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— Dale Thornsberry, Twin Falls School District facilities manager, on work at the Canyon Ridge High School

Coming in from the **COLD**



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Construction continues Monday on the new gymnasium at Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls. The room uses dozens of skylights and a number of windows to maximize natural light.

Canyon Ridge construction focus shifts indoors

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

At the new Canyon Ridge High School, the focus of construction work is shifting from the outside of the building to the interior. Outside work is continuing in some areas such as the roof that will cover three rooms that will house weights, exercise equipment and a wrestling room. Elsewhere, workers will be finishing drywall, putting in electrical fixtures and installing flooring and ceiling tiles before the high school opens its doors to students this fall.

"We're at the point now where we just about have everything closed in," said Dale Thornsberry, the district's facilities manager. He anticipates that the building will be entirely

enclosed in about a month. In the gymnasium, lighting will come from more than 50 skylights during the day, reducing the need for electricity, Thornsberry said. Ceramic tiles are already on the walls of bathrooms throughout the school. The goal is to have some classroom areas finished as soon as the end of January. While the price of oil has plummeted in recent months, that factor hasn't changed the anticipated cost for the building, Thornsberry said, adding that the contracts were bid out months in advance.

"We don't get any break because the cost goes down," he said. In 2006, the school's cost was estimated at about \$37.6 million. District officials recently have estimated that it could cost as much as \$47

million, citing inflation and increased prices of construction materials. Other construction projects within the district are also progressing. Multi-purpose rooms at Bickel Elementary School and I.B. Perrine Elementary School are finished. Bill Brulotte, principal of Perrine Elementary School, said the multi-purpose room provides more space for gym and physical education activities. The gym also provides space for Robert Stuart Junior High School students to practice basketball, he said. Previously, the physical education activities and cafeteria were in the same room. That's also the case at Bickel Elementary School. The multi-purpose rooms also provide space for activities like basketball and vol-

leyball, said Kelli Schroeder, the school's principal. In other district construction projects: • Multi-purpose rooms are under construction at Morningside Elementary School and Harrison Elementary School. Morningside's completion is scheduled for April and the district expects Harrison to be done this May. • Demolition work at the Twin Falls High School west entrance remodeling project. Workers have poured concrete footings and foundations walls. The 10,000-square-foot project will have bathrooms, a concession area, a ticket booth and a lobby area for both of the school's gymnasiums.

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City free to go \$33M in debt

T.F. gets judicial confirmation for water project

By Jared S. Hopkins and Nate Poppino
Times-News writers

A district court judge approved Monday a request by the city of Twin Falls to incur debt to pay for \$33.3 million in water projects to meet federal arsenic standards and increase its water supply. Citing the possible consequences of not meeting the standards, 5th District Judge Randy Stoker ruled that the expense meets the Idaho

Constitution's definition of "ordinary and necessary" that allows the city to go into debt for more than a year. The other option for the city would have been to hold a citywide vote that required two-thirds approval, an option officials again said would leave the city facing the mandate whether debt approval passed or not.

"The purpose of the judicial confirmation statute is to deal with issues exactly like this," Stoker said. The projects are designed to meet drinking water regulations the Environmental Protection Agency tightened in 2001. The city pledged \$10 million as part of a \$26 million deal last year with

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City adopts comp plan

Plan passes unanimously after minor tweaks

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council on Monday adopted its proposed Comprehensive Plan, a long-term planning guide through 2030 that would replace its existing plan from 1994. The document includes directions for how Twin Falls should look in about 20 years — where homes should go, which roads need to be fixed — and suggestions, both broadly and in detail, for implementing such goals. Nearly every facet of living in Twin Falls is addressed, including schools, municipal services and economic development. The council unanimously adopted the plan after making several small amendments. It discussed the plan for almost three hours, despite several recent informational sessions.

Adoption of the comp plan has no direct fiscal impact, but the plan's recommendations could require spending money if enacted. An ordinance will be passed by the council at an upcoming meeting to make it official. The consulting agency that created the plan estimates the city will have 66,000 residents in 2030. The city — barely 100 years old — recently passed the 40,000 population mark and grew by 12 percent from 2000 to 2005. The council made several tweaks to the proposed plan. Early in the evening, discussion focused on how to align residential designation of an area along Addison Avenue East near Eastland Drive. The Maverik gas station company is interested in building a station there, a company spokesman testified. Ultimately the council agreed to preserve a patch of an area residential-commercial area to accommodate residents. Just five people testified at the public hearing. Dennis Crawford, a private

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WATCH: Video of public testimony from the hearing.
ALSO: Read the proposed comprehensive plan at tfid.org

Obama plunges into econ talks

President-elect predicts approval

By Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama plunged into rare pre-inaugural crisis talks with congressional leaders Monday, declaring the national economy was "bad and getting worse" and embracing tax cuts now expected to reach \$300 billion. He predicted lawmakers would approve a mammoth revitalization package within two weeks of his taking office. If the two-year plan is enacted, workers would see



AP photo

President-elect Barack Obama meets with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California in her office on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday.

larger paychecks almost immediately because taxes withheld by the government would drop. The break would be retroactive to Jan. 1, and couples receiving a \$1,000 tax cut would begin receiving an extra \$40 in twice-monthly paychecks as the government tries to

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Local Dems head to D.C. for inauguration

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Dixie Siegel and Etha Carruthers didn't wait until after the general election to prepare for the swearing in ceremony of Barack Obama in Washington, D.C. "We booked a hotel room in the summer," Siegel said. "We just felt like if he won, we wanted to be there." The two Twin Falls residents are among the handful of locals and hundreds of Idahoans who will be in Washington for the Jan. 20

Still want to attend?

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- Sen. Mike Crapo, 202-224-6142
- Idaho Democratic Party, 208-336-1815

inauguration of Obama. The event is expected to draw more people than ever before — millions from across the country. "We know it's going to be

crazy with lots of people but that's part of the fun. Everyone's there for the same reason — to celebrate," said Carruthers, 44. "It's an historic event in our lifetime and I haven't had an historic event to attend in my lifetime." The 225,000 tickets to the swearing in near the Capitol are reportedly sold out, as are the 10 official balls. But there are bleacher seats and people are expected to fill the National Mall. The 180 tickets

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— Etha Carruthers, a Twin Falls resident who will attend President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration

MORNING BRIEFING



Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to go and do today

• For activities for your kids, check out the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. It offers after-school programs from 3 to 7 p.m., even when there is no school, starting at \$20. Information: 736-7011.

• Reggae legends, The Wailers perform their album,

"Exodus," at 8 p.m. at The Knitting Factory, 416 S. Ninth St. in Boise. Tickets are \$20 to \$50, at ticketweb.com or 343-8883, ext. 112. But drive safe.

• Closer to home, hear Great Riff Jazz with drummer Tony Bowler from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pandora's restaurant, 516

Hansen St. in Twin Falls. There's no cover.

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

Paul Tillotson Trio with special guest Grammy award winner Lew Soloff on trumpet Live, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Sun Valley Duchin Lounge, Sun Valley, 622-2266.

Appointment scheduling for Jan. 9 and 10 auditions for JuMP Company's production of "Kokonut Kapers," 6 to 8 p.m., 420-1254 or 734-4998 (also Jan. 7).

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Burley Rotary Club, noon, Burley Inn, 878-8382.

Rupert Kiwanis Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W, 436-8124.

Mary Time Club meeting, 2 p.m., home of Betty Slifer, Filer, 735-5213.

Snake River Flats meeting, an all-male singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

EXHIBITS

Russ Hepworth's Retrospective, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

"Little Reminders," collection of new work by Magic Valley native Grant Olsen, noon to 5 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's La Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, Twin Falls, free admission, 734-2787 or Magicvalleyartscouncil.org.

Grand opening of "Between Fences," 6:30 p.m.; and **"Don't Fence Me In"** presented by Lisa Brady, assistant professor of history at Boise State University, 7 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost, 736-6205.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln Ave., 644-2700.

Jerome City Council, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.

Albion City Council, 7 p.m., civic center, 124 S. Main St., 673-5352.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.

Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.

Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

TOPS Weight Support Group Chapter ID No. 374, 10 a.m., 410 E. Third St., Rupert, 436-6037.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Adult Children Anonymous (ACA) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.

Mini-Cassia Domestic Violence Support group for women meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center Rain Forest, no cost; **Faulkner Planetarium "Here Comes the Sun,"** 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, no cost for children under age 2 and a special price package for families with five children or less, 732-6655.

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.

Plan

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agriculture consultant who sat on the plan's steering committee, urged the council to keep the plan as presented and cited how it took two years to develop.

"You're going to be in a situation of antagonizing some people and we've already had plenty of time for people to have made

comments in the public," he said. "Let it work for one year."

No city-initiated amendments may be made to the plan for one year after its adoption, but residents can still make requests.

The city's Transportation Master Plan and its Capital Improvement Plan are both included in the overall

comp plan. The CIP plan for large projects must be adopted before impact fees, if ever voted on by the council, can be enacted.

Both plans were a source of discussion late in the evening.

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Obama

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spark more consumer spending.

"The economy is very sick," said Obama, who met privately with leaders of both parties at the Capitol. "The situation is getting worse. ... We have to act and act now to break the momentum of this recession."

Obama, who takes office two weeks from today, has said there can be only one president at a time — and he repeated that principle Monday "when it comes to foreign affairs." But when it comes to the floundering economy, he clearly feels he cannot sit by until the swearing-in.

"The reason we are here today is because the people's business cannot wait," Obama said as he arrived on Capitol Hill.

"I expect to be able to sign a bill shortly after taking

office," he said. Pressed on the timing, he said, "By the end of January or the first of February."

Obama's proposal to stimulate the economy includes tax cuts of up to \$300 billion — including \$500 for most individuals and \$1,000 for couples if one spouse is employed — as well as more than \$100 billion for businesses, an Obama transition official said. The total value of the tax cuts would be significantly higher than had been signaled earlier.

New federal spending, also aimed at boosting the moribund economy, could push the overall package to the range of \$800 billion or so. Some \$77 billion would be used to extend unemployment benefits and to subsidize health care for people who have lost their jobs.

The rest would go toward job-creation projects such

as roads and bridges and toward long-term goals such as alternative energy programs.

Meeting with Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Obama set a tone of urgency for dealing with a financial situation that he described as "precarious."

He said, "The speaker and her staff have been extraordinarily helpful in working with our team so we can shape an economic recovery plan and start putting people back to work."

HIGHWAY INFORMATION

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| | % of Avg. | peak |
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| Big Wood | 95% | 41% |
| Little Wood | 105% | 44% |
| Big Lost | 105% | 44% |
| Little Lost | 100% | 44% |
| Henry's Fork/Teton | 91% | 40% |
| Upper Snake Basin | 98% | 44% |
| Oakley | 95% | 39% |
| Salmon Falls | 103% | 44% |

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Project

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groundwater pumpers and the state to purchase water shares at the Pristine Springs ranch and fish farms. It estimates \$20 million is needed to transport water from the springs to the south side of town.

About \$3 million of the total will go to a separate project for water mains to ensure water can reach growing areas.

During the roughly 25-minute hearing, Stoker questioned city officials and a representative of J-U-B Engineers about the project, touching on how the work would be done, projected rate changes for city residents and the consequences for not complying with the EPA mandate. He also wondered why the matter was before him just two years before a January 2011 deadline to comply.

"Why is it that we are here kind of in the 11th hour in this matter?" Stoker asked.

City Manager Tom Courtney noted that officials

had spent about two years looking for new sources of water, and City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said that the original plan was to build a filtering system. Failing to meet the deadline, Wonderlich said, would mean possible fines and even well closures. Federal and state officials said last month that no U.S. cities have faced such punishments yet.

No written or verbal objections to the process were filed with the city, Wonderlich said, and no one testified in opposition to the matter Monday morning.

State law states Stoker's decision can be appealed for 42 days. After that window closes, the city will be able to move forward with financing the work and completing its purchase of the water shares, Courtney said. Construction could start within 10 months to a year, with the project completed just in time for the deadline.

Funds for the project should come from multiple sources, Courtney said,

including banks and state financing options.

The \$33 million will be repaid over 20 years through increases in water rates. Over four years, city water users will see their average bills rise from about \$23 per month to a little more than \$33. Officials have said the project could actually cost less than \$33 million because the current economic crisis has generally caused bids for public projects to decrease.

Officials said from the start that they intend to blend the spring water with arsenic-laden water to dilute the arsenic. That project now will be handled separately, Courtney said, because officials didn't think it should be part of the confirmation request. A blending system, about \$700,000, will be paid for through the city budget and could be done at the same time as the other work.

"You can't afford to just abandon a water source for the long term," Courtney said, speaking about keeping the arsenic-heavy wells.

worked on Obama's campaign in Twin Falls, leave Jan. 16 for the Jan. 20 ceremony. They'll spend some time in Baltimore before Obama's ceremony.

Siegel said most of the people she's talked with in town are excited for the event, regardless of their politics.

"I tend to think everyone in this country is thinking we've got to work together," Siegel said. "It doesn't matter if you're Democrat or Republican."

Also attending will be Keith Roark, the state Democratic party chairman and attorney from Hailey.

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Dems

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from Rep. Mike Simpson and 400 tickets from Sen. Mike Crapo are accounted for, spokespeople said.

There's no official or organized Idaho travel group — although there is one on Facebook — and people are coordinating for events. But there will be plenty of events for Idahoans to choose from. Siegel said they hope to attend one of the balls. Carruthers said a dinner for the state's supporters is in the works. And Idaho Democratic Party spokeswoman Julie Fanselow said there are plans for a photo the day tickets are picked up. "It's kind of a changing of the general guard. He's the first post-baby boom presi-

dent," said Fanselow. But last-minute stragglers might still be in luck. Crapo spokesman Lindsay Nothern said there's a waiting list and some have canceled.

The group from Twin Falls — Dixie's husband Brad is going, too — won't have to splurge for an expensive place to stay, either. Dozens of Web sites boast of places to rent, some for as much as thousands of dollars. Instead, Siegel, who has never visited Washington, reconnected with an old friend who lives in Bowie, Md.

"We thought that would be more fun and save a little bit of money," said Carruthers, a travel agent.

Carruthers and Siegel, who

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You don't say
Steve Crump



Journey of a hardscrabble survivor

Aren't many Magic Valley folks left like Dwight Shaw ... Shaw, a farmer and a frequent contributor to the *Times-News* Opinion page, died Sunday at 88 after a long battle with cancer, according to his nephew, Greg Lanting ... Shaw was one of those members of what Tom Brokaw called the Greatest Generation who built the Magic Valley and fought to preserve it ... Shaw wrote an autobiography called "Footlocker Fifth" about his life but mostly about his experiences as a prisoner of war during World War II ... He enlisted before the war when he took a buddy to Salt Lake City for his induction into the Army ... Married just a few days before he shipped out to the Philippines, Shaw was serving there when the Japanese attacked the islands in December 1941 ... The communications unit he belonged to had only a few weapons and most of them were still packed in the crates in the shipping grease ... and there was little ammunition for the weapons they did have ... Shaw was captured by the Japanese and shipped to Japan, where he spent the rest of the war in a POW camp ... The Army, meanwhile, declared him dead ... Food was so scarce in the camp that prisoners hoped for one bowel movement a month ... Conversations among the twentysomething men were about food, not

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girls ... Shaw believed he survived because he grew up poor on the Salmon Tract and knew how to handle hunger ... The POWs were forced to work in Japanese factories alongside the Japanese ... Shaw spoke of the harshness and cruelty by the guards, but not the general population ... One day the guards were gone when they awoke ... The second atomic bomb had been dropped on the city of Nagasaki ... After some trepidation, the prisoners wandered out of the camp ... Japanese farmers somehow communicated to them that the war was over and shared their meager food with them ... A few weeks later, Shaw arrived in San Francisco and got the news that his wife had remarried after the Army had declared him dead ... The small photograph that he had looked at thousands of times had kept him alive, but his marriage was annulled and his former wife was allowed to keep Shaw's Army life insurance ... And he was all of 26 years old ...

Steve Crump is the *Times-News* Opinion editor.

Police: T.F. house fire possibly arson

Tests for accelerants underway

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Police are eyeing a suspect they say may have set a destructive house fire last month, possibly with an accelerant, along Fourth Avenue East in Twin Falls. Authorities, however, aren't naming the person, and have yet to make an arrest.

Samples from the Dec. 19 fire scene at 515 Fourth Ave. E. are getting tested for accelerants, Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks confirmed. The suspect also needs to be interviewed more, he said. The vacant home surrounded by freshly fallen snow went ablaze at about 11 a.m. The older home was

recently moved from another location along Kimberly Road, and utilities were not hooked up, authorities said. Neighbors suspected a vagrant may have gotten into the home and set fire inside for warmth. The house was under construction for months, and many neighbors said they never met the owner. "You definitely could get in it," said neighbor Lurinda Arnold, last month from the fire scene.

Police are not providing any details right now about their suspect. Twin Falls Police did 13 arson investigations in 2007. If this fire is deemed arson, it would be the 15th and last of 2008, said Hicks. Twin Falls Fire Department authorities deferred questions about the case to police. Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380 or ajackson@magicvalley.com.

Account opened for child hypothermia victim

Family of Sage Aragon says donations to pay for funeral

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The family of an 11-year-old girl who died of suspected hypothermia after a freezing, snowy trek to see her mom on Christmas, is taking donations to pay for the child's funeral.

Officials with Wells Fargo confirmed an account for Sage Aragon was established to cover funeral expenses. The bank doesn't track how the money is used, and the amount in the account is not publicized by the bank, Tim Logan, Wells Fargo

banker, confirmed Monday. Sage's uncle, Kenneth Quintana, and father Robert Aragon, are charged in Lincoln County with second-degree murder for her death. Aragon is lodged at the Jerome County Jail on \$500,000 bond and Quintana

is at the Blaine County Jail on \$150,000 bond. Both men are also charged with felony injury to a child. Quintana is additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia out of Jerome County, which carries a \$500 bond, Blaine County Sheriff's Office Lt. Jay Davis confirmed Monday.

Man pleads guilty in grocery store gun incident

Dagon Williams charged with aggravated assault, possession of controlled substance

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A California man accused of flashing a gun at a popular Twin Falls grocery store, prompting some customers to flee as others subdued him, pleaded guilty Monday to aggravated assault and possession of a controlled substance.

Dagon Westley Williams, 23, signed off Monday on a plea agreement with prosecutors, where he could face five to 10 years in prison under a retained jurisdiction program. Sentencing is set for March 2, and prosecutors will drop a separate drug case against him. Authorities said Williams tried to steal a DVD player

and a candy bar Dec. 6 from Smith's Food and Drug, at 1913 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. An off-duty deputy from Twin Falls County helped hold down Williams until police arrived to arrest him, court papers show. Williams is accused of pulling a black 40-caliber handgun from under his sweatshirt during the struggle. In court on Monday, he asked Judge G. Richard Bevan to lower his \$50,000 bond because he wants to have a bleeding ulcer treated. Bevan denied the request, because a medical issue wasn't filed with the court. "You've committed a serious crime here," Bevan said. The off-duty Twin Falls

County deputy, Ken Danson, told police he yelled "gun," and grabbed Williams' hand so the firearm wouldn't be pointed at him or customers. Then, another customer put Williams in a headlock until

the gun was forced away, court papers show. Williams is lodged at the Twin Falls County Jail. Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380.

Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputy involved in crash

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A Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputy was treated and released from an area hospital Monday after his patrol car was hit from behind by a pickup truck. Deputy Stacy G. Gorrell was in his patrol car at 10:37 a.m. on the shoulder of East Poleline Road in Twin Falls with lights and flashers acti-

vated while awaiting a tow truck for an abandoned vehicle, a release from Twin Falls County Sheriff's spokeswoman Lori Nebeker stated. An eastbound pickup driven by Victor Hall, 76, of Jerome, struck the rear of Gorrell's cruiser, pushing it into the abandoned vehicle. Gorrell was treated and released from St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center and

returned to duty Monday, Idaho State Police Capt. Kedrick Wills confirmed. Hall, who was uninjured, was cited for travelling at a speed too fast for conditions, the release stated.

The cruiser suffered extensive damage, while the pickup received heavy front-end damage. The abandoned vehicle was lightly damaged. The crash was investigated by Idaho State Police.

Weather delays Jerome trash pickup

Weather conditions prevented PSI Environmental Systems trucks from picking up garbage in Jerome Monday, city officials announced. Residents within Jerome city limits need to set trash cans out for street-side pickup. Anyone needing assis-

tance in doing so can call 324-9669 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. the day before the next regularly scheduled pickup. Jerome and PSI officials apologize for the inconvenience and will try to remedy the problem as quickly as possible.

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EDITORIAL

We'll never know how effective Craig might have been

Larry Craig's 34 years of public service to Idaho will officially end this afternoon when Jim Risch is sworn in to replace him as United States senator from Idaho. Seventeen months after Craig's guilty plea for soliciting sex from an undercover police officer in a rest room at the Minneapolis airport, it's sometimes easy to forget how close he came to becoming one of Idaho's great senators.

Most people think that without Mensroomgate, Craig would have sought a fourth term in the Senate in 2008 — and won handily. He would have been among the most senior Republican senators in the upcoming Congress, but more importantly for Idaho one of the most influential members of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The list of Idaho senators with that kind of clout is pretty short: Republicans William Borah and Jim McClure and Democrat Frank Church. Craig attracted billions of dollars in federal projects to Idaho during his 28 years on Capitol Hill, but what might have been?

Craig and California Sen. Dianne Feinstein's AgJobs bill might have been the starting point for real immigration reform. His horsetrading skills might have made the Idaho Engineering Laboratory ground zero for next-generation reactor development.

With that kind of seniority — and probably no fifth election campaign to wage in 2014 — Craig might even have been able to broker a breakthrough compromise on salmon recovery that would spare the lower Snake River dams from breaching.

Now, with Craig gone from the Senate — and no Idaho senator on the Appropriations Committee — the state is in a demonstrably weaker position on issues ranging from INL to water.

Volumes have been written speculating on the reasons why Craig pleaded guilty after the airport incident. Maybe it was inevitable that it turned out as it did.

But there's always a price to be paid for squandered potential, and in the case of a public official his constituents share the cost.

Of course, Risch may turn out to be a better U.S. senator than Craig ever was. But that will take time.

And with the Democrats in control in Washington, D.C., time is not on Idaho's side.

Our view:

All that Sen. Larry Craig accomplished for Idaho will always be overshadowed by what he might have accomplished.

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

It's morning again — in Saudi Arabia

How many times do we have to see this play before we admit that it always ends the same way?

Which play? The one where gasoline prices go up, pressure rises for more fuel-efficient cars, then gasoline prices fall and the pressure for low-mileage vehicles vanishes, consumers stop buying those cars, the oil producers celebrate, we remain addicted to oil and prices gradually go up again, petro-dictators get rich, we lose. I've already seen this play three times in my life. Trust me: It always ends the same way — badly.



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

So I could only cringe when reading this article from CNNMoney.com on Dec. 22: "After nearly a year of flagging sales, low gas prices and fat incentives are reigniting America's taste for big vehicles. Trucks and SUVs will outsell cars in December ... something that hasn't happened since February. Meanwhile, the forecast finds that sales of hybrid vehicles are expected to be way down."

Have a nice day. It's morning again — in Saudi Arabia.

Of course, it's a blessing that people who have been hammered by the economy are getting a break at the pump. But for our long-term health, getting re-addicted to oil and gas guzzlers is one of the dumbest things we could do.

That is why I believe the second biggest decision Barack Obama has to make — the first is deciding the size of the stimulus — is whether to increase the federal gasoline tax or impose an economy-wide carbon tax. Best I can tell, the Obama team has no intention of doing either at this time. I understand why.



Raising taxes in a recession is a no-no. But I've racked my brain trying to think of ways to retool America around clean-power technologies without a price signal — i.e., a tax — and there are no effective ones. Without a higher gas tax or carbon tax, Obama will lack the leverage to drive critical pieces of his foreign and domestic agendas.

How so? According to AAA, U.S. gasoline prices now average about \$1.67 a gallon. Funny, that's almost exactly what gas cost on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. In the wake of 9/11, President Bush had the political space to impose a gasoline tax, a "Patriot Tax," to weaken the very people who had funded 9/11 and to stimulate a U.S. renewable-energy industry. But Bush wimped out.

Today's financial crisis is Obama's 9/11. The public is ready to be mobilized. This is his best window of opportunity to impose a gas tax. And he could make it painless: Offset the gas tax by lowering payroll taxes, or phase it in over two years at 10 cents a month. But if Obama, like Bush, wills the ends and not the means — wills a green economy without the price signals needed to change

consumer behavior and drive innovation — he will fail.

The two most important rules about energy innovation are: 1. Price matters — when prices go up people change their habits. 2. You need a systemic approach. It makes no sense for Congress to pump \$13.4 billion into bailing out Detroit and then do nothing to shape consumer behavior with a gas tax so more Americans will want to buy those cars. As long as gas is cheap, people will go out and buy used SUVs and Hummers.

There has to be a system that permanently changes consumer demand, which would permanently change what Detroit makes, which would attract more investment in battery technology to make electric cars, which would help the expansion of the wind and solar industries — where the biggest drawback is the lack of batteries to store electrons when the wind isn't blowing or the sun isn't shining. A higher gas tax would drive all these systemic benefits.

The same is true in geopolitics. A gas tax reduces gasoline demand and keeps dollars in America, dries up funding for terrorists and reduces the clout of Iran and

Russia at a time when Obama will be looking for greater leverage against petro-dictatorships. It reduces our current account deficit, which strengthens the dollar. It reduces U.S. carbon emissions driving climate change, which means more global respect for America. And it increases the incentives for U.S. innovation on clean cars and clean-tech.

Which one of these things wouldn't we want? A gasoline tax "is not just win-win; it's win, win, win, win, win," says the Johns Hopkins author and foreign policy specialist Michael Mandelbaum. "A gasoline tax would do more for American prosperity and strength than any other measure Obama could propose."

I know it's hard, but we have got to stop "taking off the table" the tool that would add leverage to everything we want to do at home and abroad. We've done that for three decades, and we know with absolute certainty how the play ends — with an America that is less innovative, less wealthy, less respected and less powerful.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for *The New York Times*.

The sorry state of our borders

If you think the bad economy has "solved" America's immigration problems, welcome to your reality check. It's certainly true illegal crossings from the south are down and that many foreign workers are returning to their native lands as work dries up. But border chaos, haphazard enforcement, massive backlogs and deportation negligence remain the order of the day.

