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Under Otter's plan, ed budgets will be cut

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Most legislators promise to do their best to keep education free from deep budget cuts. But many acknowledge the state's economic situation is so dire that something has to go.

Exactly what that something is remains to be seen.

'Now, between K-12 and higher ed, you've got 67 percent of the budget. There is no way that we can make the budgets we need to make and hold harmless 67 percent of the budget," said Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, who sits on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

Trying to balance the state's budget during an eco-



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nomic crisis, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter proposed reducing the public schools budget by more than 5.3 percent — nearly \$80 million tion by \$10 million.

It's the first week of the 2009 Legislature, and state agencies still have to make their own presentations to JFAC. But many lawmakers and trimming higher educa- agreed Otter's proposal to reduce money for public education will occur despite the rarity of the move. This year's state budget is \$1.4 billion, roughly half of which goes to public schools.

"We've got a budget book this thick and we'll be looking for every bill of money we can find and trying to do whatever we can do to hold

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Added safety at Sawtooth

School adds bus route so students can avoid busy intersection

By Ben Botkin Times-News writer

The Twin Falls School District is adding a bus route so students who live near Sawtooth Elementary School can avoid heavy traffic at the intersection of Falls Avenue and Madrona Street.

The district's school board on Monday night approved a request for a safety busing route covering streets north of Falls Avenue.

Usually, students do not have a bus route if they live less than 1.5 miles from school. In this case, the district added a bus route for safety after deciding that traffic was a concern. It also comes in a school year when four students were hit by vehicles, prompting discussions about their safety.

"That's a dangerous crossing," said Superintendent Wiley Dobbs. "It's a dangerous street and that's what safety busing is for. It's to improve the safety."

A study of the intersection of Falls Avenue and Madrona Street had 2,254 vehicles travel through those streets between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. on a school day in November.

programs and assessment for the district, wrote in a memo to the board that 89 students walked from Sawtooth Elementary and crossed the intersection that was studied.

"When a safety bus is added, all of these students, as well as those who are riding with parents because of a parental concern about safety in this high traffic area, will be able to catch the bus at a couple of designated pickup



Hayden Jacobson, 12, a student at Sawtooth Elementary School, walks back to the sidewalk after helping fellow students cross the street Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls.



Kirk Brower, director of Sawtooth Elementary School students file onto a school bus Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls.

points and be transported safely across Falls and delivered to Sawtooth," Brower wrote in his memo.

When looking at the area north of Falls Avenue, there are about 190 students who would have the choice to ride the bus and avoid the intersection, according to the dis-

The new route will begin on Monday, Brower said. It will have three stops tentatively planned for the following locations: near the intersection of Madrona Street North and Brookfield Court: along Candleridge Drive west of Mountain View Drive and near the intersection of Julie Lane and Pahsimeroi Drive.

This week, the district will

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"It's a dangerous street and that's what safety busing is for. It's to improve the safety."

— Superintendent Wiley Dobbs on the intersection of

Falls Avenue and Madrona Street

Press overhaul causes temporary changes

A major rebuild of a Times-News press unit will require some unusual section configurations this week. The changes are temporary, and may vary from day-to-day as the project progresses.

Work should be completed by the end of the week. Thank you for your patience.

Brad Hurd Times-News publisher

Jerome zip-line creator seeks space to install it

By Nate Poppino

Times-News writer

The inventor of a motorized zip-line ride visited with Jerome County commissioners Tuesday morning about installing his creation somewhere in the county.

Martin Tilley's work first drew attention in 2007, when he set a "Flight Stimulator" zip line up on private property that crossed Devil's Corral. That line is now down, he said. But he's looking to work with county officials to set

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WATCH: A video of Pillar Falls, a site where Martin Tilley would like to install a zip line to the bottom of the Snake River Canyon.

up a line elsewhere in or on the canyon to operate as a commercial enterprise.

Tilley, with The Jerome Flightpath LLC, offers two products, he said — the motorized line, which can operate in both directions, and a "multi-vector" system that allows the rider to switch along a network of cables. The setup meets requirements in

Americans with Disabilities Act, he said. And he emphasized that the thin line is nearly impossible to see against the rock wall of the canyon.

The plan Tilley presented Tuesday would have run his basic zip line more than 3,000 feet between two points of the north side of the rim near Pillar Falls. But county commissioners and

Find out more

To see a video of the zip line in action, visit http://www.youtube.com/use r/hunttingii For more information about the Flight Stimulator: Martin

Tilley, 208-961-0760.

two members of the advisory committee helping to develop the county's North Rim Park nixed that for a number of reasons among them, that the project doesn't fit at all with the

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Gooding school still eyeing 4-day week

By Ben Botkin **Times-News writer**

Gooding School District found strong support for the idea of a four-day school week in a recent survey.

Out of almost 300 people who responded to a survey, about 70 percent were in favor of switching to a fourday week.

The district surveyed 292 people, 206 of which were supportive of the idea, while 86 were not in favor, said Superintendent Heather Williams.

The survey included feedback from students, staff and parents. The district is considering making the switch from a five-day school week to a four-day school week because of declining enrollment, which will lead to less funding in

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Support found

Gooding School District surveyed 292 people in the district on whether they supported going to a four-day school week. Two hundred and six people supported the idea, opposed to 86 who were not in favor.

Convicted killer Baker claims rape

Woman now asking to be let out of jail

By Andrea Jackson **Times-News writer**

A convicted killer is trying to get out of prison by saying she was kidnapped, raped and tortured in a murder that's locked her up for 12

years to life. Nicole L. Baker, 25, has been lodged at the Pocatello Women's Correctional Center

for more than nine months. She pleaded guilty to firstdegree murder and criminal conspiracy in the killing of 19year-old



Jessie Coates, whose body was found shot and lifeless Dec. 26, 2006, in the South Hills.

Baker now says she didn't

Prosecutors say she's just trying to escape responsibility and wasting taxpayer money along the way. Two men accused of actu-

ally shooting Coates — James Roy John Jr. and Fredy Heredia Juarez — were convicted of first-degree murder and a third man, Michael Lee John, was convicted of second-degree murder.

Authorities say John Jr. and

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MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Latino Service Provider's meeting, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aztlan Mexican Restaurant, 1824 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, (208) 733-6695. Ladies Lifeline Fellowship non-denominational

luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Connor's Café, Heyburn, 438-5376.

Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and nohost lunch, focus: assisting members in developing speaking, communication and leadership skills, noon, Idaho Pizza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 736-1025.

Rupert Lions Club, noon, Wayside Cafe, Heyburn, 678-3230.

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 737-

Burley Kiwanis Club, noon, Morey's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third St. N., 436-0720.

Rupert Rotary Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-6852.

Burley Soroptimist Intl., noon, Syringa Plaza, 626 Elba Ave., 438-8666.

Twin Falls Rotary Club meeting and lunch, features variety of speakers from around the communities, noon to 1 p.m., Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, kbradshaw@twinfallsrotary.org or (208) 212-0265.

American Legion Post No. 10 meeting, 7 p.m., Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W., 436-6788. Jerome Gun Club monthly meeting, election of officers, 7 p.m., Snake River Elks Club, U.S. Highway 93, 733-6045.

EDUCATION/LECTURE

Lecture by activist, feminist and writer Gloria Steinem, opening event for Sun Valley Center for Arts' multidisciplinary "Domestic Life" project, 7 p.m., Church of the Big Wood, 100 Saddle Road, Ketchum, \$20 for Sun Valley Center members and \$25 for non-members, (208) 726-5123.

EXHIBITS

Russ Hepworth's Retrospective, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-

Kimberly Quilt Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library/Community center, 120 Madison St. W., Kimberly, no cost, 423-6149.



"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.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. **DeMary Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m.,**

417 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-3874. Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964. Declo City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 8 N. Clark St., 654-2124.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.

Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth St., 432-6682.

Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd St. W., 432-5451. Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 438-4101.

Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Twin Falls Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, bring blood donor card or some other type of photo ID. 734-4566 for appointment.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Hailey, no cost, 737-5988. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to

11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988. 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.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 4:50 to 5:20 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6 p.m., BridgeView Great Room (north entrance, third floor), BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

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

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

• Roll up your sleeves and give blood. The Twin Falls Red Cross Blood Drive goes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N. Bring your blood donor card or other type of photo ID. Call 734-4566 for appointment. They'll give you juice and cookies afterward.

• Learn about flying from the ground up. Forgive the pun, but sign up anyway for the Private Pilot Aviation Ground School to learn about the opportunities in aviation, as well as the stuff needed to take the FAA written exam for the Private Pilot License. The cost is \$95 and the class starts Jan. 21 at College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

• Get in your car for a driving tour of the original Twin Falls town site residential historic district. It's a mouthful,

but an interesting reflection on cool buildings that gracefully demonstrate the city's history. Pick up a pamphlet at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce office 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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.

Cuts

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public schools harmless." said JFAC co-chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert.

But Otter, unconvinced the economy will recover by 2010, is asking for a cut without dipping into the state's The Public reserves. **Education Stabilization Fund** will drop from \$113 million from the start of 2009 to just \$53 million at the end of the current fiscal year, and lawmakers said the rest might be needed before then.

Otter's mid-year holdbacks sit at 4 percent, but he advised state agencies to reserve an additional 2 percent, which Cameron said, "I think there's a possibility," will be issued.

Holding on to state reserves has earned the backing of most in the GOP-dom-Legislature. inated Lawmakers said the fund was tapped to cover the holdbacks because schools had contracts, and classrooms would otherwise be disrupted, but said the reserves must be available to handle unforeseen future problems.

"It's the only way we can do it," Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, co-chairwoman of JFAC said. "You cannot take that savings account and put it into two years' budgets ... with the assumption that there's a revenue stream to fill it when you need it the next year,"

But holding reserves sparked outcry from Democrats, who criticized Otter for cutting programs while asking for fee increases in transportation. They point to Otter earmarking \$75 million of reserves for the general fund in next year's budget, and holding onto \$253 million while education gets nothing.

"The governor's budget is a lose-lose for the people of Idaho," said House Minority Leader John Rusche, D-Lewiston. "Cutting education and health care while raising taxes to build potholes. In these troubled economic times it's just plain wrong."

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna — who agreed that holding onto reserves is the right choice said his proposal, like Otter's, "will be less than what we received this year."

"We've already pulled stakeholders in education together and begun to talk about what a budget would look like that is less than the monies we received this year, something education has

never had to grapple with before," he said.

In the Magic Valley, school districts have started planning for reduced budgets.

In Twin Superintendent Wiley Dobbs estimates a 6 percent, or \$18 million, drop in his district's budget.

"I don't think 'crisis' is too strong of a word," Dobbs said. "I don't think 'emergency' is too strong of a word."

In the Minidoka County School District, a 6 percent cut will reduce the budget by more than \$1 million, and likely affect personnel, said superintendent Scott Rogers.

The total picture is not clear, but we are facing the possibility of a reduction in force if the attrition doesn't take care of the issue," Rogers

Even smaller districts are feeling the crunch, said Mel Wiseman, superintendent of Shoshone School District, where the cuts could also lead to layoffs.

Times-News writer Ben Botkin contributed to this report.

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Safety

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focus its efforts on informing parents about the new route. Brower said.

For the district, the service will lead to less congestion around the school if children ride the bus instead of having their parents drive them to

and from class.

encourage parents to use it rather than drive them,' Brower said. "A lot of parents will take them because they don't want them crossing that busy street."

The bus stops were configured so that students will

not be waiting for the bus "What we want to do is near the homes of three registered sex offenders in the area, Brower said.

> "We do take that into consideration," Brower said.

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the next school year.

The results were unveiled at a public meeting on Monday. For now, the district has not made a decision about a four-day week and is still doing more research,

Williams said. "I think we're having a thoughtful discussion about if this is best route to take," Williams said.

At the meeting, parents and patrons volunteered to visit other school districts that currently have a fourday week, she said. The district is interested in talking with districts that recently have made the change and other districts with more experience with a four-day week.

In Idaho, 14 school districts and two charter schools have made the switch to a fourday week, with all of the

Baker

"I think we're having a thoughtful discussion about if this is best route to take.

- Superintendent Heather Williams

changes coming since 2002, according to the Idaho State Department of Education. School districts typically make a switch to a four-day week to trim costs from their budgets that include utilities, substitute teachers and salaries of hourly employees.

In the last several years, the idea has been discussed from time to time in Gooding, Williams said, adding that the four-day week is a familiar issue in the district.

For Gooding School District, declining enrollment is compounded by state budget cuts that are expected to hit all Idaho schools in the next fiscal year. Already the district was looking at a budget reduction of 12 percent to 15 percent due to declining enrollment, Williams said. When factoring in the additional state cuts, it could amount to a roughly 20-percent cut in the district's \$6.9 million of state funding.

"It's going to hit us hard," Williams said. "That is why things like a four-day week that are at the bottom of the list are getting more attention, because we are at the bottom of the list."

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Zip line **Continued from page A1**

goals of the park, and that it

could endanger a lease agreement with the Bureau of Land Management. "This does not fit that, at

all," committee member Roy Prescott said. the conversation So

moved on to alternatives. Tilley planned at the end of the meeting to contact private landowners in an attempt to build his zip line farther west, over Blue Lakes. The area is zoned in the area of impact for the city of Jerome, where it's possible to get the type of special-use permit Tilley would need.

But later Tuesday afternoon, Tilley said he wasn't sure if the landowner was interested in the project. He's still looking for private land with enough room to dip cable into the canyon, he said. About 3,700 feet of

cable need to be able to droop about 150 feet to avoid safety concerns.

A third option, Tilley said, would be running a line from a rock outcropping in Centennial Park across the river to the north side of the canyon — though it would run into problems with Jerome County's preservation zone.

Tilley said Twin Falls County representatives had told him they'd "love to have that," elaborating later that he'd inspected the site with the county parks staff. But Twin Falls officials — including Rick Novacek, recently named head of the Parks and Waterways Department said Tuesday they'd never heard of the plan. County Commissioner Terry Kramer said the raised area in question may be BLM property, and BLM spokeswoman

Heather Tiel-Nelson said it's possible her agency owns it, but that they've never received any requests about a zip line.

Tilley told commissioners he's receiving "pretty good notice from around the globe" about his products. and that the company's working out a possible agreement with Bogus Basin to install a zip line there.

He and the company he works with, Meridian-based Flight Stimulation, typically sub-lease the land for their lines and pay a percentage of ticket sales to the landowner. If the land and location's right, though, they'd consider purchasing a couple of acres and a right-of-way, he

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All along, prosecutors have said Baker was the cheer-

Baker claims she's the victim. "Co-defendants showed up at my work ... I was then kid-

napped, raped repeatedly and tortured," Baker says in court records. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs says

even if that's true, it won't set

her free. "If that happened it's an unfortunate thing," he said. "None of that would have In a 25-page handwritten

petition for post-conviction relief Baker also claims her public defender, Williams, was ineffective. "A plea was made involun-

tarily under distress and fear of life indeterminate, the usual scare tactics used by malicious prosecution and under paid (sic) public defenders," Baker says in court records. "Instead of believing I was a victim, I was persecuted without investigation."

She was appointed a lawyer on the taxpayers' dime in her fight to get out of prison.

Loebs says Baker is wasting the court's time and resources.

"She wants to escape

done," said Loebs. "She pled Two of Baker's co-defen-

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dants got more time than her: John Jr. will spend 30 years to life in prison and Heredia Juarez got five more years. Michael Lee John was sentenced to four to 15 years for second-degree murder. "Under threat of worse

prosecution I plead guilty to something I did not do," Baker says in court records. Loebs says she doesn't

have a chance. 'She was a facilitator of what happened," said Loebs. "She egged it on. She provid-

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City to take closer look at facilities charges

Fees for hooking up to water, sewer, would cover improvements

By Nate Poppino **Times-News writer**

Twin Falls city officials are moving ahead with studying possible new fees for hooking up to city water and sewer systems, following a presentation on the fees at Monday evening's city council meeting.

Called "facilities charges," the fees are meant to help pay for the costs of maintaining and running both City Finance systems, Director Gary Evans told the council during an informational presentation. They would be assessed to all new city customers and vary depending on user type: residential, restaurants, banks and so on.

The charges have been on the city's radar since 2006, Evans said. But developing and implementing them was combined held off until the city got its impact fee ordinance in place. They're needed, Evans told the council, to improve the city's ability to repair its

kind of emergency quickly consume all of these funds,' he said of the existing water and sewer budgets.

Both systems' charges were calculated to be users' fair shares of the presentday cost of replacing them – rating the water system as worth \$219.6 million and the sewer system \$64.6 million after some adjustments.

"They're fairly significant fees, but largely because there are significant values in the system right now," Evans told the council.

The calculations, detailed in agenda materials from the meeting, suggest a new residential water charge of \$3,450 and wastewater charge of \$1,400. Other users — multi-family housing, automobile dealers and banks, for example — would pay different rates.

Restaurants would face a

\$74,000 charges, a figure Evans told the council he computed using existing usage rates for an existing restaurant built five or six years back. The establishments would be on "It's possible to have some a sliding scale based on usage, he said.

About \$600,000 in the current city budget is already tabbed to come from the new fees, \$300,000 each for water and wastewater.

Evans said Tuesday that the sum is about 5 percent of each fund — enough to affect the budget if the money doesn't come in, but not enough to cause the city serious problems. Its inclusion shouldn't surprise the council, he said, which reviewed and approved the current budget months ago.

"It just doesn't seem to be a significant concern to me right now," Evans said, stating the city would possibly have to use reserves to cover the sum if the charges aren't approved.

Past the current budget, not approving the facilities charges may cause bigger problems down the line,

in Evans warned. The charges were one way to spread out the costs of new projects such as lowering currently high arsenic levels — and overall water and wastewater fees might have to increase more next year if they don't pass.

"We made commitments to repay loans, and we're going to honor those commitments," he said.

Council members seemed interested to discuss the matter further, and debated some of the costs involved in the city's systems. Careful to specify that he wasn't advocating the idea, Mayor Lance Clow wondered if the water system is more than the city can maintain and if it would be worth studying selling it to a private company.

The proposal now goes to the city's finance committee for more discussion, and should return to the city council sometime later this year. The committee's next meeting is Jan. 29.

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What we have here is a winter Wednesday with no redeeming social value whatsoever.

There have been, give or take, 2,722 Jan. 14s since Roman King Numa Pompilius took it upon himself to add the months of January and February to the calendar. He could get away with that because the average high temperature in the Eternal City on Jan. 14 is 55 degrees.

But the typical temperature in Twin Falls for the same date is 31 degrees. Think of January as sort of an unfunded mandate from King Numa.

So I say we just refuse to take delivery. Your calendar may read Jan. 14 this morning, but let's pretend it's something more pleasant — maybe September 136th, or perhaps May

Bateman — he of "Arrested minus-106th. Now go back to bed. In short, it's a lousy day. Steve Crump may be reached at 735-3223. Hear him live on KLIX-1310 AM your car this morning and at 8:30 a.m. Fridays or on the slipping on the ice on the Web at www.magicvalley.

com/opinion.

Twin Falls city pool to close in February for upkeep

By Nate Poppino **Times-News writer**

The Twin Falls city pool will be closed for three to four weeks in February while workers replace its plaster

At its Monday-evening meeting, the Twin Falls City Council awarded a nearly \$100,000 bid for the work to Custom Pools & Patio of Boise, the lone qualified bid-

der. Parks and Recreation A staff report puts the life Director Dennis Bowyer said expectancy of the type of Tuesday that the final details of the contract are being worked out and notices will be posted in YMCA buildings and on the city's Web site, www.tfid.org, once the dates for the work are picked.

The work will replace the plaster on the pool, which has only had minor patch work done as needed since

plaster used at about 10 to 15 years, depending on maintenance and upkeep.

The city sent four requests for proposals to three Utah companies and one in Idaho, but did not receive any qualified bids by the due date, Dec. 1. Custom Pools & Patio of Boise submitted its bid afterwards, and Bowyer the facility was built in 1989. said one other late one

budgeted The city

\$110,000 for the project.

The YMCA's other pool will expand its hours to accommodate the closure, Bowver said. Arrangements have already been made for the Magic Valley Marlins swim team to shift locations.

"It really is inconvenient, but the work needs to be done," Bowyer told the coun-

Idaho Correction Dept. considers privatizing prison

By Rebecca Boone **Associated Press writer**

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Correction is looking into privatizing the state-run prison in Orofino as a way to save money.

Correction Department Director Brent Reinke told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the department was preparing a formal request for information to see if any private prison companies would be interested in taking over the 500-bed Idaho Correctional Institution-Orofino.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has proposed cutting the department's budget by 12 percent, or more than \$11 million. Reinke says privatization is just one of the options the department must consider as it finds ways to cut its budget.

"Over the next 60 days we'll look to see if there is any interest from a private firm operating that facility," Reinke said.

The prison is in a remote location, and houses minimum-, medium- and Correctional Center had staffed that the warden him-

maximum-security inmates, Reinke said.

"We need that facility, and we've got to venture out to look at what our budgetary options are," he said. "At the same time, we don't want to jeopardize our mission of keeping people safe."

The prison has about 140 state employees, with another 25 or so contract employees, he said. Chief of Prisons Pam Sonnen visited the that the department was looking into privatizing the facility, he said.

Idaho only has one private prison the Idaho Correctional Center south of Boise. The Tenn.-based Corrections Corp. of America has been running the prison since it opened in 2000, and earlier this year won the contract to continue operating it.

But the state's use of private prison companies has come under scrutiny in recent months. A report by the Idaho Department of Correction showed the Idaho

more than three times the rate of violence as any other Idaho prison, and ICC inmates have sued in federal court, contending that rampant inmate-on-inmate violence amounted to cruel and unusual punishment.

Last year, Idaho terminated its contract with private prison company The Geo Group, saying the company's chronic understaffing at the Bill Clayton Detention Center prison Thursday, meeting in Littlefield, Texas, put Idaho with staffers and telling them offenders' safety at risk. Hundreds of Idaho inmates were being housed at the Texas prison and other facilities to ease prison overcrowding at home.

> Two Idaho inmates committed suicide after being held in Geo-run Texas prisons. Scott Nobel Payne killed himself after complaining of filthy conditions at the Dickens County Correctional Center in Spur, Texas. Randall McCullough apparently committed suicide at the Bill Clayton facility, and a subsequent investigation indicated the prison was so under

self was working the midnight shift the night McCullough died, and McCullough's body went undiscovered for hours.

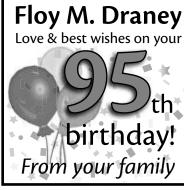
Some lawmakers were skeptical of any plan that would privatize the Orofino prison.

House Majority Caucus Chairman Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, said he was concerned that privatizing the prison could lead to fewer or lower-paying jobs in Clearwater County. The prison in Orofino is a major employer for the region, which has already lost hundreds of timber industry jobs, he said.

"I don't know how much more you can hurt Clearwater County economically. I hope we don't take more jobs out of rural Idaho," Roberts said. "If indeed private industry can come in and keep those employees at roughly the same number, same quality of benefits and salaries, then maybe it's something we should look at. If it's just a move to eliminate a prison, I'm quite con-

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Judge rules on Yellowstone Club's missing millions

federal bankruptcy judge ruled Tuesday that a creditors' committee and the financial firm Credit Suisse can pursue \$272 million owed to the Yellowstone Club, the swanky Montana resort for the ultra-rich now under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Ralph Kirscher previously had said the millionaires-only club could pursue the missing money on its own. But he vacated that earlier ruling on Tuesday, citing a potential conflict of interest on the part of club owner Edra Blixseth.

Blixseth also controls BGI, the corporation that owes the tified Tuesday that BGI cannot repay the money at this

really difficult position his attorneys, Joel Guthals, because she's on both sides of this," Kirscher said. He added that he wanted a "big picture solution" to the club's financial problems so that it does not go out of business.

The club, which boasts a private ski hill about 50 miles south of Bozeman, employs as many as 600 people during the winter season and has become an economic mainstay for surrounding communities.

Blixseth's ex-husband, Tim Blixseth, arranged the trans-

club the \$272 million. She tes- fer of the \$272 million from the club to BGI in 2005. That was before the couple's divorce, when he was in con-"It puts Mrs. Blixseth in a trol of both entities. One of declined comment Tuesday when asked by Associated Press whether he expects the money trail to lead back to his client.

> Most of the missing money originally came from a \$375 million loan to the club arranged by Credit Suisse in September 2005. The terms of that loan detailed most of that money could be diverted to non-club purposes.

> After the money was transferred out of the club, Tim Blixseth signed at least three

BGI pledging to repay the funds. Repayment has never been made. Now Credit Suisse lawyers

promissory notes on behalf of

will work with the Unsecured Creditors Committee to attempt to get the money back. The committee, set up as part of the Yellowstone Club's Chapter 11 bankruptcy case, represents hundreds of individuals and companies owed money by the club.

Credit Suisse, the club's largest creditor, is still owed \$307 million on its 2005 loan. But unlike the unsecured creditors, the firm holds liens on much of the resort's mountain property as collateral against what it is owed.

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500 W. overpass shut down

Friday collision causes closure expected to last several months

By Laurie Welch Times-News writer

Minidoka County drivers who utilize the Interstate 84 overpass at 500 West Road will have to find an alternative route between Heyburn and Paul for the next four to five months while the overpass is repaired.

Transportation Idaho Department Spokesman Nathan Jerke said the structure was damaged Friday when a Jerome semitrailer driver failed to lower the top of a forklift below the 14foot maximum height. The top of his load clipped the structure that provides a link from 21st Street in Heyburn to Idaho Highway 25, causing structural damage.

Jerke said this is the fourth incident of this nature in the area during the past year.

"It's more common than we would like," Jerke said.

The other incidents, which happened at the I-84 and U.S. Highway 93 junction, and the overpass one mile east of Eden and at the I-84 interchange two miles west of Kasota Road, were also caused by drivers who failed to lower equipment they were hauling.

According to a Friday

To Burley

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Exit



A driver who failed to lower a piece of equipment on a semitrailer last week and crashed into the Interstate 84 500 West Road overpass near Heyburn caused extensive damage to the structure, which prompted a closure of the overpass for the next four to five months.

Idaho State Police release, Orville S. Drexler, 37, the driver of the semitrailer, was cited for not having an overheight permit.

'This looks like it was a mistake by the driver rather than the company's fault," Jerke said.

But the company's insurance company will be liable for the damages, which include damage to a sup-

500 West

port beam and shattered concrete. "It really did a number on

it," Jerke said. Four other vehicles were damaged by debris that fell on I-84 before it was cleaned up by ITD employees dispatched from the Rupert

Jerke said the inspector's report showed that the easternmost girder over the I-84

500 West overpass expected to be closed

for several months for repairs after a

collision took out part of overpass.

maintenance shed.

westbound lane was pretty much destroyed but three of the span's girders remain in good condition.

Although the road has been closed because of concern for the integrity of the overpass there is no concern that the whole structure may collapse, Jerke said.

Jerke said the road will remain closed until repairs are completed. Motorists will have to use alternate interstate crossings at Idaho Highway 27 between Burley and Paul and at Idaho 25 between Heyburn and Rupert. A dollar amount for the

damage has not yet been established. Laurie Welch may be

reached at 208-677-8767 or lwelch@magicvalley.com.



"(Collisions are) more common than we would like. ... (The collision) really did a number on it."

- Nathan Jerke, Idaho Transportation Department spokesman

Twin Falls prostitution case delayed

By Andrea Jackson **Times-News writer**

Prostitution cases stalled Tuesday against two Koreanspeaking women accused in November of giving more than backrubs at a former massage parlor in Twin Falls.

Five CDs of evidence from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office have only just made it to the defense table, said the attorney for the women, Hyong Pak.

The women, Myeong Sook Mickley, 46, and Sun Do Chong, 58, are both living out-of-state, said Pak Tuesday from 5th District Court, during scheduled pretrial hearings. Neither Mickley or Chong appeared in court on Tuesday.

Judge Roger Harris pushed the hearings forward three weeks, though, so Pak can review the material.

Pak also requested a Korean interpreter for the upcoming Feb. 3 pretrials.

Chong is charged with two counts of prostitution and Mickley is charged with a single count of the misdemeanor crime. They've pleaded not guilty.

Authorities assert the women led undercover male deputies into rooms at Osaka Massage and Spa on Addison Avenue and offered to perform sexual acts for money.

By early December the massage parlor was closed down, and police didn't charge any johns in the mat-

A woman listed in court records as co-owner of the property, Insuk Anderton-Groff, was charged in 1995 with prostitution in Boise. Pak recently told the Times-News he also represented Anderton-Groff.

Prostitution charged in 2007 in Twin Falls County, and these were the only cases last year, authorities have said.

Buhl awards water storage tank bid

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

Buhl awarded on Monday the contract for construction and installation of its new one-million gallon water storage tank to a company headquartered in New Mexico.

The decision to award the contract Brownto Minneapolis Tank was made during Monday's City Council meeting, at the recommendation of City Engineer Scott Bybee and project engineers Forsgren Associates of Rexburg.

BMT bid the project at \$932,445, the cheapest of the four bids received. Other bids came in at \$1.2 million, \$1.34 million and \$1.38 million — all less than the \$1.5 million estimated for the tank and more affordable than bids rejected by the council last fall.

Many factors, including the declining market price for gas, steel and other construction essentials, in addition to few jobs available for contractors, led to the lower price, Bybee said.

"I think contractors are much hungrier for work," Bybee said.

In addition to BMT presenting a lower bid it, "appears to be a responsible contractor," according to the bid summary prepared by Johnson.

References submitted to Forsgren with bid materials tion goals and intentions indicated BMT was good to with timelines will be work with, performed quali- required by water departty work and was able to ment employees by the end meet deadlines.

BMT will begin the project this spring, when the weather permits, said Bybee.

The tank is needed in order for Buhl to provide better fire protection to residents and buildings. The additional storage required now, Bybee said, and will meet the city's need for years to come.

During the meeting the council also moved to help Buhl prepare to meet standards set by state code for water distribution and water treatment plant operators. Mayor Charles Sheridan said the move was so the city could hire those within the department when operators are needed in the future.

"If we get people started with getting their licensing now we can meet our operating needs in the future, without having to hire from outside," Sheridan said.

By passing the resolution, the city made an addendum to the personnel policy and procedure manual that "Employees will continue to upgrade certification levels to meet the grade of plant/system certification,

tions."

The resolution states posicates by the end of the year.

Forsgren Associate Randall and city of Buhl expecta- of January as well as obtain entry-level operator certifi-

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY TUESDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Donovan J. Christensen, 24, Twin Falls; DUI, driving without privileges, resisting/obstructing, no insurance, racing on public highway; walk-in arraignment; Jan. 23 preliminary hearing; bond previously post-

Heath R. Christianson, 36,

Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; Jan. 23 preliminary hearing; \$30,000 bond; public defender appointed

Fernando J. Herrera, 27, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; Jan. 23 preliminary hearing; \$16,000 bond; public defender appoint-

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Idaho plans to cut off funding to Old Mission park

By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — State officials say a tight budget will force them to end funding July 1 for the Old Mission State Park along U.S. Interstate 90 in northern Idaho, the site of the state's oldest standing building.

Bob Meinen, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation director, said Tuesday he's talking with the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe, which owns the property that's home to the 155-yearold Cataldo Mission, on alternatives to keep the park open.

Last year, the state spent just short of \$300,000 to run the park, which includes a parish house and two cemeteries. Revenue was \$42,000, mostly from people making day trips. About 98,000 people visited last year, up 5 percent from 2007.

Just three years ago, then-Gov. Dirk Kempthorne pushed expansion of Idaho's state parks system through \$26.5 million "Experience Idaho" plan. With Idaho's tax revenue set to fall 9.5 percent this year, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter aims to cut back the state's general fund share of Parks and Recreation funding by \$9 million, or 56 percent, starting July 1.

If Old Mission State Park were to close, it could reopen once Idaho's budget picture improves, Meinen said.

"We've asked them if they can help us fund the operations of the park, to keep it open," he told The Associated Press, on a proposal to use tribal money to continue operating the park with the existing staff. "If they can't, because of financial considerations, then we would mothball it and preserve it."

Even with Otter's proposed cuts, Meinen is optimistic he'll be able to keep Idaho's 29 other state parks open through such cost-cutting measures as scaling back restroom roof repairs and campground improve-

By Amanda Lee Myers

Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — Four fire-

fighters have been arrested

on suspicion of igniting

between 15 and 20 fires in

western Arizona so they

could get paid for fighting

them, officials said Tuesday.

Authorities also charged

two men suspected of setting fires to get money

from the firefighters, and

were seeking arrest warrants

for two former firefighters

who have moved out of

The firefighters worked at

the fire district in Ehrenberg,

a town of about 1,200 people

and about 140 miles west of

Phoenix on the Arizona-

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The six men arrested are suspected of igniting at least

15 fires in abandoned trailer

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Firefighters charged with

using arson to get work

park in 1981, when managers temporarily shuttered Three Island Crossing on the Oregon Trail near Glenns Ferry. That park reopened in

Other states are also looking to cut parks budgets. In Washington state, officials said last month they may close 14 of the 121 state parks to save money.

