



Sunny.

Business 8

# The POTTERY PLACE

CSI instructors, students showcase their wares this weekend.



CROSSTOWN BATTLE &gt;&gt;&gt; TFHS, CRHS girls basketball teams play, SPORTS 1



75 CENTS

FRIDAY

December 4, 2009

# TIMES-NEWS

MagicValley.com

## Finding a funding fix



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Construction crews move dirt from the Rock Creek Canyon along a portion of U.S. Highway 93 in Twin Falls that will support a bridge once it is completed about two years from now. Known as the Twin Falls Alternate Route, the \$26.6 million, six-mile project is being paid for through stimulus money.

## Lawmakers don't expect road debates in new session

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Idaho's road needs have captured the attention of more than just motorists.

A task force started by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is looking at the issue, which became contentious in the 2009 legislative session as lawmakers rejected gas tax increases pushed by the governor to generate funding for highway construction. But with the economy battered and primary elections following the session,

a similar showdown over a gas tax appears unlikely for the 2010 session.

The 15-member task force isn't due to submit a final report until Dec. 1, 2010 — after both the session and the next election are done. That doesn't mean there will be no discussion about road construction needs.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, a member of the task force, said that most of the input the task force has received at this point is about needs — the first half

of the equation. Also a member of the House transportation committee, Smith said that legislators this session will still get input from highway districts, cities and counties about local needs.

He said that suggestions about funding will likely come up in committee meetings, but that he doubts there will be legislation.

"It will certainly continue after the legislative session," Smith said.

While transportation

dollars come from dedicated sources such as vehicle registration fees and federal funding not tied to the state's general budget, the state's needs for highway dollars outweigh current funding levels.

Idaho Transportation Department officials told the task force at a meeting this week that Idaho is short \$211 million a year from what's necessary to maintain its roads and bridges in their current condition.

See **ROADS**, Main 2

## Elgee back on the bench in Blaine Co.

Judge: Disqualification issue 'resolved itself', prosecutor in Twin Falls Co. says policy remains unchanged

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

Hailey-based 5th District Court Judge Robert Elgee said this week that prosecutors in Blaine County are no longer disqualifying him from presiding over criminal cases, but remained mum on a similar situation in Twin Falls.

County prosecutors in Twin Falls and Hailey had disqualified Elgee from their cases under Idaho Criminal Rule 25 since at least November 2008. Neither has said why, and under Idaho Criminal Rule 25, they don't have to.

In Blaine County, Elgee is back on the bench for criminal cases, he said Tuesday. The situation, he said, has "resolved itself" during the past few months. Blaine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas did not immediately return a call Thursday

for comment.

Elgee declined to say how it stands in Twin Falls, though, where Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb claims the situation remains unchanged.

Loeb said he doesn't track how many times Elgee has been disqualified through his office, and Elgee said he is also unaware of what that number might be.

Asked for Elgee's disqualification numbers, the trial court administrator's office for the 5th Judicial District provided totals Thursday for all judges combined so far this year, but not numbers specific to Elgee, saying that is not tracked.

Elgee recently asked the Idaho Supreme Court to consider changing the disqualification rule, because he claimed it was being abused against him. He gave

See **ELGEE**, Main 2

## IESDB expected to avoid budget cuts from state

By Damon Hunzeker  
Times-News writer

As enrollments increase and budgets decrease, Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind (IESDB) is one of many agencies making adjustments.

State appropriations for IESDB, formerly the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding, were reduced from \$8,452,700 in fiscal year 2009 to \$7,794,800 in fiscal year 2010. However, in the new school year, the agency's status has changed — granting it exemption from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's budget holdbacks in September under protection of the Public Education Stabilization Fund.

"We were protected just like all school districts are ... it depends what the Legislature decides to do (in January). We were protected then, and if the Legislature decides to allow us to utilize the stabilization fund, we'll fall into the same protected category," Aylee Schaefer,

the interim administrator, said.

But because of the 2009 reductions, the school continues to battle funding issues as more students need to be educated while fewer teachers are paid at previous levels.

On the Gooding campus, 82 students are currently enrolled — while, in the statewide outreach program, 1,073 students are served by the agency.

The previous year, the numbers were 77 on campus and 1,047 in the outreach program, which entails teachers from the agency's seven regional offices working with deaf and blind students directly in their home districts and providing support to teachers in district classrooms.

Meanwhile, since the reductions, Schaefer said, IESDB teachers have had their work load reduced to 90 percent or, in some cases, 80 percent. Several vacant positions — largely open

See **IESDB**, Main 2

## Police: Buhl truck thief nabbed in 12 minutes

Jonathan Guidi arrested for DUI, possession of stolen vehicle

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

Rory Yekel learned his lesson, he said, after a thief on Wednesday night sped away in his pickup that was left running outside of Oasis Stop and Go in Buhl.

Next time he goes into a store, Yekel, 40, plans to refrain from leaving his vehi-

cle running with groceries in the back, he said.

That is since Yekel watched his red Toyota truck speed away, only to be found minutes later by police.

Yekel immediately dialed dispatch shortly after 9 p.m. when the truck sped off, and Filer police and Twin Falls



Guidi

"I still can't believe they coordinated that quickly to get my truck."

— Rory Yekel, whose truck was stolen Wednesday night in Buhl, but found 12 minutes later

County sheriff's deputies in the area were on the case. After only 12 minutes Filer police found the stolen truck and arrested its alleged thief, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Lori Stewart.

Jonathan Dillard Guidi, 25,

of Sacramento, Calif., was jailed Wednesday night on charges of possession of a stolen vehicle and driving under the influence, after Filer police spotted him in Yekel's truck along U.S. Highway 30 heading into

See **THIEF**, Main 2

## Coats for Kids bundles up on donations

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

As wintertime chills freeze the Magic Valley, one organization is helping with a basic need that children will still have after Christmas: coats.

Coats for Kids is collecting winter coats this holiday season and distributing them to children in need of a coat. Donating to Coats for Kids is simple — just leave new or used, gently worn coats in a bin at one of the drop-off locations scattered throughout the region.

Coats for Kids is a volunteer effort of the Twin Falls Optimist Club. Volunteers gather the coats from bins, and Babbel's Cleaners in



Magicvalley.com

WATCH a video about Coats for Kids and see a list of collection bin locations.

Twin Falls cleans them — also a volunteer effort — before they're distributed.

"Without the businesses, without the people donating the coats that their kids have worn, Coats for Kids wouldn't exist," said Patsy Bland, a volunteer and member of Coats for Kids.

As for the needs, Coats for Kids is on track with meeting all the requests, but Bland said more coats will be needed when the full brunt of winter hits.

"We haven't had a heavy

snow yet," she said. "At the first heavy snow, we'll have a lot of requests."

This year, hundreds of children will be wearing coats from the effort. The goal isn't a number of coats — instead, it's to meet all the needs.

"Our goal is to keep a coat on every child that needs it," Bland said.

Coats for all ages of children, from babies several months old to teenagers, are needed. Coats for Kids is looking for heavy winter



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Rose McBride, a supervisor at Babbel's Cleaners in Twin Falls, grabs donated coats from a bin and shoves them into a washing machine. 'It just fits right in with everything else that we do,' says McBride about the donated coats that will go to the Coats for Kids program.

coats — not jackets, sweaters or windbreakers. Winter hats and gloves are also welcome.

So dig through your closet and attic and look for that

overlooked but durable coat that's not in use.

"We will see that that coat keeps somebody warm," Bland said.

Holiday helpers

GET A COAT

For information about obtaining a coat, contact your child's school for a form to fill out.

You can also call Patsy Bland at 308-8942 for information about Coats for Kids.

WANT TO HELP?

If you know of another charity seeking public donations for the holidays, contact Deputy Editor David Cooper at 735-3246 or dcooper@magicvalley.com.

Ben Botkin may be reached at bbotkin@magicvalley.com.



Comics .....Sports 7  
Commodities .....Business 2  
Community ....Business 3-4

Crossword .....Classifieds 7  
Dear Abby .....Classifieds 6  
Movies .....Entertainment 2

Obituaries .....Business 7  
Opinion .....Main 6-7  
Sudoku .....Classifieds 6

**FORMER ANTIQUE SHOP GETS NEW TENANT**  
Grandma's Attic moves to new location. > **Business 1**



# Stormtroopers among us: Die-hard Nazis filled Camp Rupert

Five miles west of Paul, there are still some traces left of Camp Rupert, a World War II German prisoner of war camp that held up to 3,300 POWs and administrated a network of satellite camps stretching from Sidney, Mont., to Wilder.

But not just any prisoners of war wound up at Rupert. According to Tomas Jaehn, curator of the Chavez Library at the Palace of Governors historical museum in Santa Fe, N.M., the 300-acre Minidoka County compound was home to captured members of elite SS divisions.

The Waffen-SS was the combat arm of the SS, an organ of the Nazi party. Although it served alongside the regular German army, it was never part of it — its members swearing personal loyalty to the party. Heinrich Himmler, Adolf Hitler's notorious henchman, was its boss.

After the war, at the Nuremberg trials, the Waffen-SS was condemned as a criminal organization because of its essential connection to the Nazi Party and its involvement in war crimes.

"Camp Rupert was not an ordinary POW camp," Jaehn writes in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*. "The 9th Service Command at Fort Douglas, Utah, designated it as a disciplinary camp, where all prisoners (had) records of infractions of discipline in other camps. Some had supported sit-down strikes, others were recaptured escapees, and still others were politically or socially difficult."

It was one of the toughest POW camps, Jaehn says, with dogs and added fences to control "recalcitrant German prisoners of war."

They included hundreds of members of the SS

YOU DON'T SAY  
**Steve Crump**



Panzer Division Das Reich, infamous for the 1944 massacre of 642 French civilians in the village of Oradour-sur-Glane, and the 1st SS Division Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler, the Führer's personal body-guard.

These were battle-hardened soldiers. The Leibstandarte, for example, had fought in every major German campaign of the war, from the invasion of Poland to the defense of Berlin. Das Reich was famous for destroying American tanks during the Normandy invasion.

"(POW Wilhelm) Reichelt understood that one must refrain from publicly questioning Nazi philosophy to avoid offending die-hard Nazi supporters in the camp," writes Jaehn, a former archivist at the Idaho State Historical Library. "As long as one remained silent on political issues, and as long as one was careful with young U.S. guards who were fearful of seasoned Afrika Corps POWs, imprisonment was bearable. If prisoners voiced political opinions, all bets were off. Short of murder, whatever happened among the prisoners was of little concern to American authorities. For example, Jakob Duppengeier criticized some fellow inmates for attempting to link the German memorial day to the Nazi party; later that night he was brutally beaten by four prisoners. The prisoners were never sought."

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Forest Service announces winter closures

Sawtooth National Forest officials have announced their annual closures in the Fairfield Ranger District, areas blocked to motorized traffic to protect wintering wildlife.

Snowmobiles and other vehicles are not allowed in the area along the South Fork of the Boise River drainage east of Featherville to Couch Summit, and up Little Smoky Creek to Red Rock

Creek, as of last Tuesday. Specific areas in Willow Creek east of Fairfield are also closed. All of the restrictions last through May 1.

Violators are subject to fines; permits are available for property owners who need access to their property.

Motorized travel near

wintering elk can harm the creatures by forcing them to expend energy reserves in search of safety, stated Idaho Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Biologist Regan Berkley in a press release.

"There are many excellent snowmobiling opportuni-

ties on the Sawtooth National Forest outside of the winter range closure," said David Skinner, the Fairfield district's wildlife biologist. "We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation in respecting this closure."

— Staff reports

SEE WHAT'S NEW AT [MAGICVALLEY.COM](http://MAGICVALLEY.COM)

### Festival of Lights Parade held tonight

Times-News

The Twin Falls Business Improvement District's Festival of Lights Parade will be held at 6 p.m. tonight.

The parade will be held on Main Avenue in Twin Falls. The parade route will begin in the 500 block of Main Avenue East and will travel to the 500 Block of Main Avenue West.

The Twin Falls Police Department will close Main Avenue from its intersection with Murtaugh Street to its intersection with Castleford Street. Shoshone Street will also be closed between Second Avenue North and Second Avenue South.

The street closures will begin at 5 p.m. continue until the parade is over and the pedestrian traffic has safely dispersed.

The Twin Falls Police Department encourages drivers to be cautious while driving in the vicinity and to plan ahead when traveling through this area.