A half-million citizenship applications have been pending for more than nine months. Some 700,000 illegal alien absconders — fugitives from deportation like Barack Obama's aunt Zeituni Onyango — are free. An estimated 4-5 million illegal visa overstayers from around the world remain in the country. Both Big Business and left-wing ethnic groups have concluded to prevent an employer verification program for workers' citizenship status from getting implemented nationwide. And the borders are still largely borders in



MICHELLE MALKIN

name only.

In June, the White House pushed through a \$1.6-billion border security spending plan ... for Mexico and Central America. While our own border fence remains incomplete, taxpayers shelled out for helicopters, surveillance equipment, computer infrastructure, expansion of intelligence databases, anti-corruption initiatives, human rights education and training, and anti-money laundering programs for our southern neighbors. So, how's the so-called Merida Initiative working out?

As terrorized citizens of Mexico will tell you, all hell has broken loose. Corrupt police officials and narco-insurgents have left a horrific trail of beheaded and bullet-

ridden bodies in their wake on both sides of the border. Mexican Army incursions into U.S. territory are a regular occurrence. In Monterrey, bandits opened fire and threw a grenade at the U.S. consulate this fall. A top Mexican immigration official was arrested in October carrying about 77 kilos of pot in Arizona. On a single weekend in Tijuana, 40 people were murdered. Two weeks ago, famed American anti-kidnaping negotiator Felix Bautista disappeared from the "relatively safe" northern industrial city of Saltillo in Coahuila state. No word on his whereabouts.

The apocalyptic conditions have prompted some Mexican lawmakers to revisit the country's ban on capital punishment. That's right. Members of the same foreign government that took America to court over our death penalty laws are now open to the idea of imposing the death penalty on the thugs on their own soil. And

after years of vehement protests against the U.S. for its meager attempts at immigration enforcement, Mexico is cracking down hard on illegal Cuban immigrants caught trying to enter the country from the south. They forged an agreement with Cuba to immediately send back illegal aliens — none of that "undocumented worker" mushiness for them — and punish human smugglers.

Such lawlessness, Mexico has apparently realized, is a grave threat to its people. Without order, there can be no peace. And chaos is an invitation for those with far more nefarious intentions. One hopes the incoming Obama administration can learn from our neighbors to the south: Immigration control is a national security issue. Blood-stained reality clarifies the mind.

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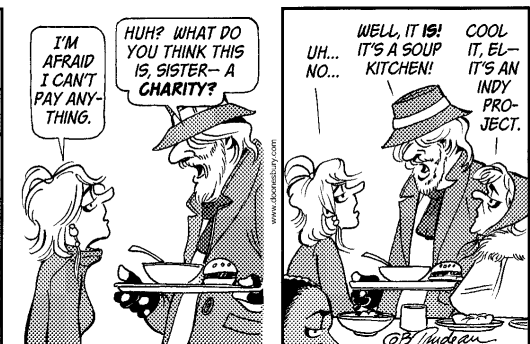
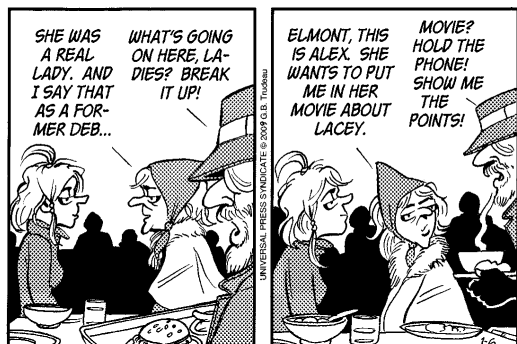
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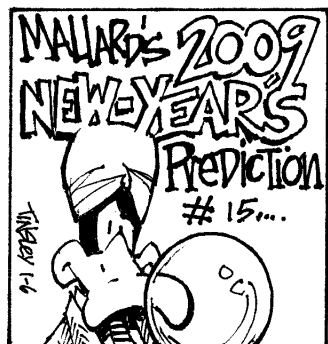
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



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Is sustainable food on Obama's menu?

Aprius in every garage and a farmers market in every neighborhood! This is our moment! This is our time for slow food! Or so, people hope from President-elect Obama.

Obama has raised hopes he will inspire Americans away from fool's gold-en arches and toward farmers markets and community supported agriculture (where people buy a share in a farm's annual harvest). Obama is the most healthy eater to enter the White House in a long time, unlike George H.W. Bush who castigated broccoli as he craved pork rinds, unlike ravenous Bill Clinton, who gained 30 pounds in his first presidential campaign, and unlike the junior George W. Bush, who, pun intended, butchered the meat of his message on food. He once said, "I know how hard it is for you to put food on your family."



DERRICK Z. JACKSON

Obama purchased peaches, pears, apples and nectarines from farmers markets on the campaign trail. Grass-roots organizing in farmers markets helped him turn Indiana from a red state to a blue state and cruise to victory in Wisconsin. Physician Rob Stone told the *Los Angeles Times*, "Obama's played Bloomington like a violin. Last summer, his people put out a table at the local farmers market and they've been showing up every weekend."

In Madison, the *Capital Times* and the *Wisconsin State Journal* featured Joe Melloy, Jim Witkins and

their Obama table at the farmers market, where they gave out \$1,000 worth of Obama buttons and bumper stickers they paid for themselves. "You don't wait for the cavalry to arrive," Melloy said. "You are the cavalry."

The grass-roots cavalry as well as wealthy food gurus want to see Barack and Michelle Obama become American Gothic, even creating a symbolic White House farm. Michael Pollan, author of the best-selling "In Defense of Food," wrote an open letter to the next president in *The New York Times* magazine decrying fossil-fuel-sucking, disease-promoting agribusiness, and calling for more support of local foods and farming that relies more on the sun than "Sunoco."

Obama told *Time* magazine he read Pollan's analysis that "our entire agricultural system is built on

cheap oil ... contributing more greenhouse gases than our transportation sector ... creating monocultures that are vulnerable to national security threats, are now vulnerable to sky-high food prices or crashes in food prices, huge swings in commodity prices, and are partly responsible for the explosion in our healthcare costs because they're contributing to type 2 diabetes, stroke and heart disease, obesity."

But Obama could not withstand the blowback from agribusiness. His campaign issued a statement that he "was simply paraphrasing" Pollan and did not "blame farmers" for obesity. He calculated he could not risk being framed again as an elitist, this time about bitter farmers clinging to corn and combines. In 2007, Obama complained at an Iowa farm stop about the price of arugula at Whole Foods when there

was not a single Whole Foods in the whole state of Iowa.

Obama's nomination of former Iowa governor Tom Vilsack for Agriculture secretary further leaves unclear if he has a food strategy. Vilsack is a relatively open-minded farm-belt politician on alternative energy. But Monsanto's vice president of global plant breeding, Ted Crosbie, said Vilsack has "a very balanced view of agriculture."

The problem is that agribusiness is grossly unbalanced, flooding Capitol Hill with \$1 billion of lobbying efforts the last 11 years, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, reaping \$177 billion in subsidies the last 12, according to the Environmental Working Group. There is so little accountability in farm payment programs that the Government Accountability

Office reported in October that the United States Department of Agriculture paid out a total of \$49 million to 2,702 potentially ineligible people whose adjusted gross income was more than \$2.5 million and derived less than 75 percent of their income from farming, ranching, or forestry.

The result is government waste and grossly unbalanced supermarket shelves, full of sugars, starches, and fats that are cheap to produce but costly to our bodies and our healthcare system. Can a community organizer from Chicago support community supported agriculture? First, he must display the courage to defend what the likes of Michael Pollan have to say, without apology.

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The evil hidden behind the smiles

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Western men who visit red-light districts in poor countries often find themselves surrounded by coquettish teenage girls laughingly tugging them toward the brothels. The men assume that the girls are there voluntarily, and in some cases they are right.

But anyone inclined to take the girls' smiles at face value should talk to Sina Vann, who was once one of those smiling girls.

Sina is Vietnamese but was kidnapped at the age of 13 and taken to Cambodia, where she was drugged. She said she woke up naked and bloody on a bed with a white man — she doesn't know his nationality — who had purchased her virginity.

After that, she was locked on the upper floors of a nice hotel and offered to Western men and wealthy Cambodians. She said she was beaten ferociously to force her to smile and act seductive.

"My first phrase in Khmer," the Cambodian language, "was, 'I want to sleep with you,'" she said. "My first phrase in English was" — well, it's unprintable.

Sina mostly followed instructions and smiled alluringly at men because she would have been beat-



NICHOLAS KRISTOF

en if men didn't choose her. But sometimes she was in such pain that she resisted, and then she said she would be dragged down to a torture chamber in the basement.

"Many of the brothels have these torture chambers," she said. "They are underground because then the girls' screams are muffled."

As in many brothels, the torture of choice was electric shocks. Sina would be tied down, doused in water and then prodded with wires running from the 220-volt wall outlet. The jolt causes intense pain, sometimes evacuation of the bladder and bowel — and even unconsciousness.

Shocks fit well into the brothel business model because they cause agonizing pain and terrify the girls without damaging their looks or undermining their market value.

After the beatings and shocks, Sina said she would be locked naked in a wooden coffin full of biting ants.

The coffin was dark, suffocating and so tight that she could not move her hands up to her face to brush off the ants. Her tears washed the ants out of her eyes.

She was locked in the coffin for a day or two at a time, and she said this happened many, many times.

Finally, Sina was freed in a police raid, and found herself blinded by the first daylight she had seen in years. The raid was organized by Somaly Mam, a Cambodian woman who herself had been sold into the brothels but managed to escape, educate herself and now heads a foundation fighting forced prostitution.

After being freed, Sina began studying and eventually became one of Somaly's trusted lieutenants. They work together, in defiance of death threats from brothel owners, to free other girls. To get at Somaly, the brothel owners kidnapped and brutalized her 14-year-old daughter. And six months ago, the daughter of another anti-trafficking activist (my interpreter when I interviewed Sina) went missing.

I had heard about torture chambers under the brothels but had never seen one, so a few days ago Sina took me to the red-light district here where she once was

imprisoned. A brothel had been torn down, revealing a warren of dungeons underneath.

"I was in a room just like those," she said, pointing. "There must be many girls who died in those rooms." She grew distressed and added: "I'm cold and afraid. Tonight I won't sleep."

"Photograph quickly," she added, and pointed to brothels lining the street. "It's not safe to stay here long."

Sina and Somaly sustain themselves with a wicked sense of humor. They tease each other mercilessly, with Sina, who is single, mock-scolding Somaly: "At least I had plenty of men until you had to come along and rescue me!"

Sex trafficking is truly the 21st century's version of slavery. One of the differences from 19th-century slavery is that many of these modern slaves will die of AIDS by their late 20s.

Whenever I report on sex trafficking, I come away less depressed by the atrocities than inspired by the courage of modern abolitionists like Somaly and Sina. They are risking their lives to help others still locked up in the brothels, and they have the credibility and experience to lead this fight. In my next column, I'll introduce a girl

that Sina is helping to recover from mind-boggling torture in a brothel — and Sina's own story gives hope to the girl in a way that an army of psychologists couldn't.

I hope that Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton will recognize slavery as unfinished business on the foreign policy agenda. The abolitionist cause simply hasn't been completed as long as 14-year-old girls are being jolted with electric shocks — right now, as you read this — to make them smile before oblivious tourists.

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— New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson abandoning his nomination to become commerce secretary in light of a grand jury investigation into a state contract awarded to his political donors

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Murphey to speak at Hagerman historical program

Kelly A. Murphey will be the speaker at the Hagerman Valley Historical Society program held at 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at the National Park Service office at 221 N. State St. in Hagerman. The public is invited to the program and refreshments will be served.

Murphey is a 1967 graduate of Castleford High School and earned his associate degree from the College of Southern Idaho, his Bachelor of Arts in English from Boise State University and earned his master's degree in anthropology. He received his principal's endorsement and his superintendent's endorsement from the University of Idaho.

He served in the National Guard soon after graduation from high school.

He has published a variety

of manuscripts and journal articles through the University of Idaho and contributed to many books and publications about the local area including "Secrets of the Magic Valley" and "Hagerman's Remarkable Horse and Valley of the Mighty Snake."

His most recent work is "The Price of a Horse: Hoof Prints On and Near the Snake River Plain." All three publications are available at the Hagerman Museum.

Murphey and his wife, Suzanne, have two daughters. He has been a teacher, principal and school superintendent. In addition he has done archeological work and was the prime investigator in the Crutchfield Garden Site where excavation revealed a prehistoric Indian camp.



The rewards of challenge



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

At left, Lorraine Reinhardt, Gooding County Memorial Hospital Chief Nursing Officer, speaks with Registered Nurse Wendy Mohr recently at the hospital.

Gooding's Reinhardt earns nursing leadership award

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

Lorraine Reinhardt sought a "positive challenge" and found it in Gooding. Now she's been rewarded for her work.

Reinhardt, the chief nursing officer for Gooding County Memorial Hospital, was recently awarded the Idaho Hospital Association's 2008 Outstanding Nurse Leader Award.

Reinhardt — along with her husband, John, and son, Zach — left Montana four years ago and found the Gooding hospital "needing help," in her words.

"The facility needed a general cleanup, both inside and out," Reinhardt said, adding that the buildings were aging and in need of work.

She and others formed an employee cleanup day, during which staff members joined in recarpeting, painting and repairing the aging building. One day turned to many as the facility ben-

efitted from the improvements.

In 2007 Reinhardt served as president of Rural Connection, the organization which nominated her for the leadership award. Rural Connection wrote in its last newsletter that Reinhardt increased registered nurse staffing and worked cooperatively with medical staff, administration and the hospital's board of directors to complete the facility's medical staff bylaws.

She is also credited with revitalizing critical access and hospital and nursing care by implementing a patient safety team, all while building nursing education and employee orientation programs. She created hospital-wide job descriptions and completely overhauled departmental policy and procedures on record, the newsletter stated, going on to state that Reinhardt improved departmental patient satisfaction by 40 percent and improved employee satisfaction scores by 50 percent in the time she has been

at the hospital.

Her family settled in Jerome when it could not find housing in Gooding. But Reinhardt keeps active in Gooding and is this year's president of the Lions Club and is taking an active part in the planning and design of the new North Canyon Medical Center being developed in Gooding.

Reinhardt's professional and administrative interests center around the nursing staff and its care of patients.

"I truly believe we have to support our staff," she said. "An important part of my life here is to make sure the patients get quality care."

Reinhardt added, "We do that by making sure my nursing staff and others get training, education, support. For the new hospital, whatever we do we are always looking at what can be helpful to the staff in providing care."

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"An important part of my life here is to make sure the patients get quality care."

— Gooding County Memorial Hospital Chief Nursing Officer Lorraine Reinhardt, who recently won the Idaho Hospital Association's 2008 Outstanding Nurse Leader Award

Reader offers a home remedy to treat back pain

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 84 years old and suffered from sciatic pain for more than two years nearly 25 years ago.

When I first developed the pain, I was incredibly busy. I was taking care of my husband, who was dying of lung cancer, and working with kindergartners and first-graders. I also had to take care of the housework, laundry, grocery shopping, and getting my husband to and from all his doctor appointments, as well as myself for my back pain.

I had been referred to several doctors, and none could offer me a diagnosis. I finally went to a chiropractor, who ordered X-rays and diagnosed me with sciatica. Adjustments gave me temporary relief. I was considering acupuncture as a next step because I was desperate to find a solution, when I happened upon an article in my paper. It was written by a physician (not you) who gave an exercise used to reduce sciatic pain.

After reading the article, I tried the exercise. I started feeling a little better within a few days, and I was pain free after two months. I continued to do it several times a day for three or four years. When I was sure I was going to be OK, I stopped. The exercise really works. I have been pain free for 25 years now. I only use it now when I start to feel the slightest twinge of back pain. I do it as often throughout the day as I can for several days just to make sure I won't have a problem.

I hope you print my letter because I know it will help others. Here are the instructions as I read them 25 years ago.

Lay flat on your back on a firm surface. Stretch both arms above your head and



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

stretch your legs down as far as they will go. Next, with one leg at a time, stretch your heel down and point your toes backward toward your knee. Hold for a count of five, then relax. Repeat with the other leg.

You will feel your spine stretch. This can be done a few times with each leg before getting back up to go on with the day. It is important to do the exercise throughout the day whenever you have a chance because it takes time to stretch the muscles and put them back in place.

DEAR READER: I am passing your letter on to my readers in the hopes that this will help some of them. Sciatica and back pain in general can be very troublesome and difficult to treat. This is primarily because we use our backs much more often than we realize, and, unfortunately, most people do not use proper precautions when exercising, weight lifting or carrying heavy objects. This can lead to muscle sprain or strain and can also cause the spinal discs to slip out of place and put pressure on the spinal nerves. If not properly treated, this constant nerve pressure can be disabling.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

Baby boomers need flu vaccine

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Katie Couric and Bryant Gumbel have news for you: They are baby boomers and are recommended to get the flu vaccine this year and every year.

Influenza (the flu) kills. Every year in the United States, an average of 36,000 Americans die from flu-related complications and about 200,000 people are hospitalized. Baby boomers are getting to the age when the risk for flu complications, including serious illness, hospitalization and even death, goes up. For this reason, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all people 50 and older get an annual flu shot as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.

Many people 50 and older have chronic illnesses, such as diabetes or heart disease, that place them at greater risk of serious flu-related complications if they get the flu. Fortunately, there is a safe and effective vaccine against influenza that can



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Because influenza is contagious, an infected person can easily spread it with a cough or sneeze.

prevent illness and reduce serious flu-related outcomes such as hospitalization and death.

And what many people don't know is that flu can be passed to others even before symptoms develop.

"Flu is not to be taken lightly. People who do not get the flu vaccine are taking two risks: First, they risk a potentially serious case of the flu. And second, if they get sick, they risk passing it to family, friends and co-

workers," says Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at CDC. "The latter can be especially dangerous for people at high risk of serious, flu-related complications and death."

CDC also recommends vaccination for children 6 months through 18 years of age; pregnant women; people of all ages with chronic health conditions such as

asthma, diabetes or heart or lung disease; and anyone who lives in a nursing home or long-term care facility. In addition, people who live with or care for anyone in a high-risk group should get a flu vaccine to protect their high-risk contact.

Scientists monitor the ever-changing flu viruses worldwide and a new flu vaccine is produced each year. The vaccine can protect you from getting sick from these viruses, or it can make your illness milder if you get a different flu virus.

"Vaccination is the single best way to protect yourself and the people you love from influenza," explains Schuchat. CDC recommends that vaccination begin as soon as vaccine is available and continue into December and beyond. Getting the vaccine later in the season can still provide protection against influenza, as flu season can continue into the spring.

Find out when or where to get a flu vaccine by contacting your doctor or health department.

To learn more, call CDC at 800-CDC-INFO or visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

We want your community news

Do you have community news you would like to have published in the Times-News' Jerome, North Side, Mini-Cassia and Twin Falls Community sections?

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DEATH NOTICES

Dorothy M. Taggart

FILER — Dorothy Marie Taggart, 92, of Filer, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at Cenoma House Assisted Living in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church in Idaho Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Donald G. Prouse

FILER — "Don" Donald George Prouse, 72, of Filer, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at his daughter's home in Filer.

A celebration of life will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at the home, 304 North St. in Filer (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Pam Harkrader

Pam Harkrader, 59, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at her home.

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

SERVICES

Elsie Jane Cummins of Nuevo, Calif., and formerly of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell Cemetery; visitation from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; celebration of life memorial luncheon at noon today at Best Western Sawtooth Inn and Convention Center, 2653 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Galen Cleverley of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls 1st Ward LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N.; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Dewey Wayne John of Hazelton, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Adine Valate Givens of Kimberly, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home Twin Falls).

Janine Irene Ambrose Hieb Gordon of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Rupert United Methodist Church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Ruby L. Penrod

Ruby Louise Penrod, 72, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at Sunbridge Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Clifford R. Morgan

MERIDIAN — Clifford R. Morgan, 69, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2008, in Saudi Arabia.

Arrangements will be announced by Accent Funeral Home in Meridian.

Aurel Hanchett

PAUL — Aurel "Curley" Hanchett, 88, of Paul, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Marian L. Graybeal

Marian Lenore Graybeal, 83, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at her home.

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

Theodore Franklin Lindner

Our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather was released from his mortal probation on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009.

He was born March 12, 1929, in San Francisco, Calif. He attended schools in the Bay Area and attended college at the University of California in San Jose. He entered the military in 1948 and graduated with honors with the United States Military Academy at San Luis Obispo. He entered service with the United States Army Reserve in California and served until 1982, when he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was married to his first wife, Lois, in 1948 and later divorced. He married Paula R. Cornia on Aug. 17, 1965. This union was later solemnized in the Oakland California Temple in 1975.

Upon his retirement from active military service, he worked for the Montgomery Wards organization as a field trainer and supervisor. At the time of his death, he was employed with Wal-Mart in Jerome. Ted joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1966. He served faithfully in

many responsibilities. He loved teaching and working with young people. He served as a member of a bishopric and as a member of a stake presidency in Stockton, Calif. He was called and served faithfully as an ordinance worker in the Oakland California Temple and was also called to serve in the Twin Falls Idaho Temple.

Ted is survived by his wife, Paula; five sons, Franklin Lindner Jr. of New Mexico, David Lindner of Pennsylvania, William Lindner of California, Michael J. Cornia of Kimberly and Steven P. Cornia of Saratoga Springs, Utah; three daughters, Kathleen Golaw of Reno, Nev., Sue Stock of Ohio and Susan C. Mitchell of Stockton, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, with visitation starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Twin Falls 14th Ward LDS Chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made to the BYU Education Fund and or Children's Primary Hospital. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

**Ruth Ilene Ross**

POCATELLO — Ruth Ilene Ross, 89, of Pocatello, passed away Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at a local care center.

She was born Jan. 3, 1920, to Everett and Lora Utley in Kincaid, Kan. She was the youngest of three children. Ruth's brothers, Roland and Marvin, preceded her in death. After high school, Ruth met and married Leo Ross. They loved to go dancing. While living in Kansas, they had two sons, Donald Leo Ross and Ronald Lee Ross. They then moved to Idaho and lived on a farm, where Ruth enjoyed her time raising two sons and helping with the chores. Ruth and Leo moved to Arizona to enjoy their grandchildren and get some sunshine. Later they moved to Alaska and enjoyed fishing. Ruth's home later in life was in Pocatello. She loved her friends and the fun at Cottonwood Cove. Ruth attended and worked in



many churches. She was preparing to enjoy her home in heaven.

Ruth is survived by her sons, Donald (Susan) Ross, and Ronald (Debra) Ross; her nine grandchildren, Noelle Bruce of Boise, Ryan (Tanya) Ross of Salem, Ore., Erin (Jason) Millward of Pocatello, Crystal Ross of Juneau, Alaska, and Jessie (Julie) Ross of Juneau, Alaska; her five great-grandchildren, Alexa and Lukas Millward of Pocatello, Taylor and Grayson Bruce of Boise and Autumn Merrill of Salem, Ore.

Ruth's family would like to thank everyone who was so kind and considerate and helped with Ruth's care.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave. in Pocatello. There will be a visitation held one hour prior to the funeral service. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.Colonial-Funeral-Home.com.

Margie Marie (Schabach) Herring

Margie Marie (Schabach) Herring, 86, died suddenly Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at her home in Twin Falls.

Margie was born Feb. 17, 1922, in Springfield, Ill., as the only child to Hattie Mae (Johnson) and John Schabach. Growing up in rural Illinois, Margie came to love reading, cooking and sewing — becoming a skilled seamstress and making many of her own clothes.

Following high school, Margie joined the Navy as a WAVE and proudly served her country during the war. At a USO dance, a girlfriend introduced her to Marine Corps heartthrob Joseph L. Herring. After a whirlwind two-week courtship, they were married on June 19, 1944. Their love sustained a 62-year marriage until she lost Joe in 2006.

After their discharges from the military, the couple moved to Chicago so Joe could pursue a law degree at Loyola. After graduation from law school, Joe and Margie followed a career opportunity and settled in Montgomery, Ala. In 1951, the couple was blessed with a son, Joe (Jr.). Over the next several years, the family continued to follow Joe's career throughout the Deep South, eventually taking up residence in New Orleans in 1954.

Margie enjoyed the cultural and social life of New Orleans and worked hard to make a good home for the family. In 1962, looking for a more rural setting, the family traded in New Orleans for a horse ranch outside of Meridian, Miss.

In 1967, the family followed Joe's legal career to White Sands Missile Range, N.M., where Margie and Joe enjoyed the social life at the officer's club and often entertained at their mountain-



top retreat in Organ. Many of those treasured friendships have lasted through today.

In 1997, Margie and Joe moved to Twin Falls to enjoy the developing life of their only grandchild, Abi. Here, they attended school recitals, participated in services at the First Baptist Church and sampled the coffee at countless cafes around the region.

Over the course of 86 years, Margie has led a full life — as a wife, mother, grandmother, seamstress, executive secretary, Cub Scout den mother, real estate agent, amateur radio operator and dance partner. She will be greatly missed, but the family takes comfort in knowing that she and Joe Sr. are together again.

Margie is survived by her son, Joseph L. Herring Jr. (Carleen); and granddaughter, Abigail of Twin Falls.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. A family service officiated by Pastor Jeff Cooper of the First Baptist Church will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Rock Creek Veteran's Cemetery near Hansen.

James (Jim) C. Henslee

HAGERMAN — James (Jim) C. Henslee, 65, a resident of Hagerman, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at the St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls from a sudden illness.

Jim was born Jan. 28, 1943, in Wendell. He is the son of the late James (Frank) and Alice Henslee. Jim attended schools in Lucerne and Hagerman. He graduated from Hagerman High School in 1961. He grew up farming and ranching with his father and grandfather in the Hagerman Valley and, in later years, continued to farm and ranch with his two sons. On Nov. 18, 1966, he married his sweetheart, Katherine (Kathy) Ann Ybarguen, and was later sealed to her and their six children on May 4, 1985, in the Boise Idaho Temple.

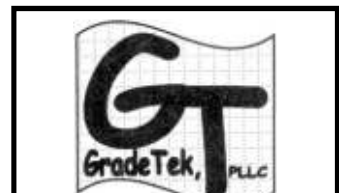
Jim has always been a pillar of our community. Jim was a trustee for the Hagerman School Board Association for 18 years and a member of the Hagerman Volunteer Fire District for 25 years. He was also known as the "Jolly Santa" for the Hagerman Elementary Christmas concerts for many years. He loved giving service to the community and his church. He was always involved in helping in any way he could and found great joy in making others happy. Jim found joy in watching his children grow up and play sports and was always there watching their games. He continued to enjoy watching his grandchildren play sporting activities and loved cheering them on. Some of the family's fondest memories were those made while spending time at the cabin and learning how to fish. Jim will be greatly missed by all of his family

and friends. We have all been truly blessed to have such a great husband, dad, grandfather and friend. Our lives will be forever touched by his great influence and presence.

