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Robert Stuart Junior High School student Wayne Jeffers dons the tux he is wearing to Tuesday's presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. As he wandered the school in his tux before leaving last week, Jeffers said it's 'awesome' that he gets to be a part of one of the major historic events in United States history.

T.F. student heading to inauguration

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Wayne Jeffers was too young to vote in the last election.

But the 14-year-old is not too young to see history first-hand when Barack Obama is sworn in as the next U.S. president.

Jeffers, a ninth-grader from Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls, will attend the inauguration in Washington, D.C. this week. His plans to go to the inauguration began before anyone knew who would win the election.

"I think it's all going to be really cool," he said.

Last year, Jeffers decided he wanted to be part of the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference, a national program for students. The program includes seeing the inauguration, attending the inaugural ball and educational events.

"It was before I knew who



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WATCH: Wayne Jeffers talk about his plans to attend the inauguration.

was going to be elected," he said.

He began fundraising to get money for this trip and presented a letter to businesses about his plans. His school also helped him set up an account for donations. During the last several months, enough donations came in to pay for his trip.

For Jeffers, the inauguration would have been just as exciting no matter who won the election. He followed the election on the news, but says he wasn't rooting for one candidate over the other.

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Obama's view an ode to America's promise

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press writer

INSIDE

Security for inaugural at all-time high.

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WASHINGTON — When Barack Obama mounts the podium to take the oath and deliver his inaugural address, when he looks out upon the National Mall and hundreds of thousands of bright and hopeful faces, he will see so much more: the symbols of a nation forever struggling to live up to its promise.

Start first with that memorial to the first president, the 555-foot Washington Monument. In his first inaugural address, George Washington famously called the United States a great experiment in democracy — a nod to the Founders' belief that this was a work in progress. The preamble to the U.S. Constitution sets the nation's sights on "a more perfect union."

Imperfect, indeed. That same Constitution count-

ed slaves as three-fifths a person in considering apportionment for the U.S. House. And many of the Founders, including Washington himself, owned slaves.

"In this sense, our nation is still an experiment," said historian Paul Boller, author of a book on presidential inaugurations. "In other words, we haven't reached a level of perfection but we have grown."

Symbols of that growth litter the District of Columbia landscape. From Obama's perch at the west end of the Capitol, the new president will see steel-and-stone reminders of how the United States has

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Empty Idaho gov's mansion turns into a money pit

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne left Idaho with a housing crisis when he bolted for the U.S. Interior secretary job in 2006 — the state is paying to maintain a swanky mansion its current governor refuses to occupy.

In 2004, Kempthorne accepted a \$2.1 million, 7,400-square-foot hilltop abode from french fry baron J.R. Simplot, to be used as a governor's residence. Idaho was one of six states at the time without official digs, and Kempthorne mounted a \$3 million private fundraising effort to spruce up a dated interior that needed repairs.

But the campaign sputtered when Kempthorne left.

Meanwhile, the cost of maintaining the place — including watering and mowing its gigantic expanse of Kentucky bluegrass — has topped \$100,000 a year, draining a \$1.5 million fund set up in 1990 to help defray governor's housing costs.

Meanwhile, Idaho's current governor, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, declines to live in a house that belonged to his ex-father-in-law: Otter divorced Gay Simplot, the late billionaire's daughter, in 1993. Instead, he's taking a \$4,500 monthly allowance to live at his riverside ranch, just west of town.

Otter points out he never asked for a governor's mansion. Otter told The AP in a recent interview he'll forego

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DEQ makes check on Burley grain dust

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

A Burley grain company is ready to test newly-installed equipment that it hopes will prevent dust from billowing out across a residential neighborhood.

Bill Allred, regional administrator for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, said DEQ staff visited Peavey Co. in northwest Burley Thursday to investigate complaints about dust coming from the facility and found the company has installed new equipment that will spray mineral oil onto the corn, which is causing the problem.

"It's in place and ready to use now," Allred said. "And

they are expecting their next big shipment of corn in during the next couple of weeks."

Allred said company officials told DEQ staff that the dusty batch of corn, used for animal feed, had not been developed correctly.

"They pretty much blamed it on some bad corn they received and they said it was really dusty," he said. "They recognize the dust problem."

He said the DEQ's visit to the area did not reveal any instances of the red-colored dust that neighbors of the business complained about. "The red color they are seeing is from what is most likely called beeswings, which comes from where the cob and kernel comes together,"

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LAURIE WELCH/Times-News

Debbie Drussel, right, helps her neighbor Cathy Young clean up her patio littered with grain dust Saturday. Residents of WaltCo Mobile Home Park on west Eighth Street say the dust, which is coming from Peavey Co. west of the neighborhood, is causing health concerns for them and their pets.

Idaho assisted living homes are no longer just for the elderly

By Kerri Sandaine
The Lewiston Tribune

LEWISTON — When Lori Hagedorn was working at area nursing homes, she never dreamed she'd be living in one at age 45.

"I used to help elderly people and now I'm living with them 24/7," says Hagedorn, who has been a resident at Orchards Rehabilitation and

Care Center in Lewiston since June.

Plagued with chronic medical problems, she is part of a growing population of younger people who need the long-term care, skilled nursing and structure offered in a nursing home.

Two decades ago, about 1 percent of nursing home residents were under the age of 65, estimates Robert Vande Merwe, executive director of

Idaho Health Care Association — Idaho Center for Assisted Living, headquartered in Boise.

Now it's closer to 10 percent, according to statistics from the Department of Social and Health Services in Washington state.

"It used to be a place where the aged went," Vande Merwe says. "Now 80 percent of new admissions are coming for short-term rehabilitation."

Some eventually return home or go to an assisted living setting. Some stay until their death, he says. "It becomes their home and we do everything we can to make it a home environment."

Four or five people under the age of 55 are currently living at Orchards, says administrator Mindy Shepard.

"It's not that uncommon because we have a gap in the

health care system between the hospital and the nursing home. People like Lori are younger, but they need the medical care. The structure and support of the staff helps people to remain as independent as possible."

Vande Merwe expects the upswing in younger patients to continue. A major cause is obesity and all of its complications, such as diabetes, he says. "People are crashing

earlier now because they're not managing their chronic diseases."

Some children are in nursing homes because of severe birth defects and disabilities caused by drug and alcohol abuse during their mothers' pregnancies. Other young people have diseases with no cure, such as multiple sclerosis, and may reside in nursing

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Auditions for "My Fair Lady," Dilettante Group of Magic Valley 2009 production; no children's roles, be prepared to sing a selection of choice and read from the script, 7:30 to 9 p.m., First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, 734-5511 or 731-0242.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magic Valley Detachment of Marine Corp League, 7 p.m., DAV Hall, Shoup and Harrison, Twin Falls, 293-7312 or 734-8015.

Sons of Norway, Magic Valley Viking Lodge monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N., Twin Falls, public invited, 733-1792.

GOVERNMENT

Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 550 S. Main, 423-5593.

Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30, 352-4445.

Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., library, Minico High School, Rupert, 436-4727.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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.

Macular Degeneration support group, sponsored by the Commission for the Blind, 12:30 p.m., Jerome Senior Center, 324-6833.

Grief Share, continuing program and time of sharing, 1 to 2 p.m., Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., Rupert, 436-3354.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m., front lounge, Woodstone Assisted Living Facility, 491 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988.

Choices for Recovery, a non-traditional, 12-step spiritual program open to all faiths, issues and addictions, 4 to 5:30 p.m., west conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 431-3741.

Recovery for Life: "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing," includes Divorce Care, Financial Peace, Co-dependency for Women, 12-Step HOPE (addiction recovery), 6 to 6:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.

TODAY'S REMINDERS

Fundraiser:

Reminder for Jan. 23 Minico Boys Basketball annual fundraiser 2009, meal includes barbecue pork on bun, tossed green salad, chips, homemade desserts and drink, 5 to 7 p.m., Minico lunchroom (back gym), \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 8 years and younger, 436-8966 or 431-6454.

Veterans:

Reminder for Jan. 22 appointments with Milt Smith, state service officer from Boise, 9 a.m., Burley Veterans office, Burley Airport, 678-3599 or 878-2565.

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

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to go and do today

• You can hone your photography skills or maybe get some new ones with a photography course starting Feb. 3 in Twin Falls. Cost is \$10 per class or \$45 for six of them at Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, 136 Maxwell Ave. Call 736-2265 to register or for more information.

• Meanwhile in Elko, Nev., the Western Folklife Center

at 501 Railroad St. presents the "Between Grass and Sky" exhibit to celebrate the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. The exhibit lasts through May. For more info, check out westernfolklife.org.

• And in celebration of Martin Luther King Day, do something to promote better understanding between people and the breaking

down of prejudices, be it getting involved with a group or, as Atticus Finch advised his daughter, stand in the shoes of someone different from you.

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.

History

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Jeffers departed for Washington on Friday, and is traveling by himself to the festivities. The student will be doing a PowerPoint presentation of his experiences for his class once he returns.

"I'm going to be part of one of the major historical

events in our country," Jeffers said.

Robyn Barnes, his advisory teacher, said Jeffers was determined to reach his goal of attending the inauguration and the conference.

"He never gave up," she said. "Tenacity is his middle name."

Of course, inaugurations only happen once every four years, so Jeffers will be dressed for the occasion.

"I've got a tuxedo ordered," he said.

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MLK holiday brings several closures

Many offices and facilities are closed today for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, including the following:

• Most city offices are closed, including in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Hailey, Gooding, Rupert and

Shoshone.

• County, state and federal offices are closed.

• Post offices are closed.

• Banks are closed.

• Twin Falls Public Library is closed.

• College of Southern Idaho is closed; the Herrett

Center for Arts and Science is closed.

• YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool is open regular hours.

• Magic Valley Mall is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

• Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

North Idaho home foreclosures hit record

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The number of home foreclosure proceedings in Kootenai County hit a record high in 2008, officials say.

The 939 notices of default and trustee sales posted is 35 percent higher than the previous peak year of 2002.

Joe Krebs, a single mother in Post Falls, said she's trying to hold on to her home by reducing her \$2,700 monthly payment.

"I love my home," Krebs told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

She said she owned 10 homes at one time, including ones that she rented out

in Boise, Massachusetts and Florida, before losing them in the slumping economy. She estimates she lost more than \$1 million.

She said she became involved with the Marshall Reddick Real Estate Network, which describes itself as an "educational and purchasing system based on spiritual values" to help participants "achieve financial independence through real estate" with a goal to "wipe out middle-class poverty."

"I could get one loan to buy four new homes in an area that was thriving," Krebs said. "I had \$2 million

invested and it collapsed like a deck of cards."

She is now trying to figure out how to save the last — the one where she lives. She bought the home near the Spokane River for more than \$400,000 but estimates now it's worth about \$300,000.

"I thought I could retire," she said. "I had \$100,000 a year income, but it was only on paper."

Joe McCarron, a marriage and family therapist in Coeur d'Alene, said family members facing financial problems can also experience anxiety and depression.

Dust

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Allred said. "During transportation it sometimes jostles off."

The DEQ, he said, had fielded complaints about dust from the company before but the company was sold to new owners, Gavilon, in June 2008 by ConAgra Foods.

Allred said his office will be giving the new company a reasonable amount of time to respond to the issue.

Peavey Co. Plant Manager Eric Berge declined comment to the Times-News last week.

Although Allred said his office is optimistic that the mineral oil will work, resident of WaltCo Mobile Home Park on west Eighth Street, Debbie Drussel, is not so sure.

Drussel, along with other residents in the neighborhood, has complained a number of times to the company and DEQ officials about the dust that they say is causing health concerns for themselves and their pets as well as damage to their property.

"You know, if the mineral-oil works, that's great. But

who is going to clean up this mess?" Drussel said. "I'm going to be left with this all over my yard."

Allred said in a couple of weeks the DEQ will follow up by calling the company to determine if progress is being made and the dust is being contained.

"And when we are in the area we will stop over and take a look for ourselves," he said. "We will be staying on top of this."

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	% of Avg.	peak
Salmon	101%	53%
Big Wood	86%	46%
Little Wood	92%	47%
Big Lost	93%	46%
Little Lost	95%	49%
Henry's Fork/Teton	89%	47%
Upper Snake Basin	102%	54%
Oakley	90%	47%
Salmon Falls	106%	55%

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Go to Magicvalley.com to find a ski report at the Snow Center.

Vision for success: Buhl prepares for community assessment

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Where will the city of Buhl be in five years? Where will it be in 10?

To help the city investigate where it wants to go and how to get there, the Buhl Economic Council has arranged for the completion of a community assessment.

The assessment is to help Buhl develop a strategy for success.

"Anybody who calls Buhl home is encouraged to participate," said BEC President Steve Kaatz. "We need to collect as much information from the greatest number of viewpoints."

Assisting with the gathering of information is Jerry Miller, business development specialist with the Idaho

Building Buhl's future

The first in a series of community assessment meetings will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Moose Hall, 1101 Main St. Residents, including those living outside city limits, are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Department of Commerce. Miller will facilitate a series of community meetings, the first of which is scheduled for next week.

"Initially I'll act as a facilitator, a neutral party, to keep the meetings going, and will advise the city on ways to get input," Miller said.

During the first meeting community members will

address Buhl's strengths and weaknesses, a necessary step in drafting a strategy.

Subsequent meetings will be used to identify areas the community wants to change. Does it want an after-school program for youth? Does it want more businesses in town, and if so, what kind? Is the city doing everything it can to attract young professionals? Are there enough programs and assistance for area seniors?

"The common denominator in the success of any program is money, so the strategies we develop have to be viable strategies, something we, as a community, can bring to fruition," Kaatz said.

About a decade ago the BEC conducted a similar assessment called "Building Buhl's Future." Some of the

goals from that assessment did come to pass, including the development of affordable housing opportunities and attracting developers to the area.

"Increasing housing opportunities, such as the building of the apartment complex behind Ridley's (Family Markets) was a good, viable goal that came from the initial assessment," Kaatz said.

A community should address its strategy every year. Complete assessments should be done at least every decade, he said. City officials looked into completing an assessment but the cost, around \$5,000, could not be budgeted.

"It was the first thing that left the budget when the economy fell apart," said

Mayor Charles Sheridan.

Idaho Commerce assists communities for free.

"The department has a long history of helping cities develop strategic plans," Miller said.

Some may think creating a strategy for growth in this depressed economy may be a waste of time, but Miller said the time is ripe. "There are consequences of not being prepared," he said. "You could have opportunities fall through your fingers when you're not ready, organized. Not having a strategic plan leaves you competitively disadvantaged."

Once this market cycle begins its upswing — and it will, Miller said — cities like Buhl that have a vision and a plan for the future will be prepared.

"So many communities, when the economy experienced a lot of growth, didn't have any time to plan or prepare, and they missed out," Miller said. "Now is the time to take advantage of the slow down and plan for when things turn around."

In the meantime, residents should plan to take part in planning Buhl's future, he said.

"People should come to the meetings with an open mind," Miller said. "There will be no stupid, silly or bad questions. No idea is too small or insignificant. Oftentimes the most successful plans contain a lot of small, doable ideas."

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Nursing

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homes for many years.

In addition, stroke and heart attack victims are surviving at higher rates and they often need rehabilitation, Vande Merwe says.

"A lot of the younger people are there for a short term to stabilize so they can live on their own again," he says.

"They're not just coming there to die. They're coming there to live, and, hopefully, achieve a higher quality of life. That's not how people saw nursing homes 20 years ago."

Hagedorn's lengthy list of ailments include chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and chronic asthma.

"My major problems are my lungs," she says, adjusting the tube that connects her to an oxygen tank. "I smoked for over 30 years. I started when I was 13 and, over the years, progressed to almost three packs a day."

She also believes inhaling volcanic ash when Mount St. Helens erupted and working at a fertilizer plant may have caused some damage.

Her chronic health problems forced her to stop working about six years ago. It was when she began having trouble managing her pain medication that she had to leave her apartment in Lewiston.

"My doctor said I had to go to assisted living or a nursing home or find a new doctor. I ended up in the hospital way too much. I was on a lot of pain pills and I was overdosing myself. I agreed, as long as I could take some of my hobbies, my TV and VCR and my cat."

She was living alone in low-income housing when she moved to Orchards, and most of her belongings were sold at a yard sale. Choking back a sob, Hagedorn says she had to leave her cat with a neighbor.

"My cat and my computer were my best friends at the time. It seems like I got sick and my friends just disappeared."

She doesn't sit in the blue recliner in her room because it brings back too many memories of what her life used to be like. "It was me, my blanket and cat all snuggled up. I would rather be home in my own place."

Hagedorn, who is single, has been married three times and has three children and four grandchildren. Her oldest daughter, Christina Erb of Lewiston, visits at least once a week.

"It's hard knowing she's 45 and has to live with older folks and doesn't have anyone her age to socialize with," Erb says. "In the other sense, it's a relief to me knowing she's there getting proper care and has someone with her 24 hours a day. She was unable to live on her own with no one to monitor her meds."



Lewiston Tribune/AP photo

Lori Hagedorn, resident of Orchards Rehabilitation and Care Center, in her room Nov. 19, 2008 in Lewiston, Idaho. When Hagedorn was working at area nursing homes, she never dreamed she'd be living in one at age 45.

Instead of dwelling on the past, Hagedorn tries to keep busy. In addition to watching TV and taking naps, she works on beading projects and crafts. The rest of her time is consumed with the daily routine of a nursing home. Activities are posted on a calendar at her bedside table, along with a menu listing the current month's meals.

One of Hagedorn's favorite activities is going to Rosauers once a week and using her laptop in the coffee shop area there. She also enjoys a monthly trip to Wal-Mart and an occasional restaurant outing.

"I thank my lucky stars I can do all I can," she says.

At the nursing home, Hagedorn begins her day at 5 a.m. when the staff wakes her to take her first round of medications. "Sometimes I can get back to sleep, sometimes I can't."

Meals are brought to her room when she doesn't feel like going to the dining room. On a recent morning, breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs, toast and milk. "The food here is actually pretty good," she says. "The spaghetti is my favorite."

Hagedorn showers twice a week and can walk around her room and use the bathroom on her own. When she leaves the room, she uses a wheelchair. She is looking forward to getting an electric wheelchair and plans to go for a spin around the block on the day it arrives.

When she visited nursing homes as a kid, she remem-

"The worst thing for me is the loneliness. It's hard. I suffer from depression anyway, and it's worse this time of year."

Activity directors say keeping younger residents active and stimulated can be a challenge. For years, most programs were geared to a different generation. The new clientele would rather surf on the Internet, send e-mails or play video games.

"They don't want Lawrence Welk," says Judy Wood, who has been an activity director at Orchards Rehabilitation and Care Center for more than 20 years. "The younger residents have different interests in music, technology. It's challenging. I try to gear activities to their interests and give them group opportunities to express their feelings about being in a long-term care facility."

Wood recently tried to organize a group activity for younger residents, but it kind of fizzled out. She doesn't push it, if the interest isn't there.

"I try to make them decide what they want to do," Wood says. "You want them to have self-esteem, self-worth and have a choice. We try to maintain their independence as much as possible."

Among the older population at Orchards, bingo is a big draw, along with exercises, reminiscing and music. "Religious programs and musicians are popular, and the residents love the Wii games. They like the bowling and the baseball. It's good exercise."

Wood has worked in nursing homes since 1974. She says it's not an easy job, but it is rewarding.

"I think I make a difference in people's lives, at least I hope I do. I hope I increase their quality of life. I like the elderly people. I love listening to their stories, their history, the technology changes they've seen, their hardships and how they met their spouses. It's interesting, and I've learned a lot from them."

At Orchards Rehabilitation and Care Center, there are about 100 employees and 66 residents. The majority of people who reside there are

covered under state-funded Medicaid. For the 10 percent or so who have to pay privately, the cost is \$5,500 per month.

The staffing ratio at the nursing home is good, Shepard says. The state mandates 2.5 hours of care per day for each patient. At Orchards, she says the average is 3.2 to 3.3 hours.

"It's definitely not a job for everybody," she says. "It's for people who have a lot of patience, energy and a true desire to care for people. It's not for the weak stomached because you're dealing with human bodies and all that entails. It takes integrity. And it's very addictive if it's a good fit."

