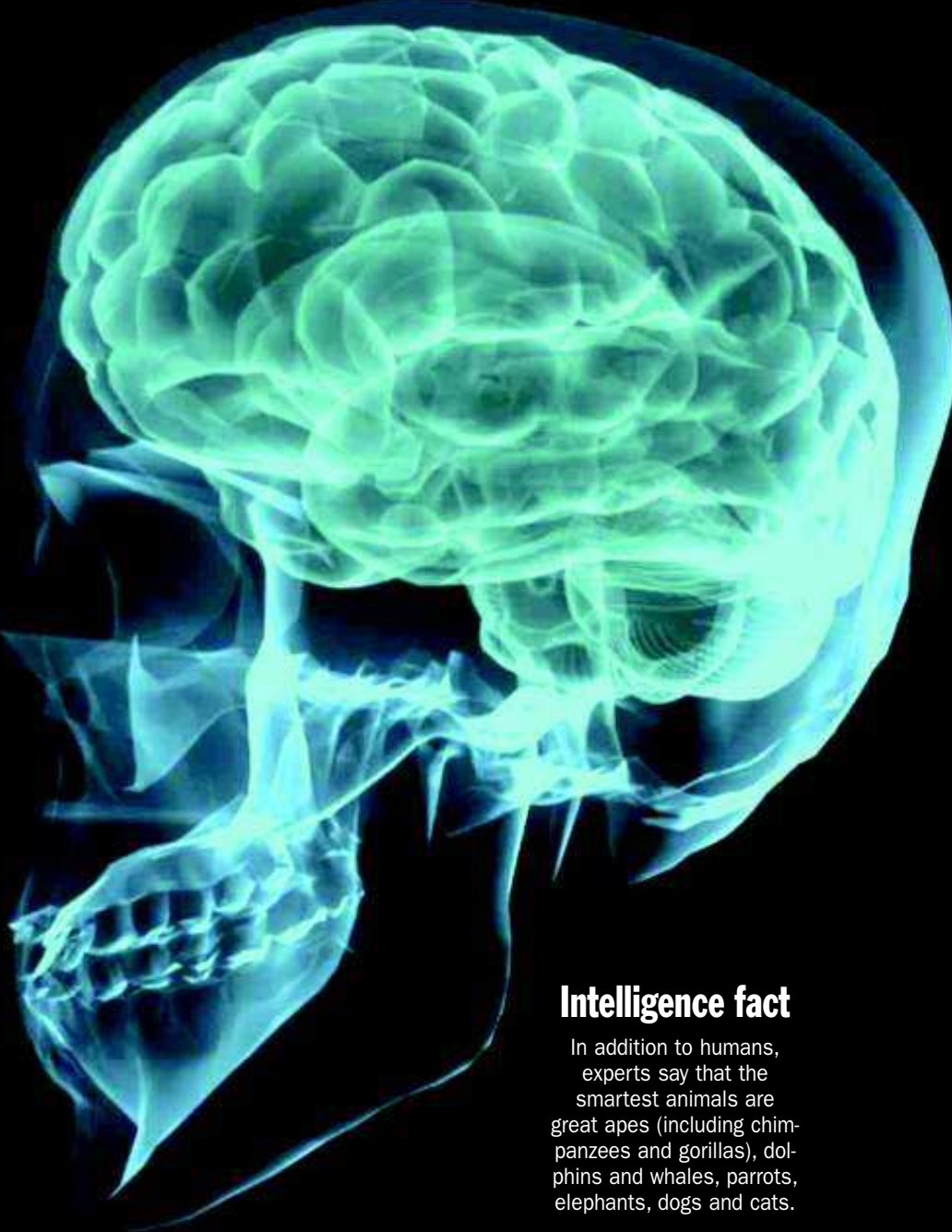
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Measuring intelligence

By Valerie Strauss • The Washington Post



Intelligence fact

In addition to humans, experts say that the smartest animals are great apes (including chimpanzees and gorillas), dolphins and whales, parrots, elephants, dogs and cats.

Pretend for a minute that:

- **The kid who sits on your right at school is a whiz at math.**
- **The kid on your left is bad at math but writes great stories.**
- **Then there's you.** You are just OK at math and writing but are very talented at dancing.

Whom would you consider to be the smartest? Why?

The subject of intelligence is one that human beings have wrestled with since ancient times.

Yet today there is still no single definition of what it means to be intelligent. Experts on the subject don't agree on whether there is one kind of "intelligence" or lots of different ones.

Over the years there have been different tests created that are supposed to measure intelligence.

But no single test really can tell, experts say.

The earliest test was done by a French scientist named Alfred Binet in 1905. Binet was trying to fix a situation in which kids who were not mentally retarded were being placed into class with kids who were. His test included tasks such as vocabulary questions and solving specific problems.

Over time other tests were developed that resulted in a score known as an "intelligence quotient," or IQ.

It used to be calculated this way: Take a person's "mental age" (as decided by a test score), then divide it by their actual age and multiply by 100.

So if a 10-year-old tested out as a 12-year-old, the IQ would be 12

divided by 10 times 100. IQ: 120. Today nobody uses mental age. Now a test is given with tasks involving short-term memory, reasoning, analyzing and the recall of facts. The score is then compared with the scores of other people the same age, and an IQ is assigned.

IQ scores can change over time, and they are affected by where and how you live. Also, the tests don't measure such things as creativity and leadership skills.