## "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

*Enjoy the beautiful sound of the season with Affordable Hearing:*

Premium Blue Tooth Compatible From \$67/mo	High-End Active Lifestyle From \$55/mo	Value Packaged for Any Lifestyle From \$44/mo	Entry-Level Full Digital From \$33/mo
---	---	--	--

*Financing Available with No Money Down (OAC- ask for details). Payments as low as \$22/mo. Due to our buying volume, we can match or beat any competitor's price!*

## Try it yourself - for the holidays! 14-Day NO OBLIGATION Trial

*Find out for yourself! Hear better at the Christmas Play, Family Dinner, or Watching the Holiday Specials on TV. Call us for this FREE 14-Day Holiday Hearing Demo!*

**Hearing Aid**  
COUNSELORS & AUDIOLOGY  
*Your new life starts today*  
[www.hearingcounselors.com](http://www.hearingcounselors.com)

**1239 Pole Line Road East / Suite 314-C / Twin Falls, Idaho**  
**(208)733-0601 / (800)922-4442**

# WHY EVER WOULD YOU PAY MORE FOR TV?

## GET OVER 120 TOP CHANNELS INCLUDING LOCAL CHANNELS (where available)

# \$24.99/mo

Reg. Price \$39.99/mo

**LOCK IN YOUR SAVINGS FOR A YEAR**

FOR 12 MONTHS (with Agreement)

**FREE HBO & SHOWTIME**

3 CHANNELS FOR 3 MONTHS (with Agreement)

**FREE DVR**

UPGRADE (\$5.98/mo DVR Service fee applies)

**3 FOR FREE**

GET HD RECEIVERS FOR UP TO 3 TV'S

**5 PREMIUM MOVIE CHANNELS**

FOR A PENNY FOR 1 YEAR

**DISH REMOTE ACCESS - Now on every VIP® DVR receiver**  
Manage your DVR and record your favorite shows from your computer or iPhone™.

Bring home the gift of DISH Network this holiday season.

**AUTHORIZED RETAILER**

# GET SET FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## CHRISTMAS TREES FRESH CUT

### Douglas Fir 5'-7'

# \$19.99

**Grand or Noble Fir 5'-7'** \$29.99

### Multi-Tool Combo Pack

Two Multi-tools with built-in LED Lights. Pliers, openers, more.

#117-824  
Reg. \$33.99

# \$19.99

### Circular Saw Clock 17 pc. Drill Bit Set

#106-037  
Reg. \$14.99

# \$8.99

## 300 CT. MINI LIGHT SET

300 Mini Lights CLEAR

#103-555  
REG. \$24.99

# \$14.99

300 Mini Lights MULTI

#565-267  
REG. \$9.49

# \$6.99

### LED Flashlight Bonus LED Crank Light

#103-555  
REG. \$24.99

# \$14.99

# QUALES Electronics

1730 Kimberly Rd. • 733-4910

# Krengel's Hardware

# True Value

START RIGHT. START HERE.™

Special Home Advantage offer requires 24-month commitment and credit qualification. Customer receives credits for each of the first 12 months. If service is terminated before the end of 24 months, a cancellation fee of \$55 per month remaining will be charged. All equipment is leased, and must be returned to DISH Network upon cancellation or an equipment fee will be charged. Limit 4 buyers per account; lease-to-own will apply for select receivers; additional monthly fee apply for each receiver added beyond the first. HBO/Showtime: Customer receives credits for each of the first 3 months; customer must call or use website to downgrade or terminate service; additional monthly fee applies. Offer ends 12/31/09. ©2009 DISH Network. All prices, packages and programming subject to change without notice. Offer is subject to the terms of the Promotional and Residential Customer Agreements. Local channels are only available in certain areas; additional fees may apply. HBO® and Showtime® channels and service marks are the property of Home Box Office, Inc. SHOWTIME and related marks are trademarks of Showtime Networks Inc., a CBS company. iPhone is a trademark of Apple, Inc. 531001705\_03/09/09 AD 1, 4

628 Main Avenue South • Twin Falls • 736-0080  
HOURS: MON.-SAT. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. • SUN. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
[www.truevalue.com/krengels](http://www.truevalue.com/krengels)

# Filer advertises bids for sewer project

By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Filer has the go-ahead to begin construction of its long-awaited new sewer project.

Rob Hegstrom, with J-U-B Engineers of Twin Falls, told the Filer City Council Tuesday that the designs for a \$12.5 million sewer project have passed through the USDA Rural Development and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality inspection process. As a result, the bidding process is set to begin.

“Bid advertisements went out this week and we’ll have a pre-bid conference with serious contractors at 10 a.m. on Dec. 15 here at the city office,” Hegstrom said. “There are a lot of people who already know about this, and we’re excited to be off and running.”

All received bids will be opened at the Filer city office, 300 Main St., at 10 a.m. Jan. 7.

The \$7.9 million membrane bioreactor system consists of an expandable five-to-15 acre footprint that breaks down wastewater and filters out pollutants using a series of filters and ultraviolet radiation. Remaining impurities and compacted solids are then dried for disposal. The treated, potable water is suitable for irrigation or aquifer recharge.

The price tag also includes \$4.6 million to upgrades for approximately 7.3 miles of deteriorated sewer collection line, extending from U.S. Highway 30 to North Street and Fair Avenue to Stevens Street.

In other action, Filer Mutual Telephone Company has temporarily withdrawn a request asking the city to allow the construction of a 160-foot wireless communications tower on property behind the Filer Mutual office on Main Street.

“We’ve been approached by University of Idaho to supply research facilities in Kimberly and Hagerman with 100 (megabyte Internet service pipeline) for their expansion,” said Filer Mutual General Manager Steve Cowger. “For that to happen, we have to have a more robust tower with extra height to transmit above existing grain elevators and serve a wider area.”

Concerns the proposed site would not meet a 300-foot setback requirement, as well as questions about possible frequency interference with police and emergency radio transmissions, kept the council from making a decision until additional research has been presented.

Tower approval would require an amendment to city code FCC 9-9-14, which prohibits the erection of lattice towers within non-residential zones. Filer City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich suggested that Filer Mutual take a closer look at how the change would affect city code.

“You need to go back

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

### Twin Falls County Thursday arraignments

Terence Leo Thompson, 52, Twin Falls; assault on a police officer, Dec. 22 pretrial, \$300 bond, public defender appointed  
Terence Leo Thompson, 52, Twin Falls; possession of a schedule II drug, Dec. 22 pretrial, \$300 bond, not-guilty plea, public defender appointed  
Brad Lee Erdmann, 33, Buhl; unlawful possession of a firearm, \$1,500 bond, public defender appointed, Dec. 11 preliminary hearing  
Jonathan Dillard Guidi, 25, Sacramento, Calif.; possession of a stolen vehicle, Dec. 11 preliminary hearing, \$15,000 bond, public defender appointed  
Jonathan Dillard Guidi, 25, Sacramento, Calif.; driving under the influence, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, Dec. 22 pretrial  
Terry Decker Jr., 21, Twin Falls; domestic battery, not-guilty plea, Dec. 22 pretrial, \$300 bond  
John Alma Rose, 79, Twin Falls; 11 counts of possession of sexually exploitative material, Dec. 11 preliminary hearing, \$100,000 bond, public defender appointed

# Former Bellevue clerk to pay back \$15,000, serve jail time

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Lacey Loughmiller, the former Bellevue water and sewer clerk who pleaded guilty to embezzling from the city, will pay close to \$15,000 in restitution, in addition to the jail time she was given Tuesday.

Loughmiller, 30, of Richfield, was sentenced to seven years in prison, but most of the sentence was suspended in favor of the state’s

retained jurisdiction, or RIDER, program that focuses on treatment and education. Under that program, inmates serve about six months in prison, and are then re-evaluated by the judge to determine whether they will serve probation or go back to prison.

Of the close to \$15,000 to be paid in restitution, \$500 goes to the city of Bellevue; \$13,381 to the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, which insures counties for court cases; and \$1,050 to the

accountant who performed the audit that detailed Loughmiller’s embezzling. She will also pay a \$1,000 fine and all court costs.

During her sentencing hearing, Loughmiller’s defense attorney cited significant health issues and financial stress that she had been dealing with at the time of the embezzlement. Also noted was that Bellevue’s financial system had been “in shambles” at the time, and if it had been properly managed, her

misdeeds would have been caught quickly.

It is unclear exactly how much Loughmiller embezzled from Bellevue in 2007. At her preliminary hearing in April, the prosecutor showed numerous receipts allegedly signed by Loughmiller and corresponding credit adjustments to those accounts that were not accompanied by explanations. Loughmiller was one of only three employees who could make those adjustments.



**SPECIAL 39.99**  
Reg. \$99.50, after special \$59.99.  
Calvin Klein Jeans puffer jacket. Polyester. S-XXL.



**SPECIAL 14.99**  
Reg. \$60, after special \$30.  
Weatherproof® puffer vest. Polyester. S-XXL.



**SPECIAL 10.99**  
Reg. \$38, after special \$14.99.  
Only at Macy’s.  
John Ashford polos or cotton flannel sportshirts. S-XXL.



**SPECIAL 99.99**  
Reg. \$199.50, after special \$129.99.  
Only at Macy’s.  
Alfani Black Label 3/4-length raincoat.



**SPECIAL 19.99**  
Reg. \$49.50-69.50, after special \$39.99.  
Designer sweaters in select styles. Cotton. S-XXL.



**SPECIAL 69.99**  
Reg. \$195, after special \$89.99.  
Perry Ellis Portfolio wool jacket. S-XXL.

# MORNING SPECIALS 8AM-1PM BOTH DAYS!



**SPECIAL 9.99**  
Reg. \$20-\$30, after special \$14.99. All Totes gifts.  
Shown: crank flashlight with AM/FM radio & phone charger.



**SPECIAL 12.99**  
Reg. \$42, after special \$16.99.  
Only at Macy’s.  
John Ashford cotton twill pants. Waists 32-42.



**SPECIAL 12.99**  
Orig. \* \$37.50-49.50, after special \$18.75-24.75.  
Clearance dress shirts or ties.



**SPECIAL 29.99**  
Reg. \$80, after special \$44.99.  
Only at Macy’s.  
Alfani plush robe for men. Cotton.



**SPECIAL AFTER \$10 REBATE+ 19.99**  
Special \$29.99.  
Reg. \$49.99, after special \$39.99.  
Haier DVD player. #DVD101.



**SPECIAL 37.99**  
Reg. \$74.99, after special \$39.99.  
HoMedics Commercial garment steamer. #PS200.



**SPECIAL AFTER \$10 REBATE+ 19.99**  
Special \$29.99. Reg. \$59.99, after special \$39.99.  
Bella Cucina double buffet server. #13284



**SPECIAL 27.99**  
Reg. \$49.99 & \$44.99, after special \$39.99.  
Your choice: Black & Decker Cyclone 12-speed blender, #BLC1265; or 12-cup coffee maker, #DCM2160.



**SPECIAL 24.99**  
Reg. \$64.99, after special \$29.99.  
Remington shaver. #R41005NB.



**SPECIAL 124.99**  
Reg. \$279.99, after special \$129.99.  
HoMedics Quad-Roller massaging cushion. #QRM400.



**SPECIAL 39.99**  
Reg. \$140, after special \$69.99.  
Only at Macy’s.  
Tag Riverside 3-pc. luggage set includes 2 rolling uprights & travel kit.



**SPECIAL 20% OFF**  
Special \$8-\$140. Reg. \$10-\$175.  
Jim Shore Collectibles. Shown: Angel Christmas Morning & Angel with Nativity Gown.



**SPECIAL 60% OFF**  
Special \$15.99-79.99. Reg. \$40-200, after special \$19.99-99.99. Only at Macy’s.  
All Martha Stewart Collection cotton flannel sheet sets. Twin-king.



**SPECIAL 59.99**  
Reg. \$200-\$240, after special \$69.99. All 7-pc. jacquard comforter sets. Queen or king. Shown: Devon.



**SPECIAL 79.99**  
Reg. \$200-\$220, after special \$99.99-109.99.  
Lauren Ralph Lauren Studio down comforter. Cotton cover. Full/queen or king.



**SPECIAL 60% OFF**  
Special \$11.99-47.99. Reg. \$30-\$120, after special \$14.99-59.99.  
All throws & plush toys in our bed & bath dept.



HOURS MAY VARY BY STORE. VISIT MACYS.COM AND CLICK ON STORES FOR LOCAL INFORMATION.

REG. AND ORIG. PRICES ARE OFFERING PRICES, AND SAVINGS MAY NOT BE BASED ON ACTUAL SALES. PERFECT GIFT SALE PRICES IN EFFECT THROUGH 12/7/09. \*Intermediate price reductions may have been taken. Orig./Now items & specials are available while supplies last. Advertised items may not be available at your local Macy’s, and selections may vary. Extra savings taken off already-reduced prices, “special” prices reflect extra savings. Prices and merchandise may differ on macys.com. Luggage and electrics carry mfrs.’ warranties; to obtain a mfr.’ warranty before purchasing, visit a store or write: Macy’s Warranty Dept. PO Box 1026 Maryland Heights, MO 63043, attn Consumer Warranties.

# Judge orders construction of Nevada gold mine halted

By Adella Harding  
Elko Daily Free Press

ELKO, Nev. — The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday ordered a temporary halt to construction at Barrick Gold of North America's Cortez Hills Mine in Lander County, Nev.

The ruling is a blow to Barrick, which has nearly completed construction of the Cortez Hills facilities and is developing the open pit

with an expectation of production beginning early next year.

It's a victory for environmental organizations and Western Shoshone tribes that filed an appeal after the U.S. District Court in Reno denied their request for an injunction against the project.

"We think it's very significant. How long it stays in place is another question," said Julie Cavanaugh Bill of the Western Shoshone

Defense Project, one of the organizations that filed the lawsuit against the U.S. Bureau of Land Management over its approval of the Cortez Hills project. "We're very pleased, but we feel bad for the contractors and workers."

Barrick and Bureau of Land Management officials declined comment early Thursday evening.

The three-panel appeals court in San Francisco approved the appeal, claim-

ing the BLM violated the National Environmental Policy Act by failing to perform sufficient study of dewatering impacts and potential mercury air emissions for ore transport at the mine.