Jim is survived by his mother, Alice Amelia

Henslee of Hagerman; wife, Katherine Ann; sons, Mike (Lisa) Henslee and Mark (Brenda) Henslee of Hagerman; daughters, Mary (Jason) Warr of Meridian, Melissa (Scott) Draper of Burley, Mecale (Jeff) Dunn of Meridian and Mindy (Mark) Comstock of Hagerman; nine granddaughters, Cali, Peyton, Carly, Mallory, Emilee, Taylor, Breanna, Madison and Carmen; eight grandsons, Cody, Talyn, Dillan, Kobe, Braxton, Ayden, Breagan and Bridger; brother-in-law, Mike (Sherry) Ybarguen of Nampa; one niece, Shamilee; and two nephews, Chris and Joel. Jim was preceded in death by his father, James Frank Henslee; and a grandson, Brady Frank Henslee.

A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Hagerman LDS Church. A funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, to be followed by a grave dedication and burial at the Hagerman Cemetery. Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl is in charge of arrangements.

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White House confirms review of Idaho soldier case

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The White House has confirmed that President Bush is considering a request that an eastern Idaho soldier convicted of killing an unarmed Iraqi receive a pardon, the soldier's father says.

Curtis Carnahan said he received a letter from the White House last week.

"Please know that your views on this matter will be seriously considered," it said.

Sgt. Evan Vela, a 24-year-old U.S. Army sniper, was convicted in February and

sentenced to 10 years in prison for killing an unarmed Iraqi civilian who stumbled upon him and five other soldiers sleeping on May 11, 2007.

Vela also was convicted of planting an AK-47 rifle on the dead man's body and of lying to military investigators. Vela is serving his prison sentence at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks in Leavenworth, Kan.

Carnahan has mounted a campaign to get his son pardoned, recently sending 235

letters to the White House asking Bush to set aside Vela's conviction.

"We're still hopeful he'll do something," Carnahan told the *Post Register*.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, both Idaho Republicans, last month sent letters to Bush asking him to pardon Vela.

Carnahan said the letter he received also noted there are other ways for his son to be released. One of them, he said, is for his son to be granted clemency.

Carnahan, who lives in the eastern Idaho town of Parker, said Vela's case will automatically move to the military appellate court.

"We're not going to stop until someone lets him go," Carnahan said.

Under the Constitution, the president's power to issue pardons is absolute and cannot be overruled — meaning he can forgive anyone he wants, at any time.

Bush has so far granted a total of 189 pardons and nine commutations.

E. Idaho trying to get more snow from storms

aPOCATELLO (AP) — Officials in eastern Idaho, trying to wring more moisture from the atmosphere with cloud seeding, say storms so far this winter have often been too powerful and windy for the process to work.

Curtis Munk, the cloud seeding coordinator for Power County, said high winds with recent storms mean the chemicals get blown sideways rather than

rising into the atmosphere. "We're just kind of getting started with the seeding for this year," Munk told the *Idaho State Journal*. "We've had a couple of good storms, but these later ones have not

been very good for cloud seeding because we've had high winds with the fronts that have passed through. Ideally, we like slow moving, heavy storms."

The multi-county effort

has 28 generators that release silver iodide into the air when conditions are right. The cloud seeding is designed to produce more snow in the mountains that will help fill reservoirs in the spring.

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Vernus Faye Hanks

RUPERT — Vernus Faye Hanks, 87, of Rupert, passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at home.

Vernus was born Dec. 26, 1921, in Rupert, and was raised by Sarah Evivian and Ivan Fewkes. She graduated from Rupert High School and the LDS Seminary. On Nov. 29, 1939, she married Sterling Hanks and was married for 69 years. They resided in Rupert. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Vernus enjoyed gardening, cooking and being a caregiver to her husband, children and grandchildren. She loved music and taught herself to play the piano.

Vernus is survived by her husband, Sterling Hanks of Rupert; children, Connie Dilworth of Boise, Melvin Hanks of Boise, Vernae (Jim) Kehoe of Denver, Colo., Brent (Tammy) Hanks of Rupert and Kathleen (Billy)



McCann of Pocatello; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Faye Hanks; son, Marvin Hanks; three grandchildren; three sisters; and three brothers.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward Church, 806 G St., with Bishop Clint Crane officiating. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Rose Celine Wills

Rose Celine Wills, 81, of Twin Falls, died peacefully at home in the presence of her family Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009.

Rose was born Aug. 28, 1927, in Gooding, to Ray and Delena Alban. She was the youngest of four children, having three older brothers. Rose graduated from Gooding High School in 1945 at the age of 16. She was a majorette in the marching band and worked at the Varsity Drive-in during high school for 10 cents an hour. Later she was employed at the Gooding County Courthouse. Rose wanted to pursue a nursing career but had to give it up as she was allergic to ether, which was commonly used at the time. Rose and her brothers often accompanied their father, Ray (an avid and respected fisherman), to Magic Reservoir. She grew up eating so much trout and perch that she would always pass on fish entrees as an adult.

Rose married Henry L. Wills on April 16, 1949. Rose and Hank had two boys and a daughter. She was a stay-at-home mother and was always there for her children. She was a Cub Scout leader for her two sons and made sure all three children had years of piano and swimming lessons, along with lots of dance lessons for her daughter. Rose and Hank loved to dance and were members of the Magic Valley Dance Club and enjoyed the Arlen Bastian Trio. They were among the founding members of the Dilettantes and were also members of the Elks. Rose was a member of the Jay-C-Ettes and bridge clubs. In addition, she sang in the First United Methodist Church's Chancel Choir for decades. Rose loved to read and was an excellent cook, whether she was making lasagna, spaghetti, homemade (grandma's) egg noodles or codfish gravy for pancakes. Her greatest joy in life

was spending time with friends, family and her grandchildren.

Rose had been in a serious car accident in 1945 with her brother, Bob, and her best friend, Georgia (Grove) Wills, where Bob lost his life. Rose was afflicted with serious leg injuries which led to phlebitis. In her later years, degenerative arthritis took its toll, causing her to become wheelchair bound.

Rose is survived by her husband, Henry (Hank) of Twin Falls; sons, Steve (Jeanette) and Greg (Sue); and daughter, Kathy Fox, all of Twin Falls. Rose had eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, Jamin (Leslie) Wills of Twin Falls and their children Payton, Mayson, and Abbey, Delena (Vincent) DiBlasi of Bloomington, Ind., Alex (Aya) Wills and their daughter Ashya of Tel-Aviv, Israel, Jase Wills of Twin Falls, Hank Andrew Wills of Pocatello, Jenny (Adam) Ford and their sons, Addison and Arram of Spray, Ore., Ryan Fox of Boise and McKenzie Fox of Boise. Rose was preceded in death by her parents; and her brothers, Chuck, Bob and Jay.

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to Rose's companion over the last years. Tasha is an angel on earth and we all are in her debt. Also we thank the personnel of First Choice Home Care for their dedication and service.

A celebration of Rose's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls, with a luncheon immediately following in the church fellowship hall. Friends may call from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at White Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to be given to the CSI Foundation nursing program in Rose's name. Family and friends may share their thoughts and memories at www.MeM.com.

Ralph Lane Hazleton Jr.

OTTAWA, Ontario — Ralph Lane Hazleton Jr. (Dec. 29, 1938-Dec. 30, 2008), formerly of Gooding, died suddenly the day after his 70th birthday.

He is survived by his wife and friend, Alice Doell; sons, Dru (Renee) and John (Kim); grandchildren, Zac and Ashlei; sisters, Barbara Moore (Richard) and Dorothy Miller (Bill), and their families; and former wife, Dixie Hazleton-Rice, mother of his sons. He was preceded in death by his parents, Danae and Ralph Hazleton.

A memorial service will be held in Ottawa at a later date.

Ralph received his Ph.D in economics from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and went on to teach at the University of Saskatoon in Canada, and

later the University of Prince Edward Island in Canada. He then left academia and worked for CARE Canada. Among his many accomplishments and contributions to society, Ralph will be remembered for his humanitarian efforts throughout the world, most notably in Africa, where he assisted in relief efforts in Rwanda and Sierra Leone. He and his fellows in Partnership Africa Canada were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2000, and Ralph was awarded the Meritorious Service Metal in 1998, the highest accolade given by the Canadian government. He affected many lives for the better — those of us who knew him and many who did not. We will all miss him.

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Edwin W. Davis

Edwin Davis, gone from our sight, always in our hearts; passed way with his family by his side on Jan. 1, at age 63.

Edwin spent most of his life in Buhl. He had many jobs before starting a career with the post office in Twin Falls as a letter carrier and retired in 2001.

He was an easy-going guy and made friends easily. Unknowingly, he became a father figure and an upstanding example to many children who came into his life.

Ed is survived by his wife, Mary, of 33 years; his children, Joyce (Kevin) Parks, Derold Clifford, Elizabeth (Mark) Allen, Maria Peralta, Edwin (Kumi) Davis, Bobby (Holly) Norris; grandchildren, nieces and nephews; his brother, Vernie (Margie) Davis and sister, Elsie Ridinger; and a special friend, Dee Lang.

Edwin loved family, friends, bowling and yard work. He enjoyed remodeling and helping out where ever he could. He called Jerome Free Will Baptist Church his home and the congregation his family.



A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Friday Jan. 9, at the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland, with Pastor Gene Kissinger officiating.

Ed and family were so thankful to the Twin Falls DeVita Center and all the people that God put in the right places at the right time to extend his life so he could have one more Thanksgiving, Anniversary, Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

Steven Isaac Damron

BURLEY — Steven Isaac Damron, a 26-year-old Burley resident, passed away Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Steven was born Oct. 10, 1982, in Rupert, to Walter L. Damron and Penny Lee Shockey. He was born and raised in the Minnicassia area and attended schools in Burley and Rupert, graduating in 2000. Steven was currently working for Ralph Thornton Construction. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards, snowboarding and especially spending time with his children.

Steven is survived by his children, Traigen Isaac Carter and Angelina

Damron; stepchildren, Austyn and Nevaeh; his father, Walter L. Damron of Burley; his mother, Penny Lee Shockey of Burley; one brother, Tyson L. (Stephanie) Damron of Burley; grandparents, Coleen Shockey (Bob Paul) of Rupert, Dolly Damron of Madison, Kan., and Ike (Patty) Shockey of Burley; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces; and close friend, Tawnda Damron. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Walter Damron.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley, with Pastor David Graham officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the mortuary. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

Dwight Leroy Shaw

Dwight Leroy Shaw, 88 of Twin Falls, went home to his Heavenly Father on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009.

Dwight was at home with the presence of his family. He lived a remarkable and blessed life. Dwight will be truly missed by his family and all those that knew him.

Dwight was born Nov. 3, 1920, in Berger, to Thomas and Elberta Shaw. Dwight was the youngest of seven children. He graduated from Hollister High School in 1939. During October of 1940, Dwight enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. In September of 1941, Dwight headed to the Philippines to proudly serve the country he loved with the 5th Airbase Group that later became known as the "Footlocker Fifth." "We were ill-equipped when we were shipped overseas. We had grease guns and typewriters but few weapons. It used to be a common saying when there was an air raid or some other threat from the enemy to 'Man the grease guns and typewriters, here come the Japs.'" (cover note from The Footlocker Fifth, an Autobiography by Dwight Shaw). In May of 1942, the Footlocker Fifth was ordered to surrender to the Japanese and thus began Dwight's extraordinary experience as a prisoner of war until the end of World War II. For his dedicated service to his country, Dwight was honored with numerous medals and ribbons, including The Bronze Star Medal recognizing his meritorious achievement.

He was married to Phyllis Elaine Lookingbill in July of 1946. Together they had five children, Penny Cliff, Vicki Shaw, Tomi Crumrine and Jennifer Sprenger, all of Twin Falls, and Jeffrey Shaw of Independence, Kan. They later divorced. On Sept. 6, 1964, he married E. Susan Wallace. They shared 44 years of a devoted and loving companionship.

Upon returning home after the war, Dwight held various positions from farming to serving as a deputy for

Twin Falls County. In 1950, he started work for the U.S. Postal Service in Twin Falls as rural mail carrier, a job he truly enjoyed. He and his wife, Susan, owned and operated a farm on the Salmon Tract, fulfilling a lifelong dream. Dwight retired from the postal service in 1975.

Dwight belonged to the American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite and was commanding officer of the Idaho Civil Air Patrol from 1961 to 1966 and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollister. Dwight was an active volunteer at the St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, serving as a shuttle driver.

Dwight is survived by his wife, E. Susan Shaw of Twin Falls; his five children, Penny (Rick) Cliff, Vicki Shaw, Tomi (Galen) Crumrine and Jennifer (Cory) Sprenger, all of Twin Falls, and Jeffery (Lori) Shaw of Independence, Kan; four stepchildren, Nathan (Barbara) Wallace, Bill (Chrissy) Wallace, Diane (Bob) DeChenne and Glenn (Carla) Wallace; a nephew, Joe Shaw of Twin Falls; and two nieces, Donna Lanting of Twin Falls and Joan Yeskoo of Maine. He was blessed with many grandchildren and many great-grandchildren too numerous to mention. He is preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Faith England; and two grandsons, Richard Craig and Eston James Deering.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the First Presbyterian Church of Hollister, 630 Haze Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301 or the First Baptist Church of Filer, P.O. Box 5, Filer, ID 83328.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Filer Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Charles Jordan Printz

GLENN'S FERRY — Charles Jordan Printz, 88, of Glenns Ferry, passed away 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 in Glenns Ferry. Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Charles was born Aug. 25, 1920, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Charles and Anna Printz. Charles retired from the U.S. Navy after 24 years of service. He served during World War II and the Korean War. He received his master's degree in industrial arts. He taught industrial arts, math and science in Escondido, Calif., for 18 years. He was an avid reader, an experienced wood carver and enjoyed traveling. He was a Mason for more than 50 years and a current member of Glenns Ferry Fidelity Lodge No. 80. He was also a member of the Glenns Ferry VFW Post No. 3646, and the Mountain Home Elks



Lodge BPOE No. 2276.

Charles is survived by his wife of 20 years, Mary Printz of Glenns Ferry; sister, Arline Thompson of Wisconsin; daughter, Cheryl and her husband, Ray Perry of Oregon; sons, Tom and his wife, Christa Pomtier of Nampa, Scott and his wife, Nancy Pomtier of Washington and Butch and his wife, Ellen Pomtier of Nampa; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both his parents.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Charles' memory to one of the following: The Masonic Endowment Fund, Fidelity Lodge No. 80, P.O. Box 606, Glenns Ferry, ID 83623 or the United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 276, Glenns Ferry, ID 83623.

Katherine Virginia Clark

Katherine Virginia Clark, 78, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009.

A gathering in remembrance will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at 2695 E. 3700 N. in Twin Falls.

Katherine was a loving mother and grandmother and was always very generous with her time. She spent many long happy hours entertaining and caring for her daughter and grandchildren or any other child she was around. She would always ask to take the fussy babies and would very soon have them quieted and sleeping peacefully.

Katherine also loved to do craft projects and was always creating the most marvelous gifts, which she

bestowed generously to friends and family. Everyone who spent time with Katherine came to love her because of her generous giving nature. She was even loved by her son-in-law, who always considered her as mom. She always had a welcoming smile and a place in her heart for everyone. Her daughter always said she could always remember Mom's birthday because she was her birthday present.

She leaves behind one daughter, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her three brothers, one sister and their families.

Katherine will always live in the hearts of all who knew her.

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FUEL REPORT

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho remained unchanged compared to the previous week. The regional average price for a gallon of regular-grade gas was \$1.56, while the average price for a gallon of diesel was \$2.27. The state average for regular-grade gasoline increased 4 cents to \$1.56. The national average increased 5 cents to \$1.67. Oil prices advanced on Monday, driven by ongoing unrest in Gaza and a dispute between Ukraine and Russia over gas imports.

Gas prices

- **Twin Falls:** Maverik Country Store, 120 6th Ave. W.: **\$1.43**
- **Jerome:** Maverik Country Store, 352 S. Lincoln Ave.: **\$1.51**
- **Burley:** Smith's Fuel, 937 E. Main St.: **\$1.55**

Diesel prices

- **Twin Falls:** Fil Mart - Phillips 66, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: **\$2.27**
- **Jerome:** Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: **\$2.21**
- **Burley:** Smith's Fuel, 937 Main St.: **\$2.23**

*Price quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at anytime.

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

| Block | Close | Change |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Average price | \$1.194 | -.087 |
| Barrel | | |
| Average price | \$1.228 | -.110 |
| Butter | | |
| Average price | \$1.137 | -.010 |
| Whey protein concentrate | | |
| Average price | \$.47 | +.200 |
| Class III milk | | |
| Average price | \$15.51 | — |
| Class IV milk | | |
| Average price | \$12.25 | — |

Feed

| Corn (Per 100 pounds) | | |
|-----------------------|--------|---|
| Dairy Feed Supply | \$7.50 | — |
| Land O'Lakes | \$7.75 | — |
| Rangen | \$7.45 | — |

| Barley (Per 100 pounds) | | |
|-------------------------|--------|---|
| Rangen | \$6.40 | — |
| Ogden | \$6.73 | — |
| Pocatello | \$5.65 | — |
| Burley | \$6.00 | — |

| Hay (Mid/Ton) | | |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| Alfalfa(Supreme) | Low \$160 | High \$205 |
| Alfalfa(Good) | Low N/A | High N/A |
| Alfalfa(Fair) | Low \$175 | High \$175 |

Small grain

| Soft white wheat | | |
|------------------|--------|-----|
| Rangen | N/A | N/A |
| Ogden | \$5.05 | — |
| Pocatello | \$4.22 | — |
| Burley | \$4.10 | — |

Livestock

| Lambs and hogs | | |
|----------------|----------|------------|
| Feeder lambs | Low \$94 | High \$116 |
| Fat lambs | Low \$89 | High \$98 |
| Breeding ewes | Low \$6 | High \$21 |

Price quotes as of Monday afternoon. Prices subject to change at any time. To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

More commodities on B2

RESERVOIR LEVELS



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Ag land hits a high point

Demand for dairy feed keeps values high

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Agricultural land has become a hot item in south-central Idaho. Appraisers in the region say growing demand by the dairy

industry for feed — combined with an already limited availability of agricultural acreage — pushed prices higher during the summer.

Despite a nearly 8 percent decline in commodity prices since March 2008, agricultural land val-

ues have not subsided.

The appraised value of large agricultural acreage — 150 acres or more — has remained unchanged since agriculture futures peaked in February 2008.

But appraisers in south-central Idaho say high prices seems to be deterring some farmers from buying acreage.

"I think a lot of people are sitting on their hands right now," said Henri LeMoyné, a broker at LeMoyné Realty & Appraisals in Twin Falls. "There is very little demand for land, but then again there is very little to sell."

With the growth of the dairy

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Samer Naif, a student at the University of California San Diego, connects his laptop to a scintillometer receiver in an alfalfa field in Blythe, Calif. It's a laser device that measures evaporation and helps in calculating exactly how much water is needed to properly irrigate. AP photo

Droughts prompt new research in water conservation

By John Rogers
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Seventy-six years after the invention of the modern sprinkler helped revolutionize farming, lasers may revolutionize it again.

Jan Kleissl and a handful of his students at the University of California at San Diego think technology using laser beams might lead to a better way to conserve the millions of gallons of water sprayed each year on thirsty crops.

He and his team are using a large aperture scintillometer to study how much water crops lose to evaporation and the peak times that water disappears.

The hope is to give farmers a more accurate, up-to-date reading of how efficiently their crops are using water than current technology allows.

"What's new about our approach

is the monitoring side of it," Kleissl said by phone from his office. "We're trying to improve on that."

Some advancements in irrigation have focused on water delivery system — such as sprinklers. But while most farmers are experts at managing their irrigation by sight, recent years' droughts have called for more sophisticated ways to use — and save — water.

Water became an even more valuable commodity in California last year, when a federal judge ordered federal and state agencies to restrict pumping in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to protect the threatened delta smelt, severely cutting the growers' supply.

These shortages are prompting researchers to devise new ways to determine when to irrigate and how much water to use, said Khaled Bali, an irrigation expert for the University of California

Cooperative Extension.

"There's not enough water to go around," he said.

San Diego County farmer Bob Polito, who was forced to remove 10 of his 60 acres of citrus and avocado trees from production after last year's pumping restrictions, said high-tech irrigation aids have so far been too expensive. But he said the increasing scarcity of water may force him to invest in technology to monitor his trees' water efficiency.

"Anything that gives you an accurate accounting on that score would be a help to farmers," Polito said.

Researchers also are testing a device that measures the velocity at which sap creeps up trees. When the sap's movement slows, growers would know that the trees need less water and reduce the amount that they use.

Other tests involve using satellite

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Demand seen as key to '09 beef sales

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

The new year is just a few days old, but what happens in the next few months could determine the rest of the year for livestock producers.

Overwhelmingly, it's demand that's got everyone's attention, particularly restaurant demand.

Steve Meyer and Len Steiner, economists who write the Daily Livestock Report, say restaurant sales began to slow before the financial markets fell apart in October. Given the general belief that the unemployment rate will continue to climb in 2009, it's hard to predict when the restaurant business will turn around, they say.

Quick service restaurants seem to be performing better, although their profit margins remain razor thin.

According to Farm Bureau, consumer interest in reducing outlays for food will continue to spur the eating-and-baking-at-home trend, economizing at restaurants and splitting orders with a dining companion will become mainstream.

That's not good news for an industry that saw cattle prices peak at \$101 per hundredweight in July before losing \$17 per hundredweight. Fed cattle futures contract prices in 2009 are between \$87 and \$92 per hundredweight.

"It was the worst year for cattle feeding on record," said Wilson Gray, a livestock extension economist with the University of Idaho in Twin Falls. "And probably one of the worst years in 10 years for cow-calf guys."

Skyrocketing feed and fuel costs during the first half of 2008 contributed to the financial squeeze. Demand is now falling faster than cow herds can be culled.

According to the Kansas State University beef

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Group says conversation program benefits industrial farms

Times-News staff and wire reports

The federal conservation program originally designed to help small farmers is now disproportionately benefiting industrial livestock operations, according to a new report by a family farm advocacy group.

The Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment examined five years worth of payments through the federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program, known as EQIP.

Nationally, industrial hog operations accounted for 37 percent of all EQIP payments, the group

determined, even though such businesses account for less than 11 percent of that industry. Industrial dairies received 54 percent of all EQIP dairy contracts. Such businesses represent only 3.9 percent of all dairy operations.

The study found similar disparities on the state level in Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri.

"This report demonstrates what family farmers have known for years: This corporate-controlled, industrial model of livestock production can't survive without taxpayer support," said Rhonda Perry, a Howard County livestock farmer and program director of the

Missouri Rural Crisis Center.

But Don Nikodim, executive vice president of the Missouri Pork Association, said the program is working as Congress intended. Even with the family farm group's estimate that industrial operations are receiving \$35 million annually, that still leaves plenty of the \$6.1 billion set aside six years ago for other producers.

"It's available to all sizes of producers," Nikodim said. "Small farms can use it just like large farms."

Because of their larger size, industrial operations often own more land and so need more

money, he said.

When Congress created the conservation program in the 1996 Farm Bill, grants were limited to \$50,000 over five years and waste storage facilities were excluded from eligibility. Participants are required to match the federal payments.

Six years later, lawmakers expanded EQIP to include industrial farms. The maximum payment level was increased to \$450,000, with 60 percent of allocations set aside for livestock farmers.