Coeur d'Alene tribal officials said a new \$3.8 million, 9,000-square-foot visitor center is nearing completion at the site between Coeur d'Alene and Kellogg, so news that state funding is due to be eliminated is especially disappointing.

"It's too bad that the budget crisis is affecting what has been a successful partnership between the tribe and the state," said spokesman Marc Stewart. "It's too early to speculate what the tribe is going to do. Hopefully, the tribe can find a way to keep the park open."

The Cataldo Mission, which became a state park in 1975, was completed in 1853 by Catholic missionaries and members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Paddlewheel riverboats docked the mission's port on the Coeur d'Alene River to transport silver ore from nearby mines to a railhead downstream. Over the years, the mission has fallen into disrepair at least twice and needed significant renova-

Local business leaders were taken off guard by the state's plan.

Norma Douglas, coordinator of the Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce in nearby Kellogg, said Old Mission State Park is an important stop on the 72mile Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes bicycle path and lures people off Interstate 90 when they see its bright yellow, six-columned facade perched atop a grassy

She said the building, designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961, entices visitors to stay longer in the region and spend money at local restaurants and hotels. And generations of grade-Idaho last closed a state school students from sur-

by farmers between January

2006 and last week, La Paz County sheriff's Lt. Glenn

No one was hurt in the

fires, the most costly of

which destroyed a \$200,000

haystack. Gilbert said the

firefighters admitted to

starting the blazes to make

money and targeted haystacks because those

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rounding towns have taken field trips to the site, to learn about early Jesuit missionaries and their encounters with the Coeur d'Alene

"It's a national treasure," Douglas said. "It takes you back in time. Everybody who lives in this area should go once a year."

Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene, first learned of the plan Tuesday from a reporter and hadn't had time to scrutinize the details. Still, he said he hopes the park will stay open.

"My biggest concern is, we're not jeopardizing the integrity of the structure by cutting off maintenance money," Goedde said. "It's part of the tourist economy. If you cut off a source of revenue for businesses, that may have an adverse effect."



Baillee Schott, 11, of Boseman, Mont., takes a picture at the Cataldo Mission in Cataldo, Idaho, on Tuesday. State officials say budget cuts will force them to cut off funding on July 1 to the Old Mission State Park, the site of the state's oldest standing building.



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EDITORIAL

Our outsized — if temporary — clout in legislative budgeting

decade from now, the dozen legislators who represent south-central Idaho may look back on the 60th Idaho Legislature with nostalgia. Six of the 20 members of the budgetwriting Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee

– including the co-chairmen — for the legislative session that began Monday are from the Magic

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Valley and Wood River valleys. By contrast, only three are from the Treasure Valley – home to 45 percent of Idaho's population. (The Idaho Panhandle also has six JFAC members and eastern Idaho has five).

This year and next will probably mark the high point of south-central Idaho's budgetary clout in the Legislature.

The 2010 federal Census will force the Legislature to reapportion itself. The 16 lawmakers who now represent the Magic and Wood River valleys will be replaced by no more than 12.

And JFAC? South-central Idaho may be tickled to have three members.

Our region has long had an oversized influence on JFAC, the committee that sets the agenda for the rest of the Legislature. Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, have been its leaders since 2002.

Sen. Dick High of Twin Falls and Rep. Bill Roberts of Buhl, who led the committee in the early 1970s, were perhaps the joint panel's most successful chairmen — but Cameron and Bell are extraordinarily influential in every aspect of public policy. Of JFAC's other four members from southcentral Idaho, Rep. Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum spent a decade as House Democratic leader, Sen. Bert Brackett was a JFAC member in the House before he moved on to the Senate and Reps. Fred Wood of Burley and Jim Patrick of Twin Falls are effective second-term lawmakers.

So the Magic Valley's power on JFAC isn't just a question of numbers; it's about what the six local members bring to the committee table.

Cameron and Bell's long, steady tenure on JFAC has been a major factor in the College of Southern Idaho's success with legislative budget-writers over the past few years, but it's also driven the Legislature's philosophy of saving and spending. It's difficult to believe Idaho would have three large rainy day funds to tap in bad economic times without Cameron and Bell's insistence.

The two are gifted financial managers, but their effectiveness stems from bipartisanship and personal integrity. Bell and Cameron always put the interests of Idaho first.

So what happens after they, and many of their south-central Idaho colleagues on JFAC, are gone? We hope their JFAC successors from the Magic

Valley will be legislators of similar temperament, whose fairness is unassailable and whose parochialism is tempered. For the day will come and soon — when Ada and Canyon counties will have six, seven or eight representatives on JFAC; south-central Idaho will be outvoted.

But not, if we're fortunate, muted.

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The polite fiction that taxes won't go up

trillion here, a trillion there ... President-elect Barack Obama is warning us to expect trillion-dollar budget deficits "for years to



BOB **HERBERT**

The economy is in a precipitous downturn and no one, on the left or right, is advocating tax increases that would jeopardize a recovery.

In the meantime, we're spending money as fast as we can: the Troubled Asset Relief Program (\$700 billion and counting); Obama's proposed stimulus program (\$800 billion and counting); and important initiatives still to come, like an overhaul of the way we pay for health care.

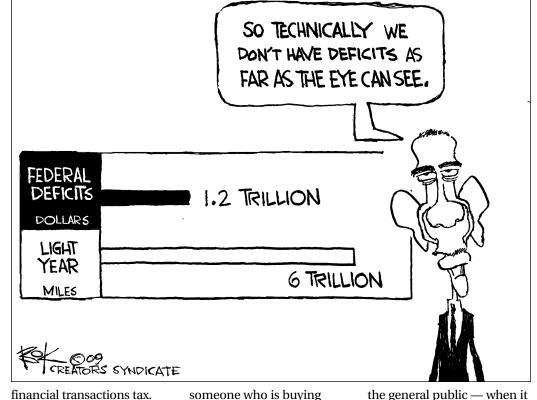
China, which has purchased more than \$1 trillion of American debt, is getting antsy. As Keith Bradsher of The New York Times has reported, the global downturn has prompted Beijing "to keep more of its money at home, a move that could have painful effects for U.S. borrowers."

Obama has tried to assure the public that his administration will be as careful as possible with its monumental spending, promising to invest wisely and manage the expenditures well. And he has made it clear that he is aware of the minefields that accompany mammoth long-term deficits.

At some point, however, someone is going to have to talk about raising revenue. The dreaded T-word is going to come up: taxes.

Well, there's a good idea floating around that takes its cue from the legendary Willie Sutton. Why not go where the money is?

The economist Dean Baker is a strong advocate of a



financial transactions tax. This would impose a small fee — ranging up to, say, 0.25 percent — on the sale or transfer of stocks, bonds and other financial assets, including the seemingly endless variety of exotic financial instruments that have been in the news so much lately.

According to Baker, the codirector of the Center for **Economic and Policy** Research in Washington, the fees would raise a ton of money, perhaps \$100 billion or more annually — money that the government sorely

But there's another intriguing element to the proposal. While the fees would be a trivial expense for what the general public tends to think of as ordinary traders people investing in stocks, bonds or other assets for some reasonable period of time — they would amount to a much heavier lift for speculators, the folks who bring a manic quality to the markets, who treat it like a

"It raises money in a way that comes primarily at the expense of speculation," said Baker. "The fees would be a considerable expense for

futures, or a stock, or any asset at 2 o'clock and then selling it at 3. The more you trade, the more you pay.

"For the typical person holding stock, who is planning to hold it for a long period of time, paying the quarter of 1 percent on a trade is just not that big a deal.

The fees, though small, could amount to a big deal for speculators because in addition to the volume of their trades they often make their money on very small margins. Someone who buys an asset and then sells it an hour later at a 1 percent appreciation might feel quite pleased. He or she would be less pleased at having to pay a quarter-percent fee to purchase the asset in the first place and then another quarter percent to sell it.

This, according to Baker, is part of the beauty of the transfer tax; it tends to curb at least some speculation. "It's a very progressive tax," he said, "that discourages nonproductive activity.

A hallmark of the Bush vears has been the rampant irresponsibility — by the White House, Congress and

the general public — when it comes to matters of finance. The costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were placed on credit cards and off the books. Their ultimate overall costs will be in the trillions.

Incredibly, President Bush and Congress cut taxes in wartime, which is insane.

Budget deficits and the national debt are streaking toward the moon. And the only remedy anyone has come up with for fending off Great Depression II has been deficit spending on a scale reminiscent of World War II.

Excuse me, but did somebody say the baby boomers are about to start retiring?

Maybe the piper will never have to be paid. Maybe the deficits will someday magically right themselves. Maybe some prosperous future generation will be more than happy to clean up the mess we left behind.

If none of that is true, we should start looking now for some real money somewhere. A stock transfer tax is not a bad place to start.

Bob Herbert is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to him at bherbert@nytimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mayor Anderson shows class under attack

I would like to congratulate Burley Mayor Jon Anderson for his professional conduct during recent city council meetings. During these meetings and afterward, Mr. Anderson was repeatedly assailed by unprofessional attacks from two city councilmen in a local weekly newspaper partially owned by one of the council members, seemingly because our mayor was not in agreement with their views.

Another blatant attacker is our own John Walsh, who though not elected to do so by Burley voters, has appointed himself public attack dog. Mr. Walsh apparently needs some gainful employment.

Please, Mr. Walsh, stop the abusive rhetoric. You have manipulated the facts, made up stories and wasted good ink and paper entirely

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too many times. You already look silly enough. There are several clowns in Burley, but I assure you Mayor Jon Anderson is not one of them.

Footnote: The flag donated by the Veterans Association is not regulation size for outdoor display. It will be displayed on the wall of the Burley City hall. The flag flying near the City Hall at the Veterans Memorial Monument is the correct size for outdoor display.

I am signing my name, Mr. Walsh. JOHN BLASIUS

Burley

Jerome needs to care for disabled during winter

To live in the city of Jerome in the winter can be hard, especially if you're disabled after a big snowstorm. To get from the north side of Jerome to the south for food takes courage, planning and faith. I live on North Lincoln so I have it a lot better. Because Lincoln is a main road, it gets plowed. I do not know how anybody who relies on a scooter and lives on a side street gets to the store at all.

The city of Jerome has intermittent handicap-available sidewalks, mostly on

When it snows, some businesses do shovel a path in front of their stores. It's the handicap ramp from street to sidewalk that gets forgotten. The city of Jerome sets no great example: in front of the courthouse, sidewalks are clear but ramps are blocked. Main Street going south: sidewalks are clear until in front of Jerome City Council; ramp blocked.

Main and Lincoln streets.

When the weather did clear and I was able to get my scooter out to the road to go get food, I had to maneuver out in traffic, thus causing many drivers to be upset at me, many times in unsafe situations. I only want to be able to get to the store and back, safe and alive. So I would hope the city and people clear their sidewalks and ramps to the street. This way other people, who do not drive cars, can get to the store and back home safely.

MARK GRAMMER **Jerome**

By Bruce Tinsley

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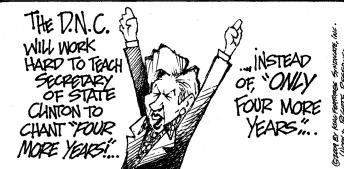






By Garry Trudeau





Mallard Fillmore

Putting a scientist in charge of science policy

ane Lubchenko's tenure at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will be a good place to gauge how much lost ground can be reclaimed for science. Her appointment by Presidentelect Obama to run the administration will be particularly interesting since NOAA is under the Department of Commerce, which will have many lobbyists surely fighting any environmental regulations that come from scientific assessments. It will be challenging because even though the Obama administration is science-friendly in appointments, research funding remains questionable because of the reces-

Lubchenco, a marine scientist at Oregon State, has been president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the International Council for Science and was on the Pew Oceans Commission and the National Science Board under President Clinton. In 1995, she warned that a proposed massive congressional cut in nondefense science funding "has very profound implications for the future of the country." She told the Oregonian newspaper, "The consequences are likely to be a massive dismantling of a research system that has served us very, very well."

In 1997, evidence of global overfishing, coastal development and pollution was so profound that a panel of marine scientists that included Lubchenco proposed that 20 percent of the world's oceans be designated as marine preserves. Only one-quarter of one percent of ocean surface was under protection. Lubchenco, who by then was warning of "ecological tsunamis" in the oceans, said the level of existing protection was "a drop in the bucket, especially relative to the magnitude of the changes that we humans are causing."

It was no surprise that she was a critic of a Bush administration that denied for eight years the magnitude of human impact on the planet. In 2003, when the Pew Oceans Commission said overfishing and the degraded conditions of America's rivers and coastlines constituted a "crisis," Lubchenco said, "We have squandered their natural bounty." She added, "The system is broken. It's not working for the fishermen; it's not working for the fish."

At Oregon State, Lubchenco and other researchers saw a major expansion of low-oxygen dead zones in the Pacific



DERRICK Z. JACKSON

Northwest that was killing so much marine life that she told the Los Angeles Times. "We couldn't believe our eyes. It was so overwhelming and depressing. It appeared that everything that couldn't swim or scuttle away had died." She said it was a sign that "We seem to have crossed a tipping point.

The Bush administration paid so little attention to any of this that Lubchenco told the Associated Press a month before the presidential election, "The Bush administration has not been respectful of the science.

Lubchenco probably does not believe her own eyes that she is suddenly a key player in the revival of respect for science, at an agency where scientists complained of censorship from the Bush administration. If she cannot change the atmosphere, probably few can. In a 1998 essay for the journal Science, she called for a new social contract for science that recognizes "the extent of human domination of the planet." She warned "If current trends continue, humanity will dramatically alter virtually all of Earth's remaining natural ecosystems within a few decades ... Many of the human activities that modify or destroy natural ecosystems may cause deterioration of ecological services whose value in the long term dwarfs the short-term economic benefits society gains from those activities."

Lubchenco represents Obama's claim of forging a new social contract with the environment, after eight years where the Bush administration had a contract out on it. In her October AP interview, she said, "I know there have been many times in the past where public opinion can shift very, very rapidly on an issue, ranging from cigarette smoking to slavery. I think we are getting closer and closer to a tipping point on climate change and other issues that affect our health, prosperity, and well-being globally. And I am hopeful we will get there in time."

She no longer has to hope. The question now is if she can get there in time.

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All together now: 'It wasn't my fault'

the past week, I've enough to Dick Cheney to kick him in the shins.

I didn't. It's probably a federal crime of some sort. But a girl can fantasize. I did, however, assume the Stayaway-from-me-you've-gotcooties stance that Jimmy Carter used when posing with Bill Clinton at the presidents' powwow in the Oval.

The first time was Tuesday. when Cheney left the ceremony where he gave the oath of office to senators. The senators seemed thrilled, especially Joe Biden, who was getting sworn in for just two weeks and was excitedly showing off a family Bible the size of a Buick. But I thought it gave the ceremony a satirical edge to have the lawless Vice presiding over lawmakers swearing to support and defend the Constitution that he soiled and defiled - right in the heart of the legislative branch he worked to dimin-

The second time I crossed paths was Thursday night, at a glitzy party at Cafe Milano for Brit Hume, stepping down as a Fox anchor. It required extreme defensive maneuvers — much zigging and zagging — to avoid Cheney, Wolfie and Rummy, all three holding court and blissfully unrepentant about the chaos they've unleashed on the world.

"My conscience is clear,"



MAUREEN Dowd

Rummy volunteered to Bob Woodward, talking about how he's interviewing people for his memoir.

Woodward was stunned. "I was as speechless as I was in July 2006 when I interviewed him and he said he was not a military commander, that he could make the case that he was 'by indirection, two or three steps removed, Woodward told me afterward.

At least Ernst Stavro Blofeld would have the decency just to leave the scene.

From Gaza to the unemployment figures to the \$10.6 trillion debt, things keep spiraling while W. keeps fiddling. Just as when he was in the National Guard and didn't bother to show up, now, as the scabrous consequences of his missteps shake the economy and the world, he doesn't bother to show up. He's checked out spending his time on more than a dozen exit interviews that do nothing to change his image as a president who was over his head and under Cheney's spell.

Asked by People magazine what moments from the last eight years he revisited most

often, W. talked passionately about the pitch he threw out at the World Series in 2001: "I never felt that anxious any other time during my presidency, curiously enough."

Asked by Fred Barnes and Bill Kristol of *The Weekly* Standard if he had made progress in some areas for which he hasn't gotten credit, the president put trying to privatize Social Security at the top of his list. It's frightening to think where a lot of people would be now if that effort had succeeded.

After he leaves office, W. wants to go on more bike rides, because biking through Katrina was not enough. He wants to write a memoir, even though the offers are not pouring in as they did for Laura. And he wants to encourage debate at his presidential library on "big ideas."

The vamoosing Vice has no apologies about turning America into a country that tortured; indeed, he denies it ever happened. "Torture," he told Barnes, "that word gets thrown around with great abandon.

He's going back to Casper, Wyo., and said he's giving "serious thought" to writing a book, so he can continue his extremist makeover. The only thing he can do now is shoot a big lie across the bow and see if it lands.

Cheney's theory of executive "unitary" power and preemptive war and frightening

the world was a theory of

Constitutional thuggishness. Asked last week by Mark Knoller of CBS Radio in one of his exit interviews to name the "biggest misimpression" people had about him, Cheney replied with a laugh, "That I'm actu-

ally a warm, lovable sort." He went on to seriously assert that his image as "a private, Darth Vader-type personality" has been "pretty dramatically overdone."

"I think we made good decisions," he told Knoller, adding with even grander delusion, "I think we knew what we were doing.'

He protested "the notion that somehow I was pulling strings or making presidential-level decisions. I was not. There was never any question about who was in charge. It was George Bush. And that's the way we operated. This whole notion that somehow I exceeded my authority here, was usurping his authority, is simply not true. It's an urban legend, never happened."

The fact that Cheney is now putting all the blame for all the messes squarely on W. shows once more how the bureaucratic master outmaneuvers his younger partner.

Even on his way out, Vice is still on top.

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QUOTABLES

"The phrase 'burdens of the office' is overstated. You know, it's kind of like, why me? Oh, the burdens, you know. Why did the financial collapse have to happen on my watch? It's just it's just pathetic, isn't it, self-pity?"

> - President George W. Bush in his final press conference.

"We can't fire our bears or furlough our sea lions. This is critical collection care money for us."

 John Calvelli of the Wildlife Conservation Society, which operates the Bronx Zoo and the New York Aguarium, on the New York governor's plan to cut funding for the Zoo, Botanical Garden and **Aquarium Program.**





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ark (Cassie) Tracy of Heyburn, Idaho, and Susan (David) Puckett of Pasco, Washington, would like to announce the 50th Anniversary of their parents, Nevoy and Mary Tracy.

50th Wedding Anniversary

They were married January 18th, 1959, in Elko, Nevada, and have six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The Tracys would like to invite everyone to come and celebrate this wonderful occasion with them at an open house: Saturday, January 17th, from 1:00-4:00 pm, at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 So. 200 West, Rupert, Idaho. Nevoy and Mary request no gifts.

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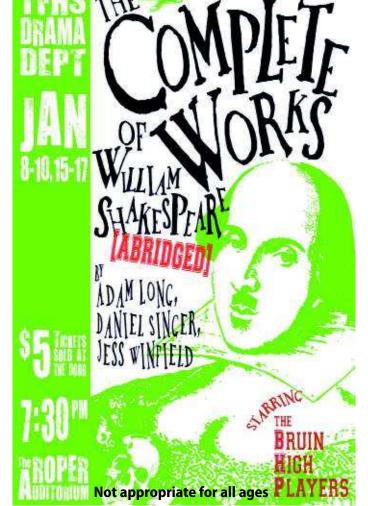


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Obama will bring more debt

Kudos to Sen. Mike Crapo for his excellent piece in which he states, "What is needed is a strong dose of fiscal responsibility on the part of Congress." I might submit our incoming president-elect to a double dose of the same elixir.

The problem is that most members of Congress and much of our population are guilty of being functionally illiterate in their understanding of the principles of economics. "There is no such thing as a free lunch" is a basic principle poorly understood. Expecting the government to spend its way to prosperity using our money is an error of Neanderthaltype reasoning. "Low tax rates: People will produce more when they are permitted to keep more of what they earn' is something that liberals never seem to comprehend.

Essentially, we have in Congress a situation akin to the "monkeys being in charge of the zoo," wherein we have Barney Frank, Chris Dodd, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi, et al., "overseeing" the financial workings of "Fannie May," "Bernie Mac" and other fiascoes passed on to us from Carter to Clinton to present. To have these idiots in charge of financial matters is akin to having Dracula in charge of

the blood bank! I was watching our president "who promised change" coming up empty when questioned about specifics of any of his proposals and the only "change" I heard him mention was the horrific increase in the national debt which we and our greatgrandchildren will be saddled with. Is this the "change" you giddy "Obamamites" were expecting? Think again!

DON PUDER Twin Falls

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Lots of snow, but just average Wash. snowpack

By Nicholas K. Geranios Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — You might think that the recordbreaking snowfall so far this winter in Washington state would ensure there will be plenty of water to avoid drought when it melts this spring and summer.

You would be wrong.

The federal government says the state's mountain snowpack is just average so far this winter.

"For all those residents who have been digging out their driveways and sidewalks for the past month, the notion of an 'average' snowpack must seem like pure hydrological nonsense," said Scott Pattee, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, which estimates whether the state will have enough water to get through the dry summer months.

"But the numbers don't lie," Pattee said. "The depth and water content of the snowpack statewide is just about average."

The NRCS measures the depth and water content of snow at more than 100 locations around the state. That data is used to estimate how much water will flow down rivers and streams and into



AP photo

Norm Carveth of the Spokane Public Schools maintenance department uses a handsaw to cut snow into shovel-sized chunks as he helps clear the roof of the bus loading area at Ferris High School in Spokane, Wash. Jan. 5.

reservoirs as the snow melts. A shortage of water has been a regular problem in recent summers.

Pattee said the heavy snowfall in December dramatically improved water prospects for this summer.

Before the big storms, the snowpack was only 24 to 40 percent of normal around the state.

"In just a few weeks, we've closed the gap and now stand at 106 percent statewide," Pattee said. Spokane was hit by a record snowstorm in December that dropped more than 6 feet of snow on the city. But the snowpack that feeds the Spokane River Basin is just at 97 percent of normal, Pattee said. "Typically, 50 percent of the total annual snow accumulation has fallen by mid-January," Pattee said. But he noted this season has been atypical.

The National Weather Service has issued a report on

the snowstorms that nearly paralyzed Spokane in recent weeks.

After a dry beginning, heavy snowfall began in mid-December, with "an incredible" 23 inches falling on Dec. 17-18, the agency said. More storms followed in quick succession, including 6 inches on Christmas Eve. In subsequent days, winds gusting to 50 mph caused massive snowdrifts and closed roads. The last major storm was Jan. 4, dropping 5 to 12 inches in the region.

The storms set a 24-hour record for Spokane of 19.4 inches of snow on Dec. 17-18, breaking the record of 13 inches set Jan. 6-7, 1950. The city's snowiest month ever was December, when 61.5 inches fell, breaking the record of 56.9 inches set in January 1950.

Spokane typically averages only four days a year in which snowfall totals 3 inches or more, but this winter has already seen nine such days in a span of just 20 days.

The typical winter in Spokane has about 48 inches of snow. Total snowfall so far this winter is 80.3 inches. Last winter, the second snowiest on record, saw 92.6 inches fall on the city, but the two winters before that saw just 27 and 34 inches.

AROUND THE STATE

BOISE

Democrats: Otter wrong on roads, ed priorities

Minority Democrats demanded Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter tap millions more in reserve funds to plug budget holes, rather than cutting education and welfare programs so deeply.

The party's Senate and House leaders on Tuesday said the governor set the wrong priorities by asking to trim \$216 million from the 2010 budget, while leaving \$253 million in reserves and proposing fuel tax and registration fee increases to pay for roads.

Sen. Elliott Werk said Democrats won't support a tax increase "on struggling families to maintain roads while cutting education."

Republican leaders said the Democrats' press conference amounted to grandstanding.

House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, conceded his caucus also may balk at raising taxes for roads but said he needs time to assess the budget cuts coupled with Otter's request for higher taxes before making a decision.

Otter, lawmakers clash on computer request — again

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and lawmakers are fighting over computers — again.

Wayne Hammon, the governor's budget chief, told the Joint Finance-Appropriations budget writing committee Tuesday that Otter

didn't appreciate a "sneaky move" to tuck a \$142,300 request for computer services into the Legislature's base budget request.

Last year, the Republican governor vetoed a similar line item, forcing lawmakers to find money elsewhere in their budget to buy new laptop computers.

"He would consider vetoing it again," Hammon told The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, lawmakers insist there was nothing sneaky; they say they need the money to help pay for running their new laptops.

Sen. Jim Hammond, R-Post Falls, said the screen on his old laptop wasn't working before he got a new one.

He says, "Obviously we had to replace them. Those computers were crashing."

КЕТСНИМ

Ketchum gets \$8.8 million for housing

Housing officials in Ketchum are getting nearly \$9 million in federal tax credits to use for adding more affordable housing in the spendy resort communi-

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association last week awarded \$8.8 million in credits to the Ketchum Community Development Corporation.

Michael Carpenter, head of the CDC's Affordable Workforce Housing Team, says the credits will be dedicated on the construction of 32 units of affordable, rental housing planned for public land in the city.

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Kimberly girls hang on for win

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Filer rally falls just short

By Bradley Guire Times-News writer

They almost gave it away, but the Kimberly girls held off a late Filer rally to prean undefeated Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference basketball record Tuesday, defeating the Wildcats 46-43 at home.

"We were not good offensively all night," Kimberly coach Rich Bishop said. "We were too passive. We should have had 15 more than that."

The Bulldogs entered the final quarter with an 11-point lead, but the shots stopped falling. Kimberly hit only one of its nine field goal attempts, relying on free throws for the bulk of its fourth-quarter points. The Wildcats were a possession away from tying the game with less than five seconds remaining and committed a foul to stop the clock. Kimberly's Nellie Makings lined up at the freethrow line and connected twice to make even a fullcourt miracle shot irrelevant.

"To people watching, it seems like we're playing scared," Kimberly forward Megan Crist said. "But I don't know. It doesn't feel like that."

Filer outscored the Bulldogs during the fourth, but the rally came too late.

"There was no real flow to the first three quarters," Filer coach Gary Mellinger said. "It's hard at any level to get into that flow. They tried to turn it on, but there wasn't enough time."

Crist led all scorers with 15 points, and three Wildcats scored in double digits. Roccio Gutierrez hit seven of her dozen points during the fourth quarter.

"We needed to clam down," she said of the team's play late in the contest. "Before, we were frustrated and not doing the right things."

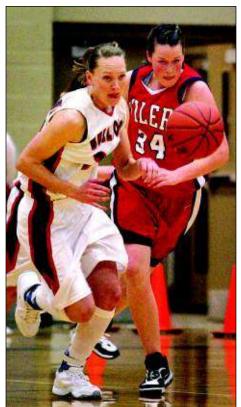
Specifically, the Bulldogs

outscored the frustrated the Wildcats on defense during the first half. Kimberly stole the ball 11 times during the half and went on a 14-point run during the second quarter. The Wildcats trailed by roughly eight to 10 points until their

Kimberly (10-2) will host Buhl on Thursday, while Filer (7-7, 3-3) will host American Falls on Saturday.

Kimberly 46, Filer 43
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FILER (43)
Katie Vierstra 2, Lacie Heimkes 2, Ari Wight 4, Taylor Twitchell 10, Roccio Gutlerrez 10, Natalie Hughes 12, Darby Littler 3. Totals 14 12-22 43.

IMMBERLY (46)
Alex Pfefferle 12, Jessica Funk 5, Nellie Makings 5, Whitney Carlton 1, Averie Schroeder 2, Megan Crist 15, Kelsey Molyneux 6. Totals 10 24-43 46.
3-point goals: Filer 1 (Twitchell); Kimberly 2 (Pfefferle, Funk), Total fouls: Filer 24; Kimberly 20, Fouled out: Filer, Wight; Kimberly, Crist. Technical fouls: none.



Kimberly's Megan Crist, left, and Filer's **Natalie Hughes race** for the ball Tuesday night during the first quarter of their game at Kimberly High School.

ASHLEY SMITH/

Fast start helps Bruins handle Minico

By Ryan Howe **Times-News writer**

The last time Twin Falls raced out to a big lead over a local rival, it blew that lead and lost to Burley.

This time, the Bruins made sure the game was over almost as quickly as it got started.

Jon Pulsifer poured in 17 points and Jake Hanchey added 14 off the bench to lead Twin Falls to a 53-38 road win over Minico in nonconference boys basketball action Tuesday.

The Bruins made a 19-2 run in the first half and cruised from there behind a strong defensive effort from its guard line and dominating inside play.

Twin Falls has now won seven of its last eight and is 8-2 overall.

"It's good to get out on the road and play well," said Twin Falls coach Matt Harr.

With a big Region Four-Five-Six road game at Madison coming up on Thursday — heading into Tuesday's action Twin Falls was in first place with Madison tied for second the first-place Bruins can feel confident about winning away from Baun

Gymnasium. Twin Falls' senior guards took advantage of Minico's youth and inexperience. And with Minico's leading big man Shad Hubsmith battling bronchitis, Pulsifer and company went to work on the inside. Twin Falls had 24 points in the paint to Minico's

One of the Bruins' only hiccups was when Minico went to a zone defense. Consequently, the Bruins turned the ball over several times and allowed the Spartans to creep within 10 with four minutes remaining in the game.

But a 3-pointer by Braden Box was followed by a coastto-coast lay-in by Marcus Jardine and the Bruins were back in control.

"We're getting better (against zone defenses)," Harr said. "We have about three guys who are confident now. We need five out there on the floor. It's a timing thing that we've got to figure out."

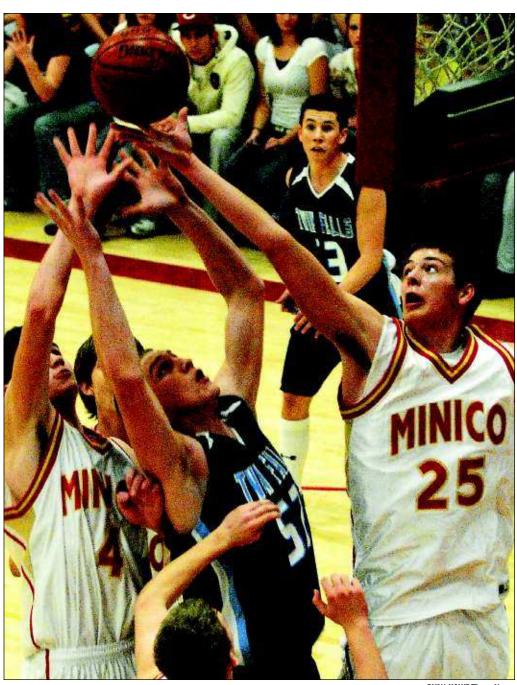
After the game, Harr listed off a few things his team needs to improve on, including attacking a zone more effectively and getting a few more players to hit shots. Those areas of concern, according to Harr, are easy

issues to address. "The things that we're nitpicking about, we're not talking about effort, we're not talking about defense. We're not talking about the things that come from the heart, or desire things. We're talking about little things that will help us win down the road (and) that are very fixable," Harr said.

Coltin Johnson led Minico (5-5) in scoring with 14 points and Mark Leon added

The Bruins physically handled the Spartans and Minico coach Mike Graefe hopes his team learned

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RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Twin Falls post Brad Davis (52) battles for a rebound with Minico's Shad Hubsmith (4) and Kevin Jurgensmeier during the Bruins' 53-38 win Tuesday in Rupert.

On rebound from Smoltz, Braves turn to Lowe

By Paul Newberry

Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — The Braves bounced right back from the disappointment of losing John Smoltz.

Determined to rebuild a once-proud pitching staff that fell into disarray, Atlanta reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday on a \$60 million, four-year contract with Derek Lowe and finalized a deal with Japanese all-star pitcher Kenshin Kawakami.

Just like that, the Braves' rotation — once the most dominant in baseball — suddenly looks a whole lot stronger with spring training

just a month away. "You've got to have pitchsaid. "You could have the

best hitting team in the history baseball and you still may not get it done. We will feel confident that whoever toes the mound on

now

any particular night, we've got a good chance of winning."

The Braves would not comment on the preliminary agreement with Lowe, which was subject to the pitcher passing a physical, according a person familiar person spoke on condition of anonymi-



been completed. Atlanta general manager Frank Wren said Lowe

had

ty because

not

would be a welcome addition to a rotation devastated by injuries last year. As an added bonus, Atlanta would be landing a pitcher who also was being sought by the rival New York

Mets. "We wanted get back to being a pitching team," Wren

ing," manager Bobby Cox with the negotiations. The said. "If we can do another couple of moves, we can get back to that point."