The judges wrote that they took into account Barrick's arguments about the economic impact of an injunction but stated that the injunction would likely be temporary.

The Cortez Mine, including the \$500 million Cortez Hills Project and the Pipeline operations, employs close to 1,000 people in northern Nevada, including employees working the Cortez underground mine that isn't part of the litigation.

Barrick executives have said the company expects the Cortez Mine to produce 1 million ounces of gold a year once Cortez Hills is in full production.

The appeals court opinion states that "plaintiffs have shown a likelihood of success on the NEPA claims because there was inadequate study of the serious effects of processing refractory ore and exhausting scarce water resources."

The likelihood of irreparable environmental injury without adequate study of the adverse effects and possible mitigation is high, according to the opinion.

"Suspending a project until that consideration (of its environmental impact) has occurred thus comports with the public interest," the judges wrote.

"We are pleased with the Ninth Circuit's ruling," said Larson Bill, a member of the Te-Moak Tribe and South Fork Band tribal councils, a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

## Jerome wastewater permit within state limits

Discharges from the city of Jerome's wastewater treatment plant into the Snake River comply with state water quality standards under a draft federal permit, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality announced Wednesday.

State certification is required by the Clean Water Act for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. DEQ announced its plan to certify Jerome's permit in early October and received and reviewed two public comments on the matter.

The certification letter allows the city to trade phosphorus credits with other dischargers in the region, and authorizes a mixing zone to address chlorine issues.

For more information: 208-736-2190, or view the certification letter at [www.deq.idaho.gov/water/permits\\_forms/permitting/jerome\\_wastewater\\_certification\\_final.pdf](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water/permits_forms/permitting/jerome_wastewater_certification_final.pdf).

— Staff reports

## Idaho Power looks at alternate Ore. line route

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — A utility in Idaho may route a transmission line through south-central Oregon rather than along the Interstate 84 corridor.

Idaho Power's line would run from southwest of Boise in Idaho to Boardman along the Columbia River, where wind power has been adding sources of electricity.

The high-voltage line has met resistance along routes proposed by the utility. The utility has held public meetings in Grant and Harney counties in the past few weeks to gauge support for the line, spokeswoman Piper Hyman told the East Oregonian newspaper.

Grant County residents "seem pretty resistant" to the line because of concerns about how it would affect the region's environment and cultural resources, Hyman said.

Idaho Power got a warmer reception last week with Harney County landowners in Burns, the East Oregonian reported.

County Commissioner Jack Drinkwater said some residents seem willing to work with Idaho Power but would have more opinions once they see a definite plan.

"I haven't got a feeling of anything strong against it," he said.

Drinkwater said a 500-kilovolt line already runs through Harney County, and a Pacific Power substation near Burns is the county's largest employer.

### SPECIAL 60% OFF

Special 11.60-119.60. Reg. \$29-\$299, after special 17.40-179.40. Knit tops, pants, sweaters, jackets, more from Cable & Gauge, August Silk and our Style & Co. & Charter Club. For misses, petites & women.



### SPECIAL 14.99

Reg. \$38, after special 19.99. Only at Macy's. Karen Scott V-neck, crewneck & turtleneck cotton sweaters. For misses, petites & women.



### SPECIAL 19.99

Reg. 29.99, after special 24.99. Juniors' sweater dresses.



### SPECIAL 99.99

Reg./Orig.\* \$220-\$265, after special 129.99. Wool & down coats from London Fog®, Calvin Klein, more. For misses.



### SPECIAL 39.99

Reg. \$48-49.50. Designer jean selections from DKNY Jeans, Calvin Klein Jeans and Tommy Hilfiger. For misses; select styles for petites & women; women's prices slightly higher.



### SPECIAL 24.99

Reg. \$49, after special 29.99. Only at Macy's. Charter Club fleece pajamas in holiday prints. Polyester.



# FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY!

## DURING OUR PERFECT GIFT SALE

SAVINGS PASS/MACY'S CARD DISCOUNTS DO NOT APPLY TO SPECIALS

### SPECIAL 29.99

Reg. \$100, after special \$50. 3-pc. sterling silver set: necklace, earrings & bracelet.



### SPECIAL 34.99

Reg. \$100, after special \$50. Diamond accent\*\* bracelet in 18k gold over sterling silver.



### SPECIAL 5.99

Orig.\* 14.98, after special 6.99. Only at Macy's. Clearance, greendog® velour jackets. Cotton/polyester. Girls' 2-6X.



### SPECIAL 11.99

Reg. \$28-\$34, after special 14.99. V-necks and half-zip sweaters plus vests & more from Planet Gold & our greendog®. Girls' 2-16; boys' 2-20.



### SPECIAL 59.99

Reg. \$200, after special \$100. 1/2 ct. t.w.† diamond bracelet in sterling silver.



### SPECIAL \$69

Reg. \$200, after special \$100. 14k gold opus hoop earrings.



### SPECIAL \$99

Reg. \$300, after special \$150. 9.5-10.5mm 2-row cultured freshwater pearl strand with sterling silver clasp.



### SPECIAL \$249

Reg. \$600, after special \$360. Green amethyst and diamond ring in 14k white gold.



### SPECIAL \$299

Reg. \$550, after special \$385. 1/4 ct. t.w.† diamond earrings in 14k white gold.



### SPECIAL \$349

Reg. \$700, after special \$490. 1/4 ct. t.w.† diamond ring in 14k white gold.



### SPECIAL 19.99

Reg. \$40, after special \$30. Iso by Isotoner suede gloves for her.



### SPECIAL EXTRA 30% OFF

Special 3.43-195.02. Reg. \$14-\$398, after special 4.90-278.60. All sale-priced handbags & small leather goods except Coach and Dooney & Bourke.



now-Dec. 7  
use your Macy's Card or savings pass for extra savings during our Perfect Gift Sale  
Exclusions apply; see pass.

Savings pass/Macy's Card discounts do not apply to specials

★ macy's **WOW! PASS**  
EXTRA SAVINGS ON ALL SALE & CLEARANCE APPAREL  
(EXCEPT SPECIALS & SUPER BUYS)

**EXTRA 20% OFF**

APPAREL FOR HIM, HER & KIDS, PLUS FINE & FASHION JEWELRY  
EXTRA 15% OFF all sale & clearance shoes, watches, coats, suits, dresses, intimates; suit separates & sportcoats for him & select home items.  
EXTRA 10% OFF all sale & clearance electrics & electronics. Valid now-12/7/2009.

Excludes: specials, super buys, furniture, mattresses, floor coverings, rugs, previous purchases, special orders, selected Licensed depts., jewelry trunk shows, services. Cannot be combined with any savings pass/coupon, extra discount or credit offer except opening a new Macy's account. EXTRA SAVINGS % APPLIED TO REDUCED PRICES.



Fine jewelry specials are only available at stores that carry fine jewelry.  
†Ct. t.w. represents approximate weight; total weight may vary to up to .05 carat. \*\*May contain rose-cut diamonds.  
†Rebate is a mail-in offer; allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Jewelry photos may have been enlarged or enhanced to show detail.  
Most gemstones have been treated to enhance their natural color & beauty; some treatments may not be permanent; please ask your sales professional about special care requirements. Also shop macys.com



Yes Virginia! premiering on CBS-TV, Friday night, Dec 11  
Don't miss the season's newest tradition — the animated classic feature based on the timeless true story that inspired a whole new spirit of believing! Check your local listings.

# OPINION

**QUOTE**  
 "We're not just going to throw these guys in the swimming pool and walk away."  
 — Defense Secretary Robert Gates on President Obama's right to change the withdrawal date in Afghanistan if needed

EDITORIAL

## Wasted potential: Another bad day for George Hansen

**Y**ears before Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh, George Hansen was articulating their conservative and libertarian message. As the representative of Idaho's 2nd Congressional District from 1965-69 and from 1975-85, he took on the Internal Revenue Service, the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and the White House, gaining lots of attention from outside Idaho in the process.

But the Pocatello Republican's personal foibles were his downfall, and the latest sorry chapter came last month when the Idaho Supreme Court ordered the now 79-year-old retiree to repay hundreds of thousands of dollars to an Idaho couple he swindled in an investment scheme.

Hansen served time in federal prison for a multi-million-dollar check kiting scheme in the 1990s, after previously going to federal prison on four counts of violating federal ethics laws for falsifying financial disclosure forms while serving in Congress. In 1984, seven months after his conviction on the ethics charges — which later was overturned by a 1995 U.S. Supreme Court decision that modified the law — Hansen lost his bid for an eighth term by 170 votes.

Nine years later, when U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge sentenced Hansen to four years in prison for 45 counts of bank fraud, the judge said he was stunned that many of Hansen's victims still supported him — even though they were owed hundreds of thousands of dollars. "I've never seen that kind of blind allegiance," the judge said.

That was Hansen — energetic and engaging politician, deeply flawed public servant. Had Hansen managed to stay on the straight and narrow, he might have become a national figure in an era of growing skepticism of big government. Like Beck, he was an admirer of author and political commentator Cleon Skousen and his minimalist views of federal power, and some of Hansen's ideas were later articulated more successfully by his former House colleagues Jack Kemp and Dick Cheney.

But few Idaho politicians before or since have commanded such loyalty as Hansen. In an era when expectations of elected officials are so low, it's hard to recall how a simple, straightforward political message can be so compelling to so many people.

Hansen squandered thousands of other people's dollars in his day — and the faith of thousands of Idahoans.

**Our view:**  
 Former Idaho U.S. Rep. George Hansen could have become a national figure; instead, he's a sad historical footnote.

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



## Clear, hold and duct tape

**I**n late 2006, Gen. David Petraeus and Gen. James F. Amos released a brilliant book with a thrilling title. It was called the "Army/Marine Corps Field Manual 3-24." In its quiet way, this book helped overturn conventional wisdom on modern warfare and gave leaders a new way to see the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It's a mistake to think you can succeed in conflicts like these by defeating the enemy in battle, the manual said. Instead, these wars are better seen as political arguments for the loyalty of the population. Get villagers to work with you by offering them security. Provide services by building courts and schools and police. Over the long term, transfer authority to legitimate local governments.

This approach, called COIN, has reshaped military thinking, starting with the junior officers who developed it and then spreading simultaneously up and down the chain of command.

When President Obama conducted his first Afghanistan strategic review last winter, he too gravitated toward the COIN mentality, appointing Gen. Stanley McChrystal, one of the chief architects of COIN, to run the war effort there.

This fall, McChrystal came back with his own report, and made two key recommendations. First, the U.S. should deliver a sharp blow, to regain the initiative and reverse the Taliban's momentum. Second, he wrote, "Success demands a comprehensive counterinsurgency campaign."

But over the past few months, senior members of the Obama administration have lost some of their enthusiasm for COIN.

It may be a good approach in the abstract, they say, but there are problems with applying it in this

(President Obama) has not been enthusiastic about expanding the U.S. role in Afghanistan, but he has not evaded his responsibility as commander in chief, and he's taking brave political risks.



David Brooks

particular context. First, they say, COIN is phenomenally expensive. It consists of doing a lot of things at once and doing them over a long period of time. America no longer has that kind of money, and Americans won't accept a new 10-year commitment having already been there for eight.

Second, it may be possible to clear and hold territory, but it is looking less likely that we will be able to transfer it to any legitimate Afghan authority. The Karzai government is like an organized crime ring. The governing talent is thin. Plans to build a 400,000-man Afghan security force are unrealistic.

Third, they continue, the population in Afghanistan is too dispersed for COIN to work properly. There would be a few bubbles of security, where allied troops are massed, but then vast sanctuaries for the insurgents.

Fourth, COIN is too Afghan-centric and not enough Pakistan-centric. The real threats to U.S. interests are along the Afghan-Pakistani border or involve the destabilization of the Pakistani government. The COIN approach does little to directly address that.

The administration seems to have spent the past few months trying to pare back the COIN strategy and adjust it to real world constraints. As it has done so,

there has been more talk of finding cheap ways to arrange the current pieces of Afghanistan into a contraption that will stay together and allow us to go home.

What's emerging appears to be something less than a comprehensive COIN strategy but more than a mere counter-terrorism strategy. It is a hybrid approach. It's not the troop levels that matter. What matters is how this war will be fought.

Some very smart people say that the administration's direction is already fatally flawed. There is no such thing as effective COIN-lite, they argue. All the pieces of a comprehensive strategy have to be done patiently and together because success depends on the way they magnify one another.

These experts may be right. But none of us get to have our first choice on this matter.

Nonetheless, my impression is that Obama has negotiated these constraints in a serious manner, and improved some of his options — for example, by accelerating troop deployments. He has not been enthusiastic about expanding the U.S. role in Afghanistan, but he has not evaded his responsibility as commander in chief, and he's taking brave political risks.

It may not be the complete COIN strategy, which offers the best chance of success. But it may be the best strategy under the circumstances.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to him at [dbrooks@nytimes.com](mailto:dbrooks@nytimes.com).

## Begging the governor's pardon



Charles Lane

**I**n the wake of the massacre of four Tacoma, Wash., area police officers, there's been talk about the fallout for Republican Mike Huckabee. While governor of Arkansas, Huckabee commuted the prison sentence of the main suspect, Maurice Clemmons, with the result that Clemmons got out of prison in 2000, after about 11 years. Huckabee has faced criticism of his use of the pardon power; now, he'll face more.

