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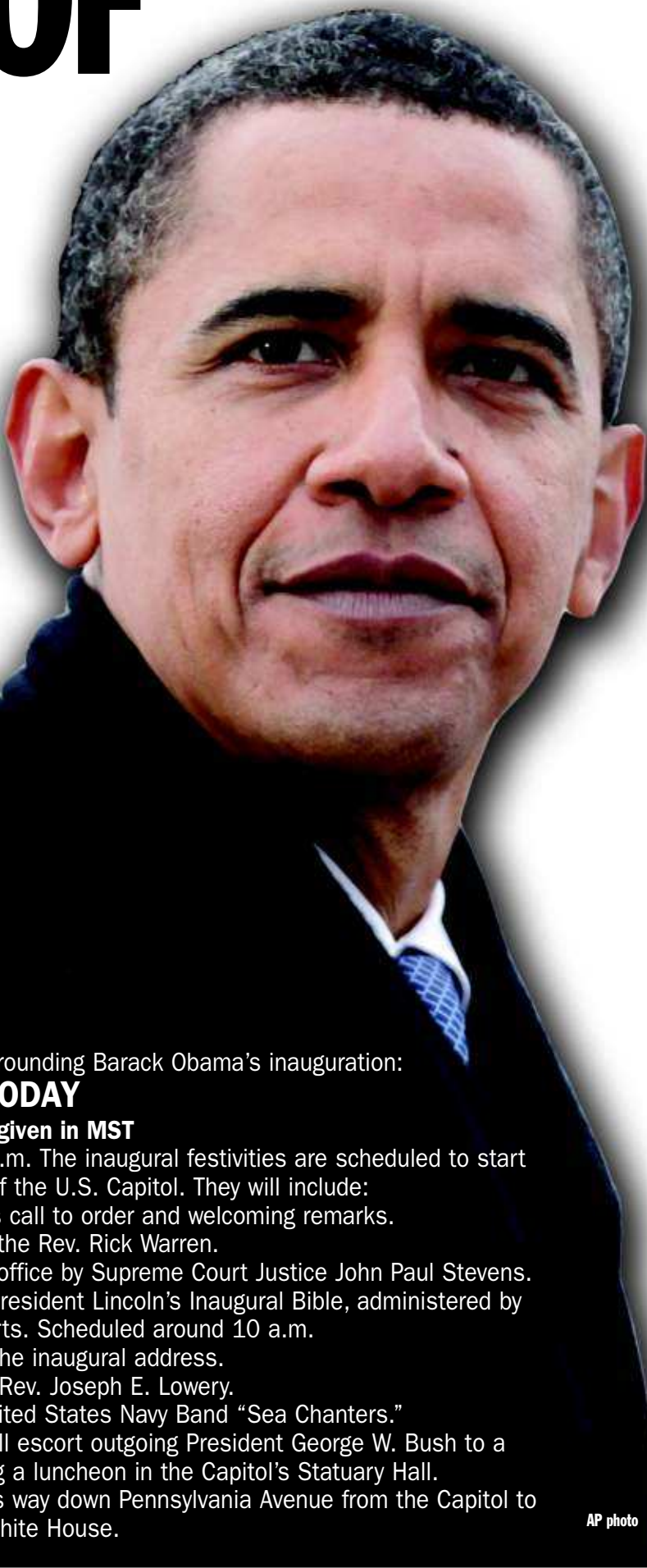
By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama stood at the threshold of the White House on Monday, summoning fellow Americans to join him in service as tens of thousands flocked to the nation's capital to celebrate his inauguration as the first black president.

"Tomorrow we will come together as one people on the same Mall where Dr. King's dream echoes still," said the president-elect, invoking the memory of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the national holiday in his honor.

The 47-year-old former senator takes office at 10 a.m. today at a time of economic crisis at home and two wars overseas. But the challenges of the moment receded into the background for many who came for a chance to witness history.

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A schedule of some activities surrounding Barack Obama's inauguration:

TODAY

Times given in MST

- Gates to the Inaugural Ceremony open at 6 a.m. The inaugural festivities are scheduled to start at 8 a.m. on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol. They will include:
 - Sen. Dianne Feinstein provides call to order and welcoming remarks.
 - Invocation by the Rev. Rick Warren.
 - Vice President Joe Biden will be sworn into office by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.
 - Obama will take the Oath of Office, using President Lincoln's Inaugural Bible, administered by Chief Justice John Roberts. Scheduled around 10 a.m.
 - Obama gives the inaugural address.
 - Benediction by Rev. Joseph E. Lowery.
 - The National Anthem by The United States Navy Band "Sea Chanters."
- After Obama gives inaugural address, he will escort outgoing President George W. Bush to a departure ceremony before attending a luncheon in the Capitol's Statuary Hall.
- The 56th Inaugural Parade will then make its way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House.

AP photo

Court cuts

Seeing record high caseload, courts will see budget cuts

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Idaho's judiciary system will be forced to make drastic changes to an already busy leg of public service if its budget falls victim to more cuts, its state administrator said Monday.

The courts budget, at about \$31 million, is among the smallest in the state's \$2.96 billion budget and could be one of the first to see cuts decided by the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. About 72 percent of the courts budget comes from salaries.

As the economy turned south last year, the courts appear to have gotten even busier. Judges heard more than 500,000 cases last year, and its district civil caseload increased by an unprecedented 17 percent, said Idaho Courts Administrator Patti Tobias.

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Case connected to homicide goes to jury

Valencia-Bolanos is accused of stealing murdered man's car

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough says he knows who shot Gustavo Flores to death, but he can't prove it without more evidence.

The case remains under investigation more than a year after a hunter found Flores' body in a field, as two men accused of swiping his car advance through court on felony grand theft charges.

The case against Jesus Valencia-Bolanos, 25, goes to a jury Wednesday, and he has a pretrial today in 5th District Court in Gooding.

A Gooding County jury already convicted Carlos Alberto Villanueva-Martinez Jr., 39, in December, and he's set to be sentenced Feb. 9, according to online court records.

Gooding County prosecutors tried to charge Bolanos with first-degree murder in the case but dismissed their allegation six months later.

Deputies found shot at beer cans near Flores' body, which was pierced by a bullet to the back of the neck.

His T-shirt was marked by an apparent tire track. His hands were in

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Valencia-Bolanos



Martinez

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Celebrate Obama's inauguration in Twin Falls >> Twin Falls County Democrats are holding a free inaugural ball at **Pandora's, 516 Hansen St.**, starting at **5:30 p.m.** tonight. More details in the daily calendar on **A2**.

Audit: Idaho Transportation Department lacks strategy

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Idaho Transportation Department lacks a comprehensive statewide strategy to improve its deteriorating bridges and roads and could save millions by refining its management policies, according to an independent audit released Monday.

The \$450,000 audit — it cost



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about \$100,000 less than projected — was ordered last year by the Legislature as a way to find money before raising taxes. Lawmakers hope its release to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee

will help resolve the stalemate between themselves and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter about how to cover the annual \$240 million shortfall for roads.

"This state is falling further and

further behind to maintain its highway and bridge infrastructure," said Bob Thomas, an Olympia, Wash.-based consultant who assisted in the audit. "The most important number is the hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure and maintenance costs that can be avoided if the recommendations are implemented."

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Hoshaw murder case closing today; last two men charged in killing to be sentenced

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

When the day's over, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb can remove a hefty murder case from his desk.

The last two of three men charged in the brutal 17-bullet slaying of Leland Joe Hoshaw

are set to be sentenced today in 5th District Court in Twin Falls.

Hoshaw was gunned down Nov. 15, 2007 at his Twin Falls home on Washington Street.

The shooter, Dana Dade hasn't told authorities why he fired so many times at Hoshaw, but the crime may

have been motivated by romantic feelings for a woman, said Loeb.

"He shot the guy 17 times, that's pretty bad," Loeb said. "I think that speaks for itself."

Dade wasn't alone in the killing.

He went to Hoshaw's house in a vehicle with two other

men who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the case: Jeremy Clayton Johnston and John Bond.

Bond drove the vehicle, while Johnston stayed in the backseat and handled the firearm used to kill Hoshaw, authorities assert.

Under terms of the plea

agreement Loeb will recommend today that Bond get a determinate prison sentence of 15 years for second-degree murder until parole eligibility. He declined to say what indeterminate sentence he will recommend.

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Dade



Hoshaw



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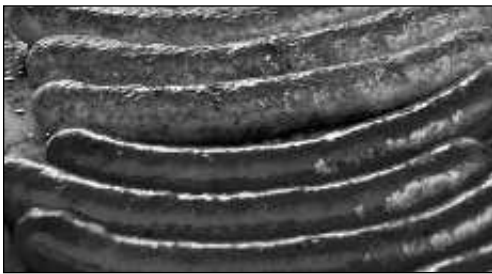
MORNING BRIEFING



TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CHURCH EVENTS

Paul Congregational Church 47th annual German Sausage Supper, "all you can eat" served family-style, 5 to 8 p.m., at the church, 121 N. Second St. W., Paul, free-will offering, German sausage sold by the pound, 438-5127.



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Burley Rotary Club, noon, Burley Inn, 878-8382.
Rupert Kiwanis Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W, 436-8124.
Snake River Flats meeting, an all-male singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.
VFW Post 2136, Henry D. Lytle, Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m., DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. (corner of Shoup and Harrison), Twin Falls, 733-6042.

EXHIBITS

"Russ Hepworth Retrospective," 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.
Kimberly Quilt Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library/Community center, 120 Madison St. W., Kimberly, no cost, 423-6149.
"Little Reminders," collection of new work by Magic Valley native Grant Olsen, noon to 5 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's La Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, Twin Falls, free admission, 734-2787 or magicvalleyartscouncil.org.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln Ave., 644-2700.
Jerome City Council, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main St., 543-6436.
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-9815.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main St., 537-6511.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-5669.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.
Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main St., 536-6318.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit program, sign up and participate today, 11:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Declo High School gym, no cost, 732-6475.
TOPS Weight Support Group Chapter ID No. 374, 10 a.m., 410 E. Third St., Rupert, 436-6037.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
Adult Children Anonymous (ACA) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.
Mini-Cassia Domestic Violence Support group for women meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.

LIBRARY

"Let's Talk About It" book discussion, "A Sand County Almanac" by Aldo Leopold, 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., Filer, books available for checkout. Filer library card not required, 326-4143.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

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

POLITICS

Twin Falls County Democrats inauguration ball, a celebration of the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama, features large screen TVs, special menu and no-host bar, 5:30 p.m., Pandora's, 516 Hansen St., Twin Falls, no cost, a dress-up affair, 420-1663.

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

- How can you pass up all the German sausage you can eat? The Paul Congregational Church German sausage supper served family-style goes from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church, 121 N. Second St. W. in Paul. There's a freewill offering. The sausage is also sold by the pound.
- Dress up for an inaugu-

ration ball to celebrate the swearing in of President-elect Barack Obama. The ball is sponsored by the Twin Falls County Democrats and features large-screen TVs, special menu and no-host bar, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Pandora's, 516 Hansen St., Twin Falls. There's no cost.

- Join in on the "Let's Talk

About It" book discussion of "A Sand County Almanac" by Aldo Leopold at 7 p.m. at the Filer Public Library, 219 Main St.

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.

Courts

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In fact, judges worked two days without pay — the only state employees to do so — and in her budget presentation Monday, Tobias showed a photo of 5th District Administrative Judge Barry Wood's dirty car to illustrate just how busy he is.

The unique challenge for courts, said Tobias, is that the activity and responsibilities are dictated under state law.

"We can't say to Idahoans, 'You don't deserve justice as provided by the constitution,'" Tobias told JFAC.

The courts voluntarily participated in mid-year 4 percent budget holdbacks ordered by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter by shaving off about \$1.2 million. It reduced operating hours for the Law Library and froze open positions.

Tobias said the courts are prepared to revert \$1.3 million, or 4.3 percent, back next year but outlined the potential effects: emergency sur-

charges to court filings until legislators change state laws; increasing the technology fee to allow iSTARS to continue.

The courts are requesting \$269,000 for 550 additional days retired judges can work. This year 39 judges shared more than 1,500 days, Tobias said. Otter's office originally did not include the line-item request, but a letter was sent to JFAC informing the committee it is now included. Tobias said they understand the economic difficulties facing legislators but are hopeful there are enough protections in place.

"We need to be increasing judicial resources," she said.

But judges will see their funding remain the same as this year, or — as some lawmakers indicated — reduced.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and co-chairwoman of JFAC, said courts won't be exempt from budgets cuts, and might receive only a maintenance budget.

"Nobody's going to get

away without a budget cut," she said. "And I do appreciate what they're doing. I do. But (requesting additional judges is) a line item and it's additional funding and there's nothing that can be a line item in the budget this year."

Bell said most agencies will have a reduced base, but that could help soften the blow on public schools, which is nearly half of the state's general fund but projected to be cut by 5.3 percent under Otter's plan.

"Everything we look at, if we can hold it and make sure it doesn't have anything extra in it, then maybe at the end of the day we will not be having to reduce the children in school quite so much," she said. "I think everything's looking toward that. Instead of maybe the 5 (percent) the governor said, maybe we can get by with 2.5."

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ITD

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Otter has proposed a package to raise \$174 million in new revenue for one year that includes a 2-cent per gallon increase to the state fuel tax; increases in vehicle registration fees; and a 6-percent excise tax on car rentals.

The audit — by the state's nonpartisan Office of Performance Evaluations — found more than \$11 million could be saved within the first five years if ITD worked more efficiently; almost \$20 million in one-time savings by restructuring how it bonded for projects as parts of its statewide "Connecting Idaho" program; and more than \$6 million in annual savings after five years if recommendations are implemented.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, a JLOC member and co-chairwoman of the state budgeting panel, said she wasn't surprised by the report because many state agencies are underfunded and prone to human error.

"Whether or not this is the climate you can raise any kind of tax remains to be a very difficult issue," she said. "It did not make me any less (supportive of Otter's proposal) and I've been inclined to know we need more revenue."

In a written response, the ITD essentially agreed with

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— Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome,

the audit and its recommendations. Spokesman Jeff Stratten said the ITD agrees its strategic and other long-term plans are not enough and planning for a more unifying approach began in November and will be finished next June. ITD took exception with the audit's ruling that it is not aggressive enough in bonding for projects within its "Connecting Idaho."

But other reaction to the audit — and how it affects passage of Otter's proposal — remains mixed.

Senate Transportation Committee Chairman John McGee, R-Caldwell, hopes his colleagues are "courageous" to pass a fee increase.

"The audit shows what Governor Otter has been saying all along — that we need to fix Idaho's roads," he said.

Some on the House transportation committee, however, said there remains some skepticism in the House.

"It helps the governor to get his package through," said House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley. "But some of its findings will give some of us

pause. There are some things the department of transportation could do better."

Among the audit's findings:

- Current funding can't maintain and preserve the state's highways, and road construction costs are increasing faster than inflation. Even with \$240 million, the distribution formula would give the state only \$137 million — and still be \$55 million short.

- * ITD is too decentralized and would be better served with a stronger central office for planning purposes.

- ITD's favored "worst-first" policy that focuses on Idaho's worst roads was criticized. Consultants said every \$1 spent on preserving the state's best roads will save \$6 to \$10 in the future.

- Ways to measure success of projects and employees are insufficient and in some cases absent entirely. The audit also found ITD lacked a "performance-driven culture" and sufficient oversight tools or training to oversee large projects.

House and Senate transportation committees meet today to discuss the audit.

Flores' death wasn't accidental, Gough stressed. It was connected to a drug deal and motivated by robbery, he said.

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Gough said, adding he hopes to find evidence to prove his theory.

"There's no clear way to prove who pulled the trigger," he said Monday, adding statements from Bolanos and Martinez contradict and a possible witness died.

Case

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his pockets with a driver's license under his right arm, court records show.

Authorities found a suspected murder weapon, a .22-caliber rifle, miles away, court records show.

"It's just been a hard case,"

Murder

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According to another plea agreement, Loeb's will ask Judge Randy Stoker to sentence Dade to life in prison with at least 30 years before he's eligible for parole.

The men may have different degrees of moral guilt for their parts in the killing, Loeb's said.

"Dade gets out and pumps 17 slugs," said Loeb's. "That's more moral guilt ... Not that the ride-giver is free of guilt."

Johnston cleared court in August, when he was sent to prison for seven to 20 years.

At that hearing, Johnston said: "I got a lot of guilt on this."

Loeb's has said authorities

don't have any evidence that Johnston even knew Hoshaw.

Dade's ex-girlfriend was at Hoshaw's home at the time of the shooting, but motive isn't entirely clear, Loeb's said. "It's hard to know for sure."

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CLARIFICATION

Man's role in film unclear

In a story Friday about the new "Air Magic Valley 2008" DVD, filmmaker Thomas Lewis' role was unclear. Lewis was a co-director.

COMING UP IN THE TIMES-NEWS

FUTURE OF THE ARTS

What's up with plans for a new Twin Falls arts center?

FRIDAY IN ENTERTAINMENT

State's disabled vets could get hunting permits

BOISE (AP) — Some big game hunting tags could be set aside for disabled military veterans under a program proposed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The department wants to reallocate unused hunting tags now reserved for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Out of 10 tags allocated to organizations that provide disabled children with an opportunity to hunt, only

three or four have been used in each of the three years since the program was started, said Sharon Kiefer, assistant policy director of the state agency.

"Obviously it's got kind of a limited audience," Kiefer said.

Only nonprofit organizations can sponsor an individual for the children's program, and the veterans' program would use a similar method, Kiefer said. Several veterans organiza-

tions would qualify as sponsors, but the department will learn which groups want to participate only after a program is initiated, she said.

Hunt of A Lifetime spokesman Brian Hamel told The Associated Press his group used three tags to take ill children hunting in 2008. If disabled veterans were added to the pool of those eligible for the tags, 10 might not be enough, he said.

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Big Wood	85
Little Wood	91
Big Lost	92
Little Lost	95
Henrys Fork/Teton	88
Upper Snake Basin	101
Oakley	88
Salmon Falls	104

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You don't say
Steve Crump



First Japanese big leaguer promoted to bigs before T.F. stint

A reader responding to my recent column about former Magic Valley Cowboys player Mickey Rivers asked whether the first Japanese baseball player ever to play Major League Baseball didn't also start his career in Twin Falls as well ...

Yes and no. Masanori Murakami, now 64, was signed by the San Francisco Giants in 1964 and assigned to the Magic Valley Cowboys of the Pioneer League ... But before the start of the 1964 season, Murakami was promoted by the Giants to the Fresno Giants of the California League, where he played most of the season ...

Murakami was signed by the Japanese Pacific League team, the Nankai Hawks, in September 1962, while still attending high school ... In 1964, his Hawks sent him, along with two other young players, to the Giants as a baseball "exchange student" ... Murakami was originally only scheduled to stay in the United States until June, but the Hawks neglected to call him back to Japan, and he remained in the United States for the rest of the season ... In August of the same year, he was promoted to the majors, and on Sept. 1, 1964, he became the first Japanese player to play in the big leagues ...

In the final month of the season Murakami dominated the National League in relief, averaging a strikeout an inning and holding opposing batters to a .163 average ... He finished the season with a win, a save, and a 1.80 ERA ...

The Giants then enacted a clause in their contract with the Hawks that allowed them to purchase the contract of any of the three players if they made the big leagues ... The Hawks protested, claiming that Murakami was only in the United States "on loan," and alleging that the contract had been forged by the Giants ... Murakami announced on Jan. 31, 1965, that he would not return to the Giants for the 1965 season ...

Soon after, Commissioner Ford Frick suspended all baseball relations between

Do say

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Japan and the United States until the contract dispute between the Hawks and Giants could be worked out ... After several months of negotiation, Murakami agreed to play for the Giants in 1965 in exchange for being allowed to return to Japan in 1966 ... He was just as solid in 1965, appearing in 45 games, finishing ninth in the league in saves, with a 4-1 record and 85 strikeouts in 74 1/3 innings pitched ...

When the season was over, the Giants offered Murakami a contract, hoping that he would stay and pitch ... Nankai, however, sweetened the deal by offering him \$40,000 — more than twice what the Giants had offered. Murakami returned to his homeland ...

Over the next 17 seasons, Murakami posted a 103-82 record for the Hawks, Hanshin Tigers and the Nippon Ham Fighters, his best season coming in 1968 ... Murakami finished the season 18-4 with a 2.38 ERA ...

Meanwhile, third baseman Tatsuchiro Tanaka and catcher Hiroshi Takahashahi foundered in a single season with the Cowboys, were released by the Giants at the end of the year and never played in the Japanese major leagues ...

Forty-five years on, however, other Japanese players in the United States continue to shine. Ichiro Suzuki is headed for a Hall of Fame career with the Seattle Mariners and New York Yankees outfielder Hideki Matsui, Boston Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka, Tampa Bay Devil Rays second baseman Akinori Iwamura, Houston Astros second baseman Kaz Matsui, and Seattle Mariners catcher Kenji Johjima are major stars in the United States ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

A shadow is cast against a rock formation Monday afternoon along Rock Creek Road, which leads to Magic Mountain. Today's forecast in the Magic Valley calls for patchy fog conditions in the morning and a high of 30.

Ketchum-area Dems to celebrate inauguration

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Democrats in Blaine County — that blue anomaly in one of the reddest of states — don't often get much to crow about.

But tonight they're going to let loose with the first inaugural presidential ball ever held in Sun Valley.

"The day after Barack Obama was elected I reserved the Limelight Room at the Sun Valley Inn," said Betty Murphy, outgoing chairperson of the Blaine County Democrats. "Then I went about asking what everyone thought about the idea. Of course, everyone loved the idea."

More than 200 party faithful are expected to attend the bash. The room will be decorated with red, white and blue balloons, crepe streamers and Obama signs.

Giant screens will provide live feeds of inauguration balls in Washington, D.C.

And Boise jazz musicians Kevin Kirk and Sally Tibbs will play jazz and patriotic numbers while partygoers nibble on hors d'oeuvres.

"We have a lot to celebrate so this'll be a fun opportunity for those who couldn't make it back to D.C.," said Susan Worst, Blaine County Democrats' new secretary. "It'll let our political geekiness have a glamour side."

Other similar events will be held around the state. The Wood River Valley event is considered "Ketchum black tie," which nixes overalls but allows anything else, including the Ketchum favorites — ski sweaters and Hawaiian shirts.

Sun Valley Presidential Inaugural Ball

When: Tonight at 7
Where: Sun Valley Inn Limelight Room
Admission: \$35 per person includes complimentary beverage, hors d'oeuvres and dancing to Boise jazz musicians Kevin Kirk and Sally Tibbs.

Tickets: Available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum and Notes Music, 141 Main St., Hailey.

That said, all the guys at one table plan to wear tuxes, Murphy said.

Murphy will concede her chairmanship of the county Democrats the day after the inaugural ball.

She often felt as if she was banging her head against a brick wall, given the deep-rooted Republican ties in Idaho. But, she points out, the participation level among Democrats in Blaine County grew during her six-year tenure.

Sixty-four people attended the first caucus she presided over. More than 1,200 people attended the last one.

The new chair, Nancy Whiton, has lived in Hailey for 29 years. During that time, she taught social studies and home economics at Wood River Middle School and worked at Ketchum's Community Library.

"I think the ball will be so fun because everyone is so excited right now," she said. "I just hope everyone keeps involved after the initial excitement is over."

Snowfall caused Shoshone building fire

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Shoshone Fire Department crews responded Sunday morning to a fire at the Lincoln County Parks and Recreation District building to extinguish a blaze caused by a collapsed roof.

The fire department received the 6:45 a.m. call to the 100 Block of South Rail Street West. Engines responded minutes later and put out the small fire within minutes.

"They had severe snow load on the back portion of the building and it collapsed the

roof," explained Shoshone Fire Chief Steve Shock. "The utilities come in from the back, and it broke a natural gas service line into the building. When the water heater lit up, it lit up everything else near the back wall and water heater."

After extinguishing the fire, crews evacuated the natural gas smell from the building. Early estimates had total damage between \$25,000 and \$35,000. Shock said fire officials met with the property owner, who lives in the Wood River Valley.

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Obama

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"I didn't think I would see a black president in my generation. I just had to be here," said Donald Butler, 20, a University of Washington student.

"I'm just really happy that I'm living to see this wonderful event," said 70-year-old Betty Bryant, who rode a chartered bus from Augusta, Ga. Standing in front of the icy Reflecting Pool facing the Capitol, she made plans to rise at 3 a.m. Tuesday to take her place on the Mall for the swearing-in.