Last season, Smoltz, Tim the contract Hudson and Tom Glavine all went down with seasonending surgeries, and the Braves slumped to fourth in the NL East with a 72-90 record — their worst since 1990. Glavine has yet to resume throwing off a mound, while Hudson isn't expected back until August.

As for Smoltz, after playing all 20 of his major league seasons with the Braves, the only pitcher in baseball history with 200 wins and 150 saves is starting over at age

41 with the Red Sox. "I'm as determined and I'm as focused as I've ever been," Smoltz said Tuesday. "The uniform has changed. The desire won't change.'

The right-hander who says he's "doing great" after major shoulder surgery finalized his \$5.5 million, one-year agreement, confident he can still contribute and eager to pitch beyond 2009.

"Age," he said, "is just a number."

In Atlanta, the 35-year-old Lowe becomes the new ace of the staff.

He was a 21-game winner for the Red Sox in 2002 and spent the last four seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers. He went 54-48, never had an ERA higher

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CSI men slip in poll after road defeat

By Mike Christensen **Times-News writer**

It doesn't get any easier for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team. On the heels of a road loss at the College of Eastern Utah on Saturday, the Golden Eagles return home this week to face undefeated North Idaho College (17-0), a team ranked No. 12 in the latest NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Top 25, released Tuesday.

CSI (14-3) fell six spots in the rankings to No. 24 after splitting its Scenic West Athletic Conference games at Colorado Northwestern Community College and

As for the 94-78 loss to Eastern Utah, ranked No. 17 this week, CSI head coach Steve Gosar sees the experience as a valuable one.

"Our guys understand how much harder they have to play in league to win," he

The Golden Eagles, who share the No. 24 spot with the College of Coastal Georgia, will host North Idaho at 5 p.m., Saturday in CSI Gymnasium.

for Miles: Minutes Freshman forward Nate Miles Jr. is on course to play for the Golden Eagles when he becomes eligible next month. A 6-7 forward with an incredible outside shooting touch, Miles joined CSI's roster in late October. He was expelled from the University of Connecticut on Oct. 2 after allegedly violating a restraining order issued Sept. 22.

Miles appeared in Rockville (Conn.) Superior Court last week, facing three counts of disorderly conduct stemming from his alleged abuse of a fellow student. As long as Miles completes the counseling he is undergoing, Gosar said the charges will be dropped when Miles returns to court on Feb. 24.

This really vindicates the kid," said Gosar. "It shows that there was no substance

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Briggs buzzer-beater gives Declo boys OT win

Times-News

Tyler Briggs hit a 10-foot jumper as time expired in the overtime period to give the Declo boys basketball team a 78-76 home victory over Soda Springs, in Class 2A nonconference action.

The Hornets (8-3) rallied from down six points in the extra period before Briggs, who finished with 22 points, hit the game-winner.

Declo was down 10 in the fourth quarter but rallied to tie it when Brandon Peterson was fouled with no time on the clock and hit two free throws to send it to the extra session.

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added six.

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Conquerors

ing in 16 points.

A.J. Schroeder 10, Braeden Nield 3, Isaac Makings 5, Lael Schoessler 5, Nick Dame 7, J.D. Jimenez 4, Eric Marvin 11, Duston Brown 14, Justin Wimmil 5, Cody Wadsworth 7, Jared Mumm 7, Totals: 30 16-22 78.

Wind Stouder 2, Bill Fien 3, Jordon Lancaster 14, Dusty Vanderham 5, John Campbell 11, Nathan Ormond 8, Gary Koopman 4. Totals: 16 10-18 47.
3-point goals: Kimberly 2 (Makings, Wadsworth), Wendell 5 (Lancaster 3, Vanderham, Campbell). Total fouls: Kimberly 19, Wendell 17. Fouled out: Kimberly Mumm; Wendell Ormond. Technical fouls: Wendell, bench.

DIETRICH 61,

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 41

Hubert each scored 10 for

Dietrich as the Blue Devils

took a 61-41 win over Magic

Valley Christian in Jerome on

Zach VanEsch and Matt

Northside), with each pour-

Magic Valley Christian is at

And 64, Magin Valley Christian

the Community School on

Dietrich
Magic Valley Christian

18 11 20 12 - 61

10 8 9 14 - 41

DiETRICH (#1)

Dylan Perron 10, Jaren Stoddard 8, Walter Hansen 8, Scott Perron 2, Kolton Hubert 2, G.W. Bailey 3, Andrew Rocha 8, Luke Hubert 10, Brad McDaniel 1, Spencer Hansen 9, Totals 27 4-9 61.

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN (41)

Josh Griffith 4, Dylan VanEsch 4, John Hesse 1, Zack Van Esch 16, Matt McClimans 16, Totals 18 3-9 41.

3-point goals: Dietrich 3 (Rocha 2, D. Perron); Magic Valley Christian 2 (D. Van Esch, Z. Van Esch). Total fouls: Dietrich 15, Magic Valley Christian 12. Fouled out: Magic Valley Christian 12. Fouled fouls: none.

RICHFIELD 59, CAMAS COUNTY 25

Brody Norman added 12 as

Richfield eased past Camas

County 59-25 in Fairfield on

The Mushers were led by

seven points from Mickenzie

Boggs, while Derek Walker

Camas County (2-9, 2-6

Northside) hosts Twin Falls

Rientield 24 25 64 - 59
Commas County 12 6 7 0 - 25
RICHTELD (39)
Tel Clark 8, Michael Lezamiz 4, Tucker Smith 8, Brody
Norman 12, Levi Kent 13, Jose Rivas 4, Luke Wood 4,
Michael Henson 6, Totals 27 3-5 59.

Norman 12, Levi Kent 13, Jose Rivas 4, Lune Produ -, Michael Henson 6. Totals 27 3-5 59.

CAMÁS COUNTY (25)

Derek Walker 6, Cody Stroder 3, Jake Wise 2, Andrew Simons 4, Carlos Robles 1, Mickenzie Boggs 7, Cory Brand 2. Totals 10 2-6 25.

3-point goals: Richfield 2 (Clark 2); Camas County 3 (Boggs 2, Stroder). Total fouls: Richfield 13, Camas County 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

MURTAUGH 54,

COMMUNITY SCHOOL 38

moved to 5-2 in the

Northside Conference with a

54-38 win over Community

"Zach (Cummins) played a

really good game," said

Murtaugh coach Adam

Johnson. "We picked up the

intensity on defense in the

second half which was the

Cummins led Murtaugh (7-

4) with 15 points followed by

Manuel Pacheco with 12 and

Austin Stanger with 10. For

the Community School, Chet

Stephens tossed in 12,

Murtaugh is on the road at

School 11.8.11.8.38 12.12.17.13.54 COMMUNITY SCHOOL (38)

Tanner Flanigan 2, Paul Davis 3, Eddy Albarran 2, Lucas Vorsteveld 8, Caspar Brun 8, Chet Stephens 12, Alex Conn 3. Totals 14 3-5 38.

Alex Conn 3. Totals 14 3-5 38.

MURTAUGH (54)

Daniel Hepworth 4, Trey Perkins 5, Zach Cummins
15, Humberto Pacheco 8, Austin Stanger 10, Manuel

including four 3-pointers.

Richfield on Thursday.

difference in the game."

School.

The Murtaugh Red Devils

Christian on Thursday.

Levi Kent scored 13 and

led

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0-6

Dylan Perron and Luke

"It was a hard-fought game. We just did the things we needed to do when it counted," said Declo head coach Dee Lewis. "We got the ball inside a lot and got 10 points from the free throw line in the fourth quarter, which was really a key for us."

Declo is at American Falls

Decio 78, Soda Spring 76, OT Soda Spring 16 15 21 13 11 - 76
Decio 16 13 14 22 13 - 78
SODA SPRING (76)
Maughan 16, Bailey 22, Scheierman 8, Pallante 4, Frankos 9, Evans 2, Cooper 15. Totals 29 12-26 76.
DECIO (78)
Large Erickson 10, Dawson Rowcut 2, Connor Garnel

DECLO (78)

Jarad Erickson 10, Dawson Bowcut 2, Connor Garner 15, Brandon Peterson 12, Tyler Briggs 22, Shaylon Fenstermaker 15, Jeremy Jenkins 2. Totals 27 22-32 78.

78.
3-point goals: Soda Springs 6 (Maughan 4, Bailey 2);
Declo 2 (Garner, Peterson). Total fouls: Soda Springs
25, Declo 21. Fouled out: Soda Springs, Maughan,
Cooper; Declo, Garner, Jenkins. Technical fouls: Soda
Springs, Frankos.

JEROME 64, WOOD RIVER 32

Logan Parker scored 23 points and Kameron Pearce added 10 as Jerome opened Great Basin Conference West play with a 64-32 win at Wood River on Tuesday evening.

The Tigers (10-2, 1-0 GBW) closed the first half and opened the second half with intense defense, outscoring the Wolverines 50-20 over the middle two quarters.

"It's nice to get off to a good start in the conference. I thought our kids played extremely hard in the second and third quarters and that was the key," said Jerome head coach Joe Messick. "Our defensive intensity and pressure caused them some problems."

Greg Wakefield led Wood River with 10 points.

Jerome is at Burley on Thursday.

Jerome 64, Wood River 32

Jerome 13 21 29 1 - 64

Wood River 5 10 10 7 - 32

JEROME (64)

Jake Lammers 9, Cameron Stauffer 6, Logan Parker 23, Kris Bos 3, Kameron Pearce 10, Nolan McDonald 2, Tyler Tolman 1, Zach Ingraham 6, Kevin Williams 4. Totals 21 16-22 64.

WOOD RIVER (32)
Kevin Abbott 3, Ryan Dean 2, Juan Martinez 5, Brent Hope 2, Michale Brunker 6, Sean Bunce 1, Greg Wakefield 10, Bryan Tidwell 3. Totals 10 10-14 32. 3-point goals: Jerome 6 (Parker 5, Bos); Wood River 2 (Martinez, Wakefield). Total fouls: Jerome 15, Wood River 18. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

KIMBERLY 78, WENDELL 47

The Kimberly defense paved the way for a 78-47 victory over host Wendell. The Bulldog defense pressed the Trojans, forcing 32 turnovers.

"We need to learn to take care of the basketball," said Wendell coach Ryon Jarvis. "They put on a half-court press, and we did not handle it well. Kimberly is the complete package," added Jarvis.

Offensively, Duston Brown scored 14 points for the Bulldogs (8-2, 3-0 SCIC). Eric Marvin followed with 11, and A.J. Schroeder tallied 10.

Jordan Lancaster scored 14 points, assisted by John Campbell's 11 points for the Trojans.

Wendell (5-6, 1-2) travels to Declo on Saturday.

mberly 7 Wendell 47
by 27 11 16 24 – 78
1 10 11 8 18 – 47



Gooding's Brandon McBride, top, takes on Buhl's Tucker Beglan Tuesday in

Pacheco 12. Totals 25 3-10 54. 3-point goals: Community School 7 (Stephens 4, Davis, Vorsteveld); Murtaugh 1 (Perkins). Total fouls: Community School 9, Murtaugh 7. Fouled out: none.

SHOSHONE 45, SHO-BAN 42

With four seconds remaining, Ryan Sorter of Shoshone broke a 42-42 tie, scoring three points the old-fashioned way with a basket and a free throw as the Indians defeated Sho-Ban 45-42.

"Sho-Ban tied the score with less than a minute to go," said Shoshone coach Larry Messick. "Both teams had a shot to break the tie after that."

Nell Valencia scored a team-high 15 points for Shoshone. Magic Smith of Sho-Ban led all scorers with 17 points and Lonzo Colby added 14.

Shoshone (8-1, 1-0) travels to Hagerman on Thursday for a Snake River Conference South Division matchup.

Shoshone 45, Sho-Ban 42 Shoshone 56 13 18 - 42 Shoshone 8 12 10 15 - 45 SHO-BAN (42) Michale Galloway 2, Lonzo Colby 14, Taylon Eschief 4, Magic Smith 17, Joey Runninghorse 5, Totals 16-2 5-8 42.

SHOSHONE (45)
Justin Santana 6, Nell Valencia 15, Andrew Sorter 6, Sigi Juarez 4, Ryan Sorter 5, Josh Olsen 2, Edwin Pinon 7, Totals 18 5-9 45. Apoint goals: Sho-Ban 5 (Colby 3, Smith, Runninghorse); Shoshone 4 (Valencia 3, Pinon). Total fouls: Sho-Ban 15, Shoshone 10. Fouled out: none.

CENTURY 53, BURLEY 48

Bill Blauer dropped in a game-high 20 points, but the Burley Bobcats came up short on the scoreboard, losing to Century 53-48.

'We had a bad second quarter and too many turnovers," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "Blauer (Bill) stepped up and had a nice game for us."

Kyle Hepworth was also in double figures for Burley with 16 points.

Burley (4-7) hosts Jerome on Thursday.

Gentury 53, Burley 4810 20 9 14-53
14 10 8 10 - 48

CENTURY (53) Shelley 13, Ruffridge 1, Alley 7, Wall 13, Klauser 11, Campbell 6, Zellmer 24 9-18 53. BURLEY (53)

BURLEY (53)
Karch Hinckley 1, David Fillmore 2, Jaram Jones 1,
A.J. Hunter 3, Kyle Hepworth 16, Kace Redder 3, Bill
Blauer 20, Ryan Larsen 2. Totals 18 8-16 48.
3-point goals: Century 4 (Shelley 2, Alley, Klauser);
Burley 4 (Hepworth 2, Hunter, Redder), Total fouls:
Century 16, Burley 19. Fouled out: Century, Wall.
Technical fouls: none.

CAREY 56, MACKAY 45

In a physical contest, Carey Panthers topped Mackay 56-

"It was a physical, hardfought game on both parts, which will help us down the stretch," said Carey coach Dick Simpson.

Trevor Peck led Carey with 19 points and Brett Adamson added 15.

Carev (8-3, 4-2 Northside Conference) is at Bliss on Thursday.

Carey 56, Mackay 45 14 9 10 12 - 45 11 21 8 16 - 56 MACKAY (45) Hogland 4, Karr 2, Smyer 6, Donnot 16, Krosch 17.

Totals 19 6-19 45.

CAREY (56)

Dillon Simpson 4, Brett Adamson 15, Trevor Peck 19, Jacey Baird 9, Heith Adamson 9. Totals 21 9-16 56.

3-point goals: Mackey 1 (Krosch; Carey 5 (Peck 3, Simpson, H. Adamson). Total fouls: Mackey 17, Carey 17. Fouled out: Carey, Barg. Mackay, Coates. Technical fouls: none.

Girls basketball RAFT RIVER 67, OAKLEY 45

Double-doubles from Sally Hansen and Whitney Holtman helped Raft River rout rival Oakley 67-45 Tuesday night in Malta. The host Trojans got 19 points and 12 rebounds from Hansen and 20 points and 11 boards from Holtman, who scored 18 before halftime.

Marli Manning added 11 for Raft River (10-3), which jumped to a 24-10 lead after one period.

Oakley was led by Sabrina Wybenga's 12 points. Kori Poulton added nine.

Raft River is home tonight for a game with Class 2A Valley. Oakley hosts Castleford on Friday.

Oakley

10 16 11 8 - 45

10 16 11 8 - 45

24 14 19 9 - 67

OAKLEY (45)

Saless Terry 8, Kaylani Setoki 6, Jennifer Tellez 2, Jordan Leirman 6, Whitney Smith 2, Sabrina Wybenga 12, Kori Poulton 9. Totals 20 5-7 45.

RAFT RIVER (87)

Kassie Ottley 3, Hailey Higley 6, Sally Hansen 19, CeAnn Carpenter 3, Whitney Holtman 20, Marli Manning 11, Samantha Ward 1, Chelzee Nye 4. Totals 23 17-27 67.

3-point goals: Raft River 4 (Manning 3, Carpenter). Total fouls: Oakley 18, Raft River 13.

RICHFIELD 61, CAMAS COUNTY 31

Michelle Kent scored 17 points and Teenie Kent added 12 as the Richfield Tigers rolled past Camas County 61-31 in Fairfield on Tuesday night.

Sasha Kent added 10 for the No. 1-ranked Tigers (16-0, 9-0 Northside Conference), while the Mushers (7-5, 4-4) were led by 14 from Katelyn Peterson. Erica Phantharasen added 11.

Camas County hosts Twin Falls Christian on Thursday.

Richfield 61, Camas County 31.
Richfield 19 15 13 14 - 61.
Camas County 4 4 16 7 - 31
Michelle Kent 17, Teenie Kent 12, Sasha Kent 10,
Kaylee Exon 9, Mirian Rivas 8, Lea Piper 4, Heidi
Buckner 1. Totals 24 9-18 61.
CAMAS COUNTY (31)
Katelyn Peterson 14, Erica Phantharasen 11, Mollie
Mol an 2. Teesa Rumsey 2, Sunnie Vouch 2, Totals

McLam 2, Tessa Rumsey 2, Sunnie Vouch 2. Totals 11 5-9 31. 31. 3-9 31. 3-point goals: Richfield 2 (M. Kent, S. Kent); Camas County 4 (Phantharasen 3, Peterson). Total fouls: Richfield 7, Camas County 16. Fouled out: Camas County, Phantharasen. Technical fouls: none.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 42, TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN 27

Sarah Hilbert scored 12 points and Ashley Hinton added 11 as Lighthouse Christian knocked off Twin Falls Christian 42-27 on Tuesday.

Amanda Miller scored 12 points to lead the Warriors.

Lighthouse Christian 42, Twin Falls Christian 27
Lighthone Christian 15 8 15 6 - 42
Twin Falls Christian 15 8 13 - 27
LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (42)

Rachel Wendland 7, Kyanna Jones 3, Alex Vierhoven 1, Josena van Vliet 4, Alyssa Schrey 4, Ashley Hinton 11, Sarah Hilbert 12. Totals 17 8-13 42.

**WIN FALLS CHRISTIAN (27)

Shelby Mason 9, Amanda Miller 12, Cheyenne Mott 2, Jessica Irvin 4. Totals 11 5-10 27.

3-point goals: none. Total fouls: Lighthouse Christian 18, Twin Falls Christian 19, Fouled out: Twin Falls Christian, Julie Irvin. Technical fouls: none.

CAREY 47, MACKAY 37

Junior guard Jessica Parke had 18 points and Chelsev Hunt followed with 11 to lead the Carey Panthers over the visiting Mackay Miners 47-

"It was good to play a physical team like Mackay," said Carey coach Lane Durtschi. "Chelsey (Hunt) played a great game. She had several steals and shot the ball real well. In the second quarter, Jessica (Parke) stepped up and the rest of the team followed. We're still not playing as well as we should be but we are improving."

Aubrey Nelson led Mackey with nine points.

Carey (7-5, 3-2 Northside Conference) is at Bliss on Thursday.

Carey 6 1.7 12 1.1 - 47

MACKAY (3.7)

Jordan Rosenkrance 5, Aubrey Nelson 9, Brook
Nielsen 6, Kashia Whitworth 6, Madison McKelvey 8,
Kayla Mulick 3. Totals 10 14-26 37.

CAREY (4.7)

Chelsey Hunt 11, Kelsey Green 4, Jessica Parke 18,
Amy Ellsworth 4, Shelby Hansen 7, Kayla Bailey 3.
Totals 14 14-33 47.

3-point goals: Mackay 3 (A, Nelson, A, Whitworth 2):

lotais 14 14-35 41.
3-point goals: Mackay 3 (A. Nelson, A. Whitworth 2);
Carey 5 (Hunt 3, Green, Parke). Total fouls: Mackay
24, Carey 23, Fouled out: Mackay, B. Nielsen; Carey,

DIETRICH 58, **MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 14**

Shayla Porter's 16 points led Dietrich in a 58-14 victory over Magic Valley Christian, in Jerome on Tuesday.

In all, Dietrich had four players score with double digits. Freshman point guard Ellie Dalton scored 11, and Moriah Dill and Dayna Phillips each scored 10 for the Blue Devils.

Kristina Reitsma led Magic Valley Christian with six points. Dietrich (9-3, 5-1) will host

Bliss on Friday.

Dietrich 58, Magic Valley Christian 14
Dietrich 15 19 177 – 58
Hage Valley Christian 14 3 6 – 14
DIETRICH (58)
Ellie Dalton 11, Nakia Norman 5, Jesse Dill 6, Moriah
Dill 10, Shayla Porter 16, Dayna Phillips 10. Totals:
22 12-23 58.
MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN (14)
Kale Reitsma 2. Michelle Koostra 3, Cassie Bishoff 2,

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN (14)
Kale Reitsma 2, Michelle Koostra 3, Cassie Bishoff 2,
Kathy Hess 1, Kristina Reitsma 6, Totasie 3, 28 14.
3-point goals: Dietrich 2 (Dalton, Norman). Total fouls:
Dietrich 8, Magic Valley Christian 14, Fouled out:
Magic Valley Christian: Kristina Reitsma. Technical

VALLEY 44, DECLO 41

Alyssa Henry's clutch 3pointer with two seconds remaining capped a 44-41 Valley conquest over Declo, in Hazelton.

Henry finished with 18 points (14 in the second half), including her last second bank shot from the top of the key. Until the last few minutes of excitement in the second half, Valley coach Brian Hardy said the game was "of a slower pace." Sarah Silcock nearly put

up half of the Hornets' points, finishing with 20 in the loss. Sydney Christensen added 10 points.

Valley (13-3, 2-0 Canyon Conference) travels to Raft River tonight.

Valley 44, Declo 41
46 18 16 - 44
8 9 14 13 - 44
Alli Webb 2, Sydney Christensen 10, Carson 2, Sarah Silcock 20, Catherine Blakesiee 5, Emily Moore 2. Totals: 16 9-16 41.

Valley (44)
Katie Hall 3, Dacia Hunter 4, Camelle Sizemore 8, Alyssa Henry 18, Ashley Krauss 9, Jamie Wood 2. Totals: 13 16-27 44.

Appint goals: Valley 2 (Henry 2). Total fouls: Declo 17, 3-point goals: Valley 2 (Henry 2). Total fouls: Declo 17, 3-point goals: Valley 2 (Henry 2). Total fouls: Declo 17, Valley 17. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None.

CASTLEFORD 50, HANSEN 41

The Castleford defense stepped up in the fourth quarter, ensuring a 50-41 win over Hansen, in Castleford. Hansen was only down two points at the end of the third quarter, before the defensive lockdown.

'The defense got it done for us again. They stepped up and hit their free throws in the fourth quarter," said Castleford coach Roger Wells. But all was not satisfactory for Wells, as the Wolves put the Huskies on the foul line 21 times.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Wiggins' combined for 25 points for the Wolves. Rikki Wiggins with 13 points, and Callie Wiggins with 12.

Nadine Giardina kept the Huskies in the game, posting 17 points. Shelbie Hancock notched 11 in the loss. Castleford (6-7, 3-2) trav-

els to Oakley on Friday.

Castleford 50, Hansen 41 Hansen 89 15 8-41 Castleford 12 15 8 15-50 HANGEN (40) Marlen Murillo 3, Nadine Giardina 17, Dori Lockwood 3, Shawnie Higgins 7, Shelbie Hancock 11. Totals: 13 11-21 41.

CASTLEFORD (50)
Rikki Wiggins 13, Amanda Elsner 3, Gabrielle
Machado 2, Belinda Kinyon 4, Callie Wiggins 12,
Courtney Alired 6, Maricella Rodriguez 4, Allison Rodgers 6. Totals: 20 10-16 50.

Wrestling

BUHL SWEEPS TRI-MATCH AT GOODING

The Buhl wrestling team earned wins over Gooding (46-30) and Valley (46-36) in a wrestling tri-match Tuesday in Gooding. Cade Baugh picked up two wins by pinfall for the Indians.

The Class 2A Vikings also earned a win, edging the host Senators 47-42. Valley's Zach Rarick had two pins at 285 pounds.

Despite coming away without a team win on the day, Gooding head coach Clay Robinson was upbeat.

"I am very pleased with our young kids," he said. "They are stepping up and putting the work in and it is starting to show on the mat. The team has made huge improvements from the beginning of the season."

Gooding was led by two pins from Derek Christiansen.

Valley 47, Goading 42

103 pounds: Casey Ivey, Valley, pinned Daniel Flick;
112: Parker Lamun, Valley, won by forfeit; 119:
Christian Fontaine, Gooding, pinned Caleb Gerrard;
125: Connor Beames, Valley, won by forfeit; 130:
Aaron Ruff, Valley, won by forfeit; 135: Derek Gerratt,
Valley, T-Fall Alex Bow; 140: Derek Christiansen,
Gooding, pinned, James Sizemore; 145: Brandon
McBride, Gooding, won by forfeit; 152: Justun Steel,
Gooding, pinned Skyler Kuntz; 160: Andrew Munsee,
Vallev, Dinned Michael Claiborn: 171: Chance Valley, pinned Michael Claiborn; 171: Chance Adamson, Gooding, won by forfeit; 189: Kyle Sanders, Gooding, won by forfeit; 215: double forfeit; 285: Zach Rarick, Valley, pinned Calvin Walgamott.

Buhl 46, Gooding 30

Buhl 46, Gooding 30
103 pounds: Ethan Compton, Buhl, pinned Daniel
Flick: 112: double forfeit; 119: Coty Thompson, Buhl,
pined Daniel Flick; 125: Gradon Gutierrez, Buhl, won
by forfeit; 130: Michael McDonald, Buhl, won by
forfeit; 135: Cade Baugh, Buhl, pinned Alex Bow; 140:
Derek Christiansen, Gooding, pinned Chris Newell;
145: Brandon McBride, Gooding, pinned Tucker
Beglan; 152: Chance Share, Buhl, dec. Justun Steel
145: 160: Michael Claiborn, Gooding, won by forfeit;
171: Blake Finney, Buhl, pinned Chance Adamson;
189: Kyle Sanders, Gooding, won by forfeit;
215:
Calvin Walgamott, Gooding, pinned Oren Carlton; Calvin Walgamott, Gooding, pinned Oren Carlton; 285: Nick Castillo, Buhl, won by forfeit.

Buh 46. Valley 36

103 pounds: Casey Ivey, Valley, pinned Ethan Compton; 112: Parker Lamun, Valley, won by forfeit; 119: Allen Compton, Buhl, pinned Caleb Gerrard; 125: Gradon Gutierrez, Buhl, pinned Connor Beames; 130: Michael McDonald, Buhl, dec. Aaron Raff 15-6; 135: Derek Gerratt, Valley, won by forfeit; 140: Cade Baugh, Buhl, pinned James Sizemore; 145: Tucker Beglan, Buhl, won by forfeit; 152: Chance Share, Buhl, pinned Skylar Kunz; 160: Andrew Munsee, Valley, won by forfeit; 171: Blake Finney, Buhl, won by forfeit; 189: Derek Murphy, Valley, won by forfeit; 215: Oren Carlton, Buhl, won by forfeit; 285: Zach Rarick, Valley, pinned Nick Castillo.

Late wrestling

RAFT RIVER/OAKLEY TAKES SECOND AT BEAR LAKE

The combination Raft River/Oakley wrestling squad took second-place last weekend at the Bear Lake Classic.

Twelve schools participated at the tournament and Raft River/Oakley placed a wrestler in the top eight in all but one weight class, earning 167 points to finish one spot behind Malad, which had 249.5 team points.

Caleb Greenwell of Raft River/Oakley beat Cole Weir of Highland for the 135championship. pound Stephan Ortiz lost his title match at 130 to Gene Bullcreek of Malad.

Third-place finishers from Raft River/Oakley were Elizar Tellez (145), Bradley Boden (152), Brian Babbitt (171), Braxton Sagers (215) and Jake Sagers (285).

Late Bowling WENDELL, BURLEY **GIRLS EARN WINS**

The Wendell varsity girls bowling team rolled its way to a 7-6 win over Minico on Monday. Ariel Bolish had a 148 to lead the way for Wendell, which dropped a match against Burley, losing 12-1. Burley's Molly Mills rolled a 173 for the high game of the day.

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(to the original charges).

The first game Miles will be eligible to play in is the Feb. 6 home game against Eastern Utah. Considered one of the top incoming freshman in the nation prior to the season, Miles could be a key addition for CSI down the stretch.

Casting problems: One week after having a cast removed from his fractured right wrist, freshman guard Carrick Felix received a new cast on the arm Tuesday. Felix said he reaggravated the injury and will be in the second cast at least three weeks. The latest news means the 6-5 guard from Avondale, Ariz., will likely receive a medical redshirt year. He started the first three games of the season, averaging 4.3 points and 2.5 rebounds, before falling hard on his wrist in the Nov. 8 win over Central Florida Community College.

Mike Christensen may be reached at 208-735-3239 or sports@magicvalley.com.

Team (1st pl.) 1. Chipola (Fla.) College (14) 2. Southeastern Illinois (2) 3. Indian Hills CC-Ottumwa Midland College Cowley County CC North Dakota State COS Southeastern CC Northwest Florida State Odessa College D. Paris JC L. Arkansas Fort-Smith 2. North Idaho College 8 11 6 10 7 9 16 13 15 12 17 14 22 20 19 24 North Idaho College South Plains College . Salt Lake CC . Collin County CC . Tyler JC . Eastern Utah r. Lastern Utah 3. Barton County CC 3. Miami Dade College 1. Arizona Western College 1. Wallace State CC-Hanceville 5. Southwest Tennessee CC 5. Southwestern Illinois College Coastal Georgia Others receiving votes: Chattanooga State Technical CC 8, Monroe College 7, Wabash Valley College 3, Western Oklahoma State College 3, McLennan CC 3, Cochise College 2, South Georgia Technical College 2, Jones County JC 1, Northeastern JC 1.

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"You can't learn to be 7-foot or you can't learn to have a great outside jump shot in one week, but you can sure toughen up," Graefe said. "We're not a physical ball club, especially with Shad out. But once we realized we weren't in a beauty contest and we were in a fistfight, I think we settled down and played. "We could have easily gotten blown out by

20 or 30 tonight, the way it started. But we

made some adjustments and competed. These kids stay around and keep fighting."

Minico hosts Pocatello in a nonconference matchup on Saturday.

TWIN FALLS (53)
Braden Box 3, Jake Hanchey 14, Jon Pulsifer 17, Marcus Jardine 5, Russell Crane 8, Brad Davis 6. Totals 20 9:12 53. o, brad Davis 6. Iotals 20 9-12 53.

MINICO (38)

Kalen Knopp 5, Mark Leon 10, Coltin Johnson 14, Casey Christiansen 3, Kevin Jurgensmeier 6, Totals 14 7-13 38.

3-point goals: Twin Falls 4 (Hanchey 2, Box, Pulsifer); Minico 3 (Leon, Johnson, Christiansen). Total fouls: Twin Falls 17, Minico 11. Fouled out: none.

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Stanford's head coach Jim Harbaugh says he's staying put

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Jim Harbaugh set the record straight Tuesday: He plans to stay put coaching at Stanford.

There has been speculation in recent weeks that Harbaugh might interview for NFL open-

ings in Detroit or Oakland and est in other coaching posithat he reportedly had met with the New York Jets last Thursday about their head coaching vacancy.

reports speculating my inter-

tions, I would like to unequivocally state that I am 100 percent committed to Stanford and I look forward to leading "In response to persistent this football program for years to come," Harbaugh said in a

statement released Stanford on Tuesday.

"Due to the complete physical and emotional investment that has been made by everyone associated with our program, I believe we are building Bowlsby has remained opti-

for the Pac-10 championship. I have no desire to coach anvwhere besides Stanford at this time."

Athletic director Bob

by a program that will contend mistic of completing — and soon announcing - a threeyear contract extension for the coach that has been done in principle since the Cardinal's season ended without a bowl appearance.