The average IQ is 100, experts say. One of the most popular modern theories was created by Harvard University Professor Howard Gardner. His theory of multiple intelligences says that there are a lot of different ways of being smart.

They include being really good at music or with words and language. Gardner even thinks there is a "kinesthetic" intelligence, referring to people who can control their bodies, such as dancers and mimes.

Critics of the theory say those are just traits, or qualities that people possess, not intelligences. What do you think?

In the end, experts say, the smartest people are probably not those who can simply ace a test. The most intelligent are those who can understand the world around them, make changes to adapt to it and respond in a sensible way.

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Talking with the Plain White T's

By Lindsey Montano, Christopher O'Leary and Lindsey Walsh
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We spoke with the band Plain White T's after a photo shoot in Manhattan recently. It was cool watching them pose.

Question: Tom, you wrote the hit single "Hey There Delilah." Is Delilah your girlfriend?

Tom: No, she's not. Delilah is a girl who I thought was really pretty that I wrote a song about. We kind of were friends. I wanted the song to be as pretty as she was.

Q: You write most of the band's songs. Which do you prefer: writing or singing?

Tom: The whole process is

cool because the writing is creating it and then once you get to sing it, that's kind of a way of sharing it. Both things are definitely cool.

Q: What has been your favorite song that you've written?

Tom: Probably "Hey There Delilah." I think it's one of the best I've ever written.

Q: How did your band form?

Tom: Dave and I went to high school together, and we were into music. We played music in my basement together with other friends of ours. When I started writing songs, we just kind of started Plain White T's and have been going at it ever since.

Q: Why did you name the band Plain White T's?

Tom: We thought it was a cool-sounding name because everybody wears a plain white T. It's always in style.

Dave: And in the history of musical culture, artists have worn white T-shirts, like Elvis, Michael Jackson.

Q: What do you like to do when you're not on tour?

Dave: I like seeing my family and friends.

Tom: I like going to see other bands play.

Mike: When we have down time on tour, we play video games.

Q: What is the best and worst thing about being famous?

Tom: We don't really consider ourselves famous. We don't really get stopped for auto-

graphs. But one time in Chicago (where most of the band is from), I went to see Fall Out Boy play before we were on tour with them. I couldn't even go into the crowd because people came up to me to ... ask for autographs, and I'm trying to enjoy the band. That's probably the worst of it, even though it is flattering.

Dave: The best part is people give us free stuff. When we started, we had to save up our money to buy a cheap instrument or had to ask for it as a gift. Then when you are given them for free, that's really cool.

Mike: I think it's so cool to see yourself on TV, even if it's for five minutes.

And we get to meet people



who are actually famous.

Q: If you weren't in a band, what career would you choose?

Mike: I like science a lot, so maybe I'd do something with science.

Tom: I wish I could be a really good chef. But it's not too late.

Q: Whose music do you like to listen to, other than yours?

Mike: Probably, collectively,

the Beatles would be No. 1.

Q: Where have you enjoyed playing the most and why?

Tom: Probably Madison Square Garden. We never thought we'd be playing there.

Dave: We played at some of the bigger arenas in Chicago and to do a hometown show in a place that big is cool. When we were in high school, we'd go to these places to see concerts.

Why do you feel tired after sleeping for hours?

By Valerie Strauss
The Washington Post

It happens to most kids at one time or another: You wake up in the morning facing a new day — only to yawn and wish you could go back to sleep.

Several things can cause you to feel tired, but there are things you can do to avoid it.

The amount of sleep you get each night is vital.

You may think eight hours sounds like enough, but it isn't. Experts say that kids ages 5 to 12 need about 10 to 11 hours of sleep every night.

Changes to your sleep schedule can also make you tired, and so can stress. Are you worried about a math test? That can affect how well you sleep. So can cer-

tain health issues. If your body is fighting a cold, it is going to require more sleep than when you are well.

Sleep may seem like a simple process, but it isn't. A lot of stuff is going on in your body and brain when you are slumbering.

There are five stages to what is called a sleep cycle. The entire cycle generally lasts 90 to 120 minutes and repeats about five times during the night. The first four stages account for about 75 percent of your night. During this period, your body goes from light to deep sleep.

Body functions such as blood pressure and body temperature drop. Muscles relax. The blood supply to your muscles increases and tissue growth and repair occurs. Hormones, such as

those that help you grow, are released throughout your body. (You really do need to sleep to grow!)

Then in Stage 5, things change.

You go into what is called REM (rapid eye movement) sleep, meaning that your eyes dart back and forth. This is the time when your brain becomes active and most dreams occur. Your body becomes somewhat immobile.

Experts aren't sure why we dream, but they believe it is important in human development.

The National Sleep Foundation did a national survey a few years ago that found that many kids have sleep problems at least a few nights a week.

Too little sleep leaves you more than just tired.

Sleepiness can cause, or make worse, behavioral problems that affect your ability to do your best at school.

Here are some things that experts say can help you get a good night's sleep.

- **Go to sleep** at the same time each night.

- **Keep your bedroom** dark, cool and quiet at bedtime.

- **Keep TVs and computers** out of the bedroom.

- **Limit drinks** with caffeine, which can include some soda. Caffeine stimulates your central nervous system, making it hard to go to sleep.

So next time your parents tell you it is time to go to sleep, stop arguing! They're right!

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The science of sleep

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