For Obama, the day was stripped of partisan politics, and he ended it by lavishing praise on Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, his opponent in last fall's campaign. In remarks prepared for a dinner in honor of his one-time rival, he called the former Vietnam prisoner of war a "rare and courageous public servant," who places country before party.

"Let us strive always to find that common ground, and to defend together those common ideals, for it is the only way we can meet the very big and very serious challenges that we face right now," said Obama, who also arranged to attend dinners for Vice President-elect Joseph Biden and former Secretary of State Colin Powell, a Republican.

Uniformed military personnel patrolled Washington street corners, the advance guard of a massive security presence planned for the

oath-taking, inaugural speech, parade and other festivities. Officers checked out some suspicious packages and vehicles, but everything was cleared, said FBI spokesman Richard Kolko. "The city and the people seem to be in a good mood and good spirits," he said. "Security is going well, that's what all the planning is for."

On the specially built inaugural stands outside the Capitol, musicians Yo-Yo Ma and Itzhak Perlman rehearsed for their role in Tuesday's ceremonies.

George W. Bush was in the White House for a final full day as president after two terms marked by the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the economic collapse of 2008. He placed calls to world leaders, including Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, and commuted the prison sentences of two former Border Patrol Guards.

This morning, he and first lady Laura Bush will greet Obama and his wife, Michelle, at the storied mansion's front portico and see them in for a brief visit. By the time Obama returns at mid-afternoon, he will be the nation's 44th president, Bush will be en route to a Texas retirement, and the moving vans will have departed with one family's belongings and arrived with the other's.

For the most part, the day went according to a script designed to emphasize the theme of community service.

Obama issued a statement declaring, "King's was a life lived in loving service to others. As we honor that legacy, it's not a day just to pause and reflect — it's a day to act."

He began his day with a visit to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he visited 14 veterans injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Then his motorcade headed for the Sasha Bruce House, a facility for homeless teens, where he grabbed a paint roller and helped volunteers who were fixing up rooms.

"We can't allow any idle hands," he said. "Everybody's got to be involved."

Later, Obama joined his wife at a high school where they greeted 300 volunteers who were writing letters to U.S. troops and doing other volunteer work.

The president-elect thanked them and said, "If we're waiting for somebody else to do something, it never gets done. We're going to have to take responsibility, all of us. This is not just a one-day affair."

Referring to his imminent new job, he said, "I am making a commitment to you as your next president that we are going to make government work."

Obama's public events recalled his time as a community service organizer in Chicago, in the years before he entered politics. An Illinois state senator a mere four years ago, he won election to the U.S. Senate in 2004 and announced his candidacy for the White House in early 2007.

Finding a school funding fix

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Idaho's system that provides state dollars to school districts has not seen significant changes since 1994.

Now, educators and legislators exploring the issue of how the state funds public education can reference a 99-page document packed with data, feedback and research about the issue. The state's Office of Performance Evaluations recently released a report about public education funding in Idaho.

The report was created because the Legislature directed the office in March 2008 to put together a study about public education funding. The document's purpose is to be a guide for legislators and education stakeholders, not provide a specific recommendation about how to change the funding formula for education, said Rakesh Mohan, director of OPE.

"Ultimately, the policy makers will decide what is the best path for the state and by defining a dollar amount or something like that, that's just asking for trouble," he said, stressing that the study has no connection with the tight state budget anticipated for education.

Bob Thomas, a consultant hired to work on the report, said the project's intent is to provide information and give legislators a chance to see some of the feedback from



On the Web

READ: the Office of Performance Evaluations report on public education, at <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/ope/publications/reports/r0901.html>.

school districts surveyed.

"We're trying to say to the Legislature: 'This is the situation we found,'" Thomas said.

For example, the study found that educators are concerned that teacher salaries, technology and discretionary funding do not receive enough money.

Melissa McGrath, spokeswoman for the Idaho State Department of Education, said the department agrees that the funding formula needs to be looked at. Statewide concerns that come up include teacher pay and fully funding special education, she said.

Twin Falls Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said he'd like to see the funding formula tweaked so that districts are funded based on enrollment instead of average daily attendance.

"If we're going to have 28 kids enrolled in a class, we've got to have 28 desks, 28 books, and we've got to have a teacher," he said.

Jim Cobble, superintendent of Jerome School District, noted that the report says that increases in education spending have been small when adjusted for

inflation, which will push districts to reduce their base budgets or seek supplemental funds.

"Districts may need to seek supplemental levies," Cobble said. "If you look back in recent years, that is literally what's happened across the state."

Scott Rogers, superintendent of Minidoka County School District, said he's willing to hear more discussion about improving the funding.

"I think the superintendents have said they are open to discussing and sitting down and talking about the issue," he said. "There's also an element of: 'You don't need to reinvent the wheel.'"

Filer School District Superintendent John Graham said the current funding formula has helped level the playing field for school districts of different sizes.

"Can it be improved on?" he said. "Possibly. Should they look at it? Absolutely. But should they drastically change it?"

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Hundreds gather for King Day service in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — The inauguration of the nation's first black president is a huge step toward realizing Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial equality, but there is still work to be done, King's nephew told a large crowd Monday at the church where the civil rights leader once preached.

Isaac Newton Farris, president of the King Center, told the jubilant crowd on Martin

Luther King Jr. Day that the election of Barack Obama was built on a foundation laid by King.

"There is definitely a spiritual connection between these two events," Farris told the mostly black congregation that erupted in applause at any mention of Obama's name.

Though Obama's election to the nation's highest office is a milestone, King's final

achievement will not be complete until disparities in health care, education and economics are eliminated, he said.

"The dream was not about an individual or any race of people attaining power," Farris said. "It was a human dream."

The sanctuary of Ebenezer Baptist Church was packed with about 2,000 people, and dozens were left outside.

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Bush commutes sentences of ex-border agents

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his final acts of clemency, President George W. Bush on Monday granted early prison releases to two former U.S. Border Patrol agents whose convictions for shooting a Mexican drug dealer fueled the national debate over illegal immigration.

Bush, responding to heavy pressure from Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike, commuted the prison



Ramos Compean

sentences of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean. The two guards from El Paso, Texas,

each were sentenced to more than 10 years for the shooting, which they tried to cover up. They will be released within two months.

Opposition to their convictions, sentencing and firings has simmered ever since the shooting occurred in 2005.

"After four years of fighting this, it's taken a toll on me and my daughter, and really the whole family," said Joe Loya, Ramos' father-in-law, who has

received tens of thousands of supportive e-mails and spent much of the past two years traveling the country to speak about the case. "We wouldn't give up. ... I knew sooner or later God would come through — that finally it would happen."

He said his daughter, Monica Ramos, called from New York after learning the news that her husband soon would be released from a fed-

eral prison just outside Phoenix.

"She could hardly speak," Loya said.

The border agents' case became a rallying cause for conservatives concerned about border protection. On talk shows, people sympathetic with the agents argued that the men were just doing their jobs, defending the U.S.-Mexico border against criminals.

Compean and Ramos were convicted of shooting admitted drug smuggler Osvaldo Aldrete Davila in the buttocks as he fled across the Rio Grande, away from an abandoned van load of marijuana. He remains in a low-security prison in Fort Worth, Texas.

Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas, had called the agents' convictions a "grotesque injustice."

Splashdown might be studied 'for decades'

NEW YORK (AP) — The probe into the crash-landing of a US Airways jetliner will take a year, and the lessons learned from the spectacular accident will last much longer, a senior investigator said Monday.

"I think this one is going to be studied for decades," said Robert Benzon, chief investigator on the case for the National Transportation Safety Board.

Benzon said the fact that all 155 people aboard the plane survived removes the guilt and finger-pointing that sometimes accompany aviation accidents. He said lessons learned from the successful ditching into the Hudson River could improve air safety.

"In one like this, I think there's potential for a lot of good to come out of it, long-term good," he said.

The Airbus A320 that splashed down in the river Thursday was at a New Jersey salvage yard Monday, where it was being guarded by company workers, federal investigators and New York City police.

"I was surprised at how intact the plane was," said James Marchioni, a manager at Weeks Marine in Jersey City, N.J. "There were some bottom panels that were damaged. Other than that, it looked pretty good."

Marchioni said the NTSB estimated it would take "a week or two" to disassemble the plane so the parts can be shipped to an undisclosed location for closer examination.

For military, bad economy aids recruiting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Uncle Sam wants you, and in a poor economy, you might want Uncle Sam, too.

The Pentagon is hiring, and having less difficulty doing so than in flush economic times. The Army and each of the other branches of the military are meeting or exceeding their goals for signing up recruits, and attracting more qualified people.

Last year was the first since 2004 that all active-duty and reserve forces met or passed recruiting goals. That's particularly notable for the Army, the service hit hardest by combat casualties in Iraq and by long and repeated overseas assignments that began in earnest in 2004. That was the first full year of combat in Iraq and the year that it became clear that the war would be much longer and bloodier than the Bush administration had expected.

Figures released last week suggest that as President-elect Barack Obama takes office the trends that make military careers more appealing will continue. Besides the sagging employment figures in a recession, those factors include Obama's campaign pledge to pull combat forces out of Iraq in 16 months and the drop in violence there. Obama has said he will add forces in Afghanistan, but that war is unlikely to strain military manpower and money as the Iraq conflict did.

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EDITORIAL

Why would Otter curb job-creating machine?

There are plenty of good reasons to cut state spending this year, but Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter picked one of the worst when it comes to the Idaho Department of Commerce.

When Otter announced during his State of the State address that he would recommend a 51 percent cut in the Idaho Department of Commerce's general fund support, department officials immediately began looking over their books to see what could be eliminated.

They zeroed in on the Rural Grant Program — a nearly \$4 million program that helps smaller Idaho communities attract businesses that create jobs.

A spokeswoman for the department said that about \$2.5 million in state funding would be cut from the Rural Grant Program — more than 70 percent of the total grant program.

That means fewer grant dollars for places like Burley, Jerome, Rupert and Shoshone — places that have received millions of dollars in rural grant money to create or improve infrastructure for new businesses.

South-central Idaho received almost \$6 million in rural grant money from January 2000 through December 2008.

For example, the City of Burley received \$2.5 million in six grants between 2002 and 2008 to connect city waterlines to businesses such as Dutchman, Kodiak Northwest, Gossner Cheese, Pickett Equipment, Dot Foods and Hy-Line — businesses that have created hundreds of new jobs for the Cassia County area.

Cutting into this program is the very definition of being penny wise and pound foolish because this is seed money that actually produces jobs in places that need them.

Bibiana Nertney, the Department of Commerce communications director, said the cut won't hurt much because local governments and economic development groups aren't asking for the money because they can't come up with the money needed to match the state's check.

"To be eligible for the rural grant, they would have to match the amount that they were requesting from the program," Nertney said. "Even with the governor's cuts, it's going to be okay because communities don't have those match dollars right now."

But that's not the right way to look at it. In tight times, when local agencies are strapped, the state should keep the dollars flowing — and maybe even increase the size of the grants.

Rural grant dollars are an investment that pays dividends in the form of economic activity and payrolls that put food on the table and help generate tax revenues needed to keep state government in the black.

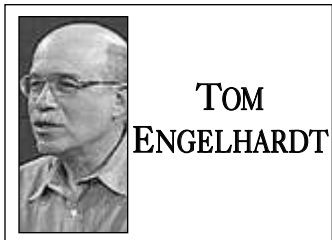
This is money that gets spent in the provinces — including \$1 million to the city of Burley in 2008 for Hy-Line, Dot Foods and Pacific Ethanol, \$500,000 to Rupert in 2007 for Brewster Cheese and \$500,000 to the city of Heyburn five years ago for Schows Inc.

Those are pennies-on-the-dollar investments in economic development that the Legislature should continue and Idaho cannot afford to give up now.

Our view:
Idaho Department of Commerce grants outside the Treasure Valley generate jobs.
What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

I, Barack Obama, do solemnly swear ...

We consider ours a singular age of individual psychology and self-awareness. Isn't it strange, then, that our recent presidents have had nothing either modest or insightful to say about themselves in their first inaugural addresses, while our earliest presidents in their earliest moments spoke openly of their failings, limitations and deficiencies?

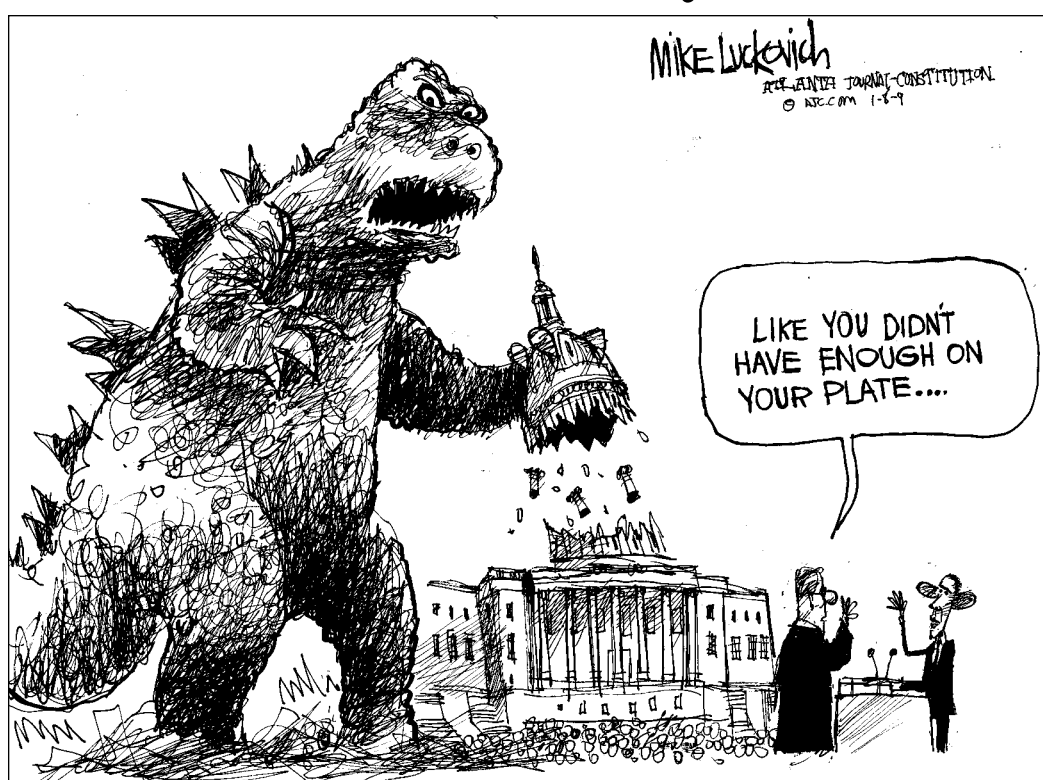


TOM ENGELHARDT

In fact, the very first inaugural address — George Washington's in New York City on April 30, 1789 — began with a personal apology. In a fashion inconceivable in a country no longer known for acknowledging its faults, our first president apologized to Congress for his unworthiness, referring to himself as "one who (inheriting inferior endowments from nature and unpracticed in the duties of civil administration) ought to be peculiarly conscious of his own deficiencies."

This was the "father of our country" speaking, the former commander in chief of the Continental Army, who had steadfastly seen the American Revolution through to victory. And yet, having a strong sense of the limits of what one man could do as the head of a still modest-sized country, he began his presidency by raising doubts about himself.

Twelve years later, when Thomas Jefferson gave his inaugural address from the unfinished Capitol building in Washington, he took up similar themes. The principal author of the Declaration of Independence, the former governor of Virginia, the former secretary of state and vice president professed "a sincere consciousness that the task is above my talents, and that I approach it with



those anxious and awful sentiments which the greatness of the charge and the weakness of my powers so justly inspire."

James Madison acknowledged his "deficiencies" in 1809. Eight years later, James Monroe insisted that "conscious of my own deficiency, I cannot enter on these duties without great anxiety for the result."

How curious and archaic such sentiments seem today, highlighting as they did humility and denigrating ability.

It's hard to imagine a recent president saying, as Jefferson did of the task ahead, "I shrink from the contemplation, and humble myself before the magnitude of the undertaking."

Today, all this would stink of weakness and so be taboo. By the time John F. Kennedy came along, there was no more talk of shrinking from contemplation. "In the long history of the world," he said in his inaugural address, "only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility — I welcome it."

Only one president in

recent memory offered a shred of the modesty that the first presidents exhibited. Jimmy Carter's 1977 inaugural address, coming in the wake of Watergate, the Richard Nixon presidency and the disaster of Vietnam, called Americans to "a new spirit," a new way of thinking about the country, which was to include a recognition of "our recent mistakes" and a realization that "even our great nation has its recognized limits, and that we can neither answer all questions nor solve all problems."

Only Carter picked up on the theme of personal limits. "Your strength," he told Americans that January day in 1977, "can compensate for my weakness, and your wisdom can help to minimize my mistakes."

It didn't play well. After only one term, Carter was soundly thumped by Ronald Reagan, a candidate who saw no limits to America.

Our earliest presidents had the modesty of uncertain beginnings to guide them, just as we now have the immodesty of a government that garrisons much of the planet to guide us. They were called on to lead a new nation whose capital, only 13 years after Jefferson doubted

himself in public, would be sacked and burned by British troops. They were under oath to a country whose existence, recently wrested from the great imperial power of its day, was still a kind of fragile miracle.

We have just lived through a commander-in-chief presidency whose oppressive power and overwhelming hubris would undoubtedly have left those early presidents in shock, if not revolt. They would have seen Bush's world as the scion of European autocracy. These were, after all, men wary of armies and military power, who had sacrificed the very idea of executive strength to a tripartite form of government that would, they hoped, have the advantages of resiliency and responsibility. They recognized limits.

Let's hope that today, in his first moments, Barack Obama will do the same and so sound a lot more like the president of these imperiled United States — and a lot less like the autocrat of the planet.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ideas for change for President Obama

Dear Mr. Obama:
Soon you'll have unprecedented power — \$1.2 trillion in almost discretionary funds. Not American money but global bonds. It won't work! Only faith in God and each other will bail us out.

You're a coalition builder, a gift. Persuade Congress to be catalysts for "genuine change." I've some bipartisan, almost cost-free ideas:

1. Housing: Zoning boards across America will free up land for multi-family, low-cost housing, tax free for, say, 10 years if built now. Democrats get housing; Republicans get enterprise.

2. Energy: Require counties to designate spaces for geothermal and wind power sites "fast track" projects; if online in time, receive tax-free status.

3. Public Health: "Wisely" free business from lawsuits. Mandate preventative care; a parallel system, tax sugar at \$1 per pound to pay for it.

4. Automotive: A carbon tax on all new vehicles will

fund electric cars. Pre-sell them at a guaranteed price. Detroit's bail out is cost free.

5. For one year, all business (save emergency and transportation) will close on Sunday. Efficiency increases 10 percent, sales don't change, everybody relaxes.

6. Immediately nationalize any bank or insurance company that asks for another bailout dollar.

The engines of capitalism, properly motivated and catalyzed, will accomplish "miracles"! Recall 1945. A new ship a day; 2,100 airplanes a week. We did it. We can again.

Mr. President, these are a few examples of "change we can believe in" that can sell across the aisle; changes everybody wants but can only happen with the blessing of desperate times! The costs are minimal, the benefits maximal. We have a brief window of opportunity. You have "the gift." Catalyze the catalyzers.

Finally, Sir, a reminder from President Washington: "Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined

education ... reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle" (1796).

PHIL AUTH Berger

Center closure will create crisis for patrons

There is a crisis fast-approaching our city.

I am a consumer of the Burley Community Support Center, which has been in operation by Bill Aldrich since 1996. This is an outreach for those of us who suffer from mental illness and is an integral part of our daily lives. This facility provides day treatment on an outpatient basis. It provides us with the basic daily needs of those with mental disorders — shelter, a warm building and meals. But the most important aspect of this center is the interaction with each other and giving encouragement to those who need it when they need it. We have become extended family members to each other.

Bill has worked tirelessly to get us the funds we need to keep operating. It is heart-breaking for all of us, and Bill can't fight this battle alone. The Burley center has more than 20 people who use this outpatient mental health clinic for their daily routine, who attempt to deal with their mental needs in a loving, accepting environment.

The whole discussion of closing this center is based on "no more funds," according to the people in charge. Lack of interest is not an issue of those who benefit from this treatment facility. We have a right to speak up and express our side of the story. There are many people in this area that could benefit from this day treatment other than only those who walk through the door.

Citizens of the Mini-Cassia area, please help our center stay open! We desperately need your help so we can be there for others who need it and use it ourselves. Thank you.

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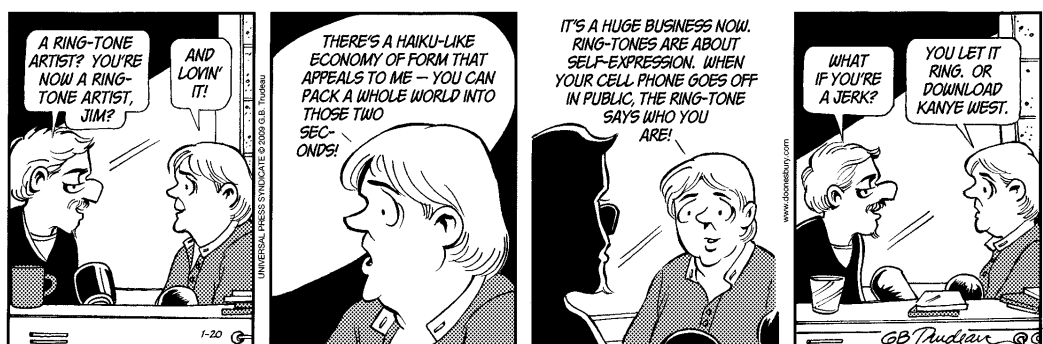
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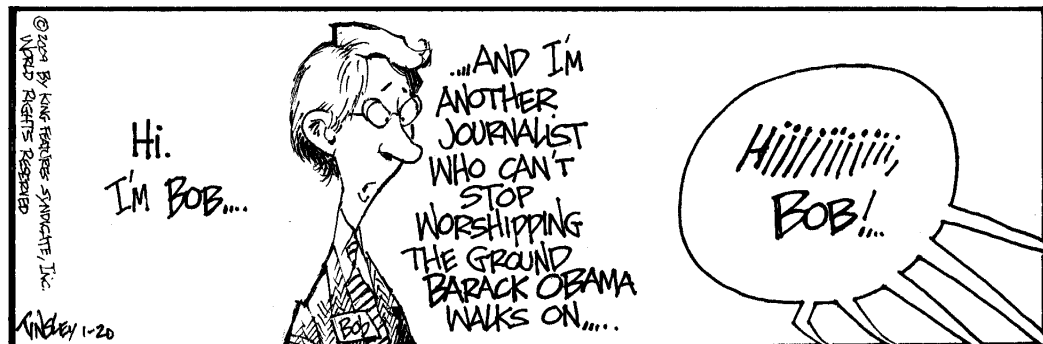
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Carol Williams from Brooklyn, N.Y., holds an American flag on the National Mall in Washington, Monday, in anticipation of today's swearing-in of President-elect Barack Obama.

It's a party in D.C.

Inaugural activities start early

By Jesse J. Holland and Nancy Benac
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Forget the sold-out balls and A-list soirees: Ordinary Americans transformed Washington's streets into one giant pre-party Monday stretching from the overflowing inbound trains at Union Station to the banks of the iced-over Potomac.

A town that tends to take itself way too seriously got a little giddy, and no one was waiting for Inauguration Day to get in on the action.

Homeowners tacked bunting to their porches, high school cheerleaders composed special chants for the new president, and a boys' choir from Kenya wowed a streetcorner crowd with an impromptu concert.

"This is going to be part of our family's history," said Ian Pearce of Brooklyn, who explored the Capitol grounds with his 8-year-old son and other family members. "It will be passed on from generation to generation."

Seventy-year-old Betty Bryant arrived on a charter bus from Augusta, Ga., and stood by the icy reflection pool near the Capitol making plans to rise at 3 a.m. Tuesday to take her place on the National Mall for Barack Obama's swearing-in.

"I'm just really happy that I'm living to see this wonderful event," she said.

A few feet away, a group of people broke into an impromptu chorus of "God Bless America."

The city vibrated excitement, and, if only briefly, its curmudgeons laid low.

Just about anything qualified as entertainment: On a streetcorner not far from the mall, passers-by clapped and cheered the sight of a National Guardsman in fatigues doing push-ups.