Beaver Mountain — Tue 5am

groomed 35 - 56 base 30 of 30

trails 100% open, 5 of 5 lifts,

Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Brighton — Tue 5:38am packed

powder machine groomed 67 -

67 base 66 of 66 trails, 100%

open 1050 acres, 6 of 6 lifts,

Deer Valley — Tue 5:34am

packed powder machine

Mon-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p; Sun:

groomed 67 - 67 base 97 of 99

trails 97% open, 22 of 22 lifts,

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packed powder machine

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Monday's Games

Milwaukee 97, Washington 91
Boston 115, Toronto 109, 0T
New Jersey 103, Oklahoma City 99, OT
New York 101, New Orleans 95
Portland 109, Chicago 95
Utah 120, Indiana 113

Tuesday's Games
Charlotte 80, Detroit 78
Miami 99, Minnesota 96

L.A. Lakers

Phoenix Golden State

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Miami 99, Minnesota 96 Cleveland 102, Memphis 87 L.A. Lakers 105, Houston 100 Denver 99, Dallas 97 Phoenix 107, Atlanta 102 Orlando at Sacramento, late Wednesday's Games

Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 5 p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Portland at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

NBA Boxes

CHARLOTTE (80)
G.Wallace 6-14 6-6 18, Diaw 2-8 3-4 7,
Okafor 6-11 1-4 13, Felton 9-15 3-3 23, Bell
3-9 0-0 6, Mohammed 0-6 1-2 1, Singletary
1-2 0-0 2, Carroll 1-3 0-0 2, Howard 4-6 0-0 8,
Morrison 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-75

Morrison 6-1 0-0 0. Iddas 32-15 14-19 80. **DETROIT (78)**Hamilton 4-12 1-2 10, Prince 4-12 2-2 11, R.Wallace 7-14 0-0 16, Stuckey 8-11 5-8 22, Iverson 5-12 3-4 13, Johnson 0-0 0-0, McDyess 1-4 0-0 2, Bynum 2-4 0-0 4, Affialo

25 16 21 18 - 80 27 21 20 10 - 78 Charlotte 25 16 21 18 — 80 Detroit 27 21 20 10 — 78 3-Point Goals—Charlotte 2-6 (Felton 2-3, G.Wallace 0-1, Bell 0-2), Detroit 5-15 (R.Wallace 2-5, Stuckey 1-1, Prince 1-2, Hamilton 1-3, Afflalo 0-2, Iverson 0-2). Foule Out—R. Wallace. Rebounds—Charlotte 48 (G.Wallace 10), Detroit 48 (Prince, McDyess 0), Assists—Charlotte 20 (Felton 9). Detroit 3 9). Assists—Charlotte 20 (Felton 9), Detroit 20 (Iverson, Prince, Stuckey 5). Total Fouls—Charlotte 19, Detroit 16. Technical— R.Wallace. A-22,076 (22,076).

Cavallers 102, Grizziles 87								
CLEVELAND (102)								
James 9-15 11-14 30, Wright 1-5 0-2 2,								
Varejao 3-7 1-4 7, M.Williams 6-11 1-2 16,								
West 7-9 2-2 19, Hickson 4-7 1-2 9, Gibson 3-								
4 2-2 11, Szczerbiak 2-7 0-0 5, Jackson 0-1 0-								
0 0, Pavlovic 1-1 0-0 3, Kinsey 0-0 0-0 0,								
J.Williams 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-68 18-28 102.								
MEMPHIS (87)								
Gay 5-18 0-1 10, Arthur 1-2 2-2 4, Gasol 2-4								
2-4 6, Lowry 5-11 15-16 25, Mayo 3-9 0-0 6,								
Warrick 7-11 2-6 16, Buckner 1-4 2-2 4,								
Conley 1-4 0-0 3, Jaric 0-0 0-0 0, Miles 4-6 5-								
7 13. Haddadi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-69 28-38								

Memphis 1-8 (Conley 1-2, Buckner 0-1, Mayo 0-1, Gay 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 46 (James 11), Memphis 46 (Gasol 11). Assists—Cleveland 19 (James 10), Memphis 10 (Lowry 7). Total Fouls—Cleveland 26. Memphis 21. Technicals—James, Vareiao. A-15,121 (18,119).

ATLANTA (102) AILANIA (302)
Williams 5-7 5-7 6, Smith 9-22 6-9 24,
Pachulia 5-9 0-0 10, Bibby 6-17 3-4 17,
Johnson 4-21 2-2 11, Jones 0-0 1-2 1, Evans
1-2 1-2 3, Murray 5-7 4-4 14, Law 2-4 0-0 4,
Morris 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 37-89 24-32 102. Hill 1-6 4-4 6, Stoudemire 7-11 3-3 17, O'Neal 10-17 6-11 26, Nash 7-13 5-5 23, Richardson

Suns 107, Hawks 102

3-10 0-0 7, Barnes 2-6 0-0 6, Barbosa 8-11 2-2 22, Amundson 0-0 0-0 0, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-74 20-25 107. 16 30 29 27 - 102 31 19 31 26 - 107

Phoenix 31 19 31 26 — 107
3-Point Goals—Atlanta 4-15 (Bibby 2-6,
Williams 1-1, Johnson 1-6, Smith 0-1, Evans
0-1), Phoenix 11-21 (Barbosa 4-5, Nash 4-7,
Barnes 2-3, Richardson 1-4, Hill 0-2). Fouled
0ut—Pachulia. Rebounds—Atlanta 52
(Williams 12), Phoenix 49 (O'Neal, Barnes
10). Assists—Atlanta 10 (Bibby, Johnson 3),
Phoenix 26 (Nash 6). Total Fouls—Atlanta 21,
Phoenix 23. Technicals—Williams, Atlanta
defensive three second 2, Phoenix defensive
three second. A—18.422 (18.422).

MIAMI (99)
Marion 5-9 6-6 16, Haslem 7-11 3-4 17,
Anthony 1-3 0-0 2, Chalmers 1-9 2-4 4, Wade
9-15 13-16 31, Magloire 0-0 0-0 0, Cook 0-3
0-0 0, Beasley 6-14 2-4 14, Jones 0-1 0-0 0,
Quinn 1-3 4-4 7, Diawara 3-4 0-0 8. Totals 33-72 30-38 99.
MINNEGOTA (96)

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Minnesota
3-Point Goals—Miami 3-12 (Diawara 2-3,
Quinn 1-2, Beasley 0-1, Wade 0-1, Cook 0-2,
Chalmers 0-3), Minnesota 11-27 (Foye 5-10,
Carney 3-6, Telfair 1-1, Cardinal 1-2, Miller 1-6, Gomes 0-1, Love 0-1), Fouled Out—None.
Rebounds—Miami 48 (Marion 11), Minnesota
47 (Jefferson 10). Assists—Miami 23 (Wade
3). Minnesota 18 (Fove 8). Total Fouls—Miami 8), Minnesota 18 (Foye 8). Total Fouls—Miami 14, Minnesota 24. A—10,856 (19,356). Lakers 105, Rockets 100

Lakers 105, Rockets 100

LA. LAKERS (105)
Radmanovic 5-6 0-0 12, Gasol 3-9 5-6 11,
Bynum 5-12 1-2 11, Fisher 3-6 2-2 8, Bryant
13-32 6-9 33, Odom 3-5 4-5 10, Ariza 6-7 0-0
14, Powell 3-4 0-0 6, Sun 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 4181 18-24 105.
HOUSTON (100)
Battler 1-4 0-0 3, Scola 3-4 0-0 6, Yao 9-18 1119, Alston 5-14 0-2 11, Wafer 10-14 0-0
23, Brooks 2-10 0-0 4, Hayes 0-0 0-0 0,
Landry 8-12 5-5 21, Barry 4-5 0-0 9,
Mutombo 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 44-83 6-8 100.
LA. Lakers
125 29 24 27 - 105
Houston
126 28 28 18 - 100
3-Point Goals—LA. Lakers 5-11 (Radmanovic
2-2, Ariza 2-3, Bryant 1-4, Fisher 0-2),
Houston 6-14 (Wafer 3-4, Barry 1-2, Alston 12, Battler 1-4, Brooks 0-2). Fouled Out-Mone.
Rebounds—LA. Lakers 40 (Bryant, Gasol 7),
Houston 47 (Yao 17), Assists—LA. Lakers 22
(Bryant, Gasol, Odom 4), Houston 25 (Alston 6). Total Fouls—LA. Lakers 14, Houston 23. Technicals—Bryant, Yao, Houston défensive three second. A—18,557 (18,043).

Nuggets 99, Mavericks 97

DALLAS (97)
Green 3-8 0-0 8, Nowitzki 15-26 12-12 44,
Dampier 3-5 0-1 6, Kidd 1-9 0-0 2, Wright 1-7
4-6 6, Terry 6-15 1-1 16, Barea 1-7 3-4 5,
George 0-0 0-0 0, Diop 0-1 0-0 0, Bass 5-7 00 10, Singleton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-85 20-24

97. **DENVER (99)**Jones 4-5 8-11 16, Martin 2-7 1-2 5, Nene 7-10 6-7 20, Billups 6-16 9-9 23, Smith 1-14 0-0 2, Carter 5-12 2-2 13, Andersen 7-8 0-2 15, Kleiza 1-6 3-5 5. Totals 33-78 29-38 99. **Dallas**26 21 25 25 97

32 27 18 21 99

Denver 33 27 18 21 — 99 3-Point Goals—Dallas 7-23 (Terry 3-5, Nowitzki 2-6, Green 2-6, Wright 0-3, Kidd 0-3), Denver 1-15 (Billups 2-4, Andersen 1-1, Carter 1-3, mith 0-3, Kleiza 0-4), Fouled Out—Martin. Rebounds—Dallas 53 (Nowitzki 14), Denver 55 (Andersen 10). Assists—Dallas 18 (Kidd 7), Denver 21 (Smith 7), Total Fouls—Dallas 25, Denver 21. Technical—Dallas defensive three second. A-14,158 (19,155).	
NBA Leaders	

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	G	FG FT	PTS	AVG
Wade, Mia. James, Clev. Bryant, LAL Granger, Ind. Nowitzki, Dall. Durant, OKC. Bosh, Tor. Harris, N.J. Carter, N.J. Carter, N.J. Carter, N.J. Jefferson, Minn. Roy, Port. Johnson, Atl. Stoudemire, Phc Anthony, Den. Gordon, Chi. Jamison, Wash. J. Terry, Dall. Paul, N.O. Duncan, S.A. West, N.O.	31 38 37 37 34 36 34	260 190 299 128 263 211 231 159 275 156 292 132 284 110 237 194	968 971 926 909 904 913 732 861 811 742 802 740 655 760 757 695	29.0 27.7 27.0 26.5 25.3 23.8 23.4 22.9 22.7 22.5 22.5 22.3 21.8 21.1 20.9 20.5 20.4 20.4 20.1
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The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN
Women's college basketball poll, with firstplace votes in parentheses, records through

GAME PLAN

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS **BASKETBALL**

6:30 p.m. Challis vs. Lighthouse Christian, at Jerome Middle School

7:30 p.m. Glenns Ferry at Valley Oakley at Hagerman Declo at American Falls **HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS**

7:30 p.m. Burley at Wood River Valley at Raft River Twin Falls at Skyline HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

BASKETBALL

6 p.m. Aberdeen, Gooding at Declo

Paul, N.O.

Williams, Utah Nash, Phoe.

Duhon, N.Y. B. Davis, LAC Rondo, Bos. Wade, Mia.

BYU 73, TCU 61

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381

273 306

Men's College Scores

N. Colorado 91, Sacramento St. 73

Midwest

N. Iowa 58, Evansville 47 Ohio St. 77, Indiana 53

Memphis 55, Tulsa 54

Florida St. 78, N.C. State 65

Florida St. 78, N.C. State 65 Kentucky 90, Tennessee 72 Old Dominion 73, Georgia St. 56 UAB 60, UCF 52 UNC Asheville 61, High Point 59 Midwest

Stony Brook 60, Dartmouth 52

Weber St. Portland St.

E. Washington

BYU

San Diego St. TCU

California UCLA Arizona St.

Stanford Oregon St.

Utah St. Boise St. Nevada

Hawaii San Jose St.

Midwest
Ball St. 60, N. Illinois 54
Bradley 63, Indiana St. 52
Buffalo 63, Akron 61
E. Michigan 84, Cent. Michigan 77, 20T
Kansas 87, Kansas St. 71
N. Iowa 58, Evansville 47
Ohio St. 77, Indiana 53
Enet

Men's Regional College Standings

W L Pct. W L Pct.

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2 0 1.000 14 2 .875
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W L Pct. W L Pct.

Ball St. 60, N. Illinois 54
Bradley 63, Indiana St. 52
Buffalo 63, Akron 61
E. Michigan 84, Cent. Michigan 77, 20T
Kansas 87, Kansas 81, 71

Southwest Houston Baptist 71, Utah Valley St. 64

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Jerome, Burley at Buhl

TV SCHEDULE

MEN'S COLLEGE **BASKETBALL** 5 p.m.

 Duke at Georgia Tech 5:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Syracuse at Georgetown

7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Baylor at Texas A&M NBA BASKETBALL 6:30 p.m.

FSN — Utah at Oklahoma City 7 p.m. ESPN — L.A. Lakers at San Antonio

	Jan. 12, total points based on 25 points
AVG 11.2	first-place vote through one point for a 2 place vote and previous ranking:
11.2	W-L Pts

	W-L	PM-	Pa
	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut (31)	15-0	775	1
2. North Carolina	16-0	744	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
3. Oklahoma	12-2	701	3
4. Notre Dame	14-1	656	4
Baylor	13-1	638	5
6. Texas A&M	13-1	600	6
7. Stanford	13-3	580	7
8. Auburn	17-0	559	8
9. California	13-2	517	9
10. Duke	14-1	516	10
11. Louisville	16-1	498	t12
12. Virginia	14-2	415	14
13. OhioSt.	14-2	378	17
14. KansasSt.	14-0	340	18
15. Tennessee	12-3	333	11 15
16. Maryland	13-3	326	15
17. Texas	12-3	292	t12 24
18. Vanderbilt	13-4	229	24
19. Florida	15-2	203	19
20. lowaSt.	13-2	180	t25
21. South Dakota St.	16-2	133	23 21
22. OklahomaSt.	11-3	95	21
23. Rutgers	8-5	75	16
25. Georgia Tech			
Others receiving votes:	Florida St	ate 43;	New
Mexico 32; Pittsburgh 3	31; Marist	27; De	Paul
Tennessee 6; Arkansas		K 4;	
24. Xavier 25. Georgia Tech Others receiving votes: Mexico 32; Pittsburgh 3 21; Wake Forest 13; Go Tennessee 6; Arkansas	31; Marist onzaga 6; -Little Roc	27; De Middle	22 New Paul

BETTING **Glantz-Culver Line**

Syracuse 3; Purdue 2; Arizona State 1; Houston 1; North Carolina A&T 1; Richmond

FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG Philadelphia 3 $3\frac{1}{2}$ $(47\frac{1}{2})$ at Arizona at Pittsburgh $4\frac{1}{2}$ 6 (34) Baltimore

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 10
Baltimore 13, Tennessee 10
Arizona 33, Carolina 13
Sunday, Jan. 11
Philadelphia 23, N.Y. Giants 11
Pittsburgh 35, San Diego 24
Conference Champlonships
Sunday, Jan. 18
NFC
Philadelphia at Arizona (FOX). 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Arizona (FOX), 1 p.m. AFC
Baltimore at Pittsburgh (CBS), 4:30 p.m.
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
Tampa, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 4 p.m. (NBC)

AFC vs. NFC, 4 p.m. (NBC)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 8 AFC vs. NFC, 2:30 p.m. (NBC)

HOCKEY **ATLANTIC** W LOT PTS GF GA 26 15 4 56 120 23 11 9 55 142 24 15 3 51 127 21 19 4 46 134 12 27 4 28 110 N.Y. Rangers Philadelphia New Jersey Pittsburgh W LOT PTS GF

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Monday's Games Dallas 5, Detroit 4, OT

Los Angeles

Dallas 5, Detroit 4, Of Tampa Bay 3, Los Angeles 1 Tuesday's Games Boston 3, Montreal 1 Edmonton 5, Washington 2 Columbus 4, Colorado 3 N.Y. Rangers 2, N.Y. Islanders 1 Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2 Ottawa 5, Carollina 1 Nashville 2, Toronto 0 Minnesota 6, Phoenix 3 Minnesota 6, Phoenix 3 Calgary 3, St. Louis 1 New Jersey at Vancouver, late Tampa Bay at San Jose, late Wednesday's Games

Wednesday's Games
Ottawa at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 5:30 p.m.
Nashville at Montreal, 5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 5:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 6:30 p.m. Buffalo at Dallas, 6:30 p.m. Colorado at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m. Phoenix at Vancouver, 8 p.m. Calgary at San Jose, 8:30 p.m. Detroit at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m

TENNIS ATP World Tour-WTA Tour Medibank International

At Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre Sydney, Australia Purse: Men, \$460,000 (WT250) Wome \$600,000 (Premier) Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Men First Round
Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Mardy Fish (8), U.S., 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. Chris Guccione, Australia, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4. Jerremy Chardy, France, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 3-0, retired. Richard Gasquet, France, def. Dmitry

Richard Gasquet, France, def. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 7-6 (4), 6-4. Tursunov, Russia, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Women
Second Round
Agnieszka Radwanska (6), Poland, def.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia,, 6-3, 7-5.
Elena Dementieva (3), Russia, def. Jarmila
Gajdosova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4.
Caroline Wozniacki (8), Denmark, def.
Melanie South, Britain, 6-2, 6-0.
Al Suglyama, Japan, def. Anabel Medina
Garrigues, Spain, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Serena Williams (1), U.S., def. Sara Errani,

Serena Williams (1), U.S., def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-1, 6-2.
Dinara Safina (2), Russia, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 6-3, 6-0.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (5), Russia, def. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (3).
Alize Cornet, France, def. Alisa Kleybanova,

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALI
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with
RHP Koji Uehara on a two-year contract and
RHP Chris Ray on a one-year contract.
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP
John Smoltz on a one-year contract.
Designated RHP David Pauley for assignment.

ment.

<u>DETROIT TIGERS</u>—Agreed to terms with LHP Fu-Te Ni. TAMPA BAY RAYS—Named Todd Greene quali-

ATLANTA BAY INCOME.

National League

ATLANTA BEA-Agreed to terms with RHP
Kenshin Kawakami on a three-year contract.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with OF Jay Gibbons, OF Michael Ryan, INF Andy Gonzalez, INF John Lindsey, RHP Brian Sanches, RHP Michael Wood, LHP Willie

Sanches, RHP Michael Wood, LHP Willie Collazo and LHP John Koronka on minor league contracts. HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Russ Ortiz on a minor league contract. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Trevor Hoffman to a one-year contract. PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with OF Craig Monroe and C Miguel Perez on minor league contracts. minor league contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Prior and INF Chris Burke on minor league contracts.

FOOTBALL National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Placed TE Stephen Spach on injured reserve. Re-signed TE Jerame Tuman.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Promoted Les Snead to director of player personnel. CHICAGO BEARS—Named Jon Hoke defensive backs coach.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Promoted Frank Bush to

defensive coordinator. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Scott Pioli general manager. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Fired secondary coach Bill Bradley and tight ends coach Clancy Barone. Announced the contracts of offensive line coach Jack Henry and assistant

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Named Robert Prince wide receivers coach. Announced assistant offensive line coach Mike DeBord has moved to tight ends coach.

SKI REPORT

Idaho

Bogus Basin — Tue 6 55am mclear 33 degrees hard packed machine groomed 45 - 50 base 50 of 66 trails, 27 miles 2400 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, 90% open, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat/Sun: 9a-

Brundage — Tue 4 48am psuny 28 degrees packed powder machine groomed 54 - 67 base acres 4 of 5 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p;

Kelly Canyon — Fri 5am packed powder machine groomed 26 -41 base 22 of 26 trails, 4 of 5 lifts 85% open. Tue-Thu: 12:30p-4:30p, 5p-9:30p; Fri: 9:30a-4:30p, 5p-9:30p; Sat: 9 30a-4:30p, 5p-9:30p; Sun:

9:30a-4:30p; open Tue-Sun; Lookout Pass — Sun 7am flurr 28 degrees packed powder machine groomed 64 - 89 base 34 of 34 trail , 4 of 4 lifts, 100% open, Mon, Thu/Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p open Thu-Mon:

Magic Mountain — Fri Open Thu-Sun 5am powder machine groomed 53 - 63 base 14 of 14 trail, 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open, Thu/Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; open Thu-Sun; **Pebble Creek** — Tue 5:24am

der machine groomed 68 - 88 100% open, Mon: 9a-4p; Tue-Soldier Mountain — Sun Open

Thu-Sun 9 11am hard packed 36 - 48 base 36 of 36 trails, 1147 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open Thu/Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; open Thu-Sun; **Sun Valley** — Tue 5 05am sunny

machine groomed 35 - 49 base 75 of 75 trails, 18 of 18 lifts 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p: Tamarack — Tue 6 16am clear

31 degrees packed powder 42 of 42 trails, 7 of 7 lifts 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Alta — Tue 5:32am packed pow der machine groomed 90 - 90

9:15a-4:30p:

9a-4p;

46 of 46 trails, 25 miles, 1500

packed powder machine groomed 10 - 48 base 3 of 3 lifts, 95% open Mon-Thu: 9:30a-4p; Fri: 9:30a-9:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-9:30p; **Pomerelle** — Tue 8 32am

mclear 30 degrees packed powbase 24 of 24 trails, 3 of 3 lifts Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-

19 degrees packed powder

machine groomed 29 - 69 base

base 110 of 112 trails, 95% open 2000 acres, 7 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:15a-4:30p: Sat/Sun:

Sat/Sun: 9a-4p:

Canadian Football League HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Named Greg Marshall defensive coordinator and assistant

head coach. TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Re-signed CB Jordan Younger.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Announced the

National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled D Zach
Bogosian from Chicago (AHL). Recalled RW
Junior Lessard from Chicago and traded him
to the N.Y. Islanders for D Brett Skinner.
Assigned Skinner to Chicago.
MINNESOTA WILD—Activated D Marc-Andre
Bergeron from injured reserve. Assigned D
John Scott to Houston (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Assigned RW Junior
Lessard to Bridgeport (AHL). Placed C Doug
Weight on liqured reserve, retroactive to Jan.
3. Activated C Frans Nielsen and C Nate
Thompson from injured reserve. Recalled G 3. Activated C Frans Nielsen and C Nate Thompson from injured reserve. Recalled G Yann Danis from Bridgeport. PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned C Garth Murray to San Antonio (AHL). PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled RW Paul Bissonnette from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

(AHL). TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Kevin Quick from Norfolk (AHL). TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Called up F Jiri

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED—Resigned D Bryan Namoff.
LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Traded the rights to D
Ty Harden to Colorado for a 2009 third-round
draft pick.

NEW YORK RED BULLS—Traded MF Dave van

Macoumba Kandji.

WRESTLING USA WRESTLING—Named Brandon Slay assis tant national freestyle coach and national

freestyle resident co

football coach. ELON—Promoted offensive line coach Rich

quarterracks coach, and Netth Galtner wide receivers coach.
GEORGIA—Announced CB Asher Allen is entering the NFL draft.
LOUISIANA TECH—Suspended junior men's basketball F Kenny Cooper for the rest of the season.

Tech. NYU—Named Ed Caesar interim men's and women's golf coach and Leeor Alon men's

assistant volleyball coach. PEACE—Named Jerry Nuesell cross country coach.
PENN STATE—Announced DE Aaron Maybin is

Hall of Fame Racing merges with Yates Racing to stave off collapse

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Hall of Fame Racing became the latest NASCAR team to use a merger to stave off collapse, aligning Tuesday with Yates Racing to keep its operation running into the new season.

The team quickly signed former Cup Series

champion Bobby Labonte to drive the No. 96

Ford, which will operate out of Yates' shop, and secured primary sponsorship from search engine Ask.com. Ask also signed on as "the official search engine of NASCAR," in two separate deals that bring new money into NASCAR at a time most of the industry is scouring the crumbling economic market for funding. Ask is also exploring

marketing, at-track displays and media oppor-

tunities with various track operators. "My feeling was, there's no better time to come in than now because there's less clutter," said Ask CEO Jim Safka. "In our research, NASCAR fans really understand and support the sponsors. As others are pulling out, my hope is it gives Ask.com a better chance to earn their respect and their business.

"When other people are batten down the hatches, I think it's a good opportunity to step on the gas pedal."

Ask's sponsorship of the No. 96 is for the first 18 races of the season, which begins with next month's Daytona 500, with an option to buy more as the year goes on.

Tom Garfinkel, co-owner of Hall of Fame Racing, said Ask's management team has proposed various new marketing ideas that will be new to NASCAR.

Meanwhile, the sponsorship and signing of Labonte saved the race team that was founded by former Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Roger Staubach.

"With our new Yates partnership and having a true champion and class person in Bobby Laborate behind the wheel, we're expecting great things on the race track," said Garfinkel.

Court case puts Castroneves out of driver's seat

INDIANAPOLIS — Helio Castroneves is being replaced on Team Penske by Australian driver Will Power — at least until the two-time Indianapolis 500 winner's tax evasion trial is resolved.

Castroneves, who has pleaded innocent to charges of conspiracy and tax evasion involving about \$5.5 million in income stashed in offshore accounts, is scheduled to go to trial in Miami on March 2, just over a month before the IndyCar season begins.

"No question, it's a little bit strange to be in this situation," Castroneves said Tuesday at a news conference at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to announce Penske's hiring of Power.

Sports Shorts T.F. Youth Baseball holds sign-ups

Note: Send Magic Valley briefs to sports@magicvalley.com

Castroneves said he was innocent of the charges but would not say anything else about the case.

"My life is about racing," he said. "I feel very confident this thing is going to be over and I'll be back in the race car doing what I love most."

MAGIC VALLEY **Hole-in-one carded in Kimberly**

KIMBERLY — Glen Hays aced the No. 2 with an 8-iron on Jan. 6 at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Kimberly. The shot was witnessed by Wayne Dean and Clint Parks.

North West Triple B Baseball League looking for players

TWIN FALLS — The North West Triple B Baseball League is looking for managers and players and will hold a meeting Monday, Jan. 26, at CSI. The league is for any players 18 or older. Information: Carlos at 212-4044.

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth

Baseball will hold sign-ups for Cal Ripken Baseball, Babe Ruth Softball and Babe Ruth Baseball from 6-8 p.m., Thursday nd Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Blue Recreation Building at Harmon Park.

The cost for Cal Ripken and 12U and 10U Babe Ruth Softball is \$50. The fee for Babe Ruth Baseball (ages 13-15) and 14U Babe Ruth Softball is \$65. Fundraiser participation is required for all leagues. Registration forms are available at tfbaseball.com.

Players must provide a copy of their birth certificate to register. Softball players must be between ages 8-14 as of Dec. 31, 2008, while baseball players should be ages 8-15 by April 30. Information: Bill Merritt at 280-0802.

Idaho Prep Basketball holds tourney

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Prep Basketball will hold youth tournaments Jan. 17 and Feb. 14 for boys and girls in grades 4-8 from Twin Falls and Buhl.

Information: Call (360) 885-7810 or visit http://www.idahoprepbasketball.com for more information.

— Staff and wire reports

8:30a-4:15p; **Park City** — Tue 5:19am packed powder machine groomed 58 -58 base 107 of 107 trails 100% open, 15 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-7:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-7:30p; Powder Mountain — Tue 5am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 61 base 124 of 124 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-10p: Sat/Sun:

9a-10p; Snowbasin — Tue 5:49am packed powder machine groomed 24 - 66 base 113 of 113 trails 100% open, 28 miles, 3200 acres, 7 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun

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COLLEGE

AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION—Elected Vanderbilt's Bobby Johnson and
Buffalo's Turner Gill to the board of trustees.
BALL STATE—Announced QB Nate Davis is
entering the NFL draft.
BOISE STATE—Announced WR Jeremy Childs
is entering the NFL draft.
BOSTON COLLEGE—Named Frank Spaziani
football coach.

Skrosky to offensive coordinator. Named Scott Sallach pass game coordinator and quarterbacks coach, and Keith Gaither wide

season.
NEW MEXICO STATE—Announced QB J.J.
McDermott is transferring to SMU and WR
LaVorick Williams is transferring to Texas

entering the NFL draft. PFEIFFER—Named Peter Milliman men's lacrosse coach.

Bryant shoots Lakers to win

HOUSTON — Kobe Bryant sank a 3-pointer with 27 seconds left and scored 33 points, and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the undermanned Houston Rockets 105-100 on Tuesday night.

Bryant scored 13 points in the fourth quarter, finally getting the better of Houston's Von Wafer, who scored a career-high 23 points in place of the injured Tracy McGrady.

Carl Landry had a seasonhigh 21 points and eight rebounds for the Rockets, who also played without Ron Artest.

McGrady is out at least two weeks to fully recuperate from a sore left knee that's bothered him for months. Artest has missed five of the last six games with a sprained right ankle. An MRI exam also showed a bone bruise that the Rockets say will keep him out seven to 10 more days.

NUGGETS 99, MAVERICKS 97

DENVER — Chauncey Billups made two free throws with 2.2 seconds left, and the Denver Nuggets overcame 44 points from Dirk Nowitzki to beat the Dallas Mavericks 99-97 on Tuesday night.

Billups scored 23 points and Nene had 20 to lead a balanced attack that helped Denver recover after blowing a 17-point lead.

Jason Terry had 16 points for the Mavericks, who have lost three straight.

SUNS 107, HAWKS 102 PHOENIX — Shaquille O'Neal had 26 points and 10 rebounds, and the Phoenix Suns won their third straight Tuesday night with a 107-102 victory over the Atlanta Hawks, who lost their fourth in a row.

In winning for the sixth time in seven games, the Suns (22-13) improved to nine games over .500 for the first time this season.

After a tight fourth quarter, O'Neal put the Suns ahead for good, 99-98, with a foul shot with 1:49 remaining. Steve Nash followed with a Amare and iumper Stoudemire made a jump hook, giving the Suns a 103-98 advantage.

Nash finished with 23 points and six assists, Leandro Barbosa scored 22 points and Stoudemire had 17 for the Suns. Matt Barnes added 10 rebounds.



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant pumps his fist during the final seconds of an NBA basketball game against the Houston Rockets on Tuesday in Houston. The Lakers won 105-100.

CAVALIERS 102, GRIZZLIES 87

MEMPHIS, Tenn. LeBron James had 30 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for his second tripledouble of the season, leading Cleveland to the victory.

James scored only nine points in the opening half, then had 17 in the third quarter and completed his triple-double with behind-the-back pass to J.J. Hickson for a layup in the fourth.

Delonte West added 19 points and Mo Williams 16 for the Cavs.

Kyle Lowry led the Grizzlies with a career-high 25 points, including 15 from the free-throw line, and reserve Hakim Warrick had 16 points and seven rebounds. The Grizzlies also got 13 points in 13 minutes from Darius Miles.

HEAT 99, WOLVES 96

MINNEAPOLIS Dwyane Wade had 31 points and eight assists for Miami, and Shawn Marion hit the go-ahead free throws with 22 seconds left.

Randy Foye scored 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to get the Timberwolves their sixth straight victory.

Foye had a shot to take the lead after Marion's free throws, but Wade swatted the layup attempt away and Rodney Carney rushed a 3pointer that was off the mark.

Wade missed the back end of his two free throws, but rookie Michael Beasley got the rebound and made one of two foul shots.

Foye's desperation 3pointer just before the buzzer was off the mark, and

the Wolves lost for the first time in 2009.

Marion finished with 16 points and 11 boards.

BOBCATS 80, PISTONS 78

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Raymond Felton's jumper with 0.7 seconds left gave Charlotte the victory.

The Bobcats scored the game's final nine points, including seven from Felton, to win their second straight.

Richard Hamilton returned after missing eight games with a groin strain, meaning the Pistons went back to a three-guard lineup despite going 6-2 without Hamilton.

Felton led the Bobcats with 23 points. Gerald Wallace added 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Rodney Stuckey scored 22 points for Detroit.

— The Associated Press

Cummard, BYU rip visiting TCU

PROVO, Utah — Lee Cummard had 22 points and seven rebounds to lead BYU over TCU 73-61 on Tuesday

night. The Cougars (14-2, 2-0 Mountain West) led by as much as 24 and never let TCU (11-6, 2-1) get any closer than 12 in the second half.

Jonathan Tavernari had 14 points and Jimmer Fredette finished with 11 points and six assists for the Cougars, who won their third straight. Jackson Emery scored 11 for

The Horned Frogs had won four straight, but had a dismal game at the foul line. TCU made 11 of 21 foul shots and never recovered after shooting 31 percent from the field in the first half.

Kevin Langford led TCU with 14 points. Zvonko Buljan had 10 points and 12 rebounds and Edvinas Ruzgas scored 10 for TCU.

KENTUCKY 90, NO. 24 TENNESSEE 72

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jodie Meeks scored a school-record 54 points to help Kentucky cruise to a 90-72 win over No. 24 Tennessee on Tuesday night.

Meeks, who broke Dan Issel's 39-year-old record of 53 points set at Mississippi, was mobbed by his Kentucky teammates in the middle of the Thompson-Boling Arena court, where the Wildcats (13-4, 2-0 SEC) handed the Volunteers their third loss



Brigham Young's Lee Cummard throws a pass to a teammate over TCU's Edvinas Ruzgas (13) Tuesday in Provo, Utah.

The Southeastern Conference's leading scorer sur-

in January.

passed his previous high of 46 points, which he set Dec. 20 against Appalachian State,

with 4:50 left as he hit an open 3, one of 10 3-pointers he would make for the night. He set the record on free throws with 1:31 left.

Down by 6 at the half, Tennessee (10-5, 1-1) cut Kentucky's lead to 43-41 on a fastbreak basket by Wayne Chism a minute and a half into the second half.