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MARKET SUMMARY

| NYSE | | | AMEX | | | NASDAQ | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE) | | | MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE) | | | MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE) | | |
| Name | Vol(00) | Last Chg | Name | Vol(00) | Last Chg | Name | Vol(00) | Last Chg |
| Citigrp | 1262130 | 7.08 -06 | SPDR | 2118430 | 92.85 -11 | PwShs | QQQ876814 | 31.02 -01 |
| SPDR FncI | 978950 | 12.45 -21 | PSCrudeDL | n525368 | 3.37 +24 | Microsoft | 597440 | 20.52 +19 |
| PrntfIn | 977251 | 5.86 -22 | SP Mid | 52528 | 100.20 +41 | Intel | 554719 | 14.91 -29 |
| BkofAm | 905004 | 13.98 -35 | DenisnM g | 31442 | 1.55 -15 | Cisco | 447319 | 17.11 +15 |
| FordM | 726654 | 2.58 +12 | GoldStr g | 31328 | 1.07 +06 | Apple Inc | 404137 | 94.58 +3.83 |

| GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE) | | | GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE) | | | GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE) | | | | | |
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| AerCap | 4.76 | +1.54 | +47.8 | Gulfstream | 2.03 | +63 | +45.0 | SmrtStn pf | 3.61 | +1.37 | +61.2 |
| ChinaMM | 2.19 | +63 | +40.4 | Metalico | 2.71 | +72 | +36.2 | ProvidSvc | 2.25 | +70 | +45.2 |
| Prime pFB | 3.00 | +75 | +33.3 | PyramidO s | 5.46 | +86 | +18.7 | AmCapLtd | 5.20 | +1.52 | +41.3 |
| Flotek | 4.16 | +99 | +31.2 | EasternCo | 10.32 | +1.42 | +16.0 | BioSphre | 2.98 | +86 | +40.6 |
| FltFed | 2.32 | +51 | +28.2 | RivieraH | 4.05 | +53 | +15.1 | ChinaTdv If | 3.54 | +1.00 | +39.4 |

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| IntcEntEx | 73.00 | -1.57 | -13.7 | MercBcp | 10.15 | -1.22 | -10.7 | Commed | 17.06 | -6.93 | -28.9 |
| Saks | 4.40 | -65 | -12.9 | AllidNevG | 4.77 | -56 | -10.5 | DigIntl | 6.77 | -1.56 | -18.7 |
| Synovus | 7.17 | -1.03 | -12.6 | PSCrudeDS | n11291 | -13.30 | -10.5 | eLoyalty | 2.45 | -52 | -17.5 |
| CenPacF | 8.81 | -1.22 | -12.2 | TravelCtrs | 2.64 | -29 | -9.9 | VirtusInv n | 8.81 | -1.69 | -16.1 |

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| Declined | 1,043 | | Declined | 205 | | Declined | 1,294 | |
| Unchanged | 66 | | Unchanged | 52 | | Unchanged | 132 | |
| Total issues | 3,212 | | Total issues | 687 | | Total issues | 2,956 | |
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| New Lows | 1 | | New Lows | 5 | | New Lows | 9 | |
| Volume | 4,761,564,094 | | Volume | 370,747,830 | | Volume | 1,757,324,947 | |

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| 5,536.57 | 2,909.29 | Dow Jones Transportation | 3,626.54 | -24.48 | -67 | +2.53 | -15.33 | | |
| 555.71 | 294.30 | Dow Jones Utilities | 382.00 | +3.18 | +84 | +3.03 | -30.14 | | |
| 9,803.83 | 4,607.47 | NYSE Composite | 5,908.43 | -7.30 | -12 | +2.63 | -37.56 | | |
| 2,435.95 | 1,151.18 | Amex Index | 1,461.22 | +16.93 | +117 | +4.56 | -38.66 | | |
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| AlliantTch | ... | 12 | 86.47 | +23 | +8 | Keycorp | 25m | ... | 8.48 | -39 | -5 |
| AmCasino | ... | ... | 9.80 | +61 | +13.4 | LeeEnt | ... | 1 | .43 | +02 | +4.9 |
| Aon Corp | .60 | 8 | 44.11 | -1.01 | -3.4 | MicronT | ... | ... | 3.32 | +48 | +25.8 |
| BallardPw | ... | ... | 1.39 | +10 | +23.0 | OfficeMax | ... | ... | 7.84 | -01 | +2.6 |
| BkofAm | 1.28m | 12 | 13.98 | -35 | -7 | RokTen | .40 | 17 | 35.43 | +61 | +3.7 |
| ConAgra | .76 | 7 | 16.62 | -18 | +7 | SensInt | .76 | 14 | 24.52 | +18 | +2.7 |
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| Diebold | 1.00 | 25 | 29.09 | +32 | +3.6 | Terady | ... | ... | 5.17 | +50 | +22.5 |
| DukeEngy | .92 | 15 | 15.77 | +37 | +5.1 | Tuppwr | .88 | 10 | 23.35 | +32 | +2.9 |
| DukeRlty | 1.94 | 17 | 10.70 | -06 | -2.4 | US Bancrp | 1.70 | 12 | 24.01 | -124 | -4.0 |
| Fastenal | .54f | 20 | 36.40 | -11 | +4.4 | Valhi | .40 | ... | 11.60 | -70 | +8.4 |
| Heinz | 1.66 | 13 | 38.78 | -15 | +3.1 | WallMart | .95 | 16 | 56.52 | -66 | +8 |
| HewlettP | .32 | 11 | 36.33 | -48 | +1 | WashFed | 20m | 21 | 14.76 | -27 | -1.3 |
| HomeDp | .90 | 14 | 24.71 | +58 | +7.3 | WellsFargo | 1.36 | 14 | 28.06 | -194 | -4.8 |
| Idacorp | 1.20 | 13 | 29.49 | +30 | +1 | ZionBcp | 1.28m | 10 | 24.33 | -67 | -7 |

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.

Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... mark.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family.

Sell: Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold.

Chg: Daily net change in the NAV.

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d - New 52-wk low during trading day. g - Dividend in Canadian \$. Stock price in U.S. \$. n - New issue in past 52 wks. q - Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s - Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks. Div begins with date of split or stock dividend. u - New 52-wk high during trading day. v - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual distributions based on last declaration. pf - Preferred. pp - Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. r - Rights. un - Units. wd - When distributed. wi - When issued. w - Warrants. ww - With warrants. xw - Without warrants.

Dividend Footnotes: a - Also extra or extras. b - Annual rate plus stock dividend. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f - Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i - Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j - Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k - Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p - Init div, annual rate unknown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x - Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y - Ex-dividend and sales in full. z - Sales in full. vj - In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

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Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Dairy diplomacy in Iraq

Marines contract with Land O' Lakes to examine dairy industry

By Tony Perry
Los Angeles Times

AL-ANBAR PROVINCE, Iraq — As U.S. forces work to revive Iraq's tattered farming economy, they seem to have found an effective new weapon.

Cows. The Marine Corps recently bought 50 cows for 50 Iraqi widows in the farm belt around Fallujah, once the insurgent capital of war-torn al-Anbar province.

The cow purchase is seen

as a small step toward re-establishing Iraq's once-thriving dairy industry, as well as a way to help women and children hurt by the frequent failure of the Iraqi government to provide the pensions that Iraqi law promises to widows.

The early sign is that the program is working. Widows, many with no other income, have a marketable item to sell, as well as milk for their children. Although Iraqis, particularly women, are often reluctant to participate in an American effort, the cows were immediately popular.

"It was an easy sell," said Maj. Meredith Brown, assigned to the Marines' outreach program for Iraqi women.

The idea, proposed by members of the Women's

Cultural Center in Fallujah, at first met with resistance from U.S. military officers and civilian officials involved in aid programs for al-Anbar. Nothing in their training provided guidance in haggling for livestock.

But those objections evaporated when Maj. Gen. John Kelly, the top Marine in Iraq, signaled his support, Brown said. The Iraqis now refer to their animals as Kelly's Cows.

Although Kelly's support might have been based on gut instinct, the need to beef up Iraq's dairy industry was argued in a Nov. 25 report by Land O'Lakes Inc.

The Minnesota cheese-and-butter company was hired by the Marine Corps to examine the Iraqi dairy industry. Its 38-page report, based on field research in the fall by two Land O'Lakes

dairy specialists, concluded that there was enormous growth potential for the industry in a milk-drinking, cheese-eating nation that can locally produce enough milk to satisfy only 5 percent of the demand.

The study also pointed out that, even in Iraqi farm families with able-bodied adult males, much of the work is left to women: "Women milk the cows, bring feed and fodder to the animals and are supported by their children."

Americans know Land O'Lakes best from its products in the dairy case, but the company has been involved in 150 development projects in 70 countries in recent decades. Among them was a dairy project in Afghanistan after the Taliban was toppled in the U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

Land

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industry in south-central Idaho during the last decade, more acres have been devoted to growing corn silage and other feed products for dairy cows.

"It's very different this time because the dairies are

a big part of the equation," LeMoyné said. "It's not a bad thing. It just means that things are different from what we've seen in the past."

One property owner who leases farm land near Murtaugh said corn for dairy feed provides more consis-

tent returns than other crops, which are more susceptible to market fluctuations.

The last time south-central Idaho saw a significant slowdown in agricultural property transactions was from 1980 to 1986. However,

the slowdown was caused by interest rates reaching 17 percent — not a shortage of available land.

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Beef

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demand index, consumer demand for beef has fallen 5 percent since September.

"Supplies are tight and will get tighter," Gray said, "the issue is on the demand side."

According to USDA, as of July 2008, all cattle and calves in the U.S. totaled 104.3 million head, 500,000 head or about a half percent below 2007's and the lowest since 2004. At midyear, the number of beef cows was reported at 33.2 million head, 150,000 head less than in 2007.

Traders expect the cow herd will be down another 1 percent when the Jan. 1, cow inventory is released later this month.

But Gray does see some positive trends. High production costs have hit pork and poultry producers just as hard

and those industries are expected to cut production by 2 to 3 percent in the coming year. The last time the poultry industry has posted year-to-year declines in production was 1975. That will reduce the overall supply of meat.

Imports of feeder cattle from Canada and Mexico are also shrinking. Mexico is processing more beef within country and Canada's cow herd is shrinking for the same reason as the U.S. herd, Gray said.

Cow-calf producers are also keeping fewer calves as replacement heifers.

Gray is hopeful that by the end of 2009 or beginning of 2010 consumer demand will strengthen and beef supplies will be tight enough for producers to see an increase in prices.

Program

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The head of the federal agency that administers EQIP noted the program to be "size neutral."

Contracts issued this year averaged \$31,235, with more than 82 percent of payments since 2002 falling under \$25,000, said Arlen Lancaster, chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Although a handful of large livestock operations have received EQIP funds, they are certainly not the majority," he said.

The 2008 Farm Bill, which awaits congressional approval, proposes reducing the cap on maximum payments to \$300,000 overall. But the Agriculture Department can waive the limit for projects with "special environmental significance."

That revision isn't good enough for the report's authors, a group that includes Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement and the Land Stewardship Project in Minnesota.

Among the changes sought: lowering the cap to \$150,000; requiring the Agriculture Department to give priority to contracts based on cost-efficiency, not amount of pollution generated; and restoring the prohibition on using EQIP for waste storage.

According to the report, an unidentified producer in Becker County, Minn., received \$285,000 in 2003 to build a manure lagoon nearly 1 million cubic feet in size.

And in Missouri, the federal agency has approved a total of nearly \$5 million

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since 2003 to move manure off farms that produce too much waste to apply to their own cropland.

"The money for years has helped support the factory farms' industry under the guise of environmental stewardship," said Lisa Whalen, rural project director for the Iowa citizens' group.

Lancaster, though, noted that fewer than 0.5 percent of the EQIP contracts awarded in Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri since 2002 topped \$250,000.

The study defines industrial farms as those with at least 2,000 hogs or more than 500 dairy cows. Those levels are slightly lower than the definition of confined animal feeding operations outlined in the federal Clean Water Act.

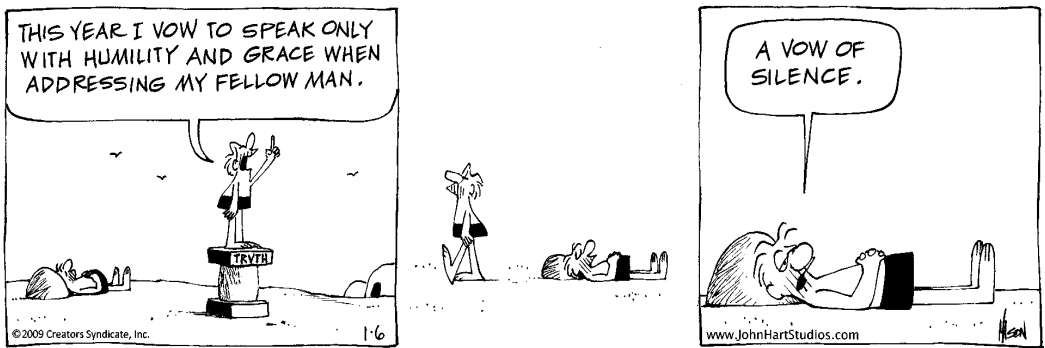
The consultant who wrote the EQIP report relied on data from the federal Agricultural Resource Management Survey, conducted by the Agriculture Department every five years, to estimate spending on the conservation program.

COMMODITIES REPORT

| CLOSING FUTURES | | | | | POTATOES | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| pMon | Commodity | High | Low | Close | Change | | | | | |
| Dec | Live cattle | 87.85 | 86.70 | 87.55 | + .45 | CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — Major potato markets FOB shipping points Friday. | | | | |
| Jan | Feeder cattle | 97.15 | 95.30 | 97.00 | +1.40 | Russet Burbanks Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count; 100 count | | | | |
| Mar | Feeder cattle | 97.25 | 95.20 | 96.73 | +1.20 | Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A). | | | | |
| Apr | Feeder cattle | 98.00 | 96.20 | 97.45 | +1.30 | Russet Norkothas Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count; 100 count | | | | |
| Dec | Lean hogs | xxx | xxx | xxx | — | Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A). | | | | |
| Feb | Lean hogs | 89.45 | 86.45 | 86.45 | -3.00 | Russet Norkothas Wisconsin 50-lb cartons 12.00-12.50; 100 count 10.50-11.00. | | | | |
| Mar | Pork belly | 88.50 | 86.03 | 86.03 | -2.58 | Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A) 9.50-10.00. | | | | |
| Dec | Wheat | xxx | xxx | xxx | — | Russet Norkothas Washington 50-lb cartons 70 count 13.00; 100 count 10.00-11.00. | | | | |
| Mar | Wheat | 618.50 | 598.00 | 616.75 | +5.75 | Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A) 7.00-8.00. | | | | |
| Dec | KC Wheat | xxx | xxx | xxx | — | Wisconsin Norkothas 50-lb cartons 70 count; 100 count | | | | |
| Mar | KC Wheat | 658.00 | 619.50 | 642.25 | +8.75 | Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A). | | | | |
| Dec | MPS Wheat | xxx | xxx | xxx | — | Round Reds 50-lb sacks Size A Wisconsin 10.50-11.50. | | | | |
| Mar | MPS Wheat | 658.00 | 644.50 | 657.25 | +2.00 | Round Reds 50-lb cartons Size A Minnesota N. | | | | |
| Dec | Corn | xxx | xxx | xxx | — | Dakota 10.00-11.00. | | | | |
| Mar | Corn | 415.00 | 404.00 | 411.25 | -1.00 | Baled 5-10 lb film bags Size A 9.75-10.75. | | | | |
| Jan | Soybeans | 985.00 | 968.00 | 983.75 | +13.75 | Round Whites 50-lb sacks Size A Wisconsin. | | | | |
| Mar | Soybeans | 991.00 | 972.00 | 987.00 | +10.00 | | | | | |
| Dec | BFP Milk | xxx | xxx | 15.28 | — | SUGAR | | | | |
| Jan | BFP Milk | 10.88 | 10.80 | 10.97 | + .17 | Sugar futures | | | | |
| Feb | BFP Milk | xxx | xxx</ | | | | | | | |

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By Johnny Hart



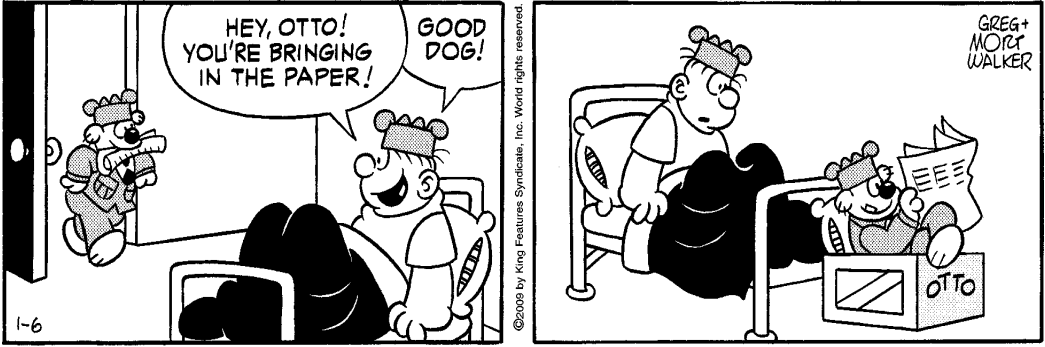
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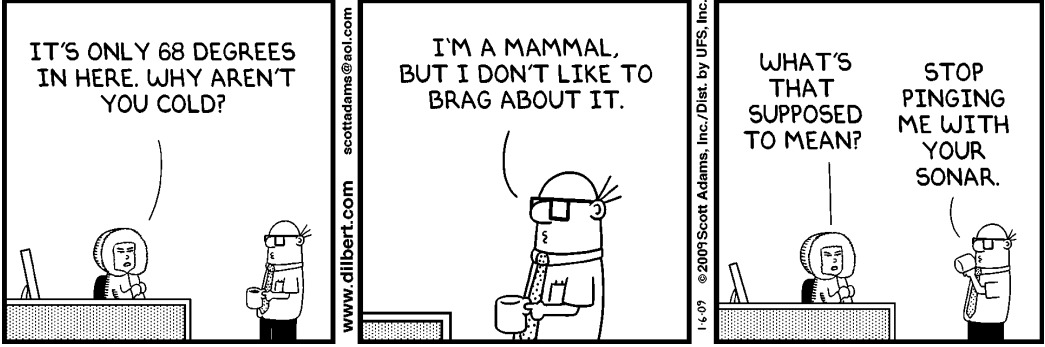
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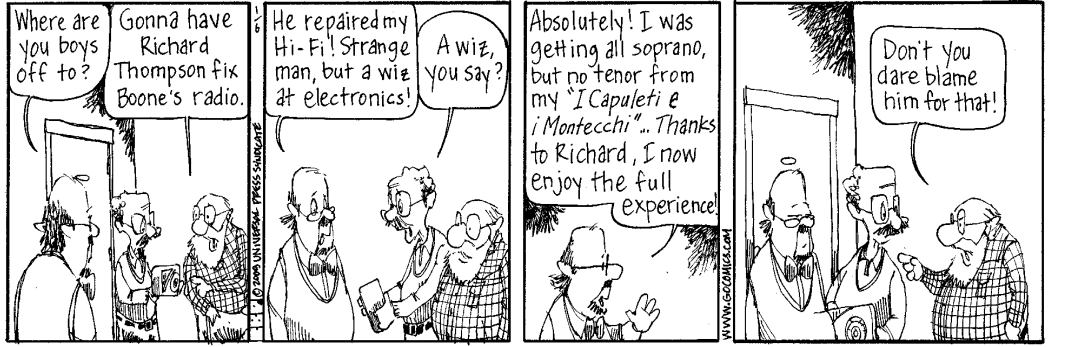
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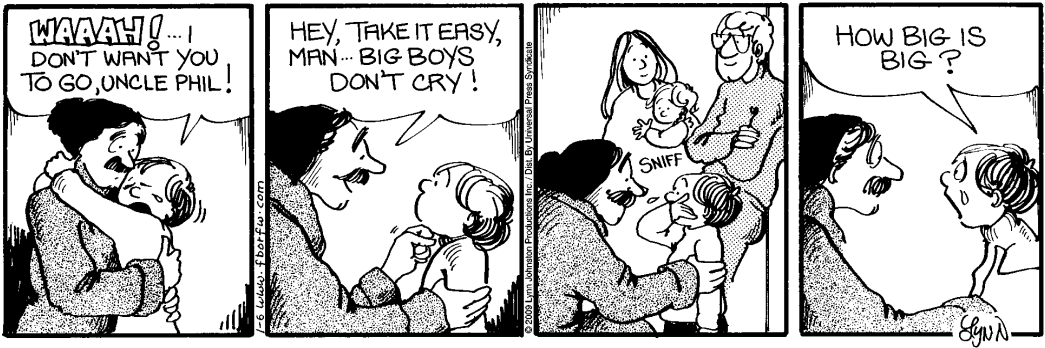
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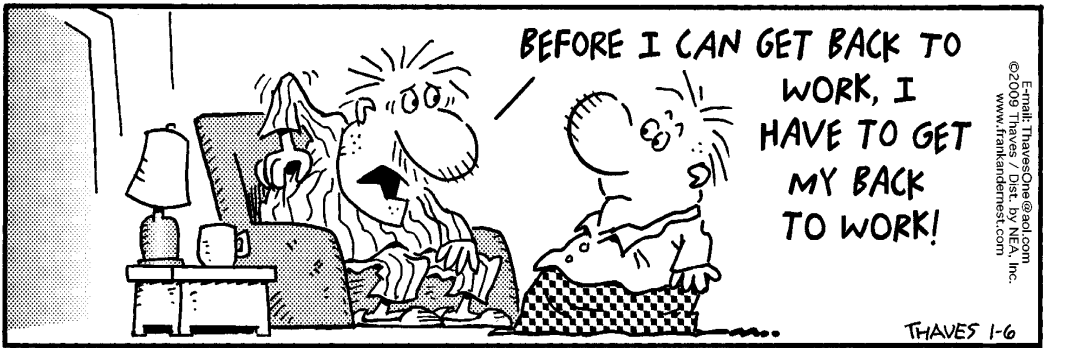
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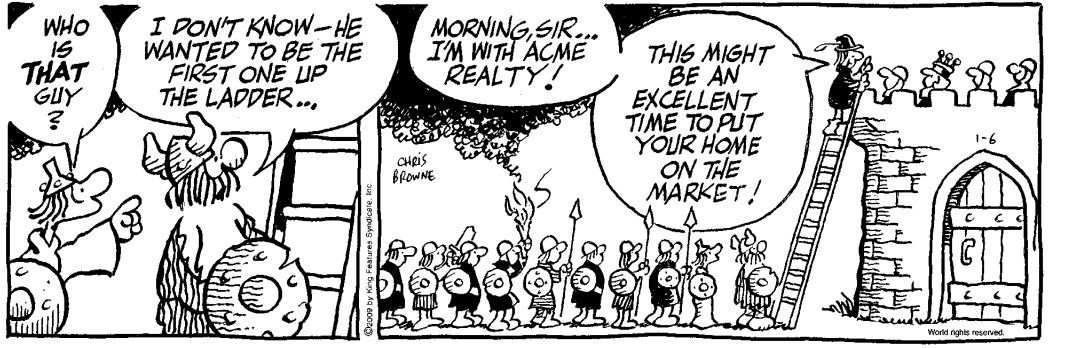
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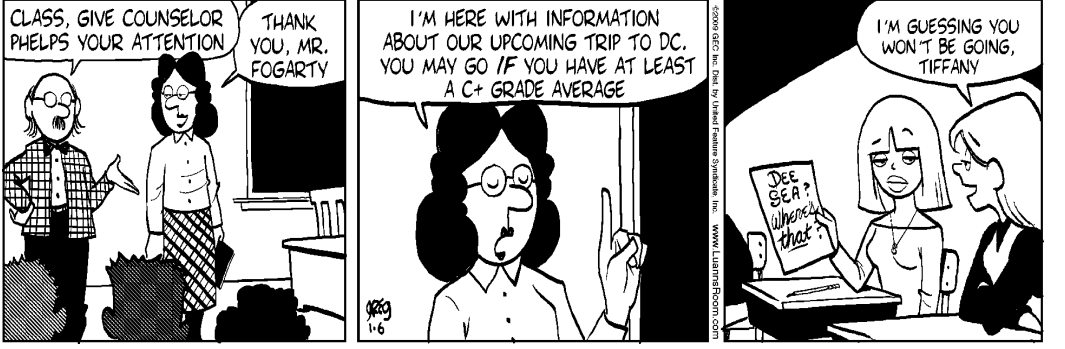
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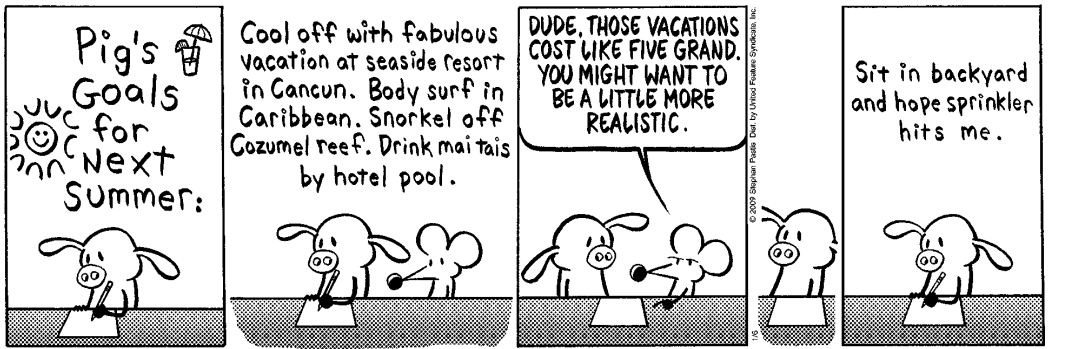
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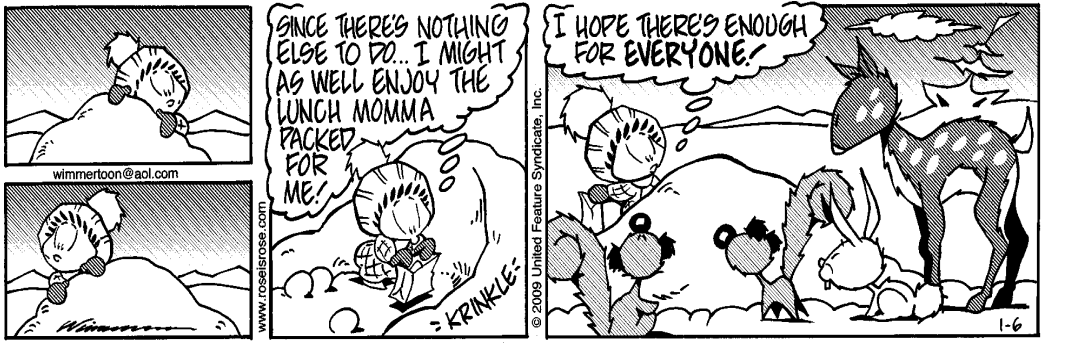
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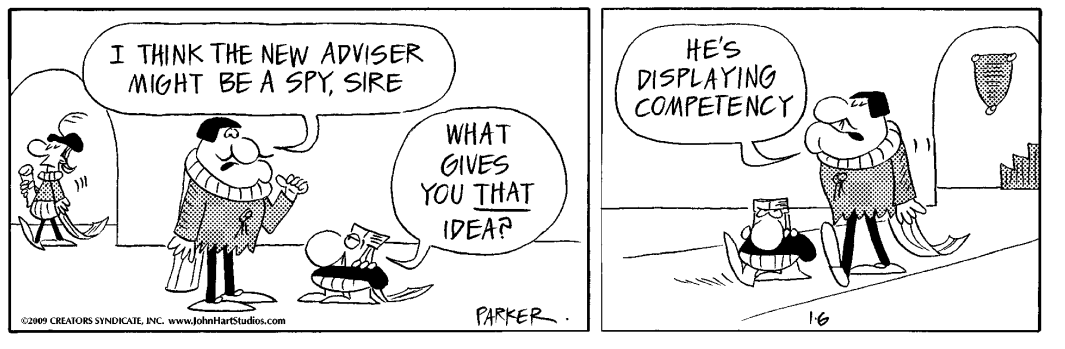
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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with a chance of snow, maybe mixed with a bit of rain. Highs 35 to 40.
Tonight: A chance of snow, mixed with rain early. Lows around 35.
Tomorrow: A touch warmer with a slight chance of rain and snow showers. Highs 40 to 45.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with a chance of snow, maybe mixed with a bit of rain. Highs 35 to 40.
Tonight: A chance of snow, mixed with rain early. Lows around 30.
Tomorrow: A touch warmer with a slight chance of rain and snow showers. Highs near 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 A good chance of snow today and tonight. Light to moderate accumulations possible. Less of a chance for snow Wednesday, then chances go back up Thursday.

BOISE
 Today Highs 24 to 29 Tonight's Lows 16 to 19
 Snow is a good possibility today, perhaps mixed with some rain. Rain and snow chances are smaller Wednesday, but increase again Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Snow is likely today and tonight. Smaller chances of snow Wednesday, increasing again Thursday.