Each nursing home has its own admission guidelines. Considerations include how much it will cost to care for a patient, the level of skills required, staffing and equipment. Lately, there has been an increase in patients who weigh more than 300 pounds, Shepard says. They require special equipment and lifts.

People who are considering placing a loved one in a nursing home should tour various facilities without an appointment, she advises. "You need to be comfortable."

Idaho has about 6,075 nursing home beds and the occupancy rate is about 76 percent. In Washington, there are approximately 21,000 beds and 87 percent are filled.

Some families opt to provide care at home, which can be a major undertaking for the primary caregiver. "Any family member who does this

I give my kudos to," Shepard says. "It's a full-time job, emotionally, physically and financially."

For those looking for information about nursing homes, there is a Web site developed by Medicare that offers nationwide survey results and other relevant information. It can be viewed at www.medicare.gov/nh-compare. The federal government's new five-star rating system is also available on the site (see related story). Orchards received an overall three out of five-star rating, which is average.

Hagedorn says her situation at the nursing home has improved since she was first admitted. For the most part, the staff is friendly and accommodating.


"They try real hard to make it where I'm not considered elderly. Now they tell me when my appointments are and don't go through my daughter."

Although she dreaded spending her first Christmas in a nursing home, Hagedorn says it went better than expected. On Christmas Eve, she had take-out food from Applebee's and went to her daughter's house, where she visited with family members and opened presents. "It was actually pretty good."


She hopes someday she can live with family or in an assisted-living environment. Until then, she says it's the little things that make her happy, such as waking up every morning.

"I'm not one to really give up. I still haven't made my will out. I'm not going to accept it because I'm too young."


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Technology to block phones in cars isn't foolproof

By Paul Foy
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Many parents would love to be able to give their teenagers a cell phone that couldn't be used while driving. Now some inventors say they have come up with ways to make that possible, but they appear to be relying on wishful thinking.

One product to hit the market, \$10-a-month software by Dallas-based WQN Inc., can disable a cell phone while its owner is driving. It uses GPS technology, which can tell how fast a person is traveling. But it can't know whether the person is driving — and therefore it can needlessly lock a phone. WQN, which sells cell phone and Internet security software under the name WebSafety, says it signed up about 50 customers for its first month of service.

Aegis Mobility, a Canadian software company, plans to release a similar Global Positioning System-based product this fall, known as DriveAssistT. Aegis is in talks with big U.S. wireless phone carriers, which would have to support the software and charge families a fee of probably \$10 to \$20 a month, said David Teater, the company's vice president.

The DriveAssistT system will disable a phone at driving speeds and send a message to callers or texters saying the person they are trying to reach is too busy driving. But because that person could be a non-driving passenger, the approach is a blunt tool.

Other product concepts that don't involve GPS systems have their own flaws. As a result, Parry Aftab, who advises families on technology and safety, suggests worried parents find another way to stop their kids from calling or texting while driving. Parents are better off taking away a child's cell phone if it is used improperly, she said.

"More and more, we see any solution is, in large part, education and awareness, parents getting involved," said Aftab, executive director of WiredSafety.org. Driving and cell phone use can be a bad combination, "but so is putting on makeup and eating a three-course meal," Aftab said. "I wish technology providers would look hard at the problems before coming



In this photo released Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, by the University of Utah Xuesong Zhou, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, holds a product invention on Dec. 4, 2008, that claims to keep people from text messaging while driving, at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah.

up with a knee-jerk solution."

Concerns are mounting that driving while gabbing or text-messaging on a cell phone, even if it is not handheld, is unacceptably dangerous. The National Safety Council said this month that there should be a total ban on cell phone use while driving, citing the higher risk of accidents and deaths.

At least 18 states restrict cell phone use — talking or texting — for some or all drivers, according to the insurance industry-funded Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Yet even in those states, motorists and especially young drivers are hardly deterred.

One of the worst accidents occurred last year in New York, when five teens were killed when their 17-year-old driver, carrying on a text conversation, collided with a tractor-trailer rig.

B. Michael Adler, chief executive of WQN, said his 18-year-old son came to mind as he was developing the company's software to disable a cell phone while driving.

"He's texting messages with two hands and driving with his legs," Adler said. "You flip him the keys to the family car, you might as well be flipping him a six-pack of beer."

WQN's surveillance service promises more than just disabling the phone in cars. It can monitor a person's whereabouts, notifying parents by text messaging when their children step out of designated zones or return home. It also can turn off a cell phone at school, preventing cheating by text messaging during classroom tests, based on a reading of the school's location.

The question parents would have to ask themselves is whether they'd want to prohibit their children's activities this way. That kid you're trying to control might not be driving, but rather sitting on a train or a city bus or in the passenger seat of a buddy's car.

Michael Hensley has thought about this very dilemma. The 52-year-old manager for a defense contractor worries that his 23-year-old daughter is a "thumb

Olympian" inclined to send text messages while driving.

But he doesn't expect technology to provide an answer. Savvy kids "will always find a way to defeat" a technological product, Hensley said. "It's human nature to defeat the system." Instead, Hensley said, he's tried to educate his daughter about the dangers of mixing phones with driving.

The inventors of the GPS-based software systems acknowledge their systems aren't perfect for disabling cell phones and are hard at work on improvements. Meanwhile, a separate, hardware-based solution appears to have its own flaws.

A pair of inventors affiliated with the University of Utah have developed a prototype of a key fob device that communicates with a cell phone over Bluetooth wireless signals. The key fob wraps around an ignition key; when the key is flipped or slid open, the device disables the cell phone paired with it.

This turns out to be easy to beat. A kid could remove or run down the key fob's batteries, or duplicate the key — without the fob. So in response to questions from The Associated Press and critics on the Internet, the Utah inventors, Wally Curry and Xuesong Zhou, have dropped their original concept for something different.

Zhou considered transforming the key fob into a device that prevents nothing. Instead, it would let a driver hit a "quit" button and talk or text at will, but with a consequence: parents get notified by text messaging, and a monthly "driving score" could go to an insurer, which might jack up the teenager's premiums for bad driving.

Even that, Zhou acknowledged, wouldn't solve the tampering problem. So in his latest brainstorming he produced an elaborate scheme: Parents should estimate how many hours a child drives each month and report that to a Web site. If the key fob system reported the teenager appears to be driving substantially less than the prescribed time, it might indicate he's defeating the system, and the Web site could send a report to the parent.

For now, though, the key fob is going back to the drawing board.

Court halts Utah oil and gas leases

By Nicholas Riccardi
Los Angeles Times

DENVER — A federal judge late Saturday halted the Bush administration's efforts to open 110,000 acres of federal land in Utah to oil and gas exploration, ruling that the danger of damaging the pristine land required further study before leases could be awarded.

The leases to the parcels had been auctioned off Dec. 19 in a move that environmental groups complained was a last-minute gift to the energy industry before President George W. Bush leaves office. A coalition of seven groups sued for a temporary restraining order, and the ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Ricardo M. Urbina means the checks written by energy companies for the land cannot be cashed.

Urbina's order postpones any sale until after he can hear arguments on the merits of the case, a delay that is likely to place the fate of the land into the hands of the incoming Obama administration. Obama aides have objected to the sale.

"We're thrilled with this decision," said Stephen Bloch, director of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. The Bureau of Land Management's "attempt to sell these leases just before the Bush administration left office has been showcased for what it really is — a parting gift to the oil and gas industry."

The Bush administration announced the lease sales on Election Day. The original package of 360,000 acres included land that abutted popular national parks such as Arches and Canyonlands. After the National Park Service objected, some of the leases were discarded, but environmentalists complained that the remaining parcels still included critical parts of Utah's red-rock country.

Suspect in Mont. slaying dead

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

GLASGOW, Mont. — Officers following a trail of blood found the body of a man suspected in the killing of a woman who was shot outside a hospital and in the wounding of two others, officials said Sunday.

The man had been fatally shot, but Valley County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Samar Fay said she did not know when he was shot, or who may have been responsible.

No other suspects were being sought, Valley County Sheriff Glenn Meier said Sunday.

At least 50 federal and local agents using tracker dogs followed the suspect to a house just south of town late Saturday, Fay said.

The man was suspected of killing a part-time emergency medical technician outside Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital late Saturday afternoon. He also allegedly fired on two people, a female hospital nurse

and her husband, who went to assist the technician. Those victims were in stable condition, hospital spokesman Nickolas Dirkes said.

The gunman was not believed to be a current or former hospital employee, authorities said.

"This has shocked all of us. Glasgow is place you feel comfortable raising your family," said Randy Holm, chief executive of the hospital.

Meier and Glasgow Police Chief Lynn Erickson said it was the first homicide in the Glasgow area in at least 11 years.

During the manhunt, the hospital and a basketball game at the high school gym were locked down, and all roads into the town were blockaded for about five hours. People were told to stay at home and lock their doors.

Glasgow is a primarily agricultural community of about 3,100 residents in northeastern Montana, about 50 miles south of the Canadian border.

Idaho authorities investigating fraud allegations

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho Department of Finance has begun investigating a possible Ponzi scheme involving as much as \$50 million, an officials says.

Marilyn Chastain, securities bureau chief for the agency, told the Post Register the target of the investigation is a local business operator, Daren Palmer, who is linked with Trigon Group Inc.

"Our investigation is probably going to be broader than just Palmer and Trigon," Chastain said. "At this point, probably just a couple."

She declined to name

those people.

Palmer confirmed to The Associated Press he was being investigated but would not comment farther.

The investigation started last month after the agency met with about 30 investors who said they were defrauded. It's unclear how many investors are involved.

Chastain said the agency is still trying to piece together what happened.

A Ponzi or pyramid scheme is an investment scam in which money from new investors is used to pay old investors. Such investment programs often rely on personal relationships and trust between investors and

those who manage it, and common interests can also be involved, Chastain said.

"We see this among churches, among ethnic groups," she said. "It's called 'affinity fraud,' and it's one of the most devastating means of defrauding people."

At least one lawsuit has been filed against Palmer and his wife Michelle. The case brought by Mark and Penny Peterson of Idaho falls claims the couple traded a piece of land they owned for a \$500,000 stake in a Trigon hedge fund.

The lawsuit also lists Mauri Ventures, a company managed by K. Jayce Howell of Idaho Falls, as

a defendant.

In a written statement to the Post Register, Howell said he loaned money to Trigon.

He said Palmer owns Trigon, adding in the statement that "neither Daren Palmer nor Trigon has ever had any ownership in Mauri Ventures. Mauri Ventures and its owners have never had any ownership interest in Trigon."

Mauri Ventures, along with another company Howell manages, claim the Palmers owe \$1.2 million on various properties. Howell says those companies have started foreclosure proceedings.

USU professor to study Alzheimer's disease

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah State University researcher will be using a \$1 million grant to study whether Alzheimer's disease is linked to stress and depression.

Maria Norton, associate professor in the Department of Family, Consumer and Human Development, will use the National Institutes of Health grant money to complete a three-year study.

"If it turns out that the stress we experience plays as large a role in the development of Alzheimer's disease as genetic and other environmental factors, the results may inform future interventions to help individuals cope better with stress," Norton said.

Norton says the illness is an urgent public health priority that will affect more than 6 million Americans by 2025.

"The ultimate goal of this study is to substantially decrease the proportion of the population who will ever have to suffer from this debilitating disease currently affecting millions of individuals and their families," she said.

Some evidence already suggests that negative emotions play a part in the disease.

Studies of animals and humans show stress harms a

memory storing region of the brain that is damaged by the disease.

The new research will build on 14 years of cognitive evaluations collected by the Cache County Study on Memory Health and Aging, which Norton also works on.

About 5,100 people are enrolled in the study, including 800 older than 85. Every three years, scientists visit the participants to conduct various studies of dementia.

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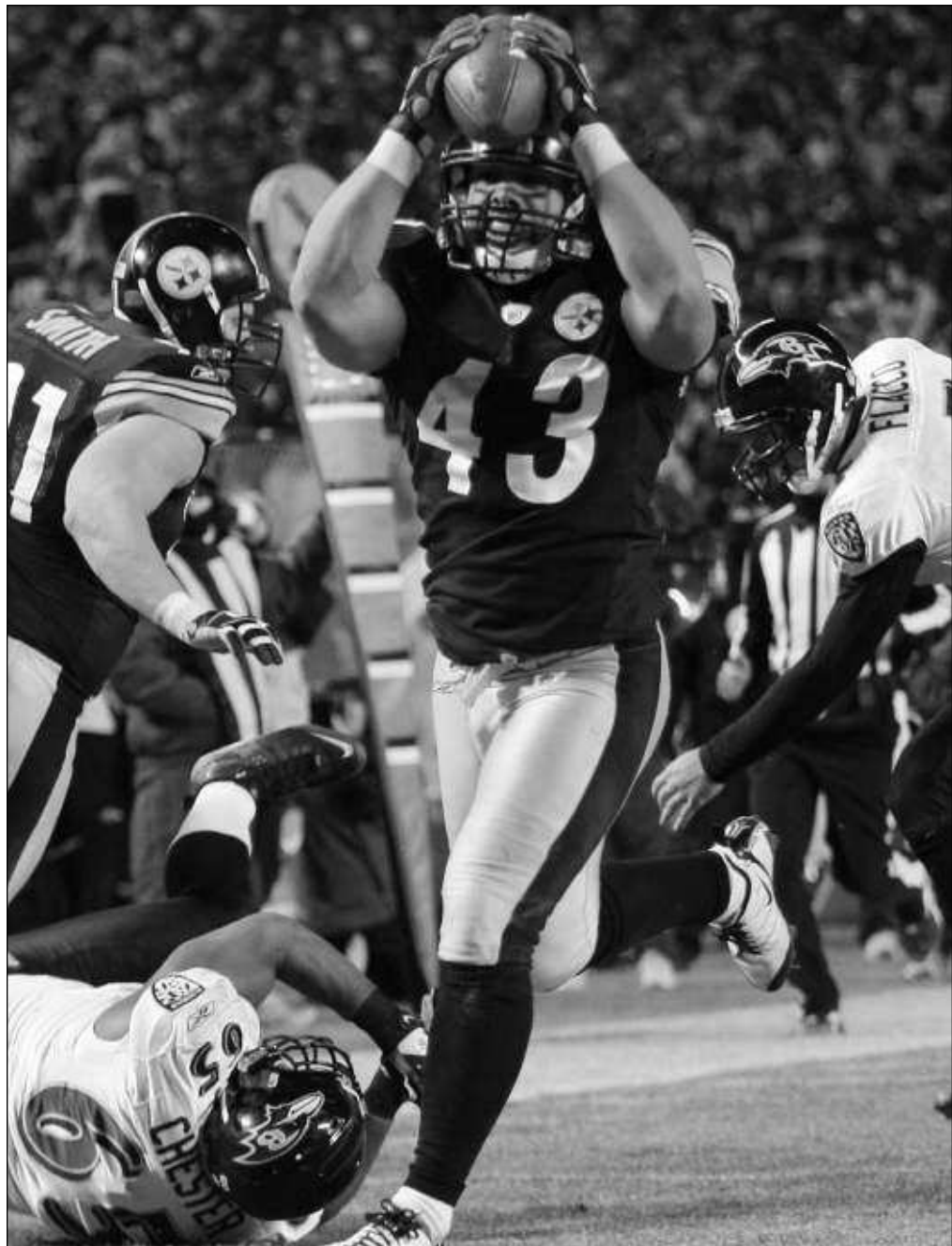
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Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu (43) crosses the goal line on a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of the AFC championship game against the Baltimore Ravens in Pittsburgh, Sunday.



Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald reacts after catching a touchdown pass during the second half of the NFC championship game against the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday, in Glendale, Ariz.

Steeler defense comes up big against Ravens lifting team to seventh Super Bowl

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — The Steelers outthit the Ravens and outplayed them behind a steady-as-he-goes Ben Roethlisberger, marching into the Super Bowl behind a defense that brought back memories of their storied Steel Curtain.

Pittsburgh ended its AFC championship game home-field jinx by beating Baltimore 23-14 on Sunday and Troy Polamalu ended any chance the Ravens had for a comeback with a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown.

The Steelers will meet the Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl in two weeks in Tampa.

The matchup is intriguing — Mike Tomlin vs. the Cardinals' Ken Whisenhunt, the offensive coordinator when the Steelers won the Super Bowl three seasons ago who went to Arizona only after being passed over for Pittsburgh's job.

Whisenhunt and his top assistant, Russ Grimm, left after the Steelers unexpectedly hired Tomlin, who has

done something even Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher couldn't do by taking Pittsburgh to the Super Bowl in his second season.

The Steelers harassed rookie Joe Flacco all game long. Normally unflappable, he looked lost at times and finished 13-for-30 for 141 yards and three costly interceptions.

Roethlisberger, picked off four times by New England in his rookie-year AFC title game, was a steady 16-of-33 for 255 yards, and most

importantly, no interceptions, showing how much experience can matter in a game so big.

After Polamalu's twisting, turning, zigzagging run sealed it with 4:39 to play, Steelers fans began singing "Pittsburgh's going to the Super Bowl!" — and the franchise is, for a seventh time.

The game was held up minutes later when Willis McGahee, who scored both

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Arizona jumps out early, loses lead, rallies to head to first Super Bowl in franchise history

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Down and out for decades, the Arizona Cardinals have turned a bad joke into a Super Bowl-bound team.

Yes, the Cardinals, founding members of the NFL, but historically among the most dysfunctional of franchises, are heading for the championship game in Tampa.

Capitalizing on Larry Fitzgerald's three first-half touchdown receptions, then

coolly marching downfield to Kurt Warner's 8-yard scoring pass to rookie Tim Hightower with 2:53 left, they beat the Philadelphia Eagles 32-25 Sunday for the NFC championship.

"I want to say Arizona Cardinals and Super Bowl in the same sentence," a jubilant Warner said. "The Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl. How about it?"

Arizona (12-7) will face the Pittsburgh Steelers in two weeks in Tampa for the NFL title. Baltimore played at

Pittsburgh later in the day for the AFC crown.

"To make it to the Super Bowl and to have a chance, an opportunity to win it, you relish those moments in your career," said safety Adrian Wilson, the longest-tenured Cardinal. "This being my eighth year, and to be in this organization at this time with these players and these coaches, it's a great moment."

A stunning moment that nearly didn't happen. Donovan McNabb was superb in leading Philadelphia's second-half rally from 18 points down to a 25-24 lead, but after Hightower's score, he misfired from midfield four times in the final moments.

If the Cardinals, the first No. 4 seed to host a conference championship game, were supposed to be thunderstruck by their surroundings, they instead responded like playoff veterans.

Sure, they blew that 24-6 halftime lead. But then the 37-year-old Warner, a Super Bowl MVP from almost a decade ago with the St. Louis

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Arizona and Pittsburgh have opposite histories

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

Arizona and Pittsburgh will play a historic Super Bowl in Tampa in two weeks: a team with a history as bad as any in the NFL against one that will try to win a record sixth title.

Pittsburgh opens as a 6½-point favorite.

That's fine with the Cardinals, who have been laughingstocks forever and



won all three playoff games as underdogs, including Sunday's 32-25 thumping of the Philadelphia Eagles for the NFC title.

Arizona hasn't won a title since the NFL champi-

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Arizona opens as underdogs against Pittsburgh.

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onship in 1947 and has had only 10 postseason games since meandering from

Chicago to St. Louis and finally to the desert 21 seasons ago.

Still, it is impossible to write them off, mainly because of their 37-year-old quarterback, Kurt Warner, who owns two MVP awards and was the Super Bowl MVP with the Rams in 2000.

"I want to say Arizona Cardinals and Super Bowl in the same sentence," a

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Ivanovic, Roddick into second round at Aussie Open

By John Pye
Associated Press writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — After struggling in her first match at the Australian Open since losing last year's final, Ana Ivanovic finished with a flourish in a 7-5, 6-3 win over Julia Goerges on Monday.

Fifth-seeded Ivanovic was broken once in each set but fended off five other break points before finishing with consecutive aces against Goerges, a German ranked No. 107 and playing only her fourth major.

Australian final to Maria Sharapova, who is not defending her title because of an injury, and then won the French Open to move into the No. 1 ranking midway through the year.

But the 21-year-old Serb was bothered by injuries in the middle of the season and her form at the majors waned, going out in the third round at Wimbledon and the second round at the U.S. Open.