But the Vols' spotty defense couldn't contain Meeks, who hit a layup and two 3-pointers to help the Wildcats on a 10-0 run that gave them a 53-41 lead. Even contested shots sank perfectly through the

MEMPHIS 55, TULSA 54

TULSA, Okla. — Antonio Anderson's driving basket at the buzzer lifted Memphis to a 55-54 victory over Tulsa Tuesday night.

Memphis coach John Calipari set up the play after Tulsa's Ben Uzoh hit two free throws to give the Golden Hurricane their first lead of the game with 4.5 seconds to

The play called for all the Memphis players to go the left side of the court except for Anderson, who caught the inbounds pass near midcourt on the right and drove to the basket where he lofted in a double-clutch layup over Tulsa's 7-foot center, Jerome Jordan.

Tyreke Evans led the Tigers (13-3, 3-0 Conference USA), with 23 points.

- The Associated Press

NCAA, colleges looking for ways to pinch pennies

When members of the NCAA selection committee are setting up those brackets for the men's basketball tournament, they'll be able to plug in a school's name and first-round site into a software program and get a quick idea as to how much it will cost for the school to make the trip.

If a school in the NCAA baseball tournament find itself 375 miles away from its regional site, it can take the bus instead of fly.

And, for those athletes who fly to an NCAA championship event, forget about taking as many bags as you want. The limit is now two.

The San Jose State football coach says he'll avoid hotels when possible on recruiting trips. The athletics director at George Washington is wondering whether it's time to turn out the gym lights earlier each night to save on electricity and heating bills.

Like the rest of the country, college sports is in economic meltdown mode, and not even a grand locale for the NCAA's annual convention — along the Potomac River just south of Washington, D.C. — can mask the belt-tightening that is under way.

"It's going to affect travel," George Washington AD Jack Kvancz said. "It's going to affect lodging. It's going to affect all those things that you would obviously think it's going to effect. You're going to see schedules affected."

A good robust debate about the BCS usually steals the show at any NCAA event this time of year, but the economic hard times have officials focused on other matters. Penny-pinching schools arriving for the first full day of activities Wednesday will no doubt be interested in attending the seminar entitled "Athletics Travel in Today's Volatile Environment."

The NCAA, unlike some other major sports bodies, hasn't announced any layoffs itself — but the organization is finding other ways to trim the budget.

"Can meetings and the like be conducted by phone? By videoconference? By e-mail?" said Greg Shaheen, the NCAA's senior vice president for basketball and business strategies. "Whatever in a way to recognize that these dollars add up."

Several measures were implemented at the start of the 2008-09 academic year. The software program, now

OXON HILL, Md. (AP) — in use for all 88 NCAA championships, lets officials know the travel costs for any team assigned to

any part of a bracket. The program is unlikely to make much of a difference for the men's basketball tournament in March because the pod system introduced in 2002 essentially does the same thing. Also, as with all its championships, the NCAA insists it will not alter seeding or create an unfair bracket just to give a school a shorter trip.

"We are clear that we are not making any alterations to the bracketing principle," said Joni Comstock, the NCAA's senior vice president for championships.

A more tangible change has been in the fly-drive threshold. Division I schools can take the bus to NCAA championship events within 400 miles of campus, up from 350 miles, a policy switch that saved about 19 flights in the fall. Restricting athletes to two bags has already accounted for about \$1 million in savings, Comstock said.

Kvancz said his staff at George Washington has already held many meetings focused on cost-cutting ideas that could take effect for the 2009-10 school year. Preparing for the worst-case scenario means serious discussions on things such as gym-closing times on campus, but he predicts the biggest pinch nationwide will be felt by low-revenue sports.

"Your Olympic sports are going to have to take a hard look at what they're doing," Kvancz said. "We're have X amount of teams and they're going to play X amount of games and that's gong to cost X amount of dollars. ... If you have a conference with 16 teams in it, maybe you play 12 a year."

Other schools have taken more drastic measures. Last week, Division II Western Washington announced it was dropping football altogether.

Even big-time sports schools aren't immune. Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel said athletics director Gene Smith talked with the staff in December about upcoming cuts.

"We have to tighten our belts just like everyone else's in the midst of tightening theirs," Tressel said at the American Football Coaches Association in Nashville, Tenn.

San Jose State coach and new AFCA president Dick Tomey is already cutting

Braves

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than 3.88 and averaged more than 200 innings a season. Last year, the righthander was 14-11 with a

3.24 ERA in 211 innings. "Derek is a guy we would love to have," Wren said coyly. "We visited with him last week and would love to see that come true."

The Braves had hoped to re-sign Smoltz for a 22nd season in Atlanta, but he took a \$5 million, one-year deal from the Red Sox.

"It different, it's hard, but the game goes on," Cox said.

In an interesting twist, Smoltz was introduced in Boston on the same day the Braves wrapped up negotiations with Lowe and held a news conference of their own at Turner Field to announce the three-year contract with Kawakami.

The 33-year-old righthander becomes the first Japanese-born player in the franchise's history. He held up a picture he drew with the symbol for "soul" in his native language.

"My pitching style is all about putting my soul into my pitches," Kawakami said through a translator. "I hope to show that in America as well."

The 2004 Central League MVP won 112 games in 11 seasons in Japan and was regarded as one of the top free-agent pitchers from

Japan available this offseason. He was 9-5 for the Chunichi Dragons last vear. though he missed several weeks with a strained back.

The Braves were confident about his health after the 5-foot-10 right-hander passed a physical on Monday, and they spoke with numerous Japanese people in the community to make sure he would feel comfortable in his new home.

"One of the things we found at dinner last night was Kenshin speaks a little more English than we originally thought," Wren said.

Though many Atlanta fans were outraged over the loss of Smoltz, Wren and his staff moved quickly to shore up the beleaguered rotation.

The deals brightened what had been a disappointing offseason. The Braves failed to work out a trade for San Diego ace Jake Peavy and was rebuffed by free agents A.J. Burnett and Rafael Furcal. Injury plagued left-hander Mike Hampton also turned down a chance to return to the team, signing instead with Houston.

Then came the biggest blow of all: the loss of Smoltz, who had spent his entire big league career with the Braves but was coming off major shoulder surgery.



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Tomlin quickly puts stamp on Steelers

PITTSBURGH — The message is delivered differently, and with no spittle accompanying it. Mike Tomlin took over Bill Cowher's team two years ago next week, yet he never promised to be just like

He hasn't been, either, even if the results are strikingly similar. The Pittsburgh Steelers changed coaches for only the third time in 38 years when Tomlin replaced Cowher, but they didn't change the way they do busi-

As Tomlin related Tuesday, Steelers owner Dan Rooney wouldn't stand for that. That's why the franchise's five Super Bowl trophies line a hallway linking the practice field to the coaches' offices — not to intimidate, but to inspire.

"I love the high expectations that come with this job. I'd rather have high ones than low ones," Tomlin said. "The



Ravens at Steelers

tradition is awesome. You can't put a price tag on it. It's inspiring. ... Those who come before us set the standards for us. We understand that when we come into the building, when we take to the field, and we hope the way

we go about our business

honors those guys."

4:30 p.m., Sunday, CBS

Much like Cowher in 1992 and, too, Chuck Noll in 1969, Tomlin wasn't well known outside the NFL when the Steelers hired him. The job was expected to go to either offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt or assistant head coach Russ Grimm, but Tomlin beat them out in the interview process.



Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin will lead his team against the Baltimore Ravens Sunday afternoon in the AFC championship game.

Whisenhunt, passed over by the Steelers, has since resurrected the Arizona Cardinals and has them in Sunday's NFC championship game. Grimm is one of his assistants.

Some Steelers players who

had friends with the Vikings, where Tomlin was the defensive coordinator in 2006, or the Buccaneers, for whom he coached the defensive backs from 2001-05, called to ask about Tomlin, who was only 34 when Pittsburgh

"I think everyone's unsure about the direction of this team," safety Troy Polamalu said before Tomlin's rookie season. "He inherited a team. He didn't build it up from 13 years of being in the league, for example. Obviously, it's going to take time, as a natural product of being a new

Didn't take that long. Tomlin made certain there was no time for the Rooneys to be second-guessed for choosing him, getting the Steelers off to a 9-3 start in 2007 before injuries wore them down. They were eliminated by Jacksonville in a wild-card playoff game.

Cowher's record his first season: 11-5. Tomlin's: 10-6. Cowher's record his first two seasons, counting the playoffs: 20-14, with no playoff wins. Tomlin's: 23-11, with one playoff win.

This season, the Steelers withstood a brutal schedule (the Giants, Colts, Chargers, Patriots, Cowboys, Ravens and Titans among their final 10 opponents), a slow-todevelop offensive line, numerous injuries and the free-agent departure of former All-Pro guard Alan Faneca to put together the franchise's fourth 12-win season since 1979.

"I think we're more comfortable (with Tomlin)," Hines Ward said. "He's probably more comfortable with

Like Cowher, Tomlin is a hands-on coach during practice. He can be seen talking to players about subject matters big and small, but he is certainly not a coach controlled by his players, no matter their salary or level of stardom.

Cowher yelled more frequently and visibly along the sidelines than Tomlin does,



The Arizona Cardinals as an organization have never been here before. Their coach has. Ken Whisenhunt, center, won a Super Bowl ring in Pittsburgh, and he brought some of that Steelers toughness to the desert.

Whisenhunt sets tone for incredible Cardinals

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The man who performed a football exorcism in the desert is keeping his cool with his Arizona Cardinals a win away from the Super Bowl.

Then again, Whisenhunt just about always keeps his cool.

The Cardinals franchise never has been here before, but Whisenhunt has. He was offensive coordinator of the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers before taking on the formidable challenge of coaching the NFL's laughingstock of a franchise.

No one's laughing now, except maybe in disbelief. Whisenhunt brought Steelers toughness and an organized, unflappable style. He didn't get one vote for coach of the year this season. If the balloting had waited a few weeks, no doubt he would.

"You go how your leader goes," quarterback Kurt Warner said. "He deserves a tremendous amount of credit, most importantly for bringing in a belief that we could accomplish something that had never been before."

This week, Whisenhunt again is leading his team through uncharted territory. After all, Arizona's 9-7 record marked only their second winning season since 1984. They hosted Atlanta in a wild-card game that was the Cardinals' first home playoff contest since they beat Philadelphia to win the NFL title 61 years ago. As the Chicago Cardinals.

Now it's Philadelphia again on Sunday for the NFC championship and a trip to the Super Bowl in Tampa. The 45-year-old coach from Augusta, Ga., is trying to keep his players from getting too carried away with the moment.

"Anytime you get to this

Eagles at Cardinals

1 p.m., Sunday, FOX

level, whether you're an assistant coach, whether you're a player, whether you're whatever, it's a fantas-

tic feeling," Whisenhunt said. "But you don't want to get so wrapped up in that that you don't realize this is an important game for us and we have to keep our focus on that." Asked what the biggest

areas of concern were, Whisenhunt said "dealing with distractions."

"You also have to handle not getting too big for your britches," he said. "When the 32-team field gets down to four teams and all that attention comes to you, a lot of times guys start feeling they're a little better than they are, maybe losing that work ethic that got them to that point."

Whisenhunt had to rely on that work ethic to make it as a tight end in the NFL after being drafted in the 12th round by Atlanta out of Georgia Tech in 1985. He played from 1985 to 1993 with Atlanta, Washington and the New York Jets before turning to coaching.

He had stops as an assistant for Baltimore, Cleveland and the Jets before joining Bill Cowher's staff at Pittsburgh as tight ends coach in 2001. He moved up to offensive coordinator in 2004.

Passed over for the Steelers job, he came to Arizona and went 8-8 in his first season, then won the NFC West title in his second. Along the way, he has made some difficult decisions, most significantly making Warner the starting quarterback over Matt

Leinart this season.

Whisenhunt wanted a strong staff, and the Cardinals' front office allowed him to spend some money to get one that includes his former Steelers colleague Russ Grimm as associate head coach and offensive line coach; Todd Haley as offensive coordinator; and John Lott as strength conditioning coach. He retained defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast from Dennis Green's Arizona

On the sideline, he rarely shows much emotion, studying his clipboard and talking calmly on his headset. He has let his feelings show at times as the games grew more impor-

After the playoff victories at home against Atlanta and on the road at Carolina, he ran along the stadium front row slapping hands with Cardinals fans.

Whisenhunt's demeanor, and that of the ex-Super Bowl champion and MVP Warner, keep a mostly young team steady, fullback Terrelle Smith said. Whisenhunt is low-key normally, Smith said, and even more low-key when things go bad. He's got a staff that can make up for it, especially the vociferous Haley.

Whisenhunt said learned from Cowher not to get caught up thinking about how far the team has come. As usual, he's homed in on the task at hand.

"I've had the great fortune of being in this game a number of times, in the championship game, and being in the Super Bowl and I know how special it is," Whisenhunt said. "My focus right now is really on trying to do the best job we can do this week to play well and hopefully advance."

BSU's Childs leaving early for NFL

BOISE — Wide receiver Heisman Trophy this past poll and fourth in the coach-Jeremy Childs will enter the NFL draft, leaving Boise

State after his junior year as the school's No. 2 all-time pass catch-Childs

decision announced by



second consecutive season. Childs finished his Boise State career with 168 catches for 1,999 yards and 17 TDs.

TEXAS TECH WR CRABTREE HEADED TO NFL

PLANO, Texas — Two years of college football, two years of being chosen the best receiver in the country. There wasn't much left for Tech's Michael Crabtree to accomplish.

So now he's eager to see how he'll do in the NFL.

Crabtree said Tuesday he's giving up his final two years of eligibility because he thinks he's ready for pro football. The first challenge is finding out how high he'll go in the draft.

"As far as I've seen, top 5. That's what I'm striving for," Crabtree said.

Tall, strong and fast enough, Crabtree averaged 120.3 yards and 1.6 touchdowns per game in college, extraordinarily high numbers even in coach Mike Leach's video game-esque offense.

His career totals of 231 catches for 3.127 vards and 41 touchdowns would be remarkable over three or four years. Compiled over only two years, it's no wonder he was an All-American both seasons and was a twowinner of the time Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver. He was fifth in voting for the

season. "I feel like the next level

will be a big challenge for me and I'm looking forward to it," Crabtree said.

BALL STATE QB DAVIS TO ENTER NFL DRAFT EARLY

MUNCIE, Ind. — Ball State quarterback Nate Davis has decided to give up his senior season to enter the NFL draft.

Cardinals coach Stan Parrish made the announcement Tuesday in a news conference at the school.

Davis, a junior, led Ball State to a 12-0 start this past season, during which the Cardinals were ranked as high as 12th. The Cardinals lost to Buffalo in the Mid-American Conference championship game, then to Tulsa in the GMAC Bowl.

PENN STATE DE MAYBIN DECLARES FOR NFL DRAFT

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. — All-American defensive end Aaron Maybin will skip his final two seasons at Penn State and declare for the NFL draft.

The 6-foot-4, 245-pound sophomore led the Big Ten with 12 sacks and finished with 49 tackles — 20 for loss — as the Nittany Lions went 11-1 before losing 38-24 to Southern California in the Rose Bowl.

UTAH'S WHITTINGHAM NAMED COACH OF YEAR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Utah coach Kyle Whittingham may have been the only coach to cast a No. 1 vote for his team. On Tuesday, his fellow coaches gave him a consolation prize by naming him the American Football Coaches Association's Coach of the Year award in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Whittingham's Utes went 13-0 and beat Alabama in the Sugar Bowl for the best record in the school's 115year history. Utah also has the longest current bowl winning streak at eight with Whittingham winning the last four. But Utah finished No. 2 in The Associated Press

es' final poll.

Coaches voted for the top coach in each division during the AFCA convention here, and the winners were announced Tuesday before the AFCA's annual awards dinner.

BC HIRES VETERAN ASSISTANT SPAZIANI AS COACH

BOSTON Frank Spaziani is the new football coach at Boston College, promoted after spending 12 seasons as an assistant with the Eagles.

Spaziani's appointment will be announced at a 3 p.m. news conference Tuesday, according to a person with knowledge of the decision who requested anonymity because the school had not made an

announcement. Spaziani takes over for Jeff Jagodzinski, who was fired after he interviewed for the coaching job with the New York Jets. Jagodzinski, who had three years left on his five-year contract, had been told by athletic director Gene DeFilippo that he would be fired if he went through with the interview.

2 COACHES FALL THROUGH HOTEL WINDOW AT CONVENTION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Two assistant coaches apparently wrestling with each other fell through a hotel window Tuesday morning and fell four stories to a concrete sidewalk, leaving one in serious condition.

The American Football Coaches Association is holding its annual convention at the Opryland Hotel, and hotel security had been called around 4:10 a.m. with a noise complaint when officers found a broken window and Scott Coy and Darren DeMeio outside on the ground below.

"They wrestled each other too close to the window going through it and down to the ground floor," Nashville police spokeswoman Kris Mumford said. "That's four floors."

— The Associated Press

Chiefs hire Pioli as new GM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Scott Pioli, who helped build and lead a dynasty in New England, is now in charge of a Kansas City franchise which hasn't won a playoff game in 14 years.

The 43-year-old Pioli will be introduced on Wednesday as Chiefs general manager, replacing Carl Peterson.

"He will have complete charge of football opera-Ryan Petkoff, a spokesman for Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt, told The Associated Press. "He will report only to Clark."

The fate of coach Herm Edwards and his staff was not immediately known.

Pioli, who became vice president of player personnel for the Patriots in 2002 and spent nine years working

head coach Bill

Belichick, also interviewed for the general manager vacancy this month in Cleveland.

He inherits a young team coming off a 2-14 season, but is stepping into a situation that seems ripe for a quick turnaround.

The fan base is loyal, though restive, and the team will be playing next year in a virtually new stadium. Arrowhead, which opened in 1972 and is notorious for being loud and rough on visiting teams, is undergoing a \$325 million renovation, which includes new luxury boxes, wider concourses and enhanced amenities in addition to new practice facilities, an enlarged indoor field and a brand new state-ofthe-art headquarters build-

JUDGE UPHOLDS \$28.1M VERDICT AGAINST NFL UNION

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge has upheld a jury award of \$28.1 million to retired football players who sued the NFL Players' Association for allegedly failing to market their images.

The judge said Tuesday there was sufficient evidence presented at trial in November that the union actively sought to cut out the retired players from lucrative contracts for the benefit of current players.

The jury said the union owed the retirees \$7.1 million in actual damages for failing to include them in lucrative marketing deals Electronic Arts Inc., the maker of the popular "Madden NFL" video games.

— The Associated Press

Obama Treasury nominee Geithner failed to pay taxes

By Brett J. Blackledge **Associated Press writer**

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama's choice to run the Treasury Department and lead the nation's economic rescue failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes from 2001 to 2004, but the last-minute disclosure didn't stop Senate Democrats from moving forward with his nomina-

Timothy Geithner had paid some of the back taxes in 2006 after the IRS sent him a bill. When the Obama transition team discovered he owed even more back taxes, Geithner paid those additional before Obama

November, according to materials released by the Senate Finance Committee considering his nomi-

Obama's staff told senators about the tax issues on Dec. 5.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said he still hoped Geithner could be confirmed on Inauguration Day, asking senators for unanimous consent to skirt rules and schedule a hearing as early as Friday.

These errors were not intentional; they were honest mistakes," Baucus said after he and other committee members met with Geithner behind closed doors on Tuesday.

committee Republicans would sign off on Baucus'

request for a quick hearing. The panel's sen-

Republican, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, hasn't decided whether the revelations are reason enough to oppose Geithner, said spokeswoman Jill Kozeny. He

believes they are "serious, and whether or not it's disqualifying is to be determined," she said. Another prominent Republican,

however, spoke up for Geithner.

It was not clear Tuesday whether Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, another president of the Federal Reserve committee member, said he continues to support the nominee.

"I have no problem," Hatch told Fox News. "He's a very, very compe-

After senators met with Geithner, the panel released 30 pages of documents detailing his tax errors and also how he came to employ a housekeeper whose legal immigrant work status had briefly lapsed

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., dismissed the events as "a few little hiccups," and said he was "not concerned at all" about the impact.

Geithner, plucked from his job as

Bank of New York to serve as Obama's treasury secretary, told transition officials and senators that he didn't know he owed selfemployment taxes when he worked for the International Monetary

He failed to pay self-employment taxes for money he earned 2001 to 2004 while working for the IMF, according to materials released by the Senate committee. In 2006, the IRS notified him that he owed \$14,847 in self-employment taxes and \$1,885 in interest from 2003 and 2004, which he paid after an audit. The IRS waived penalties for those tax years.

Crash mystery solved

Parachuting investor caught in Fla. after fleeing

By Allen G. Breed and Jay Reeves **Associated Press writers**

HARPERSVILLE, Ala. -With his world crumbling around him, investment adviser Marcus Schrenker opted for a bailout. However, his plan to escape personal turmoil was short-lived.

In a feat reminiscent of a James Bond movie, the 38year-old businessman and amateur daredevil pilot apparently tried to fake his death in a plane crash, secretly parachuting to the ground and speeding away on a motorcycle he had stashed away in the pine barrens of central Alabama.

But the captivating threeday saga came to an end when authorities finally caught up to Schrenker at a North Florida campground where he had apparently tried to take his own life, said Alabama-based U.S. Marshals spokesman Michael Richards.

Schrenker was taken into custody around 8 p.m. MST after officers from the U.S. Marshal's office Tallahassee, Fla., found him inside a tent at a campground in nearby Quincy, Richards said.

"He had cut one of his wrists, but he is still alive," Richards said.

The missing pilot was tracked down after investigators developed leads that he might be in Florida and forwarded to U.S. Marshals officers there, Richards said.

Schrenker was on the run not only from the law but from divorce, a state investigation of his businesses and angry investors who accuse him of stealing potentially millions in savings they entrusted to him.

"We've learned over time that he's a pathological liar you don't believe a single word that comes out of his mouth," said Charles Kinney, a 49-year-old airline pilot from Atlanta who alleges Schrenker pocketed at least \$135,000 of his parents' retirement fund.

The events of the past few



after it crashed in East Milton, Fla. The Indiana businessman whose financial management companies were under investigation apparently crashed the plane in what may have been an attempt to fake his own death.

desperate gambit by a man who had fallen from great heights and was about to hit bottom.

On Sunday — two days after burying his beloved stepfather and suffering a half-million-dollar loss in federal court the same day — Schrenker was flying his single-engine Piper Malibu to Florida from his Indiana home when he radioed from 2,000 feet that he was in trouble. He told the tower the windshield had imploded, and that his face was plastered with blood.

Then his radio went silent. Military jets tried to intercept the plane and found the door open, the cockpit dark.

days appeared to be a last, The pilots followed until the aircraft crashed in a Florida Panhandle bayou surrounded by homes. There was no sign of Schrenker's body. They now know they should never have expected to find one.

> More than 220 miles to the north, at a convenience store in Childersburg, Ala., police picked up a man using Schrenker's Indiana driver's license and carrying a pair of what appeared to be pilot's goggles. The man, who was wet from the knees down. told the officers he'd been in a canoe accident.

> After officers gave him a lift to a nearby motel, Schrenker apparently made his way to a storage unit he'd rented just the day before his flight. He

climbed aboard a red racing motorcycle with full saddlebags, and sped off into the countryside.

At 38, Schrenker was at the head of an impressive slate of businesses. Through his Heritage Wealth Management Inc., Heritage Insurance Services Inc. and Icon Wealth Management, he was responsible for providing financial advice and managing portfolios worth millions.

And by outward appearances, he was doing quite

He collected luxury automobiles, owned two airplanes and lived in a 10,000-squarefoot house in an upscale neighborhood known as "Cocktail Cove," where affluent boaters often socialize with cocktails in hand. In May 2000, he wowed onlookers by flying a special airplane at 270 mph, 10 feet above the water and under two bridges in Nassau, Bahamas.

"This stunt should not be attempted by any pilot that wishes to stay alive," read the caption on a self-made video of the flight posted on YouTube.

He'd come a long way from his humble beginnings in northwest Indiana, where he and his two brothers were raised after their parents' divorce by their mother and stepfather, a Vietnam veteran who worked at U.S. Steel

officials now say But Schrenker's enterprise was ready to topple.

Authorities in Indiana have been investigating Schrenker's businesses on allegations that he sold clients annuities and charged them exorbitant fees they weren't aware they would face.

State Insurance Commissioner Jim Atterholt said Schrenker would close the investors out of one annuity and move them to another while charging them especially high "surrender charges" — in one case costing a retired couple \$135,000 of their original \$900,000 investment.

Obama team will try to engage with Iran, Clinton says

By Glenn Kessler **The Washington Post**

WASHINGTON Secretary of State-designate Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday that the incoming Obama administration will seek to engage directly with Iran in an effort to persuade it to abandon its nuclear pro-

gram and become "a constructive regional actor," underscoring a dramatic shift in U.S. foreign policy

tion.

from the Bush administra-

In prepared testimony and remarks during her confirmation hearing which were supplemented by 79 pages of formal answers to questions posed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — Clinton was careful not to tip her hand on specific plans or policies that the new administration may pursue. But she struck a consistent theme of active engagement and unyielding diplomacy, a sharp contrast to President Bush's policy of refusing to deal with countries that did not first meet conditions set by the United States.

"I don't get up every morning thinking only about the threats and dangers we face," Clinton said. 'With every challenge comes an opportunity to find promise and possibility in the face of adversity and complexity."

Clinton also pledged greater involvement in the quest for Middle East peace but was not drawn into specific questions about how the incoming administration might handle Israel's invasion of the Gaza Strip.

But she drew the line at the idea of the United States engaging in immediate talks with Hamas, the militant group battling Israel. Clinton said it is appropriate to set conditions in dealing with what she called "non-state actors," which in the case of Hamas means renouncing violence, recognizing Israel and respecting previous agreements between Israelis and Palestinians.

The 61-year-old former first lady and current senator from New York was warmly embraced by senators on both sides of the aisle who praised her intellect and her policy-making skills. She fielded nearly six hours of mostly polite queries, the only exceptions being a handful of questions about potential conflicts posed by former president Bill Clinton's charitable foundation.

The committee plans to vote on her nomination Thursday morning, and she is expected to be confirmed easily.

Clinton's daughter, Chelsea, sat behind her during the hearing, but the former president watched the hearings on television with wife's 89-year-old mother, Dorothy Rodham, a spokesman said.

The prosecutor's office

Police also arrested the

intended groom, 18-year-old

Margarito de Jesus Galindo,

on suspicion of statutory

rape, but prosecutors have

not decided whether to

charge him. Police did not

return a message Tuesday for

information on whether

Galindo had an attorney.

said Martinez did not have

an attorney of record yet.

Age of a Trillion: Real money, lots of zeros

By Neely Tucker **The Washington Post**

WASHINGTON — When did it get to be the Age of the Trillion?

Late autumn? Just before Christmas? The leaves were gone, and it just slipped into the language: a trillion dollars. People started talking about it as if they knew what it meant. It was like a terabyte on your hard drive: something everybody seemed to know about, but nobody

understood. "Trillion" used to be a whoop-de-do word from science class. Like the amount of time it took for light from Supernova G-338 to reach Earth or something. It wasn't tangible. In 1987, the entire federal budget passed that everybody knew it wasn't an actual deposit of money.

Today, it's the amount of cash in Hank Paulson's desk

"Governors Call for \$1 Trillion Stimulus." "Obama Warns of Prospect of Trillion-Dollar Deficits." "The U.S. steel industry is currently lobbying for ... \$1 trillion" in public works.

These are real news reports, but nobody knows how much money it really is. A million million, yeah, but what's that? There are millionaires and billionaires, but no trillionaires. Nobody holds anybody ransom for a trillion dollars; there are no pictures of anybody's trillion-dollar home

on the Riviera.

amount for the first time, but applied information sciences department in the Applied Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, says that if you started earning \$27 million every day, from the day you were born, you'd have \$1 trillion in your bank account around your 100th birthday. His colleague Andy Cheng, head scientist in the space department, adds that it's only about 3 billion miles to It's insane, this amount of

money. It's come to feel like that moment in the Austin Powers movies, in which time-traveling Dr. Evil wonders how much money to demand to spare Washington, D.C., and comes

up with ... 100 *billion* dollars! "Dr. Evil, this is 1969!" the Ralph Semmel, head of the president roars in laughter.

"That amount of money doesn't even exist! It's like saying, 'I want a kajillion bajillion dollars!' Semmel calls these num-

bers "flabbergastingly large, yet people bandy them about in computers as if they're nothing.' But still, you're saying, this

Age of the Trillion doesn't apply to money. It's just cute math-class examples that don't translate to actual cash. Your honor, we call

Zimbabwe to the stand.

In 1997, \$1 was equal to about 10 Zimbabwean dollars. Today — well, as of late Monday — \$1 equals 10,148,113.00 Zimbabwean dollars. The country just printed a 50 billion note, which will, at least for a day or two, buy two loaves of bread.

Police say Calif. dad sold 14-year-old into marriage

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California man has been arrested for arranging for his 14-year-old daughter to marry a neighbor in exchange for \$16,000, 100 cases of beer and several cases of meat, police said.

Authorities in Greenfield, a farming community on California's central coast, said they learned of the deal after Marcelino de Jesus Martinez

36, asked them for help getting back his daughter after payment wasn't made.

Martinez was arrested Sunday. He's scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in Monterey County Superior Court on felony charges of procuring a child under age 16 for lewd and lascivious acts, statutory rape and cruelty to a child by endangering health, according to the prosecutor.



uncommon among the Trique.

Martinez is a member of an indigenous Mexican Trique community. Greenfield police Chief Joe Grebmeier said the case highlights an issue confronting local authorities in that arranged marriages with girls as young as 12 are not

He hesitated to say the girl was being sold into marriage, as the money was intended as a dowry and the beer and meat were for the wedding. But, he added, the arrangement violates California law, where the age of consent for marriage is 18, and with parental approval, 16.

Elwood Wesley Becker

JEROME — Elwood Wesley Becker, 85, passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, at his home in Jerome.

Elwood was born in Lewis, Iowa, on Sept. 20, 1923, to William and Minnie Becker. He came to Jerome shortly

afterward, where he remained his entire life. After completing high school, he attended the College of



Idaho and Utah State University at Logan, Utah, where he studied agriculture. In 1943, he married Nita Williams, whom he had known since the age of 8.

Elwood farmed northeast of Jerome. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jerome and was an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). From 1971 until his death, Elwood served the Presbytery of Kendall as its stated clerk. Over many decades, he served the denomination at every level, in the local church, the presbytery, the synod and the general assembly. Elwood is survived by his

three children, Sylvia Becker Goetz, Ted and Jonathan; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Elwood's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church of Jerome. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church of Jerome, 262 E. Ave. A, Jerome, ID 83338.

Anthony 'Tony' J. Colella

JACKPOT, Nev. — Anthony "Tony" J. Colella, 63, of Jackpot, Nev., died Saturdav. Jan. 10, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Tony was born March 15, 1945, in Auburn, N.Y., the son of Joseph and Bridget Cecora

Colella. He grew up and attended schools in Willard and Auburn, N.Y., graduating from Mount Carmel High School in



1964. Tony was involved in the culinary arts, where he attended and graduated from The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., in 1973.

Following his graduation, Tony became an instructor for The Culinary Institute of America in New York from 1973 to 1995. Tony then moved to West Palm Beach, Fla., where he was the hospitality instructor, department head for the Florida Culinary

In 1998, Tony took the position of director of purchasing for Cactus Petes Resort Casino, job that he loved and cared for until the time of his death. Tony enjoyed his boats and cars, tinkering with them in his spare time. His love was the water and spending time with his family and friends.

Tony is survived by his sister, Judy Watters of Fairfax. Va.; three brothers, Daniel Colella of Auburn, N.Y., David Colella of Carrollton, Texas, and Joey Colella and Honey Kalar of Auburn, N.Y.; as well as his companion, Kathy Samano of Sun Valley and Jackpot, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bridget and Joe

A celebration of Tony's life will be held as a gathering from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Gala Room at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot,

At Tony's request, there will be no public viewing. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

family The suggests memorials by given to the Tony Colella Memorial Fund. Contributions may be mailed to the Tony Colella Memorial Fund, in care of Judy Grindstaff, Jackpot Baptist Church, P.O. Box 301, Jackpot, NV 89825.

Cheree Cluff and Jan Cluff

Alabama Jim's Café cook, Cheree Cluff, and waitress, Jan Cluff, were taken from us Friday, Jan. 2, 2009.

Cheree was born Oct. 21, 1984, to Harvey Cluff and Dianne Wolfe Cluff, in Stone. Cheree loved learning and school, where she excelled as a straight "A" student. She loved to compose music, sing and dance. Cheree was a gifted artist and athlete. She was very energetic her motto was "a girl's just gotta have fun." She loved to baby-sit her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and the little neighbor boys. She enjoyed camping and fishing with her best friend and love, Geordie Oates. She was easy to get along with and was a very caring person. She loved to cook and dreamed of purchasing the restaurant as a family business. Cheree was a sweetheart who gave light and love to everyone.