Today Highs/Lows 37 to 42 / 33 to 38

Yesterday's State Extremes: 0 Low: -20 at Dixie
 weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, fg-fog, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-wintery mix, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, sh-showers, sn-snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Tonight | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | | | | | |
| A chance of snow, little to no accumulation | Cloudy with a chance of snow | A slight chance of rain and snow | Cooler, snow possible | Partly cloudy, rain and snow less likely | Mostly sunny and cool |
| High 37 | Low 35 | 42 / 29 | 38 / 27 | 39 / 22 | 36 / 21 |

Yesterday's Weather

| City | Hi | Lo | Prep |
|---------------|---------------|-----|-------|
| Boise | 30 | 22 | 0.09" |
| Burley | 29 | 8 | 0.01" |
| Challis | 18 | 6 | 0.07" |
| Coeur d'Alene | 30 | 25 | 0.17" |
| Idaho Falls | 13 | -11 | Trace |
| Jerome | 21 | 2 | 0.03" |
| Lewiston | 40 | 27 | 0.04" |
| Lowell | 28 | 21 | 2.22" |
| Malad | not available | | |
| Malta | 25 | 19 | 0.10" |
| Pocatello | 24 | 0 | Trace |
| Rexburg | 14 | -9 | 0.03" |
| Salmon | 19 | 9 | 0.00" |
| Stanley | 27 | -12 | 0.15" |

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

| Temperature | Precipitation | Humidity | Barometric Pressure | Sunrise and Sunset |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| Yesterday's High 31 | Yesterday 0.13" | Yesterday's Maximum 89% | 6 pm barometer | Today Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:20 PM |
| Yesterday's Low 12 | Month to Date 0.16" | Yesterday's Minimum 63% | Yesterday 29.84 in. | Wednesday Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:21 PM |
| Normal High/Low 34 / 18 | Normal Month to Date 0.22" | Today's Maximum 74% | | Thursday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:22 PM |
| Record High 49 in 1994 | Year to Date 3.49" | Today's Minimum 54% | | Friday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:24 PM |
| Record Low -5 in 1972 | Normal Year to Date 3.27" | A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 | | Saturday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:25 PM |

Moon Phases

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Jan 11 Full Moon | Jan 18 Last Qtr. | Jan 26 New Moon | Feb 2 First Qtr. |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|

Moonrise and Moonset

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|--|
| Today Moonrise: 12:57 PM Moonset: 3:18 AM |
| Wednesday Moonrise: 1:40 PM Moonset: 4:36 AM |
| Thursday Moonrise: 2:36 PM Moonset: 5:51 AM |

U. V. INDEX
 Low Moderate High
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed

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REGIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | Thursday |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Boise | 39 35 sn 47 32 mx | 41 28 mx | |
| Bonners Ferry | 32 29 sn 36 33 mx | 39 24 mx | |
| Burley | 37 29 sn 39 25 r | 38 22 sn | |
| Challis | 27 26 sn 34 29 sn | 39 22 sn | |
| Coeur d'Alene | 33 31 sn 37 35 mx | 40 26 mx | |
| Elko, NV | 40 32 r 42 24 pc | 39 21 ls | |
| Eugene, OR | 51 44 r 51 43 r | 47 35 sh | |
| Gooding | 39 36 sn 44 30 mx | 40 28 sn | |
| Grace | 31 24 sn 35 20 sn | 33 17 sn | |
| Hagerman | 40 34 sn 45 28 mx | 41 26 sn | |
| Hailey | 31 23 sn 35 22 sn | 34 18 sn | |
| Idaho Falls | 31 27 sn 36 24 sn | 34 21 sn | |
| Kalispell, MT | 30 28 sn 34 32 sn | 32 24 sn | |
| Jackpot | 38 24 fl 34 18 su | 35 13 mc | |
| Jerome | 34 24 sn 38 23 sn | 37 19 sn | |
| Lewiston | 39 37 mx 50 44 sh | 51 36 r | |
| Malad City | 35 25 sn 39 21 sn | 37 18 sn | |
| Malta | 34 26 sn 36 22 r | 35 19 sn | |
| McCall | 27 27 sn 35 25 sn | 31 17 sn | |
| Missoula, MT | 37 32 sn 39 31 sn | 44 27 mc | |
| Pocatello | 34 29 sn 38 25 sn | 36 22 sn | |
| Portland, OR | 49 42 r 49 43 r | 45 38 sh | |
| Rupert | 37 31 sn 39 27 r | 38 24 sn | |
| Rexburg | 29 25 sn 34 21 sn | 31 19 sn | |
| Richland, WA | 43 37 r 48 35 r | 45 35 r | |
| Rogerson | 27 26 sn 42 30 mx | 38 28 sn | |
| Salmon | 29 27 sn 36 30 sn | 41 23 sn | |
| Salt Lake City, UT | 36 30 ls 42 28 pc | 43 26 mc | |
| Spokane, WA | 32 32 ls 38 34 sn | 38 28 sn | |
| Stanley | 29 19 sn 32 19 sn | 32 11 sn | |
| Sun Valley | 33 21 sn 36 21 sn | 36 13 sn | |
| Yellowstone, MT | 23 18 sn 29 22 sn | 30 12 sn | |

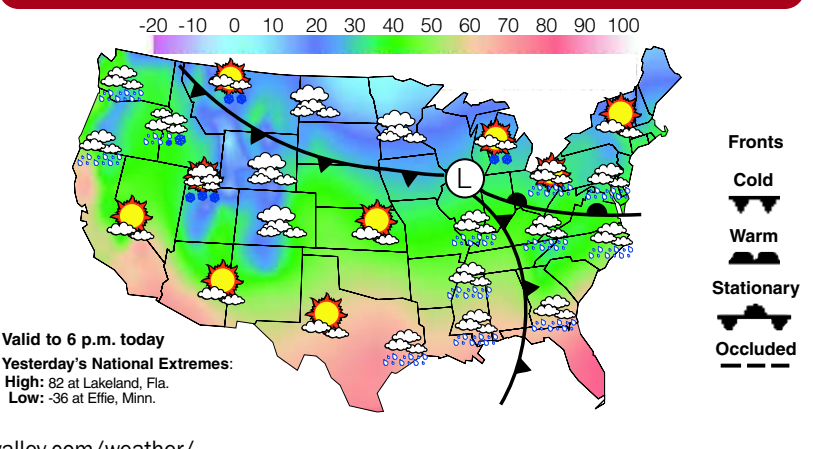
NATIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Atlanta | 65 51 th 55 36 sh | |
| Atlanta City | 42 39 r 42 39 r | |
| Baltimore | 35 33 mx 45 32 ls | |
| Billings | 39 27 mx 46 25 r | |
| Birmingham | 64 46 th 52 37 sh | |
| Boston | 33 30 pc 36 30 mx | |
| Charleston, SC | 71 60 sh 67 42 th | |
| Charleston, WV | 46 41 r 46 27 r | |
| Chicago | 33 27 ls 28 16 ls | |
| Cleveland | 35 32 r 36 22 ls | |
| Denver | 43 28 pc 57 37 pc | |
| Des Moines | 34 22 pc 27 11 pc | |
| Detroit | 33 28 sn 34 23 sn | |
| El Paso | 57 35 pc 62 37 su | |
| Fairbanks | -27 -43 su -26 -42 pc | |
| Fargo | 14 -2 ls 7 -8 pc | |
| Honolulu | 79 68 su 80 67 sh | |
| Houston | 56 41 th 68 48 su | |
| Indianapolis | 36 29 mx 34 20 ls | |
| Jacksonville | 81 61 pc 71 40 th | |
| Kansas City | 40 24 mc 42 19 pc | |
| Las Vegas | 56 39 pc 60 40 pc | |
| Little Rock | 46 35 r 53 35 pc | |
| Los Angeles | 61 50 pc 68 50 su | |
| Memphis | 46 37 r 46 36 pc | |
| Miami | 82 70 pc 80 59 sh | |
| Milwaukee | 34 29 sn 30 18 ls | |
| Nashville | 50 38 sh 44 30 mx | |
| New Orleans | 76 45 th 62 50 pc | |
| New York | 37 32 ls 44 35 r | |
| Oklahoma City | 48 27 pc 60 35 pc | |
| Omaha | 37 20 pc 34 15 pc | |

WORLD FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Acapulco | 85 71 pc | 83 70 pc |
| Auckland | 50 44 sh | 51 46 sh |
| Bangkok | 89 68 pc | 89 70 pc |
| Beijing | 36 13 pc | 33 18 pc |
| Berlin | 20 8 pc | 27 13 ls |
| Buenos Aires | 94 67 pc | 91 65 th |
| Cairo | 70 41 pc | 70 39 pc |
| Dhahran | 68 56 pc | 71 57 pc |
| Geneva | 26 11 pc | 29 18 pc |
| Hong Kong | 70 61 pc | 69 59 pc |
| Jerusalem | 67 44 pc | 66 44 pc |
| Johannesburg | 82 61 th | 82 60 sh |
| Kuwait City | 61 43 pc | 63 46 pc |
| London | 33 23 pc | 38 25 pc |
| Mexico City | 69 37 pc | 68 37 pc |
| Moscow | 14 11 pc | 16 7 pc |
| Nairobi | 77 49 pc | 77 50 pc |
| Oslo | 33 20 pc | 30 19 pc |
| Paris | 30 13 pc | 26 23 pc |
| Prague | 21 8 pc | 22 4 ls |
| Rio de Janeiro | 73 65 sh | 77 64 r |
| Rome | 52 48 sh | 54 49 sh |
| Santiago | 79 50 pc | 79 51 pc |
| Seoul | 32 20 pc | 34 20 pc |
| Sydney | 91 68 pc | 96 62 th |
| Tel Aviv | 65 63 pc | 66 63 pc |
| Tokyo | 46 33 pc | 42 30 pc |
| Vienna | 28 18 pc | 30 18 pc |
| Warsaw | 18 12 pc | 21 18 ls |
| Winnipeg | 19 0 pc | 11 -9 pc |
| Zurich | 24 0 pc | 25 3 pc |

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "No horse gets anywhere until he is harnessed. No steam or gas ever drives anything until it is confined. No Niagara is ever turned into light and power until it is tunneled. No life ever grows great until it is focused, dedicated, disciplined."
 Henry Fasdicck

CANADIAN FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow |
|------------|--------------------|----------|
| Calgary | 26 17 ls 26 13 ls | |
| Cranbrook | 24 24 ls 30 23 sn | |
| Edmonton | 30 18 pc 10 -2 ls | |
| Kelowna | 30 30 sn 32 24 ls | |
| Lethbridge | 30 18 pc 10 -2 ls | |
| Regina | 21 -4 pc 18 -4 pc | |
| Saskatoon | 24 -14 pc 12 -8 pc | |
| Toronto | 25 21 pc 29 17 ls | |
| Vancouver | 40 40 ls 40 32 r | |
| Victoria | 50 48 s 50 42 r | |
| Winnipeg | 13 0 pc 11 -9 pc | |

Gaza civilian toll rises; diplomats seek truce

GAZA CITY, Gaza (AP) — Israel ignored mounting international calls for a cease-fire Monday and said it won't stop its crippling 10-day assault until "peace and tranquility" are achieved in southern Israeli towns in the line of Palestinian rocket fire. Friendly fire killed three Israeli soldiers.

Israeli forces seized control of high-rise buildings and attacked smuggling tunnels and several mosques in a campaign against Hamas militants that took an increasing toll on civilians. Three young brothers were reported killed during shelling. Palestinian wounded filled hospital corridors.

Arab delegates met with the U.N. Security Council in New York Monday, urging members to adopt a resolution calling for an immediate end to the Israeli attacks and a permanent cease-fire. At the same time, diplomats and European leaders traveled the region in an effort to stop Israel's expanding ground and air offensive.

In a serious urban clash, Israeli troops and Hamas militants fought a gunbattle on the outskirts of the crowded Gaza City neighborhood of Shajaiyeh, Israeli defense officials said. Details also emerged of an unsuccessful attempt by Hamas fighters to capture Israeli soldiers hours after the ground operation began Saturday with a withering round of artillery fire.

Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Avi Benayahu told Israeli TV the assault was going according to plan with forces sweeping through Palestinian rocket launching locations near the border.

Later, the Israeli military said three soldiers were killed

and 24 others wounded Monday evening by friendly fire. It said an errant Israeli tank shell hit their position outside Gaza City, dismissing initial suspicions that a Hamas booby-trap caused the casualties. The military said a colonel who commanded an infantry brigade was among the injured.

Despite Israeli claims that casualties have been heavy among militants, no injured Hamas fighters were seen Monday by an Associated Press reporter at Shifa Hospital, the Gaza Strip's largest. Instead, the hospital was overwhelmed with civilians, and bodies were two to a morgue drawer.

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Designers delight in stretching furniture's uses

By Robin Stansbury
The Hartford Courant

Janice Perkins bought a bedroom dresser more than a decade ago, but it never made it into her bedroom.

Instead, the versatile dresser has been useful for Perkins in three places in three houses. Once it held a television set; another time it served as an entry table coupled with a mirror.

And, although it was built to hold clothes, its three wide drawers now comfortably store Perkins' table linens, napkins, candlesticks and napkin rings in an area near her dining room.

"It's just a nice piece of furniture. It comes with me wherever I move. I always seem to find a place for it," says Perkins, who recently moved herself and her bedroom dresser into a new condominium in Farmington, Conn. "It's a classic piece. It will stay around forever." Even if it never makes it into the bedroom.

Furniture can get a second life, serving an entirely new function. Experts call this "repurposing" furniture, and designers say they use this trick often, to add surprise and uniqueness to a room.

Amateur decorators, though, have a harder time and are less likely to make use of furniture in this way, afraid of breaking an unspoken design rule or unable to remove the name of the furniture from its purpose.

But just because it's called a dining room hutch doesn't mean it needs to reside in a dining room. The same is true for sofa tables, which don't need to be near a sofa. And as Perkins proves, bedroom dressers don't need to be in the bedroom.

"Most of us already have furniture, so it's wonderful to use it in a new application," says Kirsten Floyd, owner of Kirsten Floyd Interior Design in Hartford, Conn. "And a dresser is one of the best examples, because it is one of the most universal pieces of furniture and one of the most reusable." Floyd says she has used dressers in entryways with a tray on top to gather keys and mail, and drawers to capture hats, gloves, scarfs and mittens. She also has repurposed them in a workroom to store art supplies, and in a kitchen for pots and pans.



CLOE POISSON/The Hartford Courant

Interior designer Sharon McCormick has several furniture items in her Durham, Conn., home that have been repurposed, such as this office credenza that now serves as storage space for shoes and other accessories. It is just one example of her twists on classic pieces of furniture.

Tips for trying new things

If you are thinking of repurposing a piece of furniture, designers offer these guidelines to help determine if the piece fits a new place.

- **Anything being** used as an end table or side table placed next to furniture generally shouldn't extend 2 inches above or below the arm of a sofa or chair.
- **Furniture used** as an entryway table shouldn't extend too far into the hallway or walking space leading from a door. Usually allow for 36 to 42 inches of walking space.
- **Don't try** to squeeze too much furniture into a dining room. Make sure there is enough room to pull a chair all the way out from the table with room to sit down and, ideally, with some extra walking space behind the chair even when it is pulled out.

"A small dresser with drawers can be used just about anywhere," Floyd says. If you still have trouble picturing

a dresser anywhere but in the bedroom — or a desk other than in an office, or a dining room chair matched with something other than its table — then try transforming the piece, designers say.

Adding a granite or butcher-block top can make a dresser feel more like it belongs in the kitchen. Changing knobs and hinges helps furniture feel different. And if you want a bigger challenge, you can transform furniture completely by staining the wood a different color or sanding and painting it.

"Changing it in some way is a good idea, so it doesn't feel like the same piece of furniture," Floyd says.

Perhaps the latest furniture piece being given a second life is the giant television armoire used to store a big TV behind closed doors. Modern flat-screen and plasma televisions are turning these armoires into relics, but they don't have to be, designers say.

"Everybody has them, and you can try to sell them, but you can't get much money for them because no one needs them anymore," says Sharon McCormick, owner of Sharon McCormick Design in Durham, Conn. "So the best thing is to turn them into something else." With some adjustments — removing the doors, replacing wood shelves with glass and adding a mirror as a backdrop — an old armoire can become a wine cabinet. Or it can be repurposed into a home-office cabinet, with storage for a computer and drawer space for paper and a printer.

McCormick transformed her own large armoire, originally designed to store clothes, into a linen closet for her bathroom. The shelves hold towels and toiletry items, and the bottom doors were rehinged so that two hampers now tilt outward to collect dirty clothes.

Nearby in the bathroom, McCormick tucked an upholstered chair and a floor lamp for soft lighting.

"It was an empty corner, and I had the chair but I never knew what I was going to do with it," McCormick says. Placing an upholstered chair in a bathroom is "unusual but so handy" to sit down and dry your hair, put on makeup, or keep an eye on

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DIY gone wrong

Tell your own home-improvement horror story


By Virginia Hutchins
Times-News writer

On the hottest day last May, Shellien Gilliland took the morning off, switched vehicles with her husband and headed for a nearby nursery to buy topsoil for the do-it-yourself garden boxes under construction in her Twin Falls yard.

The nursery didn't sell in bulk and directed her to a sand and gravel supplier down the road.

And that, of course, was the opening scene of a home-improvement horror story.

"I should have known what I was getting into when they said they sell topsoil by the ton and that I needed to pull my truck on the scale to be weighed, then follow the front loader into the yard," Gilliland wrote in an e-mail to the *Times-News*.

But she didn't, of course. Nobody does know what they're getting into at the outset of a DIY disaster.

"The gentleman in the tractor must have enjoyed the following scene," Gilliland wrote. "As he took a huge scoop and began to dump into my short-bed 3/4-ton Dodge, the dirt covered my truck. I was gasping for air and trying to roll up the windows as quickly as I could."

"As he kept dumping I noticed the nose of the truck beginning to point skyward. And he wasn't stopping."

Fortunately, Gilliland came to her senses and avoided a tragic ending to the tale.

"I realized if I didn't put the truck in drive and pull away now, I wasn't going to be going anywhere," she said. "So I slowly drove back to the scale and went in to pay for my dirt. 'That will be \$15.95,' the clerk said. 'I didn't know your truck could hold 2,450 pounds of topsoil.' Funny, I didn't either."

Ah, yes. Knowledge gained the hard way. Who knew there were so many ways to flood a basement, or just what combination of events it would take to send a wheelbarrow crashing through a roof?

That's why the *Times-News* wants to hear your own home-improvement horror story — perhaps with a grimmer ending than Gilliland's. We plan to launch our "DIY Disasters" series here in Home & Garden this winter, featuring the best of the tales submitted to us by readers.

To be considered for an interview, e-mail your story to virginia.hutchins@lee.net and include your full name, when and where the events happened, and your contact information.

And stick to the truth, please. Home improvement is scary enough already.

Heirlooms are worth storing, junk is not

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Start the year with a clean slate — or at least a clean closet.

Surely there are items from 2008, or perhaps even years earlier, that you'll never wear again. Some of them should go straight to a local charity or Goodwill, but some might be worth boxing up with care and putting into storage for the next generation to enjoy.

Often, your best bets for heirlooms are the classics, the items that would be hard to date simply by looking at them, says Melanie Charlton Fascitelli, author of "Shop Your Closet" (HarperCollins).

"Think of things that repeat themselves over time — your favorite Lilly Pulitzer dress. I kept one that my

mom wore when she was pregnant with me. It was yellow with a cape; I've worn it to a Halloween party and a cocktail party."

Pucci also holds up its value because people collect the prints, she says.

Other designer items can be trickier, though. A high price tag doesn't mean an item is an heirloom, explains Fascitelli, who also has a closet organizing business called Closette. It's worth keeping if it's a piece that helped define either the design house or the look of an era: For example, a Tom Ford Gucci piece is likely more valuable, both monetarily and as a keepsake, than a garment by his short-lived successor Alessandra Facchinetti.

Things that other people are clamoring for might be the ones you hold on to.

Constance White, style director for eBay, says that old European brands such as Chanel and Louis Vuitton never lose their cache, and right now Balenciaga and Lanvin are equally hot.

Versace garments — again, especially prints — as well as Jean Paul Gaultier are other labels that could be prized possessions, White says, and she makes the case for plaid pieces. "Anything plaid always comes back around," she observes, "especially a jacket in a classic tartan."

Eveningwear also doesn't date as easily as trendier everyday clothes.

"Vintage — done well — always comes back in style in eveningwear," White declares.

There are some key menswear pieces worth storing — properly! — including

suits from Ford or Giorgio Armani. "If you can afford one of these now, keep it for your son," says White. "Or, in this era of the boyfriend jacket, keep it for your daughter. It's worth spending a little on the tailoring."

Fascitelli, however, thinks the next generation will be more interested in a leather jacket, which she describes as "a style that keeps up forever and doesn't have to fit perfectly."

Also on her list of what today's teens will want from their parents are Loro Piano and Barber jackets, luxury watches, a college sweatshirt, Judith Leiber and Hermes bags and good jewelry, especially a Cartier Love bracelet or silver pieces from Tiffany's.

Hello Kitty- and Barbie-branded things also make

the cut. "If you have stuff that is still boxed, some of those items are worth keeping. They can be sold for hundreds of dollars later on," Fascitelli says.

Artwork is subjective so it's hard to predict whether or not there will be interest later on, but "there are some things you kind of know," she adds. "If you inherited a Warhol serigraph, obviously hold on to it."

Same with wedding china with a high-end name, including Wedgwood, silver tableware and crystal glassware.

The one thing Fascitelli is pretty sure no one will want down the road is CDs.

"I was a culprit of this myself but get rid of your CDs. Put them in a digital library, otherwise it's a waste of space when you could recycle the containers."



AP photo/Sasha Nialla

Melanie Charlton Fascitelli poses with a closet she designed. Surely there are items from 2008 that you'll never wear again, and some might be worth boxing up for the next generation. Often, your best bets for heirlooms are the classics, the items that would be hard to date simply by looking at them, says Fascitelli.

A house where everyone is the right temperature

DEAR JIM: We are planning to create an apartment in our home for my elderly mother. She will need her area to be warmer than ours. What do you think about installing pocket doors instead of standard swinging doors? — Paul D.

DEAR PAUL: Creating an apartment in one's house for elderly parents is becoming more popular again as it used to be generations ago. People are living longer, but are neither healthy enough to be totally independent nor weak enough to be in nursing homes.

The elderly generally do feel more comfortable at a warmer room temperature than younger people. Warmer temperatures also result in higher heating bills, so it is wise on your part to attempt to thermally isolate her apartment. This is called efficient "zone heating" where different parts of your house are kept at different temperatures.

Installing pocket doors is also a good idea. Since you



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are making an apartment in your existing home, floor space will be at a premium. This makes pocket doors ideal because they do not require all the clearance space of a swinging door. Pocket doors, since they slide into the wall cavity, can be easily sealed to make the zone heating more feasible.

Another advantage of pocket doors is the ease of operation for your mother. When opening a swinging door which swings in toward you, you must grab the knob and step backward. This may cause someone who is weak and not steady on her feet to lose her balance. A pocket door is just slid to the side into the wall cavity and is totally out of the way.



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These are decorative pocket doors in a large opening between rooms. Closing the doors to block air flow and sound still allows light between rooms.

You will also find it is easier to decorate a house with pocket doors.

By eliminating the clearance area around the door

opening and on the walls, you have more decorating flexibility. Many of the pocket doors have attractive decorative or privacy glass to allow

for better natural lighting in a house.

It is not difficult to install a pocket door kit in place of an existing swinging door. Most do-it-yourselfers with a reciprocating saw and some other hand tools should be able to handle this project. Before attempting this, make sure there are no electric lines or plumbing inside the walls.

There several designs of pocket door installation kits from which to choose depending upon the weight and thickness of the door. Some lightweight kits are designed for doors under 100 pounds, and other kits can handle doors up to 250 pounds. Make sure to include the weight of any decorative glass and privacy locks when determining the overall weight.

The pocket door kit will include split wall studs to replace the existing wall studs around the door opening. These create the pocket inside the wall. Also included will be the guides, mounting plates and hardware, ball-

bearing rollers, and top supporting rail.

DEAR JIM: I have added an insulating pad under my carpet to save energy, and now I have to cut one inch off the bottom of my wooden bathroom door. What is the best way to saw it so the bottom edge doesn't splinter? — Barb H.

DEAR BARB: If your house has inexpensive hollow wood doors, the bottom will splinter and leave a rough edge. Plan to cut enough off to leave at least a 1/2-inch gap for adequate air inlet area when the bath vent fan is running.

Using a sharp utility knife and straight edge, score a deep groove along the cut line. This will keep the thin veneer edge from getting rough.

Carefully saw along the bottom edge of the groove, and sand the edge.

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Protecting your cherry trees from fungal disease

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q. I have a cherry tree that grows out of a bed of pachysandra, which I fear is harming the tree through root competition. By July, nearly all of the cherry leaves displayed a yellow spot with a dark spot in the center.

A. Pachysandra has a rather shallow root system, and it probably benefits the tree by shading and cooling the soil. Your problem is not related to the pachysandra. It is most likely a fungal disease brought on by wet weather.

It may be a problem again, depending on the weather conditions in the spring when the new leaves are growing.

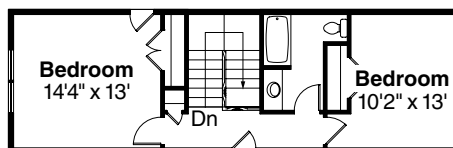
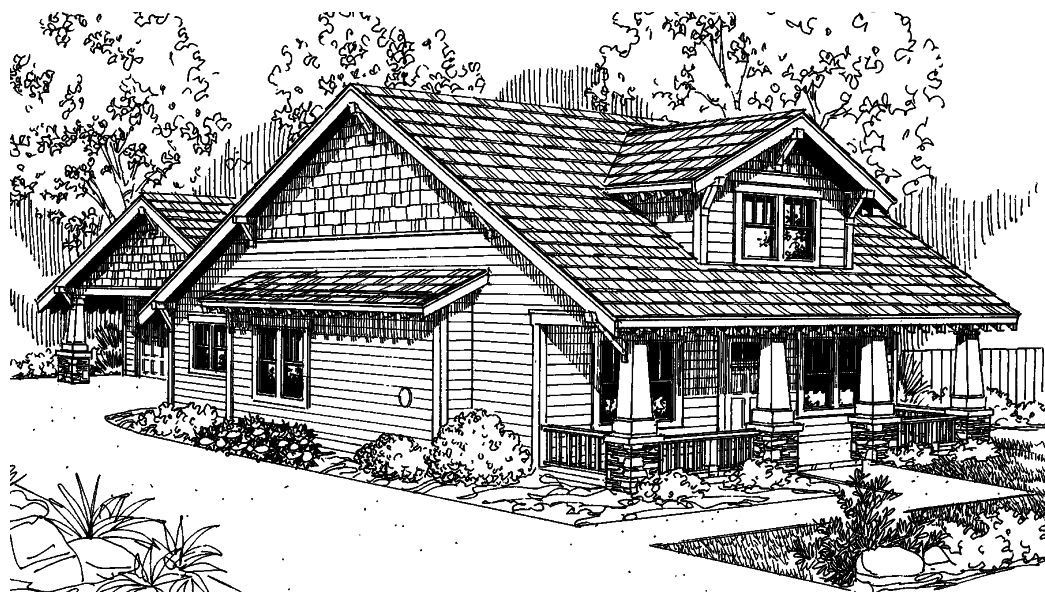
In most instances, you can allow fallen leaves to sift into the pachysandra so they decay gradually, recycling nutrients and building soil organic matter.