She and Goerges finished with a combined 66 unforced errors to just 34 winners and were called for several foot

faults. Ivanovic was pleased to have escaped with a victory.

"I was so happy to be back," she said.

Seventh-seeded Andy Roddick was more thorough in a 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 win over 31-year-old Swedish qualifier Bjorn Rehnquist in the first match at Rod Laver Arena.

The 2003 U.S. Open champion lost only nine points in the first set, sealing it in 28 minutes after setting up triple set point with consecutive aces.

Roddick, a semifinalist in Australia every alternate year

since 2003, had 17 winners, nine aces and kept his unforced errors down to 10.

He came into the tournament as runner-up to fourth-ranked Andy Murray at the Qatar Open in Doha and hasn't given up hope of winning a second major, despite the domination of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

"I'm 26, so I'm not quite over the hill," he said. Another Grand Slam title "is what I'm shooting for."

Federer, bidding to equal Pete Sampras' record 14

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Andy Roddick of the United States reacts after beating Sweden's Bjorn Rehnquist during their Men's singles match at the Australian Open Tennis Championship in Melbourne, Australia, Monday.

AP photo

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Baltimore touchdowns, was carted off the field after taking a frightening hit to the helmet by Pittsburgh safety Ryan Clark.

The Ravens said he had "significant neck pain" but movement in his arms and legs.

Only the Steelers, 49ers and Cowboys have won five Super Bowls, and Pittsburgh can be the first to win six. If the Steelers beat Arizona, the 36-year-old Tomlin would be the youngest coach to win a Super Bowl.

"They did it tonight the way we've done it all year," Tomlin said. "We've got a very humble group, a very selfless group."

The Steelers proved it is possible to beat a good team three times in a season, and will now face a team they share a history with — they were merged as Card-Pitt during World War II in 1944 when the Cardinals were in Chicago and went 0-10, the only winless team in Steelers history.

Steelers owner Dan Rooney recalls them being nicknamed the Car-Pitts "because everybody walked all over us."

Earlier in the day, before Whisenhunt knew the outcome of the Steelers-Ravens game, he said he wanted to match up against Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl.

"I mean, I'm glad we're playing in it, but the reason I'm here is because of my time with Pittsburgh," Whisenhunt said. "And I am very grateful for that."

Nobody walks over these Steelers, a hard-hitting,

tough-guy team with the NFL's best defense, at least statistically, in nearly 20 years. The unit is a worthy descendant of the Steel Curtain teams of the 1970s that virtually defined the way defense is supposed to be played.

They spent the game pressuring Flacco, who couldn't become the first rookie to take a team to the Super Bowl. He was outplayed as badly as Roethlisberger was by the Patriots' Tom Brady in his first AFC title game four years ago, and the mismatch at the quarterback may have made the difference.

Maybe it helped that the two athletes largely responsible for Pittsburgh's last two major sports championships — former Steelers running back Jerome Bettis and Penguins co-owner and Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux — were among the record crowd of 65,350 in Heinz Field.

Despite sweeping the Ravens during the season — four of the five teams that had a chance to sweep in a conference title game have done so — with tight 4- and 3-point wins, the Steelers had a right to be nervous.

The franchise, for all of the success it has enjoyed while playing in a record-tying 14 AFC title games, had lost an unprecedented four of its five most recent conference championship games in Pittsburgh. The run of losses almost made the Steelers glad to go on the road for their entire Super Bowl run three seasons ago, when they won the fifth of their record-tying five titles.

Northwestern drops No. 18 Minnesota

EVANSTON, Ill. — Craig Moore hit six 3-pointers and finished with 22 points to lead Northwestern past No. 18 Minnesota 74-65 Sunday for its first win over a ranked opponent in nearly three years.

The Wildcats (9-6, 1-4) had not beaten a Top 25 team since a three-point victory over then-No. 18 Iowa on Feb. 8, 2006. They had dropped 26 of 27 Big Ten games, including their first four this season.

Northwestern went on a 16-0 run early in the second half to grab a 10-point lead. Lawrence Westbrook scored 18 for Minnesota (16-2, 4-2).

NO. 4 CONNECTICUT 76, SETON HALL 61

HARTFORD, Conn. — A.J. Price scored 23 points to lead Connecticut to a victory over Seton Hall, the Huskies fifth Big East win since losing their conference opener to Georgetown.

Hasheem Thabeet added 15 points, 17 rebounds and four blocked shots for UConn (16-1, 5-1). Jeff Adrien had 13 points and 12 rebounds, the senior's 40th career double-double.

Price had 14 points at the half, helping UConn to a 16 point lead.

Seton Hall's Jeremy Hazell scored 15 of his 20 in the second half. He was just 2-of-11 from the field in the first half. Robert Mitchell added 19 points and nine rebounds for the Pirates.

UConn has now won 22 of its last 24 games against



AP photo

Minnesota's Lawrence Westbrook, right, guards Northwestern's Craig Moore during the first half Sunday, in Evanston, Ill.

Seton Hall (9-8), which is now 0-5 in the Big East.

NO. 15 XAVIER 73, LA SALLE 53

CINCINNATI — B.J. Raymond scored 16 points, hitting long shots over La Salle's zone defense, and Xavier relied on its offensive balance to beat the Explorers and remain unbeaten atop the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Xavier (15-2, 4-0) has won

six in a row since a home-court loss to Butler on Dec. 23, with its freshmen blending in better as the season goes along.

La Salle (9-7, 1-2) was coming off a 68-61 win over Charlotte on Wednesday that moved the Explorers three games over .500 for the first time in two years. They never led against Xavier, which squeezed the momentum

out of La Salle in the first half with its halfcourt defense.

Yves Mekongo Mbala and Rodney Green led La Salle with 15 points apiece.

NO. 19 PURDUE 75, IOWA 53

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — E'Twaun Moore scored 13 points to help Purdue defeat Iowa.

Keaton Grant scored 12 points, Nemanja Calasan had 10 and Robbie Hummel added nine points, eight rebounds and two blocks for the Boilermakers (14-4, 3-2 Big Ten). It was Purdue's third straight Big Ten win after starting 0-2.

The Boilermakers sank seven 3-pointers in the second half. Grant made four of five and Moore added two.

David Palmer led Iowa with 19 points, and Matt Gatens added 11 for the Hawkeyes (11-7, 1-4), who lost their third consecutive game.

NO. 23 VILLANOVA 76, ST. JOHN'S 57

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Dante Cunningham scored 17 points and Dwayne Anderson added a season-high 14 to lead Villanova to a victory over St. John's.

Antonio Pena had 12 points for the Wildcats (14-3, 2-2 Big East), who set a team mark with their 24th straight home-court victory.

D.J. Kennedy had 18 points and Quincy Roberts 14 for St. John's (10-7, 1-4), which lost for the sixth time in seven games while dropping its fifth in a row to Villanova.

— The Associated Press

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jubilant Warner said. "The Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl. How about it?"

Then there is Larry Fitzgerald, who used to practice in the same facility as the Steelers when he played at Pitt. In just three games, he has emerged as the best receiver ever in the postseason — with 419 yards, he broke the great Jerry Rice's record with the final game still to come.

"He's been here before," Fitzgerald said, referring to Warner. "He's been where we're all trying to go. He's held that trophy up and we've leaned on him this whole postseason."

Many of Pittsburgh's stars have been through this before, including Hines Ward, the MVP of the 2006 Super Bowl win over Seattle.

The Steelers' defense carried them past Baltimore 23-14 in the AFC title game. That's what it's been doing all season. The latest version of the storied Steel Curtain was the best statistically in the NFL and the most consistent.

Led by James Harrison, the defensive player of the year and another all-Pro, safety Troy Polamalu, it puts constant pressure on the quarterback. And that is where Warner is sometimes vulner-

able. Injuries and turnovers cost him his job in St. Louis in 2002 and 2003 before he was shuffled off to the New York Giants and then to Arizona.

The Steelers have four title victories in six years during the 1970s and their fifth three years ago. No team has ever won six.

In an odd little twist, Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt has his roots with the Steelers, serving as offensive coordinator from 2004-2006, including the Super Bowl-winning team.

He was expected to get the Pittsburgh job when Bill Cowher stepped down two seasons ago. So was another Steelers coach, Russ Grimm, now Whisenhunt's right-hand in Arizona.

Instead, the job went to Mike Tomlin, who returns to Tampa, the city where he began his coaching career.

One other bit of cross-pollination.

In 1944, the Steelers and Cardinals were the same team — Card-Pit, combined into one because of World War II, when there weren't enough able-bodied men to fill out both rosters.

They finished 0-10.

They will finish a lot better this season, no matter what happens in Tampa.

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major titles, had a night match later Monday against Andreas Seppi of Italy.

Third-ranked Novak Djokovic, the defending champion, will play Andrea Stoppini in the third match on center court, following fellow Serb and women's No. 1 Jelena Jankovic's match against Yvonne Meusburger.

In other men's results, 20th-ranked Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic beat American Robby Ginepri 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

Women's No. 7 Vera Zvonareva of Russia posted a 7-6 (2), 6-0 win over Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova and No. 15 Alize Cornet of France beat Ukraine's Mariya Korytseva 6-3, 6-4.

Former fourth-ranked Kimiko Date Krumm returned to the main draw of a major after a 13-year hiatus. The 38-year-old Japanese player came through qualifying on the weekend and

faced Estonia's Kaia Kanepi, seeded 25th, on Court 6.

On a warm, cloudless day, Ivanovic constantly struggled to find her form against Goerges, committing 10 unforced errors and three double-faults in the first five games alone.

With the midday sun playing havoc on serve tosses at one end, the errors continued to pile up as the two players swapped breaks in the first two games of the second set — Ivanovic double-faulted on break point.

After another double-fault, she shouted and pumped her fist after she fended off double break point while serving at 2-2, then saved another pair of Goerges break chances at 3-3.

Ivanovic then made Goerges pay for her lost opportunities, breaking in the next game for a 5-3 advantage. She slammed back-to-back aces — her second and third — to advance to the second round.

Stoudemire comes up big as Suns down Raptors

TORONTO — Amare Stoudemire scored 31 points, Steve Nash had a season-high 18 assists and the Phoenix Suns beat Toronto 117-113 on Sunday for their ninth consecutive victory over the struggling Raptors.

Jason Richardson added 17 points, Shaquille O'Neal and Matt Barnes each had 16 and Leandro Barbosa scored 14 for the Suns.

Anthony Parker led Toronto with 26 points, Joey Graham scored a career-high 22 and Chris Bosh had 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Raptors lost their fifth straight.

A Stoudemire dunk with 3:18 left made it 114-109, but a putback dunk by Jamarion Moon and Parker's layup

drew Toronto within a point.

Parker missed a 3-pointer from the top with 37 seconds remaining and Nash converted a driving layup at the other end.

Both Parker and Bosh missed layups on Toronto's final possession and Stoudemire was fouled as he wrapped up the rebound with half a second left.

HEAT 104, THUNDER 94

OKLAHOMA CITY — Having the circus in Miami sure took its toll on the Heat.

Dwyane Wade's legs were sore, Udonis Haslem had a bad back and Shawn Marion was too hurt to play. Even at the end of a seven-game, 12-day road trip, the Heat still had enough to pull through.

Wade had 32 points and racked up most of his 10 assists while helping thwart Oklahoma City's fourth-quarter rally as the Heat beat the Thunder 104-94 Sunday night to head home on a positive note.

"Everybody's tired, bumped up, bruised up," Haslem said. "We just had unbelievable mental focus tonight. We put all our individual bumps and bruises aside and everybody came together and we did what we had to do."

Wade went on a scoring flurry early and then capped the night by methodically taking apart Oklahoma City's defense with a series of passes to his teammates.

— The Associated Press



Toronto Raptors Chris Bosh, front, watches as Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire dunks the ball during the first half in Toronto on Sunday.

Zach Johnson nabs Sony Open win in Hawaii

HONOLULU — Zach Johnson closed with a 5-under 65 on Sunday for a two-shot victory in the Sony Open, ending his two-week stay in Hawaii by playing his final six rounds in 30-under par.

Johnson, whose 64-67 finish last weekend at Kapalua gave him a tie for sixth, outlasted David Toms in a well-played duel along the back nine of Waialae to build a

two-shot lead, then eliminated any drama with a two-putt birdie on the 18th for the second victory in his last six starts.

ZOELLER DEFENDS CHAMPIONS SKINS GAME TITLE

KAANAPALI, Hawaii — Fuzzy Zoeller successfully defended his Champions Skins Game title with new partner Ben Crenshaw, taking a dozen skins and

\$500,000 on the back nine to beat first-day leaders Greg Norman and Jay Haas.

Zoeller and Crenshaw finished the alternate-shot event with 13 skins and a record \$530,000. Crenshaw was a late replacement for the injured Peter Jacobsen.

CASEY TAKES ABU DHABI CHAMPIONSHIP

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — England's Paul

Casey won the Abu Dhabi Championship for the second time in three years, closing with a 2-under 70 for a one-stroke victory over Louis Oosthuizen and 2008 winner Martin Kaymer.

Casey finished at 21-under 267. The victory was his first since the 2007 tournament and his ninth overall on the PGA European Tour.

— The Associated Press

Cards

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Rams, engineered a precise, 72-yard drive to win it with his fourth TD pass of the day.

He finished the comeback with the 8-yard pass to Hightower, then hit Ben Patrick for the 2-point conversion.

"The demeanor in the huddle didn't change at all," Fitzgerald said. "The guys were focused and ready to go. You could see the look in guys' eyes. Nobody wanted to be the guy who let this team down. Everybody did their job when we needed them to do it."

But the key was the unstoppable Fitzgerald, who had nine receptions for 152 yards, including two big catches on the decisive drive. The All-Pro set a single postseason record with 419 yards receiving, surpassing the great Jerry Rice. And Fitzgerald has one more game to go — in the Super Bowl.

Can you imagine?

They surely never looked this good before in the Phoenix area, or their previous homes in Chicago and St. Louis.

"I want to say thanks to all of you guys," Warner told the crowd during postgame celebrations that included streams of confetti spewed into the air and the obligatory "We are the Champions" blaring. "When nobody else believed in us, when nobody else believed in me, you guys did and we're going to the Super Bowl."

Blown out by the Eagles 48-20 on Thanksgiving, coach Ken Whisenhunt's team looked completely different in its first title game since 1948.

"And it was appropriate we had a bunch of different people make those plays, and it was a great team win for us," said Whisenhunt, who in two seasons as coach as turned a losing

culture into a championship environment.

With playoff victories over Atlanta, Carolina and the Eagles (11-7-1), this is the Cardinals' winningest season. They've already surpassed their total of post-season wins dating back to when the playoffs began in 1933.

The most attention paid to the Cardinals since moving here in 1988 came on a sad note — when star safety Pat Tillman suddenly retired in 2002 to join the Army Rangers, and was later killed in Afghanistan.

"It's been a tough number of years here in Arizona," Whisenhunt admitted.

The last NFC team since the 1970 merger to make it this far, Arizona also is the first team with nine wins in the regular season to make the Super Bowl since the 1979 Rams lost to the Steelers.

For the favored Eagles, it was another disappointing

end. Coach Andy Reid's team reached the NFC title game five times in the last eight seasons, losing four. They lost to New England in their only Super Bowl appearance during that run.

"You never want anything to end, and you don't see it ending," McNabb said. "To end this way, it's tough, when you're that close to making the Super Bowl."

This one looked like a romp through the Valley of the Sun for the hosts at half-time. The Eagles knew Fitzgerald was Arizona's most dangerous player, but they couldn't slow him down.

"You've just got to play it play by play and try to shut him down each play," linebacker Akeem Jordan said.

Fat chance. "He's been on fire," fellow Cardinals wideout Anquan Boldin said, "running wide open, making big plays. He played like a man among boys."

EDITORIAL

Doing the unimaginable: How to cut public education

Between 1983 and 1986, Idaho was in the throes of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and state government was bitterly divided along ideological lines.

Gov. John Evans and coalition of Democrats and moderate Republicans held out for every dime they could get for the public schools. The conservatives who held power in the Legislature — led by Tom Stivers and Jim Risch — wanted to cut.

And yet kindergarten-through-12th grade appropriations increased.

You must understand that context to grasp the difficulty facing this year's Legislature, which almost certainly will cut the public school budget for next fiscal year.

That hasn't been done in at least a quarter century. Idaho Department of Education veterans can't remember it ever happening.

Perhaps it happened during the Great Depression, but that was three generations ago. When it comes to spending less on education, Idaho truly is in uncharted territory.

The decision falls hardest on the members of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, who by long tradition move heaven and Earth for public schools. K-through-12 spending today is 6 percent higher than when Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter took office two years ago; 72 percent more than when Gov. Dirk Kempthorne became governor in 1999.

Since the last Democratic governor, Cecil Andrus, left office in 1995, public school appropriations have grown 120 percent.

Democrats now in the Legislature want to use what's left of education's rainy day fund — \$113 million — to soften the blow, but that's unlikely to happen without clear evidence the state's economy is improving. Unless it does by January 2010, the 60th Idaho Legislature will go down in history as the one that let the kids down.

That can't be helped. Question is, what happens next?

If lawmakers are smart, they'll use this crisis to press for long-overdue efficiencies in public education — consolidation of districts, for example, or at least consolidation of services such as transportation in adjacent districts.

They'll think long and hard about the proper role of charter schools, and find ways to ease the burden of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001's incessant testing.

They'll reconsider the way Idaho evaluates and pays teachers, use what resources they have to bolster dual-credit programs and take a serious look at whether the K-12 paradigm makes sense in a global economy.

The worst outcome would be for the state to continue spending money on old solutions now and after the economy thaws.

Conservatives — Otter and JFAC Co-Chairmen Dean Cameron and Maxine Bell foremost among them — are fond of saying that this recession is a chance for a top-to-bottom reevaluation of what Idaho government should and should not do.

That goes double for public schools.

Our view:

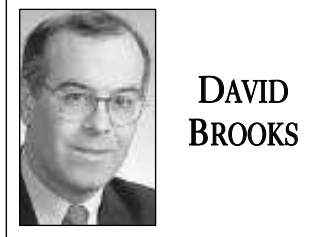
Support for public schools is near and dear to Idaho politicians across the political spectrum. So now comes the hard part.

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

How could smart people be such idiots?

Once there was just Newtonian physics and the world seemed neat and mechanical. Then quantum physics came along and revealed that deep down things are much weirder than they seem. Something similar is now happening with public policy.

Once, classical economics



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dominated policy thinking. The classical models presumed a certain sort of orderly human makeup. Inside each person, reason rides the passions the way a rider sits atop a horse. Sometimes people do stupid things, but generally the rider makes deliberative decisions, and the market rewards rational behavior.

Markets tend toward efficiency. People respond in pretty straightforward ways to incentives. The invisible hand forms a spontaneous, dynamic order. Economic behavior can be accurately predicted through elegant models.

This view explains a lot, but not the current financial crisis — how so many people could be so stupid, incompetent and self-destructive all at once. The crisis has delivered a blow to classical economics and taken a body of psychological work that was at the edge of public policy thought and brought it front and center.

In this new body of thought, you get a very different picture of human nature. Reason is not like a rider atop a horse. Instead, each person's mind contains a panoply of instincts, strategies, intuitions, emotions, memories and habits, which vie for supremacy. An irregular, idiosyncratic and largely unconscious process determines which of these internal players gets to control behavior at any instant. Context matters a lot.

This mental chaos explains how people can respond so quickly and intuitively to so many different circumstances. But it also entails a decision-making process that



is more complicated and messy than previously thought.

Biases abound. People who've been told to think of a high number will subsequently bid much more for an item than people who've been told to think of a low number. As Jonah Lehrer writes in his forthcoming book, "How We Decide," there are certain circumstances (often when there are many options) in which gut instincts lead to the best decisions, while there are other circumstances (sometimes when there are a few options) when calm deliberation is best.

Most important, people seek relationships more than money. If behaving a certain way helps a stock trader or a regulator fit in with his crowd, he's likely to keep doing it without too much rigorous self-examination.

A thousand mental shortcomings contributed to the financial meltdown. Republicans have tried to explain it by pointing to irresponsible policies at Fannie Mae. But that only explains a piece of what's happening.

This crisis represents a flaw in the classical economic model and its belief in efficient markets. Republicans haven't begun to grapple with the consequences.