Jan was born Nov. 1, 1992, (all Saints Day) in Snowville Flats, Utah. She was shy, conscientious, humorous, perceptive and goal oriented. She was a scrapbook junkie. She shared the same love for school and learning and artistic talents as Cheree. She had dignity and loved and respected herself and others. She loved to snowboard with her sisters. Her favorite entertainment was movies. She really wanted to go to church, and she loved her teachers. Her dream was to be a cheerleader, and she indeed had the gift to cheer up everyone.

They are survived by their baby sister, Shannon; older sisters Angela and Wendee; brothers Robert (Bobby), John, and Ethan and parents. Cheree is also survived by the love of her life, Geordie Oates of Parkdale, Ore. Surviving relatives of the girls are parents, Harvey Cluff of Elko, Nev., and Dianne Cluff of Parkdale, Ore.; and siblings, Angela (Tom Perry) of Garland, Utah,



Brandon, Justin, Lance, Ashley, Jaden, Katie, Sarah; Wendee (Jason Warr) of Malta, with Kaleb and Kassie: Robert and John Cluff of Darby, Mont.; Ethan Cluff of Elko, Nev.; and Shannon Cluff of Parkdale, Ore.; aunts and uncles, Dolores and George McClain of Philipsburg, Mont., with cousins, Dee, George, Becky and Forest: Merrilan and Harold Simper of Grand View, with cousins, Kelly, Patra, Nathan, Tiffany, Jolene, Melanie, Brian and Porter; John and Lorene Wolfe of Anaconda, Mont.. with cousins, Shane, Bryan, Melissa, David, Laura and Julie, and Randy Wolfe of Los Angeles, California; Charolette and James Given of Anaconda, Mont., with cousins, David, Wayne, Brent, Bryce and Jamie; Marylyn and Clyde Biggs of Orem, Utah, with cousins, Warren, Mark, Brad, Scott and Kelly; Sharon and Darwin Johnson of Peoria, Ariz., with cousins, Kevin, Julie, Keith, Steven, Tyler and Brian; Larry and Denise Cluff, with cousins, Travis, Ryan and Alisha; and Susanne and Randy Shinkle, with cousins, Kari, Danielle and Nikki.

A funeral was held Jan. 7 in Hood River, Ore.

The family suggests that donations be made to the Cluff Memorial Fund and sent care of Anderson's Tribute Center, Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031. Please visit our Web site to sign the family guest book at www.andersonstributecenter.com.

Robert J. Johnson

WESTMONT, Pa. — Robert J. Johnson 40 of Westmont, Pa., and formerly of Twin Falls, died suddenly Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at home.

He was born Feb. 9, 1968, in Johnstown, Pa., the son of Kenneth and Joanne (Casale) Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joseph and Esther Casale; father; and aunt, Jean Casale. He is survived by his mother, Joanne; wife, Susan Denny; and daughters, Carolyn and Shannon; sister, Polly, married to Archie Klingel of Port Allegany, Pa.; mother-in-law, Carol Denny; sister-in-law, Melinda Elliot; and nephews, Sean and Sam Elliott.

He graduated in 1986 from Bishop McCort High School, in 1992 from the ITT Technical Institute specializing in CAD Systems and in 1999 from the School of Truck Driving in Oregon. He pent eight years driving in Nevada and Idaho. He had a deep love for his wife, children and family and will be sadly missed. Robert and Susan home schooled their daughters and are affiliated with the youth group at Camp Harmony.

A private funeral is requested by the family. Arrangements are under the direction of the Frank Duca Funeral Home, Westmont Chapel, 1622 Menoher Blvd., Johnstown, PA 15905

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to OMOS Catholic Church School Fund, 430 Tioga St., Johnstown, PA, 15905, or contributions may be made to establish a memorial fund in Robert's memory, in care of Susan Johnson, 2308 Pitt Ave. Ext., Johnstown, PA

SERVICES

Boni Espinoza Villanueva Rupert, Mass Resurrection at 11 a.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Frieda Amelia Mason (Freda) of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before the funeral Friday at the mortuary.

Pearl Etta Watts Patton of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Filer LDS Church; visitation from 1 to 1:50 P.M. Friday at the church; graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Ashton Cemetery in Ashton (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Cleo Estelle Anderson of Sedro Woolley, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls and Ketchum, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lemley Chapel in Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

Betty L. Sept of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar St. in Buhl; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m., with the family greeting from 5 to 6 p.m., Friday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Decorated Vietnam pilot dies at 73

NEW YORK (AP) — James T. Newman, a Vietnam War helicopter pilot whose rescues of downed airmen earned him the Distinguished Service Cross and other honors, has died. He was

Newman's son, Jay, said he died Sunday at the University of North Carolina medical center in Chapel Hill of complications associated with lung

Newman was twice nominated for the Medal of Honor, the highest military award for valor. While he did not receive that medal, he did get a Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's secondhighest award for combat valor, the Silver Star, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and 23 Air Medals, among others.

In an interview years later, the Georgia native said he could "get the shakes" in recalling such incidents although at the time he had felt "no fear."

He first served in Vietnam in 1966, suffering a leg wound that nearly led amputation. an Regaining flight status, he returned in 1970 as commander of C Troop, 2/17 Air Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division.

His first nomination for the Medal of Honor came in February 1971, when he rescued four U.S. crewmen from a crashed medevac helicopter on a mountaintop base in Laos where South Vietnamese Rangers were under heavy attack by Vietnamese troops.

The same week, he rescued two other downed pilots by chopping down small trees with his main rotor blade, an act that astonished helicopter experts but earned Newman a Silver Star.

Five months later, Newman rescued two more pilots injured in a crash near the Laotian border, spotting a flash from their signal mirror and extracting the men with seconds to spare.

Richard Frazee, another former C Troop member, called Newman "a man of immeasurable courage who



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Australian aviation pioneer Nancy Bird-Walton dies at 93

By Kristen Gelineau **Associated Press writer**

SYDNEY, Australia — Aviation pioneer Nancy Bird-Walton, who became the first woman in Australia to operate a commercial aircraft, died Tuesday. She was

Walton, who was named a Living National Treasure by the National Trust of Australia in 1997, died at her Sydney home Tuesday afternoon, her granddaughter Anna Holman said.

"I most remember her as my grandmother, who was a part of my everyday life and who was exceptionally inspirational to women all over Australia," Holman said. "But most of all, she made great chocolate cakes with peppermint icing."

Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, the first man to fly across the mid-Pacific, taught Walton how to fly in 1933, when she was just 17 vears old. Two years later, she obtained a commercial pilot's license and began taking paying passengers for joyrides around the country.

She later ran an air ambulance service for remote Outback areas of New South Wales state, becoming known as the "Angel of the Outback." In 1950, she founded the Australian Women Pilots' Association, which mentors female



This undated image shows aviation pioneer Nancy Bird-Walton, who became the first woman in Australia to operate a commercial aircraft.

Last year, she attended the inaugural Australian landing of Qantas Airways' first A380 super jumbo aircraft, which was named in her honor.

"I was asked if Qantas could name this plane after me at my 90th birthday three years ago and I made it my decision to stay alive," she said at the ceremony in Sydney.

In a statement Tuesday, Qantas Chief Executive Officer Alan Joyce praised Walton for her "boundless energy, her courage and her vision for the role of women in aviation."

Walton is survived by her two children, four grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

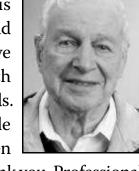
Patient Spotlight

"The staff at **Professional Hearing** Aid Services is very professional and courteous."

Karl Brown, Twin Falls

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Today: Mostly cloudy skies. Light and variable winds. Afternoon highs around 40.

Tonight: A good deal of cloudiness. Winds remain light and variable. Lows near 25.

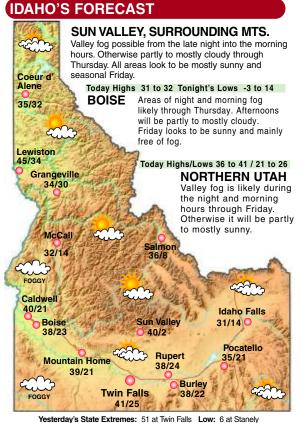
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Calm morning winds become light southeast. Highs near 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today:Morning fog possible, then mostly cloudy. Light winds with highs 35 to 40.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with patchy fog redeveloping. Light and variable winds. Lows 20 to 25.

Tomorrow: Areas of fog lift by noon. Partly cloudy in the afternoon with highs near 40.



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



Todd Dean,

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Shocking cold wave drops temps to 40 below zero

By Amy Forliti **Associated Press writer**

MINNEAPOLIS — Temperatures crashed to Arctic levels Tuesday as a severe cold wave rolled across the upper Midwest on the heels of yet another snowstorm, closing schools and making most people think twice before going outside.

Thermometers read single digits early in the day as far south as Kansas and Missouri, where some areas warmed only into the teens by midday.

The ice and snow that glazed pavement was blamed for numerous traffic accidents from Minnesota to Indiana, where police said a truck overturned and spilled 43,000 pounds of cheese, closing a busy highway ramp during the night in the Gary

The bitter cold snap was responsible for at least one death Tuesday.

A 51-year-old man in northern Wisconsin died from exposure after wandering from his Hayward home early Tuesday, authorities said. His son reported him missing and said he was prone to sleepwalking, and deputies followed footprints in the snow to find the man about 190 yards from his house, Sawyer County Chief Deputy Tim Zeigle said.

Some Minnesotans took it as just another winter day, even in the state's extreme northwest corner where thermometers bottomed out at 38 degrees below zero at the town of Hallock and the National Weather Service said the wind chill was a shocking 58 below.

"It's really not so bad," Robert Cameron, 75, said as he and several friends gathered for morning coffee at the Cenex service station in Hallock. "We've got clothing that goes with the weather. ... We're ready and rolling, no matter what."

and Arizona.

Outside, one of the station's

vour hands are frozen." Franks said by telephone.

The weather service warned that exposed flesh can freeze in 10 minutes when the wind chill is 40

"It's so beautiful. There's

not a cloud in the sky," said Keith Anderson, 66. But he said that's not stopping him from skipping town at the end of the week to spend a couple of months in Nevada

gas pumps froze up at least once, and assistant manager Terrie Franks had to go out to apply deicer spray.

"You definitely have to have gloves on because touching the cold metal —

degrees below zero or colder.



At about 8 a.m., temperatures were minus 40 in International Falls and minus 35 in Roseau. Farther south, Minneapolis hit 18 below zero with a wind chill of 32 below and black ice was blamed for numerous acci-

Two northern Minnesota ski areas. Spirit Mountain in Duluth and Giants Ridge near Biwabik, announced

they would close for a second straight day Wednesday because of the dangerously

low windchill. In neighboring North Grand Dakota, Forks dropped to a record low of 37 below zero Tuesday morning, lopping six degrees off the old record set in 1979, the National Weather Service

said. Schools were closed because of the cold as far south as Iowa, and authorities in Grand Rapids, Mich., issued an extreme cold weather alert and went out urging the homeless to seek shelter.

AAA Michigan responded to 1,450 motorists across the state Tuesday morning, mostly to assist with dead batteries, spinouts and minor accidents after an

Dakota. AP photo early snowfall, said spokes-

woman Nancy Cain. The leading edge of the cold air was expected to strike the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and South late Tuesday and Wednesday.

And meteorologists warned that a second wave could drop temperatures into the single digits Thursday and Friday in the mid-Atlantic region.

With economy sour, consumers sweet on herbal medicine

By Lindsey Tanner Associated press writer

CHICAGO — The choice between \$75 prescription sleeping pills or a \$5 herbal alternative is a no-brainer for Cathy and Bernard Birleffi, whose insurance costs have skyrocketed along with the nation's financial woes.

The Calistoga, Calif., couple seem to reflect a trend. With many Americans putting off routine doctor visits and self-medicating to save money, use of alternative treatments is on the rise even though evidence is often lacking on their safety and effectiveness.

Climbing sales of herbal medicines have paralleled the tanking economy, according to an Associated Press review of recent data from marketwatchers and retailers.

One prominent example: Austin, Texas-based Whole Foods Market Inc. says its stores nationwide have seen

an increase in sales of nutritional supplements and herbal products in the past several weeks. That's "noteworthy" given the retail industry's financial slump, said Whole Foods spokesman Jeremiah C. McElwee.

While winter is usually a busy time for herbal medicine sales because it's the season for colds and flu, "more people are value shopping" now because of the economy, McElwee said.

Cathy Birleffi says she's among them.

"The doctors are so much higher (in cost), the insurance isn't paying as much," said 61-year-old employed bookkeeper and notary. Her husband, a retired dispatcher, has high blood pressure and seizures. Recent changes in their health insurance coverage resulted in \$1.300 in monthly premiums,

double what they used to be. Until they tried herbal alternatives, including valerian for insomnia, "every time I turned around, it was \$50 here, \$75 there" for prescriptions, Cathy Birleffi said.

High costs of conventional health care and worries about the economy also led Kristen Kemp of Montclair, N.J., to alternatives.

"Just going to the doctor will cost me \$20 per kid and I have three kids," said Kemp, 34. Prescriptions are \$20 each, too, under the family's insurance plan, so Kemp said she's been giving her kids tea with honey for sore throats and various Chinese herbs for colds and stomachaches. At \$10 for a big bottle, the herbs are cheaper even than regular over-the-counter medicines, Kemp said.

Among data reflecting the trend:

• For the three months that ended Dec. 28, nationwide retail sales of vitamins and supplements totaled nearly \$639 million, up almost 10 percent from the same period

Buyer beware

Tips on use of herbal supplements:

 Know that herbal medicines aren't as strictly regulated as conventional medicines and that evidence on their safety and effectiveness is often lacking.

 Do your homework. Find out what scientific evidence exists about the product you're considering. A good resource is http://www.pubmed.gov, an online service from the National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health that contains summaries from published research.

 Tell your doctor or other health care provider any time you plan to use an alternative treatment; recognize that these products can sometimes interfere with other drugs and may even cause

dangerous side effects. Find out if your insurance health plan covers alternative medicines; many don't.

 Check out the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine's Web site, www.nccam.nih.gov, which contains helpful information for evaluating these products.

Sources: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

in 2007. That includes a nearly 6 percent increase in sales of herbal supplements alone, according to Information Resources Inc., a Chicagobased market research firm. Its numbers do not include

Wal-Mart or club stores.

 Nationwide herbal and botanical supplement sales totaled \$4.8 billion in 2007, when the recession began, up 4.3 percent over 2006. That was a marginally higher

increase compared with the previous year, according to Jason Phillips of the Nutrition Business Journal, an industry-tracking publication. Sales of animal oil supplements - mostly fish oils were up 29 percent from 2006. While that was a decline from the previous year, both categories continued to show strong growth in a faltering economy. A government survey

released in December said concerns about the cost of conventional medicine influenced Americans' decisions to try alternative remedies. "Nonvitamin, nonmineral natural products," including fish oil and herbal medicines, were the most commonly used alternatives, taken by almost 18 percent of Americans in 2007, the report said. Among those users, roughly a quarter said they delayed or didn't get conventional medical care because of the cost.

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Local chefs prepare for annual Death by Chocolate

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

FILER — Displayed under a glass case, the eclairs at Filer's Hooked on Chocolates steal the show from other treats on the shelf — even from dark chocolate turtles, temptingly coated in sliced almonds and cashews, and from milk chocolate haystacks.

eclairs appear as tediously cared-for works of art: Bavarian cream seems suspended between a pair of golden, flaky crusts, the top crust drizzled with melted milk chocolate, and a lone maraschino cherry relaxes atop a pillow of whipped cream.

In reality, the decadent dessert is elementary to create. However, even the most basic recipes can wreak havoc in the kitchen, said Hooked on Chocolates baker Shawnee McKendry.

In presentation the thousand miniature eclairs for the upcoming Fourth Annual Death Chocolate, a charity fundraising event organized by the Rotary Club of Twin Falls.

> The *Times-News* caught up with McKendry as she worked through a trial run of making the miniature desserts — one of the shop's signature treats — for Death by Chocolate. The Rotary fundraiser is attracting many participants, each of whom is expected to

McKendry will bake a Please see CHOCOLATE, Page C2



Photos by BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News Shawnee McKendry, a baker at Filer's Hooked on Chocolates, scoops freshly made dough into a pouch for shaping eclair shells. The shop will enter its eclairs in the Rotary Club of Twin Falls' annual Death by Chocolate fundraiser Jan. 29.

Times-News file photo

Keagan Hornaday, 2, sits back after thoroughly enjoying a plate of Death by Chocolate goodies at the 2008 event.

A tasty way to die

The Rotary Club of Twin Falls hosts its Fourth Annual Death by Chocolate from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 29 at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center at 330 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. If you go, expect to circle the room, collecting bite-sized portions of treats from each competing chef. Then you'll vote on your favorites. Cost is \$15 per person in advance and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Everybody's Business in Twin Falls. Information: committee chairwoman Jill Skeem at 320-2786 or jillasherman@ yahoo.com.

Culinary classes give cooks a boost

By Melissa Davlin **Times-News writer**

Want to learn how to chop and slice like a pro? How about make killer Dutch oven recipes or scrumptious appetizers?

Follow the lead of foodies-in-the-know and take advantage of the abundance of local cooking classes.

On the surface, humble Magic Valley might seem a bit bland when it comes to culinary education. But between passionate chefs, a community college and county Extension offices, we have our share of gourmet class offerings.

Dutch oven cooking classes at Twin Falls' A Happy Camper usually sell out, said owner Donna Arrington. Classes run from January to May every year and feature all-new recipes.

"By the time camping season's here, they're all ready to go," Arrington said. Jane Rice, co-owner of Ein Tisch Inn in Hagerman, hosts classes year-round

with her husband and business partner, Jake. "We've done classes on all types of different subjects," Rice said. Barbecue, garlic,

salads, soups, pizza and

desserts are just a few of the

menu items their students have learned how to pre-

"We try and use as many local ingredients as we can," she said.

Often, Rice's class ideas come from conversations with her customers, including loyal Ein Tisch fan Judy Osborne.

Osborne, a Hagerman real estate agent, has been to four or five classes at Ein Tisch. At one recent class, she learned a recipe for a oatmeal cookie with baked almond topping that was a hit during the holidays. The classes give her a chance to learn culinary skills handson, she said.

every recipe at home, she uses the tips she gleaned from the classes — like which wood chips produce what flavors and different ways to prepare garlic.

Even if she hasn't used

'They make it look and sound easy, even though it's delicacy," Osborne said. "They make it so much fun."

Here's a sampling of the local winter and spring class lineup. So don't settle for learning your skills from impersonal cooking shows.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls Information: 733-5477

"Escape to Jamaica!" with Aaron Lewis

7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 20

Cost: \$40

"Knife Skills — Hands-On" with Chris Kastner

9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 31 Cost: \$60

"The Mother Sauces" with Randy King

Part I: 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 12 Part 2: 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 19

Cost: \$45 each or \$80 for both "Native American Cuisine" with Joe

Szerwo 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 25

Cost: \$40

"Sweets and Treats" with Nadina Keller

7 to 9 p.m. March 12 Cost: \$40

Rudy's other upcoming spring classes include using local ingredients, handmaking pasta and using colorful ingredients to fight cancer. For a complete list of classes, visit cooksparadise.com.

A Happy Camper 1848 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls *Information: 736-8048*

"One Pot Meals"

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 10

Cost: \$10 per person, \$15 per couple "Breads & Desserts ... & Corn

Beef & Cabbage"

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 24 Cost: \$10 per person,

\$15 per couple

"Main Meals Made

Simple" 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

April 14 Cost: \$10 per person,

\$15 per couple

"Prime Rib, Hands-on" 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 19

Cost: \$10 per person, \$15 per cou-

All classes are taught by Dutch oven guru Colleen Sloan of

Chocolate

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bring at least 1,000 samplesized portions for guests and judges.

Death categories include chocolate cake, brownie, cookie, candy and unique dessert. Attendees, no arm twisting necessary, are given the duty of tasting and then voting for their favorite chocolate delights. A panel of judges will also decide their favorites in each cate-

McKendry's eclairs will compete in the unique dessert category.

"The trick is in the dough. You have to decrease the oven's temperature as the dough cooks. You really have to watch the color," McKendry said. "The dough is basic: just flour, a little salt and a little sugar put into boiling water and butter. It's cooked into a paste, and then you're ready to shape the crusts."

After baking, the crusts can be frozen or cut in half, lengthwise, for the cream filling. Setting the Filer shop's eclairs apart is the "secret ingredient" added into the purchased Bavarian cream, McKendry said.

The shop plans to bring both powdered sugar- and chocolate-covered versions of the recipe, which McKendry brought to Idaho from the Las Vegas LDS tem-

"Of course people came to the temple for spiritual reasons, but many came for the eclairs too, as an extra treat," McKendry said.

While this year's Death by Chocolate competition will be a first for Hooked on Chocolates, it is old hat for Twin Falls restaurant Rock



competition since its incep-

Manager Wes Miller is partnering with restaurant chef Phillip Couch to bake Super Rich Chocolate Fudge Cake. They brought the cake to the event a few years ago, earning a third-place award.

After hearing accolades for the dessert and disappointment it hadn't done better in competition, Miller said, it was time to bring back the cake. This year they're going for first place.

"Now that we've done this a few times, we know what we're doing," Miller said.
"The cake really speaks for

Fresh raspberries boiled

Creek, which has entered the down with sugar and cream and poured on top of the cake are sure to delight the crowd, but the hint of coffee mixed with the rich flavors of cocoa will wow judges and attendees alike, Miller

> "The coffee, brewed and added to the mix, makes the cake's distinct flavor," Miller

While competitors iron out their entry plans, the Rotary Club is finalizing event details. In addition to chocolate and treat tasting, event highlights include a silent auction, raffle, no-host bar and live music by bluegrass band Strings Attached. Organizers expect more than 1,000 people and hope to

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Photos by BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News Eclair shells are crafted, left, with the use of a pouch. The dough is squeezed out the tip, carefully shaped on a pan, then baked. Above, in addition to topping its eclairs with melted milk chocolate frosting, Hooked on Chocolates tops the decadent dessert with a fine dusting of powdered sugar. Each variety is yours to taste at Death by Chocolate.

surpass last year's \$23,000 raised.

"With all the money Rotary raised with this event we are able to help a lot of local charities over the year," said committee chairwoman Jill Skeem.

As great as the 25,000 pieces of chocolates and other sweets to be presented at this year's Death by Chocolate, they aren't as important as the charities that will benefit, like Valley House and The Salvation Army.

Raising money never tasted so good.

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Resolutions that involve better eating could start right here

The Washington Post

Here, firm-fleshed fish takes kindly to chutney with fall-winter flavors.

From "1000 Gluten-Free Recipes," by Carol Fenster (Wiley, 2008).

PAN-SEARED MAHI-MAHI **WITH APPLE-PEAR CHUTNEY**

4 servings

For the fish: 4 mahi-mahi fillets (about 4 ounces each; may substitute sustainable red snapper fillets)

1 tablespoon chili powder 1/4 teaspoon

salt 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground

black pepper 1 tablespoon olive oil

For the chutney: 1 tablespoon unsalted butter (may substitute vegan margarine, such as Earth Balance, or canola oil) 1 Bosc pear, peeled, cored

1 small, firm apple (such as Granny Smith), peeled, cored and cut in 1/2-inch slices

and cut in 1/2-inch dice

1/4 cup finely chopped white onion 1 medium clove garlic,

minced 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice 1 tablespoon honey

1 tablespoon dried cran-

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For the fish: Use paper towels to pat the fish fillets

Combine the chili powder, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Press the mixture onto both sides of the fillets.

For the chutney: Heat the butter in a large, heavy skillet over medium heat. Add the pear and apple (about 1 3/4 cups total), onion and garlic; cook for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the mixture has slightly softened.



Add the vinegar, lemon juice, honey, cranberries, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and ginger, stirring to combine. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes, until the chutney has darkened in color and is fragrant; season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove from the heat and let stand while you cook the fish.

Heat the oil in a separate large skillet (preferably not cast-iron) over mediumhigh heat. Add the mahimahi fillets and cook for 8 to 10 minutes total (turning halfway through) or until the fish is just barely opaque when cut at the thickest point. The outside should be browned caramelized spices.

Divide among individual plates; serve with a few tablespoons of the chutney alongside.

Per serving: 236 calories, 24 g protein, 18 g carbohydrates, 8 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 49 mg cholesterol, 219 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber.

Classes

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College of Southern Idaho Community Education

315 Falls Ave., Twin

Information: 732-6442

"Introducing the Pressure

Cooker" 9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 31

Cost: \$30 Taught by Dianne Jolovich, this class will introduce you to pressure cooker basics.

"Pressure Cooking: Appetizing Soups'

9 a.m. to noon Feb. 7 Cost: \$40, plus \$10 for sup-

Taught by Jolovich. Recipes include Sausage and 5-Bean Soup, Butternut Squash Soup and Cream of Tomato.

"Pressure Cooking: Ethnic

9 a.m. to noon Feb. 21 Cost: \$40, plus \$10 for sup-

Taught by Jolovich. Recipes Green Chili include Enchiladas, Herbed Greek and Chicken Chicken

"Pressure Delightful Entrees"

9 a.m. to noon March 14 Cost: \$40, plus \$10 for sup-

Taught includes pork ragu, lasagna

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9 a.m. to noon March 28 Cost: \$40, plus \$10 for sup-

Taught by Jolovich. Recipes include Peanut Butter Fudge Cheesecake, Neapolitan Cheesecake and Blueberry Pudding Cake.

"Basic Cake Decorating" 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays,

Feb. 25 through March 11 Cost: \$35

Taught by Vickie Brannen, this class will cover how to use decorating tools, bake and assemble cakes, color frosting and create beautiful frosted masterpieces.

Other classes are available, including a healthy cooking class taught by Jill Skeem. Information: csi.edu.

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of food preservation, water

bath canning, pressure can-

ning, freezing and drying.

Idaho North Side Center 202 14th Ave. E.,

Gooding *Information:* 934-

'Cooking with Garlic' 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 23 Cost: \$35

Jake and Jane Rice of Ein Tisch Inn will teach you how to use garlic in a menagerie of dishes from pesto to desserts. Class will be held at Ein Tisch, 165 W. Valley Road in Hagerman, instead of at the Gooding center.

"Dutch Oven Cooking" 6:30 to 9 p.m. March 10

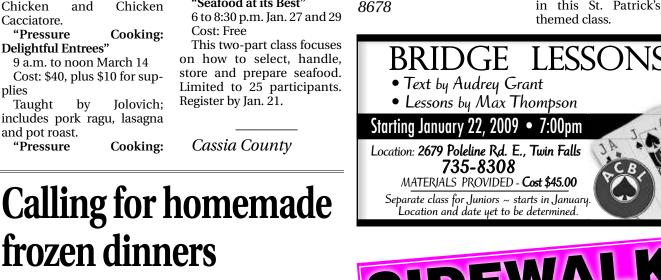
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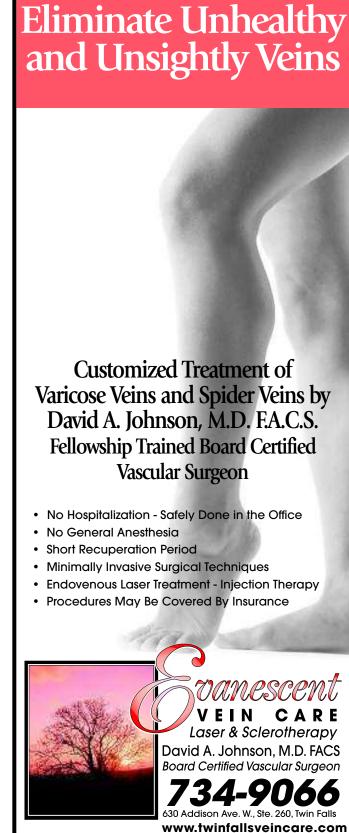


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Scripture baking blends spirituality, cooking

By Maria Noel Groves For The Associated Press

Spoons and bowls and bak-

ing pans and ... a Bible? Most modern bakers probably don't associate The Good Book with pulling together a batch of their favorite treats, but during the late 1800s some Christians began using scripture as a code for turning recipes into riddles.

"This was a cutsie way of letting people know that they knew their Bible. If you knew it off the top of your head, you felt proud of yourself," says Joan Houston Hall, chief editor of the "Dictionary of American Regional English."

Recipes for so-called scripture cake fell out of popularity by the mid-1900s, but recently have enjoyed a revival among faith-based youth groups and parents looking to use the kitchen as another conduit to faith.

"Since I teach Hebrew School one of the beauties of these recipes is that they are a great way to force my students to read/translate and interpret the Hebrew Bible," says Michael Twitty, culinary historian and teacher at Temple Beth Ami religious school in Rockville, Md. "This year I'm teaching Torah to the seventh-graders again, and it makes it fun for them because otherwise they would have no interest whatsoever in picking up the world's best-seller.'

Recipes can be found online on sites such as MormonChic.com and at numerous recipe sites. Some youth ministry groups even set up races between groups to see who can decipher and bake the ingredients first.

"It is very fun to do," says Evelyn Birge Vitz, author of faith-based cookbook "A Continual Feast." She enjoys not only the riddle of making the cake, but also comparing recipes to find different passages that refer to the same ingredients.

Scripture recipes call for ingredients by citing passages from the Bible; the cook has to sort out which ingredient



Having a Bible on hand may not be a common tool in the kitchen unless you are ready to try the recipe for this Scripture Cake. The names of ingredients are turned into references in passages in the The Good Book, and your Bible knowledge is tested in a fun way.

each passage refers to. For example, 2 cups of Jeremiah 6:20 is one way of calling for 2 cups of sugar.

Not obvious? It works because the 20th verse of the sixth chapter of the Book of Jeremiah includes a reference to "the sweet cane from a far country."

Some ingredients aren't quite so clear. Amos 4:5 calls for "leaven," often interpreted as baking powder. Other passages leave even more room for interpretation.

"In the Second Book of Chronicles, it calls for spices in the general sense. So, you can use nutmeg and cinnamon, or make it more gingery," says Evelyn Birge Vitz, author of the faith-based cookbook "A Continual

Despite some claims that scripture baking dates to colonial times, most historians trace it to the late 1800s. Recipes first appeared in church cookbooks and later in mainstream publications, including Good

Housekeeping cookbook. Recipes varied slightly — as

did the Bible passages — but, in general, they produced a basic cake seasoned with spices and dried fruit, such as raisins and figs. Sometimes it was served with Burnt Jeremiah (Sugar) Syrup.

"In the 1880s there was this explosion of cake making. There were a lot of cakes named after historical figures or 'tipsy' cake, made with as much white wine as the cake would absorb. Scripture Cake is in that period between 1880 and 1910 when there were just loads of cake recipes," says Kathleen Fitzgerald, coauthor of "America's Founding Food."

It's a concept that is easily adapted for most baked goods. The Bible has numerous references to sugar, flour, eggs, spices, milk, honey and other common ingredients, particularly in the Old Testament.

And which Bible you use generally doesn't matter, though some versions may not have your key word. Several versions of the Bible can be searched simultaneously at various Web sites.

SCRIPTURE CAKE

Start to finish: 1 hour (15 minutes active) Servings: 8 to 10

Ready to turn baking into a biblical brainteaser? This dense, fruity cake calls for ingredients by way of scriptural references. Ingredients are grouped for ease of method explanation. A more standard version and translation of the recipe follows.

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) Psalms 55:21

1 cup Jeremiah 6:20

3 Jeremiah 17:11 1/4 cup Judges 4:19

1 tablespoon I Samuel

2 1/4 cups Leviticus 6:15 1/4 teaspoon Leviticus 2:13 1 tablespoon Amos 4:5 1 teaspoon II Chronicles 9:9

PART 3

1 cup I Samuel 30:12

1 cup Numbers 13:23 1/2 cup Numbers 17:8

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat a 4 mini loaf pans with baking spray (a blend of oil and flour).

PART 1: In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the first ingredient until light and creamy. Add the second ingredient and beat until fluffy, about 2 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl after the first minute.

One at a time, add the third ingredient, beating well after each addition. Mix in the fourth and fifith ingredients. Set aside.

PART 2: In a large mesh strainer or flour sifter, combine the ingredients listed in part 2. Sift the ingredients together onto a sheet of parchment paper or into a bowl. Reserve 1/4 cup of themixture.

With the mixer on low, add half of the remaining part 2 mixture to part 1. Mix only until thoroughly blended, scraping the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the remaining part 2 mixture and mix until blended. to create the batter.

PART 3: In a medium bowl, combine the part 3 ingredients. Add the reserved part 2 mixture and toss to lightly coat. Add this mixture to the batter and use a silicone spatula to gently fold it in.

Transfer the batter to the prepared cake pans, filling them 3/4 full.

Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the center comes out clean. Cool on a rack for 15 minutes. then remove the cakes from the pans and cool completely before serving. If desired, dust with powdered sugar.

(Recipe adapted from Evelyn Birge Vitz' "A Continual Feast: A Cookbook to Celebrate the Joys of Family and Faith Throughout the Christian Year," Ignatius Press, 1991)

SCRIPTURE CAKE (TRANSLATION)

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) Psalms 55:21 (butter)

1 cup Jeremiah 6:20 (sugar) 3 Jeremiah 17:11 (eggs) 1/4 cup Judges 4:19 (milk) 1 tablespoon I Samuel 14:25 (honey)

2 1/4 cups Leviticus 6:15 (all-purpose flour)

1/4 teaspoon Leviticus 2:13

1 tablespoon Amos 4:5 (baking powder)

1 teaspoon II Chronicles 9:9 (baking spice blend or 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg and 1/4 teaspoon allspice)

1 cup I Samuel 30:12 (raisins)

1 cup Numbers 13:23 (chopped dried figs)

1/2 cup Numbers 17:8 (chopped toasted almonds)

Heat the oven to 350 F. Lightly coat a 4 mini loaf pans with baking spray (a blend of oil and flour).

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter until light and creamy. Add the sugar and beat until fluffy, about 2 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl after the first minute.

One at a time, add the eggs, beating well after each addition. Mix in the milk and the honey. Set aside.

In a large mesh strainer or flour sifter, combine the flour, salt, baking powder and baking spice blend. Sift the ingredients together onto a sheet of parchment paper or into a bowl. Reserve 1/4 cup of the flour mixture.

With the mixer on low, add half of the remaining flour mixture to the wet ingredients. Mix only until thoroughly blended, scraping the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the remaining flour mixture and mix until blended.

In a medium bowl, combine the raisins, figs and almonds. Add the reserved 1/4 cup flour and toss to lightly coat the fruit and nuts. Add this mixture to the batter and use a silicone spatula to gently fold it in.

Transfer the batter to the prepared cake pans, filling them 3/4 full.

Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the center comes out clean. Cool on a rack for 15 minutes, then remove the cakes from the pans and cool completely before serving. If desired, dust with powdered sugar.

A tasteful way to eat lighter

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick **Special to The Washington** Post

Once we're past the holiday season, desserts can become an afterthought.

The end of a meal is a perfect opportunity to get in another serving of fruit. In the summer, we can make do with a simple bowl of berries, peaches or a sliced-melon course. In the winter we have to get a little more creative to make what's available just as

One of my favorite winter fruits to work with is pineapple. Sweet, juicy pineapples are almost always available. I slice the pineapple and roast it for just 10 minutes, then top it with a strawberry sauce made with frozen berries. It's a delicious combination and could just as easily be served at a Sunday breakfast or brunch. It also happens to be fat-free.

To make it a little more indulgent, add a scoop of nonfat or low-fat frozen yogurt.

Frozen strawberries are less expensive and bettertasting than the strawberries shipped in from warmer parts of the world. Cooking the berries gives them a deep, wonderful flavor. The sauce is easy to prepare and can even be made a few days in advance. It makes a wonderful topping for yogurt, cot-

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tage cheese and pancakes. Refrigerate any leftover degrees. sauce for up to 1 week.

ROASTED PINEAPPLE WITH STRAWBERRY **SAUCE**

6 servings

1 pound frozen unsweetened strawberries

1/3 cup brown sugar, or more to taste

1/3 cup water

tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

2 teaspoons cornstarch 3 1/2- to 4-pound

pineapple, peeled, cored and cut crosswise into 1/4to 1/2-inch thick slices to yield about 1 pound of

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

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Preheat the oven to 425 minum foil.

Combine the strawberries, sugar and water in a 2-quart saucepan over medium heat; cover partially so the saucepan lid is slightly ajar. Cook until the berries thaw, then uncover and cook until the berries are soft, allowing the mixture to maintain a low boil. In all, the process will take about 25 minutes.

Combine the lemon juice and cornstarch in a small bowl, then add to the saucepan, stirring until the mixture comes back to a low boil. Remove from the heat and let cool for 10 to 15 min-

While the sauce is cooling. line 1 or 2 large rimmed baking sheets (depending on the size of the pineapple) with parchment paper or alu-

Lay the pineapple slices on the prepared sheet(s) in a single layer, then roast in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes, until any excess liquid has evaporated and the slices look dry. (They should not be brown.)

Use a large spoon to mash the cooled berries against the sides of their saucepan to form a slightly chunky sauce. Add the vanilla extract; taste and add sugar as needed.

Divide the pineapple slices among individual plates. Spoon about 3 tablespoons of the sauce down the center of the slices and serve warm.

Per serving (with half the sauce used): 64 calories, 0 g protein, 17 g carbohydrates, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 1 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber.

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How to prepare food when times get tough

By Mary MacVean **Los Angeles Times**

LOS ANGELES — When she was a kid, for a treat Pat Box and her seven siblings got "water cocoa," which is pretty much what it sounds like and nothing special today. But that was in the 1930s, when her father's business was reselling bakers' barrels to coopers, and the family would get first crack at them, scraping the wood for any traces of sugar or cocoa left behind.

With luck, they'd also have rye bread and fresh butter they'd buy on Brooklyn

"It was wonderful," said Box, 87, one afternoon while she gathered with friends at the Claude Pepper Senior Center on the west side of Los Angeles.

At a time when Americans face frightening and disorienting economic uncertainty, the Great Depression provides valuable lessons. For many people, putting a meal on the table without turning to processed or takeout foods is no longer something just for a weekend dinner party but a skill they must learn. People who remember what it was like to eat during the Depression talk about thrift, growing their own, sharing with neighbors and learning to cope with what they had.

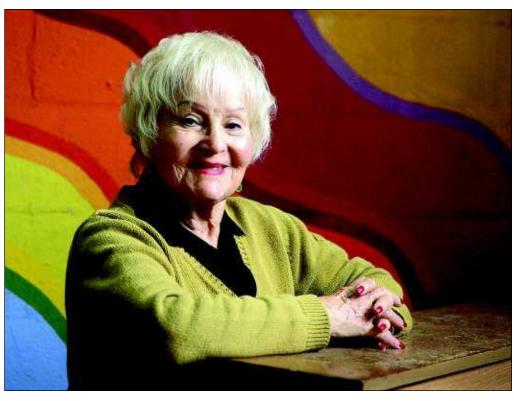
Box grew up in the Los Angeles area in a time of desperate need, but no one went hungry at her family's house, though it took work and ingenuity.

Her mother baked bread and made kreplach. Her father turned flour sacks into towels to sell, and her aunt sold chickens. "You'd stick your hand in, feel for fat around the stomach" and make your choice. Her mother made pillows with the feathers.

It was a time when leftovers were planned. A roast chicken — for Jewish Shabbat or Sunday dinner lasted for days, as chicken with rice, chicken and dumplings, pot pie, stew or soup or salad. Women used the wrappers on margarine to butter baking pans. People ate what they could grow or kill or find.

Be honest now: Can anybody in your house skin a

Know what to do with milkweed pods? (Boil them and top with grated cheese.) Get your kids to eat sour grass soup? Those recipes,



Pat Box grew up in a large family in the Boyle Heights section of Los Angeles. No one went hungry, but it took

"If you want to save money, you're going to have to learn to cook." - Kelly Alexander, co-author of 'Hometown Appetites'

from "Dining During the Depression," a collection of recipes edited by Karen Thibodeau, are unlikely to find their way into kitchens today, despite the state of the economy.

But in the 1930s, making do was a kitchen art, honed by necessity.

"In the times when the economy is really bad, it becomes an even more important question of how you're going to put food on the table for your family," says Kelly Alexander, coauthor of "Hometown Appetites," a biography of the pioneering newspaper food columnist Clementine Paddleford.

"If you want to save money, you're going to have to learn to cook," Alexander

She says she recently saw a pot pie recipe that called for precooked pieces of chicken. a premade crust and vegetables from a salad bar essentially directions for assembling, not cooking. So by appealing to people who are too busy to cook or unwilling to learn, a modern version of a dish invented to make leftovers appealing becomes a collection of

expensive ingredients. Many Americans never learned to cook as they grew up, and they rely on takeout or packaged food, but dinner was a very different experience during the Depression. "We ate a lot of mashed

potatoes, and I'm still hung up on mashed potatoes, savs Rosalyn Weinstein, 79, pointing to an uneaten scoop on her plate. Although she does not cook much these days, she says she still makes "mix 'n' match" soup from whatever is on hand.

"Cooking is becoming a lost art," she says. "I've never been a takeout person. And I've never been a fast food person."

Joe Bagley, 81, who moved to Los Angeles during World War II, was born in Texas and raised for a time on a farm. "We were never wanting for food, but you had to raise your own," he says, adding that his family saw plenty of hungry people wandering in search of work. They'd stop at the farm, and Bagley recalls that he'd be sent inside to get whatever was there to feed them.

Although the country is not in a depression today, signs of tough times are all around.

The market is in shreds, food is pricier. A spokesman for Ralphs and Food 4 Less says more people are turning to house brands, and Albertsons has seen more sales of "stretcher" products such as Hamburger Helper, a spokeswoman says.

Even Gourmet magazine offered in a recent e-mail

Butter or grease a 9-by-13-

inch baking dish. Arrange

one layer of the potatoes in

the bottom of the dish, over-

lapping them slightly (you

might not use all of the pota-

toes; reserve any extra for an

additional layer). Season

with 1/2 teaspoon salt and

Repeat with a layer of

turnips and season with the

remaining salt and pepper.

Continue with an additional

layer of potatoes if any are

Pour the cream from the

bowls over the vegetables

left, but do not season.

teaspoon pepper.

newsletter some "recession special" recipes, including a potato gratin adapted from an Edna Lewis recipe.

A few generations ago cooking was a family affair, with children sent to pick food from the garden or shell peas. With SAT prep classes or soccer or ballet, many families are lucky to get their kids to the dinner table at all.

Gretchen Sterling, who has managed the Villa Park farmers market in Pasadena for 28 years, recalls that her mother, the daughter of a Minnesota butcher, made soap from lye and bacon fat, and canned her own meat. Getting what you needed rarely meant going shopping; do-it-yourself was not a hobby centered on a Home Depot. "Now kids don't even know that carrots grow underground," she says.

Cooking everything that came their way was a way of life for Hattie Adkins' family. She was just a girl in the '30s, when her family lived on a farm in Raeford, N.C., but her memories are strong. Her family and those around them ate what was ripe and ready, never thinking of themselves as "locavores," just taking advantage of what was cheapest and besttasting.

'When it came time to harvest the corn, we had all the corn we could eat," Adkins said.

and cover the dish with foil.

Bake, covered, for 45 min-

continue baking until the

top layer of vegetables is

browned, 15 to 25 minutes.

Remove and cool slightly

Total time: 1 hour, 20

Each serving: 331 calories;

4 grams protein; 31 grams

carbohydrates; 3 grams

fiber; 22 grams fat; 14 grams

saturated fat; 82 milligrams

cholesterol; 263 milligrams

before serving.

sodium.

minutes. Serves 12.

Remove the foil cover and

utes.

Sake surges in the U.S.

By Kelly Dinardo **Associated Press writer**

For years, most Americans knew sake — assuming they knew it at all — as a hot, jet fuel-like drink sipped from thimble-sized cups between bites of sushi.

Turns out, we were swallowing schlock.

"There wasn't a lot of selection and what did come to us was an inferior brew," says Ed Lehrman, founder of Vine Connections, a wine and sake importer.

"Distribution of sake was limited to Japanese trading companies. They sell you the food, the plates, the sake. It's one-stop shopping for sushi restaurants. In that environment, sake wasn't getting its due. And the majority of the sake exported was table sake, which isn't very good."

But about 10 years ago, two things changed that.

In the U.S., Asian food trends boomed. Asian and Asian-fusion restaurants flourished, non-Asian restaurants served dishes with ingredients such as miso, wasabi and edamame, and grocers offered more ethnic fare.

At the same time, the Japanese began turning up their noses at sake. In Japan, young drinkers view sake as old-fashioned, favoring beer and wine instead. As a result, sake consumption has fallen sharply since 1995.

To survive, premium sake (pronounced SAH-kay) brewers in Japan turned to Americans and began working with importers, who introduced sake to the fine wine market.

"Non-Japanese companies started importing sake and doing dog-and-pony shows to educate people about it," says Beau Timken, author of "Sake: A Modern Guide." "Some educators started

coming online," he says. "Restaurateurs are making an incredible effort to get people to try something they're not used to. Sake started getting more face time." Americans' thirst for sake

exploded. The U.S. has become the largest importer of Japanese sake worldwide.

During the past five years, the volume of sake brought from Japan has grown about 14 percent a year (987,475 gallons in 2007 and estimated at more than 1 million gallons for 2008), with an estimated total retail value around \$150 million. Now, restaurants such as

Shibuya at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas even have a sake sommelier on staff to guide guests through their 110 sake offerings.

It's even increasingly common to find sake on the wine lists of non-Asian eateries. Chanterelle, New York's famously high-end French restaurant, has been hosting an annual sake tasting dinner for the past nine years.

Drinking sake at home also has become easier as premium sakes show up at more grocers and wine shops.

And single-serve, sake drinks such as sake2me, a lightly carbonated sake that comes in Asian-themed flavors such as yuzu and ginger



As better sake becomes more available in the U.S., the Japanese drink is finding fans in all areas of the country. Restaurants with a large sake selection, some with over 100 choices to consider, find themselves putting a sake sommelier on

mango, are on the upswing; sake2me launched last year and is already available in 16 Despite the upswing in

consumption, most people still know little about it. Though often called rice wine, sake is brewed like a beer. "Sake is built like beer and drinks like wine," explains Timken. Like beer, sake is ferment-

ed from a grain — in this case rice — whereas wine is made from fruit. Brewers polish the grains of sake rice to remove the outer coating.

How much of the outer layer is milled away is part of what determines the sake's grade. Brewers then steam the rice and add yeast to it so it will ferment before aging. Filtering and pasteurizing the sake completes the process.

"Another common misconception is serving temperature," says Timothy Sullivan, who runs the UrbanSake blog and teaches a Sake 101 class. "Some people think it must always be served cold. Others think it must be served hot. The truth is it depends on your mood and what kind of sake you're drinking."

Heating often is used to mask lower quality sakes, but some do blossom with a little warmth. However, for the most part, high-quality sakes are best consumed cold and out of wine glasses.

And as French, American and other non-Asian restaurants have demonstrated, sake isn't just for Asian food.

In general, delicate sakes - those that have more of the outer layer milled away pair better with lighter food so the sake is not overwhelmed by the meal. More robust sakes can stand up to heartier flavors.

"Part of sake's appeal is that there's no snob factor," says Timken. "Don't be afraid to experiment, taste lots of different types and ask questions. That's how you learn. I have all these sake licenses. I'm even a sake samurai. But I'm just a guy from Ohio. If I can learn to understand sake, anyone can."

Turnips add a flavor flourish to this gratin

Los Angeles Times

This recipe is adapted from Craig Strong, chef de cuisine at the Langham, Huntington Hotel & Spa.

TURNIP-POTATO GRATIN

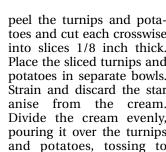
- 3 cups heavy cream
- 2 whole star anise 2 pounds turnips
- 4 pounds potatoes 1 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper, divided

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. In a small sauce pan, bring the cream and star anise to a boil, then remove from heat. Set aside to cool to room tempera-

While the cream cools,



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peel the turnips and potatoes and cut each crosswise into slices 1/8 inch thick. Place the sliced turnips and potatoes in separate bowls. Strain and discard the star anise from the cream. Divide the cream evenly, pouring it over the turnips and potatoes, tossing to







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Citigroup, Morgan Stanley agree to merge brokerages

Analysts say new CEO is 'government' By Madlen Read **Associated Press writer**

NEW YORK — Citigroup Inc. and Morgan Stanley agreed Tuesday to combine their brokerages in a deal that shows how much Citigroup wants to slim down and build up cash.

Morgan Stanley is paying Citigroup \$2.7 billion for a 51 percent stake in the joint venture. Citigroup will have a 49 percent stake.

Citigroup's retail brokerage, Smith Barney, was once the crown jewel in its wealth cents, or 5.4 percent, to

management business.

The new unit, to be called Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, will have more than 20,000 advisors, \$1.7 trillion in client assets; and serve million households around the world, the companies said.

Citigroup will recognize a pretax gain of about \$9.5 billion because of the deal, or about \$5.8 billion after taxes, the companies said. The joint venture is expected to achieve total cost savings for the two companies of around \$1.1 billion.

The deal was announced after the market closed. Shares of Citigroup rose 30

Morgan Stanley shares rose 7 cents to \$18.86.

CEO Vikram Pandit has been saying for months that he plans to sell assets to raise cash, but the executive, according to media reports, is getting ready to announce that Citigroup is abandoning the financial "supermarket" model. That term described the aim of Citigroup — created over the last couple decades by former CEO Sandy Weill to service all of individuals' and businesses' financial needs, from saving to borrowing to investing to dealmaking.

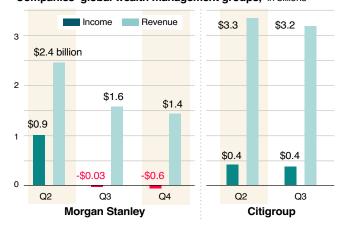
Citigroup has fared worse

\$5.90 on Tuesday, and than other banks in recent years, particularly during the recent credit crisis. The New York-based company is expected to post a fifth straight quarterly loss next week. The government has already lent it \$45 billion more than other large banks received — and agreed to absorb losses on a huge pool of Citigroup's mortgages and other soured assets.

Some investors believe Citigroup is headed for a larger-scale breakup now that the government is involved and that Presidentelect Barack Obama is rethinking how to dole out the remaining \$350 billion of bailout money.

Mega-merger finalized

Citigroup Inc. in an effort to raise capital, hammered out a deal to sell the bulk of its retail brokerage, Smith Barney to Morgan Stanley. Companies' global wealth management groups, in billions



SOURCES: The companies

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Hop 2 It owner Sharyl Wasden poses for a photo at the facility, which has a variety of large, inflated play equipment like an obstacle course, slides, a ball pit and gladiator-like arena. The business has been open for four months and is open for walk-in clients, parties and private events.

New Twin Falls business cures kids' cabin fever

By Blair Koch **Times-News correspondent**

After getting the opportunity to jump, climb and pretty much let loose at Hop to It, on Saturday, 9-year-old Cade Doggett was sweating but hooked.

"It's really cool, all of it," said the Kimberly youngster of the party pad. "You just get to go crazy."

Their father Cory Doggett said his boys spend a lot of time indoors during the winter. Saturday's trip to Hop 2 It, located at 2042 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, was free, thanks to the promotional Cabin Fever Days sponsored by the city of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, but Doggett said

"I have four kids and I know there isn't much to do around here. One of the great things about a facility like this is it gets kids moving around."

- Sharyl Wasden, owner of Hop 2 It in Twin Falls

the usual entry fee is reason-

Children four and older are \$5.99, kids two to three are just \$4.99 but free with a paid sibling. Even a parent, after paying for a child, can jump for free.

"This is affordable and the kids liked it. Plus, it's self sufficient. The kids can go do what they want," Doggett said. "In this area its hard to something in the winter for

kids to do indoors. Opening this up was a great idea, we've needed something like this for a long time."

His sentiments expressed the need owner Sharyl Wasden, 33, wanted to meet for Magic Valley families. Her resume highlights include managing a Chucky Cheese, so working with rambunctious kids wasn't a new avenue for Wasden.

With an obstacle course,

slides, a ball pit and gladiatorlike arena, to name just a few inflatable attractions, kids have an array of indoor entertainment suitable for an afternoon out, birthday party or family fun day.

"I have four kids and I know there isn't much to do around here," she said. "One of the great things about a facility like this is it gets kids moving around."

Although bouncy play facilities are found across the country it is new to southern Idaho.

"Before we opened this up in Twin Falls we checked out quite a few facilities like it in other states but there wasn't

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Give him the money

Obama presses for remaining \$350B in bailout funds

By David Espo and Jim Kuhnhenn **Associated Press writers**

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama asked Democratic senators Tuesday not to stand in the way of an additional \$350 billion in bailout funds, calling the money essential to

Obama made his pitch at the Capitol, where he the attended ocratic senators' closeddoor luncheon as part of his stepped up campaign to have economic tools at the ready shortly after he assumes office next week.

helping the ailing economy.

Lawmakers who emerged from the session said the president-elect pledged to correct what they believe were shortcomings in the

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Idaho to capitalize on 2010 Winter Olympics

Q: Is Idaho doing anything to capitalize on the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, B.C.? **A:** We are fortunate to

again have the world focus on a nearby region for the Winter Olympics. Although we do not anticipate the impact that the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City had on Idaho's citizens and businesses, our products and services will benefit as attention is given to the Games.

Tactics to capitalize on the 2010 Winter Olympics



ABOUT **IDAHO BUSINESS** Julie Howard

include promoting Idaho ski areas for Olympic training sites, raising awareness of Idaho's year-round tourism opportunities through advertising in the

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY

Economist to discuss economic impact of local construction

The Magic Valley Builders Association, the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors, and the Twin Falls Area Chamber Commerce will host Elliot Eisenberg, senior economist of the National Association of Home Builders, who will discuss how home building affects the local economy.

The Economic Report will cover:

ated. • How local dollars are

• The number of Jobs cre-

- spent.
- How much tax revenue is generated. The meeting will be held

from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 at 1162 Eastland Drive N. Suite 1, Twin Falls.

For more information or

to to reserve a seat, send an email to: support@twinfallsrealtors.com.

Workshop to focus on small businesses

The College of Southern Idaho and the Idaho Small Business Development center, in partnership with the Twin Falls and Jerome Chambers of Commerce, will host E-Myth workshops on strengthening existing businesses.

The workshops help businesses think about systems and consistency that may offer them the freedom from the common small business owner's daily grind.

The workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to $\overline{5}$ p.m. Jan. 19 in the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho. The registration deadline was Monday.

For more information about the E-Myth program, http://www.e-myth. visit com.

- staff reports

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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For more see page C6 Live cattle 84.08 ▲ 1.18 Feb. oil 38.75 🔺 .97

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WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve

Today in business

Department releases the retail sales

report for December. Commerce WASHINGTON

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Commerce

Department releases business inventories for November.

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MARKET SUMMARY **INDEXES**

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BkofAm	1.28m	9	10.65	78	-24.4	RockTen	.40	14	30.11	+.20	-11.9
ConAgra	.76	7	16.89	+.36	+2.4	Sensient	.76	14	24.33	+.68	+1.9
Costco	.64	17	48.94	49	-6.8	SkyWest	.16f	8	17.51	14	-5.9
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Fastenal	.54f	18	32.81	+.19	-5.9	Valhi	.40		12.60	+.50	+17.8
Heinz	1.66	13	36.40	+.30	-3.2	WalMart	.95	15	52.12	+.73	-7.0
HewlettP	.32	11	35.83	-1.15	-1.3	WashFed	.20m	18	12.86	04	-14.0
HomeDp	.90	13	22.51	46	-2.2	WellsFargo	1.36	12	24.38	+.58	-17.3
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For a complete listing of stocks and mutual funds, go to Magicvalley.com/business. All stocks are reported in real-time, as well as the latest news on issues affecting the market.

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 letters' list.

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly

Constitution and the state of t 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 disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants.

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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 declaraissue 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. y – In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

• Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2.

Mutual Fund Footnotes: e – Ex-capital gains distribution f – Previous

Mutual Fund Footnotes: e – Ex-capital gains distribution. f – Previous day's quote. n - No-load fund. p – Fund assets used to pay distribution costs. r – Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s Stock dividend or split. t – Both p and r. x – Ex-cash dividend.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

OGDEN — White wheat 4.70 (up 1); 11.5 percent winter 5.17 (up 7); 14 percent spring 6.37 (down 52); barley 6.88 (up 3); PORTLAND — White wheat 5.65 (up 15); 11 percent winter 6.07-6.17 (up 2); 14 percent spring 8.07 (down 14); barley n/a; NAMPA — White wheat cwt 7.67 (up 9); bushel 4.60 (up 5);

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile

Exchange Barrels: \$1.0675, — .0025; Blocks: \$1.0700, —

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — Major potato markets FOB

shipping points Monday.
Russet Burbanks Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count; 100

count.
Baled 5-10 film bags (non Size A).
Russets Norkotahs Wisconsin 50-lb cartons 12.0012.50; 100 count 10.50-11.00.

12.50; 1.00 count 10.50-11.00.

Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A) 9.50-10.00.
Russet Norkotahs Washington 50-lb cartons 70 count 13.00; 1.00 count 10.00-11.00.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A) 7.00-7.50.
Wisconsin Norkotahs 50-lb cartons 70 count; 100 count.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A).
Round Reds 50-lb sacks Size A Wisconsin 10.00-11.00.

LIVESTOCK

11.00. Round Reds 50-lb cartons Size A Minnesota N.

Baled 5-10 lb film bags Size A 9.75-10.75.

Round Whites 50-lb sacks size A Wisconsin

count. Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non Size A).

Refunds available from Dell settlement

Times-News staff

Idaho customers who experienced problems with Dell computer company's financing promotions, rebate offers, technical support and repair policies might be entitled to receive restitution, according to an agreement between the State of Idaho and Texas-based Dell, Inc.

Consumers who believe Dell did not fulfill its warranty or rebate obligations or believe they were harmed by a failure by Dell to properly disclose the financing and

credit terms connected with the purchase may be eligible for a refund under the settlement.

Dell admitted no liability or wrongdoing under the settlement.

Dell and its subsidiary, Dell Financial Services, LLC, have agreed to pay \$25,000 in restitution to eligible Idaho consumers who file claims with the Attorney General by April

Dell also agreed to change its business practices, including its advertising of financing and credit offers, its ful-

Obama's transition team is

Senate

Committee

ready to dispatch top aides to

Republicans this week in

anticipation of a possible

vote Thursday on whether to

release \$350 billion from the

embattled rescue fund for the

In the House, Financial

Chairman Barney Frank, D-

Mass., said the speedy release

of the next \$350 billion was

necessary to help stem the

rising tide of foreclosures,

which was one of the original

purposes of the bailout legis-

"If we do not get the sec-

But Rep. Spencer Bachus of

Alabama, the committee's

ranking Republican, ques-

tioned whether the money

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The fund is becoming "a

ond \$350 billion, I do not see

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Frank said.

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fillment of rebate offers, its provision of warranty services and its account collection procedures.

Idaho residents can download a claim form from the Attorney General's website. www.ag.idaho.gov. The claim form can be located by going to the Consumer Protection and selecting page Settlement Claims and Information."

The amount of money issued to individual consumers depends on the number of eligible recipients and the total amount claimed.

Frank was presiding over a

hearing on the bailout pro-

gram in advance of legisla-

tion that would place tough

new restrictions on recipi-

ents of the money and

require spending to reduce

reach the floor of the House

on Wednesday, with a vote set

for Thursday. At the Treasury

Department, officials were

putting in place tools to

measure whether banks that

receive funds from the finan-

cial rescue program are

On Monday, President

George W. Bush, at Obama's

request, asked Congress for

access to the remaining bil-

lions in the bailout fund. The

request reached Congress as

lawmakers and Obama also

were assembling a spending

and tax-cutting stimulus

package of \$800 billion, or

If he succeeds, Obama

increasing lending.

possibly more.

just reach in and get taxpayer would have more than \$1.1

Frank's bill is scheduled to

mortgage foreclosures.

money," he said.

Idaho

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Canadian market, and working with the Pacific Northwest Economic Regional Commission in support of their programs associated with the 2010 Olympics. The Idaho Department of Commerce will also take advantage of reaching the world as it attends the Olympics through a public relations campaign targeting the Canadian market.

Q: Whatever happened to Commerce's Office of Science & Technology?

A: It's not gone, just changed. The office was renamed the Commercial Innovation division to highlight the division's more inclusive application of innovation in traditional industries. In addition to administering a very successful federal grant assistance program for small innovative companies, the division also focuses on the expansion, retention, launch, and attraction of companies that produce innovative

products and services. An exciting new project by the Commercial Innovation division is an effort to attract foreign investment dollars to Idaho and develop more tech transfer opportunities.

Q: Is it true that an Idahoan played a lead role in the new Tom Cruise movie?

A: Yes, it's true, as long as you can call an airplane an Idahoan. The movie "Valkyrie" features the Curtiss P-40E World War II aircraft that usually resides at the Warhawk Air Museum in Caldwell. It is shown as the lead plane in the movie due to the African desert paint in a recent Newsweek

You can see the aircraft in person at the Caldwell museum seum.org).

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BEANS

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desiring more recent price information should contact

quote; pinks, no quote, new crop; small reds, no quote, new crop. Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Jan. 7.

Prices current Jan. 7.

Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Pintos, Ltd. \$38; great northerns, not established; small whites, not established; small reds, Ltd. \$40-\$43. Quotes current Jan. 7.

GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel: mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to

Soft white wheat, ask; barley, ask; oats, ask; corn

Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Jan. 7.
Barley, \$8.00 (48-lb. minimum) spot delivery in Twin

Falls and Gooding; corn, no quote (Twin Falls only). Prices quoted by Land O'Lakes Inc. in Twin Falls. Prices current Jan. 7.

Intermountain Grain
POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Idaho Farm Bureau
Intermountain Grain and Livestock Report on Tuesday.
POCATELLO — White wheat 4.60 (up 5); 11.5 percent
winter 4,76 (up 5); 14 percent spring 6.72 (down

change without notice.

Pintos, no quote, new crop; great northerns, no

Intermountain Livestock
LIVESTOCK AUCTION — Burley Livestock Market on
Thursday. Utility and commercial cows 32.00-37.00;
canner and cutters 28.00-32.00; heavy feeder steers
82.00-89.00; light feeder steers 86.00-102.00 stocker steers 96.00-112.00; heavy holstein feeder steers
40.00-52.00; light holstein feeder steers 48.0065.00; heavy feeder heifers 81.00-84.75; light feeder
heifers 82.00-90.00; stocker heifers 87.00-104.00;
slaughter bulls 42.00-47.00; Remarks: Market steady
to strong on all classes of feeders and calves. to strong on all classes of feeders and calves.

METALS/MONEY

Key exchange rates NEW YORK (AP) — Key curre Tuesday, compared with late Dollar vs: Exch. Rate Yen \$9.13 Euro \$1.3177 Pound \$1.4493 Swiss franc 11197

\$1.3395 \$1.4843 Swiss franc 1.1197 Canadian dollar 1.2267 Mexican peso 13.8445

Gold
By The Associated Press
Selected world gold prices, Tuesday.
London morning fixing: \$815.50 off \$11.50.
London afternoon fixing: \$826.50 off \$0.50.
NY Handy & Harman: \$826.50 off \$0.50.
NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$892.62 off \$0.54.
NY Engelhard: \$828.56 off \$0.52.
NY Engelhard fabricated: \$890.70 off \$0.54.

NEW YORK (AP) — Handy & Harman silver Tuesday \$10.815 off \$0.085. H&H fabricated \$12.978 off \$0.102. The morning bullion price for silver in London \$11.090 off \$0.130. Engelhard \$10.730 off \$0.070. Engelhard fabricated \$12.876 off \$0.372. NY Merc silver spot month Tuesday \$10.6

Nonferrous metals
NEW YORK (AP) — Spot nonferrous metal prices Aluminum -\$0.6980 per lb., N.Y. Merc spot Tue Copper -\$1.5300 Cathode full plate, U.S. destina

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Obama

way the Bush administration handled the first \$350 billion of the Troubled Asset Relief Program, also known as TARP. They said he would veto any attempt to block his own administration's use of the funds.

"He said TARP is necessary," said Sen. Charles D-N.Y., Schumer, after emerging from the luncheon. "Nobody wants to do it, it's hardly a thing that anyone would pick as the first thing that we'd want to do. But you have to do TARP."

A week shy of taking office, Obama is putting his persuasion skills to a high-stakes test with Congress as he seeks to put his emerging administration in control of more than \$1 trillion in economic stimulus and financial bailout money.



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Hop 2 It

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anything even like this in Idaho, as far as we know," said Wasden, who moved to Twin Falls not quite five years

She even had to go out of state to purchase the insurance needed for the September opening.

"I searched around and finally a local company told me go online. These kinds of facilities, popular around the country, are just not popular around here," Wasden said.

Other challenges included finding the right building. When Wasden saw the Fourth Avenue facility, with over 15,000 square feet, she knew it be a great fit, but needed

some TLC. With the help of her husband, the months leading up to the opening were spent painting, replacing carpet, upgrading the heating and cooling system and making

other cosmetic fixes. Wasden declined to com- blairkoch@gmail.com.

ment on the costs involved but said, "It was less than buying a house and we'll be in debt for a few years but it's

been pretty affordable." While Wasden is leasing the building currently, a purchase option may be discussed with the owner in the

"Right now we're just focusing on the set up," Wasden said.