The exception to this is when the leaves have potential to carry disease spores through the winter. A fungus named *Blumeriella jaapii* is the most likely cause of the leaf spots, and it can be carried over to the following spring on fallen leaves. Complete removal of the infected leaves can provide good control of the disease, but the pachysandra may impede this step.

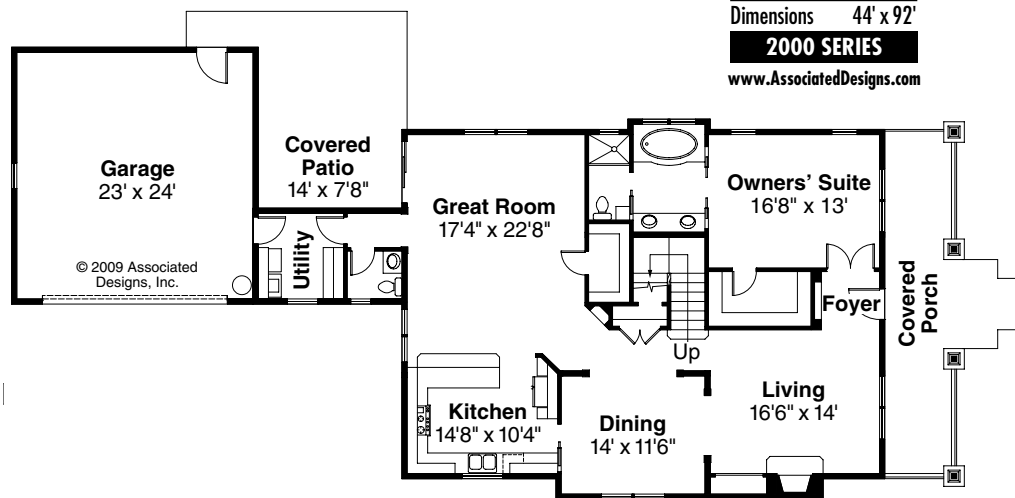
One way to collect infected leaves in the fall is to place a net over the pachysandra so the leaves may be blown off after they fall.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

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This style enjoyed great popularity in the early 1900s and has sparked a resurgent flurry of interest now, in the early 2000s. Characteristic design elements include the decorative gable supports, tapered columns atop stone bases, and multi-paned window uppers.

From the covered porch, you step into a foyer with a display niche directly in front of the door. Double doors on the right lead into the owners' suite, while the left side of the foyer is completely open to a living room with a gas fireplace and built-in home entertainment center.

A wide arch links the living room and dining room, which is accessible from two other directions as well. A similar arch connects the dining room to the hallway that leads into the great room, and a pocket door links it to the kitchen. Plenty of natural light spills in through a Craftsman window.

Kitchen counters are well supplied, with sections on four sides. The large kitchen is almost entirely open to the spacious great room. Only a raised conversation bar separates the two. Cupboards are also abundant, including a roomy walk-in pantry just a few steps away.

Laundry appliances are nearby as well. Both a powder room and a utility room line the hallway that joins the great room to the Fairfield's two-car garage.

The well-appointed owners' suite is well-isolated from the busier, noisier areas of the house. Amenities include a walk-in closet, deep soaking tub, dual vanity, and enclosed shower and toilet. Upstairs, two more bedrooms share a bathroom.

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A few simple ideas for smaller spaces

By Terri Sapienza
The Washington Post

Among the book titles devoted to small spaces is "Apartment Living: Stylish Decorating Ideas for Apartments, Lofts and Duplexes" (Ryland, Peters & Small, \$29.95). The topic is on target for anyone with limited space. It is written by Caroline Clifton-Mogg, a London-based journalist and author who was inspired by her own recent move to an apartment after a lifetime in houses.

In the book, filled with the requisite fabulous, light-filled photos, Clifton-Mogg extols the virtues of apartment living and advises on decorating and designing smaller spaces while cleverly navigating around their obvious limitations. From color, storage, furniture, fabrics and flooring, she offers tips for making the best, most satisfying use of every available square foot.

We gave the author a call and asked her perspective on living large in a small space.

Q. Can you think of advantages to small-space living?

A. An apartment is more controllable in terms of where your possessions are,

the way you run your day. You can make the space entirely your own. In a house, it's quite difficult to not use rooms the way people before you did. In an apartment, you can use the space to fit your way of living: If you want to sleep on this side of the room and not that side, you can.

Q. Are there common decorating mistakes?

A. The key thing is to look at it as one overall space. Everything must be harmonious. If you use different colors, they should be within a palette; you mustn't use colors that don't work together. That doesn't mean using just neutrals. If you like bold and bright colors, use bold and bright, but make sure they work with each other. Otherwise, the eye will break them up into small visual areas, which is not what you want. Also, you want an overall scheme — not a very contemporary space next to a very traditional space. It makes the space feel smaller if you break it up.

Flooring is also important because you don't have the natural break that comes with stairs. It needn't be the same floor covering throughout,

but there should be a similar tonal quality to the floors. If you have wood in one area and carpet in another, the colors should flow together.

Another mistake: using a dining room table just for eating. A table should also be a place where you can sit down and write, pay your bills, or be used as extra surface for books or pretty things.

Q. Some say to avoid large-scale furniture in a small space, while others say just the opposite. Which side do you come down on?

A. I really believe in oversize furniture. Small pieces in a small space look ungenerous. A very fat settee looks immensely inviting and welcoming and makes the room look inviting and welcoming. I prefer generous pieces because they imply a generosity of spirit. In the living area particularly, larger-size pieces give the room an importance it wouldn't have otherwise and a sense of being grounded in a good way.

Q. What about lighting?

A. Light can bring parts of the room back into the room. For example, if you have light in a dark corner, it brings that

space into the room. It's cozy and welcoming to have pools of light around a room: small lighting on tables and reading lights. It's much more welcoming than walking into a room with three overhead lights.

Q. How important is scale?

A. Proportion and scale are important but very difficult to explain. Take hanging a picture: A small picture on a large wall is visually upsetting and uncomfortable because it doesn't fill the space properly. A larger picture or a group of smaller pictures is more satisfying. That's what scale and proportion are all about.

Q. How important is color in a small space?

A. Color is jolly important. Dark colors absorb light and visually bring the walls of a space inward, for example: A dark ceiling lowers the height of a room. If it's a very small space and you want to make it feel as big as possible, it might be best to use light, reflecting colors — on the ceiling as well as the walls. Use bold and bright colors as accents. If you wanted to do deep emerald green, maybe do one emerald green wall

balanced with lighter contrasting colors on the other walls. Or use the green on a sofa.

Q. If your apartment is only one room, what's the best way to use it? Should you have a bed or a pull-out couch? A sectional or sofa and chairs?

A. That's a very personal thing. For some people, bliss is a wonderful bedroom. If that's your feeling, then make the room a wonderful bedroom. For some people, it's a real relief to come home to an efficient work space, and they wouldn't want it taken up with a bed. It's something you really have to think about before you move in: How do you want to live? That's the advantage of apartment living. It can be exactly the way

you want to live without the conventional constraints of architectural design — studios, in particular.

People have different dreams of how their lives should be. You have to think: Do I like to entertain? Do I like to be on my own? Do I like to do both? If so, in what proportions? Do I like to cook a lot? How do I want to live?

Q. What's the best way to enjoy plants in limited apartment space?

A. You either have big pieces — a tree or two — or have a small group, say 10, put together. A number of little plants scattered about doesn't have much effect. Consider either massing things together or having over-scale plants in tubs.

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'Green' demand driving home technology

dBy Alex Veiga
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Robert Mechielsen's designs for environmentally friendly homes often include cutting edge features such as high-efficiency heating and cooling systems and solar panels to convert sunshine into electricity.

But he's only half joking when he says many of the best green home solutions available to homeowners hail from the 18th century, such as installing awnings to keep a home cooler.

"There's also a very advanced way of using wind technology — it's drying your clothes outside," quips Mechielsen, founder of Studio RMA in Los Angeles.

With environmental consciousness at an all-time high, homeowners searching for Earth-friendly ideas don't have to settle for such rustic measures. Manufacturers and retailers looking to cash in on the green movement are rolling out green home building and remodeling products and demand is helping to drive down costs, experts say.

Market research by McGraw-Hill Construction projects the residential green building market will have annual sales between \$12 billion and \$20 billion in 2008. That would represent between 6 percent and 10 percent, respectively, of the overall homebuilding market.

The firm has said it expects the green building market will double by 2012.

Some of the products are based on new technology, but many are based on concepts that have been kicking around for decades with relatively few takers, such as solar water heaters.

That's changing, thanks in part to soaring energy costs.

Good thing homeowners have more options than ever — without resorting to hanging their laundry out to dry.

"It's a very dynamic time. In 10 years, there's not going to be such a thing as green building, just building," said Sarah Beatty, founder of Green Depot, New York-based Green Depot, a chain of stores that sells green



The Solatube Tubular Daylighting System installed in a bathroom. The dome installs on the roof and uses reflective surfaces inside to guide daylight into a home, even at a 90-degree angle.

home building products.

At the top of the list for Mechielsen is installing a souped-up version of an attic ventilator, such as the NightBreeze by David Energy Group, which electronically manages how evening air circulates into the home, lowering cooling costs.

"It works on a computer, so people don't have to open or close their windows, which is so 18th century," said Mechielsen, who counts commercial and residential

projects, such as the EcoHouse in Pasadena, Calif., among his green building efforts. "It's really a big cost-saver."

Mechielsen also raves about a relatively new generation of solar panel technology known as thin-film solar. Instead of being made of costly silicon, thin-film solar cells are made of copper, indium, gallium and selenide. The cells are thinner and more flexible than existing photovoltaic technology.

"It doesn't look as clunky," Mechielsen says.

Applications for residential use are expected to become available as early as next year, experts say.

Sometimes the most efficient energy reductions don't come through technological wizardry. Up to 25 percent of heating and cooling costs are the result of heat loss, as air moves in and out of a house through holes, improperly sealed windows and insufficient insulation.



"If you're looking at a home as a system you can start to address low-hanging fruit that aren't the sexy solar panels on the roof, but are things like tightening up the house," suggests David Johnston, co-author of "Green From The Ground Up."

One product increasingly being used in residential building and renovation projects is closed cell polyurethane foam insulation, which is sprayed between walls or in the attic and expands to cover small cracks and other openings through which heat can escape.

Traditional insulation products can be inefficient or harmful to the environment. Other green options include insulation sprays made of denim or Cel-Pak, which is made of recycled newspapers.

"It's the first and most cost-effective thing (homeowners) can do," Johnston said. "Most people don't even know they can do that, they just want to put more pink stuff in the attic."

Another no-brainer is replacing incandescent light bulbs with more energy efficient options. LEDs, or light-emitting diodes, remain the latest in efficient home lighting technology, but many environmental experts continue to favor compact-flourescent lights as a better alternative, saying the LEDs remain too expensive by comparison.

Another criticism is there aren't many options in terms of light fixtures that work with LEDs. Johnston says that's beginning to change

and he expects prices on LEDs to fall dramatically as a result.

Another option for lighting is designed to bring in more natural light without having to go through the expense of building a full skylight.

Solatube International Inc. of Vista, Calif., offers a dome-shaped product that installs on the roof and uses reflectors to bend light up to 90 degrees into the house.

"It literally pushes light into an interior space," Beatty said. "It looks like you're looking outside at the sky."

Jay Hall, a technical consultant for the U.S. Green Building Council, says homeowners looking to amp up their green credentials should be wary of spending thousands of dollars on high-end products before they first consider cheaper upgrades, beginning with buying Energy Star-rated appliances, which can save up to 30 percent off electricity costs.

Still, some products, including solar water heaters, are a great option, Hall says.

Solar water heaters were first invented in the 1970s and 1980s, but are now becoming more widely available and more efficient.

One type, an evacuated tube solar water heater, uses glass cylinders to collect solar energy and heat a small copper pipe inside, which transfers heat to a manifold filled with water. It helps offset the use of a standard water heater.

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children in the bathtub, she says.

McCormick has embraced the practice of repurposing furniture, and all around her historic home in Durham are examples of her own twists on classic pieces of furniture serving new functions.

"Some people are not confident enough to put something in an unusual place. Or they can't imagine things any other way or in any other place than where it already exists," she says. "But the more unusual and unexpected it is, the more exciting a room can be." In her mudroom is a six-drawer filing cabinet she originally bought for her office. It now stores hats, shoes and gloves. On her sun porch is a small desk she repainted white and uses as a side table. On the other side of the room is a painted dresser that functions as a decorative table.

McCormick says that even if you don't reuse your own furniture, it's easy to find someone else's item to repurpose at a tag sale.

"Keep an open mind about what it could be," she says. "If there's something about it that appeals to you, you can always find a new use for it, even if it was not what it was intended to be — and that makes it more interesting. It's always nice when someone walks into a room and says, 'Wow. That's cool. I never would have thought of that.'"



Photos by CLOE POISSON/The Hartford Courant
This armoire is used in an upstairs bathroom as a linen closet. The cabinets were rehinged to hold two clothes hampers that tilt open.



A dresser sits in a corner of Sharon McCormick's back porch.



A chair fills an empty corner of an upstairs bathroom.



An old desk now used as a side table on a sun porch.

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THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 458 Wakefield Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by **Alvin L. Evans and Dawn C. Evans, Husband and Wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank National Association as Successor Beneficiary, recorded August 15, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005-018021, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.**

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$57,600.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.750% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated August 12, 2005. Payments are in default for the months of August 2008 thru including November 2008 in the amount of \$562.95 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of November 14, 2008 is \$57,521.62 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.750% per annum. The per dem is \$12.21. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$57,521.62, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: December 15, 2008
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
Phone: (877) 947-1553

PUBLISH: Dec 23, 30, 2008, Jan 6 and 13, 2009



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0058868282 T.S. No. 057-003466 On 4/24/2009, at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: Lobby of TitleFact 163 4th Avenue North Twin Falls, ID 83301. Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, as Trustee on behalf of LandAmerica OneStop, Inc. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls State of Idaho, and described as follows: **LOT 17 IN BLOCK 1 OF VILLA VISTA SUBDIVISION NO. 8, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 20 OF PLATS, PAGE 22, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.** The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **470 LACASA LOOP, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301** is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **TERESA OLSEN & GARY OLSEN, WIFE & HUSBAND as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. is named as Beneficiary and TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW as Trustee and recorded 8/29/2008 as Instrument No. 2008-021766 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 8/24/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,301.17, due per month for the months of 1/1/2008 through 12/12/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$176,000.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.50000 per cent (%) per annum from 12/1/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 12/15/2008 Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation By: THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 2952058**

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101 Lost and Found

LOST Border Collie/Kelpie 8 mo. old, female, black/white, red collar. Please Call 208-420-2101

LOST Camera, Blue insignia in South Hills parking lot on 1/1. Christmas gift reward! 208-733-0447

LOST German Wire Hair Pointer, female, comes to "Tobi", liver colored w/white tickings. Lost West of Gooding. If seen or found call 934-4290.

LOST Standard Schnauzer, kid's dog, lost in Gooding on 12/24. **REWARD.** Call 208-961-0226.

107 Pregnancy Alternatives
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108 Professional Services
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213 Professional

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304 Investments

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FOUND Bull Terrier black and white female. Found east of Rupert 208-312-1956.

FOUND Cat, large orange & white, very tame, wearing leopard collar, at 775 Falls Ave. W. 733-7687

FOUND Dachshund 1/02 near N. College Rd. & Sparks. Call to identify. 731-9051 or 731-9939.

FOUND Golden Retriever/Lab mix on 3rd Ave. W. in Twin Falls. 1 1/2 year old neutered male. 208-308-8805

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FREE Cat to a good home. Tiger-striped, spayed, declawed. Not claimed. Call 208-316-6039.

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LOST Cat, 6 year old spayed, long haired, female, calico like markings: black & orange back white belly. Lost 6+ weeks ago in the vicinity of 3rd Ave. W., Twin Falls. Has food allergy to gluten & fish. 734-8666. Reward!

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HAGERMAN New home located in Park Place Subdivision. Lot size .43, room for RV parking & shop. 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2200 sq. ft. single level home, 3 car garage (895 sq. ft.), formal dining room, 9' ceilings, central vacuum system throughout house, vaulted ceilings in living room, tray ceilings in master bdrm & formal dining room, covered rear & front porches, city water & sewer, open floor plan. \$310,000. 208-539-7060

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TWIN FALLS Location, Location, Location! Owner financing. 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath, 3100+ sq. ft., 3 car garage, Alder cabinets, granite, stainless steel, & heated tile, built in vacuum. Would consider trade for farm. \$429,000. 1393 Stoneybrook. 208-734-9773

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513 Acreage and Lots KIMBERLY 18.95 acres 3 bdrm, 2 bath, ranch house updated, near South Hills. Corral, pressurized irrigated pasture, Kimberly School Dist. By Owner. \$340,000. Possible owner financing. 208-316-1962

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518 Mobile Homes FILER For sale by owner. 1971 Broadmore single wide, 840 sq. ft., 2 bdrm, 1 bath, AC/gas heat, all apps, 3 out-buildings, fenced area, very nice yard. \$17,500/offer. Call 208-326-4503.

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RENTAL 600 JEROME/HANSEN 3-4 bdrm, 2 bath. Rent to own. Builder 308-2941, SV Properties 720-1670 Realtor.

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BURLEY 1 bdrm apt, \$400/mo. + first, last and cleaning dep. No pets/smoking. Call 208-878-6020

BURLEY Basement studio apt \$180/mo. + deposit and utilities. Call after 5. 678-0904

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EDEN Winter Move-in Special. No Deposit. 1-2 bedroom, no pets. \$275-\$350. Call 208-212-1678

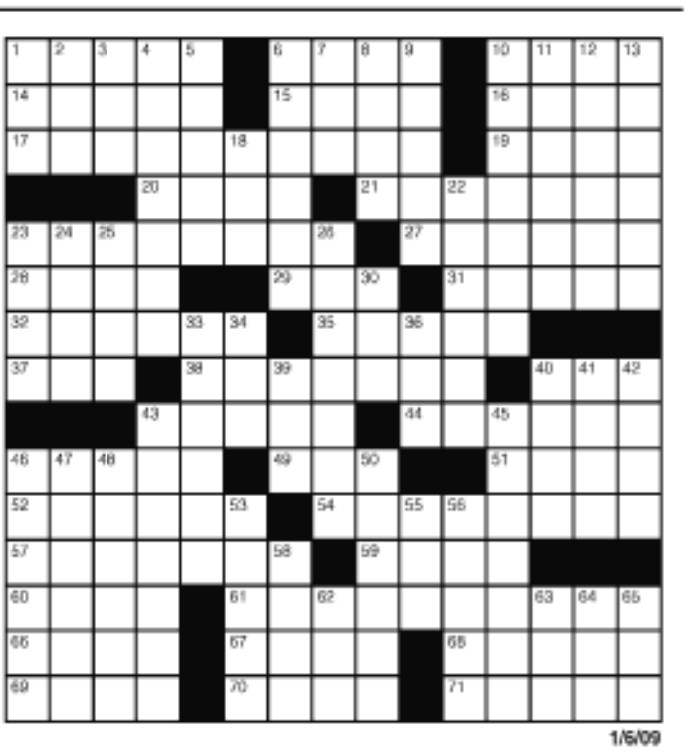
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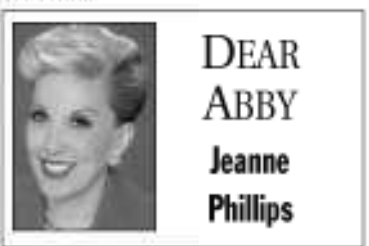
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Words can inflict wounds no apology can fully cure

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding "Perplexed in South Dakota" (Oct. 15), who said "terrible things" to her friend in anger. The friend forgave her, but did not wish to continue the friendship.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I have been in that position, but my situation went beyond hurtful words. At the time, I was in a great deal of emotional pain and was devastated because I trusted the people involved. I struggled with forgiving them, and I am happy to say that I recently did.

their own experiences. Read on:
DEAR ABBY: One of my best friends and I had a falling-out some time ago due to a misunderstanding (I'll spare you the details). It was very painful for both of us.

Through the process, I learned two important lessons: First, forgiveness has everything to do with me and very little to do with the offender. By letting go of the hurt, I freed myself from the emotional bondage I was in.

She cut off contact with me first, and it was devastating. Despite my efforts, she apparently needed time to gather her thoughts and feelings. After a year and a half she called me, apologized and said she hoped we could pick up where we had left off. The problem is: I can't. I was hurt to the core.

The second lesson I learned was that forgiveness does not mean reconciliation. When you lose trust in someone, it takes time to regain it. Sometimes the damage can never fully be repaired.

I still stay in touch with her, but my heart is no longer where it was. Although I miss her, I still resent her misjudgment of my loyalty. Forgiveness has many levels, and one level may be that of closure.

— BEEN THERE IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
DEAR BEEN THERE: Thank you for sharing what you learned. I told "Perplexed" that even though her friend no longer holds a grudge, she may consider "Perplexed" too dangerous to allow back in her life. Readers agreed with my advice that "Perplexed" watch what she says in anger in the future and cited

— NOT THE SAME IN THE EAST
DEAR ABBY: It is interesting that after saying terrible things to her friend, "Perplexed" did not apologize for several weeks, waited for her ex-friend to contact her, and apologized only after being informed by the friend that she

IF JANUARY 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You will gain valuable experience during the year to come. Heightened ambitions may put a damper on your spirits and outlook in March and June. It could be that you must adhere to a tight schedule or that your performance is under scrutiny. Be sure you have taken care of loose ends such as legal matters and routine maintenance such as dental work or oil changes, before those months occur. You might be offered an opportunity to improve your circumstances, a bonus, or receive a pat on the back during the first two weeks of June. That won't mean you can slack off, but the encouragement will mean a lot.

quering hero.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Enjoy the view. Half the fun of climbing the ladder of success is meeting nice people along the way. You can mix and mingle with groups, co-workers or your friends and still make admirable progress.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can see it through to the end. Any business project begun now will have the added benefit of your intense passion and determination. Once you get started it will be a snap to get something completed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have to aim at the goalposts to make a touchdown. If distracted by petty playthings and baubles, you won't be able to score. Concentrate on channeling your energies profitably.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Politely wedge your foot inside the door. Meet others with warm handshakes and a smile on your face. You might become the world's best salesperson if you can master the art of approaching others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Opportunities are never lost, because if you miss one someone else will take it. You may be so busy trying to beat the other guy to the front of the checkout line that you don't notice the next register has opened.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is rocky at the top. Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but remember that all the growth occurs along the path you climb to get there. Don't forget to stop and smell the roses along the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your chickens may come home to roost. There could be someone you have lost touch with or a routine that has been disrupted. This might be a good time to revisit reassuring creature comforts.

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The finals of last year's NEC Trophy between The Latin and Israel saw Israel zoom into an early lead, then be overtaken before reasserting themselves to win by what looked deceptively like a comfortable margin. It was a case of missed opportunities for the losers, as today's deal exemplifies.

Both tables played two hearts, Migry Campanile for Israel making it easily enough on a friendly defense. There were much higher stakes in this room, though, where two hearts had been doubled, in the auction shown.

Israel Yadlin led a top spade, shifted to a top diamond, went back to spades, and Doron Yadlin as East took the spade ace and played a second diamond.

That took an entry out of dummy prematurely, but would it be enough? Declarer passed the heart queen, ruffed a spade, and played the third diamond. West won and exited with a club. Declarer was trump-bound in the four-card ending and had to lose two hearts for down one.

However, all declarer had to do was play two rounds of clubs before exiting with the diamond, and the defenders would have had to reduce declarer's trumps again. In the three-card ending, declarer exits with the heart nine to end-play East in trumps and makes the contract. The defense to two hearts is surely impossible to find. West has to lead a diamond, or East has to overtake with the spade ace at trick one to shift to diamonds. That breaks up the trump endplay.

NORTH 01-6-A
♠ 10 8 5 4
♥ Q
♦ A 8 4
♣ A J 7 6 2

WEST
♠ K Q J 2
♥ 3
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 8 4

EAST
♠ A 7 3
♥ K J 5 2
♦ 5 3 2
♣ K 10 5

SOUTH
♠ 9 6
♥ A 10 9 8 7 6 4
♦ J 7 6
♣ 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

The bidding:
South West North East
2♥ Dbl. Pass Pass
Opening lead: Spade king

BID WITH THE ACES 01-6-B

South holds:
♠ 10 8 5 4
♥ Q
♦ A 8 4
♣ A J 7 6 2

South West North East
1♦ Dbl. Pass

ANSWER: Nothing is ideal here, but you need to demonstrate that you have an invitational hand, rather than a drive to game or a sign-off in a partscore. Since the best chance for a game is in spades, the most accurate call is a jump to two spades. Although a club partscore might be safest, the spade bid looks like the best way to get your values across.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact Kay 19673@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@midaspri.com.
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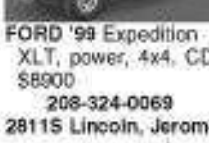
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Steelers' Harrison is AP Defensive Player of Year

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NEW YORK — Kent State once sent a linebacker to the Pittsburgh Steelers who epitomized everything the Steel Curtain was about.

That was Jack Lambert. The current version of the hard-hitting, versatile and dynamic former Kent Stater in Steel City is James Harrison, The Associated Press 2008 Defensive Player of the Year.