But the case really puts the U.S. Supreme Court on the spot. The court is trying to decide, in a case regarding Florida inmate Terrance Graham, whether it is unconstitutional to sentence anyone under 18 to life in prison without parole for a non-homicide crime. The basic issue is whether the Constitution allows states to conclude that some teenagers are so irredeemable and violence-prone that they may be locked up forever — or whether that constitutes "cruel and unusual punishment."

Maurice Clemmons was never sentenced to life without parole, but he was given 108 years for a string of armed robberies, burglaries and other offenses he took part in as a 17-year-old. Huckabee, citing Clemmons' age at the time of the crimes, commuted Clemmons' sentence to 47 years, which made him eligible for immediate parole.

Clemmons committed another armed robbery in 2001 and went back to prison, but he served three years of a 10-year sentence before being granted parole again. A few days before allegedly gunning down the police officers, he made \$15,000 bail in Washington on a child-rapе charge.

Huckabee's charitable intuition toward Clemmons seems stunningly misplaced in hindsight. Yet this is essentially the same intuition that lawyers for Terrance Graham are asking the court to follow.

And I can't help thinking that, after the murder of the four officers, the chances that Graham is going to win his case just got a little slimmer.

Charles Lane is a member of The Washington Post's editorial page staff.

**TIMES-NEWS**  
 Brad Hurd . . . publisher Steve Crump . . . Opinion editor  
 The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Steve Crump, Bill Bitzenburg and Mary Lou Panatopoulos.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Another piece of your heritage bites the dust

Twenty-six Acres of "Former Bed of the Snake River," born July 3, 1890; died Nov. 6, 2009, in Twin Falls County. Passed quietly from state ownership to D&J Miller LLC of Lake Tapps, Wash.

Suffered three years from complications of New Ownerous Subdivisionous Grabboous and Departmentis of Landis Cooperationitis. Raised and nurtured by Native Americans for thousands of years and in later

years by the settlers of the canyon. Always used as habitat for wildlife and recreation for sportsmen until 2006 when contracting the terminal disease of Bulldozerous and Backhoeous Destroyous. Joins more than 500 acres statewide of Lands Previously Disclaimed by the Department of Lands since February of 2006,

Services were performed at the May 19 Land Board Meeting. Four concerned citizens attended who spoke on her behalf. Comments sealing her fate were provid-

ed by Mr. Timothy Duffner of the Idaho Department of Lands.

Final committal services were performed by the Idaho State Board of Land commissioners in their meeting Oct. 20 with Gov. C.L. Otter officiating. Acolytes of the Department of Lands, Director George Bacon and Operations Chief South Kurt Houston assisted in the service. Preordained comments and final motions were provided by State Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

Visitation and viewing may be made on the 25 feet

of "Public Access" negotiated by the Department of Lands in exchange for the rest of your land.

In lieu of flowers: Please contact your elected legislative officials, sportsmen's groups and other concerned individuals to voice your disgust. Ask for a full review and vetting of the IDL Disclaimer Procedure Process.

Final arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Steven Schuster of the attorney general's office representing the Department of Lands. No further services or

memorials are planned at this time.

PHILIP SMITH JR.  
 Buhl

### Condolences are great comfort to family

We would like to thank the people and businesses of the Magic Valley for your many acts of kindness and support for us and for our daughter, Tanya, in the loss of our son, Chief Warrant Officer Mathew C Heffelfinger.

Your expressions of respect and honor for Matt were of great comfort to us.

It is good to know that people appreciate the sacrifice that Matt and his family have made. We received numerous comments from out-of-area visitors about the great respect shown by the people of this area. We are indeed privileged to live in this valley. Thank you.

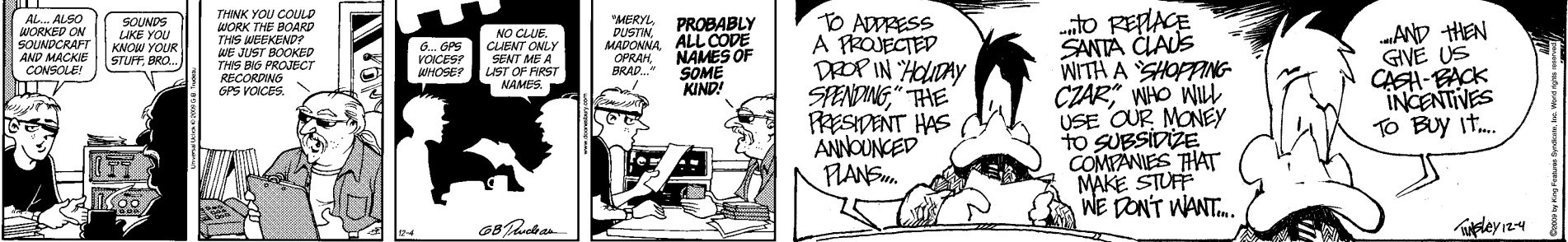
CRAIG HEFFELFINGER  
 BARBARA HEFFELFINGER  
**and family**  
 Twin Falls  
 DON JOHNSON  
 CONNIE JOHNSON  
**and family**  
 Buhl

## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



# The science is anything but settled

**“T**he science is settled,” we’ve been told for decades by zealous proponents of manmade global warming hysteria. Thanks to an earth-shaking hacking scandal across the pond, we now have mountains of documents from the world’s leading global warming advocacy center that show the science is about as settled as a southeast Asian tsunami. You won’t be surprised by the Obama administration’s response to “Climategate.”



**Michelle Malkin**

With pursed lips and closed eyes and ears, the White House is clinging to the old eco-mantra: The science is settled. Never mind all the devastating new information about data manipulation, intimidation and cult-like coverups to “hide the decline” in global temperatures over the last half-century, they say. The science is settled.

Never mind what *The Atlantic’s* Clive Crook, after wading through the climate science e-mail files of the U.K.’s Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia, called the overpowering “stink of intellectual corruption” — combined with mafia-like suppression of dissent, suppression of evidence and methods, and “plain statistical incompetence” exposed by the document trove. The science is settled.

Never mind the expedient disappearance of mounds of raw weather station data that dissenting scientists were seeking through freedom of information requests from the Climatic Research Unit. The science is settled.

The pro-sound science president has surrounded himself with radical Climategate deniers who have spent their entire professional careers “settling” manmade global warming disaster science through fear mongering, intimidation and ridicule of opponents.

- Science czar John Holdren infamously hyped weather catastrophes and demographic disasters in the 1970s with his population control freak pals Paul and Anne Ehrlich. He made a public bet against free-market economist Julian Simon, predicting dire shortages of five natural resources as a result of feared overconsumption. He lost on all counts. No matter.

Holdren’s failure didn’t stop him from writing forcefully about mass sterilization and forced abortion “solutions” to a overpopulated planet. And it didn’t stop him from earning a living making more dire predictions.

- Energy Secretary Steven Chu picked derision as his weapon earlier this year when peddling the Obama administration’s greenhouse-gas emission policy. “The American public ... just like your teenage kids, aren’t acting in a way that they should act,” *The Wall Street Journal* quoted Chu.

- The Obama team’s chief eco-dissent crusher is climate czar Carol Browner. She oversaw the destruction of Environmental Protection Agency computer files in brazen violation of a federal judge’s order during the Clinton years requiring the agency to preserve its records.

Over the past year, the EPA has stifled the dissent of Alan Carlin, a senior research analyst at the agency who questioned the administration’s reliance on outdated research on the health effects of greenhouse gases.

Michelle Malkin can be reached at [writemalkin@gmail.com](mailto:writemalkin@gmail.com).

# Fort Hood shooting: America vs. The Narrative

**W**hat should we make of Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, who apparently killed 13 innocent people at Fort Hood?



**Thomas Friedman**

Here’s my take: Hasan may have been mentally unbalanced. But the more you read about his support for Muslim suicide bombers, about how he showed up at a public-health seminar with a PowerPoint presentation titled “Why the War on Terror Is a War on Islam,” and about his contacts with Anwar al-Awlaki, a Yemeni cleric famous for using the Web to support jihadist violence against America — the more it seems that Hasan was just another angry jihadist spurred to action by “The Narrative.”

What is scary is that even though he was born, raised and educated in America, The Narrative still got to him.

The Narrative is the cocktail of half-truths, propaganda and outright lies about America that have taken hold in the Arab-Muslim world since 9/11. Propagated by jihadist Web sites, mosque preachers, Arab intellectuals — and tacitly endorsed by some

Arab regimes — this narrative posits that America has declared war on Islam, as part of a grand “American-Crusader-Zionist conspiracy” to keep Muslims down.

Yes, after two decades in which U.S. foreign policy has been largely dedicated to rescuing Muslims or trying to help free them from tyranny — in Bosnia, Darfur, Kuwait, Somalia, Lebanon, Kurdistan, post-earthquake Pakistan, post-tsunami Indonesia, Iraq and Afghanistan — the narrative is thriving.

Although most of the Muslims being killed today are being killed by jihadist suicide bombers in Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan and Indonesia, you’d never know it from listening to their world. The dominant narrative there is that 9/11 was a kind of fraud: America’s unprovoked onslaught on Islam is the real story, and the Muslims are the real victims.

Have no doubt: We

punched a fist into the Arab/Muslim world after 9/11, partly to send a message of deterrence, but primarily to destroy two tyrannical regimes — the Taliban and the Baathists — and to work with Afghans and Iraqis to build a different kind of politics. In the process, we did some stupid and bad things. But for every Abu Ghraib, our soldiers and diplomats perpetrated a million acts of kindness aimed at giving Arabs and Muslims a better chance to succeed with modernity and to elect their own leaders.

The Narrative was concocted by jihadists to obscure that.

It’s working. As a Jordanian-born counterterrorism expert, who asked to remain anonymous, said to me: “This narrative is now omnipresent in Arab and Muslim communities in the region and in migrant communities around the world. These communities are bombarded with this narrative in huge doses and on a daily basis. (It says) the West, and right now mostly the U.S. and Israel, is single-handedly and completely responsible for all the grievances of the Arab

and the Muslim worlds. Ironically, the vast majority of the media outlets targeting these communities are Arab-government owned — mostly from the Gulf.”

This narrative suits Arab governments. It allows them to deflect onto America all of their people’s grievances over why their countries are falling behind. And it suits al-Qaida, which doesn’t need much organization anymore — just push out The Narrative over the Web and satellite TV, let it heat up humiliated, frustrated or socially alienated Muslim males, and one or two will open fire on their own. See: Nidal Malik Hasan.

“Liberal Arabs like me are as angry as a terrorist and as determined to change the status quo,” said my Jordanian friend. The only difference “is that while we choose education, knowledge and success to bring about change, a terrorist, having bought into the narrative, has a sense of powerlessness and helplessness, which are inculcated in us from childhood, that lead him to believe that there is only one way, and that is violence.”

What to do? Many Arab

Muslims know that what ails their societies is more than the West, and that The Narrative is just an escape from looking honestly at themselves. In his Cairo speech last June, President Barack Obama effectively built a connection with the Muslim mainstream. Maybe he could spark the debate by asking that same audience this question:

“Whenever something like Fort Hood happens you say, ‘This is not Islam.’ I believe that. But you keep telling us what Islam isn’t. You need to tell us what it is and show us how its positive interpretations are being promoted in your schools and mosques. If this is not Islam, then why is it that a million Muslims will pour into the streets to protest Danish cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, but not one will take to the streets to protest Muslim suicide bombers who blow up other Muslims, real people, created in the image of God? You need to explain that to us — and to yourselves.”

*Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to him at [tfriedman@nytimes.com](mailto:tfriedman@nytimes.com).*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks, taxpayers, for giving us Canyon Ridge

It has been brought to my attention that the Twin Falls community has been responsible for the building of Canyon Ridge High School.

Deep down inside, I know it hurt to have your taxes raised. Thinking to yourself, is it worth it? Asking questions like, “Will they even like the school?” “Is it worth the time?” or “Why do we need another one?” Those are all good questions.

You need to know that we really appreciate the school you have paid for us to have. Every one of us, whether freshman or senior, has their part to play in this school and, thanks to you, we get to play that part.

So thank you for the support you gave to the school, because I want you to know it was worth the time and the effort to build Canyon Ridge High School.

**MEGAN LOVELL**  
Twin Falls  
*(Editor’s note: Megan Lovell is a sophomore at Canyon Ridge High School. She wrote this letter as part of a class assignment in her creative writing/English class. The letter is printed as a representative of 24*

*letters received from the class.)*

### Report on Jerome jail meeting missed facts

*Times-News* reporter John Plestina’s article regarding the Nov. 24, Jerome County commission meeting lacks all the facts.

April Lee, Rocky Mountain Corrections general manager and consultant, offered a “fourth” proposal to Jerome County for \$30,000 to “re-educate” Jerome County citizenry to allow RMC to construct a \$13.5 million jail over a 30-year lease at an unspecified interest rate.

Mr. Plestina’s assertion that I, along with others in attendance, oppose the new jail is not true. I support the need for a new jail; however, RMC’s private lease proposal is not the most cost-effective approach. RMC’s proposal supported by county commissioners was defeated at the Nov 3 public election. Why? For brevity’s sake, Mr. Plestina, it is the economy! If you haven’t noticed, we are in deep economic recession.