Since opening, business has been steady. On Saturday, Hop 2 It hosted 11 parties, a record number of special events held in one day.

"We're already booking months in advance," she said. After seeing how much fun his sons had Doggett is contemplating parties there as

"Even for a group party, the prices seemed affordable. It's another option," he said.

Blair Koch may be reached 208-316-2607

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authenticity of its North scheme. It was featured in the movie trailer and issue.

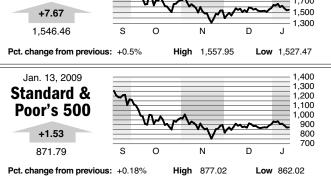
This isn't the first movie for the airplane. It previously appeared in the movie "Pearl Harbor."

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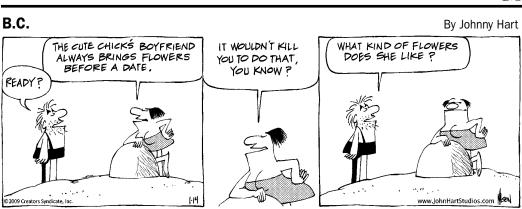
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Wall Street has lost some of the enthusiasm that powered its late 2008 rally. The Dow Jones industrials have taken the biggest hit, falling for five straight days as investors questioned whether they got ahead of themselves when they bet in December that the economy and corporate profits were about to recover. The wind has sort of been taken out of the sails," said Carl Beck,

partner at Harris Financial Group. "The optimism that we saw at the beginning of the year has sort of been put on hold as people await earnings reports over the next couple of weeks. With companies issuing warnings about their revenue and profit over the past week, the safe play on Wall Street has become to throw out analysts' already lowered expectations and expect









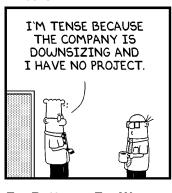




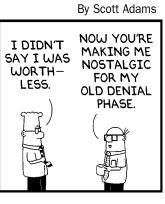
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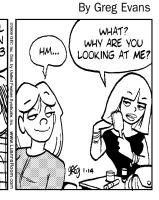












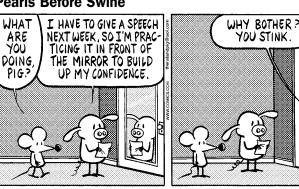
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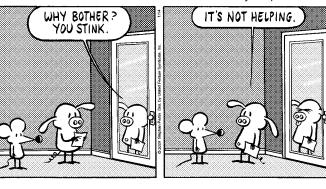
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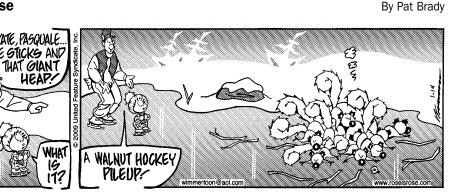


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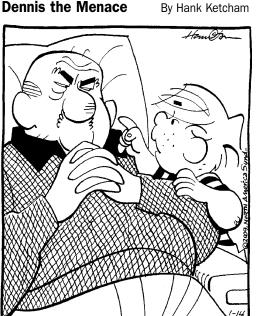
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New 3rd generation of famous EdenPURE heater heats faster, better, quieter, saves more money

Can cut your heating bills up to 50%, cannot start a fire, heats room evenly, does not reduce humidity or oxygen

By John Whitehead, Media Services

As you have probably heard on Paul Harvey News and on radio, television, and newspapers across the nation, BioTech Research has announced the 3rd generation of the EdenPURE® Infrared Portable Heater.

The famous EdenPURE® heater has sold well over 1 million units of its past 2 generations to satisfied customers across the nation. Customers have raved how it has cut their heating bill and amazingly kept them much warmer than they were with other heating products. Many customers say it is the only heating product that has ever kept their feet warm. That is because the EdenPURE® heater heats the room evenly floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall.

The 3rd generation of the EdenPURE® Infrared Portable Heater heats faster, better and quieter. Even though the past generations were safe and reliable, the 3rd generation is even safer and more reliable.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

And that's just the start of the benefits for the new Eden-PURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the Eden-PURE® GEN3 cannot cause a fire. That is because the quartz infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

The outside of the EdenPURE® GEN3 only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets. Pets can sleep on it when it is operating without harm.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 will also make you healthier. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room. Typical heating sources reduce humidity which dries out your sinuses, makes you more susceptible to disease and makes your skin dry. With other heating sources, you'll notice that you get sleepy when the heat comes on because they are burning up oxygen.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE® GEN3, the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources. the EdenPURE® GEN3 cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation.

For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research®

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE® GEN3?

A. This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room.

Jones was so taken back by

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Cannot start a fire; a child or animal can touch or sit on it without harm

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Since the EdenPURE® heater was launched in the marketplace, a number of inferior portable heaters and portable fireplaces have been marketed that imply the same benefits of the EdenPURE® heater. These imitations are far inferior to the EdenPURE® heater. These imitations simply took the old technology space heater heating units and put them into a larger portable heater or a portable fireplace. These inferior portable heaters and portable fireplaces only heat a small area of the room, will not heat the room evenly, will reduce humidity, and can start a fire.

One thing the imitations cannot do is use the EdenPURE® trade name which is registered with the U.S. Patent office. So, if the portable heater or portable fireplace you are considering buying does not have the trade name EdenPURE®, it is not the EdenPURE's® patented advanced technology. It is old inferior technology.

this that he started to experiment. He formed a company to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development. Jones developed a heating source that utilized cured copper and commercial infrared quartz tubes.

Q. What advantages does infrared quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?

A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz heat source cannot be matched by any other heating system in the

In the EdenPURE® GEN3 system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE® GEN3 heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more

than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-toceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is.

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion

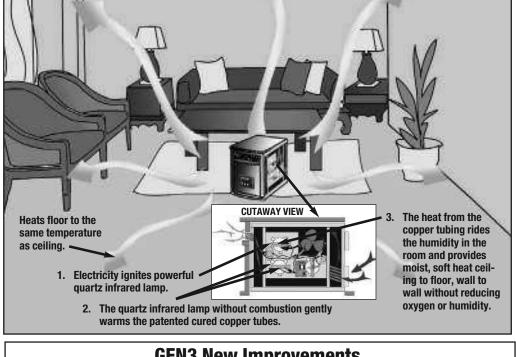
heat sources? A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.

Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

How it works:



GEN3 New Improvements The GEN3 has a quieter, stronger, more The GEN3's front panel where the heat comes out durable fan for better performance. is now heat resistant. The GEN3 has new patented bulbs. The new bulb will last for at least The GEN3 has improved 20.000 working hours. climate control with an LCD thermostat. 4 The GEN3 has special modes. The Auto mode is for climate The GEN3 has a top control and the High of the line washable mode means the The GEN3 has an improved

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced

heater is working at

the highest wattage.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE®

A. First, the EdenPURE® GEN3 uses less energy to create heat than other sources, but that is just part of why it will cut a person's heating bill. The EdenPURE® GEN3 will heat a room in minutes. Therefore. you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the Eden-PÛŘE® GEN3, will be warm and comfortable. The Eden-PURE® GEN3 is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, by up to 50%

Q. What are the improvements in the 3rd generation EdenPURE® GEN3 Infrared Portable Heater?

A. The improvements include a new look, patented far infrared bulbs that produce a more soothing heat and it is fire retardant. Another improvement is a climate control function with 2 modes: Auto heater is working at full power and will keep room temperature within 1 degree of desired temperature; High - heater is working at high speed at all times regardless of room temperature.

Q. I also understand that the EdenPURE® GEN3 produces clean fresh air without furnace filters. How can it do

A. A furnace generates a lot of dust due to the combustion. By lowering the furnace temperature, you are using your furnace less and therefore reducing the requirement for the furnace filters. Also, when there's no combustion, there are no harmful fumes.

Q. So, the EdenPURE® GEN3 is totally safe to use?

A. It absolutely is. The EdenPURE® GEN3 has zero clearance, which means you can push it up against the wall or furniture without risk of fire. Tests prove the unit does not transmit any energy into the atmosphere that will burn or harm anyone regardless of distance between the person and the EdenPURE® GEN3.

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The EdenPURE® GEN3 will pay for itself in weeks. It will put a great deal of extra money in a users pocket. Because of today's spiraling gas, oil, propane, and other energy costs, the EdenPURE® GEN3 will provide even greater savings as the time goes by.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 comes in 2 models. Model 500 heats a room up to 300 square feet and Model 1000 heats a room up to 1,000 square feet.

fan filter.

End of interview.

Readers who wish can obtain the EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater at a \$75 discount if they order in the next 10 days. Please see the Special Reader's Discount Coupon on this page. For those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication, we reserve the right to either accept or reject order requests at the discounted price.

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Russia, Ukraine trade blame in Europe gas crisis

By Jim Heintz **Associated Press writer**

MOSCOW — Hopes that Russia would get natural gas flowing again to shivering Europeans vanished like a winter's breath Tuesday when Moscow turned on the taps, then alleged hours later that Ukraine was blocking the shipments.

Ükraine in turn blamed Russia in the weeklong dispute, saying the Kremlin had demanded the Europebound gas go by a laborious route that would require Ukraine to cut off supplies to its own people.

European Union monitors brought in to keep tabs on gas flows in both countries weren't saying who was at fault, but the EU was clearly angry at the crisis that has deprived millions of heat, light and even work.

"We are not entering a blame game here, but the commission reminds both parties of their responsibilities," EU Johannes spokesman Leitenberger said. "The European consumer cannot, shall not, be held hostage to what is clearly a bilateral situation."

Europe gets about 20 percent of its gas from Russia through pipelines that cross Ukraine. Russia stopped selling gas to Ukraine on Jan. 1 in a dispute over prices and debts, then stopped sending any gas into its vast pipeline system on Jan. 7, alleging Ukraine was siphoning off destined supplies Europe.

The crisis raises high risks for both ex-Soviet countries. European countries that are already spooked by Russia's increasing assertiveness — underlined by last summer's war with Georgia — could redouble their efforts to wean themselves from Russian gas. That would be a blow to Russia's already-struggling economy.

Ukraine risks angering the EU, which leaders in Kiev want deeply to join. Its refusal to pay market prices for Russian gas — one of the roots of the dispute — would make it look like a beggar in the eyes of the West. And if Ukraine is forced to cut off gas shipments to its eastern region in order to deliver gas to Europe, that could hit hard at its industrial heartland, which is also the power base for the opposition to Kiev's pro-Western leader-

Israelis push into Gaza

Israel sends lead negotiator to Cairo for 'decisive' cease-fire talks

By Ibrahim Barzak and Christopher Torchia Associated Press writers

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Terrified residents ran for cover Tuesday in a densely populated neighborhood of Gaza City as Israeli troops backed by tanks thrust deeper into the city and sought Hamas fighters in alleyways and cellars.

On the diplomatic front, Egyptian mediators pushed Hamas to accept a truce proposal and, in a hopeful sign, Israel sent its lead negotiator to Cairo for "decisive" talks on a cease fire. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also headed for the region to join diplomatic efforts.

Israeli military officials say that depending on what happens with what they described as "decisive" talks in Cairo, Israel will move closer to a cease-fire or widen its offensive. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were discussing sensitive policy matters.

Asked if Israel's war aims had been achieved, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said: "Most of them, probably not all of them."

Israeli troops now have the coastal city of 400,000 virtually surrounded as part of an offensive launched Dec. 27 to end years of Palestinian rocket attacks on its southern

Palestinian medical officials reported at least 42 deaths from the conflict on Tuesday throughout Gaza.

The army said three soldiers were wounded, including an officer who was searching a northern Gaza house when a bomb explod-

Palestinian hospital offi-



An explosion from an Israeli airstrike is seen in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, Tuesday. Israeli troops advanced into Gaza suburbs for the first time early Tuesday, residents said, hours after Prime Minister Ehud Olmert warned Islamic militants that they face an 'iron fist' unless they agree to Israeli terms for an end to war in the Gaza Strip.

cials say more than 940 ings. Recent fighting has Palestinians, half of them civilians, have been killed in the fighting. A total of 13 Israelis, 10 of them soldiers, have died.

Palestinian rocket fire has dropped significantly since the offensive was launched. Some 15 rockets and mortar shells were fired toward Israel Tuesday, causing no injuries, the army said.

Fireballs and smoke plumes from Israeli bombing have become a common sight in the territory of 1.4 million people, who are effectively trapped because of blockaded border crossfocused on Gaza City, where Israeli soldiers could be increasingly exposed to the treacherous conditions of urban warfare.

The operation in Tel Hawwa neighborhood, one mile southeast of downtown, matched fast-paced forays into other areas designed to avoid Israeli casualties. Residents said troops entered overnight, reconnoitered the area, and then pulled back to more secure positions.

One Israeli military officer told The Associated Press that Hamas fighters often operate in small groups of up to four and have largely refrained from confronting Israeli troops at close range.

"Their strategy has mainly been to use lots of boobytraps, shooting guns and missiles from afar," the Israeli officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

"Soldiers are taking lots of precautions, they are being more careful than the army has ever been before in any war," he said. "Soldiers shoot at anything suspicious, use lots of firepower, and blast holes through walls to move

around."

Gabi Ashkenazi, chief of staff of the Israeli military, said Hamas militants also have put on Israeli military uniforms to try to approach troops and carry out suicide bombings.

Hamas, which is backed by Iran, cannot hope to score a battlefield victory over the powerful Israeli military, but mere survival could earn it political capital in the Arab world as a symbol of resistance to the Jewish state. Lebanon's Hezbollah, another Iran-backed group, largely achieved that goal in its 2006 war with Israel.

AROUND THE WORLD

IRAN

Two men stoned to death for adultery

TEHRAN — Two men convicted of adultery were stoned to death in northeastern Iran last month but a third convicted man managed to escape, Iran's judiciary spokesman said Tuesday. Ali Reza Jamshidi said the

stoning took place in the city of Mashhad in late December but did not provide the names of the convicted men.

Under Iran's Islamic law, adultery is punishable by stoning, but such sentences are rare. International human rights groups have long criticized stoning in Iran as a cruel form of punishment.

Jamshidi did not describe

how the stonings were carried out. But typically under Islamic rulings, a man is buried up to his waist, while a woman is buried up to her neck. Those carrying out the verdict then throw stones until the person dies. If the person manages to escape from the hole, he or she will remain free under Islamic

"Given that the third person managed to pull himself out of the hole, the verdict was not carried out," Jamshidi told reporters.

AUSTRALIA **Tourism office offers** 'best iob in the world'

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The eager reaction — and worldwide media attention - delighted tourism officials, who listed the job as

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"The global response in the first 24 hours has outstripped even our expectations," Australia's Tourism Minister Desley Boyle said.

In exchange for the plush salary, free accommodation in an oceanfront villa and airfare from the winner's home country, the employee will be required to stroll the island's white sand beaches, snorkel, maybe take a dip in the pool — and post photos and videos of his or her experiences on a weekly blog.

Applications are open until Feb. 22. The job begins London Tuesday.

BRITAIN

Chemists successfully recreate Dickens' workhouse gruel

LONDON — Britain's Royal Society of Chemistry says it has perfected the recipe for Oliver Twist's most famous meal — workhouse gruel.

Members of the society consulted historical sources Charles Dickens' beloved novel to recreate the porridge, which is made from water, oats, milk and an

They planned to ladle out bowls brimming with the gruel, which they describe as "barely palatable," in central

- Wire reports

India toasts success of 'Slumdog' at Golden Globes

By Ramola Talwar Badam **Associated Press writer**

MUMBAI, India — In a city that worships the movies, people are proudly embracing "Slumdog Millionaire" as the newest addition to the cinematic pantheon — never mind that it hasn't hit the screens here yet.

The "Slumdog" sweeps at the Golden Globes on Sunday were enough to make an unseen sensation of this Mumbai-based fairy tale of love and riches. It became the talk of Mumbai, where the vast Hindi-language movie industry known

as Bollywood is based. Now, many are predicting blockbuster sales when it opens in India on Jan. 23.



A man sleeps near a poster of 'Slumdog Millionaire' on a pillar in Mumbai, India, Tuesday. On Sunday, 'Slumdog,' with its cast of actors unknown outside India and its story set on the gritty streets of Mumbai, went home with four Golden Globe awards, and became the movie to beat at the

the slums of Mumbai who

The movie tells the story of becomes the champion of Jamal Malik, a poor kid from India's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" as he searches

"Indian tale catches global fancy," the Hindustan Times said in a proud headline. "The \$lumdog Has Its Day," said the Times of India.

Despite its setting and partial Hindi-language dialogue, "Slumdog" isn't true Bollywood. It has a British director, Hollywood backing and a \$14 million budget that — while small in the West — is enormous by Indian standards.

"Danny Boyle is a culturally sensitive director and I'm sure it will be a good film, but you cannot describe it as a Bollywood film," said director Kabir Khan.

But when the movie won four Golden Globes and became the movie to beat at

the Oscars, it was immediately adopted.

Shobhaa De, a chronicler of India's new wealth and changing social mores, watched it on a bootleg DVD

– and was entranced. Mumbai is a city of extremes: wealth and poverty; multiculturalism and ethnic bigotry; gleaming skyscrapers and vast slums. To the country's poorest, it is spoken of as a financial Shangri-La, and thousands of people arrive every day in search of new jobs and lives.

The movie is Boyle's "gift to Mumbai," De wrote in the Times of India. "He has unblinkingly shown us the rather hideous face of this devastated metropolis that still remains the magnet for the rest of India."

But, she added, Boyle shows "there is still lyricism, tenderness and love under all that grime."

For many in India, though, the loudest cheers were saved for A.R. Rahman, who won the award for original score. Rahman, who has composed music for more than 130 Indian movies, is a musical institution in Bollywood.

"Rahman has seen huge success in India, but the U.S. is a totally different market," said Subir Malik, a well-known Indian musician. "For Rahman to win a music award in a language that the critics don't even understand is fantastic. Now when the movie releases here it's going to be a sell-

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DEAR ABBY: I am a female who is "over 21." I have always been a tomboy. I love to wrestle with my 200-pound boyfriend. Our struggles are vigorous, but never violent, and always end with a kiss or more.

My friends are horrified. They say I could be injured and that any man who would physically "fight" a woman is a potential wife-beater or worse.

So many people have warned me to "watch out" that now I'm beginning to wonder. To me, it's a good way to have fun and burn off calories. What's your take on this, Abby?

- LOVES TO TUSSLE IN GEORGIA

DEAR LOVES TO TUSSLE: If you are the one initiating these "fights," then I doubt that your boyfriend is a potential wife-beater or worse. (If it were the other way around, I might be concerned.) What you have described sounds more like foreplay than abuse. As long as you both enjoy it and no one becomes injured, what the two of you do is nobody's business, so keep it private.

DEAR ABBY: Have you ever received an invitation for a baby shower that states, "There will be a raffle. All proceeds will go to the family to help with the cost of raising another baby*?

IF JANUARY 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have a good grasp of how the wheels of commerce turn and will make a good showing between now and July with any job, career or business pursuit. Do your best to build helpful connections with others who will very likely keep you in mind when the rewards and favors are passed out. You could make a fateful decision in September, so watch your p's and q's. If you will wait for late October to launch a new idea or business, you could receive enormous and favorable publicity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Open your ears and your mind. You may find there is a tendency to hear only what you want to hear in regards to a risky proposition. Try to look at matters objectively or ask for advice from a good friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Try some exercise instead of vegetating with reruns. You don't have to join a gym to do some sit-ups or leg stretches. You might even find a certain someone is willing to help you with the warm-up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let an experienced mentor guide you through difficult decisions. A third party could have insights that may be eluding you. Get advice before



DEAR Abby Jeanne **Phillips**

Abby, this is the couple's third girl in less than four years and her third baby shower. These are planned pregnancies. The woman's husband earns \$75,000 a year. Prospective guests are also instructed to go online where the baby gift registry is posted.

I am completely at a loss for words after receiving this invite. Any thoughts?

— TAKEN ABACK INWYOMING

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: You have been fairly warned about the intent of the event. Because you are turned off, the word I am suggesting is "Regrets."

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do anymore. It seems like I hate everything, but I don't think I'm depressed.

I hate working, but love my salary. I hate my co-workers, but realize they're probably no worse than any other workplace. Nothing excites me, nothing motivates me. I don't like anything in particular and have

never known what I wanted to do with my life. I don't want to be married or have children. I often wonder what the point of living is. I feel like I'm living every day just to get to the end of

I'm sure I'm not alone. Please help me and others out there who seem to have lost hope.

- NOT HAPPY IN CANADA

DEAR NOT HAPPY: Whether you recognize it or not, you may be depressed. As anyone who has read this column knows, there is medical and psychiatric help for depression, which sometimes has a physical cause.

However, as I have read and reread your letter, I am struck by the listlessness and boredom it conveys. Perhaps you would be happier if you dwelt less on yourself and the emptiness you feel, and spent some time helping people who are less fortunate than you. Leo Rosten once wrote that the purpose of life is to matter, to be productive, to have it make a difference that you lived at all using the talents that God has given you for the betterment of others.

Please consider what I have said because you are spending far too much time thinking about what you're missing, and frankly may need a verbal kick in the fanny.

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you undertake new projects or enter into agreements.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get lost in the clouds. A brief period of good fortune could have you looking forward to bigger and better things. Keep your feet on the ground and devote your attention to more tangible goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug, 22): Your latest enthusiasm might not be as great as it seems. Put it on the back burner and look at it again next month. This could be a good time to plan a visit to Disneyland or a carnival but not a business

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay focused on reality. You are walking on clouds, perhaps because a special someone has been especially attentive. If something new grabs your attention, that special someone might not be so special.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It is sometimes better to fold than to keep on throwing good money after bad. Play the cards that you are dealt only if you have a hand worth playing. You won't be able to bluff your way to the top.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Seeing is believing. But sometimes you can only see what you hope or want to see. A family matter might entail more spin than substance - so before you agree to anything, take another, closer

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. Looks can be deceiving. While the outward appearance of a financial undertaking may seem rosy and pleasant, the underlying details need more attention and research before making final deci-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take it from the top. Utilize the experience and savvy of someone who has a great track record in your field. People think you are better than you are, so may ask you to do more than you can. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Don't let your mind rust. Head to the library, find someone who can hold a stimulating conversation or otherwise immerse your brain in knowledge and information. You benefit from personal research.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be a contender. Following someone else's pace will help you to achieve more than you thought possible. Stay on top of your workload and avoid distractions. There could be a passionate admirer in the wings.

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 14, the

14th day of 2009. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 14, 1969, 27 people aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise were killed when a rocket warhead exploded, setting off a fire and additional explosions that ripped through the ship off Hawaii.

On this date:

In 1639, the first constitution of Connecticut — the *Fundamental Orders" — was adopted. In 1784, the United States rati-

fied a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life.

In 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" had its world premiere in Rome.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened wartime conference

TODAY IN HISTORY

Casablanca.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator," as he was officially known.

In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of 'segregation forever."

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

In 1993, talk show host David Letterman announced he was moving from NBC to CBS. Ten years ago: Before a jury of

100 silent senators, House prosecutors demanded President Bill Clinton's removal from office, charging he had "piled perjury

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Five years ago: Former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow pleaded guilty to conspiracy as he accepted a 10-year prison sentence. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. struck a deal to buy Bank One Corp. for \$58 billion. A female Palestinian suicide bomber killed three Israeli soldiers and a private security guard at a Gaza crossing. U.N. officials announced that Libya had ratified the nuclear test ban treaty. President George W. Bush unveiled a plan to send astronauts to the moon, Mars and beyond. Death claimed actress Uta Hagen in New York at age 84 and actor Ron O'Neal in Los Angeles at age 66.

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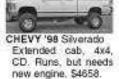
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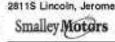
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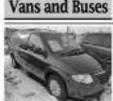
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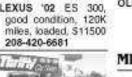
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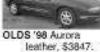
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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT ON THE LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The State of Idaho will accept public comment on its annual funding plan for the U.S. Department of Energy's Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. The State Plan is available for review at Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, located at 5400 W. Franklin Rd., Suite G in Boise, Idaho. A public hearing on the plan will be held from 9:00 - 12:00 pm on Monday January 26, 2009 in Boise at 5400 W. Franklin Street, Suite G.

The Weatherization Assistance Program assists low-income families through the installation of weatherization measures in their homes. The measures include insulation, air sealing, and heating systems improvements that enhance the energy efficiency of the homes. Program services help eligible families reduce their heating costs, promoting the health and safety of the family and conserving energy resources.

Summary of changes to the 2009 State Plan Increase in the average allowable weatherization expenditure per unit as directed by DOE

Development of initial Ramp Up plan to increase weatherization production statewide Utilization of supplemental funding for two years; regular allocation in one year

Public comments for written testimony on the State Plan will be accepted from January 19, 2009 - January 26, 2009. Send or deliver comments to:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare CERM Team 450 W. State Street, 2nd floor Boise, Idaho 83720-0036

PUBLISH: Jan 14 through Jan 23, 2009 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Loan No 0059763250 T S No 057-005451 Notice of Trustee's Sale On 4/30/2009, 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. THE EAST 140 FEET THE WEST 165 FEET, EXCEPT THE NORTH 15 FEET THEREOF, OF LOT L OF SNYDER TRACT, RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 45. 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 568 BAKER STREET, 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 JOEL SWEAT, An Unmarried Man as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELEC-TRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC, is named as Beneficiary and FIRST AMERICAN TITLE as Trustee and recorded 12/28/2006 as Instrument No 2006-032909 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 12/27/2006, the monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,009 12, due per month for the months of 7/1/2008 through 12/16/2008, 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 \$143,395.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.87500 per cent (%) per annum from 6/1/2008. 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: 12/16/06 Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation By: Lynn Darling, AVP THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT

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AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE

USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, ASAP# 2955093

Loan No 0059970780 T S No 057-006144 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Classifieds 733-0931 ext. 2

On 5/19/2009, at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: Lobby of Title Fact 163 4th Avenue North Twin Falls, ID 83301, TRANSNATION TITLE & ESCROW, INC., 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 3 IN BLOCK 6 OF MORNING SUN SUBDIVI-SION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 18 OF PLATS, PAGE 24. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVA-TIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 664 SUNBEAM DRIVE, 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 AUTUMN R BUTLER, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., is named as Beneficiary and ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP as Trustee and recorded 3/1/2007 as Instrument No 2007-004767 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 2/9/2007, the monthly installments of principal interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,761 41, due per month for the months of 8/1/2008 through 1/712009, 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 \$244,084.29 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.25000 per cent (%) per annum from 7/1/2008. 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: 1/8/09 TRANSNA TION TITLE & ESCROW, INC, a Delaware cor-poration By: Lynn Darling, AVP THIS IS AN AT-TEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY IN-FORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 2967367

PUBLISH: Jan 14, 21, 28 and Feb 4, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Loan No. 0060442373 T S. No. 057-005338 On 5/19/2009, at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho: Lobby of Land Title & Escrow 211 W 13th St Burley, ID 83318 TRANSNA-TION TITLE AND ESCROW INC., 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 Cassia State of Idaho and described as follows: LOT 10 IN BLOCK 166 OF THE BURLY TOWNSITE, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. 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 1550 MILLER AVE, BURLEY, ID 83318 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 KENNY J EMERY AND SARAH J EMERY, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORT-GAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYS-TEMS, INC., is named as Beneficiary and LAND TITLE AND ESCHOW INC. as Trustee and recorded 6/19/2007 as Instrument No 316571 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Cassia 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 6/18/2007, the monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$580.14, due per month for the months of 5/1/2008 through 1/6/2009, 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 \$70,476.49 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.37500 per cent (%) per annum from 4/1/2008. 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: 01/06/2009 TRANSNATION TITLE AND ESCROW INC By: Lynn Darling, AVP THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 2967384

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Actions planned and taken by your government Loan No. 8452658571 T.S. No. ID-08-212155-TD are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No 0061073904 T S No 057-005143 On 4/29/2009, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Gooding. State of Idaho: Lobby of Land Title & Escrow 706 Main Street Gooding, ID 83330, Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, as Trustee on behalf of LandAmer ica 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 Gooding State of Idaho, described as follows. LOTS 17, 18, AND 19 IN BLOCK 1 OF GOODING TOWNSITE, GOOD-ING COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compli-ance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 621 OREGON STREET, GOODING, ID 83330 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 LAWRENCE SWITZER, Man, An Unmarried Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELEC-TRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. named as Beneficiary and LAND TITLE AND ESCROW INC. as Trustee and recorded 5/31/2007 as instrument No 221839 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Gooding 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 5/24/2007, the monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$654.73, due per month for the months of 6/1/2008 through 12/16/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement.. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligasecured by said Deed of Trust \$63,917.33 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 8.00000 per cent (%) per annum from 5/1/2008. All delinguent 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: 12/16/08 Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc. a Delaware Corporation By: Lynn Darling AVP THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 2955511

PUBLISH: Dec 31, 2008, Jan 7, 14 and 21, 2009

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CUSTER

Case No. CV-08-104 SUMMONS SCOTT JOHNSON, Plaintif

CORY AINSLIE. Defendant.

589-8082

TO: CORY AINSLIE HIGH ADVENTURE RIVER TOURS 1211 E 2350 S HAGERMAN, ID 83332 208-837-9005 and/or 208-731-2045 and/or 208-

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE IN-

FORMATION BELOW: You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include: The title and number of this case.

If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim. 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone

number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your

response to the plaintiff's attorney, as designated above. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the

above-named court. DATED this 28" day of July, 2008 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By:/s/Laila Plummer Deputy Clerk

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POSE. ASAP# 2955098

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On 4/28/2009, at 10:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of JEROME, State of Idaho: In the front lobby of Land Title & Escrow located at 237 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, Ploneer Lender Trustee Services. LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee on behalf of JPMorgan Chase Bank National Association 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 JEROME State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 3 IN BLOCK 80 OF JEROME, TOWNSITE, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE PLAT THEREOF, IN THE OFFICE OFFICIAL NOW RECORD OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. 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 415 E FIRST AVE , JEROME, ID 83338 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 VERLAND D. TRACY AND LINDA L. TRACY. HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor/Trustor, in NORTH AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY, is named as Beneficiary and LAND TITLE & ESCROW as Trustee and recorded 4/28/1999 as Instrument No. 992219 in book page -, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of JEROME 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 4/21/1999. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$327.83, due per month for the months of 8/1/2008 through 12/15/2008, 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 \$32,690.17 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.8750 per cent (%) per annum from 7/1/2008. 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: 12/24/2008 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service

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Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101.

as Agent By: Tara Dorzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-

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have previously been discharged through

bankruptcy, you may have been released of

personal liability for this loan in which case this

etter is intended to exercise the note holder's

rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY IN-

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THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are

hereby notified that a negative credit report re-

flecting on your credit record may be submitted

to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the

terms of your credit obligations. ASAP#

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Loan No. 0061825204 T S No 057-005441 On 5/1/2009, at 11:00 am (recognized local time). at the following location in the County of Lincoln, State of Idaho: Inside north doors of Lincoln County Courthouse 111 W "B" Street

Shoshone, ID, Transnation Title & Escrow,

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, situ-

ated in the County of Lincoln State of Idaho, and

described as follows: LOTS 2, 3 AND 4 BLOCK

31, SHOSHONE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP

OF SHOSHONE, LINCOLN COUNTY, IDAHO,

FILED APRIL 9, 1883, NOW ON FILE IN THE

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF

LINCOLN COUNTY, IDAHO.. The Trustee has

no knowledge of a more particular description of

the above referenced real property, but for pur-

poses of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho

Code, the Trustee has been informed that the

address of 318 EAST C STREET, SHOSHONE

ID 83352 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 se-

cured by and pursuant to the power of sale con-

ferred in the Deed of Trust executed by FRANK

Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELEC-

TRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., is

named as Beneficiary and SUN 183672 in book

, page - of VALLEY TITLE CO. as Trustee and

recorded 8/27/2007 as Instrument No Official

Records in the office of the Recorder of Lincoln

County, Idaho Please Note: The above Grantors

are named to comply with section 45-1 506(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 8124/2007 The monthly installments of

principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable)

of \$1,172 1 3, due per month for the months of

6/112008 through 12/19/2008, and all subse-

quent installments until the date of sale or rein-

statement The principal balance owing as of this

date on the obligation secured by said Deed of

Trust is \$146,085 62 together with interest

thereon at the current r ale of 7,37500 per cent

(%) per annum from 511/2008.. All delinquent

amounts are now due together with accruing

late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing

taxes, assessments, trustees 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 exclu-

sive remedy shall be the return of monies paid

to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall

have no further recourse.. Date: 12/22/2008

Transnation Title & Escrow; Inc., a Delaware

Corporation BY: THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO

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MANZELLA, An Unmarried

Delaware Corporation , as Trustee