The trials of the times were temporarily pushed aside — if not completely forgotten. A sign posted at one bus stop offered Obama congratulations on his inauguration and exhorted "Save \$\$\$; Buy a foreclosure."

The day was not without its annoyances — sure to multiply exponentially on Tuesday. Commuters unfamiliar with the local Metro system queued up in long lines to buy fare cards. Street closures spread virally. Parking garage rates spiked overnight to \$25.

Baggage-toting throngs arriving at Union Station found it easier to find souvenirs than taxis, prompting some travelers to head out on long slogs by foot to their



David Serino from Washington holds a flag on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., before today's inauguration of Barack Obama.

hotels — if they were lucky enough to have a room. Those cabbies who could get through the congestion could only shake their heads.

"I have never seen such a mess," muttered one. "I'm staying home tomorrow."

A celebratory air prevailed nonetheless, on a day when even service projects suddenly seemed cool.

Obama had exhorted Americans to make the Martin Luther King Jr. Day a time of national service, and legions took him up on it.

At RFK Stadium, one of many service sites in the city, thousands of volunteers in a heated tent stuffed care packages for the troops abroad with sunblock, playing cards, energy bars and other items. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who was among the volunteers, marveled at the feel-good spirit of the day.

"I was stopped at an intersection and somebody rolled down their window and said 'happy MLK day,' he said. "There's so much optimism."

AP photos

Biden shushes wife after secretary of state slip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joe Biden's wife said Monday that he had his pick of being Barack Obama's running mate or the secretary of state nomination that eventually went to Hillary Rodham Clinton, a slip that the vice president-elect immediately tried to shush.

Jill Biden's comment came during an appearance with her husband on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," taped at Washington's Kennedy Center on the eve of the inauguration.

"Joe had the choice to be secretary of state or vice president," she said. Her husband turned to his wife with his finger to his lips and a "Shhhh!" that sent the audience into laughter. "OK, he did," Jill Biden said in her defense.

The vice president-elect blushed, grimaced and gave his wife a hug while the audience con-

tinued to erupt in laughter. "That's right," he finally said to his wife. "Go ahead."

Mrs. Biden said she told him vice president would be better for the family.

"If you're secretary of state, you'll be away, we'll never see you, you know," she said. "I'll see you at a state dinner once in a while."

After the exchange aired on television three hours

later, Biden spokeswoman Elizabeth Alexander denied Jill Biden's account in a statement e-mailed to reporters.

"To be clear, President-elect Obama offered Vice President-elect Biden one job only — to be his running mate," the statement said. "And the vice president-elect was thrilled to accept the offer."

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Bill could lead to fines for text-sending Idaho drivers

BOISE, Idaho — Bills that would make it illegal for motorists to talk on a cellular phone without a handsfree device or to engage in text messaging at the wheel are being prepared by Sen. Les Bock, D-Boise.

Bock told the Idaho Statesman a driver nearly hit him while he was in a crosswalk in downtown Boise.

"What did he have plastered to his head? A cell phone," Bock said, "and I don't think that's uncommon."

The maximum fine under each bill, likely to be introduced this week, would be \$75. The co-sponsors, all Democrats, are Rep. Anne Pasley-Stuart of Boise; Rep. Elfreda Higgins of Garden City; Rep. Liz Chavez of Lewiston and Sen. Elliot Werk of Boise.

The bills could face tough going. They were not printed by the GOP-controlled Senate Transportation Committee, so they are being prepared as personal bills, which usually have less chance of passing.

Still, backers say there is support among their constituents.

"Enough people have had enough negative experiences with people doing just that that they're willing to listen and take action," Pasley-Stuart said.

Last week the National

Safety Council, citing a study from the Harvard Center of Risk Analysis, called for a nationwide ban on any use of cell phones while driving.

The study concluded that 636,000 accidents occur

annually because of someone using a cell phone, resulting in 330,000 injuries and 2,600 deaths.

At least seven states, including Washington state and California, prohibit talk-

ing on a cell phone while driving without a handsfree device.

Text-messaging can be even more distracting.

"I don't know anyone out there who would contend

that text messaging is not a dangerous activity while driving," Bock said.

"Ultimately, Idaho is going to go like these other states, and this is going to be dealt with."

Girl dies in motorcycle accident

MOUNTAIN HOME — Authorities say a 10-year-old girl from Mountain Home died from injuries suffered during a crash with a motorcycle driven by a teenager.

Elmore County Sheriff deputies say the unidentified girl was struck from behind by the motorcycle Sunday night moments after falling off her own bicycle.

The girl was transported to a Boise hospital where she later died from injuries.

The crash remains under investigation. Deputies say the boy, who also has not been identified, has not yet been charged for his role in the crash.

Confessions, allegations at Gitmo court

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Two alleged orchestrators of the 2001 attacks on America casually declared their guilt on Monday in a messy and perhaps final session of the Guantanamo war crimes court.

This week's military hearings could be the last at Guantanamo — President-elect Barack Obama has said he would close the offshore prison and many expect him to suspend the military tribunals and order new trials in the U.S.

Ramzi Binalshibh and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-proclaimed architect of the terrorist attacks, were unapologetic about their roles during a series of outbursts as translators struggled to keep up and the judge repeatedly sought to regain control.

"We did what we did; we're proud of Sept. 11," announced Binalshibh, who has said he wants to plead guilty to charges that could put him to death. The judge must first determine if he is mentally competent to stand trial.

Mohammed shrugged off the potential death sentence for the murder of nearly 3,000 people in the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We don't care about capital punishment," said Mohammed, whose thick gray beard flows to the top of his white prison jumpsuit. "We are doing jihad for the cause of God."

Mohammed, representing himself, insisted that a uniformed lawyer assigned to assist him be removed from his defense table, saying he represents the "people who tortured me."

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DIY gone WRONG

Two more days to tell your home-improvement horror story

Who knew there were so many ways to flood a basement, or just what combination of events it would take to send a wheelbarrow crashing through a roof?

That's why the *Times-News* wants to hear your home-improvement

horror story. We plan to launch our "DIY Disasters" series here in Home & Garden this winter, featuring the best of the tales submitted to us.

To be considered for an interview, e-mail your story to virginia.hutchins@lee.net and

include your full name, when and where the events happened, and your contact information. The deadline is Thursday.

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



WITH LINEN CLOSETS, ORGANIZING IS EASY

By Terri Sapienza
The Washington Post

The holidays have come and gone. The decorations have been put away. Overnight guests have headed home. Now it's time to get organized.

First stop: the linen closet. An odd place to start, you're thinking. But organizing the linen closet is an attainable goal, even for the most disorganized among us. It's a manageable, finite space. It's a project that involves few new purchases. And it's not something that will take all day. Mere hours into the project, you should find yourself standing in front of a more orderly, more appealing, well-stocked space.

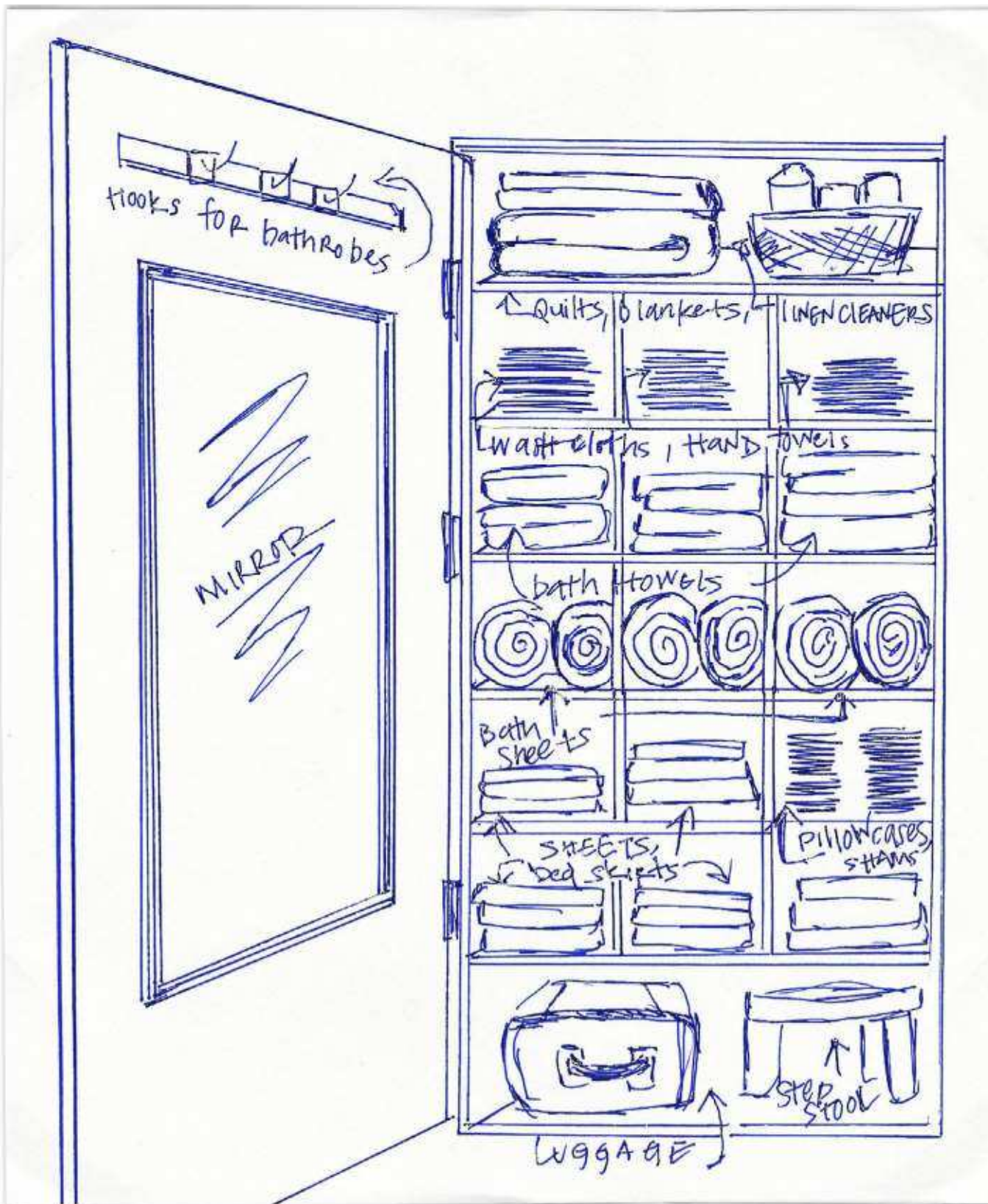
What a nice sense of accomplishment and comfort. And what a great way to start the year.

"Organization means less stress," says Chris Madden, a designer and author. "It allows you to be more free if you've got a well-run, well-organized, fully serviceable house."

To begin, empty your linen closet. Then, weed out extraneous items that have found their way in there. "People have items that don't belong in the linen closet, and that just adds to the confusion," says Sally Reinholdt of Closets 911, a personal organizing service based in Alexandria, Va.

Sort everything you have into piles, either by size, item or room in which they belong. Keep a pile for items you don't use very often. "Most people have a collection of stray towels and washcloths," Reinholdt says. "Either donate them or keep a few for rags." (Animal shelters and veterinary hospitals often have use for old linens and towels.)

To determine what stays and what goes in a linen closet, figure out how much storage you have in your home. While it would be nice to devote a single closet to linens, it's not always possible. "If you don't have a designated linen closet, think about an armoire," Madden says. Using Lucite and wire shelf dividers can help keep stacks neat and prevent toppling. Another suggestion for those who lack closet space, Madden says, is to think



An ideal linen closet: We drew it because we couldn't find one ourselves. Organizing the linen closet is an attainable goal.

Washington Post illustration by Diamond James

Thread count unraveled

When it comes to thread count, designer and author Chris Madden offers this advice: "If you can, get sheets that are 300 or above, because they will feel much better when you're sleeping on them." The higher thread count really makes a difference, says Madden, who has a line of bedding at JCPenney. The bottom line: Go for as high a thread count as you can afford.

about different ways to store things, "like rolling up towels and sticking them in a basket in the bathroom or under the sink."

Items that should be kept in a linen closet, Madden says, include anything to do with making up the bed and bathroom, from sheets, pil-

lowcases and towels to sprays and potpourris. The linen closets in her own home are lined with scented shelf paper. "I happen to like the smell of lavender, and it induces sleep. What a nice scent to add to pillowcases and bed linens."

Just as important as what you keep in the closet is what you should not.

"No shoes, no vacuums," Madden says. "Keeping dust

out of your closet is key. Not just because of allergies, but for the life of your linens. It's important to care for your linens and have them last, especially in these economic times."

Once you've determined what you're keeping, fold everything as neatly and as flat as you can, then restock the shelves.

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Tips: Proper care can extend the life of linens



Williams-Sonoma

By Terri Sapienza
The Washington Post

So, your linen closet is cleaned out and you're ready to restock the shelves. Before you begin, check out this quick refresher on how best to care for sheets, towels and pillows. Proper care will keep linens clean and fresh, and should lengthen their life span.

The advice comes from Aimee Wedlake, the owner of Valerianne, a specialty linen store in Northern Virginia. Her shelves are stocked with home accessories and luxury linens for the bed, bath and table. She offers consulting services, too, helping customers pick out linens and curtains to pull their bedrooms together.

We chatted with Wedlake about laundering, storing and choosing linens, and asked her what the deal is with thread count.

Q. What are common mistakes people make when laundering linens?

A. One of the worst things you can do is use dryer sheets and fabric softeners. They coat fibers, build residue and are difficult to rinse clean. They also dull and gray colors and break down cotton, which can cause linens to lose their softness and make them less absorbent. To help brighten your linens and get rid of residue buildup, wash them with a quarter cup of white vinegar every six to eight

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Decorating class helps you transform rooms

Times-News

It's not likely that TV personality Ty Pennington will show up on your doorstep and give your house an extreme makeover. But you can learn how to do your own makeover in the new College of Southern Idaho North Side Center class "Design Your Space."

With designer Wanda Keegan as your instructor, you'll start with deciding which room to tackle and drawing a floor plan, including measurements. Then

you'll let your tastes be your guide as you collect samples of colors, textiles, wood and stone that fit your style. You'll become a bargain shopper once you know what to look for and where to look. Putting it all together on a board or in a book will give you a master plan for turning your ideas into reality.

"Design Your Space" will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 27 to Feb. 17, at the North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. Cost is \$50. Register: 934-8678.

Learn proper pruning for fruit trees

Times-News

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lunch break, the class will spend the afternoon, until about 5 p.m., on a field trip and hands-on pruning experience at a local orchard.

Dress for the weather and bring gloves and your favorite tools, such as shears, saws and pole pruners.

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Are you one of 'The Rethinkers'?

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Can't afford a storm door? Make one yourself

DEAR JIM: I feel air leaks around my exterior doors, so I want to add storm doors. I want ones which also have screens for summer ventilation.

My budget is limited. What doors do you suggest for the front and back? — **Candi M.**

DEAR CANDI: Before you consider storm doors, work on making your primary doors more airtight. Adding storm doors can certainly improve the energy efficiency of almost any house, but they are not designed to correct problems with the primary door. You should be able to get some replacement weatherstripping for your existing doors and caulk around the frames.

The quality of the storm door construction is important for a nice appearance, long life and security. From strictly an energy-efficiency standpoint though, the dead space between the storm and the primary door and blocking the direct force of the wind on the primary door are most important.

If your budget is really tight, try making your own



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

storm door. It is easy to mount hinges in the existing door opening for the storm door. Make a simple wood frame for the storm door with only the top half open. Nail spring steel weatherstripping in the door opening which will seal against the storm door frame when closed.

Most home center stores carry sheets of clear acrylic plastic to mount in the frame. Make another narrow wooden frame slightly larger than the open half and mount the acrylic sheet in it. Screw it over the storm door opening. Make a similar frame with screening in it for summer use.

Buying a storm door and installing it yourself is the most typical low-cost option. Aluminum storm doors are very lightweight with the

glass panels removed, so installing one is a simple do-it-yourself project. They are made to the standard sizes of primary door frame openings.

If you plan to use natural ventilation during the summer, a self-storing triple-track storm/screen door is your most convenient option. I use this type at my own home. The screen panel has its own vertical track in the door, so it never has to be removed. At the end of winter, just slide one of the glass panels down and slide the screen panel up for ventilation.

A relatively new design of storm/screen door uses a spring-mounted roll-up retractable screen built into the door. When you are ready for ventilation, just lower the glass and pull the screen down as far as you wish. This design is attractive because the screen is hidden away during winter.

When your budget does open up someday, some very attractive all-wood-frame (made with mortise and tenon joints) storm/screen

doors are available. These are strong and secure. For added security, ornate wrought iron storm doors are available with deadbolts and tough stainless steel screens.

DEAR JIM: I installed a new electric garage door opener, and it has sockets for 60-watt bulbs under the lens. Can I install efficient LED bulbs instead? How much electricity will I save by doing this? — **Rudine V.**

DEAR RUDINE: There should not be any problems from installing LED bulbs in the garage door opener. The reason the sockets are limited to 60 watts is concern about excess heat. The LED bulbs will give off practically no heat and use a negligible amount of electricity.

Since you don't need bright light and the bulbs are generally on for only several minutes, you might consider installing just one 25-watt bulb. It will cost much less than LED bulbs.

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A This beautiful storm door enhances the curb appeal of any entrance. This white aluminum door features decorative glass and a contemporary deco style handle.

Linen

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When you're finished, look up. "I often notice a lot of wasted space between the uppermost shelf and the top of the closet," Reinholdt says. If you have the space, consider installing an additional shelf at the top to keep baskets of linen sprays or cleaners and seasonal items, such as beach towels, winter blankets, comforters and light summer coverlets. Storing less-frequently used items in

zippered bags will help keep them fresh and free of dust. If there's room at the bottom of your closet, store a step stool for easy access to the items up top.

"Some people keep luggage in the top and bottom of linen closets," Madden says. "I've also seen a kick-shelf underneath the bottom shelf. It looks just like molding, but you push it with your foot and it rolls out on wheels. It's a good place to

keep things you want to keep hidden, like family treasures or documents and passports."

Though it's difficult to resist the calling of stores filled with orderly organizational items, avoid them until you've assessed your needs. "Don't buy organizing supplies before the clean-out has been done," Reinholdt says, "because that will determine what you need."

And don't forget about the

back of the door. This is valuable closet real estate that's often overlooked. It's the perfect place to have hooks for robes, or towel bars to hang tablecloths. If the door is wide enough, a clear shoe holder can be used to store small items, including toiletries, a hair dryer or hand towels and washcloths. "You can also purchase a system of wire baskets ... wide enough to hold bottles," suggests Reinholdt. (For those

with wire shelf systems in their closets, Reinholdt also suggests plastic shelf liners so bottles and containers won't be out of balance or fall.)

Madden likes the idea of hanging a nicely framed mirror on the back of the door. In her home, she created a display board out of plywood, cotton batting, a favorite fabric and criss-crossed ribbon, and hung it on the back of her linen closet

door. "You can keep invitations or family pictures, anything that makes you feel good."

Finally, for those who want to go that extra decorating mile, painting or wallpapering the inside of the closet is always an attractive option. "And if you're going to wallpaper," Madden says, "look for something whimsical so you can have something really great to start and end your day with."

Tips

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weeks, no detergent necessary.

People also tend to use way too much soap and don't rinse properly. You only need a small amount of soap. A good rule of thumb for detergent: Whatever it says on the bottle, use half. I also use an extra rinse cycle on sheets. I know it's not really green, but it really gets rid of the residue.

Q. How often should you change and launder your sheets?

A. Every week to 10 days.

Q. What are things to consider when buying sheets?

A. First, what appeals to your hand: Do you prefer a crisp, tight weave like cotton percale? Or do you prefer something with a little more luster, with a higher sheen, like sateen? Then, think about your mattress depth. Make note of it before you start shopping so you can get the appropriate size.

Q. How much linen should you stock for each bedroom?

A. At least two sets. It will make life easier because you'll have a set to wash and a set to use. For crib sheets, which are just fitted, I recommend having three to four because they are being rotated so quickly. I usually do a higher thread count on crib sheets. They have a smaller surface area, so it's not too expensive to go up in count.

Q. Explain thread count, please.

A. Thread count means the

number of threads per square inch of fabric. Typically, the higher the number, the better. But when you get above 600, you're simply getting a heavier sheet, not necessarily a better one. Egyptian cotton for sheeting is the best. It's the strongest and longest staple cotton on the market.

If your budget doesn't allow for high-thread-count sheets, just make sure the packaged sheets you do buy are 100 percent cotton. And when you launder them for the first time, don't use soap (they aren't dirty), use white vinegar.

Q. What are the essential layers to have on a bed?

A. It really depends on the person. I talk to my customers about how they sleep before suggesting linens. Are they a hot sleeper or a cold sleeper? Do they prefer just a fitted sheet and a duvet or would they like additional layers?

Generally speaking, we like to do transitional bedding that can be used throughout the different seasons: a fitted, flat and pillowcases for sheets; a coverlet, which is a lightweight blanket but can also be used decoratively on top of the bed; and a duvet, which we fold at the foot of the bed so it gives heft to the bottom of the bed and can be pulled up for additional warmth. If someone wants a blanket, too, we do a flat sheet, blanket and coverlet and then a duvet, if desired.

(For a cleaner, more contemporary look, do without a duvet.)

As for pillows, the choices are so personal. For a traditional look on a king-size bed, we do three Euro pillows across the back, then two king-size sleeping pillows; queen beds usually have two Euros and two queen-size sleeping pillows.

Q. Any tips for caring for pillows?

A. If you have down pillows and want to freshen them up, put them outside for a few hours on a nice day — it does wonders. If your down pillow has lost its shape, throw it in the dryer with a few tennis balls to fluff it back up. And always launder your down pillows; never send them to the dry cleaners. Dry-cleaning chemicals will end up breaking down the down filling. Simply using soap and water on a gentle cycle is better.

Q. What is the best way to launder bed linens and towels?

A. Fill your basin with water first. Then put in the detergent (remember: only half of the recommended amount) and allow it to mix before putting in your sheets and towels. Finally, make sure the linens are really rinsed clean before putting them in the dryer. And use cold water, always. It's gentler on the fabrics.

Q. Should you iron your sheets?

A. If you want them to look as crisp as the day you bought them, you will have to iron them. Another alternative is to dry them on low to medium heat (the fine fibers on luxury linens dry more quickly) until they are just damp, then make the bed. They won't have the crispness of new sheets, but they will dry beautifully and look as if they have been pressed.

Q. Do you prefer white or colored linens?

A. Personally, I like white. My towels are white, my sheets are white. It's a fresh, crisp and clean point to start and end your day with.

Q. What are things to keep in mind when buying towels?

A. The absorbency factor, which comes down to the quality of the cotton. Egyptian cotton, Turkish cotton and bamboo are thirsty fabrics, which means they are more absorbent.

Q. Tips for keeping a linen closet?

A. It's nice to have a closet designated just for linens, but sometimes that's just not

possible. Generally, keep towels together by size, with the largest sizes on the bottom. I store my sheets with the fitted sheet inside the flat sheet and the cases right on top. Fitted sheets are always such a nightmare for people to fold, but here's a tip: It's just a matter of putting the corner pockets inside of each other. If you need to store cleaning products and vacuums in the same closet, just

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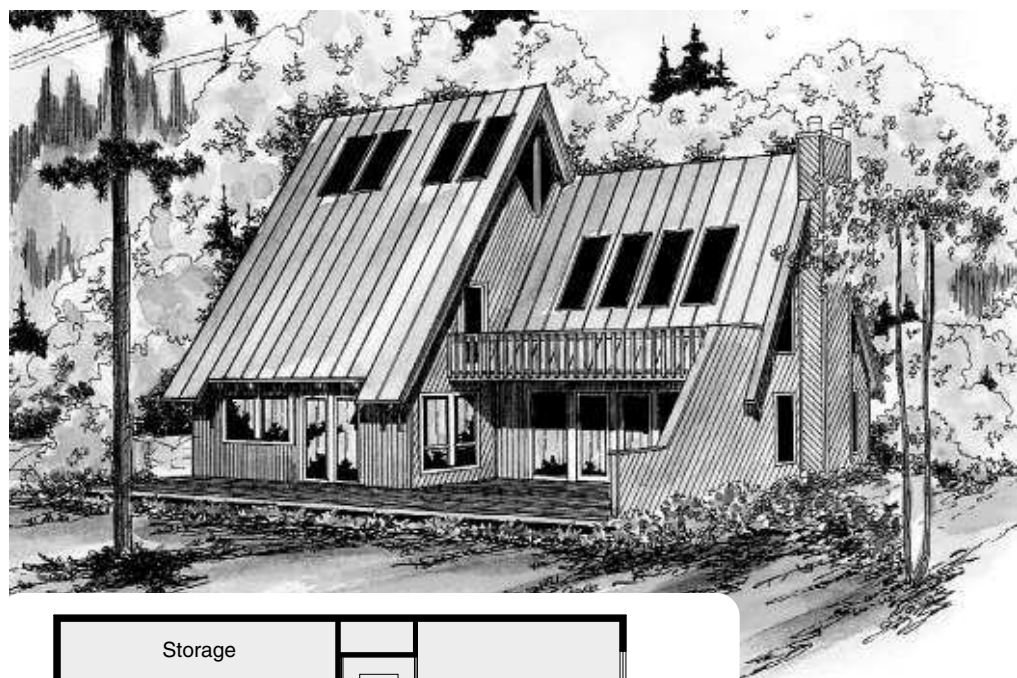
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Cascade A-frame vacation home has 16 skylights

Artificial light will rarely be necessary during daylight hours in the Chalet-style Cascade. This modified A-frame vacation home boasts a grand total of 16 skylights and is rich in windows as well.