For years, Republicans have been trying to create a large investor class with poli-

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cies like private Social Security accounts, medical savings accounts and education vouchers. These policies were based on the belief that investors are careful, rational actors who make optimal decisions. There was little allowance made for the frailty of the decision-making process, let alone the mass delusions that led to the current crack-up.

Democrats also have an unfaced crisis. Democratic discussions of the stimulus package also rest on a mechanical, dehumanized view of the economy. You pump in a certain amount of money and "the economy" spits out a certain number of jobs. Democratic economists issue highly specific accounts of multiplier effects — whether a dollar of spending creates \$1.20 or \$1.40 of economic activity.

But an economy is a society of trust and faith. A recession is a mental event, and every recession has its own unique spirit. This recession was caused by deep imbalances and is propelled by a

cascade of fundamental insecurities. You can pump hundreds of billions into the banks, but insecure bankers still won't lend. You can run up gigantic deficits, hire road builders and reduce the unemployment rate from 8 percent to 7 percent, but insecure people will still not spend and invest.

The economic spirit of a people cannot be manipulated in as simple-minded a fashion as the Keynesian mechanists imagine. Right now political and economic confidence levels are running in opposite directions. Politically, we're in a season of optimism, but despite a trillion spent and a trillion more about to be, the economic spirit cowers.

Mechanistic thinkers on the right and left pose as rigorous empiricists. But empiricism built on an inaccurate view of human nature is just a prison.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elected leaders pledge to work hard for state

On Jan. 6, three of us took our public oath to serve the people of Idaho in the United States Congress — two for the first time and one for the sixth time — and the fourth moved into a new role as senior senator.

Together, we look forward to working to uphold the values of all Idahoans and promoting what is good for our families, communities and state.

This year, 2009, begins in a challenging time for our state and nation. Whether it is personal or business financial uncertainty, a loved one serving our nation overseas, health care or housing

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concerns, or just getting through what is proving to be a second hard winter, Idahoans have concerns about what the future will hold. While it is indeed true that there are challenges ahead in 2009, there are also tremendous opportunities to make positive gains.

You can count on your Idaho congressional delegation to work hard together

and with Gov. Otter for the good of Idaho and Idahoans. We are united in this commitment and plan to take every opportunity we can to accomplish goals that reflect Idaho's heritage of individualism, hard work and commitment to family and our unparalleled natural resources. We appreciate the opportunity to serve in public office and pledge to work

collaboratively and uphold the dignity and respect of our offices.

SEN. MIKE CRAPO
SEN. JIM RISCH
REP. MIKE SIMPSON
REP. WALT MINNICK
Washington, D.C.

Now is time for prayer for Obama

Thank you, Maynard Runkle, for doing such a good job of telling it like it is regarding Cal Thomas and Michelle Malkin in your letter published Jan. 15.

It seems that now is the time for prayer for President-elect Obama and not the time for negative rhetoric.

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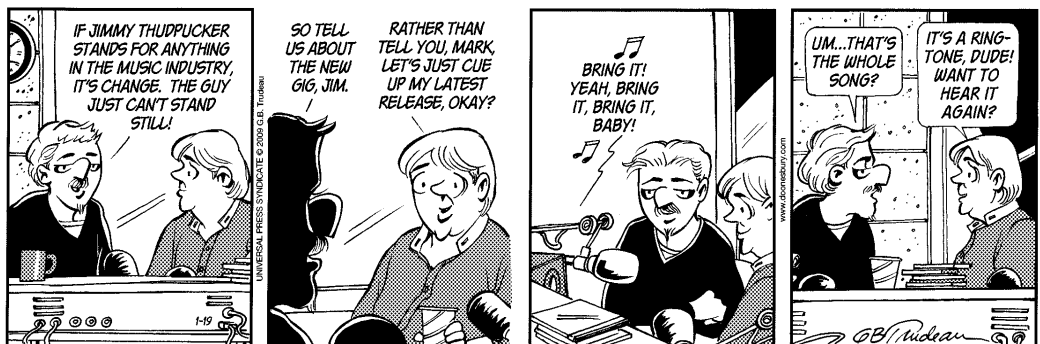
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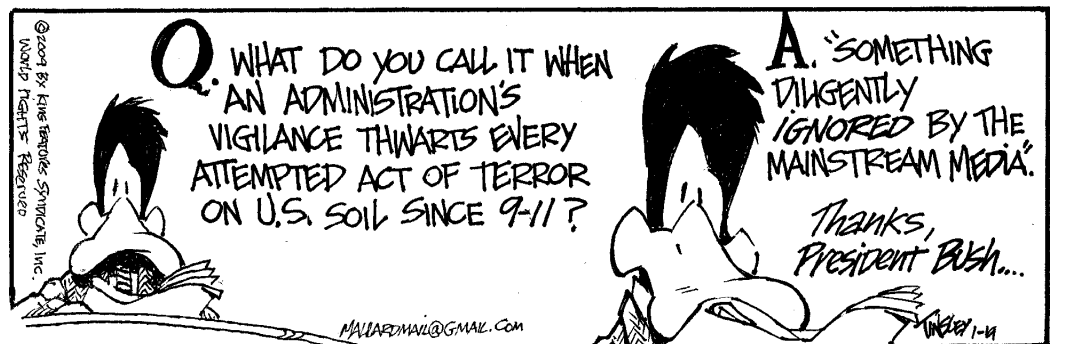
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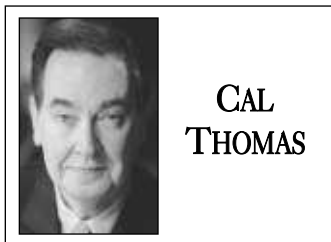
GOP comeback trail starts in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. — s a practicing Roman Catholic, Louisiana's Republican governor, Bobby Jindal, knows a lot about repentance and penance. And in an interview last Wednesday at the governor's mansion, Jindal sounded a lot like a preacher listing the sins of a party he hopes will soon see the light.

What lessons should the GOP learn from the last two election cycles? "The party must consistently do what it says," Jindal admonished. "You can't be the party of fiscal discipline and tolerate the kind of spending that our party has accepted in the last several years, especially in Washington. ... If the Democrats had proposed many of the spending initiatives and projects that Republicans ended up approving, we would have been the first to criticize them."

That's a good start, but overpending isn't the only practice Republicans must transform, is it? "We've got to consistently oppose corruption in our own party," said Jindal. "It's not enough to make excuses that 'the other side does it'."

Right again. Anything else? "We have to apply our ideas to the problems Americans care about. I oppose greater government intrusion into our lives, but on health care, for example, for too long the Republican answer to this problem has been dumb." Dumb? Did he just say a Republican idea is dumb? Yes, he did. And he



CAL THOMAS

admires Sen. Edward Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, because, "He is relentless; he is consistent; he knows where he wants to go."

You know the party is in trouble when a Republican uses Ted Kennedy as a political role model.

Calling for the GOP to again be the party of "ideas and solutions," Gov. Jindal said, "Too often the rhetoric from the party has been 'vote for Republicans because the other side is worse'. That doesn't motivate or excite voters. You have to have a positive, proactive agenda for America."

Where did Republicans err after winning the White House and both Houses of Congress? "We went to Washington to change Washington," he said, "but we became a captive of Washington. We were supposed to be the party of outsiders. We became what we were elected to change."

Louisiana is constitutionally required to balance its budget. Jindal claims to be saving \$341 million in the state's fiscal '09 budget. "We will continue to pursue policies to move Louisiana forward while we tighten our belts in government and ensure we are living within

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our means," said Jindal, which, he criticizes, is something Washington is not doing.

Echoing President-elect Obama's pledge in his speech last week at George Mason University, Jindal said, "We are one of eight states that put all of its spending online. We're the only state that links it to performance outcomes. So you can go online and see where your tax dollars are going and you can link it to accountability."

Jindal wishes Obama well: "We should genuinely want him to succeed. Our country is facing not only an economic challenge, but also international threats. ... I want our country to thrive under his administration. Clearly I will have philosophical disagreements with him. He deserves a chance to hit the ground running. He hasn't proposed his first bill. Republicans make a mistake in Congress if they simply go there and say their mission in life is to say 'no' to every proposal. I think we should look for opportunities to work with him. I also think

we should be proactive if we don't agree with him and offer (alternative) solutions."

What do Republicans need to change most? Jindal said, "The Republican Party needs to do two things: One, we need to stop worrying about the Republican Party and start worrying about our country. Second, we need to stop worrying about the messenger and start worrying about substance. We will deserve to be a majority party again when we show the American people we are competent, we truly believe the principles we espouse and we've got relevant solutions to the things they care about, whether it's the economy, health care, international terrorism."

Jindal is a comer, possibly the new face of the GOP. He plans to run for another term in 2011, but won't talk yet about 2012. The GOP leadership had better listen to him. His proposals are the way back for a party that has lost its way.

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When fear becomes its own reality

WASHINGTON — For Barack Obama, the Great Foreboding is both an enormous burden and a splendid opportunity. We are now suffering from more than depressed retail sales, stock prices and production. Americans have drifted, or been dragged, into a state of collective despair and bewilderment. They don't know what lies ahead and wonder whether anyone does. Americans have lost their sense of mastery over the future, and if Obama can restore that, he will have gone a long way toward reviving the economy and ensuring a successful presidency.

It is not the present economy that most disturbs people. That's bad, but not unprecedented. Despite recent increases, the unemployment rate of 7.2 percent in December remains below the average peak unemployment of 7.6 percent in the previous 10 post-World War II recessions. What unsettles and scares people is the vague notion that we're headed into something new, menacing and enduring. Unemployment, predicted to reach 9 percent or more, will remain high. Expansion will resume grudgingly, if at all. Income gains will be slight or nonexistent.

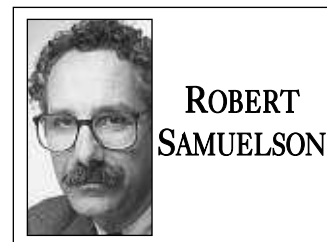
Precisely this specter explains why the word "depression" is now so routinely deployed, even though we're a long way from the bread lines of the 1930s. But the Great Depression also signifies a period when we lost control. For all the New Deal programs, the Depression lasted a decade and ended only with World War II. Even in 1940, unemployment averaged almost 15 percent. It's the worry that government won't triumph over today's economy that justifies, for many people, the bleak analogies.

The pessimism stretches across class and political lines. A December survey by the Pew Research Center asked whether economic conditions would be worse in a year. Among those with incomes under \$30,000, 51 percent thought so; for those with incomes exceeding \$100,000, the response was almost identical, 53 percent. Another question was whether unemployment would rise in the next year; 57 percent of Democrats, 64 percent of independents and 66 percent of Republicans said yes.

This democratic (with a small "d") despondency has many causes. As more Americans invested in stocks, more became exposed to the market's wild psychological and financial swings. The plunge in home values has made many workers with secure jobs poorer. And, of course, layoffs themselves have become more democratic. Once, the young and blue-collar workers bore the brunt of firings. Now, managers, investment bankers, journalists, scientists — almost anyone — can be canned. Age confers little security.

In December, almost a third of the jobless were 45 and over.

What offends middle-class Americans, most of



ROBERT SAMUELSON

us, is economic capriciousness. People crave order, predictability and security. They want to believe that personal virtues of studying, working hard and planning will be rewarded in the marketplace. Even in good times, these ambitions are often frustrated. But in today's economy, the disconnect has widened.

Setbacks and losses seem increasingly divorced from personal effort. Our whole values system seems besieged.

Since World War II, Americans have only once before experienced a similar economic trauma: the double-digit inflation of the 1970s (13 percent in 1979). Work and thrift were undermined, because inflation threatened the worth of wages, salaries and savings accounts. Then as now, people were terrified, because inflation seemed uncontrollable. Starting with Lyndon Johnson, four presidents had failed. No one knew how high it might go. Then as now, we seemed unable to chart our destiny.

What suppressed inflation was the brutal 1981-82 recession undertaken by Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker and supported by the newly elected Ronald Reagan.

Unemployment reached a peak of 10.8 percent, but gluts of jobless workers and idle factories broke the wage-price spiral and ushered in two decades of strong economic growth. Reagan won a landslide victory in 1984; his campaign featured a signature TV spot boasting that "It's morning again in America."

Up to a point, there are parallels for Obama. Today's misery is a political opportunity. Reagan's popularity soared on the belief that he had re-established economic order. The country had reasserted control of its future. These gains offset the recession's severity and its hangover. In 1984, unemployment still averaged 7.5 percent.

If Obama can overcome the sense of helplessness, he will surely reap much political credit. There need not be a boom — the economy must achieve just enough sustained growth to convince most people that it's manageable and that we have not descended into a new dark age.

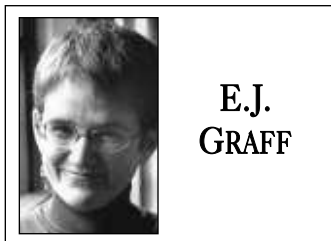
Here, the parallels break down. Volcker and Reagan embarked on a deliberate effort to quell inflationary psychology; the question was whether the recession could be maintained long enough to do the job. Obama faces a global recession brought on by murky forces barely understood. The effort to counteract them and to prevent further economic damage is a grand and confused experiment. If it fails, Obama's burden will be back-breaking.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

The sinister underworld of international adoption

Who wants to buy a baby? Certainly not most people who try to adopt internationally. And yet too often that's how their dollars and euros are being used.

The idea that the developing world has millions of healthy infants and toddlers in need of new homes is a myth. In poor countries as in rich ones, healthy babies are rarely abandoned or relinquished — except in China, with its one-child policy. The vast majority of children who need adoption are older, sick, disabled or traumatized. But most Westerners waiting in line are looking for healthy infants or toddlers



E.J. GRAFF

to take home.

The result is a gap between supply and demand — a gap that can be closed by Western money. In some countries, Western cash has induced locals to buy or kidnap children or defraud or coerce their families into giving them up, strip the children of their identities and transform them into orphans

for Western adoption. In 2008, Vietnam stopped adoptions to the United States because of these concerns. A cable from the U.S. embassy in Vietnam, recently obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request by the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, said that, "while there are legitimate orphans in Vietnam, the corruption in the adoption process has become so widespread that (the embassy) believes that there is fraud in the overwhelming majority of cases of infants offered for international adoption."

Last year, the United States finally implemented the

Hague Adoption Convention, a 1993 treaty designed to address these problems. But the regulations apply only to adoptions from countries that have also signed the treaty.

Of course, not every internationally adopted child has been purchased or kidnapped. For more information, visit www.brandeis.edu/investigate.

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QUOTABLE

"We had a miracle on 34th Street. I believe now we have had a miracle on the Hudson."

— Gov. David Paterson after all 155 people on board a Charlotte, N.C.-bound US Airways flight survived a water landing on the Hudson River in New York.

"As the years passed, most Americans were able to return to life much as it had been before 9/11. But I never did."

— President George W. Bush in his farewell address to the nation.

"I want to make sure I don't over-think it. Television is changing drastically. I want to make sure my show isn't too buttoned-up."

— Conan O'Brien to TV critics as he prepares to take the "Tonight Show" reins from Jay Leno in June.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

College students should see bailout money

Today (Jan. 15), Congress gave approval to waste the other half of the bailout money which so far has all helped those responsible for our financial situation. It doesn't help that the people responsible for the original problem are still controlling the money.

How about using some of the money to help a class of citizens who would really

benefit from a bailout, mainly college students who have student loans? Some of these students haven't been able to find work, but the loans are still due.

If their loans were paid off, it would infuse money into the economy. Instead of paying on the loans, they could use the money to buy food, clothes and cars, pay rent and perhaps even be able to further their education. Pell grants should be increased to offset the high-

er costs of education, which would help institutions of higher learning cope with the recession, infusing extra funds into their budgets. The payback would come as these students entered the workforce, paying taxes and adding their talents and expertise to the

national economy.

After all, if we're going to saddle the next generation with trillions of dollars of debt, it's only fair they have a little help from the money they have to pay back.

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DEATH NOTICES

Carl E. Osterhout

Carl Edward Osterhout, 98, Declo, died Sunday, Jan. 18, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Roy C. Wiedenman

Roy C. Wiedenman, 94, Hazelton, died Saturday, Jan. 17, at Bridgeview Estates. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

SERVICES

Larry Glenn Palmer of 11 Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Blaineda G. Owens of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

George Donald "Don" Gibbons of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church; graveside committal service at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside-Thomas Cemetery in Blackfoot.

Ronald M. Johnson of Jerome, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S.; visitation one hour before the service Wednesday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Jerry Lee Aiken of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Lucille Dossett of Moscow and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Claire M. Petersen of Lewiston and formerly of Declo, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Financial burden of homeownership spread unequally

By Alan Zibel
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — When it comes to homeownership, Hispanics in New Jersey, single parents in California and senior citizens in Rhode Island all have something in common: More than a third have an unaffordable mortgage.

Inequality in America has traditionally followed familiar patterns of race, age and education. Those long-standing gaps have been magnified by the real estate boom and now the historic bust, according to an Associated Press analysis of 2007 Census Bureau data.

While minorities have made significant gains in wealth and home ownership since 1990, "things are going into reverse gear," and now the homeownership rate for blacks and Hispanics is falling, said Edward Wolff, a New York University economist who studies income and wealth distribution.

Nearly 9.5 million households, or nearly one out of every five of the nearly 52 million homeowners with a mortgage, spend 38 percent or more of their pretax income on their mortgage payment, property taxes and insurance, the AP's analysis found. That's the new threshold to qualify for the loan assistance program launched last month by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the mortgage finance companies now under government control.

Not surprisingly, the most financially burdened are in California, Florida, Nevada and the Northeast, areas hardest hit by soaring home prices and now foreclosures.

Yet in every state, there are many pockets of homeowners who are just one unexpected medical bill or car repair from falling behind on their mortgages and setting the foreclosure clock ticking.

The AP's analysis reveals the enormous scope of the U.S. housing market bust and how unevenly the burdens are spread, both geographically and demographically. And the situation is worsening — a record 10 percent of U.S. homeowners with a mortgage are at least one payment behind or were in foreclosure as of last fall, compared with 7.5 percent a year earlier and just under 6 percent in 2006.

The burden is clearly more arduous among minority households, the AP analysis found.

Just under a third of Hispanic homeowners spend at least 38 percent of their income on housing expenses, compared with about a quarter of Asian and black households and nearly 16 percent of white households.

In much of the country, the trend is more pronounced. For example, included among those who spent at least 38 percent of their income on housing are:



Heather L. Noble stands in front of her home in Garden City, Mich., Nov. 12, 2008. Starting last spring, Noble spent hour after hour on the phone talking to what she describes as 'every human being and division possible' at JPMorgan Chase & Co., before obtaining approval for a loan modification. Effective Feb. 1, her new monthly payment will be a much more affordable \$683 a month.

About 40 percent of black borrowers in California, Nevada, Oregon and Massachusetts.

More than 30 percent of Asian borrowers in California and Florida.

Nearly half of Hispanic homeowners in Rhode Island and at least 40 percent in Alaska, California, Florida, Hawaii, Maryland, New Jersey and New York.

Many Latino families wound up with expensive subprime mortgages because they often have cash income and no bank account, said Janis Bowdler, associate director for wealth building at National Council of La Raza in Washington.

It is common for Latino families to have stable incomes, but limited credit histories — and hence lower credit scores, which lenders use to gauge risk. Many have multiple sources of income, some of it in cash.

During the housing boom, consumer advocates say it was both faster and more profitable for mortgage brokers and loan officers to put Hispanic families in loans that didn't require proof of income, but charged higher interest rates.

"They had them out the door in a fraction of the time," Bowdler said. "They were definitely getting more expensive loans."

Now, Hispanic households like the Cazares family of Visalia, Calif are caught up in the mortgage crisis. Out of work for more than a year after contracting a rare disease caused by an airborne fungus, Joel, 36, brings in \$550 a week in disability payments. His wife Maria, 34, makes about that much money weekly by working as a hair stylist.