The linebacker, who had a career-high 16 sacks to set a team record and led the NFL with a career-high seven forced fumbles, beat Dallas' DeMarcus Ware in balloting

by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters announced Monday. Pittsburgh was the league's stingiest in total defense, pass defense and points allowed. Harrison was its main hammer.

"That's something that everybody in the league would love to have, to be voted the top player in the league for that year," Harrison said. "In my mind, I think I do — and it's going to sound boring — what the defense allows me to do and what my teammates allow me to do."

Harrison earned 22 votes to 13 for Ware.

Baltimore safety Ed Reed, the 2004 winner, got eight votes. Tennessee defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth had five and Harrison's teammate, safety Troy Polamalu, got two.

"It couldn't happen to a better guy," Steelers veteran receiver Hines Ward said. "He's worked his tail off to get to where he is. You appreciate it more, considering where he came from and how he got here."

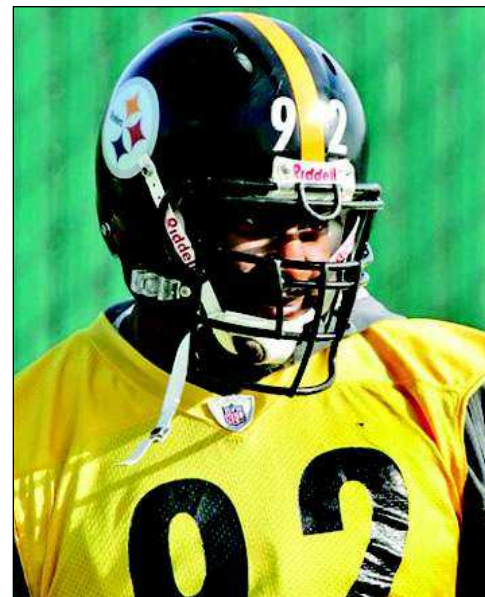
Harrison credited defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau's schemes with allowing him, an undrafted free agent who was cut several times by Pitts-

burgh and once by Baltimore, to eventually become a star.

"The defense is built to play with 11 guys, and if all 11 guys are on the same page, playing the same defense on the same play, there's nothing that can go wrong and that's just how we feel about it," Harrison said.

But fellow linebacker James Farrior, who has seen Harrison develop from a backup to Joey Porter into one of the game's biggest playmakers, sees Harrison as the key.

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Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison waits for the NFL football team's practice Monday in Pittsburgh.

AP photo

Texas takes Fiesta win

No. 3 Longhorns rally past No. 10 Ohio State 24-21 in Fiesta Bowl

The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Left out of the national title game, Colt McCoy and Texas made the most of their trip to the Fiesta Bowl.

McCoy hit Quan Cosby for a 26-yard touchdown with 16 seconds to play, lifting third-ranked Texas to a 24-21 victory over No. 10 Ohio State on Monday night.

"I don't think there's anybody in the country who can beat us at this point," McCoy said.

The Buckeyes nearly pulled off the upset behind quarterbacks Terrelle Pryor and Todd Boeckman but instead went down to another disappointing bowl loss.

McCoy, the Heisman Trophy runner-up, calmly led the Longhorns 78 yards in 11 plays and 1:42 without calling a timeout. On the touchdown, Cosby caught a short pass, slipped a tackle and sprinted toward the goal line before diving into the end zone.

The Longhorns (12-1) rebounded after Ohio State (10-3) had taken a 21-17 lead on a 15-yard run by Dan Herron with 2:05 to go.

That score came five minutes

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Texas' Quan Cosby celebrates his touchdown against Ohio State during the third quarter of the Fiesta Bowl NCAA college football game in Glendale, Ariz., Monday, Jan. 5, 2009.

AP photo

Looking toward area sports scene in 2009

This year, changes to the local and statewide sports scene — probably more than seen in at least a decade — are in store with the opening of Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls serving as a catalyst. The creation of the area's 29th high school athletics program will redefine the face of sports not only in a city but the entire region.

Students in Twin Falls must reorient themselves as TFHS is not the only game in town anymore. Fall sports camps will start this summer, a precursor to the first season under this new reality. It's the start of a rivalry that could breathe new life into athletics in Twin Falls.

Also, Twin Falls will no longer be an island in Class 5A competition, rather a part of a potentially powerful Class 4A conference, the new Great Basin Conference, which will include Burley, Canyon Ridge, Jerome, Minico, Twin Falls and Wood River. Now consider the current 4A schools' 2008 accomplishments in team sports:

- Burley earned its second straight boys basketball state title and third straight conference title
- Jerome claimed conference titles in boys soccer (state third place) and girls basketball
- Minico won conference titles in baseball (state third place) and football (state semifinals)
- Wood River took conference titles in girls soccer (state consolation), softball and volleyball

That's not even counting the numerous other individual titles in other sports. Twin Falls athletes, who captured state trophies in baseball, softball, girls golf and boys cross country last year, will have their work cut out for them whether at TFHS or CRHS.

The Canyon Ridge fallout will spread to eastern Idaho because District V and VI schools Highland, Idaho Falls, Madison and Skyline will have one less conference opponent to play as they vie for 5A state seeds. At the 4A level, the District IV-V play-in is no more.

Canyon Ridge's addition will also affect the region far beyond 2009. This spring, Kimberly will host the Class 3A softball tournament and in spring 2010 Twin Falls High will get the 5A tourney. Just imagine, with the additional facilities of Canyon Ridge High, District IV could host many tournaments in the area. That would include a nice little bit of extra revenue for area businesses as out-of-towners would need hotel rooms, fuel for travel and food.

Before any of this can come to pass, changes are in store for the next few months in winter sports. A sixth championship was added to boys and girls basketball with the Class 1A split. Also, the state wrestling tournament will be completed in two days rather than the usual three.

This spring, Twin Falls will have its last opportunity for many years to take home Class 5A trophies, and Glens Ferry will find itself a baseball island as the only Class 2A team from this district.

Of course, there could be changes we won't know about until they happen. It could be something from the IHSAA board of directors, any of the numerous school districts within District IV, coaching changes, awards, championships, anything. Will Jackpot, Nev., apply to join the IHSAA, a process the school inquired about in 2008? Will North Valley Academy in Gooding do the same for its 8-man football program? Time will tell.

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BRADLEY GUIRE

The comforts of road? For Sooners, there are many

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Chances are, if there's a Florida logo posted on BCS championship game sign around Miami this week, there's an Oklahoma emblem right next to it. The gift bags doled out to players from both teams were exactly the same, and one school won't be invited to more events than the other.

Forgive the Sooners, though, if they don't find all things to be equal in South Florida.

They know the reality — the Bowl Championship Series title matchup Thursday night takes place in the Gators' home state.

Even though that crystal trophy will be awarded 324 miles south of The Swamp in Gainesville, it seems much like a road game for the Sooners. Facing a hostile crowd in Miami will only make winning that much sweeter, they say.

"It's in Florida. It's where they're from," Sooners wide receiver Manuel Johnson said. "But we feel like it's us

against the world. And we've been great on the road this year."

He's not just saying that. No team in the country was better away from home than Oklahoma.

The Sooners averaged 57.8 points in five road games, and that doesn't even count the 62 they put up against Missouri in the Big 12 championship game at Kansas City. Only one other school this decade — Boise State in 2004 — averaged more than 50 in road contests. And only four schools finished this year unbeaten on opposing turf: Besides Oklahoma, there was Utah, Georgia and, yes, Florida.

"Obviously, we're coming to Florida, so we know there's going to be a lot of Florida fans here," Oklahoma quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford said Saturday, the teams' first full day in South Florida. "But we can't let that affect the way we prepare and get ready for this game."

Of course, that doesn't

Ball State's Parrish debuts against Tulsa

The Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Stan Parrish was so impressed by Tulsa's offense in last year's GMAC Bowl, he decided to take a crash course in the system during the spring.

Now, Parrish has been promoted to head coach at Ball State just in time to face the Golden Hurricane in the same bowl game Tuesday night.

"Who would've thunk it?" said Parrish, the Cardinals' former offensive coordinator. "Brady (Hoke) leaves and I'm the head coach. It's just unbelievable. The football gods make things work in strange ways, don't they?"

Parrish spent a day and a half studying the offense with Tulsa co-offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn, seeking new ways to use star receiver Dante Love. Malzahn is leaving to run Auburn's offense after this game, Parrish has taken over following Hoke's departure for San Diego State, and the dynamic Love sustained a career-ending spinal cord injury in September.

The two teams have more in



Ball State's MiQuale Lewis rushes for an 11-yard gain during the second quarter of a game against Central Michigan in Mount Pleasant, Mich., on Nov. 19.

AP file photo



Tulsa vs. Ball State
TV: 6 p.m., ESPN

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Hagerman boys edge Hansen in last 10 seconds

Times-News

Tied with less than 10 seconds to go, Hagerman's Jake Emerson drew three Hansen defenders then dished the ball to Logan Daily, who made the game-winning shot as time expired, allowing the Pirates boys basketball team to defeat the Huskies 57-55 Monday.

"We had a 10- or 12-point lead with about two minutes to go," Hagerman coach Kevin Cato said. "They whittled it down, kept

making shots."

Emerson led the Pirates with 22 points on the strength of five baskets from beyond the arc. Two other Pirates also scored in double figures, as did three Huskies.

Hansen will travel to Shoshone tonight. Hagerman (6-2, 1-0 Snake River North) will travel to Malta tonight, weather permitting, to face Raft River.

Hagerman 57, Hansen 55
Hansen 10 14 11 20-55
Hagerman 17 5 13 22-57
HANSEN (55)

Laton Stanger 7, Mario Arevalo 16, Jesus Guerrero 10, Kelly Coates 16, Derrek Bates 5, Carlos Vargas 1. Totals 19 13-21 55.

HAGERMAN (57)
Dylan Brooks 13, Ryan Luttmer 1, Jake Emerson 22, Thomas Owlsley 6, Logan Daily 5, Tanner Owen 10. Totals 21 9-16 57.

3-point goals: Hansen 4 (Arevalo 3, Stanger); Hagerman 6 (Emerson 5, Brooks). Total fouls: Hansen 13; Hagerman 16. Fouled out: Hansen, Arevalo; Hagerman, Owen. Technical fouls: none.

CASTLEFORD 56, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 26
Castleford defeated Lighthouse Christian 56-26 Monday.

Ethan Tverdy and Storm Brito each scored in double figures to lead the Wolves, while Evan Aardema paced

the Lions with nine points.

Both teams are back in action Thursday as Castleford travels to Oakley for a Snake River Conference South game and Lighthouse Christian (0-8, 0-3) hosts Raft River.

Castleford 56, Lighthouse Christian 26
Castleford 15 19 17 7-56
Lighthouse Christian 5 4 12 5-26

CASTLEFORD (56)
Dylan Kinyon 2, Nick Howard 8, Tyler Hansen 2, Oscar Vargas 8, Jorge Hernandez 2, Tony Proschka 2, Storm Brito 11, Michael Wiseman 4, Ethan Tverdy 17. Totals 23 10-15 56.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (26)
Aaron Borchardt 5, Evan Aardema 9, Kevin McCullough 2, Zane Jessor 7, Ian Fadness 3. Totals

10 4-7 26.
3-point goals: LC 2 (Borchardt, Fadness). Total fouls: Castleford 10; LC 14. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Girls basketball

VALLEY 46, SHOSHONE 34

The Valley girls basketball team earned a 46-34 victory Monday over nonconference opponent Shoshone.

The Vikings led by three points after a half of play but dominated the third quarter on transition buckets to pull away for the victory. Katie Hall led the team with 15

points, while Taylor Astle led the Indians with 10.

Shoshone will host Hansen today, while Valley (10-3) will begin its Canyon Conference season Thursday at Glenns Ferry.

Valley 46, Shoshone 34

Shoshone 8 12 5 9-34
Valley 12 14 19 4-46
SHOSHONE (34)
Kelcie Hutchins 3, Taylor Astle 10, Victoria Vaught 2, Emillia Silva 2, Jennica Kerner 6, Michelle Aoi 2, Jenny Perron 1, Kelly Perron 8. Totals 13 6-16 34.

VALLEY (46)
Katie Hall 15, Dacia Hunter 6, Camelle Sizemore 8, Alyssa Henry 4, Ashley Kraus 3, Gabi Nava 2, Jamie Wood 8. Totals 22 2-5 46.
3-point goals: Shoshone 2 (Astle 2). Total fouls: Shoshone 9; Valley 19. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

No. 13 Irish beat No. 9 Georgetown

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Luke Harangody had 31 points and 11 rebounds and No. 13 Notre Dame shot 45 percent against No. 9 Georgetown in a 73-67 victory Monday night that ended a five-game losing streak to the Hoyas.

Harangody, who had never scored more than 13 points in three previous games against Georgetown, scored Notre Dame's final 13 points of the first half to give the Irish an 11-point lead.

The Hoyas closed to 71-67 with 15 seconds left when Chris Wright scored inside, but Kyle McAlarney, who missed the front end of a 1-and-1 14 seconds earlier, made two free throws with 12 seconds left.

Notre Dame (11-3, 2-1 Big East) extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 44 games.

McAlarney was 5-of-11 from 3-point range and had 17 points.

Freshman Greg Monroe led Georgetown (10-3, 1-2) with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

NO. 6 OKLAHOMA 100, MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE 64

NORMAN, Okla. — Blake Griffin had 20 points and 16 rebounds for his 12th double-double this season.

The Sooners (14-1) played without coach Jeff Capel, who was hospitalized earlier Monday with stomach flu. Assistant coach Mark Cline took over in his absence.

Utah St. holds off Idaho, 70-61

LOGAN, Utah — Jared Quayle scored 18 points and Gary Wilkinson added 17 to lead Utah State past Idaho 70-61 Monday night.

Wilkinson also pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds for the Aggies (13-1, 1-0 Western Athletic Conference).

Pooh Williams added 11.

Idaho pulled to a 54-51 score with 7:11 to play when Kashif Watson made a driving layup, but USU dropped in nine free throws in the final minutes to keep the lead.

Although USU had 17 turnovers and the Vandals gained 12 steals against them, the Aggies had 36 rebounds to the visitors' 19.

USU used an 18-4 run early in the first half to take a 30-14 lead, as they shot 5-of-6 from the 3-point line. But the Vandals went on a 10-1 run to stay close. USU led at halftime 40-34.

Watson led the Vandals (7-8, 1-1 WAC) in scoring with 15. Marvin Jefferson and Mac Hopson had 12.

Tony Crocker and Willie Warren both added 15 points for the Sooners.

Neal Pitt had 18 points for the Hawks (1-9), who trailed 48-22 at halftime.

— The Associated Press

Williams helps Jazz hold off Warriors

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams had 25 points and 15 assists, Ronnie Brewer scored seven crucial points down the stretch, and the Utah Jazz held off the Golden State Warriors 119-114 on Monday night.

Williams tied his season high in assists as the Jazz led most of the way but could never break the game open from the Warriors, despite the loss of Stephen Jackson to a hamstring injury at the end of the first half. Neither team led by more than nine in the run-and-gun contest.

Paul Millsap posted his 18th consecutive double-double with 19 points and 14 rebounds, Mehmet Okur had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko added 15 for the Jazz.

Jamal Crawford scored 28 points to lead Golden State.

NUGGETS 135, PACERS 115

DENVER — Kenyon Martin had 25 points and Chauncey Billups scored 13 of his 24 points in the final quarter, lifting the Denver Nuggets to a 135-115 win over the Indiana Pacers on Monday night.

The Nuggets have now won four in a row, setting a season-high in points against the Pacers. Their previous best was 132 against Toronto in early December.

Denver is 24-12 after 36 games, matching the Nuggets' best start since their first year in the NBA in 1976-77.

Carmelo Anthony, playing with a dinged-up digit on his shooting hand for most of the second half, finished with 21 points and set a season-high with nine assists.



Utah Jazz forward Kyle Korver, left, has the ball knocked loose by Golden State Warriors guard Anthony Morrow Monday during the second half of their game in Salt Lake City. The Jazz beat the Warriors 119-114.

AP photo

Danny Granger knocked in 36 points, the most scored against the Nuggets this season. He's now scored 30 or more points 10 times this season.

BUCKS 107, RAPTORS 97

MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd had a season-high 35 points and Charlie Villanueva scored 13 of his 25 in the fourth quarter, leading Milwaukee to its first win without Andrew Bogut in 21 months, 107-97 over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

Milwaukee, which finished the game on a 13-0 run, lost its previous nine games — including four this season — without Bogut, the former No. 1 pick who missed his

second straight game Monday with back spasms.

NETS 98, KINGS 90

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vince Carter scored 29 points, Yi Jianlian added 22 points and a season-high 13 rebounds and the New Jersey Nets handed the Sacramento Kings their 11th straight road loss, 98-90 on Monday night.

Jarvis Hayes had a go-ahead 3-pointer with 4:53 to play as the Nets won consecutive games at home for the first time this season. New Jersey won despite playing the second half without point guard Devin Harris, who aggravated a hamstring injury in the first half.

Kevin Martin, who scored 45 on Saturday night, had 36

points for the woeful Kings (8-27). The reserve scored 11 in the second half, when he was 3-of-12 from the field.

SPURS 91, HEAT 84

MIAMI — Tim Duncan scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and the Southwest Division-leading San Antonio Spurs held off the Miami Heat 91-84 on Monday night.

The Spurs, who won their third straight, only trailed once — and that was for a mere 31 seconds. San Antonio put five players in double figures, ran out to a quick 10-point lead and shot 59 percent in the fourth quarter to put the game away.

— The Associated Press

Texas

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after Boeckman hit Pryor for a 5-yard score to cut Texas' lead to 17-15. Pryor's pass on the 2-point conversion was incomplete.

For most of the night, the Buckeyes stifled the high-powered Longhorns, who averaged 43.9 points this season but mustered only a field goal in the first half. They didn't lead until a nifty third-quarter touchdown run by McCoy, who also threw for 414 yards and two scores with an interception.

The Longhorns hoped to use the Fiesta Bowl to persuade voters they deserved the top spot in The Associated Press Top 25, their only hope for a piece of a national championship.

"This team started this

way and finished this way, and they're obviously one of the best teams in the country if not the best," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Texas players rushed onto the field after Boeckman's last-gasp pass hit the turf deep in Texas territory, then gathered in front of the band and sang "The Eyes of Texas with jubilant fans.

But early on, it looked as if the Buckeyes would finally be celebrating.

Texas brought Bevo, its steer mascot, but left its offense back in Austin, at least in a sluggish first half.

The Longhorns failed to score in the first quarter. Texas was shut out in only four quarters all season — and only once in the first quarter, in a 39-33 loss at

Texas Tech on Nov. 1.

The Buckeyes took a 3-0 lead on a 51-yard field goal by Aaron Pettrey midway through the first period. Ohio State drove 43 yards in nine plays, the biggest chunk coming on a 22-yard burst by Wells.

Four minutes into the second quarter, Texas tied it at on a 27-yard field goal by Hunter Lawrence. The Longhorns covered 57 yards, running twice for a total of no yards on the drive.

The Buckeyes responded with a 67-yard march to the Texas 7-yard line. But Buckeyes tackle Bryant Browning was flagged for a false start on third-and-2 at the 7, and after an incomplete pass the Buckeyes had to settle for a 30-yard field

goal by Ryan Pretorius to take a 6-3 lead.

Texas' best chance came late in the half, when McCoy smartly marched the Longhorns from their own 9 to the Ohio State 16 in 47 seconds.

But on third-and-2 at the Buckeyes 16 and 9 seconds to go, McCoy threw perhaps his worst pass of the season. McCoy lobbed the ball toward Cosby at the goal line, but safety Anderson Russell picked it off to kill the threat.

Had McCoy thrown the ball into the seats, the Longhorns would have had time for a chip-shot tying field goal. But they went into the dressing room still down by three.

It didn't take McCoy long to atone.

Player

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"His whole attitude about football, I think he works harder than anybody else in this locker room," Farrior said. "He has a great work ethic. He's very tuned in to what he has to do to make himself better. That's all he strives for, to try to be better than anybody else, and you can see his determination when he's out there on the field.

"We've got good players on this team, and every team has good players, but he seems to be — this year and last year — making the plays that made the difference in the game."

Harrison is the fifth Steelers player to win the award, including three Hall of Famers from the original

Steel Curtain: Joe Greene (1974), Mel Blount (1975) and Lambert (1976). In 1993, Rod Woodson was AP Defensive Player of the Year, and he's eligible for the Hall for the first time this year.

The Steelers didn't allow a 100-yard rusher or 300-yard passer in 2008. Harrison didn't limit his work to that stingy unit, though: Harrison also had 12 special teams tackles.

"People said I couldn't do this or couldn't do that," he noted. "I was too short, too slow. Basically, I play and prepare myself in the offseason with the thoughts of what people said I couldn't do."

And he's proven he can do just about everything.

Parrish

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common than the few offensive touches Ball State (12-1) still uses from that springtime visit, though. Both lost in their conference championship games to mar historic seasons.

Tulsa (10-3), which fell 27-24 to East Carolina in the CUSA title game, reached double-digit wins two seasons in a row for the first time. The 10 wins matches a school record accomplished six previous times.

"To me, that's of major significance," said coach Todd Graham, who agreed to a new 10-year contract on New Year's Day. "Our program is about winning championships and we've got a

chance to win a bowl championship."

Tulsa reached win No. 10 in spectacular fashion last season. The Golden Hurricane romped over Bowling Green 63-7 for the largest margin of victory in NCAA bowl history.

Parrish was among those who took notice.

"This is the best offense we've faced since I've been at Ball State, the most diverse," he said. "It's different. We've got a heck of a challenge in front of us. Just one year ago, I thought Bowling Green had a pretty fair football team and Tulsa ran them right out of that stadium."

Behind the arm of quarterback David Johnson and the running of Tarrion Adams,

Tulsa ranks second nationally in total offense (565 yards per game) and scoring offense (47.4 points) and among the top eight in pass efficiency, pass offense and rushing offense.

No wonder Parrish wanted to check out Graham's no-huddle system.

Graham also opened his doors to Boise State, only to have that team placed on the schedule for early next season.

"There's not any secret plans," he said. "It's just like running the ball out of the gun. It's the single-wing. They were doing it in the '60s. There's not a lot of new inventions in the game, but it's how you go about teaching it.

"It was a little unusual, but it's not something I feel concerned about."

As usual, the game that produced the highest scoring bowl ever features two potent offenses.

Adams needs only 93 yards to break Micheal Gunter's school career rushing mark of 3,536 yards, and 149 yards to top his single-season record of 1,464. Then there's wide receiver Mario Brennan (1,112 yards) and freshman receiver/return man Damaris Johnson, who led Conference USA with 2,201 all-purpose yards.

Ball State counters with quarterback Nate Davis, the MAC offensive player of the year, and 5-foot-6 tailback

MiQuale Lewis, who has already set single-season school marks with 1,701 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns.

Davis has indicated he will consider skipping his senior season to enter the draft.

"When you're good enough to have that as a distraction, you've got to be able to handle that," Parrish said. "Not all the guys can. We never talk about it — ever, ever, ever."

Parrish figures all those impressive numbers could add up to a game decided by defense.

"He (Graham) has a high-powered offense and so do I, and probably the defenses are going to win the game," he said. "That's usually how it works."

Ball State rose as high as No. 12 this season before losing to Buffalo in the MAC title game. Now, the Cardinals are looking for lucky win No. 13.

"This would complete a historic season for us," cornerback B.J. Hill said. "We could get that sour taste out of our mouth from the championship game. It would mean a lot to the seniors, going 13-1 and being able to remember this the rest of our lives."

The 62-year-old Parrish was a finalist for the Broyles Award given to the nation's top assistant. He posted a 57-41-3 record as a head coach at Wabash, Marshall and finally Kansas State, where he won only two games in three seasons.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

| NBA All Times MST EASTERN | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Boston | 29 | 6 | .829 | — |
| New Jersey | 13 | 18 | .420 | 14 1/2 |
| New York | 19 | 18 | .514 | 7 1/2 |
| Toronto | 14 | 21 | .400 | 15 |
| Philadelphia | 13 | 20 | .394 | 15 |
| SOUTHEAST | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Orlando | 26 | 8 | .765 | — |
| Atlanta | 22 | 11 | .667 | 3 1/2 |
| Miami | 18 | 15 | .545 | 7 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 12 | 22 | .353 | 14 |
| Washington | 7 | 25 | .219 | 18 |
| CENTRAL | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Cleveland | 27 | 6 | .818 | — |
| Detroit | 21 | 11 | .656 | 5 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 14 | 19 | .422 | 11 1/2 |
| Chicago | 14 | 20 | .412 | 13 1/2 |
| Indiana | 12 | 22 | .353 | 15 1/2 |
| SOUTHWEST | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| San Antonio | 23 | 11 | .676 | — |
| New Orleans | 20 | 10 | .667 | 1 |
| Dallas | 20 | 13 | .606 | 2 1/2 |
| Houston | 21 | 14 | .600 | 2 1/2 |
| Memphis | 11 | 23 | .324 | 12 |
| NORTHWEST | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Denver | 24 | 12 | .667 | — |
| Portland | 20 | 14 | .588 | 3 |
| Utah | 19 | 15 | .559 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 10 | 25 | .286 | 14 1/2 |
| Oklahoma City | 4 | 30 | .118 | 19 |
| PACIFIC | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| L.A. Lakers | 27 | 5 | .844 | — |
| Phoenix | 19 | 12 | .613 | 7 1/2 |
| Golden State | 10 | 25 | .286 | 18 1/2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 8 | 25 | .242 | 19 1/2 |
| Sacramento | 8 | 27 | .229 | 20 1/2 |

Sunday's Games
 Toronto 108, Orlando 102
 Washington 80, Cleveland 77
 Detroit 88, L.A. Clippers 87
 Memphis 102, Dallas 82
 New York 100, Boston 88
 L.A. Lakers 100, Portland 86

Monday's Games
 San Antonio 91, Miami 84
 New Jersey 98, Sacramento 90
 Milwaukee 107, Toronto 97
 Utah 119, Golden State 114
 Denver 135, Indiana 115

Tuesday's Games
 Philadelphia at Orlando, 5 p.m.
 Houston at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
 Boston at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
 Minnesota at Memphis, 6 p.m.
 New York at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
 Sacramento at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 Orlando at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
 Toronto at Washington, 5 p.m.
 Charlotte at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
 Memphis at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
 Houston at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
 Miami at Denver, 7 p.m.
 Indiana at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Utah, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Portland, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

NBA Boxes
 Note 98, Kings 90

SACRAMENTO (90)
 Salmons 1-8 1-2 3, Moore 2-5 0-4, Miller 4-10 0-2 8, Garcia 5-11 0-10, Udrih 3-8 2-2 8, Martin 11-21 10-11 36, Thompson 6-10 0-12, Brown 0-4 0-0, Jackson 2-5 2-2 7, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-83 15-19 90.