While all of the rooms are bright, the vaulted living room clearly wins the prize. In addition to the eight skylights in the high, exposed-beam ceiling, this room has two floor-to-ceiling glass doors and four equally large windows. Four smaller custom windows flank the fireplace.

Honors for second-brightest area are split between the owners' suite and the combination kitchen/dining room. The owners' suite has another eight skylights in its vaulted ceiling. Diamond-shaped windows, nestled under the peak of the roof at opposite ends of the room, add still more light. The sleeping area has an eye-level window, for enjoying the scenery, and a glass door that opens onto a private balcony.

Built as a loft, the owners' suite is open to the living room below and is unique in

having an 11-by-10-foot upper loft that overlooks the sleeping area. Other amenities include a private bathroom and walk-in closet.

Tall windows brighten the kitchen/dining area on two sides. A set of doors opens onto a large deck. Another set of windows, over the sink, allows full appreciation of the outdoor setting. A range and oven, built into the eating bar, and a wet bar in the dining room, make food service convenient.

Two bedrooms, a small utility room and a bathroom complete the Cascade's ground floor. The steep metal roof shrugs off snow with ease.

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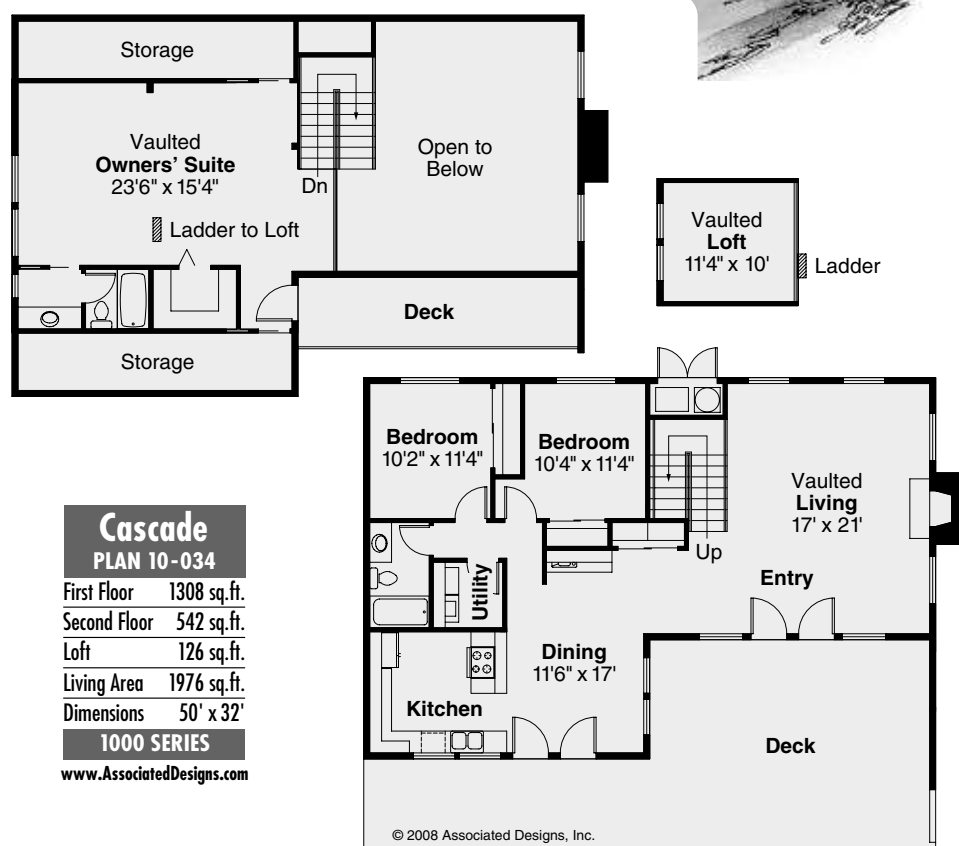
Times-News

Garden enthusiasts can get their green fix while the skies are still gray at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden's upcoming workshop "Demystifying the Orchid."

The garden's executive director, Jennifer Colson, will teach the workshop, which runs from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Botanical Garden, three miles south of Ketchum at Idaho Highway 75 and Gimlet Road. Colson maintained a collection of more than 25,000 orchids while working at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania.

Webb Nursery will sell orchids and re-potting materials at the workshop, and staff will be available to help participants repot their pest-free orchids brought from home.

Cost is \$10 for Sawtooth Botanical Garden members and \$15 for non-members. Information: 726-9358.



Powdery mildew on peonies, late-summer plants

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q. Last summer, my peony developed gray, chalky-looking leaves. Some leaves turned brown and died. I also saw small insects on the leaves. I treated for the insects, but I am not sure

how to fix the other problem, should it recur this summer. What do you advise?

A. Your peony had powdery mildew, a fungal disease common to peonies, lilacs, zinnias, squash vines and other plants in late summer. This problem has been more common in recent years. Because it appears late in the

season, after much of the annual photosynthesis is achieved, it is not a serious threat to the health of your peony. I'm not sure what the insects might have been. Peonies have few insect pests, among them scale insects and thrips. Even those are not common. Ants harvest the sticky, sugary

secretions on the bud, though they don't harm the plant.

Peonies thrive in cold climates, even in northern latitudes where the growing season is only four months long.

They can survive complete defoliation as long as it does not take place until after early August. However, the plants

will be more vigorous if they retain healthy foliage throughout the growing season.

Powdery mildew can be treated easily with an application of horticultural oil or a number of fungicides labeled for the disease. It's important to protect the foliage as soon as we encounter a period of

dry weather. Powdery mildew spores are killed by water on the foliage surface, and new infections do not occur during rainy periods. The disease may progress very rapidly when there is a big difference between day and night temperatures, particularly if the plant is in a location with poor air circulation.

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Fighting the super bugs

Gooding hospital gets word out about antibiotic-resistant germs

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

The super bugs have arrived.

Judy Stockham, registered nurse in charge of infection prevention, employee health and quality improvement at Gooding County Memorial Hospital knows as much. Cases of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, an antibiotic-resistant bacteria, remains a key concern for area hospitals.

In the fight against the resistant strain of "staph," as it is commonly called, the World Health Organization is redoubling its efforts to educate the public about the increasing threat of resistant bugs.

"It is not that there is no antibiotic effective against MRSA," Stockham said, "but there are fewer antibiotics effective now and few new antibiotics on the horizon."

Staph infections commonly cause skin irritation that can worsen into painful abscesses that require surgical draining. In more serious cases, the bacteria can penetrate the skin and cause potentially life-threatening internal infections. MRSA is commonly contracted by people already in health care facilities, as the bacteria takes advantage of weakened immune systems. Community-associated MRSA can also strike otherwise healthy people, possibly leading to serious skin infections and pneumonia.

Stockham spread the news of worldwide efforts to fight the resistant germ, along with brochures and antibacterial lotion samples, to Gooding Chamber of Commerce members on Friday. She also spoke out against the overuse of antibiotics, which many claim has led to the increase in resistant germs.

"It is not too complicated," Stockham stated. "We must stop taking antibiotics for illnesses that are caused by viruses. Colds and flu are viruses and an antibiotic will not kill viruses."

Stockham spoke against common habits such as not finishing prescribed antibiotic cycles.

The World Health Organization emphasizes that people take every pill prescribed as the instructions state on the bottle. Taking a few pills and then stopping is dangerous, according to Stockham, as the infection can return with more strength and resistance.

Washing hands thoroughly several times a day is a simple habit that can also help. School children are commonly told to scrub with soap and water long enough to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice.

MRSA germs live on the skin and can survive on objects for 24 hours or more. It can be found in places where there are crowds of people (school, jails, gyms) and can directly rub off the skin of an infected person on



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Registered Nurse Judy Stockham gives out samples of hand disinfectant after speaking to the Gooding Chamber of Commerce on Friday.

to the skin of another or a shared object. Indoor pets and other animals can also be infected with staph and can pass it on to humans.

Stockham said that antibiotics are commonly included with animal feed in the beef industry to avoid infection before it actually happens. As a side effect, bugs exposed to the antibiotic may build a resistance to it.

"And then there is the prescribed antibiotic for animals where the prescribed dose is not completed or is used without discretion," Stockham said.

She also mentioned the availability of antibiotics in Third World countries without prescription.

"All of these uses of antibiotics are creating resistance," she said. "This is a global issue and it is extremely important."

More information can be found at the Food and Drug Administration's Web site, www.fda.gov, brochures available at area hospitals, or from your physician.

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Shoshone grad awarded Bronze Star

Staff Sgt. Joshua Craig awarded medal in December

Times-News

A Shoshone High School graduate recently received a Bronze Star, one of the highest awards given by the U.S. Armed Forces.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Craig, with the 14th Air Support Operations Squadron stationed in Pope Air Force Base, N.C., received the award along with two other squadron members on Dec. 15.

Craig, a 2002 Shoshone High graduate, received the Bronze Star for "exceptionally meritorious achievement" while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom from Nov. 2006 to Nov. 2007, the *Carolina Flyer*, Pope Air Force Base's newspaper, reported.

Craig served as a terminal attack controller for a joint task force and was lauded for his leadership, expertise and commitment to the accomplishment of his mission.

The *Flyer* reported, "His contributions ensured the successful execution of several air assault operations of national significance."

"This medal represents all the time and hard work your teams put forth in Iraq," Craig told the *Flyer*. "I was just fortunate enough to get rewarded for the work my team and I put in."

Craig credited his preparation and actions both to his training and the efforts of his counterparts, and told the *Flyer* that he was honored that his Bronze Star nomination came from the U.S. Army members he



Craig

worked with.

"It lets you know you have earned their respect," he said.

Lt. Col. Keith Bryza, 14th ASOS Commander, told the *Flyer*, "To say that I am proud of these men would be a gross understatement. A better description would be to say that it is an honor to be their commander — an honor I do not take for granted and one that I realize every day."

Craig was also awarded the Air Force Combat Action Medal at the ceremony. The medal, established in 2007, recognizes any Air Force member who actively participated in combat and incurred direct, hostile fire in an unsecured space, or physically engaged hostile forces with direct and lethal fire, Master Sgt. Brian Cerney said in an e-mail.

On Dec. 10, Craig graduated as an Air Force Combat Controller, receiving top honors as class Honor Graduate, Cerney said. The Honor Graduate is determined through four factors: academic achievement, appearance and attitude, physical fitness standings and instructor evaluations.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Paul coin club meets Wednesday

The Empty Pockets Coin and Currency Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Paul City Hall meeting room located at 152 S. 600 W. in Paul. They will be showing the video: "Grading Mint-State U.S. Coins" with J.P. Martin.

The video was produced by the American Numismatic Association, and covers all the subjects coin collectors need to properly grade higher grade coins.

Due to the length of the video, the first half will be shown at this meeting and the second half at the meeting on Feb. 18.

Visitors and collectors welcome. Information: 678-3938.

Gooding bridge results announced

Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results for Jan. 9:

Section A: 1. Henry Robinson and Jodi Faulkner, 2. Louise Smith and Claire Major 3. Max Thompson and Edna Pierson

Section B: 1. Lucy and Gus Gustafson

Results for Jan. 16:

North/South: 1. Jodi Faulkner and Claire Major; 2. Susan Faulkner and Mary Steele; 3. Don and Lorna Bard

East/West: 1. Kal and Silva Garton; 2. Rosemary Anderson and Roberta Canine; 3. Carma Davidson and Jeanne McCombs.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For partnership information or directions: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

CSI North Side offers computer class

The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering the hands-on class, Computers Made Simple,

from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays, Jan. 30 to Feb. 27, at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center, located at 906 Main St. in Gooding. The class will not meet on Feb. 13. The course fee is \$50 plus book.

In this beginner's course, participants will be introduced to Windows; learn how to create, edit and manage Word documents; and organize files. Browsing the Web; narrowing a search; and sending, receiving, and forwarding e-mails and attachments will also be covered. Instructor: Stefanie Shaw.

Information: 934-8678 or stop by 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding to register.

Lincoln County Fair Board receives grant

The Lincoln County Fair Board has received a grant of \$2,500 from The Idaho Community Foundation for the purchase of 20 tables and

160 chairs for the new Lincoln County Community Building currently under construction at the Lincoln County fair grounds.

The Lincoln County Fair Board is a group appointed by the Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners to manage and produce the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo.

"This grant will make it possible for us to have tables and chairs available at all times for meetings and events taking place at the new community building," said former board member/volunteer Ann Parker. "The Idaho Community Foundation deserves special thanks for helping us with this. We would also like to thank the Wood River RC&D and Polly Huggins for their help in obtaining this grant."

To learn more about the Foundation or join as a member, visit www.idcomfdn.org or call 1-800-657-5357.

Simple blood test can help reduce risk of cancer-related death

DEAR DR. GOTT: Awhile ago, you printed a letter from a 62-year-old woman who was likely suffering from menopause. Your answers were not complete in that you (and all other physicians) should also include the simple blood test CA 125. A marker for cancer in women, this simple test can show abnormalities that will not be apparent on PAP smears.

In 2002, as a 47-year-old, otherwise healthy woman, I was diagnosed with not only an ovarian tumor the size of a six-month-old fetus, but also a totally unrelated cancerous polyp in my uterus that was found



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

during the hysterectomy.

Imagine my shock when my OB/GYN told me that PAP smears do not indicate either type of the cancers I had. I had thought I was fine since all my PAPs came back clear.

I beg you at least to mention this in your column, as many thousands of women are still unaware and think

they are totally safe by only having annual PAP smears.

I realize that no test is foolproof, but this is a very important tool in diagnosing and taking care of a silent but deadly killer of women of all ages. Men are given PSA tests at annual exams to be sure their prostates are healthy, but, in this still-sexist society, women are not afforded the same right. A lot of insurance companies still do not recognize it as the life-saving tool it can be.

In the long run, having this simple blood draw done would save not only lives, but millions of dollars. If patients are diagnosed with cancer earlier, they may not

have to go through extensive surgery, and chemo, radiation and life-long follow-ups may be kept to a minimum.

DEAR READER: I am printing your letter because you make a valid and important point. Ladies, please ask your physicians to order this blood test during your annual PAP smears as part of a comprehensive and preventive step toward reducing the risk of cancer-related death.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is 81 years old. He has pain in his arm and up into the shoulder area.

Our family doctor said the tendon has broken off the shoulder blade and the bicep muscle has dropped.

We were told there is nothing that can be done to fix it. I want to know if there is anything that can be done to relieve the constant ache my husband has as a result of it.

DEAR READER: I urge your husband to be seen by an orthopedic specialist. This type of specialist can test your husband for a proper diagnosis and offer treatment options. If the tendon has truly broken off, surgical repair may be beneficial. While family physicians are knowledgeable in a wide variety of disorders, in this instance, your husband really needs to see the specialist.

As for pain relief while

awaiting an appointment, I suggest your husband try anti-inflammatory medication such as ibuprofen. Applying hot or cold compresses may also help.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet."

Lucille Faye Dossett

MOSCOW — Born Aug. 27, 1921, in Murphy, Neb., daughter of Orville H. and Elsie V. Haskins, and reared in Aurora, Neb. In 1936, the family moved to Twin Falls, where she met Myron Dossett, who joined the church choir to be able to spend more time with her. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1939 and married Myron on July 6, 1941. They moved soon after to Manhattan Beach, Calif. Myron joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and Lucille followed him to Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla. Myron remained in the Navy an extra six weeks until their son, Dennis Lee Dossett, was born in 1946.

After the war, the couple returned to Twin Falls and Lucille assumed the role of full-time wife and mother. In 1954, their third-grade son, Dennis, begged to become a Cub Scout. When they walked in to the meeting late, the district commissioner looked up and announced, "And here comes our new Cub master now! Lucille was soon enlisted as a den mother, and thus began the next phase in the saga of Scouting in Lucille and Myron's life.

Lucille served as the secretary of Lincoln Elementary School and later at O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls. In 1957, Myron became a district Scout executive for the Snake River Area Council, and Lucille became even more involved in the Scouting movement developing and delivering training programs for the parents of the boys she and Myron served. The couple's service continued on a volunteer basis through several job changes and family moves. In May of 1965, Myron and Lucille moved to Moscow, with Myron working as a soils technician for the U.S. Agricultural Research Service in Pullman, Wash., and Lucille as a secretary for the WSU maintenance department. After Myron took disability retirement from the ARS in 1984, the couple was free to devote even more time to their volunteer passion.

Having devoted more than 25 very active years of volunteer service in the Lewis and

Clark Council, Lucille and Myron were elected council co-vice presidents. In 1981, they were both honored with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest national recognition given to adult volunteers working with the Boy Scouts of America.

Throughout her adult life, Lucille built a reputation for selfless service to both youth and adults, serving for many years as a Sunday school teacher in the First Christian Church in Twin Falls and especially through her work with the Boy Scouts of America helping boys to grow into responsible young men and assisting their parents in the process. She was inducted into the national service society of Scouting, the Order of the Arrow (Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil).

After a short hospital stay, Lucille died of natural causes Friday, Jan. 16, at the Gritman Medical Center in Moscow. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Myron on Oct. 24, 2008, and is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Karen; three grandchildren, Michelle, Lisa and Michael; brothers-in-law, Gary and Elisa, and R.D. McKinney; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be sent to the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or the Inland Northwest Council, Boy Scouts of America, 411 W. Boy Scout Way, Spokane, WA 99201.

A funeral service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The Rev. Jim Tubbs of First Christian Church will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Short's Funeral Chapel of Moscow and Reynolds Funeral Chapel have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences can be left at www.shortsfuneralchapel.net.

Rev. John Wood

PENDLETON, Ore. — The Rev. John Wood, a resident of Pendleton, Ore., died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at Willowbrook Terrace in Pendleton, following a long illness. He was 81 years old.



A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the United Methodist Church in Pendleton, Ore. Contributions in memory of the Rev. Wood may be made to the American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society or the First United Methodist Church in Pendleton, and may be sent in care of Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

John was born Oct. 11, 1927, in North Andover, Mass., to John and Jean (Sandison) Wood. He was raised in North Andover and graduated from Johnson High School there. John joined the U.S. Army when he was 18 years old and served his country in the United States and Japan during World War II. He attended Union College in Barbourville, Ky., and later Boston University School of Theology.

John married Dorothy E. Herold on June 3, 1951, in Lawrence, Mass. He led a congregation in the Barbourville, Ky., circuit from 1947 to 1950. He came to Oregon in 1953. John then led a congregations in Garden Home, Ore., from 1953 to 1961; Myrtle Point, Ore., from 1961 to 1965; Corvallis, Ore., from 1965 to 1970, South Douglas Parish in Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, Days Creek, Ore., from 1970 to 1978, Kimberly-Murtaugh from 1978 to 1987, and finally in Pendleton, Ore., from 1987 to 1993, when he retired. He had spent 25 years total as a pastor in western Oregon, nine years in Idaho and six years in Pendleton. John spent 40 years in ministry in Oregon and Idaho and a total of 61 years in ministry, including his years as a student pastor in Kentucky. He loved his work, he truly enjoyed working with people, John was very dedicated.

John is survived by his wife, Dorothy Wood at the home in Pendleton, Ore.; his sons, David Wood of Twin Falls; and Alfred Wood of Belmont, Calif.; and daughter, Heather Wood of Dallas, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Keith Wood; and a sister, Margaret Wood.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Jack K. Eastman

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. — Jack K. Eastman, 75, of Casa Grande, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at Arizona Heart Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Eastman was born Dec. 3, 1933, in Berger, and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1951. He married Patty Flinn in 1952 and, after graduating from Utah State University, he was a pilot in the Air Force for 20 years. He was stationed in Thailand, Germany, Labrador and other bases in the United States and was the pilot who found Project Mercury Astronaut Scott Carpenter after he landed in the ocean. He also flew many dignitaries in and out of Berlin and

around the world. He loved sports, golf, riding his Suzuki Bergman 650, playing pool and hunting while living in Idaho.



Survivors include his wife, Patty; a son, Michael K. Eastman (Lorraine); and a daughter, Shauna Roberts (Tim), all of Las Vegas, Nev.; and a daughter, Shavonne Jordan (Scott) of Juneau, Alaska; a brother, Bob Eastman of Oregon; and seven grandchildren.

A military service will be held Friday, Jan. 23, at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mary G. McPike

PAYETTE — Mary Alice Gibbons McPike, age 102, of Payette, passed away Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, in Payette.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Fruitland. Father Calvin Blankinship will officiate. Interment will follow at Rosedale Memorial Gardens in Payette. A rosary was held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel in Payette. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel in Payette.

Mary Alice Gibbons was born in Corral. Her parents were Edward and Viola Gibbons, original homesteaders on Camas Prairie, in Camas County, Idaho.

Mary attended Pleasant View, District 17 School, "The Gibbons School," for grades one through eight. Mary

graduated from Fairfield High School. Then in 1929, Mary graduated from Saint Alphonsus Hospital nurse's training in Boise as a registered nurse.

In 1930, Mary married Harry G. McPike at St. John's Cathedral in Boise. With her family, Mary lived in Boise, Ontario and Payette. She was active in the Payette Holy Family Catholic Church Parish and other civic affairs.

Mary G. McPike is survived by her brothers, John and Donald Gibbons; son, Martin E.; daughters, Alice Ann and M. Christine; and granddaughter, Teresa A. McPike. Mary is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Edward, Thomas, Lawrence and Corwin; sisters, Viola B. and Joanna; her husband, Harry C. McPike; and two sons, William G. McPike and H. Roger McPike.

"Dominus Vobiscom, Mater."

Jerry Southworth

IDAHO FALLS — Our son, brother and father, Jerry Alan Southworth, or "Jer-Bear" for short, passed away Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at the Idaho Falls Health and Rehabilitation Center from causes incident to a lingering health problem.

He was born March 3, 1947, in Ashland, Ore., to Jack W. and Norma J. (Rouse) Southworth. They lived in Ashland for about a year and then moved to Pocatello, where he attended local schools. He graduated from Pocatello High in 1965. He was an accomplished trumpet and guitar player and music was one of his favorite pastimes in the years during and after high school. After high school, he enlisted in the Air Force for a short period of time and subsequently returned to the Idaho Falls area. He was employed in the auto parts profession for many years. Jerry worked for Smith Chevrolet, Intermountain Chevrolet, Electric Service and Muffler Warehouse, among others in both Idaho Falls and Pocatello.

Jerry married Deborah Ruth Thornock, and there were two children, Michael Jon Southworth (Diane) of Spokane, Wash., and Camille L. Norris (Tony) of Kennewick, Wash. They divorced, and he later married Diana Coles, and they had one child, Lisa Marie (Southworth) Turpin (Brett) of Pocatello. Jerry was also married to and divorced from Linda McConnell. Jerry was active in the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the extent that his health allowed. He was a member of the Pocatello Lion's Club and the Pocatello Stock Car Racing Association.



Our family extends our heartfelt appreciation for the love and care the staff at Idaho Falls Health and Rehabilitation had shown him during his extended stay there.