Mr. Plestina’s statement, \$87,500 of taxpayers’ money was spent to “educate the citizenry,” conduct telephone surveys from 350 registered voters, conduct

two town hall meetings to ensure voter approval is true. Having spent all that taxpayers’ money, RMC still failed to convince Jerome citizenry to approve the jail plan.

Ms. Lee would not recommend a judicial decision over the wishes of the public, since several counties tried following a close voter turnout and all failed to pass. She said the likelihood of RMC’s proposal passing a second time was not good unless there was more “citizen” education before May of 2010. Ms. Lee is willing to do another citizen education project

for an additional \$30,000.

Chairman Howell asked if RMC would consider an hourly rate. Ms. Lee stated that’s not an option. RMC’s proposal for \$30,000 additional consultation fees to

educate the public is to be taken “under advisement.”

Hopefully our commissioners recognize a sinkhole when they see one.

**DIANA OBENAUER**  
Jerome

**Warm Holiday Wishes...**

Come stay with us!

\$72.00/night for Twin Falls Guests now through January 10th 2010.

We will indulge you with our oversized rooms, complimentary breakfast, down comforters & exemplary service!

**Harrison Plaza Suite Hotel 1.800.376.3608**  
409 S. Cole Road ~ Boise, ID  
[www.harrisonhotelboise.com](http://www.harrisonhotelboise.com)

# D & B

SUPPLY

## Western Home & Family Store

## Jerome and Twin Falls Locations ONLY!

# 40% OFF

## All Purina Mills Livestock Feeds

\*Limit of 10 Bags total per customer  
Purina brand Dog and Cat Formulas not included

## Saturday, Dec. 5th, 2009 ONLY!

Store Hours: 8 AM to 7 PM

**A Luxurious Gift...**

## CASHMERE SWEATERS

By Sojrn

### 20% OFF

Limited Supply

### Black Rock

Clothing 543-2500

Located next to King’s Dept. Store  
Twin Falls Lynwood Shopping Center  
543-2500

## Experience the New HQ Technology!

Sale good thru Nov. 30 - Dec. 4

**\$7100 HQ16 Demo including Studio Table (1 only)**

10% Off Omega Thread 20%-50% off select fabric

Hem-stitching Etc.

1232 Overland Ave., Burley • 878-0236



Coeur d'Alene Press/AP photo

Chris Anderson, dressed as Jesus Christ, walks along Northwest Boulevard in Coeur d'Alene on Wednesday, in what he says is an attempt to remind people what Christmas is about.

# Man dresses as Jesus, carries cross in Coeur d'Alene

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — When he's not at his job as a faith-based addiction counselor, Chris Anderson sometimes dons flowing robes and a thorny crown, picks up his cross and walks up and down a busy Coeur d'Alene street.

Anderson told The Coeur d'Alene Press that it's part of his personal crusade to remind people that Jesus' birthday, not the jingling of bells, is at the heart of the celebration on Dec. 25.

Anderson said most people have reacted positively, waving as they drive by or stopping to chat. He said only a few have shouted at him, but he's prepared:

Under the thorny crown, Anderson is wearing headphones and listening to music.

"It sounds cuckoo, I know," Anderson said. "But once I took that step, it made so much sense."

Christmas shouldn't be viewed as merely a commercial holiday aimed at boosting the bottom line at retail outlets, he said. Particularly galling to Anderson are stores that have "Happy Holidays" signs, what he sees as an attack on the meaning of Christmas.

"It's being politically correct. We don't want to offend anyone," Anderson

lamented. "Just like you've got your Santa Clauses on the roofs, and you got your reindeers and everything like that. I just wanted a visual to hopefully remind some people that he (Jesus)

is the reason." Anderson doesn't think he's the Messiah; he just dresses like him. "This is just symbolism," he said. "Jesus is the real gift from God."

## See what's new online at Magicvalley.com

### Are you a Lifelong Learner?

Idaho State University offers reduced fees for students ages 60 or older. For \$35 you can take a class in Twin Falls such as:

- Ancient Maya and Aztec Indians of Latin America

LEARN ABOUT ANCIENT CULTURES, RELIGION, ART AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE.

It's not too late to register! Classes begin January 11.

Contact the Idaho State University - Twin Falls office.



We are located in the Evergreen Building on the CSI Campus.

Call: 736-2101 or visit [isu.edu/twinfalls](http://isu.edu/twinfalls)



## Join us tonight at Ladies' Night Out "All That Glitters"

7:00 p.m. at the former Rite-Aid building at 1139 Addison Avenue East (at the corner of Blue Lakes & Addison)

- Join us for an evening of fashion and frivolity, featuring:
- A fashion show; • The BEST Silent Auction in the Magic Valley;
  - Hors d'oeuvres, chocolates & champagne;
  - A No-Host bar; • A DJ!!!

### Ladies' Night Out Sponsors:

Pioneer Federal Credit Union & Jordan-Wilcomb Construction

Tickets are \$40 each. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

(For tax purposes, \$25 of each \$40 ticket may be considered a charitable gift.)



# Dine on Us

TWIN FALLS

You could win our weekly drawing for a **\$50** gift certificate to one of these fine restaurants. Just fill out the entry form below and mail it in for your chance to win.

### ENTRY FORM

Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Dine On Us, c/o Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or drop off form at our office: 132 Fairfield Street West, Twin Falls.

## FEATURED RESTAURANT

### ROCK CREEK'S Dec. 2009 SPECIALS ~

Back by popular demand  
**Kobe Flank Steaks**  
FROM SNAKE RIVER FARM  
WHILE THEY LAST Only **\$14.95**

Don't forget Happy Hour  
Mon-Fri 4:30 - 6:30  
1/2 price appetizers & \$1 off drinks



734-4154 • 200 Addison Ave. W. • Twin Falls MON.-SAT. OPEN AT 5:30PM • SUNDAY OPEN AT 5:00PM

### Good Any Night of the Week!! DOMESTIC LAMB CHOPS!!

- 2 Lamb Chops..... **\$19.95**
- 1 Lamb Chop..... **\$14.95**

STILL HAVEN'T BOOKED YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY??  
Give us a call at 734-4154 Mon-Fri 9am - Noon  
We still have some room for last minute reservations!  
Don't wait too long, it is filling up fast!

GIFTCARDS MAKE EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!!  
For every \$100.00 you spend on Gift Cards,  
you receive one for \$25.00.

Happy holidays to you and your family from all of us here at Rock Creek!!!

Our email address is [rockcreekrestaurant@hotmail.com](mailto:rockcreekrestaurant@hotmail.com)  
Please add us to your contact list & share your email address with us.

## Loong Hing Restaurant

International Buffet & Mongolian Barbeque

• LUNCH • DINNER  
• BUFFET DAILY

Lunch & Dinner Buffet • 7:00AM TO 9:00PM

- \* Senior Discount
- \* Jumbo Crab
- \* Wild Game
- \* Mongolian BBQ
- \* Legs Nightly
- \* Dinner (Our Speciality)
- \* Kids Menu
- \* Seafood Served
- \* BBQ Ribs
- \* Full Salad Bar
- \* Nightly

TAKE OUT OR FREE DELIVERY (WITH ORDER \$15.00 OR MORE)

1719 KIMBERLY RD. • TWIN FALLS, ID 83301  
**733-3113 OR 736-2882**  
[www.loonghing.com](http://www.loonghing.com)

### Let's do lunch...

Our pledge to you:

- Fresh food prepared when you order it
- Authentic Chinese off-menu specials
- High quality and low price means great value
- Daily Lunch Specials • Wild Game Preparation • Banquet Room

### Weking Restaurant

824 Blue Lakes Blvd North • 733-4813  
Behind Wendy's • Dine In or Take Out



Congratulations to **Tamara Ochsner** of Hansen, winner of a \$50 gift certificate to Maxie's.



Banquet Facilities  
734-4154

Kobe Beef FLANK STEAKS ONLY \$14.95

BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTIES NOW!

(A few nights still available)

200 Addison Ave. W. Twin Falls, ID  
**DINNER:**  
5:30pm Mon. - Sat.  
5pm on Sundays  
Bar Opens at 4:30

10% OFF

YOUR MEAL WITH THIS COUPON

Open Sun. - Thurs. 11am - 10:30pm  
Fri. & Sat. 11am - 11pm  
(208) 734-6898  
1188 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
website: [www.wokngrill.net](http://www.wokngrill.net)

For the Best **PIZZA & PASTA** in all the Magic Valley ~  
Plus Sandwiches and Salad Bar

Maxie's

Enjoy Our Party Room!

170 Blue Lakes Blvd. Twin Falls, ID  
**733-3963**



## Home buyers will pay more for FHA mortgages

By Jim Puzanghera and Alejandro Lazo  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Millions of home buyers in the United States will have to come up with more cash and reach higher minimum credit scores to get a government-backed mortgage under changes announced Thursday by the Federal Housing Administration.

Some loans might require more than the current 3.5 percent minimum down payment, but the Obama administration is resisting calls for an across-the-board hike. Instead, it is looking at other ways to increase the amount of cash at closing, such as requiring borrowers to pay more of their mortgage insurance premiums up front.

The FHA, which insures

mortgages with low down payments, is scrambling to balance its increasingly important role in propping up the housing market with faltering finances of its own that could require a government bailout.

The agency's share of home loans has surged from 3 percent in 2006 to nearly 30 percent this year as credit has tightened and borrowers' bank accounts have been

depleted. But that increased exposure has led to more defaults, driving the FHA's reserves below their mandated levels.

"We've learned from recent history that the market is fragile, and we have to plan for the unexpected," said Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan.

Details of the changes weren't expected to be final-

ized until next month. But Donovan said the Obama administration was considering increasing the minimum 3.5 percent down payment required for an FHA-backed mortgage in some instances, such as for people with lower credit scores, and is seeking congressional authority to raise the premium for mortgage insurance.

FHA-backed loans plunged during the housing

boom earlier this decade as buyers flocked to easier-to-get and cheaper subprime mortgages. The FHA focuses on traditional 30-year fixed-rate mortgages and requires documents verifying income.

"Homeownership should be available to responsible borrowers ... and we have to keep in mind FHA's historical role of doing that," Donovan said.

## Grandma's Attic moves into former antiques shop

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

Joey Sanchez didn't mind that the building had to be fixed.

He wanted the store at 689 Washington St. for his year-round flea market, Grandma's Attic.

The building, previously the location of Second Time Around, an antique dealership that has since moved to Shoshone, was extensively damaged in August. A minivan careened into the shop's front, taking out a window and wall.

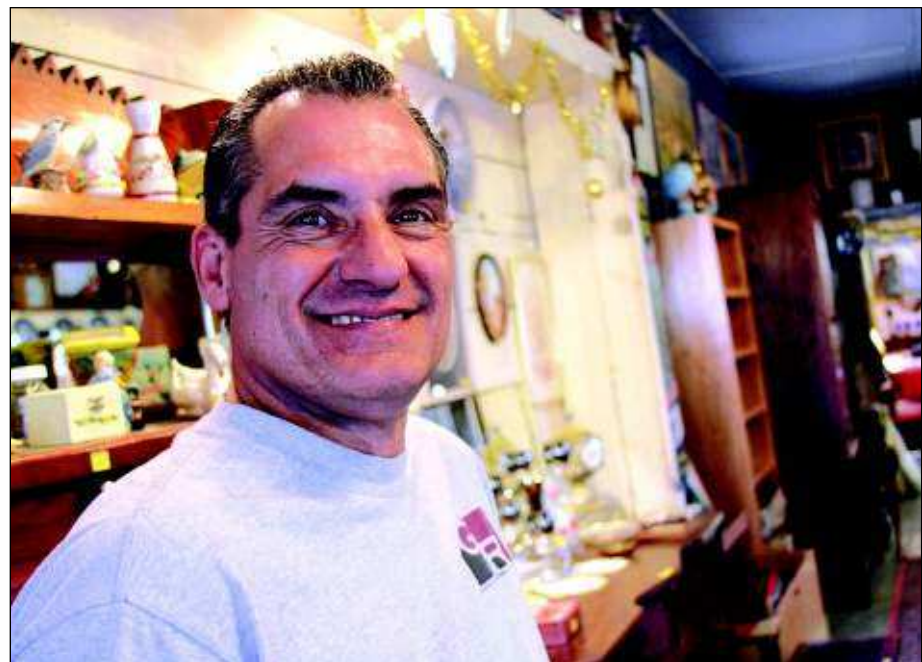
"I tell people we don't have a drive up window anymore," Sanchez mused.

Grandma's Attic moved from its former location in downtown Twin Falls, where the business opened about a year ago.

The Main Street location had lots of foot traffic and sales, until the Mustard Seed, a non-profit thrift store, moved.

"The Mustard Seed was a big draw for people in that part of downtown and when it moved we lost that foot traffic," Sanchez said. "We needed to be somewhere more visible."

Grandma's Attic has been open at its new location for a couple of months, but just recently filled all its vendor spots. Sanchez rents space to 10 vendors, who bring



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

Grandma's Attic owner Joey Sanchez poses at his store located at 689 Washington St., Twin Falls. The gift shop, thrift shop and year round flea market features ten different vendors with items for everyone.

their own personality and product lines with them. Seven other vendors are on a waiting list to rent space, which runs from \$75 to \$300 a month, depending on size.