NEW JERSEY (90)
 Smith 3-7 0-2 8, Yi 8-14 5-8 22, Lopez 1-7 1-2 3, Carter 9-18 3-11 29, Harris 1-3 1-2 4, Dooling 3-7 1-2 9, Boone 3-4 3-8 9, Hayes 5-8 0-0 12, Najera 1-4 0-2, Hassell 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-73 20-35 90.

Sacramento 18 37 19 16 - 90
New Jersey 20 29 28 26 - 98
 3-Point Goals—Sacramento 19, New Jersey 24; Jackson 1-3, Udrih 0-1, Thompson 0-1, Brown 0-2, Garcia 0-2, Salmons 0-3, New Jersey 10-20 (Hayes 2-2, Dooling 2-4, Carter 2-4, Simmons 2-4, Harris 1-2, Yi 1-3, Najera 0-1), Udrih 0-1, Foulouts—Sacramento 45 (Thomas 5), New Jersey 64 (Yi 13), Assists—Sacramento 24 (Miller 9), New Jersey 24 (Carter, Harris 7), Total Fouls—Sacramento 24, New Jersey 20. Technical—Miller, A.—12,314 (19,990).

Nuggets 135, Pacers 115

INDIANA (115)
 Granger 11-22 10-11 36, Murphy 4-10 4-4 15, Hibbert 4-9 2-4, Daniels 1-0 0-2, Jack 3-8 0-2 17, Nesterovic 1-7 0-0 2, Foster 3-8 3-4 9, Graham 6-12 4-6 16, Diener 1-5 0-2, Rush 2-2 0-0 6, McRoberts 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-94 23-29 115.

DENVER (135)
 Anthony 8-12 5-8 21, Martin 9-13 6-7 25, Nene 7-8 4-5 18, Jones 4-7 0-0 8, Billups 6-6 15-8 24, Smith 4-11 0-0 10, Andersen 2-2 2-2 6, Kleiza 5-10 0-3 11, Carter 3-5 0-2 6, Balkman 1-1 0-0 3, Atkins 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 50-86 25-35 135.

Indiana 28 42 22 23 - 115
Denver 24 33 28 28 - 135
 3-Point Goals—Indiana 10-24 (Granger 4-8, Murphy 3-8, Rush 2-2, Jack 1-3, Diener 0-3), Denver 10-24 (Billups 4-7, Smith 2-5, Martin 1-1, Balkman 1-1, Atkins 1-2, Kleiza 1-5, Anthony 0-1, Carter 0-2), Foulouts—None. Rebounds—Indiana 48 (Murphy 12), Denver 47 (Andersen 9), Indiana 32 (Jack 7), Denver 38 (Billups 11), Total Fouls—Indiana 23, Denver 25. Technicals—Indiana Coach O'Brien, Indiana defensive three second 3, Anthony, Denver Coach Karl, Kleiza, A.—14,255 (19,155).

Bucks 107, Raptors 97

TORONTO (97)
 Bosh 12-14 7-10 31, Moon 3-5 0-0 6, Bargnani 7-13 2-2 21, Parker 5-8 1-2 12, Solomon 2-13 0-0 4, Voskuil 1-1 1-2 3, Uick 5-8 1-1 11, Kapono 1-4 0-0 2, Humphries 1-2 0-0 4, Rahon 1-4 1-2 3. Totals 39-72 13-19 97.

MILWAUKEE (107)
 Jefferson 1-7 4-6 6, Mbah a Moute 2-4 0-0 4, Gadzuric 2-3 0-0 4, Redd 11-20 9-35, Ridnour 2-7 1-2 7, Elson 1-1 2-2 4, Bell 4-10 0-0 11, Villanueva 11-22 1-1 25, Sessions 4-5 3-4 11. Totals 38-79 20-24 107.

Toronto 24 33 26 - 97
Milwaukee 19 26 29 3 - 107
 3-Point Goals—Toronto 6-14 (Bargnani 5-6, Parker 1-2, Uick 0-1, Kapono 0-1, Solomon 0-2, Moon 0-2), Milwaukee 11-26 (Redd 4-10, Bell 3-6, Ridnour 2-3, Villanueva 2-6, Jefferson 0-1), Foulouts—None. Rebounds—Toronto 42 (Bosh 11), Milwaukee 42 (Mbah a Moute 11), Assists—Toronto 27 (Solomon 11), Milwaukee 24 (Sessions 8), Total Fouls—Toronto 21, Milwaukee 17. A.—12,599 (18,717).

Spurs 91, Heat 84

SAN ANTONIO (91)
 Finley 2-6 2-2 7, Duncan 7-15 5-8 19, Bonner 4-7 0-0 11, Mason 5-12 0-0 11, Parker 4-9 0-8, Ginobili 5-14 0-0 10, Hill 4-4 4-5 15.

Bowen 1-2 0-0 3, Tolliver 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 1-3 0-0 2, Udoka 2-3 0-0 5, Oberto 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-75 11-15 91.
MIAMI (84)
 Marion 7-14 1-1 15, Haslem 4-10 2-2 10, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Wade 10-26 3-24, Chalmers 4-7 0-0 9, Magloire 0-5 0-0 2, Cook 0-0 0-0 0, Quinn 3-4 0-0 8, Beasley 7-14 0-0 15, Diawara 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 36-81 6-8 84.
San Antonio 21 18 26 26 - 91
Miami 15 24 21 24 - 84
 3-Point Goals—San Antonio 10-22 (Hill 3-3, Bonner 3-4, Bowen 1-1, Udoka 1-2, Finley 1-3, Mason 1-4, Ginobili 0-5), Miami 6-16 (Quinn 2-3, Diawara 1-1, Beasley 1-2, Chalmers 1-2, Wade 1-5, Marion 0-3), Foulouts—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 45 (Duncan 9), Miami 46 (Beasley 12), Assists—San Antonio 19 (Parker 7), Miami 24 (Wade 12). Total Fouls—San Antonio 10, Miami 12. A.—19,600 (19,600).

Jazz 119, Warriors 114

GOLDEN STATE (114)
 Jackson 6-12 2-2 15, Wright 3-7 2-2 8, Biedrins 7-10 0-0 14, Bellinelli 2-5 1-3 7, Crawford 10-20 6-8 28, Kurz 0-2 0-0 0, Turiaf 0-3 0-0 0, Maggette 5-9 13-16 23, Watson 2-6 1-0 5, Morrow 5-6 1-2 14. Totals 40-80 25-33 114.

UTAH (119)
 Miles 2-4 0-0 4, Millsap 8-15 3-4 19, Okur 7-12 5-5 20, Brewer 5-13 3-5 13, D.Williams 9-15 5-7 25, Kirilenko 5-10 5-17 5, Korver 3-11 3-3 9, Knight 1-2 1-2 3, Kourouf 3-6 5-6 11. Totals 43-88 30-39 119.

Golden State 29 30 32 23 - 114
Utah 28 37 29 25 - 119
 3-Point Goals—Golden State 9-20 (Morrow 3-7, Bellinelli 2-4, Crawford 2-6, Watson 1-2, Jackson 1-3, Kurz 0-1, Maggette 0-1), Utah 3-13 (D.Williams 2-4, Okur 1-3, Kirilenko 0-1, Miles 0-1, Korver 0-4), Foulouts—None. Rebounds—Golden State 47 (Biedrins 17), Utah 55 (Millsap 14), Assists—Golden State 20 (Crawford 6), Utah 26 (D.Williams 15). Total Fouls—Golden State 28, Utah 23. Technical—Golden State defensive three second, A.—19,914 (19,914).

Men's College Basketball

AP Top 25

| Team | W | L | Pts | Pts |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-----|-----|
| 1. Pittsburgh (70) | 14-0 | 1,798 | 3 | |
| 2. North Carolina (2) | 12-1 | 1,651 | 5 | |
| 4. Wake Forest | 13-0 | 1,553 | 6 | |
| 5. Connecticut | 12-1 | 1,474 | 2 | |
| 6. Oklahoma | 11-1 | 1,358 | 4 | |
| 7. Texas | 13-2 | 1,348 | 8 | |
| 8. Michigan St. | 11-2 | 1,269 | 10 | |
| 9. Georgetown | 10-2 | 1,208 | 14 | |
| 10. UCLA | 12-2 | 1,162 | 12 | |
| 11. Syracuse | 14-1 | 1,113 | 13 | |
| 12. Clemson | 14-0 | 968 | 20 | |
| 13. Notre Dame | 10-3 | 802 | 7 | |
| 14. Purdue | 11-3 | 774 | 9 | |
| 15. Tennessee | 9-3 | 533 | 14 | |
| 16. Xavier | 11-2 | 483 | 22 | |
| 17. Boston College | 13-2 | 453 | — | |
| 18. Marquette | 13-2 | 436 | — | |
| 19. Villanova | 12-2 | 436 | 15 | |
| 20. Arizona St. | 12-2 | 374 | 17 | |
| 21. Butler | 12-4 | 341 | 25 | |
| 22. Minnesota | 13-1 | 290 | 24 | |
| 23. Baylor | 12-2 | 289 | 19 | |
| 23. Louisville | 9-3 | 289 | 18 | |
| 25. West Virginia | 11-2 | 230 | — | |

Others receiving votes: Michigan 153, California 122, Arkansas 109, Illinois 108, Gonzaga 86, Wisconsin 96, Memphis 87, Davidson 56, Saint Mary's, Calif. 50, UNLV 43, Illinois St. 39, Kansas 37, Ohio St. 28, Texas A&M 27, Maryland 25, Dayton 22, Florida 13, Florida St. 13, BYU 12, Miami 8, Missouri 4.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll

| Team | W | L | Pts | Pts |
|-----------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. Pittsburgh (30) | 14-0 | 774 | 3 | |
| 2. Duke | 12-1 | 714 | 5 | |
| 3. North Carolina (1) | 13-1 | 707 | 1 | |
| 4. Wake Forest | 13-0 | 687 | 6 | |
| 5. Connecticut | 12-1 | 630 | 2 | |
| 6. Oklahoma | 13-1 | 593 | 4 | |
| 7. Texas | 11-2 | 546 | 7 | |
| 7. UCLA | 12-2 | 546 | 9 | |
| 9. Syracuse | 14-1 | 526 | 11 | |
| 10. Georgetown | 10-2 | 506 | 8 | |
| 11. Clemson | 14-0 | 480 | 16 | |
| 12. Michigan St. | 11-2 | 452 | 15 | |
| 13. Notre Dame | 10-3 | 277 | 10 | |
| 14. Purdue | 11-3 | 261 | 11 | |
| 15. Marquette | 13-2 | 251 | 25 | |
| 16. Arizona St. | 12-2 | 238 | 14 | |
| 17. Villanova | 12-2 | 225 | 13 | |
| 18. Xavier | 11-2 | 217 | 22 | |
| 19. Minnesota | 13-1 | 183 | 21 | |
| 20. Butler | 12-1 | 147 | NR | |
| 21. Louisville | 9-3 | 136 | NR | |
| 22. West Virginia | 11-2 | 132 | NR | |
| 23. Baylor | 12-2 | 98 | 20 | |
| 24. Boston College | 13-2 | 90 | NR | |
| 25. Tennessee | 9-3 | 85 | 18 | |

Others receiving votes: Dayton 54, Illinois 51, Michigan 49, Saint Mary's 43, Ohio State 40, Memphis 37, Brigham Young 34, Illinois 34, California 31, Davidson 31, Arkansas 27, Gonzaga 27, Wisconsin 26, Texas A&M 22, Missouri 21, Florida 11, UNLV 11, LSU 10, Kansas 7, Stanford 5, Florida State 1, Maryland 1, Utah State 1, Washington 1.

Men's SAC Standings

| Team | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------|---|---|-------|----|-------|-------|
| North Idaho | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 15 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Eastern Utah | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 14 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Salt Lake CC | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 13 | 1 | .929 |
| CSI | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 13 | 2 | .867 |
| Snow College | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 13 | 2 | .867 |
| Colorado NW CC | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | |

Women's College Basketball

AP Top 25

| Team | W | L | Pts | Pts |
|---------------------|------|-------|-----|-----|
| 1. Connecticut (45) | 13-0 | 1,125 | 1 | |
| 2. North Carolina | 14-0 | 1,079 | 2 | |
| 3. Texas A&M | 12-0 | 1,021 | 3 | |
| 4. Oklahoma | 11-1 | 968 | 5 | |
| 5. Duke | 11-2 | 882 | 6 | |
| 6. Baylor | 12-2 | 855 | 7 | |
| 7. Tennessee | 11-2 | 821 | NR | |
| 8. Texas | 12-1 | 789 | 4 | |
| 9. Auburn | 15-0 | 765 | 9 | |
| 10. Louisville | 14-1 | 754 | 10 | |
| 11. Stanford | 13-1 | 705 | 11 | |
| 12. Notre Dame | 12-1 | 644 | 12 | |
| 13. California | 12-2 | 602 | 13 | |
| 14. Maryland | 12-2 | 552 | 14 | |
| 15. Virginia | 12-2 | 455 | 16 | |
| 16. Ohio St. | 12-2 | 431 | 17 | |
| 17. Rutgers | 8-3 | 399 | 15 | |
| 18. Florida | 14-1 | 382 | 18 | |
| 19. Pittsburgh | 12 | 334 | 19 | |
| 20. Kansas St. | 13-0 | 239 | 22 | |
| 21. Oklahoma St. | 10-2 | 236 | 21 | |
| 22. Georgia Tech | 12-2 | 203 | 23 | |
| 23. S. Dakota St. | 14-1 | 186 | 24 | |
| 24. Vanderbilt | 11-4 | 83 | 20 | |
| 25. Marist | 12-1 | 60 | — | |

Others receiving votes: Wake Forest 23, Iowa St. 21, New Mexico 19, DePaul 8, Indiana 7, South Florida 5, St. John's 5, San Diego St. 2, Xavier 2, LSU 1, Middle Tennessee 1.

SWAC Women's Standings

| Team | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
|-------------|---|---|-------|----|---|------|
| North Idaho | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 12 | 2 | .857 |
| CSI | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 11 | 3 | .786 |

GAME PLAN

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m.
 American Falls at Kimberly
 Hagerman at Raft River
 Jerome JV at Filer
 Camas County at Magic Valley
 Christian
 Carey at Murtaugh
 Glens Ferry at Nampa
 Christian
 Hansen at Shoshone

High School Wrestling
6 p.m.
 Gooding at Burley
 Minico at Jerome
 Highland at Twin Falls

TV SCHEDULE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
6 p.m.
 ESPN — GMAC Bowl, Ball St. vs. Tulsa, at Mobile, Ala.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
5 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Ohio St. at Michigan St.

7 p.m.
 ESPN

Pioli to talk to Chiefs; Broncos speak to Morris

Scott Pioli has become a hot commodity among a few teams hoping to rebuild.

Pioli, one of the architects behind New England's three Super Bowl victories, is talking to Kansas City about its vacant general manager's job. He has also been courted by Cleveland for its GM position.

The 43-year-old Pioli was scheduled to meet with Chiefs owner Clark Hunt on Monday, according to persons with knowledge of the meeting. They requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak for Pioli.

Meanwhile, the Denver Broncos on Monday interviewed Raheem Morris, Tampa Bay's defensive backs coach and newly appointed defensive coordinator, about the coaching job that opened when Mike Shanahan was fired.

Also, the New York Jets will interview Cardinals offensive line coach Russ Grimm on Thursday in Arizona about their coaching vacancy, a person familiar with the

search told The Associated Press.

The Chiefs are looking for a replacement for Carl Peterson, who resigned after 20 years with Kansas City as CEO, president and general manager. The new GM will decide the future of coach Herman Edwards, under whom the Chiefs finished 2-14 this season.

Pioli had been talking to the Browns about the general manager position vacated when Phil Savage was fired after the season. He seemed less enthusiastic about the job, however, after Cleveland owner Randy Lerner appeared interested in hiring former Jets coach Eric Mangini to fill the coaching job.

Meanwhile, Cleveland's search for a general manager has stalled. Lerner's interview with George Kokinis, Baltimore's director of pro personnel, won't take place until Sunday at the earliest because the Ravens' executive is involved in preparations for Saturday's AFC playoff game at Tennessee.

In Denver, Morris became the third candidate to speak with Broncos owner Pat Bowlen, who stunned the NFL last week by firing Shanahan after 14 seasons.

On Tuesday, the Broncos will host two more offensive coordinators at their team headquarters: Jason Garrett of the Dallas Cowboys and Rick Dennison, a longtime Shanahan deputy.

Meanwhile, Grimm, 49, is in his second season with the Cardinals, who play at Carolina in the NFC divisional playoffs Saturday. Both Jets owner Woody Johnson and general manager Mike Tannenbaum will make the trip to Arizona for the interview.

Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski has been invited to interview for the Jets' job, a school official told the AP, and the school has reportedly threatened to fire him if he goes through with it.

The Jets have also received permission to speak with Baltimore defensive coordinator Rex Ryan, but had not

determined a day to meet. The Ravens play at Tennessee in the AFC divisional playoffs Saturday.

In San Diego, the Chargers announced that defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, a candidate for several head coaching vacancies after he helped lead Chicago to the Super Bowl after the 2006 season, had declined requests for interviews.

CHARGERS' BENNETT, FORMER TEAMMATE SUED IN FLA.

TAMPA, Fla. — A Florida man is suing San Diego Chargers running back Michael Bennett and a former Tampa Bay teammate, saying they attacked him at an International House of Pancakes.

Brian Gordon says Bennett, offensive lineman Anthony Davis and another man assaulted him in the restaurant parking lot in Tampa on Oct. 13.

Gordon's attorney says his client suffered skull and jaw fractures.

Gordon is also suing the restaurant chain, saying

there wasn't adequate security.

Davis' attorney declined comment. It wasn't clear whether Bennett had a lawyer.

The Bucs released both players this season. Bennett is playing for San Diego, which faces Pittsburgh Sunday in the AFC divisional playoffs.

A spokesman for IHOP commented on restaurant security but not on Gordon's allegations.

VICK REVISES BANKRUPTCY PLAN ON HOPEFUL NFL RETURN

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick would have to keep a court official informed about his attempts to be reinstated by the NFL after his release from prison, under a revised bankruptcy plan proposed by his lawyers.

The amended Chapter 11 reorganization plan was filed Monday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Newport News. A committee representing Vick's creditors endorsed the plan and urged

the creditors to vote for its confirmation.

Vick, once the NFL's highest-paid player, said in a November disclosure statement that he expected to resume his career after serving his 23-month prison term for bankrolling a dog-fighting conspiracy. His plan for paying his debts is premised on again earning a big salary.

To return to the league, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell would have to lift Vick's suspension. Goodell has not said whether he would consider it. Then it's unclear whether a team would offer Vick a contract.

Vick is scheduled to be released from federal custody around July 20. Ginsburg said Monday that lawyers are still working on getting Vick transferred to a halfway house in Virginia, perhaps as early as Jan. 20.

Vick filed for federal bankruptcy protection in July, claiming assets of \$16 million and liabilities of \$20.4 million.

— The Associated Press

Everyone wants to be last year's Giants

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

With the second round of the NFL playoffs upon us, there are multiple aspirants to become last season's Giants, the team from nowhere that swept through the postseason to an improbable Super Bowl title.

Unfortunately for the Giants, they aren't one of them. They are the NFC's top-seeded team, the hunted instead of the hunter, as they prepare to meet Philadelphia for the third time this season.

Actually, it wouldn't be too long a shot to suggest that the two sixth-seeded teams could make it to the Super Bowl in Tampa. Pittsburgh went that route in 2006 and won, and the Giants, the fifth seed (same difference) did it last year. But never have two teams seeded that low gone to the same Super Bowl.

This season's bottom seeds are the Ravens in the AFC and the Eagles in the NFC. They go up against the top-seeded Titans and Giants on the road in an all-rematch weekend. Both are live underdogs who would surprise no one if they won.

The Ravens lost 13-10 to the Titans in Baltimore in October with the help of a dubious penalty that extended Tennessee's winning drive. And the Eagles and Giants split their two games, each winning on the road.

"They're about as dangerous as all four teams left in the playoffs," Giants middle linebacker Antonio Pierce said of the Eagles — the four referring to the teams remaining in the NFC.

He might as well have said that for all eight teams.

AFC

Put a blanket over all four contestants, including San



New York Giants wide receiver Amani Toomer (81) runs for yardage as Philadelphia Eagles' Joselio Hanson (21) tries to bring him down during the first quarter of a Nov. 9 game in Philadelphia. The Eagles won 36-31.

Diego, which is just 9-8.

Remember that the Chargers were one of the preseason favorites to represent the conference in the Super Bowl and that they've looked strong in winning five straight. The last two were especially impressive: 52-21 over Denver in the regular-season finale that cemented the AFC West title, and 23-17 in overtime over Indianapolis that moved them on.

Yes, San Diego normally plays well against Peyton Manning and his teammates — the Chargers now have won four of the last five with Indy.

But this wasn't LaDainian

Tomlinson and Shawne Merriman doing it, it was Darren Sproles, who had 328 all-purpose yards. And punter Mike Scifres, who pinned the Colts inside their 20 on six kicks. Field position is a huge part of playoff football and Scifres' punting and Sproles' returns could make a difference in Pittsburgh, where the temperature figures to be 30 degrees colder than in San Diego.

Pittsburgh, who the Chargers play, has one big question mark in Ben Roethlisberger, who was carried off the field with a concussion in the final regular-season game. He says he'll play, but the final verdict is

up to the doctors.

Moreover, the reason Ben was carried off was a shaky offensive line that allowed 49 sacks this season and was especially vulnerable to teams such as the Eagles and Giants, who rush the passer well. The Chargers can do that with outside linebackers Jyles Tucker and Shaun Phillips and can stuff the run with Jamal Williams.

The Steelers may have been four games better in the regular season, but this is no gimme.

The game between Baltimore (12-5) and Tennessee (13-3) takes us back to the pre-realignment turn of the century, when

both teams played in the AFC Central. In the same round that season, the Ravens won 24-10 in Nashville as a wild card against the Tennessee team that had won the division.

Baltimore had just 134 yards of offense and six first downs in that game, but won because of two obscure special teamers and still-very-much around Ray Lewis, who had just been chosen the league's defensive player of the year. How exactly? First Keith Washington blocked a field-goal attempt and Anthony Mitchell returned it 90 yards for the go-ahead score, then Lewis returned an interception 50 yards.

Omens?

The Super Bowl that season was in Tampa, where it is again. The Ravens got there and faced the Giants, something that is very possible this season. The Giants quarterback in that game was Kerry Collins, who is now Titans QB.

NFC

The Eagles (10-6-1) beat the Giants 20-14 on Dec. 7 in the Meadowlands. The Giants (12-4) won 36-31 in Philly on Nov. 9. Aggregate score: Eagles 51, Giants 50.

"Plenty of sun," the positive section of the long-range forecast reads. "Highs in the low 30s. Lows in the low 20s." No mention of winds. No need. They almost always blow at the Meadowlands, which probably means the team that runs better wins this game.

The Giants, who lost three

of their last four games, got the only one they needed in that span by beating Carolina in overtime to secure home-field advantage. The formula: banging with Brandon Jacobs to wear down the defensive front, then sending Derrick Ward for 215 yards through ever-widening holes.

In Philly's win at the Meadowlands, Brian Westbrook twice exploited Pierce for TDs, one on the ground, the other through the air. The Giants excuse? It was the week after Plaxico Burress shot himself in the leg and they were 11-1 with seven tough wins in a row, just the time for a letdown.

So take your pick on that one. But not on the other game.

Arizona (10-7) is 4-7 outside the NFC West, was 3-5 on the road and 3-6 against teams with a .500 record or better. That includes a 27-23 loss to the Panthers (12-4) in Charlotte on Oct. 26. Now that the Cardinals have validated their season by winning a playoff game, it's hard to see them beating a team that has improved a lot since that first meeting.

On the other hand, imagine Arizona hosting the NFC championship game against the Eagles, who beat them 48-20 Thanksgiving night in Philadelphia.

A lot of strange things have happened this year, one of the strangest last Feb. 3 in the Cardinals' own stadium when the Giants beat the unbeaten Patriots in the Super Bowl.

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Sooners

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mean Bradford and the Sooners won't tap into that for a little extra motivation.

One of the end zones will be painted in each team's colors, so it'll seem even. By coincidence, the national championship logo has been done in a tropical blue and orange design — Florida's primary colors — and the BCS logo itself is scarlet, looking almost identical to the same shade as Oklahoma's helmets.

And while each school received the same number of tickets, some estimates suggest that Gator fans could outnumber Sooner backers by a 2-to-1 margin at kickoff.

"It could be a little something extra, knowing they're

probably going to have more fans than we are here, and that the whole stadium is probably going to be against us," Bradford said. "There is a little bit of motivation in knowing that."

Oklahoma didn't just win on the road this season, it won big.

The closest of the five road games was a 61-41 win at Oklahoma State, a game where the Sooners scored the final 17 points. The others were full-fledged blowouts: 55-14 at Washington, 49-17 at Baylor, 58-35 at Kansas State and 66-28 at Texas A&M.

Consider: Oklahoma's 289 points in five road games were more than 39 major-college teams scored all sea-

son — anywhere.

"You want to play the best," Florida quarterback Tim Tebow said, "and we get a chance to do that."

There's a true home-game feel for some of the Gators, too — even though the game is being held in the stadium rival Miami calls home. Thousands of Florida alumni live within a 2-hour drive of South Florida, so interest has been overwhelming from the moment the Gators secured their spot in the title tilt.

"We try to take every game as a home game, try to make it our stadium," said Florida safety Major Wright, who went to high school in nearby Fort Lauderdale — and has gotten dozens of calls from people looking to get

one of his six tickets.

Thirteen Florida players won high school state championships at Dolphin Stadium, and more than a dozen Gators call the greater Miami area home. Plus, since Urban Meyer took over in Gainesville, his teams are 31-4 in games in the Sunshine State.

"We think about it and we've played other road games this year, so we're not too, too worried about it," said Oklahoma center Jon Cooper. "We're going to take it like another road game."

Until kickoff, that is.

Even with stands that'll be dominated by fans in blue and orange, Oklahoma will be on the home sideline Thursday night.