He is survived by his children; parents; four brothers, Corrie Southworth of Magna, Utah, Ross Southworth (Julie) of Blackfoot, and Norman Southworth and Ned Southworth, both of Idaho Falls; four grandchildren; and five step grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Fielding Memorial Park. Military rites will be performed by the Bonneville County Veterans Memorial Team and the Idaho Honor Guard. The family will visit with friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Ave., and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday before proceeding to the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Idaho Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 8538, Boise, ID 83707, or to a charity of your choice in Jerry's name. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.woodfuneralhome.com.

Roy Chris Wiedenman

HAZELTON — Roy Chris Wiedenman, 94, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

He was born Feb. 8, 1914, in "Ol' Towne" Twin Falls, to Christopher Peter Wiedenman and Agnes Regina Zeller Wiedenman. He attended schools at Jerome, King Hill, Glens Ferry, Wendell and Kimberly. One year, he attended high school in Wells, Nev. He graduated from Kimberly in 1933. Roy received a "Carl Grey" Agricultural Scholarship to attend the University of Idaho from the Union Pacific Railroad. Roy received many honors at the Boise State Fair for showing his sheep. Due to family circumstances, he could not attend college. His father died in 1933 and Roy, at 19, with his younger brother helped their mother raise four of her younger children; the baby was 2 weeks old. He spent a most enjoyable and memorable summer at Placer Gold Mine on the Salmon River.

In the 1940s, he took up farming at Murtaugh and at Jerome. He had met Lorena Nicholson at her sister's family farm at Kimberly and,

years later, they were married. Roy and Lorena were married Oct. 24, 1953. For about three years, he farmed near Jerome.



With a desire for a better farm, they made applications for a farm unit opened to entry by the Minidoka Project on the North Pumping Division. In the third drawing, Wiedenman's name was drawn, after proving eligibility for the homestead, where they lived for 55 years.

Roy is survived by his wife, Lorena of Hazelton; daughter, Patricia (Lawrence) Orleans of Greeley, Colo.; two special grandchildren, Jasmin and Christopher of Greeley, Colo.; and a sister, Christine Carter of Hermiston, Ore. He was preceded in death by his son, Carl Roy; his parents; three brothers; and one sister.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Alfred James Ficker

Alfred James Ficker, of Twin Falls, died peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at the River Ridge Care Center of Twin Falls.

Jim was born Oct. 30, 1925, to Alfred W. and Christine (Spicer) Ficker in Decatur, Ill. After serving his country in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946, he earned degrees from the University of Illinois and the University of Tennessee. Jim met Bessie Anne Palat in Decatur, and they married Aug. 6, 1963. He owned his own service station business and worked for several years in Springfield for the state of Illinois. Jim was a member of the Scottish Rite and a Master Mason for 57 years. He enjoyed being a Boy Scout leader for many years and was a devoted member of First Christian Church in Springfield.

Jim and Anne retired to Twin Falls in 1996 and continued to grow in their faith at Valley Christian Church, where he served on the Valley Vista Village Board of Directors. Jim was a proud member of the "Old Geezers Club" and was dedicated to having coffee every Wednesday with fellow members. He willingly helped out wherever their services were needed. Jim loved to work in his garden, solve crossword puzzles, experiment with "new recipes," and ride his motorcycle. Few places gave him greater joy than McCall, where he looked forward to

annual camping trips and feeding the fish. Jim had a great sense of humor, made many jokes and made even more friends. We will dearly miss our friend, husband, father, brother, and grandfather, and we know that we will see him again.



Jim is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Anne; one son, Tony (Kristi) Ficker of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Mary (Craig) Lewis of Elwood, Ill., and Mitzi (Matthew) Sokolowski of Traverse City, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Hannah, John and Adam Ficker, Jack and August Lewis, and A.J., Evan and Ian Sokolowski. Jim is also survived by one brother, Jack (Virginia) Ficker; three sisters, Elizabeth (Charles, deceased), Barbara (James) Sanders and Cynthia (James) Floyd; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl. A memorial service will be held at the Valley Christian Church in Twin Falls later this year. Internment will follow at the West End Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, 500 Huntsman Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84108.

SERVICES

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

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.

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.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com.

Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Areas of freezing fog in the morning. Hazy and partly cloudy during the afternoon. Highs around 30.
Tonight: A good deal of freezing fog redeveloping. Light east winds under 10 m.p.h. Lows near 25.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and not as chilly. Light east winds 5 to 10 m.p.h. Highs 40 to 45.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Areas of freezing fog in the morning. Hazy and partly cloudy during the afternoon. Highs 35 to 40.
Tonight: A good deal of freezing fog redeveloping. Light east winds under 10 m.p.h. Lows near 25 to 30.
Tomorrow: Freezing fog in the morning, partly cloudy and hazy in the afternoon. Highs 35 to 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello. Includes a legend for weather symbols and a note about yesterday's state extremes.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table showing 5-day forecast for Twin Falls with icons for weather conditions (foggy, partly cloudy, seasonal temperatures, mostly cloudy, rain/snow) and high/low temperatures.

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Table with weather statistics including Temperature (Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low), Precipitation (Yesterday, Month to Date, Normal Month to Date, Year to Date, Normal Year to Date), Humidity (Yesterday's Maximum/Minimum, Today's Maximum/Minimum, Today's Minimum), Barometric Pressure (6 pm barometer, Yesterday), and Sunrise and Sunset times for Today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Moon Phases and Moonrise and Moonset information for the week of Jan 26 to Feb 16, including phases like New Moon, First Qtr., Full Moon, and Last Qtr.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table of regional forecasts for cities in Idaho and surrounding areas, listing today's and tomorrow's high/low temperatures and weather conditions.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table of national forecasts for various cities across the United States, listing today's and tomorrow's high/low temperatures and weather conditions.

WORLD FORECAST

Table of world forecasts for major international cities, listing today's and tomorrow's high/low temperatures and weather conditions.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table of Canadian forecasts for major cities in Canada, listing today's and tomorrow's high/low temperatures and weather conditions.

Today's National Map showing weather patterns across the United States with a color-coded temperature scale and symbols for fronts, cold, warm, stationary, and occluded systems.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: "I don't believe in pessimism. If something doesn't come up the way you want, forge ahead. If you think it's going to rain, it will." - Clint Eastwood, Actor and Director.

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DEATH NOTICES

Carl E. Osterhout

DECLO — Carl Edward Osterhout, 98, of Declo, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at his home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St., visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Mary C. Merrill

RUPERT — Mary C. Merrill, 97, of Rupert, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Nicolai Levdanskiy

JEROME — Nicolai Levdanskiy, 82, of Jerome, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Minnie Larrick

FILER — Minnie Larrick, 92, of Filer, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at the Country Living Assisted Living facility. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

LaOra K. White

HEYBURN — LaOra Kay White, 63, of Heyburn, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Jerome.

Dwight M. Parrott

Dwight M. Parrott, 89, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at St Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Accountant: Fla. money manager owed \$50M

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Around the same time he mysteriously vanished, hedge fund manager Arthur G. Nadel owed a \$50 million payout to some of the investors who had entrusted their life savings to him, an accountant said Monday. Instead, they learned their money was gone — and now they're left asking if it was all a bad investment, or if they were scammed.



Nadel, 75, was expected to deliver a \$50 million redemption that day to investors in the six hedge funds he managed, said Michael Zucker, an internal accountant for Scoop Management Inc., where Nadel traded. Nothing in documents indicated the funds weren't turning a profit, he said.

“Mind you, this was a lot, but it was still, we thought, very easily done,” Zucker said in an interview with The Associated Press. The payment was set to be made after the funds, which had about 600 investors from across the country, suffered losses in October, Zucker said.

But if Nadel was nervous, he didn't show it: He often was seen around the office smiling and seemed on top of things. “He felt that he was turning the whole thing around,” Zucker said.

Bad economy helps with military recruiting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Uncle Sam wants you, and in a poor economy, you might want Uncle Sam, too. The Pentagon is hiring, and having less difficulty doing so than in flush economic times. The Army and each of the other branches of the military are meeting or exceeding their goals for signing up recruits, and attracting more qualified people. Last year was the first since 2004 that all active-duty and reserve forces met or passed recruiting goals. That's particularly notable for the Army, the service hit hardest by combat casualties in Iraq and by long and repeated overseas assignments that began in earnest in 2004. That was the first full year of combat in

Iraq and the year that it became clear that the war would be much longer and bloodier than the Bush administration had expected. Figures released last week suggest that as President-elect Barack Obama takes office the trends that make military careers more appealing will continue. Besides the sagging employment figures in a recession, those factors include Obama's campaign pledge to pull combat forces out of Iraq in 16 months and the drop in violence there.

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The search for Nadel entered its sixth day Monday as more investors contacted authorities with concerns their savings, and Nadel, were gone forever. Nadel's green Subaru was found in a Sarasota airport parking lot on Jan. 15, and he left his family a note in which he appeared to be “very distraught,” said Lt. Chuck Lesaltato of the Sarasota County Sheriff's office.

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CITY OF GOODING QUARTERLY FINANCIAL FOR THE 3 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

Fund	Receipts YTD	% Rec'd	Personal Services YTD	Operating Expense YTD	% Expend
General Fund	104,620.53	12.42	133,453.78	61,175.86	23.10
Street Fund	70,703.65	12.36	70,931.17	55,012.98	22.03
Airport Fund	13,081.25	2.93	2,573.38	4,390.42	1.56
Parks Fund	7,511.95	13.19	2,667.46	3,902.03	11.53
Library Fund	12,405.65	14.77	15,395.44	6,098.59	25.59
Capital Improvement Fund	10,932.03	5.82	.00	28,027.88	14.91
Water Fund	78,035.07	6.55	30,006.96	74,598.06	8.78
Sewer Fund	77,822.42	7.83	37,983.39	19,959.64	5.83
Sanitation Fund	47,649.35	17.18	27,248.38	17,333.81	16.07
Irrigation Fund	8,100.75	6.40	6,173.08	778.63	5.49
TOTALS	430,862.65		326,433.04	271,275.90	

CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO INSPECT THE DETAILED SUPPORTING RECORDS OF THE ABOVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
Carmen L. Korse, City Clerk Treasurer
PUBLISH: January 20, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. 08-0114005 Title Order No. 080133904IDGNO Parcel No. RPP020305A02-TOA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, inside the North entrance to Lincoln County Courthouse located at 111 West B St., Shoshone, ID 83352, on 05/04/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/15/2007 as Instrument Number 183146, and executed by **SHARA G COMER, A SINGLE WOMAN**, as Grantor(s), in favor of **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.**, as Beneficiary, to **RECONTRUST COMPANY**, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Lincoln County, state of Idaho: SEE ATTACHMENT EXHIBIT 'A' The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **340 E LINCOLN AVE, RICHFIELD, ID 83349** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 07/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.500% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$86,023.94, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. 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. DATED: 12/23/2008 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 Successor Trustee PHONE: (800) 281-8219 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90028-1821 RECONTRUST COMPANY Kari Marx, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 2956159**
PUBLISH: January 5, 12, 20 and 27, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
February 4th 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held on February 4th 2009 at 7:00 o'clock PM at Murtaugh city hall located at 106 4th street Murtaugh, Idaho before the Murtaugh Planning and Zoning commission upon said request:

Eric and Cheryl Andersen propose a 3 lot subdivision on a 4.1 acre parcel located at Section 7 Township 11 South Range 20 East, Twin Falls County, address approximately 3350 N 4525 E Murtaugh, Idaho.

Duane Turner, Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission
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CITY OF GOODING ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT For the Fiscal Year Ending Sept 30, 2008

Category	Amount
Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2007	\$132,155
Receipts:	
Total Local Funding	211,523
Total State Funding	225,844
Total Receipts	\$437,367
Disbursements:	
Total New Construction	\$2,355
Total Reconstruction/Replacement	50,841
Total Routine Maintenance	173,514
Total Equipment	84,278
Total Administration	73,178
Total Other	34,548
Total Disbursements	\$418,712
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2008	\$150,810

A certified report of dedicated funds was submitted to the State Auditor as required by Idaho Code 40-708. A copy of the original report is on file in the City Clerk's Office for public viewing upon request.
PUBLISH: January 20, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WENDELL PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Wendell Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 375 1st Avenue East. The hearing is held to consider an application for a Special Use Permit submitted by **Ezequiel Ferreira** to construct an apartment unit located at 132 North Bliss, Wendell, Idaho. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause for or against the proposal. Written testimony may be submitted up to the time of or at the hearing. Assistance for persons with disabilities will be provided by calling 536-5161 24 hours prior to the hearing.
PUBLISH: January 20, 2009

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of **Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.** located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: **Lot 3 of Hillwood Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 11 of Plats at Page(s) 36, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.**

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: **935 Katherine Street, Buhl, ID 83316, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.**

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

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 Jay A. Waters and Robin M. Waters, whose interest was subsequently assumed by **Danielle Valentine Easley and Juan J. Easley**, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of **Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance** as Beneficiary, recorded February 7, 2008 as Instrument No. 2006-003076 and re-recorded on March 7, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-005515, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$101,420.15 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8.37% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated January 30, 2006. Payments are in default for the months of August 2008 through and including December 2008 in the amount of \$754.59 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of December 19, 2008 is \$96,540.27 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 8.37% per annum. The per dem is \$20.49. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$96,540.27, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
Dated: January 13, 2009
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
Phone: (877) 947-1553

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Loan No. 0058868282 T.S. No. 057-003466 On 4/24/2009, at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: Lobby of TitleFact 163 4th Avenue North Twin Falls, ID 83301, Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, as Trustee on behalf of LandAmerica OneStop, Inc. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls State of Idaho, and described as follows: **LOT 17 IN BLOCK 1 OF VILLA VISTA SUBDIVISION NO. 8, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 20 OF PLATS, PAGE 22, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.** The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **470 LACASA LOOP, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301** is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **TERESA OLSEN & GARY OLSEN, WIFE & HUSBAND** as Grantor/Trustor, in which **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.** is named as Beneficiary and **TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW** as Trustee and recorded 8/29/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-021766 in book . page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 8/24/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,301.17, due per month for the months of 1/1/2008 through 12/12/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$176,000.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.50000 per cent (%) per annum from 12/1/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 12/15/2008 Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation By: THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 2952038

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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 Carman 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.

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Specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

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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 Maffey (208)-287-2843 or Randy Thomas, (208) 756-6022. No deposit is required. However, documents shall be returned to the above address.

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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.

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Summary of changes to the 2009 State Plan:
* Increase in the average allowable weatherization expenditure per unit as directed by DOE
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* 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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 T.S. No.: ID-168451-F Loan No.: 0180902207
 A.P.N.: RPT55410030100 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 4/2/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), At the entrance to the First American Title Company Building, 260 3RD Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID., 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 described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 10 IN BLOCK 3 OF VILLA VISTA SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 9, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 143 CORONADO TWIN FALLS, Idaho 83301 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 contained in the Deed of Trust executed by: **TERRY L. MCKNIGHT, A MARRIED MAN DEALING AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY**, as grantors, to ALIANCE TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 10/24/2007, recorded 10/30/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-026536 and re-recorded, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 10/24/2007. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of 964.01, due per month from 7/1/2008 through 4/2/2009, and all subsequent payments 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 \$122,869.17, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum from 6/1/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 11/24/2008 **FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY** Dee Ortega, authorized signatory C/O Executive Trustee Services, LLC at 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 ASAP# 2936320



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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.
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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

8			7					9
4			8	9				5
	2				8			
	5	7	1		9			
6								7
	4	9	3		1			
	1			2				
9		4	6					8
7			5					1

Difficulty Level ★★ 1/20

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Answer to previous puzzle

5	7	2	9	6	8	4	3	1
8	3	1	4	7	2	5	9	6
4	9	6	5	1	3	2	7	8
2	6	4	7	3	9	8	1	5
3	5	8	1	2	6	9	4	7
9	1	7	8	5	4	3	6	2
1	8	3	2	9	7	6	5	4
6	2	5	3	4	1	7	8	9
7	4	9	6	8	5	1	2	3

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By Bil Keane



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Bride's father does slow boil over meatless wedding feast

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and future son-in-law are being married this summer. They are both vegans, and are planning a vegan dinner for their reception. I thought it was a very cool way of showing what different types of vegan dishes could be planned, but I'm getting grief from my husband. He thinks it is "selfish" of them not to offer a meat dish. I couldn't disagree more.

I told him I think they are right, but that I'd write to you and ask your opinion. It will have no effect on their reception, but I'd like to quiet things down on the home front.

— FUTURE MOTHER-IN-LAW

DEAR FUTURE M-I-L: This will be your daughter's day, not your husband's. I'm sure the food they offer will be not only delicious, but also sufficient to satisfy the guests, who may not even realize they aren't being offered meat.

If your husband is concerned about what will be served, he should eat before going to the wedding. Please tell him I said so, and let him chew on that.

DEAR ABBY: I am 15 and really like three boys. I enjoy being with each of them because they are all great guys. The problem is, each one believes that I like just him and has no idea about the others. I don't want to break any of their hearts because they have all told me they like me.

I also don't want to be thought of as a player or anyone saying I'm using them because I really do have feelings for each of them. Any advice?

— LOVES BOYS IN UTAH

DEAR LOVES BOYS: Where did each of those boys get the impression that you liked "only him"? My advice is to set the record straight now, before you DO get a reputation. Just say, "I think you're great, but I'm not ready for an exclusive relationship with anyone right now." It may not be music to their ears, but it's honest.

DEAR ABBY: I will graduate from college in June, and I plan to move back in with my parents. I have a steady job and can afford an apartment if I want, but I'd rather live with my parents because we have always had a close relationship. When I told a few friends my plans, they laughed at me.

Abby, I love my parents and have no problem living with them instead of living alone. What do I say to the "friends" who think I'm silly and stupid?

— DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL IN WISCONSIN

DEAR DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL: Had you signed your letter with any other name than the one you did, I'd have advised you to tell your friends to mind their own business.

However, because this is the way you identified yourself, allow me to comment. Have you discussed your plans with your parents, and will they welcome you living with them indefinitely? Because you are an adult and self-supporting, will you be contributing financially to the household? Will you have a curfew?

An important part of growing up is leaving the nest and flying solo for a while. My concern is that by living at home and clinging to the role of "Daddy's Little Girl," you won't be able to fully mature as an individual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't sell yourself short. The ambition on your mind right now is entirely do-able. There are plenty of people, right in your own home or neighborhood, who are eager to help you achieve your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The kindest words that can be said are the unkind words left unsaid. Although you might have to roll up your shirtsleeves to get some unsavory tasks completed, there is appreciation for your efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sex appeal sells. You might draw others closer with your magnetic physical allure or simply dazzle them by having the appearance of power. Don't be afraid to share a secret passion or fantasy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sparkle. Existing relationships may climb to higher levels of intimacy because you are glowing with good will and cheerfulness. This is a great time to ask the boss for time off or a friend for a favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The ball is in your court. Under these stars you can score points on the playing field of romance. Your creative genius might earn you gold stars beside your name or a pat on the back in the workplace.

address, asserted that America was strengthening its economy and successfully combatting terrorism. Dick Gephardt quit the Democratic presidential race. Martha Stewart's stock-trading trial formally began in New York. (Stewart ended up serving a five-month prison sentence for lying about a stock sale.) The Salvation Army announced a donation likely to exceed \$1.5 billion from the estate of Joan Kroc, widow of McDonald's founder.

One year ago: The Los Angeles Times announced its top editor, James O'Shea, had been fired after he rejected a management order to cut \$4 million from the newsroom budget, 14 months after his predecessor was also ousted in a budget dispute. Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili was sworn in for a second term. The New England Patriots defeated the San Diego Chargers in the AFC championship game, pulling out a 21-12 victory that sent them back to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in seven seasons. The New York Giants won a 23-20 overtime victory over Green Bay in the NFC championship.

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2009. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 20, 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

On this date:
In 1801, Secretary of State John Marshall was nominated by President John Adams to be chief justice of the United States. (He was sworn in on Feb. 4, 1801.)
In 1841, the island of Hong Kong was ceded by China to Great Britain. (It returned to Chinese control in July 1997.)
In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.
In 1936, Britain's King George V died (his demise having been hastened by his physician); he was succeeded by Edward VIII.
In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.
In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.
In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn into office for an unprecedented fourth term.
In 1949, President Harry S. Truman was sworn in for a second term of office. In his inaugural address, Truman branded communism a "false philosophy" as he outlined his program for U.S. world leadership.
In 1969, Richard M. Nixon was sworn in as the 37th president of the United States; Spiro Agnew took the oath of vice president.
In 1989, George H.W. Bush was sworn in as the 41st president of the United States; Dan Quayle took the oath of vice president.
Ten years ago: For a second day, President Bill Clinton's legal team argued its case before the Senate, saying that House-passed articles of impeachment were "flawed and unfair."
Five years ago: President George W. Bush, in his State of the Union

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1 Appendage
4 Neighbor of Zambia
10 Mouth off
14 Ring of flowers
15 Noah's peak
16 Cut off
17 — Plaines, IL
18 Aromatic woods
19 Round dance
20 Finally
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24 Poetic meadow
25 Psychic power
27 Bank transactions
28 Heat units
31 MacDonald's refrain
33 Decompose
34 Peers
36 Nukes
40 Animal that plays dead
42 Actress Getty
44 Food regimen
45 Tolerates
47 Smoked salmon
48 Longfellow character
50 Nakedness
52 Army rank, casually
55 Scarlet, e.g.
57 Pester
58 Straining patience
60 Swedish turnip
64 Impertinent
65 Respect
67 — Aviv-Jaffa
68 Lincoln and Fortes
69 Rum cocktail
70 Small bill
71 Hair division
72 Bursts of energy
73 "Oedipus —"

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1 "Paper Lion" star Alan
2 Coral colony

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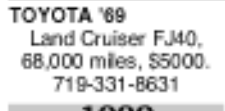
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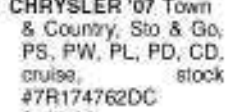
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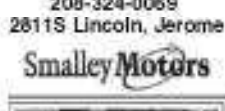
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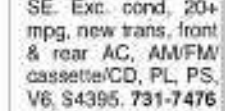
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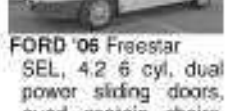
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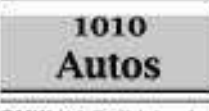
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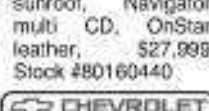
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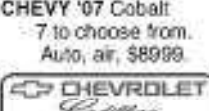
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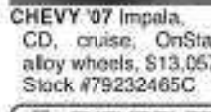
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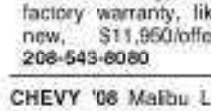
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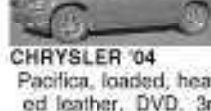
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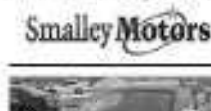
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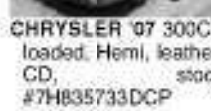
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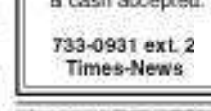
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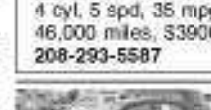
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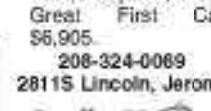
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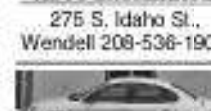
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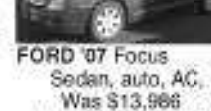
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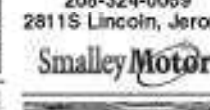
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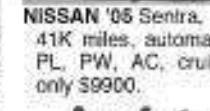
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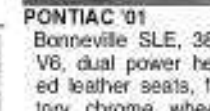
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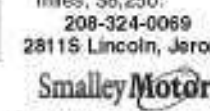
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

"Exceeding tall men had ever very empty heads."
— Francis Bacon

Andrew Robson was declarer in five clubs in a friendly international match for Great Britain against Iceland in the Brighton Festival 10 years ago.

West's opening bid of two clubs showed a weak hand with the majors, and thereafter the auction proceeded naturally, if aggressively. As you can see, it looks difficult for Robson to make his game since he needs to dispose of his heart loser. If he ruffs it in dummy, he will apparently lose a trump trick.

West led a spade and the defense played two rounds of the suit. Robson ruffed and, deciding to play West for precisely a doubleton diamond and a singleton club, made the first key play of letting the diamond 10 run to East. Now a heart came back, and Robson carefully won it in hand. When he played a diamond to dummy's ace, the king did not appear, but everybody followed.