"I figure we all chip in to pay the rent, heat and electric bills and hopefully make a little extra money in a fun way," Sanchez said.

Sanchez sells used furniture and other special knickknacks. He says the business caters to everyday folks in need of furnishings.

In addition to Sanchez' offerings there are other booths with vintage clothing, costume jewelry, furniture and framed works of art. Most booths are an eclectic mix, like the one set up by Jim Armstrong, 40, of Twin Falls.

His booth is filled with items men would enjoy browsing, he said. Old pairs of skis sit next to a set of tires and saw blade art hangs from the space's back wall.

"Most places like this,

men don't have anything to look at," Armstrong said.

After a back injury in the mid 1990s Armstrong said it was hard to find stable work. He and his wife Shannon Armstrong first took the eBay route, selling odds and ends to people across the country and even in the United Kingdom.

Sanchez, a friend of Armstrong, talked the couple into being a part of the new Grandma's Attic. The

See **MOVE**, Business 2

## Economic reports show slow recovery Jobless claims decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — First-time claims for unemployment insurance dropped by 5,000 to a seasonally adjusted 457,000, the lowest total since the week of Sept. 6, 2008, the Labor Department said Thursday.

The unemployment rate is at 10.2 percent and expected to keep climbing into next year.

Economists say claims need to fall to about 425,000 for at least a month to indicate that employers are hiring more people than they are firing.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out fluctuations, dropped for the 13th straight week to 481,250, about 180,000 below the peak for this recession, reached this spring.

Meanwhile, the number of people claiming unemployment benefits for more than a week rose by 28,000 to 5.5 million, the department said.

About 4.5 million people were also receiving extended benefits in the week ended Nov. 14. That's an increase of about 300,000 from the previous week.

### Service sector pulls back as manufacturing index declines

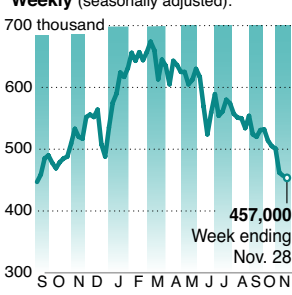
The Institute for Supply Management's service sector index dropped to 48.7 from 50.6 in October. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters had expected a level

See **RECOVERY**, Business 2

### Jobless claims

Initial claims for unemployment benefits dropped by 5,000 from the previous week in the final week of November.

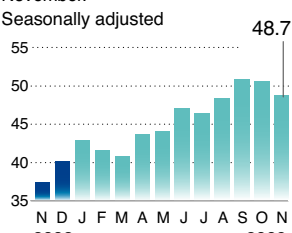
Weekly (seasonally adjusted):



SOURCE: Department of Labor AP

### Service sector pulls back

The U.S. service sector contracted after two months of expansion in November.

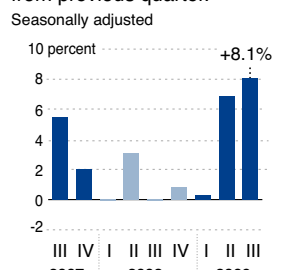


Non-manufacturing index monitors service industries such as construction, retail, banking and travel. A reading below 50 indicates contraction

SOURCE: Institute for Supply Management AP

### Productivity

Non-farm business productivity, percent change from previous quarter.



SOURCE: Department of Labor AP

## Study: Wind farms have no effect on property value

By Sandy Shore  
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Wind farms have no measurable effect on nearby property values, according to a government report published Wednesday.

In the latest study, researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory spent three years examining nearly 7,500 sales of homes in 10 communities near two dozen wind farms in nine states.

The findings, however, are unlikely to cool the debate over the placement of massive wind turbines which to some represent progress, but to others an intrusion.

Questions about the integrity of the \$500,000

Berkeley study were aired even before the report was released.

New energy infrastructure almost always runs into opposition, and in many cases for good reason.

There is a lot of research showing that nearby coal-fired power plants, transmission lines or other permanent fixtures can suck the value out of a home.

The Berkeley study, however, is not the first to show that wind turbines might be different, and previous studies have not tamped down opposition.

About 150 miles south of Denver in the tiny town of La Veta, many believe a proposed 7,000 acre wind farm would forever alter the postcard view of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Two other projects have been proposed as well.

Mayor Mickey Schmidt is aware of

See **WIND**, Business 2



AP photo

A home is dwarfed by a wind turbine approximately 1,500 feet from its property near Ubly, Mich.

## Details coalesce for ISU's MBA program in Blaine

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — From idea to reality in less than a year? That seems to be the trajectory of a proposed Executive Masters in Business Administration program for Blaine County.

The idea came about through a conversation State Representative Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, had earlier this year, and she ran

with it, drawing in interested parties and eventually Idaho State University.

On Wednesday, representatives from the university offered details of how they see the program working, at a meeting of the Wood River Economic Partnership.

"It allows people an easy way to get higher education in their own backyard," said WREP executive director

See **MBA**, Business 2

### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	22.45	▼ .16	Dell Inc.	13.47	▼ .19	Idacorp	30.24	▼ .19	Int. Bancorp	2.90	—
Lithia Mo.	7.26	—	McDonalds	61.97	▼ .53	Micron	8.37	▲ .21	Supervalu	14.07	▼ .19

### COMMODITIES

For more see Business 2

Live cattle	80.80	▼ 1.30	Jan. Oil	76.46	▼ .14
Dec. Gold	1,217.40	▲ 5.40	Dec. Silver	19.10	▼ .19



# COMMUNITY

## Craft show to benefit area families

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

As much as Christmas can exemplify joy and abundance the holiday can also have families feeling the weight of privation.

To help families in need have food, necessities and gifts for kids to open on the holiday, the Gooding Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring the annual Gooding Holiday Craft Show, today and Saturday at Gooding High School.

A portion of event proceeds will be donated to the city's non-profit Helping Hands and Hearts organization, which plans to

### TAKE PART

**WHAT:** 14th annual Gooding Holiday Craft Show  
**WHERE:** Gooding High School, 1050 Seventh Ave. W.  
**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday  
**ADMISSION:** Nonperishable food item, new, unwrapped toy, warm clothing item  
**ALSO:** Pictures with Santa from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday  
**INFORMATION:** Judy Erdman, 934-9475

provide area families Christmas dinner and food baskets, kids toys and warm clothing and other basic necessities, like

toothbrushes and shampoo.

Helping Hands and Hearts provided nearly 150 Thanksgiving turkey dinners this year and expects the need will be even greater for Christmas, said Executive Director Theresa Patterson.

"We're expecting to provide at least 200 Christmas food boxes, with ham or turkey," Patterson said. "We still need about \$1,500 to complete the boxes and some of that money will come from the craft show."

Patterson said the organization, which she founded three years ago, is funded almost entirely from community contributions. Last year the number of requests for emergency, one-

week provisions, increased to at least 80 per month. Typically food basket requests decline after the winter holiday season but over the past year the need for assistance has remained strong.

"It's always different people who come and ask for help; it isn't the same people and last month we saw 27 new applicants come in. These are people who haven't had to ask for help and they're doing so for the first time," Patterson said.

Judy Erdman, craft show chairwoman, said a portion of vendor fees collected from the show will be given to Helping

See **CRAFT**, Business 4

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Food drive to be held at Burley movie theater

Century Cinemas 5 in Burley will admit patrons to the 10 a.m. showings of "Night at the Museum II," "Ice Age III," and "Monsters vs. Aliens" on Saturday and Dec. 12 for two new canned-food items.

All goods will be donated to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council and all concession proceeds from the movies will be donated to Coats for Kids.

#### Christmas bazaar to be held in Wendell on Saturday

The Wendell Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas bazaar from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, at Wendell Middle School, 800 A.E. Main St.

Admission is free.

A fundraiser breakfast served by area Boy Scouts of America will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. The Wendell Chamber of Commerce will serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the chamber's nursing scholarship program.

Santa will attend the bazaar with a photographer. Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the day.

Vendors with new, handmade, collectible and unusual items are welcome to attend. Set up will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. today.

Information: Jan at The Package Shoppe, 536-1711.

#### Magic Valley model railroaders to hold Christmas open house

The Magic Valley Model Railroad Group will hold its 21st annual Christmas open house from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

The exhibit features N and HO scale layout model railroads, Lionel and Thomas and Friends. Potential new members are encouraged to attend.

Admission is free. Information: Gary Wlodarczyk, 735-4184.

#### Filer library has new items

New items at the Filer Public Library include:

**Adult fiction:** "Catching Fire" by Suzanne Collins, "When the Morning Comes" by Cindy Woodsmall, "That Holiday Feeling" by Debbie Macomber, "Dakota Born" by Debbie Macomber, "Mourning Dove" by Aimee Thurlo, "Rain Gods" by James Lee Burke, "A Good Yarn" by Debbie Macomber, "The Christmas List" by Richard Evans, "Her Fearful Symmetry," "Night World" by L.J. Smith, "Murder of King Tut" by James Patterson, "The Jewel of Gresham Green" by Lawana Blackwell, "Dead and Alive" by Dean Koontz, "The Masterharper of Pern" by Anne McCafferty, "Extreme Measures" by Vince Flynn, "Bungalow 2" by Danielle Steel, "Last Stand at Majuba Hill" by John Wilcox, "A Good Woman" by Danielle Steel

**Juvenile fiction:** "Dog Days" by Jeff Kinney, "The Foot Book" by Dr. Seuss, "Cat and Mouse in a Haunted House" by Geronimo Stilton, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney, "Dragon Spear" by Jessica George, "Rodrick Rules" by Jeff Kinney

**Nonfiction:** "The Balkans" by Edmund Stillman, "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom, "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge, "A Paper Life" by Tatum O'Neal, "Incidents beyond Coincidence" by Delora Cook Deal, "A Guide to Science" by Life Editors

**DVDs:** "Sponge Bob Squarepants" Discs 1-3, "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Crime Scene Investigators"

— Staff reports

## Twin Falls High School donations



Courtesy photos

ABOVE: The Twin Falls High School Speech and Debate program recently received a donation of \$2,724 from William March, who established an endowment more than seven years ago to honor debate teacher Gerald Wallace. The program receives money yearly through the endowment. Pictured are, left to right, Twin Falls School District Foundation board member Mike Schutz, TFHS speech and debate teacher Darlene Eslinger, board member Ray Parrish and board member Bill Brulotte. LEFT: The Twin Falls High School Creative Writing Department recently received a donation of \$200 from TFHS graduate Laurie Davis, author of 'A Single Rose.' She donated a portion of the sale of her book at a book signing to the program. Pictured are, left to right, Schutz, TFHS creative writing teacher Deb Kemper, Parrish and Brulotte. For more information on the TFSD Education Foundation, 733-5400.



## Little Flower church bazaar is Saturday



Courtesy photo

Holding an afghan and quilt, which are raffle prizes for the Little Flower Catholic Church's annual bazaar, are, left to right, Lorraine Gorringer, Clara Linzy, Gladys Esquibel and Linda Croft.

Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley, will hold its annual bazaar from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Booths with crafts, homemade candy, baked goods and white elephant Christmas presents will be featured, while lunch will be served all day.

The lunch menu includes chili, cinnamon rolls, baked potato bar, nachos, pies, coffee, tea and punch.

Raffles for a hand-crocheted afghan, a hand-made quilt, three gift baskets and two 25-pound cases of Delish-brand Idaho baking potatoes will be held. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

## Advice about atrial fibrillation and high blood pressure

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I am an active, healthy 72-year-old female concerned about a recent diagnosis of atrial fibrillation. I have had approximately six episodes over the past seven months. Each lasts about 15 to 30 minutes and has always occurred after a couple of "social drinks" and right after I go to bed. I don't drink on a daily basis.

**ASK DR. GOTT**  
**Dr. Peter Gott**



During my most recent episode, I put on my blood pressure machine and was shocked by the numbers. My normal numbers are 130/75, with a pulse of 70. I

take blood-pressure medicine every day. My blood pressure during the attack was 153/119, and my pulse was 156. Over the next 10 minutes, it went to 163/125, pulse 109, and then 164/87, pulse 70. Gradually, it lowered to 138/89, and my pulse remained at 70. Throughout the readings, the machine kept indicating an irregular heartbeat.

I take two 81-milligram aspirins every day, but my cardiologist isn't concerned about the episodes because he says they aren't frequent enough to prescribe medication. He is not aware of these high blood-pressure readings yet, though. I've also had a few EKGs, but everything looks normal. I'd have to wear a Holter monitor for

five or six weeks just to be able to catch an episode.

My questions: Is alcohol a trigger for me? Would only one drink trigger this, or is something else going on? Should I take more aspirin daily to prevent blood clots? What is the connection between high blood pressure and atrial fibrillation?

I exercise three times a

week and am in good health otherwise. What's going on?

**DEAR READER:** Based on your description, I assume that your diagnosis is paroxysmal atrial fibrillation. This means that you have episodes of irregular heartbeat that can last up to a few hours and then

See **DR. GOTT**, Business 4

# SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

**Volunteers/donations** — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs blankets, coats, hats, gloves and scarves in all sizes for all ages. The center also needs individuals, families or groups interested in adopting a refugee family for Christmas. Donated items can be taken to the center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.). Monday through Friday, at 1526 Highland Ave. E., Twin Falls. Information: Michelle, 736-2166.