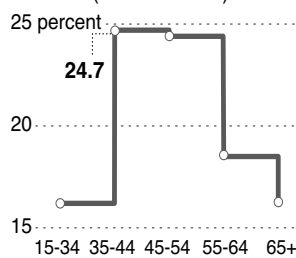
They haven't made their \$2,500 home loan payment in four months. The couple, who have three kids, have been waiting since October for a loan modification from IndyMac Bank, which was seized by the federal government last July. They hope it

Paying too much

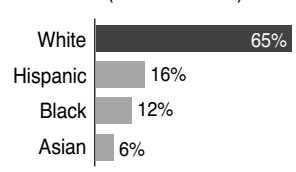
Nearly 20 percent of Americans spend more than one-third of their income on housing.

Spending at least 38 percent of income on mortgages

BY AGE (home-owners)



BY RACE (home-owners)



Housing cost: Property tax included; utilities not included

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will bring their payment down to a more manageable level of around of \$1,500.

In the meantime, they buy supersized bags of generic cereal to make ends meet. They've canceled their Internet service and are only using one of their two cars, a pickup truck, because it gets better gas mileage.

Our money's like a piece of gum," Joel Cazares said. "We're making it stretch as far and as long as we can."

The AP's analysis also found that education level is highly correlated with income and mortgage expenses. Nearly one in three of those without a high school or college diploma spend at least 38 percent of their income on housing, compared with only 12 percent of those with advanced degrees, the AP analysis found.

In addition, seniors spent a far higher share of their income on housing than any other age group.

While about half of seniors own their homes outright, the other half often face

financial challenges and diminished earning potential.

Among seniors with a mortgage, nearly three in 10 spend at least 38 percent of their income on housing, according to the AP analysis. The stress is most severe in nine states: California, Washington D.C., Florida, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

As the pain from the mortgage crisis spreads, Washington is abuzz with talk of new efforts to stabilize the housing market and stop the freefall in home prices. President-elect Barack Obama has pledged to direct up to \$100 billion in financial bailout money toward a sweeping effort to prevent foreclosures.

Frustrated housing counselors around the country say that if the Bush administration had grasped the severity of the foreclosure crisis earlier and enacted more ambitious programs long ago, the pain for American families and the economy might not be so severe.

"So far, we haven't seen the mortgage products or resources that we really need to help people who are at risk of losing their homes," said Brenda Clement, executive director of the Housing Action Coalition of Rhode Island.

To be sure, housing counselors acknowledge that some borrowers only have themselves to blame. They clearly got in over their heads and many knowingly took out risky loans. But they also say that mortgage brokers and lenders took advantage of the elderly, immigrants and the unsophisticated.

For decades, the government and most lenders considered homeowners who spent 30 percent or more of their income on housing to be financially strapped.

But that rule of thumb got thrown out the window during the housing boom. When

prices were soaring, many Americans could only afford to buy a home by taking out ever-riskier home loans. Lenders were happy to cooperate, because if the homeowner defaulted, the property could still be sold for enough money to cover the loan.

House-rich and giddy, American attitudes about debt and the risks that go with it changed dramatically.

"The average American is in hock up to his eyeballs," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

That's especially true now that prices are falling and around 13 million households, or about one in four with a mortgage, owes more to the bank than their properties are worth, according to Mark Zandi, chief economist at economic forecasting firm Moody's Economy.com

One of those "underwater" borrowers is Heather Noble, 36, who lives outside Detroit and can see five foreclosures from her front porch. A single mother, she struggled to make her mortgage payment since being laid off from her job in October 2007.

Late last summer, she started a \$17-an-hour job handling billing for a doctor's office, but making her home loan payment of around \$1,000 a month was a stretch because her take-home pay is at most \$1,600 a month, depending on the amount of time she works.

Starting last spring, she spent hour after hour on the phone talking to what she describes as "every human being and division possible" at JPMorgan Chase & Co., before obtaining approval for a loan modification.

Noble's modification had been held up until the fall, and she was actually blocked from making her monthly payment until the Associated Press made an inquiry into her case. "In the large volumes that we're handling, we occasionally will miss something," spokesman Tom Kelly said.

Her two home loans have now been modified. Effective Feb. 1, her new monthly payment will be a much more affordable \$683 a month.

"That I can pay," she said. "Now I can pay my bills and stay current and not worry about losing my house."

Among single parents like Noble, more than a quarter in Michigan and about 27 percent nationwide spend at least 38 percent of their income on housing. And in California the strain is far worse: About four in 10 single parents meet that threshold.

And what worries Avis Holmes, director of Detroit Non-Profit Housing Corp. in Detroit, is that much of the government's financial aid isn't targeted at those who are in the greatest danger of losing their homes.

So far, Holmes said, "there are no rescue funds for the homeowners."

Some Little Debbie products join food recall

WASHINGTON (AP) — The company that sells Little Debbie snacks announced a recall Sunday of peanut butter crackers because of a potential link to a deadly salmonella outbreak.

The voluntary recall came one day after the government advised consumers to avoid eating cookies, cakes, ice cream and other foods with peanut butter until health officials learn more about the contamination.

The announcement by McKee Foods Corp. of Collegedale, Tenn., about two kinds of Little Debbie products was another in a string of voluntary recalls following the most recent guidance by health officials. The South Bend Chocolate Co. in Indiana said Sunday it too was recalling various candies containing peanut butter from Peanut Corp. of America.

McKee said it had not received any complaints

about illnesses from people who ate any size peanut butter toasty sandwich crackers or peanut butter cheese sandwich crackers. The recall covers crackers produced on or after July 1.

Officials are focusing on peanut paste, as well as peanut butter, produced at a Blakely, Ga., facility owned by Peanut Corp. Its peanut butter is not sold directly to consumers but distributed to institutions and food companies. But the peanut paste, made from roasted peanuts, is an ingredient in cookies, cakes and other products that people buy in the supermarket.

So far, more than 470 people have gotten sick in 43 states, and at least 90 had to be hospitalized. At least six deaths are being blamed on the outbreak. Salmonella is a bacteria and the most common source of food poisoning in the U.S., causing diarrhea, cramping and fever.

Many Ill. voters resigned to political corruption

By Sophia Tareen
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Charlotte Podolner has faithfully voted in every election she could in her 88 years, then watched as one Illinois politician after another headed to jail.

That's just the way it goes here, she says, convinced that nothing — not even the federal corruption charges against Gov. Rod Blagojevich — will change the state's legacy of shady politics. About 1,000 elected officials, including three governors, have been convicted of corruption since the early 1970s.

"Chicago has a ... reputation for corrupt politics. It's not flattering, but we're always thought of as manipulators," said Podolner, a retired office worker from Chicago. "It's part of our tradition."

But political experts say voters themselves bear some responsibility since they have continued to elect officials of questionable character. Many appear to accept corruption as part and parcel of politics and often are willing

to put up with it if they get something in return.

"In several parts of Illinois, voters have come to tolerate a certain level of corruption if they're getting their streets plowed after a snow storm and getting their garbage picked up," said Mike Lawrence, a retired director at the University of Southern Illinois' Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. "Voters need to take their citizenship seriously."

Retired machinist Charles Lee, 56, said he wishes corrupt officials wouldn't keep getting elected in Illinois, but says it's not his fault.

"We don't have that good of a choice," he said. "They're all crooks."

That might be an overstatement, and there are other reasons for Illinois' problems, including that so many candidates are entrenched in the state's machine politics and lax campaign-contribution laws, experts said.

"If you say Illinois politics are corrupt and there are no good people, that becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy," said Kent Redfield a political sci-

entist at the University of Illinois at Springfield. "This is a chicken-and-egg kind of thing."

Illinois has few limits on who can contribute money to candidates and how much they can give.

In his 2006 re-election run, Blagojevich — who'd amassed a huge campaign fund — wooed voters by outspending his Republican challenger, former state Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, by more than 2 to 1, experts say.

Blagojevich, dogged at the time by allegations of corrupt hiring practices, spent over \$16 million in the last half of 2006, while Topinka spent

just over \$6 million. Much of the governor's money, \$11 million, was spent on television ads that criticized Topinka's record; Topinka spent just over \$4 million on commercials.

"People had questions about him as a leader, his integrity, yet he pretty much overwhelmed her with TV commercials," Redfield said.

Blagojevich — under federal investigation for several years over claims of hiring fraud and allegedly trading political favors for campaign donations — was arrested last month on corruption charges and faces an impeachment trial in the Senate.

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CONFLICT IN ISRAEL

Security for inaugural stepped up

By Spencer S. Hsu
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As jubilant Democrats nominated Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., for president in a Denver convention hall in late August, the U.S. Secret Service in Washington quietly placed its largest ever order for bullet-proof glass.

The service requested 5 tons of “transparent armor,” laminated with four layers of virtually unbreakable plastic to resist chemicals, flames and multiple gunshots. When Obama is sworn in as the nation’s 44th president Tuesday, the ballistic shield will provide a final layer of safety in a massive exercise in presidential security, the culmination of two years of a steady ratcheting up of the protection around Obama to a level unseen for any of his predecessors.

“I don’t think there could have been any higher-order target for (Osama) bin Laden than (President Bush), because this president launched the attack on Afghanistan,” Bush Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, whose department oversees the Secret Service, told the Washington Post last month. “I think what will be different perhaps for the new president is (he) may excite the attention of some domestic groups that maybe were not that engaged previously. And so that’s an issue we’re going to have to be looking at.”

Privately, current and former Secret Service and U.S. intelligence officials interviewed for this article confirmed that Obama’s ascent has led to a spike in threatening “chatter” on white supremacist Web sites and a smattering of incidents around the country that led to intensive investigation.

“Ultimately, there are a higher number of threats,” one former senior Secret Service official said. “My friends and family members certainly in the last couple months said, ‘Oh, my goodness the Secret Service must be having such a difficult time.’ Well, they are in the sense that everyone of these that comes up must be investigated. That takes time and effort and money. They just need to be permitted to do the job.”

But the phenomenon that the Obama campaign became provided a test for law enforcement.

On May 18, an Obama event expected to draw 20,000 people in Portland, Ore., attracted 75,000. In July, about 200,000 showed up to see Obama in Germany.

On Aug. 28, the Obama campaign accepted his party’s nomination at Invesco Field at Mile High, a 76,000-seat outdoor stadium, instead of the 20,000-seat indoor arena where Democrats held their convention. The Secret Service was given seven weeks to prepare for the shift.



AP file photo

The National Mall and the Capitol are seen during the Million Man March in Washington in October 1995. Federal and local authorities are preparing for record numbers of people crowding the Mall and the parade route for the inauguration.

A REASON FOR HOPE

Israel pulling out of Gaza, Hamas ceases fire

By Ibrahim Barzak and
Christopher Torchia
Associated Press writers

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops, some smiling and dancing, began to withdraw from Gaza Sunday after their government and Hamas militants declared an end to a three-week war. But neither side achieved long-term goals and the burden of consolidating the fragile calm fell to world leaders.

The truce brought relief to Gaza’s citizens, who took stock of the devastation in relative safety for the first time since Israel launched the offensive on Dec. 27. And it brought more trauma, as rescue workers in surgical masks ventured into what were once no-go areas and pulled 100 bodies from buildings pulverized by bombs.

“We’ve pulled out my nephew, but I don’t know how many are still under there,” Zayed Hadar said as he sifted through the rubble of his flattened home in the northern town of Jebaliya.

Tension eased in southern Israel, the target of Palestinian rocket fire, even though Hamas launched nearly 20 rockets in a final salvo before announcing a cease-fire. Three Israelis were lightly wounded, while two Palestinians were killed in last-minute fighting, medics said.

Israel and Hamas do not recognize each other and ended up separately declaring cease-fires 12 hours apart after strenuous efforts by Egyptian mediators to get an agreement. Israel first announced a unilateral cease-fire Saturday night, with Hamas initially vowing to keep fighting until all troops left Gaza. But early Sunday, Hamas too said it would hold its fire to give Israeli forces time to pull out.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said his country had no desire to stay in Gaza, a Mediterranean strip of 1.4 million people that was vacated by Israel in 2005 even though Gaza’s airspace, coastal waters and border crossings remained under Israeli control.

“We didn’t set out to conquer Gaza. We didn’t set out to control Gaza. We don’t want to remain in Gaza and we intend on leaving Gaza as fast as possible,” Olmert said at a dinner in Jerusalem with the leaders of Britain, France, Germany and Spain.

Despite losses suffered, Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh claimed “a heavenly victory” in remarks broadcast on Al-Jazeera Arabic news channel.

A swift withdrawal would



A rainbow is seen over the northern Gaza Strip, from the Israel-Gaza Border, Sunday.

reduce the likelihood of clashes between militants and Israeli troops that could rupture the truce.

The world welcomed the apparent end to the latest round of fighting in the Middle East. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged a quick influx of humanitarian aid to the isolated enclave, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice — in the final days of her tenure — said a cease-fire must be durable.

Iran, which has supplied rockets to Hamas, said a key to calm is the opening of border crossings that Israel and Egypt have kept virtually sealed since the militant group staged a violent takeover of Gaza in 2007 from forces of the rival Fatah faction. The comment by Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki was a reminder that the tiny coastal territory is just one piece of a larger conflict between Israel and regional enemies.

In Egypt, European and



AP photos

Palestinian women sit in the rubble of buildings in the eastern area of Jebaliya after Israeli troops withdrew from the northern Gaza Strip, Sunday. Israel troops in the Gaza Strip were ordered to hold their fire early Sunday after Israel announced a unilateral cease-fire meant to end three devastating weeks of war against militants who have terrorized southern Israel with rocket barrages. But hours after the truce took hold, militants fired rocket salvos into two Israeli communities, threatening to reignite the violence.

Arab leaders were seeking a long-term deal to solidify the truce. Delivering humanitarian aid to rebuild Gaza, opening its borders and choking off the flow of weapons into Gaza across

Egypt’s border and at sea — perhaps with an international naval force — emerged as key goals from their summit at the Sinai desert resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

NTSB: US Airways jet’s engines lost power together

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The flight data recorder of the US Airways jet that landed in the Hudson River shows both engines lost power simultaneously, investigators said Sunday.

Information from the flight recorders on the doomed aircraft was released as investigators worked to remove its fuel. After that is completed, officials hope to move the damaged plane off the river by the end of the day.

“Defueling is a pretty intricate operation, not without risk,” Kitty Higgins of the National Transportation Safety Board said at an afternoon briefing on the investigation.

The crippled plane, hoisted from the river late Saturday, remains on top of a barge moored to a seawall in Manhattan a few blocks from the World Trade Center site.

Higgins said the recorders showed that Flight 1549 reached a maximum altitude of 3,200 feet before losing power simultaneously in both engines before its splash-landing Thursday afternoon.

Higgins recounted excerpts from communications captured by the cockpit voice recorder beginning 90 seconds after takeoff, when the captain made a remark to the co-pilot about birds.

One second later, she said, “the sound of thumps and a rapid decrease in engine sounds” could be heard.

“The captain makes a radio call to (Air Traffic Control) calling Mayday, and reports that they hit birds, lost both engines and were returning to LaGuardia Airport, she said.

Higgins said the accounts on the cockpit voice recorder were consistent with interviews with the flight crew. She also praised the crew.

“Miracles happen because a lot of everyday things happen for years and years and years,” she said. “These people knew what they were supposed to do and they did it and as a result, nobody lost their life.”

Higgins also said ice floes in the Hudson were hampering the search for the left engine, which separated from the aircraft and sank to the bottom of the river.

“The concern is... even putting down the sonar equipment and the rove vehicle, they would be damaged by the ice. It’s too dangerous for a diver,” she said.

Officials have refused to say where in New Jersey the plane would be taken when it is towed away, saying investigators wanted to do their work undisturbed.

Mexican collapse? Drug wars worry some Americans

By Traci Carl
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Indiscriminate kidnappings. Nearly daily beheadings. Gangs that mock and kill government agents.

This isn’t Iraq or Pakistan. It’s Mexico, which the U.S. government and a growing number of experts say is becoming one of the world’s biggest security risks.

The prospect that America’s southern neighbor could melt into lawlessness provides an unexpected challenge to Barack Obama’s new government. In its latest report anticipating possible global security risks, the U.S. Joint Forces Command lumps Mexico and Pakistan together as

being at risk of a “rapid and sudden collapse.”

“The Mexican possibility may seem less likely, but the government, its politicians, police and judicial infrastructure are all under sustained assault and pressure by criminal gangs and drug cartels,” the command said in the report published Nov. 25.

“How that internal conflict turns out over the next several years will have a major impact on the stability of the Mexican state.”

Retiring CIA chief Michael Hayden told reporters on Friday that that Mexico could rank alongside Iran as a challenge for Obama — perhaps a greater problem than Iraq.

The U.S. Justice Department said last

month that Mexican gangs are the “biggest organized crime threat to the United States.” National security adviser Stephen Hadley said last week that the worsening violence threatens Mexico’s very democracy.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff recently told The New York Times he ordered additional border security plans to be drawn up this summer as kidnappings and killings spilled into the U.S.

The alarm is spreading to the private sector as well. Mexico, Latin America’s second biggest economy and the United States’ third biggest oil supplier, is one of the top 10 global risks for 2009 identified by the Eurasia Group, a New York-based consulting firm.

Mexico is brushing aside the U.S. concerns, with Interior Secretary Fernando Gomez-Mont saying Wednesday: “It seems inappropriate to me that you would call Mexico a security risk. There are problems in Mexico that are being dealt with, that we can continue to deal with, and that’s what we are doing.”

Still, Obama faces a dramatic turnaround compared with the last time a new U.S. president moved into the White House. When George W. Bush was elected in 2000, the nation of 110 million had just chosen Vicente Fox as president in its fairest election ever, had ended 71 years of one-party rule and was looking forward to a stable, democratic future.



AP photo

A Mexican soldier stands on guard at a house where marijuana plants being grown were found in Tijuana, Mexico, Jan. 15. Special forces soldiers found some 170 marijuana plants, in a room used as a greenhouse, and detained a suspect.

Al-Sadr's followers eye comeback in Jan. 31 vote

AMARAH, Iraq (AP) — Followers of anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr hope to win back their position as a major force in this month's regional elections after a string of military and political setbacks last year.

Even modest success in the Jan. 31 vote for ruling provincial councils could position the Sadrists as coalition partners in key southern provinces, where a large number of candidates makes it unlikely any single party can win on its own.

Anything short of that could relegate the once formidable al-Sadr to political irrelevance — something unthinkable a year ago when his fearsome Mahdi Army militia wielded vast power in Shiite areas of Iraq.

"This month's elections will decide who remains in the political arena and who will go into oblivion," said senior Sadrism lawmaker Hassan al-Rubaie. "If we fail to do well, our movement could fragment, and some of its key figures could be lured away by rival blocs trying to destroy us."

Top Sadrism officials in key southern cities — Basra, Amarah and Najaf — spoke confidently about their election prospects during interviews with The Associated Press.

But they fear that authorities may step up arrests of al-Sadr's supporters and campaign workers in response to his call for attacks on U.S. forces in retaliation for Israel's offensive in Gaza.

The Sadrists also face a strong threat from the country's two largest Shiite parties — the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council and the Dawa party of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Both are vigorously campaigning to retain their grip on the south and prevent any inroads by al-Sadr's group, which has been significantly weakened since the heady days when it held sway in Shiite areas of Baghdad and southern Iraq.

Hundreds of its key members have been detained by U.S. and Iraqi forces over the past two years — especially after the government crack-



AP photo
A poster depicting radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr shares space with campaign posters for candidates in the upcoming provincial elections in Amarah, Iraq, is seen in his office on Saturday. Supporters of al-Sadr are hoping for a comeback in regional elections to win back their place as major political players after a string of military and political setbacks last year. The Sadrists' best chance for success could be here in Amarah, an oil-rich area near the Iranian border that had been controlled by the cleric's followers until a crackdown last year by U.S.-backed Iraqi forces.

down on militias in Baghdad and Basra last spring.

The Mahdi Army, which battled the Americans for years, has been riveted with divisions. The militiamen's former image as the defender of the Shiites has been tarnished among many urban Shiites who consider them gangsters.

The Sadrists' best chance for success could be in Amarah, an oil-rich area near the Iranian border that had been controlled by the cleric's followers before the crackdown last year. The Sadrists remain in control of the provincial council of Maysan, the province of which Amarah is the capital.

"The Sadrism movement will be in a bad situation if we lose Amarah," said Hassan al-Husseini, al-Sadr's chief representative in Amarah, 200 miles (320 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad.