At this point Robson played the club jack, which East had to duck — or else it would have been easy to ruff a heart in dummy. Now Robson was still in dummy. He ruffed a diamond, crossed back to the heart king, and played the diamond queen. When East discarded, Robson threw his last heart away, correctly judging that West was out of trumps. When the diamond queen held the trick, he could simply draw the last two trumps via the club finesse and take the rest of the tricks.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact key19972@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mind-spring.com.

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NORTH	01-20-A
♠ J 5 3	
♥ K 10	
♦ A Q 6 4 3 2	
♣ J 3	
WEST	
♠ K 10 9 8 6	
♥ J 8 6 4 2	
♦ 7 5	
♣ 5	
EAST	
♠ A Q 7 4	
♥ Q 7 3	
♦ K J 9	
♣ K 9 2	
SOUTH	
♠ 2	
♥ A 9 5	
♦ 10 8	
♣ A Q 10 8 7 6 4	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
	2 ♣*	2 ♦	4 ♠
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl.

All pass
*Weak, both majors

Opening lead: Spade 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ J 5 3
♥ K 10
♦ A Q 6 4 3 2
♣ J 3

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	2 ♣	2 ♥	3 ♠
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ANSWER: The call of two hearts should not be forcing, but it does suggest a decent suit. Here, you have enough trumps (and just enough values) to find a slightly pushy raise to three hearts and let partner judge whether he wants to compete any further. In context, K-10 of trumps is better than three small trumps, so let partner know the good news.

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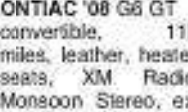
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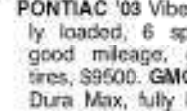
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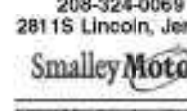
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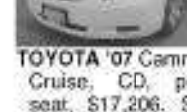
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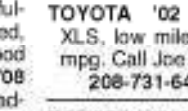
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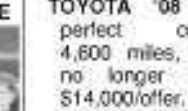
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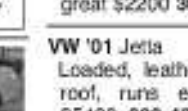
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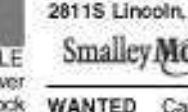
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B.C. By Johnny Hart

WHAT THE HECK HAVE YOU GONE AND DONE NOW?
I'M WEARING FAKE ANTLERS!
WITH THESE BABIES I'M SURE TO ATTRACT A SUITABLE MATE!
OR A PACK OF HUNGRY WOLVES.

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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

When Life Attacks!
I KNOW WE'RE IN A HURRY, BUT SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE PUT WREN IN THE CAR BEFORE WE LEFT?

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Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

DON'T EVEN THINK OF GOING TO THE PX!
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE, FOR EVERY REASONABLE REQUEST, THERE ARE DOZENS OF ARMY REGULATIONS AGAINST IT.
FIRST, THERE'S...

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Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I MAY NOT BE THE MOST EXCITING SPEAKER IN THE WORLD...
BUT I'LL BE DARN-TOOTIN' IF ANYBODY IS GONNA PLAY 'BILOXI BLACKJACK BINGO' ON HIS LAPTOP DURING A CRUCIAL BUDGET MEETING!
ACTUALLY, I'D ALREADY ACED 'BILOXI BLACKJACK BINGO' AND MOVED ON TO 'TUJUANA TIC-TAG-TOE TANGO'.

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VIJAY, THE WORLD'S WORST VENTURE CAPITALIST
A HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE NEED THIS TYPE OF SERVICE.
I ALREADY BUILT THE WEB SITE AND PEOPLE ARE SIGNING UP.
FOOP!
WHEN WE NEGOTIATE MY EQUITY STAKE, FOCUS ON MY POKER FACE AND NOT MY OPTIMISTIC HAIR.
YEE-HAH!

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The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Has Ludmilla told Mr. Jerry about her desire to date other men?
Delivery for a Ludmilla...
Flowers? From Mr. Jerry?
Sign here and I'll get the other two pallets.
My guess is no.

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For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

DAD?... ARE WE EVER GONNA MOVE AWAY?
I DON'T THINK SO, MIKE.
WHY DO YOU ASK?
I DUNNO... JUST WONDERING.
A KID AT SCHOOL IS MOVING... AN... WELL... IT'S GONNA BE WEIRD.
IS IT SOMEONE SPECIAL?
NAH... JUST A GIRL IN MY CLASS. IT'S NOTHIN' IMPORTANT. DON'T REALLY CARE.
... MUCH...

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Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

COOK BOOKS
I READ THAT BOOK ON HOT CEREAL. IT STARTED OUT SIMMERING AND BUBBLING WITH EXCITEMENT. IT ROSE TO A BOILING POINT BUT THEN JUST GOT MUSHY. AFTER THAT IT WAS JUST GRUELING!

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Garfield By Jim Davis

I'M TAKING ODIE FOR A WALK.
ALL RIGHT!
TAPPY TAPPY TAPPY TAPPY TAPPY
THEN I'M BRINGING HIM BACK.
OH

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Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

GIVE ME ALL YOUR VALUABLES OR I'LL DESTROY YOUR CASTLE!
YOU'RE TOO LATE - ANOTHER RAIDER TOOK EVERYTHING LAST WEEK!!
OKAY THEN...
WHAT'S YOUR WIFE SERVING FOR DINNER?

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AND NOW FROM WASHINGTON
THIS IS AN HISTORIC EVENT
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IT JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
THAT'S WHY I'M ANNOUNCING MY CANDIDACY FOR THE 2036 ELECTION!

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A PHOTOGRAPHER IS HERE FROM THE LOCAL PAPER TO COVER YOUR FUNDRAISER!
WOW! YOU'RE GETTING MAJOR EXPOSURE, TIFFANY!
OK, HERE I GO!
HOLD IT. TOO MUCH EXPOSURE

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HEY, MARCIE... WHAT'S OUR HOMEWORK FOR TOMORROW?
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEMORIZE A PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE...
"REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE!! GOT IT!"

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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Okay, if we ees be superhero, we ees need super special skills. You know, like ability lift earth, breathe fire, freeze oceans, catch bullets.
Me is clear paper jams.
Dat pretty special.

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Pickles By Brian Crane

YOU KNOW, SYLVIA, IN SOME WAYS I FEEL LIKE I LET YOU DOWN AS A MOTHER.
LET ME DOWN? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, FOR INSTANCE, I NEVER TAUGHT YOU HOW TO SMOCK A PILLOW, OR HOW TO TAT OR CROCHET.
I KNOW. YOU'RE LUCKY NO ONE EVER REPORTED YOU TO THE AUTHORITIES.

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Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

I'M KIND OF INTIMIDATED TO GET ME TOO!
AREN'T YOU TWO GOING TO JOIN ME?
BUT SINCE IT'S YOUR MOM... IT SHOULD BE OKAY!

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Non Sequitur By Wiley

I'M SICK OF IT!!
SICK OF WHAT?
PEOPLE DISAGREEING WITH ME AND NOT BENDING TO MY WILL!
I KNOW!
HOW UNREASONABLE OF THEM.
UM... I'M GONNA GO WITH YES...
THE NEW AGE OF REASON HADN'T EVEN STARTED YET, AND I ALREADY CAN'T WAIT FOR IT TO END.
IS IT SO MUCH TO ASK FOR EVERYONE TO NOT UNDERMINE ME WITH GOING WITH WHATEVER I SAY?!

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The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

YOU DIDN'T EAT YOUR BROCCOLI!
I DON'T LIKE BROCCOLI!
THEN I'M NOT BRINGING DESSERT
MY MOM WORKS IN THE KITCHEN

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Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"HE SAYS HE'S A LIGHT SLEEPER. I GUESS THAT MEANS HE SLEEPS WHEN IT'S LIGHT, TOO."

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Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

YOU REALLY HAVE MONO, TIM?
I GUESS SO.
WHAT IS IT?
ACCORDING TO WIKIPEDIA, IT'S A VIRUS THING THAT MAKES YOU FEEL TIRED AND JUST WANT TO SLEEP ALL THE TIME.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET A DISEASE, I GUESS IT'S BEST TO GET ONE THAT MAKES YOU FEEL THE WAY YOU ALREADY DO.

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Hedging their bets

Some Magic Valley dairymen locked in prices before commodities collapsed last year

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Not all dairymen in south-central Idaho have been on the losing end of falling dairy prices.

Some dairymen hedged their bets about a year earlier that prices would fall.

James Carr, president and broker with the Twin Falls-based commodity trader Sinclair & Company, said some dairymen were fortunate enough to sell part of their production at \$13 per

hundredweight prices before October 2008 — less than a month before milk prices collapsed.

“We have one dairyman who locked in about 50 percent of his production at around \$19 to \$17 dollars (per hundredweight),” Carr said. “That’s a lot better than collecting \$9 dollars off of 100 percent of production.”

Carr said Sinclair & Company usually does not lock in 100 percent of a dairyman’s production.

The number of dairymen in

“It’s getting to be more normal for dairymen to hedge, but there are still a lot of them not doing it.”

— James Carr, president and broker with the Twin Falls-based commodity trader, Sinclair & Company

south-central Idaho who hedged their production is unknown, but Carr said it has become more common because of increasing market volatility.

Milk prices peaked at \$20.25 in June 2008, before dropping to \$11.12, not

including protein and other solids — dairymen need about \$13 per hundredweight to break even with current feed prices and other operating costs.

When a dairyman hedges his prices, he goes through a commodity broker who

“locks in” a percentage of milk production at a specified price based on a monthly offer provided by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. As market prices fluctuate, the locked-in percentage remains sold at the predetermined price.

Dairymen say the element of risk deters some milk producers from hedging prices — dairymen can reduce profits by hedging production at prices that are lower than market values.

However, commodities

analysts say agriculture prices have grown more volatile in recent years, which has prompted more dairymen to hedge part of their production against market declines.

“It’s getting to be more normal for dairymen to hedge, but there are still a lot of them not doing it,” Carr said. “The idea isn’t to make money, or to lose money — it’s to be in the middle.”

Joshua Palmer may be reached at 208-735-3231 or at jpalmer@magicvalley.com.

A REPORT ON AGRICULTURE’S IMPACT ON IDAHO IN 2008 AND THE YEAR AHEAD

AG COUNTS IN IDAHO’S ECONOMY

Idaho farmers and ranchers expected to post record sales for fifth consecutive year

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

Agriculture continues to contribute to the economy, even during a volatile year like 2008, according to reports that were recently released by the University of Idaho.

Paul Patterson, University of Idaho extension economist at Idaho Falls, said farmers and ranchers will report record sales for 2008 — despite one of the most difficult markets on record.

“The thing about farmers is that whether they sell their potatoes for \$2.50 or \$10 per sack (hundredweight), it still costs \$7 to produce those spuds,”

Patterson said. “Farmers don’t shut down a plant like Micron does if demand drops off.”

Agriculture’s contribution to the economy can be measured in two ways:

Gross measure and base measure.

- Gross measure simply counts all the measures of economic activity such as output, employment, wages and value-added, which are generated from sales within an economy.

- Base measure gives credit to the industry that brings new dollars into the region through exports for the economic activity that it supports in the economy. The economic activity of other sectors such as fertilizer sales, farm equipment sales and food processing input depend on agriculture and are credited to the ag sector in base measure analysis.

Using the base measure analysis, researchers at the university found that agriculture is the single largest contributor to the economic base of Idaho.

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KING DAIRY

For the fifth consecutive year, dairy is Idaho’s leading agricultural industry.

Resulting from record high production — up 8 percent from 2007 — and strong prices,

2008 cash receipts from milk are estimated to be \$2.15 billion, 5 percent higher than in 2007. Over 34 percent of Idaho farm sales were milk checks.

SOURCE: University of Idaho



IDAHO AG BY THE NUMBERS

From an economic base perspective, Idaho agriculture in 2006 was responsible for generating:

\$21 billion in total sales

20 percent of Idaho’s total

156,599 jobs

17 percent of Idaho’s total workforce

\$4.2 billion in wages

15 percent of Idaho’s total \$8.4 billion; 17 percent of Idaho’s gross state product

“Agriculture is the main export item of value we have in Idaho. It’s the best export we have.”

— Don Hale, a forage producer from Blackfoot and president of the Idaho Hay and Forage Association

Biofuel producers hope to rebound

Industry to move away from food crops for fuel

By Dirk Lammers
Associated Press writer

SCOTLAND, S.D. — Cellulosic ethanol, the next big hope for a biofuels industry hampered during the past year by volatile commodity price swings and shrinking profit margins, is continuing its slow march toward commercialization.

Poet LLC, the nation’s top ethanol producer, has opened the spigots on an \$8-million pilot-scale biorefinery at its Scotland, S.D., research center that will produce 20,000 gallons of fuel each year from the corn cobs and fiber normally left behind in fields.

Poet’s demo plant is a precursor to a larger \$200 million commercial-scale biorefinery scheduled to open in Emmetsburg, Iowa, in 2011.

The privately held firm is one of several backed by hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. Department of Energy grants aimed at jump-starting the evolution to fuels made from such non-corn feedstocks as switchgrass, wheat straw and wood chips.

Poet has been making ethanol from corn for more than 20 years, but Chief Executive Jeff Broin said that adding cobs into the mix will increase the ethanol yield of each corn bushel by 11 percent and the per-acre yield by 27 percent.

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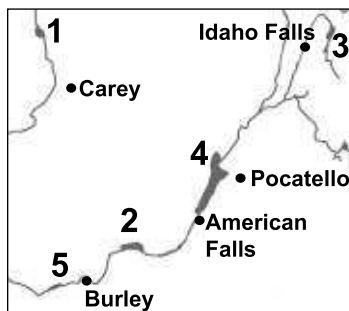


AP photo
Dave Bushong, general manager of the Poet Research Center, looks over a piled of crushed corn cobs being converted to cellulosic ethanol at a pilot plant in Scotland, S.D.

Due to **Martin Luther King** holiday, commodity futures and stock markets were closed **Monday**.

Find the **Fuel Report**, **Local Commodities** and **Reservoir Levels** on **D2**.

RESERVOIR LEVELS



1. Little Wood: 32%	2. Lake Walcott: 40%
3. Ririe: 49%	4. American Falls: 66%
	5. Milner: 88%

See the full reservoir report at: www.waterdistrict1.com

FUEL REPORT

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho declined compared to the previous week. The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in the region fell about 10 cents to \$2.40. The average prices for a gallon of diesel remained mostly unchanged.

The national average for a gallon of gasoline was \$1.84, while the state average was \$1.65, according to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report.

Markets were closed Monday for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, however, prices began falling late last week on growing concerns about the economy.

Gas prices

- **Twin Falls:** *Maverik Country Store*, 120 Sixth Aven. W.: **\$1.57**
- **Jerome:** *Maverik Country Store*, 352 S. Lincoln Ave.: **\$1.59**
- **Burley:** *Maverik Country Store*, 701 N. Overland Ave.: **\$1.63**

Diesel prices

- **Twin Falls:** *Fil Mart-Phillips* 66, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: **\$2.26**
 - **Jerome:** *Flying J*, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: **\$2.26**
 - **Burley:** *Maverik Country Store*, 701 N. Overland Ave.: **\$2.20**
- *Price quotes by *Mapquest.com* as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at anytime.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Due to the Martin Luther King holiday, commodities and stock markets were closed Monday.

Texas drought worsens, cattle dying

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press writer

LUBBOCK, Texas — Drought conditions in Texas are so bad cattle are keeling over in parched pastures and dying.

Drought conditions worsened significantly in the past week, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday. Seventy-one percent of the state is now in some stage of drought, up from 58.3 percent last week.

A week ago the two worst drought designations — extreme and exceptional — covered 9.1 percent of the state. This week the two categories cover 15.1 percent of the state, with a circle near San Antonio and Austin widening in all directions. Only the eastern and southeastern parts of Texas are without any drought status.

It all results in death for dozens of cows in Bastrop, south of Austin. At Dr. Lee Davis' veterinarian clinic, up to 10 cows a week have been brought in for treatment over the past month. They fell in pastures from weakness due to lack of grazing forage, and most

didn't survive, Davis said. "The problem is they're not getting enough energy because the grass is dead," Davis said. "Everywhere you go there's no grass. It's nothing but dirt."

Once a cow falls, blood-flow to muscles is diminished and chances of survival go down with time.

"It's hard to bring back a cow after it's been down for a couple of days," Davis said.

Even when given supplemental feed, some animals are left weak.

Lack of rainfall this past fall and into 2009 has left pastures barren. Cattle producers are instead feeding animals hay.

But there is a shortage of protein in some hay because some hay producers don't pay the high cost of fertilizer, which aids in building protein. Fertilizer prices are tied to natural gas prices.

Rachel Bauer, Texas AgriLife Extension agent for Bastrop County and a part-time rancher, has lost seven cows in the past six weeks.

"There is no outlook for any rainfall coming," she said.

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

Block	Close	Change
Average price	\$1.064	-.008
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.073	+.014
Butter		
Average price	\$1.112	-.011
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	\$5.53	+.02
Class III milk		
Average price	\$15.28	—
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$10.35	—

Feed

Corn (Per 100 pounds)		
Dairy Feed Supply	\$7.75	+.25
Land O'Lakes	\$7.00	-.75
Rangen	\$7.25	-.20

Barley (Per 100 pounds)

Rangen	\$6.40	—
Ogden	\$6.95	+.10
Pocatello	\$5.65	—
Burley	\$6.00	+.25

Hay (Mid/Ton)

Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low \$150	High \$150
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$140	High \$140
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$140	High \$140

Small grain

Soft white wheat		
Rangen	N/A	N/A
Ogden	\$4.75	-.43
Pocatello	\$4.55	-.05
Burley	\$4.25	-.08

Livestock

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

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

SALEYARD REPORT

Twin Falls

Steers	
Under 400 lbs.,	\$105-\$115.50
400-500 lbs.,	\$94.75-\$109.50
500-600 lbs.,	\$92.50-\$95.25
600-700 lbs.,	\$88.50-\$93.75
800 & Over,	\$86.50-\$90.75
Heifers	
Under 400 lbs.,	\$92-\$95.50
400-500 lbs.,	\$90-\$96.50
500-600 lbs.,	\$88.25-\$95.75
600-700 lbs.,	\$87-\$90
700-800 lbs.,	\$82-\$93
800 & Over,	\$81-\$84.85
Butcher bulls,	\$43.50-\$50
Feeder bulls,	\$34.50-\$45
Commercial utility cows,	\$34-\$43
Canners and Cutters,	\$21-\$34

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Steers	
300-400 lbs.,	\$103-\$112
400-500 lbs.,	\$101-\$115
500-600 lbs.,	\$90-\$107.50
600-700 lbs.,	\$87-\$93.50
700-800 lbs.,	\$87-\$94
800-900 lbs.,	\$85-\$91
900 & UP	\$82-\$89

Jerome

Holstein steers	
400-500 lbs.,	\$41-\$48
Choice steers	
300-400 lbs.,	\$97-\$100
400-500 lbs.,	\$94-\$103
500-600 lbs.,	\$95-

600-700 lbs.,	\$90-\$94
700-800 lbs.,	\$82-\$90.50
800-1000 lbs.,	\$78-\$86
Choice Heifers	
300-400 lbs.,	\$88-\$90
400-500 lbs.,	\$88-\$90
500-600 lbs.,	\$84-\$86.25
600-700 lbs.,	\$84-\$86.25
700-800 lbs.,	\$81-\$84.50
Baby and Starter Calves	
Hol bull cfs,	\$2-\$10
Started bull, steer cfs,	\$90-\$180
Brk, utility, com cows,	\$33-\$38
cut, can, cows,	\$28-\$34
Shelly/lite cows,	\$20-\$26
Feeder Cows,	\$35-\$42
Dairy Sale	
Top springer,	\$1,810
Top 10 springers,	\$1,640
Top 50 springers,	\$1,440
Top 150 springers,	\$1,250

Shoshone Livestock Auction

Bull Calf	
Under 300 lbs.,	\$5
Heifer Calf	
Under 300 lbs.,	\$210

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY

Hay and forage association to meet in Burley

The Idaho Hay and Forage Association will hold its annual conference Feb. 3 and 4 at the Best Western Burley Inn in Burley.

Topics of discussion will include forage quality tests, regulations and transportation issues, weed and pest management, and forage production.

For more information, visit the association's Web site at www.idahohay.com, or call 208-888-0988.

Cheese making workshop set in Twin Falls

The Idaho Milk Processors Association, Dairy Management Inc., Northwest Food Processors Association, United Dairymen of Idaho and Dairy Management Inc. are hosting a series of

dairy processing workshops, which will include dairy HACCP, pasteurization and whey processing.

The workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 3 and 4. The cost is \$450 for one participant or \$385 per person if two or more enroll from the same firm.

For more information, contact Paula Peterman at 208-364-6188 or paupalp@uidaho.edu or visit www.techhelp.org or <http://www.techhelp.org/>.

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Agriculture

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"Agriculture is the main export item of value we have in Idaho," said Don Hale, a forage producer from Blackfoot and president of the Idaho Hay and Forage Association. "It's the best export we have."

Using gross measure analysis, agriculture alone generated \$12 billion in total sales or 11 percent of Idaho's total in 2006 and paid more than \$1.2 billion in wages or 4 percent of the state's total. Agriculture was directly responsible for generating approximately \$2.9 billion in value-added or about 6 percent of the gross

state product.

Because actual cash receipts and net farm income for 2008 will not be published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture until the fall of 2009, University of Idaho economists looked at the most recent monthly data from the USDA Agricultural Statistics Service and Idaho State Department of Agriculture Annual Report.

That snapshot shows that Idaho's farmers and ranchers are expected to post record sales for the fifth straight year.

Cash receipts from sales of crops and livestock are pro-

jected to be \$6.3 billion, an 11 percent increase over 2007, according to university economists. However, net farm income is expected to drop 5 percent from record levels set in 2007, due to higher production costs.

Livestock revenues outpaced crop revenues in 2008, reflecting the growing dominance of the dairy industry. Within the past decade, potatoes have struggled to bring in approximately 15 percent of cash receipts while milk now brings in 34 percent, up from 25 percent of total farm cash receipts in 1998.

While 2008 was a good

year, producers know that lower commodity prices and still high input costs mean 2009 will be a different story.

According to the UI Annual Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture report, total farm expenses are estimated to be 15 percent higher than in 2007.

Costs of manufactured inputs such as fuel, fertilizer and electricity rose 35 percent. These costs account for about 21 percent of farm expenses. Costs for "other" farm inputs including machine hire, storage, transportation and repair and maintenance rose 12 percent.

Biofuel

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Production growth in both areas will help the U.S. reach an aggressive renewable fuels standard that will require 36 billion gallons of biofuels to be blended into gasoline by 2022, Broin said.

"There's tremendous potential in both grain-based and cellulosic ethanol to significantly reduce our country's dependence on

energy," he said.

Nearly all of the ethanol produced domestically comes from corn, and 2008 was a tough year for the industry.

VeraSun Energy Corp., the nation's No. 2 producer, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after tightening credit markets erased its lifeline to weather the swings in corn

and fuel prices.

And shares of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings Inc., Pacific Ethanol Inc. and BioFuel Energy Corp. all lost about 95 percent of their value during the year.

But the burgeoning cellulosic ethanol industry would likely be facing investor anxiety even if the nation wasn't embroiled in a recession and credit crunch,

said Cole Gustafson, a bio-fuels economist at North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D.

Existing corn ethanol plants have consistent performance benchmarks that translate well to a balance sheet, but the cellulosic industry is experimenting with a broad range of feedstocks that can be confusing to investors.

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College of Southern Idaho athletic director Joel Bate watches a men's basketball game between the Golden Eagles and North Idaho College Jan. 17 in Twin Falls.

Doing things right

CSI athletic director enters third year on the job

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

It's been a little more than two years since Joel Bate was named the College of Southern Idaho's athletic director. During his first day on the job, Jan. 11, 2007, the longtime educator and coach sat down with the *Times-News* to discuss the challenges and opportunities ahead of him.

Since that time, Bate has been hard at work to make Golden Eagle athletics a success on and off the playing field. It's simply the way things are done at CSI.

"We try to do things right here,"

said Bate.

Last week, we sat down with CSI's AD once again to see how things have gone in his first two years and look ahead to what awaits Golden Eagle athletics in the seasons to come.

Times-News: What's your overall impression of the current state of CSI athletics?

Joel Bate: Things are pretty strong, and I think that's due to two things: 1) a very good administrative vision from the (school) president and board of trustees about what they want athletics to be and what they want athletics to do. 2)

We have a very good coaching staff that understands the whole picture of what a student athlete is. Not only the athletic part, but the student part. ...We've worked really hard on the student end of that and that was one of my goals coming in two years ago was to make sure that we were student-athletes and not forget that part and I think it's paid off. ...