**Donations** — Safe Harbor needs good, used blankets and sleeping bags to give to people for winter. Donated items can be taken to 269 Filer Ave., Twin Falls, or contact Phyllis, 735-8787.

**Drivers** — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs volunteer drivers for the home-delivered meals program for the home-bound. Drivers do not have to be seniors to volunteer to drive one or two days a week for an hour to an hour and a half. The center

**WANT TO HELP?**  
This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-4764, before noon Wednesday for Friday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

needs people who can be relied on for their appointed routes and who care about the well-being of the elderly. Reimbursed mileage for gas is available. Information: Karen, 734-5084, or 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls.

**Mentors** — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at CSI's Office on Aging needs volunteers in Twin Falls and Jerome counties to mentor children with a parent

in prison. Volunteers must undergo a complete FBI background check and be willing to mentor a child for a minimum of four hours each month for one year. Information: Ken, 736-2122, ext. 2394, or kwhiting@oaa.csi.edu.

**Volunteers** — Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers to help in the office, provide respite care, be companions and read to patients in the Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell, Jerome, Burley, Rupert and Buhl areas. Information: Nichole, 734-4061, ext. 117, or nichole@idaho-home-health.com.

**Volunteers** — First Choice Home Care and Hospice needs volunteers in the Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Glenns Ferry and Burley areas to assist with patient care: sit with patients, play games and read to patients, or help in the office. Information: Kerri, 736-0900.

**Volunteers** — Hospice Visions

needs volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of caregivers and those experiencing end-of-life issues. Volunteers provide companionship, bring joy during difficult times and ease burdens by writing letters, singing, playing cards and games, reading, working with junior volunteers or being a friend. Information: Flo, 735-0121.

**Volunteers** — Alliance Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers committed to the support of patient care. Volunteers are members of the hospice team who can provide compassionate care and service to patients and families. Opportunities include: preparing meals, companionship, telephone calls, clerical work, light housekeeping, respite, visiting, fundraising, shopping, emotional support, doing laundry and yard work. Information: Tracy, 733-2234, or 218 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

# Craft

**Continued from Business 3**

"We have 40 vendors coming," Erdman said. "So they'll get about \$550 from just that."

Instead of charging admission organizers are asking for donations of unwrapped toys, clothing and coats or nonperishable foods.

Peddling their wares will be bakers, jewelers, artists, crafters and more. The GHS bowling team will sell lunch concessions and the school's art class, raising money to attend an out-of-state art show, and will also have a booth.

Santa Claus is making his first stop at the annual show; Erdman hopes the evergreen celebrity will draw a lot of families.

"Kids will have an opportunity for pictures with Santa and we're really excit-

ed he's coming this year," she said.

Another group benefiting from the show is the Gooding County Historical Society, which is selling raffle tickets for two Southwest Airlines flight tickets, a bicycle and a snowboard. Cost is \$5 for three tickets, available at the event.

"Every year we sell tickets for big prizes. Money raised will go towards the completion of the historical museum," said society President Sharon Cheney.

Attendees are welcome to visit one of the many instructional booths to make ornaments, Christmas cards or start a family history tree to take home.

Blair Koch may be reached at 208-316-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com.

## ROTARY CLUB DONATION

Each year the Blue Lakes Rotary Club hosts a pancake breakfast for an area school and donates the proceeds from the breakfast to the school. This year's breakfast brought in \$4,010 for I.B. Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls. Students who sold the most tickets were given College of Southern Idaho basketballs from the Golden Eagles men's and women's basketball teams, which attended the breakfast. Pictured are, front row: Todd Stanger, Ava Otero and Connor Earl. Back row: I.B. Perrine Principal Bill Brulotte, Blue Lakes Rotary President Scott Roberts, pancake breakfast co-chair Camille Murphy and pancake breakfast chair Bobbi Pyle.



Courtesy photo

# Gooding library has new items

New items at Gooding Public Library include:

**Fiction:** "Someday" by Karen Kingsbury, "Pursuit of Honor" by Vince Flynn, "Southtown" by Rick Riordan, "The Gathering Storm" by Robert Jordan, "Cry Wolf" by Patricia Briggs, "In the Earth Abides the Flame" by Russell Kirkpatrick, "A Quilter's Holiday" by Jennifer Chiaverini, "The Lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver, "Bed of Roses" by Nora Roberts, "The Silent Gift" by Michael Landon, "The Whole Truth" by James Scott Bell, "Maggie Rose" by Sharlene

MacLaren, "An Echo in the Bone" by Diana Gabaldon, "The Color of Magic" by Terry Pratchett, "Nine Dragons" by Michael Connelly

**Nonfiction:** "300 Slow Cooker Favorites" by Donna-Marie Pye, "Don't Panic" by Neil Gaiman, "The Good Times are all Gone Now" by Julie W. Weston, "William Wilberforce" autobiography, "It Came from the Far Side" by Gary Larson

**DVDs:** "Sweet Dreams," "Nora Roberts' Angels Fall," "Prime"

**Young-adult fiction:** "The Battle for Skandia" by John

Flanagan, "The Mermaid's Madness" by Jim C. Hines, "Touching Spirit Bear" by Ben Mikaelson, "Smoke Mountain" by Erin Hunter, "Hunter Brown and the Consuming Fire" by Christopher Miller, "Philippa Fisher's Fairy Godmother" by Liz Kessler, "Summer Hill Secrets" by Beverly Lewis, "Waiting for You" by Susane Colasanti

**Juvenile:** "Bug Safari" by Bob Barner, "The Glitch in Sleep" by John Hulme, "The Pout-Pout Fish" by Deborah Diesen, "Zoobreak" by Gordon Korman, "Barack Obama: The United States

President" and "Michelle Obama: Mom-in-Chief" by Roberta Edwards, "How do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?" by Jane Yolen, "If You Were a Penguin" by Wendell Minor, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days" by Jeff Kinney

**CDs:** "Love Overboard" and "Naughty Neighbor" by Janet Evanovich

The annual used book sale is also in progress. Library patrons can help restock the community food bank through the library's Food 4 Fines program. One commercially canned, current food item will erase 50 cents of overdue fines.

## Dr. Gott

**Continued from Business 3**

resolve spontaneously. Chronic atrial fibrillation occurs when the irregular heartbeat does not resolve on its own and requires treatment.

The only inconsistency that I have with this diagnosis is your mention that your blood pressure increases during the attack. During an episode of atrial fibrillation, the heart rate increases to between 100 and 175 beats per minute. This causes the heart chambers to quiver and pump blood ineffectively. Because the rate is so rapid, the chambers do not completely fill or empty, which can cause a drop in blood pressure, not an increase. The condition also carries the risk of developing blood clots, but this risk is more common in those patients with chronic a-fib rather than

the paroxysmal variety.

Now to answer your specific questions. First, I can't tell you whether one drink will bring on an episode, but because alcohol appears to be a trigger, it is best avoided. Second, because you're a-fib is only occasional, I don't believe you require more aspirin; however, that is a question best answered by your cardiologist. Finally, hypertension, especially when under poor control, can lead to changes in the heart that may increase the risk of developing heart-rate abnormalities such as atrial fibrillation.

I urge you to discuss your discovery of increased

blood pressure during the attack with your cardiologist. You may also benefit from wearing an event monitor, which is activated by you when symptoms occur. You will then need to record both what you were doing at the time of the attack and what preceded it. The results are then submitted over the telephone to a company who interprets the results and reports to your physician. Return to your physician to get answers.

*Peter Gott is a retired physician and author. Readers who would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.*

**PAPERBACK BOOKWORM**  
We Sell & Trade Used Books  
1914 Addison Ave. East  
Twin Falls

**Mt. Harrison Heritage Foundation Presents**  
*Back from their World Tour*  
**BYU YOUNG AMBASSADORS**  
in concert  
**Sat. Dec. 5th at 7:30 pm**  
at the King Fine Arts Center  
Reserved Seats \$15 - call 678-6868  
General Admission - \$10  
Tickets available at Book Plaza, Welch Music, The Book Store, & Crowley's The Quad  
\$2 off groups of 10 or more.  
**Don't miss your chance this will be an Awesome Show Choir to See!**  
Jan 29th BYU Alumni Presents Ballroom Dance Company at CSI Fine Arts Center

**Auction CALENDAR**  
Through Dec. 8

**MONDAY, DEC 7, 5:30PM**  
**Collectors Night, TF**  
Antiques-Furniture-Collectibles Estate Items-household-tools & our daughters horse Palomine  
*Consignments welcome*  
734-1635 • 734-4567  
**IDAHO AUCTION BARN**  
www.idahoauuctionbarn.com

**SATURDAY, DEC 5, 1:00PM**  
**Auction, Twin Falls**  
Furniture • Appliances • Tools Collectibles • Garden Items  
Phone 734-2548 • Fax 735-8175  
**HUNT BROS. AUCTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DEC 5, 10:00AM**  
**Public Auto Auction, TF**  
Cars • Trailers • Boats • RVs Equipment • Pickups • Trucks  
Phone 734-2548 • Fax 735-8175  
**HUNTS AUTO AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, DEC 5, 11:00AM**  
**Fall Consignment Auction, TF**  
Farm • Industrial • Recreational Shop Equipment • Ect.  
Call Randy Musser to consign your items at 733-8700  
**MUSSER BROS. AUCTIONEERS**  
www.mbauction.com

**SATURDAY, DEC 5, 10:00AM**  
**Liquidation Auction, Burley**  
Crazy Dave's Emproium is liquidating their entire inventory to make room for new stock. 811 Albion, Burley  
**FAST LINE AUCTIONS**  
www.fastlineauctions.com

**ONLINE BANK AUCTION**  
2004 Winnebago Itasca Meridian Motorhome  
**ENDS TUES 12/08/09**  
(208) 466-7400 DLR# 1236  
**MUSICK AUCTION**  
www.musickauction.com

**AUCTION SALES REP**  
Jill Hollon 735-3222 • E-mail: jhollon@magicvalley.com

## Check out magicvalley.com

**Something More**  
"Christian Book Store"  
**Holiday Open House**  
Saturday, Dec. 5, 12 & 19 • 10am-5pm  
20% off storewide through December  
Regular Business Hours by Appointment  
300 East Ave. D, Wendell • 536-6159

**OPEN FRIDAY FOR ANNUAL LIGHT PARADE 'TIL 8PM**  
*Open Sundays 9-1*  
**Kelly's** Present This Coupon When Ordering  
Must be equal price or less **and Receive 1/2 Price** ON A 2<sup>ND</sup> MEAL  
EXPIRES DEC. 30, 2009

110 Main Ave. N. • Twin Falls, ID • 733-0466

**LAURA SANDERS**  
*has moved to a new location!*  
**Jagged Edge Salon**  
126 Hansen St. East • Twin Falls, Idaho  
*Ready for more clients!!!*  
Give Her a Call  
(208) 734-5970  
**Don't forget to Ask for Laura!**

**Holiday Crafts & Bazaars**

**Jerome Senior Center 6th Annual Craft Show**  
Sat. Dec. 12 • 10-5pm  
Contact Ada 324-5642  
Come enjoy crafts & snack bar!  
520 N. Lincoln  
Jerome

**14th Annual Gooding Holiday Craft Show**  
Fri. Dec. 4 • 10-6pm  
Sat. Dec. 5 • 10-4pm  
Photos with Santa 10-2 on Sat.  
Gooding High School  
1050 7th Ave. W.  
Proceeds go to Helping Hearts and Hands!

**Wendell Chamber of Commerce Christmas Bazaar**  
Sat. Dec. 5 • 8-3pm  
at Wendell Middle School  
Breakfast by boyscouts 8-11  
Wendell Chamber lunch 11:30-2pm  
Proceeds benefit Wendell Chamber Scholarship Fund & other community projects  
Contact Jan at 536-1711

**Grandy's & Juniper Street Farmhouse Christmas Craft Show**  
Dec. 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19 • 8:30-6pm  
Grandy's is located at Snake River Sprinklers Garden Center  
1675 E 4100 N Buhl  
1.75 Miles East of Buhl on Hwy 30

**Ketchum Papoose Club Holiday Bazaar**  
Sat. Dec. 5 • 9-5pm  
Sun. Dec. 6 • 11-4pm  
Santa at 1pm!  
Showcasing exciting new artists, Christmas shopping and Children's activities  
Hemingway Elem. School  
111 8th St. West, Ketchum

To Announce your special event Call or email  
Karen at 735-3270  
kdickman@magicvalley.com

**TIMES-NEWS**  
magicvalley.com

Great deal!  
Let's be sure we go  
by Fred's today.

**1 Day Only**  
Friday, December 4

**130 of your  
Kellogg's  
& Keebler  
favorites**

**1/2 PRICE**  
From Regular Prices



Look for the special tags on participating items in the store.



Prices Good Friday – Sunday

# Good LOW Prices on What You Need Today

Pork chops sound  
yummy tonight... and  
get printer paper while  
you're there.

Pork Loin  
Assorted Chops  
**1.39**  
Lb.

Bone in. Blades and Sirloins.  
Moist & Tender™. Moistness and  
tenderness enhanced by a solution  
of up to 12% water, salt and  
sodium phosphate.



Italian Bread  
**99¢** Ea.  
Soft and chewy.  
16 oz. Sliced or Unsliced.