"But other groups are determined to oust us from Amarah," he said, squatting on the floor beneath a larger-than-life portrait of al-Sadr's father, Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Sadeq al-Sadr, who was gunned down by suspected Saddam Hussein agents in 1999.

As in previous elections, no candidates are running explicitly as followers of al-Sadr. They are nominally independent — but the movement makes sure that voters know which candidates it supports.

Winning about a third of the council seats in the nine southern provinces would be considered a success, said Salah al-Obeidi, al-Sadr's chief spokesman. The movement wants to prevent the other Shiite parties from winning enough seats to monopolize power, he said.

"Our ultimate goal is not to

allow governors to do as they please," al-Obeidi said at his Najaf office.

The Sadrists, whose movement began in the 1990s, emerged as a formidable political and social force after U.S. troops overthrew Saddam's Sunni-dominated regime in 2003.

They survived a 2004 uprising against the Americans after the powerful Shiite clergy intervened to prevent al-Sadr's arrest. Al-Maliki's predecessor, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, brought Sadrists into the government, giving them several Cabinet posts.

But the Sadrists did not field a full slate of candidates in the last provincial elections four years ago, leaving the south to the Supreme Council, Dawa and regional groups.

Two years ago, it appeared that the Sadrists, who draw strength from millions of impoverished Shiites, would threaten the position of the two major Shiite parties because of complaints of bad governance in the south.

But a series of missteps cost the movement dearly.

Sadrism ministers pulled out of al-Maliki's Cabinet in 2007 to protest his cooperation with the U.S., depriving the movement much of its influence in government. The move also angered al-Maliki, who ordered U.S.-backed Iraqi forces last year into Basra, the Baghdad district of Sadr City and other areas to wrest control from al-Sadr's militia.

Al-Sadr himself moved to Iran two years ago, weakening his leadership at a time his movement needed him most.

The Sadrists' appeal to voters has been their uncompromising anti-American stand, social welfare programs for the poor and the prestige of al-Sadr's late father, who defended Shiite rights when few would speak out under Saddam.

"We are proud of our opposition to the (U.S.) occupation," said Ayed al-Mayahi, al-Sadr's representative in Basra. "Everything that has happened to us was the price we paid for that stand."

Open, crowded TV news market invites sensationalism

Some allege terrorists were able to keep track of security plans through programs

By Mark Magnier
Los Angeles Times

NEW DELHI, India — Add another casualty to the list of victims of the Mumbai attacks: the credibility of India's 24-hour television news channels. In the wake of the November assault that killed more than 170 people, India's wide-open broadcast networks have come in for rebuke, accused of informing their viewers so quickly and completely that the alleged masterminds in Pakistan were able to tell the attackers what Indian security personnel were planning and when.

The uproar over sensationalism has intensified a long-simmering debate over whether the government should exert some control over coverage in the interest of a "responsible" media — or stay clear amid fears of the censorship seen during Indira Gandhi's period of emergency rule in the 1970s.

"I feel the media should operate under certain guidelines," said Sonali Bhatia, 26, a teacher in New Delhi. "Then again, there shouldn't be complete interference. Freedom of speech is essential."

In the last few years, India's state-run broadcast media have been deregulated, leading to an explosion of TV networks furiously competing for viewers.

Last week, after protracted howls from media groups, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh signaled that the oversight role played by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting wouldn't change any time soon, easing broadcaster concerns.

One lightning rod for criticism of the Mumbai coverage was the live broadcast of a commando helicopter assault on the roof of the Nariman House Jewish center, which detractors say eliminated the element of surprise and undercut the operation.

Also under fire is the breathless tone of some reports. One correspondent appeared so agitated in her reports, one critic wrote, that, "She seemed to hyper-

ventilate on camera."

"The media acted completely hysterically," said author Arundhati Roy, whose novel "The God of Small Things" won the prestigious Man Booker Prize. "And it orchestrated middle-class anger against all politicians. I'm the last person to want to defend politicians, but it was a little frightening."

Critics also point to the coverage of the slaying of a 14-year-old girl who was found with her throat slit. When Arushi Talwar's father was arrested, news channels screamed "Killer Father!" only to see him released two months later for lack of evidence.

In response to the criticism over its Mumbai coverage and to head off regulation, a recently formed group of 14 networks, the News Broadcasters Association, released self-policing guidelines that include measures to delay broadcasts of commando operations.

But that's hardly comprehensive, said P.N. Vasanti, director of New Delhi's Center for Media Studies. India has 77 24-hour news channels on the air and 130 licenses approved, she said, resulting in extraordinary pressure to sensationalize, claim specious "exclusives" and do almost anything else to attract attention.

"Can you believe that number?" Vasanti said.

Newspapers and magazines tend to get far less flak than the broadcasting industry, which expanded rapidly three years ago when license requirements were eased. Because illiteracy remains high in India, some people fear that the power and immediacy of television increases the risk of social turmoil in a country with caste, religious and ethnic divisions.

The Indian civic group Common Cause, which is not related to the U.S. organization of the same name, has petitioned India's high court for more government oversight, including a content code, even as it seeks to safeguard the media's watchdog function.

Vietnam reins in the country's vigorous blogosphere

By Tim Johnston
The Washington Post

BANGKOK, Thailand — Vietnam's government has issued several decrees in recent months to curtail blogging, as the number of Internet users soars in the communist country.

The campaign started in August, when the government published an edict giving police broad authority to move against online critics, including those who oppose "the State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam" and undermine national security and social order.

The law also bans "obscenity and debauchery ... and destroying national fine customs and traditions," according to the official gazette published — online — by the Ministry of Information and Communications.

Vietnam was a relative latecomer to the online age, but extraordinary economic growth in the past few years has triggered a similarly dramatic rise in Internet users. Estimates indicate that about 24 million people in the country of 88 million regularly use the Web. Internet cafes abound for those unable to afford a computer, and small shops sell pirated software to those who can.

In an environment in which information is heavily controlled by the state media, bloggers were quick to spot the possibilities that the online world offered. News about the country, much of it from foreign media outlets, and political commentary that is frequently critical of the government have become prime commodities. As a result, discussions about the country's political future, with or without the Communist Party, have flourished.

"It is an oddly intellectualized environment," Kim Ninh, the head of the Asia Foundation's office in Hanoi, said of the blogosphere. "There is a lot of mudslinging, but underneath that there is an intellectual tradition that dates back to the French colonial period in the '20s, '30s and '40s that continues to flow. They take the subject of political debate very seriously."

"People are looking to blogs for news they can't get in the mainstream media," she said.

The government's moves against blogging have provoked a sharp response from free-speech advocates. "Vietnam is one of the few countries where people can be locked up on charges of 'abusing democratic freedoms,'" Brad Adams, the

Asia director at Human Rights Watch, said in a statement Thursday. "Vietnam's donors should continue to insist that the government stop its criminalization of peaceful expression."

After a period of relative freedom, when online and print journalists were testing the bounds of what they could publish, the authorities have recently started to crack down.

Late last year, the courts imposed a two-year sentence on a newspaper journalist after he ran a series of articles exposing corruption, and a prominent blogger

known as Dieu Cay, whose real name is Nguyen Van Hai, was sentenced to two years in jail for tax evasion in a case widely seen as a punishment for his blogging.



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Turning around **TEEN** obesity in your own household

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

It's a grim outlook. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 31.9 percent of children under 18 are overweight, and 16.3 percent of kids are obese.

And while health professionals around Magic Valley are taking notice — YMCA of Twin Falls recently added a new workout room just for kids and workout classes aimed at teens — the question remains: What are adolescents doing for themselves, and how can parents help?

Ben Rolfe, 15, said he walks to school every day, but couldn't think of many examples of other ways he exercises.

"I do like playing catch with Frisbees," the Filer ninth-grader said after thinking for a moment. He also acknowledged that he eats healthy — "I love veggies," he said.

Down the road, friends Tim Arno, Kaleb Whitlock, Josh Young, Wyatt Knutz and Chandler Colver trudged home from Filer High School. The energy-drink-chugging group claimed to be more healthy than the majority of their classmates, who include some "pretty big dudes," according to Arno.

To stay active, the five friends walk to school and play an array of sports, including basketball and football. Many of their peers don't fare as well, never exercising and eating a lot of junk food, they said.

"We stick to meat," Young added.

Athletes tend to eat more healthy than their peers, said Sue Ormond, certified diabetes educator and registered dietician at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Studious kids who aren't involved in physical activity tend to neglect their health.

Still, all kids need a helping hand — and good role models. Here are some tips to help get your children in shape.

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When your teen is overweight

Be understanding. Girls are especially sensitive to body image issues.

"Statistically, teenage girls are the most poorly nourished in our country," largely due to self-esteem issues connected to weight, said Sue Ormond, certified diabetes educator and registered dietician at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Instead of focusing on slimming down or losing a certain amount of weight, Ormond said, emphasize getting healthier.

Lead by example. Don't just tell your kids to be more active and eat better. Start piling the veggies onto your own plate, then take the family out on a bike ride.

"Especially with little kids, younger kids, it really needs to be a family effort," Ormond said.

Get up during the commercial breaks. "The more kids watch TV, they have a higher incidence of a sedentary lifestyle and thus weight gain," Ormond said. Exercising during commercial breaks will help offset it. Run in place, or even stretch.

To get everyone involved, make it a competition. Who can do the most sit-ups, or jump on one foot for the longest?

Eliminate temptation. Are cookies and candy the problem? Don't buy them, Ormond said. It doesn't matter if only one of your children has a weight problem, she said. It's not fair to deny sweets to one while doling them out to his siblings. Make sure everyone is on the same page.

Keep it simple. Don't use lack of money or finesse as an excuse not to get involved in your child's health. Exercise can be as easy as turning on the radio and dancing, Ormond said. Just get up. Start moving. "It doesn't have to be fancy," Ormond said.

Make healthy eating fun. Get the kids involved in tracking and planning their meals. Give them choices between which vegetables and fruits they want in their sack lunches to keep them excited about nutrition.

To help with their selections, log onto mypyramid.gov, Ormond suggested. The site has a kid-friendly section that encourages children to be more active and eat healthy. On the main site, parents can keep track of nutrients and calories consumed on MyPyramid Menu Planner.

Encourage three square meals a day. Don't let your kids go to school on an empty stomach, Ormond said. If they start their morning with a healthy breakfast, they're less likely to munch on soda and chips throughout the day.

And take as many of those meals together as possible. When families make a point of sitting down and eating dinner, they're more likely to offer healthy choices, Ormond said.



Ben Rolfe walks home from Filer High School. The 15-year-old walks to school every day, which accounts for some of his physical activity. Getting children and teenagers to stay active and eat healthy can be a challenge for parents.

MELISSA DAVLIN/Times-News

Government pushes electronic family tree

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It happens all the time: Filling out that clipboard at the doctor's office, you can't remember what cancer killed Aunt Sally or when Dad had his heart attack.

A good family health history is far more important than a gene test in predicting your future medical needs, but it's hugely underused. Last week, the government began offering a free new service to try to change that — helping people compile one at home, e-mail it to relatives who can fill in the gaps, and even pop it straight into their doctors' computers.

Quiz enough extended family about who battled what disease, and you can fill it out in as little as 20 minutes.

"That is an amazingly positive investment," Acting Surgeon General Steven Galson, whose office spearheaded the new initiative, told The Associated Press. "You're going to help your doctor learn a lot more about you by spending those 20 minutes, and you can share that invested time around your family and with your physicians way into the future."

The goal: Just as people create ancestral family trees, create a family health tree. It may sound old-fashioned in this era of gene discovery. But genetics specialists use these "pedigrees" to look for patterns of inherited illnesses that can provide a powerful window on someone's brewing health risks.

"Family health history is the first genetic test but it encompasses much more than genes," says James O'Leary of the nonprofit Genetic Alliance.

A family's shared environmental or lifestyle factors are key, too. Add that together, and a family health tree "is the way you identify what is important to pay more attention to," he explains.

Consider: Maybe Dad's deadly heart attack at 60 isn't his 40-something son's top risk, much as he focuses on that tragedy. The real red flag might be the prostate cancer that Dad survived at age 48 and that killed his own father and brother in their 50s.

Yet between patients who don't know relatives' intimate health details and rushed doctors who don't push for it, family health histories too often are brushed aside. A survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found fewer than 30 percent of Americans have ever collected health information from relatives to compile one. And some surprising recent research suggests

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Photo courtesy of NBC

AUBREY WATCH

In 2008, Aubrey Cheney of Gooding flew to California with her sister, Mandi Kramer of Boise, to compete in season seven of NBC's "The Biggest Loser Couples." The sisters are the Yellow Team.

Last week's episode: Aubrey is sent

back to Gooding to compete from home while Mandi works on behalf of both of them at the ranch.

The arrangement seems to be working out. During the challenge, Mandi finishes in third place, and at the weigh-in she has lost six pounds, placing her comfortably ahead of several competitors.

The contestants vote to send Jerry home after he loses only one pound. No word on how Aubrey is doing, but with Mandi's determination, she's sure to be back on the ranch in three weeks.

Watch the Yellow Team's progress at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on NBC.

To do for You

Diabetes support

Diabetes Support Group meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, at South Central Public Health District, 1020 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. Use the north entrance.

Rhea Lanting, University of Idaho extension educator, will lead a discussion on reading food labels, titled "Read It Before You Eat It!"

Free; open to the public. Information: Susie Beem, 737-5946.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group meeting, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, at St. Luke's Idaho Elks Rehabilitation, 560 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls. The meeting is for people who have had a brain injury and for their families, friends and caregivers.

Free; 737-2126.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

This week's topic: "Baby and Me Exercise." The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

Free; 324-6133.

Alzheimer's support

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at River Ridge

Care and Rehabilitation Center (formerly SunBridge), 640 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Open to Twin Falls-area residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

Free. Information: Steve Jones or Dawn Meyer, 734-8645.

Cancer support

Living Through Cancer Support Group meeting, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, in the lobby at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Open to current cancer patients, cancer survivors, their families or support people and the public.

Free. Reservations required: Andy Hall, 737-2800.

About childbirth

The birthing class of St. Benedicts Family Medical Center's prepared childbirth series, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Jerome Ambulance Building, 240 E. Main St.

Topics: the birth process and breathing techniques. Bring a labor support person. Mothers may enroll even if their babies will be born at a different hospital.

Fee is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

Infant safety and CPR

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, in the

lobby of St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

New parents, grandparents and caregivers learn CPR and what to do if a baby chokes.

No registration required; free; 732-3148.

Learn CPR/first aid

Heartsaver first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic external defibrillators class, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Topics: classroom instruction and hands-on practice with emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants.

Cost is \$50. Preregistration required; 737-2007.

Swing dancing

College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center will offer the class "Triple Swing," from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 30 to Feb. 27, at the Gooding Elementary School cafeteria. No class will be held Feb. 13. Reid and Danielle Lofgran will instruct.

Learn the basic steps of triple swing that can be altered for country dancing. Men will be taught to lead and women to follow with time to review and ask questions. Wear smooth-soled shoes (no athletic shoes).

Cost is \$25 per person. Register: 934-8678 or North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

Dance and fitness

College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center will offer the dance and fitness class "Tap-N-Burn," from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb.

4 through March 25, in Room 304 at CSI's gymnasium. Benita Conway will instruct.

Organizers said dancing strengthens and tones muscles, and provides a healthy workout for the heart, cardiovascular system and lungs. Tap dancing is more aerobic and offers continual movement, while burning about 400 calories per hour. Routines will be taught using a variety of music.

Tap shoes can be worn but are not required.

Cost is \$65. Register: Community Education Center at 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

'Dishin' Nutrition' Widget offers fitness tips, recipes

The Idaho Potato Commission launched the free "Dishin' Nutrition" Widget with fitness expert Denise Austin, at www.IdahoPotato.com/widget.

The Widget can be downloaded for most Web-based mediums (desktop, e-mail, blog, Web site, social network profile).

"Dishin' Nutrition" is a portable, personal assistant that offers free health and fitness tips and nutritious recipes so individuals can incorporate healthy habits into everyday life. The recipes come from the Idaho Potato Commission's online database of more than 500 dishes.

Since 2004, Austin has helped deliver the potato commission's messages about eating a well-rounded diet including healthy carbohydrates, such as Idaho potatoes.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Healthy & Fit section. E-mail notices to ramona@magicvalley.com.

Injured by the cold

Watch out for hypothermia, frostbite

By Lindsey Minnema
The Washington Post

You may find yourself outside for long periods of time in harsh winds and bitter cold. Here are two serious cold injuries you'll want to watch out for and tips from the National Athletic Trainers Association for how to treat them:

Hypothermia is a significant drop in core body temperature. Symptoms include shivering, increased blood pressure, impaired fine motor skills, lethargy — and in severe cases, impaired mental function and even loss of consciousness. To treat it, start by getting out of the cold! Remove any wet clothes and wrap up in warm blankets. Apply heat only to the trunk and other areas of heat transfer, such as the armpit, chest and groin. Drink warm, nonalcoholic fluids.

Frostbite is significant skin damage resulting from long exposure to the cold. Symptoms include swelling, a red or grey appearance to the skin, stiffness, and tingling or burning. Severe, deep frostbite can also include blisters and numbness. To treat it, immerse the affected area for 15 to 30 minutes in a warm water bath that is no hotter than 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. A physician may prescribe medication for pain.

Of course, prevention is always the best way to go. If you plan to spend many hours outside, wear insulating clothes that don't absorb sweat, take breaks to warm yourself inside or by an external heater and stay hydrated — avoiding alcohol.



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100-calorie packs don't help much with weight loss

By Susan Campbell
The Hartford Courant

For the dieter who's looking to lose a few, the market wants to help you.

For the past couple of years, certain companies have offered small portions of snack foods bundled in 100-calorie packs. Roughly 175 products — among them Nabisco's Oreos and Teddy Grahams, Hershey's Dark Chocolate and, yes, even Hostess' Twinkies, in the form of Twinkie Bites — come in small sizes. Do they work?

The answer is a qualified "hardly."

Annette M. Hudson, of myfitnesstrainer.com and a personal trainer, says her clients have had, at best, mixed results cutting back on calories with the packs.

"For some, it's the perfect solution to portion control, allowing an occasional treat," Hudson said. "For others, the danger of temptation is too great, and they need to keep all junk food out of the house."

She suggests dieters pay attention to their eating habits, and if they feel they can't fight the temptation to eat more than one pack, then

place the box in the freezer. Set out one pack to defrost each night, to be consumed the next day. If that doesn't work, throw away the box or give it to someone who has more control.

Beverly Rothstein, president of Your Slim Vision, suggests waiting 15 minutes before you open a pack.

"Walk away, don't stare at it for 15 minutes," Rothstein said. "If you truly feel hungry, that's when you can quell the hunger part of it, take one and walk away."

Rothstein lost 40 pounds four years ago — and kept it off — after trying "every weight loss program you can name." She credits her success to a change in attitude more than a product.

"Until your mind changes, and you have a very firm picture of a slim you, you will never be able to keep the weight off," Rothstein said. "The mind is extremely powerful, and that's the thing you need to harness."

Susan B. Roberts, a professor of nutrition and psychiatry at Tufts University and co-author of "The Instinct Diet: Use Your Five Food Instincts to Lose Weight and Keep It

Off," says five triggers move us to eat: hunger; availability; calorie density (the more calories, the better); familiarity (the appeal of comfort food like mashed potatoes); and variety (the more choices we face, the more we tend to eat).

But Roberts agreed that some people can't stop at 100 calories, and then "the whole idea backfires." She suggests adding healthy alternatives to every 100-calorie pack. Eat the small amount of Oreos and an apple.

Other personal trainers are less hopeful about the products.

"One-hundred-calorie snack packs are another way an incredible number of people make sound nutrition complicated," said Uche Odiatu, personal trainer and, with his wife, Kary, co-author of "The Miracle of Health: Simple Solutions, Extraordinary Results."

"Dieting by itself will go down in human history as one of the worst medical interventions," he said. "Ninety-five percent of all dieters who do not exercise will return to their pre-diet weight within two years. All of

the successful people who lost weight and kept it off exercise as 50 percent of their healthy living tools."

Ariane Hundt, a New York nutritionist and personal trainer, said the packs often contain sugar, and "there's a big difference between eating 100 calories of salmon or chicken versus eating 100 calories of the sugar, which is the main ingredient in the 100-calorie packs. While lean protein promotes fat-burning and satiety, the sugar increases blood sugar, promotes fat storage and creates cravings for more sugar.