Last year we had a great year with three sports going to national tournaments and the other two sports being ranked. That doesn't happen too often. We were pretty proud of that.

T-N: As you look to the future, what are your top priorities for the athletics department?

Bate: A continuation of all this. We can still get better in the classroom. We can still do more in the community. We can still help stu-

dents learn to make good choices. We can't make choices for them and we have our blips. But we deal with them, and we're open about them and our students are accountable for those.

T-N: When you were hired, you spoke of the need to establish the identity of the Scenic West Athletic Conference and possibly attract new member institutions. How are things going on those fronts?

Bate: I still think that our colleges are only as good as the conference that we play in. It's our job to try to re-establish our conference identity nationally. The focus and the national meetings I've attended isn't wins and losses, it's numbers. So we are getting less respect due to our lack of numbers.

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AP sources: Markakis, Madson get big deals

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Nick Markakis reached a preliminary agreement on a \$66 million, six-year contract with the Baltimore Orioles, and Ryan Madson struck a \$12 million, three-year deal with the Philadelphia Phillies as players and teams rushed Monday to settle salary arbitration cases.

A day before the scheduled exchange of proposed figures, teams announced contracts for 13 players and six more reached deals that weren't publicly confirmed by the clubs.

Of the 111 players who filed for arbitration last Thursday, 23 had agreed to contracts by Monday evening. A few dozen more were expected to reach agreements before Tuesday's swap.

The deals with Markakis and Madson were contingent on the players passing physicals, a pair of separate people familiar with the agreements said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because



AP file photo
Baltimore Orioles' Nick Markakis hits a two-RBI single off Cleveland Indians pitcher Brendan Donnelly during the ninth inning in Cleveland on Aug. 13, 2008.

the agreements weren't final.

Markakis' deal, the second-richest in team history, covers three years he would have been eligible for arbitration and the first three after he would have been eligible for free agency. Markakis hit a career-high .306 with 20 homers and 87 RBIs for the Orioles last season, his third in the majors. He played in

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Go beyond the hair in the Super Bowl

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

For the key to the Super Bowl, look beyond the hair.

The hair, of course, belongs to Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald and Pittsburgh's Troy Polamalu — two of the biggest stars in the game.

Look instead to the folks in the trenches and Arizona's runners. Super Bowl teams are more than their stars, even those whose personal idiosyncrasies, such as hair flying out below their helmets, make them stand out for more than their accomplishments.

Here are some others who could decide the winner when the Super Bowl is played on Feb. 1.

NT Casey Hampton, De Aaron Smith and ILB James Farrior, Pittsburgh:

James Harrison is the defensive player of the year and combines with LaMarr Woodley to pile up sacks from the outside linebacker position.

But they are able to do it because opponents are constantly in passing situations. Credit Hampton, Smith, and Farrior, the lunchpail guys at the heart of Pittsburgh's 3-4 defense.

Hampton is generously listed at 325 pounds. When he reported to training



AP photo
Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald (11) catches a touchdown pass Sunday during the first half of the NFC Championship game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Glendale, Ariz.

camp last July, he was held out of drills after the Steelers said he was far over the weight he was supposed to report at.

"I ain't got on the scale. I don't really get on the scale, that's not my thing," Hampton said. "I play ball."

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Coming cuts may hurt all athletes

Cuts are coming, and we're not talking about varsity tryouts.

Instead, statewide talk concerns the upcoming cuts to Idaho's public school budgets, something that hasn't happened in decades.



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A recent *Times-News* story quoted Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs projecting a 6 percent, or \$1.8 million, drop in his district's budget. In Minidoka County, they're looking at 6 percent as well, a budget reduction of more than \$1 million, according to superintendent Scott Rogers.

These cuts will likely come across the board in all departments, but how will that impact student-athletes?

In north Idaho, Coeur d'Alene School District is looking at drastic measures, according to the *Spokesman-Review*. The district is considering cutting one athletic director from either Coeur d'Alene or Lake City High School, leaving the other as a district-wide athletic director, and cutting all funding to some sports, making them "pay to play."

Until the Legislature gives firm direction regarding how much to cut, many area administrators — from Twin Falls High athletic director Mike Federico to Valley High AD Brian Hardy — have said they will take a "wait and see" approach to deciding what gets the ax.

In many districts, public money doesn't fuel the entire athletic department. Public money funds travel expenses for teams and coaches' stipends, which are negotiated periodically depending on district. Gate money, activity card fees, fundraising and donations fund other expenses, like uniforms.

The two types of money share a symbiotic relationship, however. If money for travel is cut and schools cut down the number of games as a result, they will lose further money from gate receipts.

Minico High School athletic director Tim Perrigot provided an example for basketball. If Minico were to drop a home-and-away series with Pocatello, he would free up about \$300 because he wouldn't pay for a bus for the away game. But he'll also lose as much as \$1,500 from the gate for the home game, resulting in a possible net loss of \$1,200 for the program.

"Typically, your boys basketball, girls basketball and football will run the rest of programs," he said. "If there's one area that you hope they don't cut, it's those sports. It could be quite a bit to lose."

When the Idaho High School Activities Association board of directors meets today, the topic of limiting the number of regular-season contests to reduce travel is on the discussion agenda. The IHSAA receives no public money from the state.

Concerning cutting games, Perrigot countered that teams could pair boys and girls games on the same night to maintain the number of contests while reducing travel costs.

But worries about the gate aren't uniform across the state. At small schools like Valley High, where the take from the gate isn't as large, losing a home-and-away series is "a wash," said Hardy.

Extracurricular activities like athletics aren't required to earn a high school diploma, and there's a belief they're the fat to be trimmed. But activities serve their purpose, teaching teamwork, discipline and fair play, among other things.

Hopefully, those things won't be forgotten when districts debate where to chop.

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Rondo, Celtics blow out Suns

BOSTON — Rajon Rondo scored 23 points in the first three quarters, and Ray Allen scored 20 before sitting out the fourth with the rest of the Boston starters on Monday night as the Celtics opened a 30-point lead and coasted to a 104-87 victory over the Phoenix Suns.

Kevin Garnett had 16 points with eight rebounds, and Paul Pierce had 12 points with eight rebounds and eight assists to help Boston take a 64-34 halftime lead. The Celtics have won five straight since a 2-7 slump that was the worst stretch of the new Big Three era.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 16 with 11 rebounds for Phoenix, which had won seven of its last 10. Amare Stoudemire, the Suns' leading scorer, had just three points on 0-for-7 shooting.

PISTONS 87, GRIZZLIES 79

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Allen Iverson scored 27 points to lead the Detroit Pistons to an 87-79 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday, ending the Pistons' longest losing streak in five seasons.

Rasheed Wallace scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half to help bring Detroit's five-game skid to an end.

The Grizzlies lost their sixth straight and for the 14th time in 16 games.

Iverson and Wallace took over to score Detroit's final 10 points in the last five minutes after the Grizzlies tied the game at 77.

HORNETS 103, PACERS 100

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul capped a 27-point performance with an off-balance 3-pointer as time expired, lifting the hobbled New Orleans Hornets to a 103-100 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Monday.

Peja Stojakovic hit five 3-pointers and finished with a season-high 26 points for New Orleans. The Hornets started the game without David West (back) and lost center Tyson Chandler (left ankle) late in the second quarter.

Indiana's Danny Granger scored 30 points, including a tying 3 with 2.5 seconds left, after which he pounded his chest with his right fist. Moments later, he was slumped over, head hanging, as the Hornets mobbed Paul following his winning shot.

KNICKS 102, BULLS 98

NEW YORK — Chris Duhon scored with 31.2 seconds left to help the New York Knicks beat his former team.

Duhon, questionable with back spasms before the game, drove around two defenders to put the Knicks up 99-98. He then hit two free throws with 22.8 seconds remaining to extend the lead to three after Bulls rookie Derrick Rose missed on a drive.

Ben Gordon, who had just eight points on 3-of-15 shooting, then shot an airball on a 3-point attempt.

Duhon finished with 19 points. It was Rose's arrival as the No. 1 overall draft pick that made Duhon expendable before this season, and the point guard signed with the Knicks as a free agent.

Luol Deng and Rose each had 20 for Chicago.



Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo (9) drives to the basket against Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash Monday during the first half of their game in Boston.

MAVERICKS 95, 76ERS 93

PHILADELPHIA — Dirk Nowitzki hit a turnaround 17-foot jumper at the buzzer and finished with 24 points to help Dallas snap Philadelphia's season-high seven-game winning streak.

Jason Kidd had 22 points and 12 rebounds, Jason Terry added 20 and Josh Howard had 10 for the Mavericks (24-17).

Lou Williams scored 25 points, while Andre Iguodala had 18 points and 12 rebounds for the 76ers (20-21), who are trying to climb above .500 for the first time since Nov. 23 when they were 7-6.

Andre Miller added 12 points for Philadelphia, whose four-game home winning streak ended.

HAWKS 87, RAPTORS 84

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 28 points, including a key jumper with 12.5 seconds left and Mike Bibby added 23 for Atlanta, which was missing two injured starters.

Josh Smith, the Hawks' only healthy regular up front, had 22 points and 14 rebounds.

Al Horford was out for the fifth straight game because of a bone bruise in his right knee. Marvin Williams was absent after sustaining a concussion in Friday night's loss at Golden State. Hawks coach Mike Woodson said he didn't know when either player would return.

Toronto lost its sixth in a row. Chris Bosh had 22 points and 14 rebounds, and Andrea Bargnani had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

ROCKETS 115, NUGGETS 113

HOUSTON — Yao Ming scored 31 points and Rafer Alston added 18 points and 11 assists.

Denver's Kenyon Martin missed two foul shots with

2.6 seconds left, and Yao rebounded to clinch the win.

Von Wafer had 18 and Luis Scola 16 for the Rockets, who have won five of their last six games and four of five since Ron Artest and Tracy McGrady were shelved to recover from nagging injuries.

J.R. Smith scored 24, Nene had 23 and Martin had 22 for the Nuggets.

SPURS 86, BOBCATS 84

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tim Duncan blocked Raymond Felton's tying shot attempt in the frantic final seconds.

Duncan's rejection squirted to Boris Diaw, but he missed a game-winning 3-point attempt at the buzzer for the Bobcats, who had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Duncan had 17 points, 11 rebounds and six assists, and produced the game's biggest defensive play after his own shot was blocked by Emeka Okafor with 10 seconds left.

Tony Parker added 13 points and 10 assists for the Spurs, who rallied from a nine-point third-quarter deficit for their second straight win following a 22-point loss to Philadelphia that began their three-game road trip.

Raja Bell scored 25 points in his best offensive performance since being acquired by the Bobcats last month. Diaw added 16 points and 13 rebounds in a physical, bruising game full of fouls and a brief jaw-to-jaw argument between Duncan and Charlotte's Gerald Wallace after Duncan's layup-preventing shoulder block.

TIMBERWOLVES 94, CLIPPERS 86

LOS ANGELES — Al Jefferson scored 20 points and tied a season high with 17 rebounds, and Craig Smith also had 20 points.

The Timberwolves have won seven of their last eight games after losing 15 of 17. They have won a season-high four straight on the road for the first time since December 2005, when they won five in a row away from Target Center.

Minnesota is 9-11 under Kevin McHale, who stepped down as the team's vice president of basketball operations and took over as coach for Randy Wittman on Dec. 8 — two days after the Clippers won 107-84 at Minnesota.

Rookie Eric Gordon led Los Angeles with 25 points and reserve Steve Novak had a career-high 18. The loss was the 13th in 14 games for the Clippers, coming off a 101-92 win against Milwaukee on Saturday that ended a 12-game skid.

WARRIORS 119, WIZARDS 98

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jamal Crawford had 28 points and eight assists, and Stephen Jackson added 26 points in Golden State's third win in four home games.

Corey Maggette scored 16 points for the Warriors, who had won three of four just once previously in their disappointing season. Golden State comfortably held off the Wizards, hitting 13 3-pointers and making 53 percent of its shots against Washington's sketchy defense.

Caron Butler, Antawn Jamison and Andray Blatche scored 22 points apiece for the Wizards, who lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Washington snapped a six-game skid against New York on Friday, but opened a four-game West Coast trip with another listless performance by the Eastern Conference's worst team. The Wizards have lost three straight in Oakland.

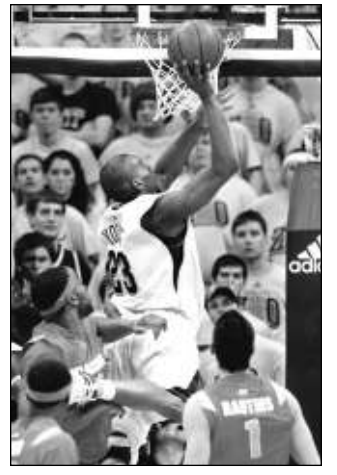
— The Associated Press

Young's 22 leads Pitt past Syracuse 78-60

PITTSBURGH — Sam Young pulled out of a three-game slump by scoring 19 of his 22 points in the second half and No. 4 Pittsburgh came back from its first loss of the season, surging shortly after halftime to defeat No. 8 Syracuse 78-60 on Monday night.

DeJuan Blair, also coming off a poor game during a 69-63 loss at No. 9 Louisville on Saturday night that ended Pitt's two-week stay at No. 1, was strong inside with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Blair's toughness keyed a rugged and sometimes intimidating defense that held the Orange nearly 22 points below their scoring average.

Young, Pitt's leading scorer with an 18.7 average, made seven of 12 shots after going only 15-of-49 in his previous three games.



Pittsburgh's Sam Young, center, drops in two points in front of

Tar Heels' trapping defense for easy baskets and dominated the glass against a team obsessed with rebounding.

Italee Lucas scored 15 points to lead North Carolina (17-1).

Women's Top 25

NO. 1 CONNECTICUT 88, NO. 2 NORTH CAROLINA 58

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Renee Montgomery scored 21 points to help No. 1 Connecticut rout No. 2 North Carolina 88-58 on Monday night, dominating a matchup of unbeaten teams from start to finish.

Maya Moore had 19 points and 12 rebounds for Connecticut (18-0), which turned one of the most anticipated games of the season into just another lopsided victory. Connecticut built a double-digit lead in the first half and led 46-30 at the break, then increased the margin against a deeper and supposedly more athletic opponent.

Connecticut didn't need a huge day from Moore, who was coming off a 40-point day against Syracuse on Saturday. Instead, the Huskies constantly beat the

NO. 4 DUKE 61, NORTH CAROLINA STATE 58, OT

RALEIGH, N.C. — Chante Black had 17 points and 17 rebounds, Karima Christmas also scored 17 points and No. 4 Duke rallied for an overtime victory.

Black scored all of her points and grabbed all but one of her rebounds after halftime for the Blue Devils (16-1, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who came back from a 14-point deficit in the first half to win their 14th consecutive game.

N.C. State, which trailed by five early in overtime, had a chance to send the game to a second extra period. However, Brittany Strachan's 3-pointer bounced off the front of the rim at the final buzzer.

Shayla Fields forced overtime for the Wolfpack (8-10, 0-3 ACC), making a jumper from the left elbow to tie the score at 52 with 29.5 seconds remaining.

— The Associated Press

Richfield girls remain undefeated

Times-News

Two points was the difference between 15-0 and 14-1 Monday as the Richfield girls basketball team remained perfect on the season, escaping with a 50-48 victory over Hagerman.

"Hagerman really came to play," Tigers coach Steve Kent said. "We've had our battles with them, and those girls came to play."

The first half ended in a 27-27 stalemate, with Hagerman taking an advantage during the third quarter. Richfield surged back in the fourth for the victory.

Teenie Kent led the Tigers with 15 points, while Sasha Kent tallied 14 points. Leah Piper grabbed a team-high 15 boards, with Mirian Rivas grabbing another nine. On defense, Michelle Kent stole six times, and Rivas four. For the Pirates, Katlyn Nebeker and Amanda Regnier scored in double figures.

Richfield (15-0, 9-0 Northside Conference) will travel to Carey tonight to face the Panthers in conference action. Hagerman will host Shoshone Friday.

Richfield 50, Hagerman 48

Hagerman 19 9 15 6-43
Richfield 17 10 11 12-50
HAGERMAN (40)
Katlyn Nebeker 17, Sally Traugotter 6, Haley Arriaga 9, Aubrey Goolsby 2, Amanda Regnier 14. Totals 22 0-3 48.

RICHFIELD (60)
Michelle Kent 9, Leah Piper 8, Teenie Kent 15, Mirian Rivas 4, Sasha Kent 14. Totals 17 7-38 50. 3-point goals: Hagerman 4 (Traugotter 2, Arriaga, Nebeker); Richfield 9 (T. Kent 4, S. Kent 4, M. Kent). Total fouls: Hagerman 15; Richfield 5. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: Hagerman, bench.

Buhl 61, Spring Creek 59

Buhl 19 15 12 16-61
Spring Creek 17 9 14 19-59
BUHL (61)
Nathan Romans 2, J.D. Leckey 15, Jack Hamilton 4, Garret Schilz 29, Nick Hamilton 4, Cader Owen 7. Totals 25 11-21 61.

TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 45, MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 43, 2OT

Two Warriors scored in

double figures Monday to lead the Twin Falls Christian Academy girls basketball team to victory in its final contest of the season. The Warriors defeated Magic Valley Christian 45-43 in double overtime.

The Warriors finish at 4-7.

Twin Falls Christian Academy 45, Magic Valley Christian 43, 2OT

MVC 41 10 9 5 4-43
TFC 28 13 11 5 8-45
MVC (49)

Kale Reitsma 5, Michelle Koostra 8, Cassie Bishoff 3, Kristina Reitsma 26, Ashley Melanie 1. Totals 18 6-21 43.

TFC (45)
Shelby Mason 6, Amanda Miller 11, Julie Irvin 2, Cheyenne Mott 4, Jessica Irvin 20, team 2. Totals 15 11-22 45.

3-point goals: MVC 1 (Kristina Reitsma); TFC 2 (Miller, Irvin). Total fouls: MVC 17; TFC 18. Fouled out: MVC, Koostra. Technical fouls: none.

BUHL 61, SPRING CREEK 59

The Buhl boys basketball team won its second contest of the season, defeating Spring Creek, Nev., 61-59 on the road. Garret Schilz led the Indians with 29 points.

"The kids played well defensively," Buhl coach Ryan Bowman said. "It seemed like we were getting a lot of loose balls and rebounding well."

The Indians (2-9, 1-1 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) will travel to Filer Thursday for a league game.

Buhl 61, Spring Creek 59

Buhl 19 15 12 16-61
Spring Creek 17 9 14 19-59
BUHL (61)
Nathan Romans 2, J.D. Leckey 15, Jack Hamilton 4, Garret Schilz 29, Nick Hamilton 4, Cader Owen 7. Totals 25 11-21 61.

SPRING CREEK (59)
Hoffland 5, Satterthwaite 11, Erving 3, Nottle 17, Morrell 12, Jacobs 6, Brenson 5. Totals 24 6-59.

3-point goals: Spring Creek 5 (Jacobs 2, Morrell, Erving, Hoffland). Total fouls: Buhl 14; Spring Creek 19. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Director

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It's hard to argue with our quality when we don't have the numbers to back it up. We've worked hard. The Nevada schools are still hampered by budget restrictions and state money problems. But they're trying. They've added softball this year at Western Nevada, and I think basketball will be next if they can.

We're all really trying to help schools along. Snow has baseball on the horizon coming. But I'm worried in the current economic period if some schools aren't looking to drop some programs, and we're trying to help them along every way that we can.

T-N: What's been the most

challenging aspect of being the athletic director at CSI?

Bate: I think just getting a handle over all the roles that the job has and trying to fit that into a work day or a work period. Just getting through it the first time was a big challenge. Going through it the second time, it's getting better. I see my primary job as helping coaches do their job better. Another big part is fundraising to help those things happen and ensuring that games go on without a hitch. Those are all challenges.

T-N: Most gratifying?

Bate: Seeing us move from having individual programs to seeing our entire department as a team all together. To illustrate that, we had a

fall rodeo here for the first time, and I think every program had their kids over at those rodeos, supporting rodeo. And rodeo kids supporting basketball. It's been good. ... We can't afford to compete internally. I know everyone has their sport and their niche and things that they need, and I try to provide those. Rather than battling each other, we're helping each other out. The 3-on-3 basketball tournament has moved to an all athletic event, instead of one individual program. Our golf tournament is an athletic department fundraiser instead of benefiting just one program. We've really tried to help each other out that way, and it's paid off. It's

really brought programs together.

T-N: You've been in the Magic Valley for more than 15 years. Do you see yourself here 15 years from now?

Bate: Yes. In some capacity. It was really difficult for me to leave the classroom. It's a place I felt comfortable in. It's a place where I have some skills to teach. But I see my role still as a teacher here, working with student athletes, helping them understand what's important. In some capacity, I'll always be in education. It may not be in this exact job. I've constantly gone to school, keep getting degrees. Just try to better yourself in case you get the itch to look at something else.

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Boston	34	9	.791	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	20	24	.452	13	—	—	—	—
New Jersey	19	22	.463	14	—	—	—	—
New York	16	24	.400	16½	—	—	—	—
Toronto	16	27	.372	18	—	—	—	—

SOUTHEAST	W			L			Pct	GB
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
Orlando	33	8	.805	—	—	—	—	—
Atlanta	24	16	.600	8½	—	—	—	—
Miami	22	18	.550	10½	—	—	—	—
Charlotte	16	25	.390	17	—	—	—	—
Washington	8	32	.200	24½	—	—	—	—

CENTRAL	W			L			Pct	GB
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
Cleveland	31	7	.816	—	—	—	—	—
Detroit	23	17	.575	9	—	—	—	—
Milwaukee	20	23	.465	13½	—	—	—	—
Chicago	18	24	.429	15	—	—	—	—
Indiana	15	26	.366	17½	—	—	—	—

SOUTHWEST	W			L			Pct	GB
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
San Antonio	27	13	.675	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	25	13	.658	1	—	—	—	—
Houston	25	14	.643	2	—	—	—	—
Dallas	24	17	.585	3½	—	—	—	—
Memphis	11	29	.275	16	—	—	—	—

NORTHWEST	W			L			Pct	GB
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
Denver	27	15	.643	—	—	—	—	—
Portland	24	16	.600	2	—	—	—	—
Utah	24	17	.585	2½	—	—	—	—
Minnesota	13	26	.333	12½	—	—	—	—
Oklahoma City	8	34	.190	19	—	—	—	—

PACIFIC	W			L			Pct	GB
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
L.A. Lakers	31	8	.795	—	—	—	—	—
Phoenix	23	16	.590	8	—	—	—	—
Golden State	13	29	.310	19½	—	—	—	—
Sacramento	10	31	.244	22	—	—	—	—
Clippers	9	31	.225	22½	—	—	—	—

Sunday's Games	
Phoenix 117, Toronto 113	
Miami 104, Oklahoma City 94	
Monday's Games	
New York 102, Chicago 98	
Dallas 95, Philadelphia 93	
Atlanta 87, Toronto 84	
Houston 115, Denver 113	
San Antonio 86, Charlotte 84	
New Orleans 103, Indiana 100	
Minnesota 94, L.A. Clippers 86	
Golden State 119, Washington 98	
Detroit 87, Memphis 79	
Boston 104, Phoenix 87	
Milwaukee at Portland, late	
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, late	

Tuesday's Games	
Atlanta at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.	
Indiana at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.	
Sacramento at Denver, 7 p.m.	
Minnesota at Utah, 7 p.m.	

NBA Boxes	
Knicks 102, Bulls 98	

Chicago (98)	
Deng 9-16 2-2 20, Ty Thomas 8-11 3-3 19, Noah 2-6 3-4 7, D. Rose 9-20 2-2 20, Gordon 3-15 0-1 8, Hinrich 5-10 2-3 13, Gooden 1-5 2-4 2, Nocioni 1-9 0-2 2, Sefolosha 2-2 0-5 2, Totals 40-14 14-7 98.	

New York (102)	
Chandler 3-5 0-0 6, Lee 3-14 5-6 11, Jeffries 1-3 2-3 4, Duhon 7-14 4-4 19, Richardson 8-13 3-4 24, Harrington 4-13 2-3 11, Robinson 4-9 4-6 12, Ty Thomas 2-4 1-2 6, Gallinari 4-9 0-9 19, Totals 36-83 28-102.	