"So, most likely, one little bag is just not enough to give the satisfaction the dieter craves in the first place."

Janice Taylor, author of "Our Lady of Weight Loss: Miraculous and Motivational Musings From the Patron Saint of Permanent Fat Removal," says eating 100 hundred-calorie packs "would be like someone trying to quit smoking and, instead of sucking on Camels, they try a 'lite' Virginia Slims," Taylor said. "You're still smoking. It's not about the calorie count. It's the psychology of it."

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Preventing colds vitamin ZZZ?

Good sleep may be helpful

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Fluff up the pillows and pull up the covers. Preventing the common cold may be as easy as getting more sleep.

Researchers paid healthy adults \$800 to have cold viruses sprayed up their noses, then wait five days in a hotel to see if they got sick. Habitual eight-hour sleepers were much less likely to get sick than those who slept less than seven hours or slept fitfully.

"The longer you sleep, the better off you are, the less susceptible you are to colds," said lead author Sheldon Cohen, who studies the effects of stress on health at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University.

Prior research has suggested that sleep boosts the immune system at the cell level. This is the first study to show small sleep disturbances increasing the risk of getting sick, said Dr. Michael Irwin, who researches immune response at the University of California, Los Angeles, and was not involved in the study.

"The message is to maintain regular sleep habits because those are really critical for health," Irwin said.

During cold season, staying out of range of sneezing rela-

tives and co-workers may be impossible. The study, appearing in the Archives of Internal Medicine, mimicked those conditions by exposing participants to a common cold virus — rhinovirus — and most became infected with it.

But not everyone suffered cold symptoms.

The people who slept less than seven hours a night in the weeks before they were exposed to the virus were three times more likely to catch a cold than those who slept eight hours or more. To find willing cold victims, researchers placed ads and recruited 78 men and 75 women, all healthy and willing to go one-on-one against the virus. They ranged in age from 21 to 55.

First, their sleep habits were recorded for two weeks. Every evening, researchers interviewed them by phone about their sleep the night before. Subjects were asked what time they went to bed, what time they got up, how much time they spent awake during the night and if they felt rested in the morning.

Then they checked into a hotel where the virus was squirted up their noses. After five days, the virus had done



its work, infecting 135 of the 153 volunteers. But only 54 people got sick.

Researchers measured their runny noses by weighing their used tissues. They tested for congestion by squirting dye in the subjects' noses to see how long it took to get to the back of their throats.

Sleeping fitfully also was tied to greater risk of catching a cold. Those who tossed and turned more than 8 percent of their time in bed were five times more likely to get sick than those who were sleepless only 2 percent of the time.

Surprisingly, feeling rested was not linked to staying well. Cohen said he's not sure why that is, other than feeling rested is more subjective than

recalling bedtime and wake-up time.

The researchers took into account other factors that make people more susceptible such as stress, smoking and drinking, and lack of exercise, and they still saw a connection between sleep and resisting a cold.

Cold symptoms like congestion and sore throat are caused by the body's fight against a virus, rather than the virus itself, Cohen said. People whose bodies make the perfect amount of infection-fighting proteins called cytokines will not even know they are fighting a virus. But if their bodies make too many, they feel sick.

Sleep may fine-tune the body's immune response, Cohen said, helping regulate the perfect response.



Maintaining a healthy work environment

By Lindsey Minnema
The Washington Post

They're probably on your office phone right now. They may even be on your keyboard and mouse. And your co-worker in the cubicle next door? He might have them, too. They're germs. And this time of year, you are probably exposed to them all over the workplace.

Here are some reminders from the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) to help you prevent the spread of flu and other communicable diseases at the office:

• **Mom always told** you to cover your mouth when you sneezed or coughed. Do so with a tissue, and

cover your nose, too. Clean your hands afterward.

• **Germs can live** for two hours or more on desks, phones, door-knobs and other surfaces. Wash your hands often with soap and water, or invest in some alcohol-based disposable wipes or gel sanitizers. Also keep cuts and scrapes clean and bandaged until healed.

• **If you do get sick,** stay home. You may think your boss wants you at work, but he or she probably prefers you not make everyone else sick, too. So, keep your distance, get plenty of rest and check with your doctor for help in getting healthy again.

For more information about hygiene and infection control, visit www.aiha.org.

Get more sleep and reduce calorie intake

By Lindsey Minnema
The Washington Post

If you made cutting back on snacks one of your pledges in the new year, here's a little help from researchers at the University of Chicago and University of Wisconsin, Madison: Get more sleep.

A recent study of 11 adults at the University of Chicago's sleep research lab found that when compared with participants who slept 8 1/2 hours at night, those who slept only 5 1/2 hours consumed on average 220 more calories the next day. The calories were the result of extra snacking — mainly carbohydrates eaten at night, said the study, published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. Staying awake a few extra hours did not mean participants were more active during that time, either.

More snacking and not more activity? It's a formula for weight gain. So put down those potato chips and get to bed!



Tree

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that when people do, accuracy varies by disease: They do much better at listing which relatives had breast cancer than who had ovarian cancer, for instance.

"It's terribly frustrating and I'm sure it's prone to many errors," Dr. Doug Henley of the American Academy of Family Physicians says of the clipboard-in-the-waiting-room ritual.

Nor do patients necessarily know what ailments to list. Heart disease or cancer, sure. But what about Mom's string of miscarriages? That your grandmother and her three

sisters share osteoporosis' classic hunched back? Or the blood clot that made your sister have to give up oral contraceptives?

The surgeon general's office issued the first attempt to guide creation of family health trees in 2004, with a form patients could print out and carry to the doctor.

Last week, the site reopened — at <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov> — after a high-tech facelift to make it not only more in-depth but truly electronic.

It's private; users download the information to their own computers. Then they can e-

mail a tree-in-progress to family members to fill in missing information.

And with a simple key-stroke, relatives can "reindex" the tree so that instead of showing the biggest health risks for Cousin Sue who started the project, Cousin Bill can see what risks are more prone to his side of the family.

Finally, the tool is readable, even customizable, by many of the computer systems that doctors are using to create "electronic medical records," something Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt calls key to us-

ering in better quality health care.

The family physicians' Henley says even if your doctor hasn't gone digital, keeping a printout of the tree's detailed information in a patient's chart still provides crucial information, such as steering someone away from gene tests they don't really need.

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Quick Study

By Linda Searing
Special to The Washington Post

The topic: Cognitive decline

Physically active people seem to fare better

THE QUESTION

Might exercise help keep an older person's memory and thinking skills intact?

THIS STUDY

It involved 170 older people (average age, 69) who had memory problems that were not serious enough to be classified as dementia. They were randomly assigned to a group that was given educational information about memory loss, stress management and healthy living (including diet and drinking but nothing about exercise), or to a group that received the same information and also did some form of aerobic exercise for 50 minutes three times a week at home. Most participants walked. All were given periodic cognitive tests. After six months, the exercisers had recorded a slight improvement, on average, in cognitive ability, whereas the others showed a small decline in cognitive scores, a difference that remained after another year.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?

Older people. Forgetfulness (not remembering a name, having trouble finding car keys) is common as people age. But more serious memory problems, such as asking the same questions repeatedly or becoming confused about people or places, could signal a more serious cognitive problem.

CAVEATS

People at the highest risk of cognitive decline are generally older than the study participants. The study did not determine whether exercise affected some cognitive skills more than others.

FIND THIS STUDY

It's in the Sept. 3 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

LEARN MORE

Learn about age-related memory loss at www.familydoctor.org and www.nia.nih.gov (search for "memory loss").

The research described in Quick Study comes from credible, peer-reviewed journals. Nonetheless, conclusive evidence about a treatment's effectiveness is rarely found in a single study. Anyone considering changing or beginning treatment of any kind should consult with a physician.

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B.C. By Johnny Hart

BOY, I'M GLAD I'M NOT A DEER. I'D HATE TO BE STUCK RUNNING AROUND WITH THOSE GOOFY THINGS ON MY HEAD!

HEY, ROB!

WHO ARE THEY?

OH, THAT'S MY HAREM.

WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

OUR COMPANY IS HERE, THE OVEN TIMER IS BEEPING, AND THE LADY ON THE PHONE WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU'D BE INTERESTED IN TAKING A SURVEY.

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Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

THEY SAY A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

THAT'S YOU ON K.P. FOR THE NEXT THOUSAND HOURS!

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Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

YOUR PARTNER HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF THINGS LIKE THIS FOR ME LATELY

THAT'S ONE OF MY EMPLOYEES... I'VE BEEN ON THE ROAD A LOT

VACATION? SORT OF... EVERY YEAR I HAVE TO GET WITH MY ACCOUNTANTS AND FINANCIAL ADVISORS TO DISCUSS CASH FLOW

I'M SURE HE WAS ONLY FOOLING AROUND WITH YOU, DEAR

MAYBE, BUT I CAN'T HELP FEELING THAT HE'S OVERCHARGING US FOR EVERY LITTLE THING!

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Dilbert By Scott Adams

IT'S SLOW AT WORK SO I CREATED MY OWN INTERNET BUSINESS CALLED DILBERTFILES.COM

SO YOU'RE STEALING COMPANY RESOURCES?

I CALL MYSELF A CEO.

I THINK I SAW SOMEONE WHO ISN'T A MISCREANT.

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The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

So, the General and Ludmilla are a thing, eh?

I don't know if I'd classify it as a thing.

Yeah, they ain't even had a date yet...

Although at our age, the mere promise of a date can be classified as a thing.

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For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

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ECONOMICS 101

NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY OLDER PEOPLE ARE SAID TO BE "OVER THE HILL." IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE LEAVING A MOUNTAIN OF DEBT BEHIND THEM!

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Garfield By Jim Davis

PROFESSOR ODIE WILL NOW EXPLAIN WHY DOGS EAT KIDS' HOMEWORK

WHERE'S YOUR SPEECH?

BURP

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Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

TAKE OFF THAT HEAVY COAT AND WE'LL FIGHT!!

OKAY!

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Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

THAT SNOWMAN DOT AND DITTO MADE IS PRETTY NEAT.

I WISH HE'D TURN AROUND SO I COULD WAVE AT HIM.

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Luann By Greg Evans

READY TO GET DUNKED BY YOUR ADORING FANS, TIFF?

OHMYG - I JUST REMEMBERED! I CAN'T SWIM!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO. THE TANK'S ONLY 3 FEET DEEP

OK, AND YOU HEATED THE WATER TO 98 DEGREES LIKE I ASKED?

UH, SURE. IT'S LIKE A HOT TUB, RIGHT, BERN?

OF COURSE! WHAT, YOU THINK WE'D JUST FILL IT WITH COLD WATER FROM THE HOSE OUTSIDE THE GYM?

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Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

THE SCORE IS TIED! THREE SECONDS TO PLAY!

HE TURNS! HE SHOOTS!

SORT OF.. MORE OR LESS..

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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHY ARE ALL THE CROCS DRESSED UP?

IT'S SOME SUPERHERO THING. THE IDIOTS ARE CALLING THEMSELVES 'THE FANTASTIC FOUR.'

THERE'S ONLY THREE OF THEM.

MATH IS NOT PART OF THEIR FANTASTICALNESS.

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Pickles By Brian Crane

HI, DAD. IT'S SYLVIA. WHAT'S MOM DOING?

IT'S SYLVIA. SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

TELL HER I'M SMOKING A PILLOW.

YOUR MOM'S SMOKING A PILLOW.

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Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

OOH! WAHUMP!

ANOTHER ONE?!

EVEN WHEN THERE'S BARELY ANY SNOW ON THE GROUND, CLEM MANAGES TO FIND AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF PERFECT SNOWBALLS!

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Non Sequitur By Wiley

IF A TREE FALLS IN A FOREST AND NO ONE IS THERE, DOES IT MAKE A SOUND?

YES

AH-AH! GOTCHA, SMARTY-PANTS! HOW WOULD YOU KNOW IF NO ONE IS THERE TO HEAR IT?!

PHYSICS... SOUND WAVES EXIST REGARDLESS OF ANYONE'S PRESENCE

SCIENCE IS A META-PHYSICAL PARTY POOPER...

I PREFER TO THINK OF IT AS THE DESIGNATED DRIVER

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Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

LADIES

GEEK!

GEE! YOU'D THINK THEY'D NEVER SEEN A LITTLE KID BEFORE!

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The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

SOMEONE JUST THREW A SHOE AT THE KING DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE!

ALL RIGHT! WHICH ONE OF YOU GUYS WAS IT?

SNICKER SNICKER

HEE HEE HEE

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DUDES I HAVE MONO.

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Please contact your local Health & Welfare Office or Call Toll Free 1-888-366-7821 Rural Telephone Company

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) and the Idaho Department of Commerce (IDC) are requesting public comment on the State of Idaho 2009 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan. The Plan is drafted to comply with Federal requirements for the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development statewide housing and community development planning document. It also provides a summary description of anticipated resources and activities that both IHFA and IDC plan to undertake with respect to the goals and strategies of the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development (also known as the Consolidated Plan) and the accompanying 2009 Consolidated Action Plan. The 2009 Action Plan is available for public review and comment beginning Monday, January 5, 2009 through Friday, February 6, 2009 @ 5 p.m.

A Public Hearing for the 2009 Action Plan will be held at the IHFA First Floor Conference Room, 565 W. Myrtle, Boise Idaho on Monday, January 26, 2009 from 4-5:30 p.m. This hearing will provide the forum and opportunity to submit comments in person. Participants can request reasonable accommodation. This location is accessible to persons with physical disabilities.

Written comments and/or questions regarding the HOME and ESG programs should be made to IHFA at 1-877-447-2687 / TDD 1.800.545.1833 Ext. 400, by email to jerik@ihfa.org, by fax (208) 331-4808, by mail to: Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Jeri Kirkpatrick, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho, 83707-1899.

Written comments and/or questions regarding the ICDBG program should be made to Dennis Porter at (208) 334-2650 ext. 2140, by email to dennis.porter@community.idaho.gov or by mail to the Idaho Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0093.

The 2009 Action Plan is available online at www.ihfa.org/grants and www.community.idaho.gov

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY
GOODING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #231
Gooding and Lincoln Counties, Idaho

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Gooding Joint School District #231, Gooding and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, that a special election will be held on February 10, 2009, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote and determination on a supplemental levy.

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:
Gooding High School
1050 7th Ave West
Gooding, Idaho
Gooding Accelerated Learning Center
906 Main Street
Gooding, Idaho
Gooding Elementary/Middle School
1045 7th Ave West
Gooding, Idaho
Shoshone Fire Station #2
702 West 620 North
Shoshone, Idaho

An elector must be a registered voter who has resided in this state and in this school district at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.

The question submitted will be:
Shall the Board of Trustees of Gooding Joint School District #231, Gooding and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a Supplemental Levy, as permitted by law, in the amount of \$325,000.00 (Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) a year, for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2011.

Qualified electors who expect to be absent from the District on February 10, 2009, or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to go to a polling place, may vote by absentee ballot. Written application for an absentee ballot may be made to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees on a form made available at the Gooding School District Office, 507 Idaho Street, Gooding, Idaho, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Such application must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. February 9, 2009. Electors applying by mail should submit their requests as soon as possible. The absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election
Kathryn Thompson
Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Loan No. 5003285286 T.S. No. ID-06-214504-TD On 4/22/2009, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of GOODING, State of Idaho: in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, Inc. located at 706 Main St., Gooding, ID 83330, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee on behalf of CITIMORTGAGE 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, and described as follows: LOTS 13 AND 14, IN BLOCK 16 OF HAGERMAN TOWNSITE, GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF 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 compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **251 EAST LAKE STREET, HAGERMAN, ID 83332** 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 **ROBERT J PETRONEK AND KEILA G PETRONEK, HUSBAND AND WIFE** as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR WILMINGTON FINANCE, A DIVISION OF AIG FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, is named as Beneficiary and NATIONAL REAL ESTATE INFORMATION SERVICES as Trustee and recorded 2/9/2006 as Instrument No. 214979 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 1/26/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$770.75, due per month for the months of 8/1/2008 through 12/3/2008, 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 \$83,581.66 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 8.8750 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: 12/18/2008 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101, as Agent By: Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 2955032

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION PLANT FACILITY RESERVE FUND LEVY
GOODING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #231
Gooding and Lincoln Counties, Idaho

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Gooding Joint School District #231, Gooding and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, that a special election will be held on February 10, 2009, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote and determination on a plant facility reserve fund levy.

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:
Gooding High School
1050 7th Ave West
Gooding, Idaho
Gooding Accelerated Learning Center
906 Main Street
Gooding, Idaho
Gooding Elementary/Middle School
1045 7th Ave West
Gooding, Idaho
Shoshone Fire Station #2
702 West 620 North
Shoshone, Idaho

An elector must be a registered voter who has resided in this state and in this school district at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.

The question submitted will be:
Shall the Board of Trustees of Jt. School District #231, Gooding-Lincoln Counties, Idaho be authorized and empowered to levy School Plant Facility Reserve Levy in the amount of \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the first fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and continuing each year in the amount of \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for six (6) years through June 30, 2015 and then in the amount of \$400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and continuing each year in the amount of \$400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) for four (4) years through June 30, 2019. The purpose of the levy is to allow the District to acquire, purchase or improve school site or sites; to accumulate funds for and to build a school house or school houses or other building or buildings; to demolish or remove school buildings; to add to, remodel or repair any existing building; to furnish and equip any building or buildings, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate buildings of the district; to purchase school buses; for lease and lease purchase agreements for any of the above purposes and to repay loans from commercial lending institutions extended to pay for the construction of school plant facilities.

Qualified electors who expect to be absent from the District on February 10, 2009, or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to go to a polling place, may vote by absentee ballot. Written application for an absentee ballot may be made to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees on a form made available at the Gooding School District Office, 507 Idaho Street, Gooding, Idaho, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Such application must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. February 9, 2009. Electors applying by mail should submit their requests as soon as possible. The absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.
Kathryn Thompson
Clerk

PUBLISH: Jan 19, 26 and Feb 2, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
February 12, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission upon said requests:

A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Jim Pearson on property consisting of approximately eighty (80.0) +/- acres located in Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 14 East B. M. and addressed approximately 932 East 4300 North, Buhl Idaho, in the Agricultural Zone. The intent is to divide off six (6) +/- acres for a home site.

A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Vaughn Giesbrecht on property consisting of approximately three hundred eight five (385.0) +/- acres located in Section 03, Township 11 South, Range 20 East, B. M. and addressed approximately 4850 East 3400 North, Murtaugh, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intent is to divide off four (4) +/- acres for existing home.

A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A WIND GENERATION PARK by Tuana Springs Energy LLC (Ritchie and Grover) on property consisting of approximately three hundred twenty (320)+/- acres located in Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 12 East, and three hundred twenty (320)+/- acres located in Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 12 East B. M. and address approximately 6137 North 200 East, Twin Falls County in the Agricultural Range Preservation Zone. The intent is to construct a sixteen point eight (16.8) megawatt Wind Energy Park consisting of eight (8) wind turbines.

Other item(s):
Final Plat- South 93 Heights P.U.D. Amended aka-Leo Stokesberry
Conditional Use Permit Extension- Oregon Train Wind Park, LLC (September 2010)
Conditional Use Permit Extension- Pilgrim State Station Wind Park, LLC (September 2010)
Conditional Use Permit Extension- Thousand Springs Wind Park, LLC (September 2010)
Conditional Use Permit Extension- Tuana Gulch Park, LLC (September 2010)
Conditional Use Permit Extension- Magic Irrigators Wind Farm-Magic Wind, LLC (December 2010)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at the hour of 7:00 pm on the 12th day of February at the Marvin Hempleman Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said requests.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a work session will be held on February 10, 2009 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the Marvin Hempleman Twin Falls County Office Building, Meeting Room, 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the applications that are to be heard at the February 12, 2009 Public Hearing.