Chicago (98)	
Chicago 20 34 23 41 - 98	
New York 22 35 21 24 - 102	

3-Point Goals—Chicago 4-17 (Gordon 2-7, Sefolosha 1-1, Hinrich 1-4, Nocioni 0-5), New York 9-23 (Richardson 5-8, Ty Thomas 1-1, Gallinari 1-2, Duhon 1-3, Harrington 1-6, Chandler 0-1, Robinson 0-2), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 63 (Noah 18), New York 48 (Lee 10), Assists—Chicago 22 (D. Rose 8), New York 18 (Lee, Robinson, Duhon 3). Total Fouls—Chicago 22, New York 12. Technicals—Jeffries—A—18,807 (19,763).	
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Miamiawks 95, 76ers 93	
Dallas (95)	
Howard 3-13 4-6 10, Nowitzki 7-23 10-10 24, Dampier 0-0 2-2, Kidd 8-11 0-0 22, Wright 3-5 0-0 7, Terry 9-16 1-2 20, Hollins 2-3 0-0 4, Carroll 0-0 0-0, Barea 1-2 0-0 2, Bass 2-3 0-0 4, Totals 35-76 17-20 95.	

Philadelphia (93)	
Igoudala 6-15 3-18, Young 4-7 3-5 11, Dalembert 3-5 0-0 6, Miller 8-13 2-12 22, W. Green 1-7 0-0 2, L. Williams 10-21 1-2 25, Ivie 3-7 3-4 11, Speights 1-4 0-0 2, Evans 2-3 2-4 6, Totals 35-82 14-21 93.	

Dallas (95)	
Dallas 16 26 32 21 - 95	
Philadelphia 22 24 18 25 - 93	

3-Point Goals—Dallas 8-20 (Kidd 6-8, Wright 1-3, Terry 1-5, Howard 0-1, Bass 0-1, Nowitzki 0-2), Philadelphia 9-22 (L. Williams 4-9, Igoudala 3-3, Ivey 2-5, Miller 0-1, Young 0-1, W. Green 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 47 (Kidd 12), Philadelphia 48 (Kidd 6), Philadelphia 17 (Miller 7), Total Fouls—Dallas 25, Philadelphia 16. A—14,503 (20,318).	
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Rockets 115, Nuggets 113	
Denver (113)	
Jones 4-5 2-2 10, Martin 9-17 3-5 22, Nene 9-15 5-8 23, Billups 3-12 5-13, Smith 9-14 1-2 24, Kleiza 4-7 1-9, Andersen 2-3 1-2 5, Foster 2-4 2-7 7, Totals 42-77 20-27 113.	

Houston (115)	
Battler 3-7 0-0 6, Scola 8-14 0-1 16, Yao 13-19 5-7 31, Alston 7-15 1-2 18, Wafer 7-17 3-14, Barry 3-4 2-2 11, Landry 1-5 2-2 4, Hayes 1-2 0-0 2, Brooks 3-7 1-2 9, Totals 46-90 14-20 115.	

Denver (113)	
Denver 36 32 19 26 - 113	
Houston 39 29 25 25 - 115	

3-Point Goals—Denver 9-17 (Smith 5-7, Billups 2-4, Carter 1-2, Martin 1-2, Kleiza 0-2), Houston 9-25 (Barry 3-4, Alston 3-7, Brooks 2-3, Wafer 1-7, Scola 0-1, Battler 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 46 (Nene 12), Houston 46 (Scola 8), Assists—Denver 30 (Billups 12), Houston 23 (Alston 11). Total Fouls—Denver 19, Houston 19. Technicals—Martin, Yao. A—18,199 (18,043).	
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Hornets 103, Pacers 100	
Indiana (100)	
Granger 2-2 2-6, Paul 8-13 5-5 17, Foster 1-2 2-3, Jack 4-11 2-4 11, Dunleavy 5-13 1-1 11, Graham 6-9 0-0 14, Ford 3-10 2-2 8, M. Daniels 0-1 0-0, Nesterovic 2-4 2-2 6, Diener 0-0 0-0, Totals 37-86 18-22 100.	

New Orleans (103)	
Stojakovic 8-14 5-26, Marks 1-5 0-0 2, Chandler 2-2 2-6, Paul 8-13 5-5 17, Butler 6-16 2-3 17, Posey 1-3 4-7, A. Daniels 2-5 2-2 7, Armstrong 2-3 0-0 4, Peterson 3-3 0-0 3, Brown 0-1 1-2 1, Ely 0-2 1-2 1, Wright 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 32-71 27-34 103.	

New Orleans (103)	
New Orleans 28 27 10 35 - 100	
Indiana 28 30 18 25 - 103	

3-Point Goals—Indiana 8-19 (Granger 5-7, Graham 2-2, Jack 1-4, Dunleavy 0-3, Murphy 0-5), New Orleans 12-26 (Stojakovic 5-9,	
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Butler 3-8, A. Daniels 1-2, Paul 1-2, Peterson 1-2, Posey 1-3), Fouled Out—Ford, Rebounds—Indiana 53 (Murphy 11), New Orleans 46 (Ely 6), Assists—Indiana 22 (Murphy 5), New Orleans 20 (Paul 9), Total Fouls—Indiana 26, New Orleans 22. Technicals—Indiana defensive three second 2, Flagrant Fouls—Armstrong—A—17,237 (17,188).

Pistons 87, Grizzlies 79	
Detroit (87)	
Hamilton 7-12 0-0 14, Prince 2-12 0-0 4, Wallace 4-12 4-13, Iversion 11-18 5-8 27, Stuckey 7-12 0-0 14, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, McDyess 3-3 2-4 8, Maxiell 2-3 3-7, Bynum 0-1 0-0 0, Aftairo 1-0 0-0, Totals 36-75 14-22 87.	

Memphis (79)	
Gay 7-16 0-0 15, Arthur 3-9 2-2 8, Gasol 4-9 4-6 12, Mayo 5-15 4-5 15, Conley 4-5 2-2 10, Warrick 6-14 0-0 12, Lowry 1-3 1-2 3, Janic 1-2 0-0 2, Miles 1-4 0-0 2, Buckner 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 32-77 17-13 79.	

Detroit (87)	
Detroit 20 23 24 20 - 87	
Memphis 17 22 30 10 - 79	

3-Point Goals—Detroit 11 (Wallace 1-5, Iverson 0-1, Hamilton 0-1, Prince 0-2, Stuckey 0-2), Memphis 2-8 (Gay 1-2, Mayo 1-4, Lowry 0-1, Warrick 0-1), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 43 (Murray 8), Memphis 48 (Gasol 13), Assists—Detroit 18 (Hamilton 6), Memphis 15 (Conley 5). Total Fouls—Detroit 17, Memphis 20. Technical—Maxiell. A—17,483 (18,119).	
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Hawks 87, Raptors 84	
Toronto (84)	
Nolan 4-9 0-0 7, Bosh 7-14 8-10 22, Bargnani 8-20 4-5 20, Parker 6-12 0-0 12, Graham 2-7 0-0 4, Kapono 4-11 0-0 9, Voskuhl 0-3 0-0 0, Ukie 4-8 0-0 8, Totals 35-84 12-15 84.	

Atlanta (87)	
Evans 1-6 0-0 2, Smith 9-18 4-8 22, Pachulia 0-2 0-0 0, Bibby 9-15 2-3 23, Johnson 10-21 5-6 28, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Murray 4-13 2-3 12, Gardner 0-2 0-0 0, Law 0-1 0-0 0, West 0-0 0-0 0, Morris 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 33-79 14-20 87.	

Toronto (84)	
Toronto 24 27 13 20 - 84	
Atlanta 23 19 20 25 - 87	

3-Point Goals—Toronto 2-18 (Moon 1-4, Kapono 1-4, Ukie 0-1, Bargnani 0-4, Parker 0-4), Atlanta 7-26 (Johnson 3-6, Bibby 3-7, Murray 1-7, Gardner 0-2, Evans 0-4), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 56 (Bosh 14), Atlanta 48 (Smith 14), Assists—Toronto 20 (Parker 9), Atlanta 17 (Bibby 5), Total Fouls—Toronto 17, Atlanta 17. Technicals—Bargnani, Toronto defensive three second 2. A—17,199 (18,729).	
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Spurs 85, Bobcats 84	
San Antonio (86)	
Finley 1-9 1-1 3, Duncan 6-13 5-11 17, Bonner 2-3 0-0 5, Parker 3-11 7-8 13, Mason 4-9 2-4 12, Ginobili 4-11 0-0 10, Thomas 2-5 1-2 5, H. B-5 4-5 10, Oberto 2-2 0-0 2, Bowen 2-2 1-5, Udoka 1-2 2-4, Totals 29-71 23-34 86.	

Charlotte (84)	
Wallace 3-12 3-4 9, Diaw 7-19 1-2 16, Okafor 6-9 0-2 12, Felton 4-11 3-3 13, Bell 6-11 11-11 25, Singletary 1-4 2-3, Brown 1-2 0-2 2, Howard 1-7 1-2 3, Mohammed 1-2 0-1, Morrison 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 29-80 21-28 84.	

San Antonio (86)	
San Antonio 29 17 17 23 - 86	
Charlotte 21 20 27 16 - 84	

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 5-21 (Ginobili 2-5, Mason 2-6, Bonner 2-2, Parker 0-1, Finley 0-7), Charlotte 5-14 (Felton 2-3, Bell 1-4, Diaw 1-5), Wallace 0-1, Singletary 0-1, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 51 (Duncan 11), Charlotte 50 (Diaw 13), Assists—San Antonio 20 (Parker 10), Charlotte 19 (Felton 9). Total Fouls—San Antonio 22, Charlotte 26. Technicals—Duncan, San Antonio defensive three second, Charlotte Coach Brown. A—16,160 (19,077).	
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Celtics 104, Suns 87	
PHOENIX (87)	
Hill 4-10 0-0 10, Stoudemire 0-7 3-4 3, O'Neal 8-13 0-0 16, Richardson 4-7 0-1 8, Nash 5-7 0-0 12, Amundson 5-6 3-5 13, Barnes 1-7 0-0 2, Barbosa 1-5 1-1 3, Lopez 1-1 1-2 3, Tucker 4-6 3-11, Dudley 1-2 0-0 2, Dragic 0-1 4-4 4, Totals 34-72 15-21 87.	

Boston (104)	
Pierce 6-15 0-0 12, Garnett 7-20 2-16, Scalabrino 2-8 0-0 4, R. Allen 8-12 0-0 20, Rondo 9-15 4-27, Davis 10-1 1-9, Powe 2-7 1-5, Housie 3-4 0-0 6, Pruiett 1-4 0-0 0, Walker 3-3 1-2 7, O'Bryen 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 45-94 14-10 104.	

Phoenix (87)	
Phoenix 15 19 24 29 - 87	
Boston 30 24 25 15 - 104	

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 4-11 (Nash 2-2, Hill 2-3, Tucker 0-1, Richardson 0-2, Barnes 0-3), Celtics 5-15 (R. Allen 4-5, Pruiett 1-0), Scalabrino 0-3, Pierce 0-3, Housie 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 46 (O'Neal 11), Boston 52 (Davis 9), Assists—Phoenix 17 (Nash 8), Boston 30 (Pierce 8), Total Fouls—Phoenix 16, Boston 22. A—18,624 (18,624).	
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Timberwolves 94, Clippers 86	
MINNESOTA (94)	
Johnson 18-34 10-14, Smith 9-14 2-2 20, Jefferson 9-21 2-2 20, Telfair 2-9 2-4 6, Foye 6-11 2-2 17, Miller 3-9 0-0 6, Carney 1-7 2-2 5, Love 2-9 2-3 6, Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 39-93 12-15 94.	

L.A. Clippers (86)	
Thorn 2-18 0-0 12, Skinner 3-10 2-4 8, Jordan 4-6 0-2 8, M. Collins 2-7 0-0 4, Gordon 10-19 2-2 25, R. Davis 2-7 2-3 6, Novak 6-10 3-3 18, Jones 1-5 3-3 12, Totals 41-82 17-27 86.	

Minnesota (94)	
Minnesota 26 21 24 23 - 94	
L.A. Clippers 20 28 22 86 - 86	

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 12 (Telfair 9), L.A. Clippers 22 (M. Collins 8), Total Fouls—Minnesota 17, L.A. Clippers 17. A—14,399 (19,060).	
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Warriors 115, Wizards 98	
WASHINGTON (98)	
Jamison 9-17 3-4 22, McGuire 2-6 1-3 5, Blatche 10-19 2-2 22, James	

Jets agree to make Rex Ryan head coach

NEW YORK — The New York Jets are confident Rex Ryan was worth the wait.

The Baltimore Ravens' defensive coordinator was hired Monday as New York's coach, three weeks after the Jets fired Eric Mangini following a late-season collapse.

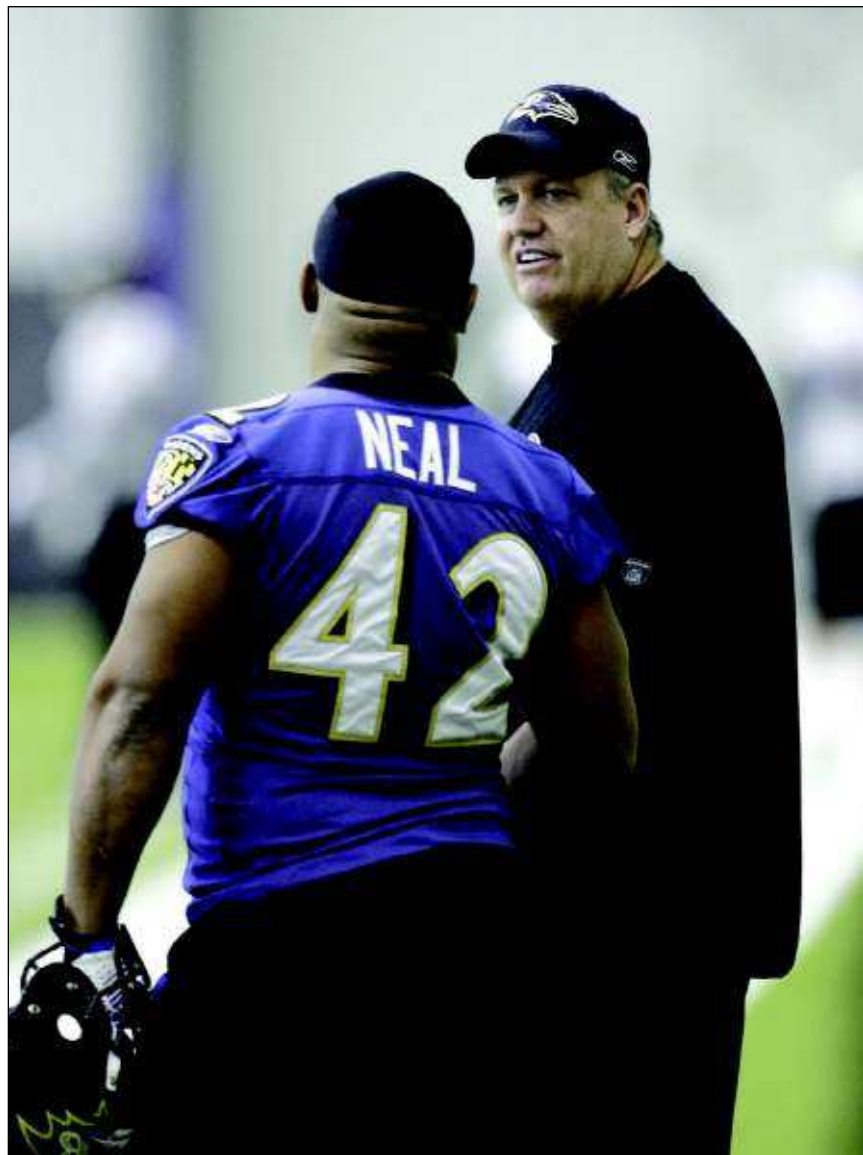
"We got the right man for the job," owner Woody Johnson said in a statement.

It became apparent the 46-year-old Ryan was at the top of the Jets' list of candidates when several other teams filled their coaching vacancies and New York's remained open. The Jets needed Baltimore's season to end — which happened Sunday with a 23-14 loss at Pittsburgh in the AFC championship game — before offering him the job.

Ryan, the son of former NFL coach Buddy Ryan, will be formally introduced at a news conference Wednesday at the Jets' facility in Florham Park, N.J.

"It's been a dream of mine to become a head coach in the NFL," Ryan said in a statement. "Coming here to the New York Jets, where my father once coached and was part of the Super Bowl III staff, is fantastic. I look around at the facilities and the people they have in place and see a first-class organization. I'm just proud to be part of it."

The Jets announced the hiring, but released no other details. The contract is for four years, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity earlier Monday because the deal had not yet



Baltimore Ravens fullback Lorenzo Neal, left, talks with defensive coordinator Rex Ryan, right, before the start of football practice on Jan. 16 in Owings Mills, Md. Ryan will be introduced as the new head coach of the New York Jets on Wednesday.

AP photo

been announced.

The deal was finalized Monday afternoon after Johnson and general manager Mike Tannenbaum flew down to Baltimore in the morning to iron out the details, Jets spokesman Bruce Speight said.

Ryan takes over a team that started 8-3, but missed the playoffs with quarterback Brett Favre after losing four of its last five games.

This will be the first head coaching job for Ryan, who is said to be well liked among his players because of his

straightforward, no-nonsense style.

Whether Ryan will have Favre on his roster this season is unclear. The 39-year-old quarterback recently said he would take several weeks before deciding whether to return.

Nicknamed "The Mad Scientist" for his aggressive and unpredictable game plans, Ryan prefers to run a 3-4 defensive scheme, which the Jets already have in place. New York spent big money last offseason acquiring players that excel in the 3-4, including nose tackle Kris Jenkins and linebacker Calvin Pace.

Ryan inherits a defense that had an impressive start with 29 sacks in its first eight games but just 12 in the last half of the season. The secondary also might need a makeover, ranking 29th overall against the pass despite Pro Bowl cornerback Darrelle Revis and playmaking safety Kerry Rhodes.

MCGAHEE RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL, RETURNS HOME

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Ravens running back Willis McGahee returned to his Baltimore home Monday after spending the night in a Pittsburgh hospital recovering from a helmet-to-helmet hit in the AFC championship game against the Steelers.

McGahee was carted from the field on a stretcher Sunday after colliding with Steelers safety Ryan Clark. The play occurred in the fourth quarter of Pittsburgh's 23-14 victory.

Although he had significant neck pain, McGahee had movement in his arms and legs after the hit. He was taken to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh and held overnight for observa-

tion. McGahee was released early Monday morning and back in Baltimore home by early afternoon.

TEAMMATE PREDICTS WARD WILL PLAY IN SUPER BOWL

PITTSBURGH — Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward has a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee, but one of his teammates is certain he will play in the Super Bowl.

Ward wasn't available to reporters on Monday, but tight end Heath Miller can't imagine one of the NFL's most durable players not playing. Ward was the MVP of the Steelers' win over Seattle in the Super Bowl three years ago.

"I don't think there's any question 86 will be on the field," Miller said. "I don't even know the extent of his injury, but I saw him walking today so I'm pretty sure that two weeks from now he'll be playing."

Ward, the second-leading receiver in Steelers postseason history, was injured making a catch late in the first quarter of the Steelers' 23-14 victory over Baltimore in the AFC championship game Sunday night. He returned briefly and made another catch, but did not play during the second half.

Ward was scheduled to undergo an MRI on Monday, but the Steelers did not release the results. Coach Mike Tomlin is expected to issue an injury update on Tuesday.

— The Associated Press

Hair

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When he finally got his weight down to something manageable, Hampton played ball, although he failed to make the Pro Bowl, something he had done in four of the five previous seasons.

In any event, he made it almost impossible to run against the Steelers. He and Smith tied up the defensive linemen, allowing Farrior to plug the inside. Farrior led the team with 133 tackles in the regular season and he has 31 more in the playoffs.

Only five of Pittsburgh's 16 regular-season opponents rushed for more than 100 yards and they allowed only 3.3 yards per rush. In two playoff games, San Diego and Baltimore have run for a TOTAL of 88 yards and an average of 2.4 per carry.

That makes it easier for Farrior — and Polamalu — to

clean things up and for Woodley and Harrison to get to Kurt Warner. The best way to shut down Fitzgerald is to hurry Warner the way the Steelers hurried Joe Flacco on Sunday.

Edgerrin James, Tim Hightower and J.J. Arrington, RBs, Arizona:

The Cardinals' backs must provide at least a semblance of a running game to set up the most dangerous part of the Arizona offense: Warner throwing to Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin and Steve Breaston.

That won't be easy against the Pittsburgh defense.

The Cardinals were last in the NFL in rushing last season, which might cut it in the NFC West, where Warner picked apart secondaries. But it won't against Pittsburgh — not with Harrison and

Woodley flying in from the edges against a quarterback whose ball security has always been a bit suspect.

Arizona has managed to do a decent job of running in the playoffs.

Even though the Cardinals' rushing average in three postseason wins is just 3.3 yards, they've been effective enough to allow Warner to hook up with his receiving weapons, notably Fitzgerald, who has 419 yards receiving — already more than the record set in 1988 by Jerry Rice.

James, hasn't been close to the Pro Bowl form he had in his days in Indianapolis in his three years in Arizona, but set the stage Sunday.

In the first half of the NFC championship game against Philadelphia, he had 56 yards on seven carries, helping the Cardinals to a 24-6 lead. That

kind of success resulted in single coverage on a receiver who can't be covered by one man — like the flea-flicker that Arrington threw back to Warner, who found Fitzgerald for a 62-yard touchdown play.

But stats don't tell it all. Arizona's average per carry in the postseason is actually less than its 3.5 average in the regular season.

But the Cardinals have kept at it, which means opponents must be aware of the run — they have been over 100 yards on the ground twice, with 102 against the Eagles in the title game, when the biggest play was on the ground. That was the 6-yard run around the right side by Hightower on fourth-and-1 from the Philadelphia 49 that kept the Cardinals' winning drive going.

Hightower, a rookie from

Richmond who took James' job midway through the season before giving it back, had just 33 yards on 11 carries. But he also had the 8-yard TD catch on a screen pass on the winning score, a play on which Philadelphia expected a screen but Hightower man-

aged to weave through the defense.

Yes, double coverage on Fitzgerald opened the way.

But it took a little-known rookie to make the play work.

Would it be any surprise if someone like that is the star of the Super Bowl?

Deals

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157 games, drew 99 walks and led AL outfielders with 17 assists.

The only bigger deal for the Orioles was the \$72 million, six-year contract shortstop Miguel Tejada signed before the 2003 season.

Madson was 4-2 with a 3.05 ERA in 76 games in 2008. The right-hander played a key role in a strong bullpen, helping the Phillies win their first World Series championship since 1980. Madson finished the season as the primary setup man for closer Brad Lidge, who was 48-for-48 in save chances, including the post-season.

The deal calls for Madson to receive a \$1 million signing bonus, \$2 million this season, \$4.5 million in 2010 and \$4.5 million in 2011. He would have been eligible for free agency after next season, and the deal is unusual because many of agent Scott Boras' clients opt to become free agents before agreeing

to long-term contracts.

Four prominent closers agreed to one-year deals: Bobby Jenks of the Chicago White Sox (\$5.6 million), Huston Street of Colorado (\$4.5 million), Kevin Gregg of the Chicago Cubs (\$4.2 million) and Mike Gonzalez of Atlanta (\$3.45 million). Colorado didn't immediately announce its deals with Street and left-hander Jorge de la Rosa (\$2 million).

Seattle right-hander Felix Hernandez agreed to a \$3.8 million, one-year contract. Hernandez made \$540,000 last year, when the 22-year-old right-hander went 9-11 with a 3.45 ERA and 175 strikeouts.

St. Louis announced deals with right-hander Todd Wellemeyer (\$4.05 million) and outfielder Chris Duncan (\$825,000), and the New York Mets reached agreements with reliever Duane Sanchez (\$1,687,500) and outfielder Jeremy Reed (\$925,000).

The Los Angeles Angels

agreed with catcher Mike Napoli (\$2 million), Kansas City with left-hander Jimmy Gobble (\$1.35 million), Toronto with right-hander Brandon League (\$640,000), Houston with catcher Humberto Quintero (\$610,000) and the Los

Angeles Dodgers with outfielder Jason Repko (\$500,000).

Florida reached unannounced agreements with third baseman Jorge Cantu (\$3.5 million) and outfielder Jeremy Hermida (\$2.25 million).

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