A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests or agreements on the subjects being considered. Written materials or comments must be submitted by the close of business February 5, 2009 to the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed hearing should contact Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Office by February 5, 2009.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2009
Brent Stasny
Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission
Twin Falls County
ATTEST:
Kristina Glascock
Clerk
Twin Falls County

PUBLISH: January 19, 2009

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Anadromous Screen Shop, 97 Highway 93 North, Salmon, Idaho 83467, at 2:00 p.m., prevailing local time, on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 for DFG Project 2009-106, Spring 2009 Fish Screens. Bids may be mailed to IDFG, attention Randy Thomas, P.O. Box 1336, Salmon, ID 83467, or delivered by courier to IDFG, Salmon Regional Office, 97 Highway 93 North, Salmon Idaho, 83467. The project consists of: construction of five (5) concrete fish screen structures with 10-inch bypass pipes, and associated earthwork, including a limited amount of ditch realignment. Sites are located: in Lemhi County, in the Iron Creek Drainage of the Salmon River about 20-miles south of Salmon, Idaho; and in the Carmen Creek Drainage of the Salmon River about 5-miles north of Salmon, Idaho. A pre-bid tour of the sites will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 8:00 am. The meeting place will be the Idaho Fish and Game, Screen Shop, approximately 1-mile north of Salmon Idaho on US Highway 93.

Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date.

Specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

Department of Fish and Game
600 South Walnut
Boise, ID 83707
Associated General Contractors
110 North 27th
Boise, ID 83702
FW Dodge Intermountain Contractor
5254 Chinden
Boise, ID 83714
Associated General Contractors
984 John Adams Parkway
Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Associated General Contractors
1415 N. Fillmore, Suite 703A
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Twin Falls Plan Room
124 Blue Lakes Blvd, Suite 6
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Department of Fish and Game
97 Highway 93 North
Salmon, ID 83467

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid is required.

Documents can be obtained for bidding purposes from the Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Engineering, 600 South Walnut (P.O. Box 25), Boise, Idaho, or by contacting Michael Matfey (208)-287-2843 or Randy Thomas, (208) 756-6022. No deposit is required. However, documents shall be returned to the above address.

A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required of the successful bidder prior to the award of a contract. If a bidder does not currently have a Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho, he/she must verify the capability of obtaining a license prior to submitting a proposal.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Anadromous Screen Shop, 97 Highway 93 North, Salmon, Idaho 83467, at 2:00 p.m., prevailing local time, on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 for DFG Project 2009-106, Spring 2009 Fish Screens. Bids may be mailed to IDFG, attention Randy Thomas, P.O. Box 1336, Salmon, ID 83467, or delivered by courier to IDFG, Salmon Regional Office, 97 Highway 93 North, Salmon Idaho, 83467. The project consists of: construction of five (5) concrete fish screen structures with 10-inch bypass pipes, and associated earthwork, including a limited amount of ditch realignment. Sites are located: in Lemhi County, in the Iron Creek Drainage of the Salmon River about 20-miles south of Salmon, Idaho; and in the Carmen Creek Drainage of the Salmon River about 5-miles north of Salmon, Idaho. A pre-bid tour of the sites will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 8:00 am. The meeting place will be the Idaho Fish and Game, Screen Shop, approximately 1-mile north of Salmon Idaho on US Highway 93.

Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date.

Specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

Department of Fish and Game
600 South Walnut
Boise, ID 83707
Associated General Contractors
110 North 27th
Boise, ID 83702
FW Dodge Intermountain Contractor
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Boise, ID 83714
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Associated General Contractors
1415 N. Fillmore, Suite 703A
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Twin Falls Plan Room
124 Blue Lakes Blvd, Suite 6
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Department of Fish and Game
97 Highway 93 North
Salmon, ID 83467

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid is required.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION PLANT FACILITY RESERVE FUND LEVY
GOODING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #231
Gooding and Lincoln Counties, Idaho

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Gooding Joint School District #231, Gooding and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, that a special election will be held on February 10, 2009, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote and determination on a plant facility reserve fund levy.

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:
Gooding High School
1050 7th Ave West
Gooding, Idaho
Gooding Accelerated Learning Center
906 Main Street
Gooding, Idaho
Gooding Elementary/Middle School
1045 7th Ave West
Gooding, Idaho
Shoshone Fire Station #2
702 West 620 North
Shoshone, Idaho

An elector must be a registered voter who has resided in this state and in this school district at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.

The question submitted will be:
Shall the Board of Trustees of Jt. School District #231, Gooding-Lincoln Counties, Idaho be authorized and empowered to levy School Plant Facility Reserve Levy in the amount of \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the first fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and continuing each year in the amount of \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for six (6) years through June 30, 2015 and then in the amount of \$400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and continuing each year in the amount of \$400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) for four (4) years through June 30, 2019. The purpose of the levy is to allow the District to acquire, purchase or improve school site or sites; to accumulate funds for and to build a school house or school houses or other building or buildings; to demolish or remove school buildings; to add to, remodel or repair any existing building; to furnish and equip any building or buildings, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate buildings of the district; to purchase school buses; for lease and lease purchase agreements for any of the above purposes and to repay loans from commercial lending institutions extended to pay for the construction of school plant facilities.

Qualified electors who expect to be absent from the District on February 10, 2009, or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to go to a polling place, may vote by absentee ballot. Written application for an absentee ballot may be made to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees on a form made available at the Gooding School District Office, 507 Idaho Street, Gooding, Idaho, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Such application must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. February 9, 2009. Electors applying by mail should submit their requests as soon as possible. The absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.
Kathryn Thompson
Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that on the 26th day of January, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the establish of fees and fee increases pursuant to Idaho Code §31-870 a Board of County Commissioners may impose and collect fees for those services provided by the County which would otherwise be funded by ad valorem tax revenues and the fees collected pursuant thereto shall be reasonably related to, but shall not exceed the actual cost of the service being rendered. The fees proposed to be increased are:

For Planning and Zoning-	Current fee:	Proposed Increase	Total new fee
Non-refundable building permit deposit fee for:			
Single- and two-family dwelling	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Accessory building or detached garage	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

For residential and accessory building or detached garage permits, a non-refundable deposit fee shall be paid to the building department upon the submittal of an application, and will be applied toward the building permit fee when the permit is purchased.

Non-refundable plan review fee for:		65% of permit fee	65% of permit fee
Commercial	\$0.00		

For commercial building permits, a plan review fee shall be paid at the time of submitting plans and specifications for review. The plan review fee shall be sixty-five (65) percent of the estimated building permit fee and is in addition to the building permit fee and refundable deposit.

Where plans are incomplete or changed so as to require additional plan review, an additional plan review fee shall be charged at a rate based on the fee structure set forth in Table 1-A of the 1997 Uniform Building Code as adopted by Resolution 2008-6.

Zoning application fee for:			
Wind-turbine fifty (50) feet and less	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$540.00

Zoning application fees are non-refundable.

For Community Service Center--

fee:	Current Fee:	Proposed Increase	New
Drug and Alcohol Treatment			
Drug/Alcohol Assessment	\$0.00	+\$157.50	\$157.50
D/A Group	\$0.00	+\$22.50 per hour	\$22.50 per hour
D/A Individual	\$0.00	+\$45.00 per hour	\$45.00 per hour
D/A Family Therapy	\$0.00	+\$54.00 per hour	\$54.00 per hour
Drug Testing			
Urine Analysis	\$0.00	+\$13.50 per test	\$13.50 per test
Breathalyzer	\$0.00	+\$4.00 per test	\$4.00 per test
80 hour Alcohol test	\$0.00	+\$30.00 collection & lab	\$30.00 collection & lab
Lab Confirmation	\$0.00	+\$10.00 per item	\$10.00 per item
Hair test	\$0.00	+\$60.00 per test	\$60.00 per test
Recovery Support Services			
Case Management	\$0.00	+\$45.00 per hour	\$45.00 per hour
Family, marital, and life skills education groups	\$0.00	+\$15.00 per hour	\$15.00 per hour
Transportation	\$0.00	+\$1.11 per mile + fee	\$1.11 per mile + fee
Pick up fee	\$0.00	+\$2.89	\$2.89
Drop off fee	\$0.00	+\$2.89	\$2.89

The increased revenue is required to offset costs associated with these services. The hearing will take place in the County Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone St. North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho.
/s/ Tom Mikesell
Tom Mikesell, Chairman
ATTEST:
/s/ Sharon Lancaster
Kristina Glascock, Clerk

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Lost and Found

FOUND Dachshund/Lab mix, neutered male, black, no collar, found on the corner of Tyler & Addison. Can be claimed at Twin Falls Animal Shelter, or call 208-731-6837

FOUND Duck hunting items in the Thousand Springs area, Hagerman. Call to identify, 208-404-4120

FOUND Good Will Club songbooks from 1948. Will give to families, please contact rarem37@juno.com for the list of names & any further info.

FOUND kitten, small gray, friendly. Found in the vicinity of Whispering Pine and Elizabeth. 208-404-5326.

FOUND Lab mix, brown, found by 4th Ave East in Twin Falls. Call 320-4953.

LOST Black Lab, wearing red shock collar, lost on 1/12 from Oregon Trail Subdivision. 423-6757 or 308-8024

LOST Chocolate Lab, male, silver choke collar. Last seen at Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. 539-0255. Reward.

LOST English Pointer, female, white & black, 2 years old, no collar. Lost at Jerome Golf Course. Answers to Sparrow. 208-324-7312

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

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Personals

GENTLEMAN Would like to meet a lady age 50-100, that likes to gamble and run around and spend money. 208-734-4673

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Pregnancy Alternatives

Pregnant? Worried? Free Pregnancy Tests Confidential 208-734-7472

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0202
Clerical

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Construction

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216 Trades

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GENERAL

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Times-News correspondent

The Times-News is seeking **City Desk news correspondents** to assist its coverage of the Magic Valley. Assistance is needed in all area communities. Priorities include: next-day coverage of city government meetings and issues; next-day coverage of community events; and profiles of area newsmakers. Applicants must be area residents who are detail-oriented, timely and eager to work with the area's top news provider. Applicants must be able to concisely cover a wide range of events. Experience taking print-quality pictures with a digital camera is helpful but not necessary. Prior newspaper or other news experience is preferred but not necessary. Work is contracted on a per-story and per-photo basis. Assignments will be given, though most stories will be pitched to an editor by the correspondent. Interested applicants are encouraged to e-mail a letter of interest and one writing sample to **Assistant City Editor Eric Larsen** at elarsen@magicvalley.com or by mail at P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Those chosen will be assigned a writing tryout, likely coverage of a nighttime city government meeting or other community event. Information: Eric Larsen, 208-735-3220. The Times News is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Pre-employment Drug Testing and Background Check are required

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Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

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		1	4	7	2	5		
	9						7	
2	6						1	5
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- 14 Mexican dish
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- 16 Spicy stew
- 17 Hayley of "Pollyanna"
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- 57 Devotion
- 59 Free
- 60 Small carpet
- 64 Cotton bundle
- 65 Young adult
- 67 Friendliness
- 68 Actor Estrada
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Dr. King's prayers for peace resonate in a troubled world

DEAR READERS: Today we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — the great American civil rights leader, martyred in 1968, who dedicated his life to furthering equal rights for all Americans.

When Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he said: "Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

With bloodshed and violence still such destructive forces in this world, there is much to be learned from his insight, his wisdom and his example. — ABBY

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine and his wife divorced several years ago. When their son turned 18, he changed his name to his mother's maiden name. I personally think it's a slap in the father's face. Have you heard of this before, and don't you think it's mean?

— CURIOUS IN OHIO

DEAR CURIOUS: I have heard of it in the case of a child who, for whatever reason, has become alienated from his or her parent. Is it mean? It certainly isn't a compliment, because it indicates the child does not want to be identified with the father, nor to be



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

reminded that the man ever existed. Before you judge the young man, you should remember that there is always a reason.

DEAR ABBY: "Weary Elves in Tennessee" asked you whether a Christmas tree should be taken down before or after the New Year.

Christmas trees are a matter of personal taste and were not part of the Christian practice until fairly recently in our history. The Christmas feast itself lasts for 12 days, until Twelfth Night, Jan. 5, the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany, which falls on Jan. 6, a more ancient feast than Christmas. (Many of your readers may have grown up in households where gifts were exchanged on Jan. 6, recalling the gifts of the Magi.)

Lately, more and more Christians are trying to keep the season of Advent: the four weeks preceding the feast of Christmas. If one wants to honor the quiet

anticipation of Advent, a simple wreath or an undecorated tree makes a wonderful December home addition. The household can gradually adorn the tree in the last week before Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, when darkness falls, the tree is lit for the first time. It is lit every night through Epiphany, which is also called the Feast of Lights. Jan. 7 might be a good time to take down the tree, though many Christians wait until the following Sunday evening (an extension of the Epiphany feast), or on or about the 20th day after Christmas.

As Episcopalian Christians, we usually strive for "via media" — the middle way — avoiding extremes. I would go for the 12 days of Christmas, a solid and rich historical and spiritual tradition of celebrating the feast. But as a former volunteer fireman, I loved your advice to "Weary Elves," Abby. By all means, DO take the tree down when the needles are overly dry and get it to the recycling lot.

— THE REV. MARK STANGER

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DEAR FR. STANGER: Thank you for chiming in on this one. In this case, the "epiphany" was mine.

IF JANUARY 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Hatch plans for the next 12 months during the next six weeks and your upcoming year is likely to be peaceful and serene. Those you attract now are apt to give you excellent advice, introduce you to powerful connections and pave the way to material advantages. You must be prepared to pay your own way and pay back in kind. Next September is the month to receive well-deserved rewards for past performances. If you have worked hard to achieve your ambitions others will hold you in high regard. That is a good time to ask for favors or make a change with your career or business.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Wave the white flag. This could be a good time to call a meeting — or a truce. You should look for points of similarity and strive to work with others in your field, rather than emphasizing competition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There is nothing like being known as a team player to earn respect. You might not get all of the glory, but your efforts can put you on the winning team. Put financial brainstorming into motion now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The most important journey you may take today is that of meeting people halfway. You are part of the



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global community and in some way everyone you meet is a relative. Shine as the prodigal son.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Set the pace; set an example of extremely good manners. Remember to say the right thing at the right time — but even more important, leave unsaid the wrong thing at the extremely tempting moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): When you concentrate on building a team and do it with passion, it can become greater than the sum of its parts. This might be a great time to put your business objectives into play on a bigger playing field.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There may be a long-standing grudge standing between you and a co-worker or friend. This could be a fine time to get beyond this and reconcile. Try using diplomacy to smooth over the rough edges.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Flash your dazzling smile. The best way to knock the chip off a competitor's shoulder is to pat him or her on the back. A kind word and some sincere compliments can

win someone's heart, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your passions can fill your pockets. Promote an aura of mystery and glamour to attract the kind of attention you yearn to receive. Investigate new information carefully and you may unearth the truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Humility becomes you. Never look down on people unless you are bending down to help them up. You may have a healthy respect for your rights, but don't be too proud to be generous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice. Your drive and determination to succeed never blind you to the needs and feelings of others. You have plenty of kindness to go around.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Every quid deserves a quo. The attitude of give and take always has to begin with giving on both sides. You can exercise your enormous charm to smooth ruffled feathers and set the record straight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The person who does the things that count never stops to count them. No one will give you a free ride, but no one will bar the way, either. Because you keep your eyes open, you will find a door left open.

Today is Monday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2009. There are 346 days left in the year. This is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 19, 1809, author, poet and critic Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

On this date: In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

In 1807, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in seven hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for televi-

TODAY IN HISTORY

sion for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1979, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell was released on parole after serving 19 months at a federal prison in Alabama.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton delivered his State of the Union address, in which he proposed to protect Social Security by using huge budget surpluses and announced the government would sue the tobacco industry for smokers' health costs. Hours earlier, at the president's impeachment trial in the Senate, White House Counsel Charles

Ruff opened the defense with ringing statements of Clinton's innocence.

Five years ago: John Kerry won Iowa's Democratic caucuses, while John Edwards placed second; Howard Dean, who finished third, delivered a fist-pumping, bellowing concession speech that was viewed as politically damaging. A freighter capsized near the western Norwegian port of Bergen, killing 18.

One year ago: Republican John McCain won a hard-fought South Carolina primary; Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama split the spoils in the Nevada caucuses. A soldier was killed south of Baghdad in a roadside bomb attack; his was the first American death to occur on a newly introduced, heavily armored vehicle known as MRAP. Death claimed actress Suzanne Pleshette in Los Angeles at age 70; John Stewart, a former member of the Kingston Trio, in San Diego at age 68; and former Chicago Mayor Eugene Sawyer at age 73.

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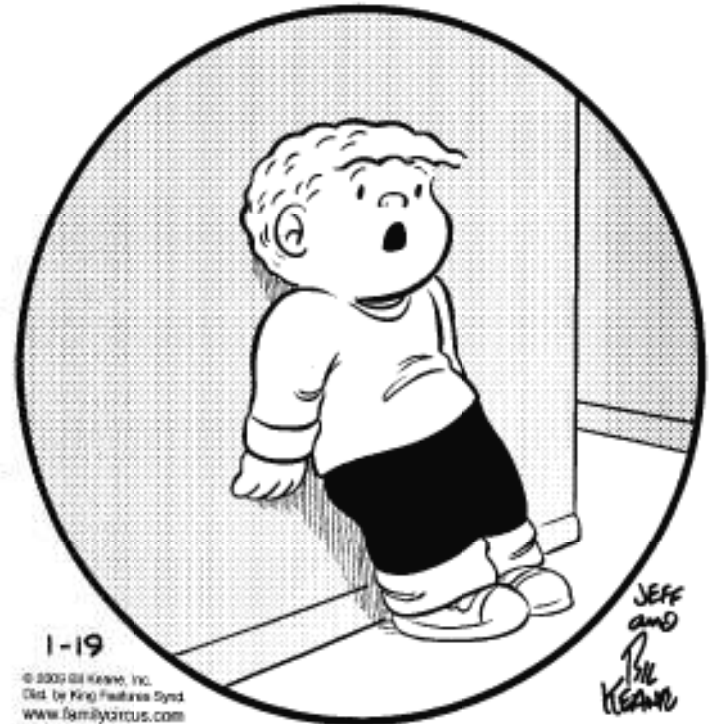
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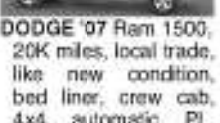
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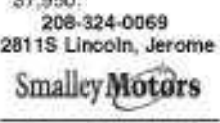
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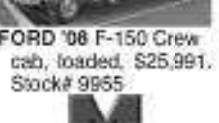
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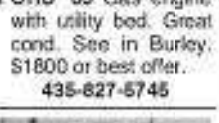
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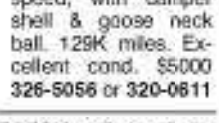
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

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There is no easy way to bid the North-South cards to six spades (a respectable but not lay-down slam) because continuations after North's reverse are a matter of style. South chose to set up a game-force via the fourth-suit call of two hearts, then emphasize his spades. When North raised the suit, South had enough to look for slam. After West made the obvious lead of the heart king, how should declarer continue?

With an inevitable spade loser, declarer must find the spades 3-2. He has something like 12 winners, but the communications are fragile. It looks simple enough to ruff a heart, draw two rounds of trump, then try to cash the minor-suit winners. But today that line might well fail when East ruffs the third diamond and then plays a heart. (Equally, if West had three spades and three hearts, trying to cash the club A-K prematurely would fail.)

But declarer does not have to guess in which order to cash those winners. The correct play at trick two is to duck a trump. If the defenders return anything but a heart, declarer simply draws trump and claims. If they play back a heart, declarer needs to be a bit careful. He ruffs the heart in dummy, then plays the diamond ace and ruffs a diamond winner to hand to draw trump. Now a club to the board lets him discard his three remaining hearts on dummy's winners.

ANSWER: A case can be made for attacking in hearts or for leading from the club or diamond sequence. My experience is that to beat a contract of this sort, I may need to find dummy with short diamonds, in which case a trump lead will not accomplish much. I'll settle for my club sequence, rather than risk opening up hearts.

- NORTH** 01-19-A
 ♠ 10 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A K Q J
 ♣ A K 10 8 5 4
- WEST**
 ♠ 8 7
 ♥ K Q J 3
 ♦ 10 9 8 6 5 2
 ♣ 6
- EAST**
 ♠ Q J 9
 ♥ 10 8 7
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ Q J 9 3 2
- SOUTH**
 ♠ A K 6 5 3 2
 ♥ A 9 5 4 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 7

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

LEAD WITH THE ACES 01-19-B

South holds:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

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