3 Lb. Bag  
Satsuma Mandarins  
**2 for \$5**  
Sweet, seedless  
and easy to peel.



Kraft Shredded Cheese  
**4 for \$5**  
7 or 8 oz.  
Assorted varieties.

**FredMeyer 3-Day Coupon FredMeyer 3-Day Coupon FredMeyer 3-Day Coupon**



Banquet  
Pot Pies  
**5 for \$1**  
Your First 5  
With This Coupon  
Additional at  
Everyday Low Price  
7 oz. Chicken  
& Broccoli, Beef,  
Chicken or Turkey.

Customer: Limit one coupon per purchase. Valid for in-store purchases only. Valid Friday, December 4 through Sunday, December 6, 2009. Cash value 1/20th of 1¢.



Nalley Chili  
with Beans  
**3 for \$1**  
Your First 3  
With This Coupon  
Additional at  
Everyday Low Price  
15 oz. Original, Thick,  
Cheddar, Onion,  
Jalapeño, Hot, Turkey  
or Fat Free Vegetarian.

Customer: Limit one coupon per purchase. Valid for in-store purchases only. Valid Friday, December 4 through Sunday, December 6, 2009. Cash value 1/20th of 1¢.



Hershey's Holiday  
Miniatures Candy  
or Nestle Jingles  
**2<sup>38</sup>** Ea.  
Your First 2  
With This Coupon  
Additional at  
Everyday Low Price  
10 to 12 oz.  
Reese's, Kisses  
and more.

Customer: Limit one coupon per purchase. Valid for in-store purchases only. Valid Friday, December 4 through Sunday, December 6, 2009. Cash value 1/20th of 1¢.



# Fred Meyer®

What's on *Your* List?

Prices good Friday, December 4 through Sunday, December 6, 2009.  
Most stores open 7AM to 11PM daily.

# Obama calls for new ideas for creating jobs

By Tom Raum  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Obama promised at a White House jobs forum on Thursday to take “every responsible step to accelerate job creation,” including some ideas he said could be put into action quickly. He cited an expanded program to help make more U.S. homes energy-efficient as an example.

He also mentioned trade measures and possible new tax incentives among ways to stop job losses that are the worst since the 1930s.

“This has been a tough year, with a lot of uncertainty,” Obama said as he wrapped up the half-day brainstorming session with more than 100 CEOs, academics, small business and union leaders and local officials. “There’s no question that it’s difficult out there right now.”

The president said there were some ideas that could be put to work almost immediately and other ideas that will become part of legislation for Congress to consider. He listed “moving forward on an aggressive agenda for energy efficiency and

weatherization” as a prime candidate for quick action.

With unemployment levels above 10 percent, Obama said “We cannot hang back and hope for the best.”

But, mindful of growing anxiety about federal deficits, Obama also tempered his upbeat talk with an acknowledgment that government resources could only go so far and that it is primarily up to the private sector to create large numbers of new jobs.

He said while he’s “open to every demonstrably good idea ... we also though have to face the fact that our

resources are limited.”

In an interview with USA Today and the Detroit Free Press, the president rejected calls for a follow-on to the \$787 billion economic recovery bill he signed into law shortly after taking office.

“It is not going to be possible for us to have a huge second stimulus, because frankly, we just don’t have the money,” Obama said.

Obama spoke a day before the Labor Department was to report unemployment figures for November. The October jobless level soared into double digits to 10.2 percent, and forecasters

don’t expect the November figures to be any better — and they could even be worse.

The president was expected to stay on topic with a visit today to economically distressed Allentown, Pa.

As Obama and participants focused on the big picture, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., was more narrowly focused, telling reporters that Congress will tap unused funds from last year’s \$700 billion Wall Street bailout to pay for new spending on roads and bridges and save the jobs of firefighters, teachers and

other public employees.

Pelosi didn’t give a price tag on the initiative.

However, congressional Democrats who have talked with Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and other administration officials are eyeing up to \$70 billion in funds, said a House Democratic aide who required anonymity to describe the private talks.

Obama opened the session by challenging participants to help him come up with innovative ideas for putting millions of Americans back to work, saying he wants the “biggest bang for the buck.”

## Comcast strikes deal to buy NBC Universal from General Electric

By Meg James  
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — In a momentous shift in the balance of power of the entertainment industry, cable television giant Comcast Corp. on Thursday made it official by announcing that it was buying control of NBC Universal from General Electric Co.

The proposed \$30 billion transaction is the culmination of the longtime ambition by Comcast’s chief executive, Brian Roberts, to transform his family-controlled Philadelphia company from a passel of distribution pipes into a leading producer of movies and TV shows and owner of prominent cable channels.

The deal underscores how the high-profit-margin business of cable TV — not a broadcast network or a Hollywood movie studio — has become the financial backbone of media conglomerates.

“Cable channels are the best part of the media business today; they are really the crown jewels of any entertainment company,” Comcast Chief Operating Officer Steve Burke told analysts in a conference call.

Unlike over-the-air broadcast networks, cable channels have two streams of revenue — subscriber fees and advertising. Roberts said that 82 percent of the operating income of the new entity would come from cable channels. Five of NBC Universal’s cable networks — USA, Syfy, Bravo, CNBC and MSNBC — each generate \$200 million a year or more in operating income.

“We are creating a new company with an absolutely first-class set of cable channels,” Roberts said. “This is the logical evolution of our programming strategy.”

If federal regulators

approve, a new joint venture would be created by pooling businesses from both companies. Comcast would provide nearly \$14 billion in assets, including \$6.5 billion in cash, for 51 percent ownership of the new entity. Comcast said its cable channels — including E, Versus and the Golf Channel — were worth \$7.25 billion.

As part of the deal, GE would reduce its ownership in NBC Universal to 49 percent in exchange for \$9.1 billion, which the new entity would assume as debt.

The Comcast deal marks the end of an era for NBC, which has been one of the brightest bulbs within GE for nearly a quarter-century. Under GE, NBC became a profit- and hit-making machine, inventing the slogan “must-see TV” and fielding such memorable programs as “Cheers,” “Seinfeld,” “Friends,” “Frasier” and “Law & Order.”

Thanks to GE’s deep pockets, NBC was able to secure high-profile contracts to broadcast the Olympics and National Football League games and to acquire Universal Studios and the Universal Pictures film studio five years ago.

But GE is retrenching, and the peacock has fallen on hard times. The broadcast network will lose more than \$500 million this year. Universal Pictures has released a string of box-office bombs.

The cash GE is to receive from the deal would bolster its balance sheet, which was rocked by the financial-markets meltdown and recession. Increasing its stockpile of cash, GE Chief Executive Jeff Immelt said, would allow GE to further invest in international and fast-growing businesses, including energy and technology.

## FTC: Violent content still aimed at children

NEW YORK (AP) — The video game industry is doing a better job at keeping young kids away from violent and other inappropriate content than the music and movie businesses, according to a new report by the Federal Trade Commission.

But all three could improve self-regulation, especially when it comes to new technologies such as mobile games and viral online marketing, the FTC said Thursday.

The report, which reviews the marketing of violent entertainment to children, also found that movie studios intentionally market PG-13 movies to kids under 13.

Unrated DVDs pose another challenge, because stores often sell such versions of R or PG-13-rated

films. Nearly six out of 10 parents surveyed didn’t know that unrated movies can contain additional adult or explicit content that wasn’t in the original cut.

**OPEN SUNDAYS 10 TO 4**

**FRESH CUT CHRISTMAS TREES**  
Douglas Fir 5'-7'  
**\$19.99**

**Grand or Noble 6'-7' \$29.99**

**True Value**  
START RIGHT. START HERE.  
**Krengel's Hardware**  
628 Main Avenue South  
Twin Falls • 736-0080  
STORE HOURS: MON.-SAT. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
SUN. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON **GOOD DRIVER DISCOUNT**  
**Jim Bieri, Agent**  
208-734-6666  
**State Farm Insurance**

Gooding & Wendell Chambers of Commerce *support your community!*

**Shop Local this Holiday Season**  
**December 5-12**

**Starting December 5** **December 12**

**WENDELL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Boy Scout pancake breakfast 8AM  
Wendell Area Chamber Holiday Bazaar 8-3PM  
Visit and photos with Santa 11AM  
Christmas caroling around town all day  
Door prizes through out the day  
Lunch by 40 an 8 group  
Wreath decorating contest winners announced 2PM

**GOODING**  
Gooding Craft Fair 4PM @ Gooding HS  
Christmas Cantata Dec. 5, 7PM @ Walker Center  
Christmas Cantata Dec. 6, 4PM @ Walker Center  
Cantata Dinner Dec 6, 12:30-2:30 @ Methodist Church

**DOWNTOWN GOODING 10AM-2PM**  
Festival of Trees 10AM-4PM @ Gooding Fairgrounds  
Santa arrives at 11AM by fire truck  
Visits w/Santa (bring your camera!)  
Horse drawn carriage rides on Main Street  
Free gift wrapping @ GCMH Thrift Shop  
Face painting by GHS Art Students  
Sidewalk Sales  
J&E Thrift Store - Kid's Movie  
Kiss-A-Pig Fundraising Winner Announced!  
Winner will kiss the pig at 1:30PM  
Grand Opening 10:30 AM @ Clover Creek Trading Co. & Real Estate - FREE Chili & Potato Bar until 2PM!



bring home more holiday **BEALLS**

**50%-75% OFF WITH YOUR BONUS COUPONS**

**50% OFF**  
ENTIRE STOCK MEN'S SWEATERS  
By Dockers, Arrow, Haggar, Sun River, S-XXL.  
Reg. 34.00-60.00, Sale 17.00-30.00

**50% OFF**  
ENTIRE STOCK JUNIORS LOVE ROCKS SWEATERS  
Reg. 30.00, Sale 15.00

**70% OFF**  
ENTIRE STOCK FINE JEWELRY GOLD EARRINGS  
10K and 14K gold.

**40% OFF**  
ENTIRE STOCK GIRLS 2T-16 SEPARATES  
By Beatees, Levi's, Squeeze, L.A. Movers, more.  
Reg. 22.00-38.00, Sale 13.20-22.80

**50% OFF**  
TOMMY HILFINGER TOTES  
Nylon and crocodile-print.  
Reg. 79.00 ea., Sale 39.50

**40% OFF**  
WOOL COATS  
Signature Studio' walker from the collection. S-XL.  
Reg. 188.00, Sale 112.80

**50% OFF**  
SLEEPWEAR & ROBES FOR HER  
Winter styles by Rebecca Malone' Intimates, On Stage' and Whispers'. S-XL: 1X-3X.  
Reg. 22.00-65.00, Sale 11.00-32.50

**BONUS COUPON VALID NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 8**  
**EXTRA 20% OFF**  
ANY SINGLE ITEM • REGULAR PRICE, SALE OR CLEARANCE  
\*Excludes fragrances, cosmetics, formalwear rental, gift cards and previous purchases. Cannot be combined with any other coupon or private savings offer. Must relinquish coupon at time of purchase.

**BONUS COUPON VALID NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 8**  
**EXTRA 20% OFF**  
ANY SINGLE ITEM • REGULAR PRICE, SALE OR CLEARANCE  
\*Excludes fragrances, cosmetics, formalwear rental, gift cards and previous purchases. Cannot be combined with any other coupon or private savings offer. Must relinquish coupon at time of purchase.

**BEALLS**

**JUST \$6 EACH**  
2009 CHRISTMAS COLLECTIBLES  
With any \$50 purchase. A \$24 value each. One per \$50 purchase. While supplies last.

**OUR GIFT CARD**  
THE PERFECT PRESENT! In denominations of \$5-\$1000. Available in-store, at www.beallstx.com and 1-800-743-8730. \*Terms and conditions apply.

717 N. Overland Ave., (Old Kmart Building) Burley, ID • 678-6890

## Vernon Raymond MacNeil

PAUL — Vernon Raymond MacNeil, 86, of Paul, Idaho, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, in Twin Falls, surrounded by his family.



Vernon was born March 27, 1923, at American Falls, Idaho, the son of Roy and Murvel (Hunter) MacNeil. He was raised in Rockland, Idaho. He married Betty Forrest, and together they had four children. They later divorced. He married Maurine Riddle; she preceded Vernon in death in July 2009. He attended college in Logan, Utah, receiving his bachelor's degree in vocational agriculture. He taught VoAg at Oakley High School and Minico High School, finishing his teaching career at Minico. He served as president of the State VoAg Association and taught welding classes to the public.

Vernon served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. He was active in the Disabled Veterans and the American Legion. Vernon was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints. He was in the High Priest Quorum. He served two full-time missions. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and fly-fishing, fly-tying and anything to do with fishing.

He is survived by his children, Ted (Carol) MacNeil, Cary MacNeil, Dudley MacNeil and Bonnie Gray; stepdaughters, Sheri Caldwell, Lorraine DeWaal and Karen McPhie; stepson, Steven Turner; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maurine; two brothers; and a sister.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Mountain View Memorial Cemetery, 3115 E. 7800 S. in Cottonwood Heights, Utah. Services are under the direction of Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

## Robert H. (Bob) Milligan Sr.

BOISE — Bob Milligan, 74, lost his battle with cancer and passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009.



Bob was born Aug. 21, 1935, in Twin Falls to C. E. "Bud" and Aurora A. (Hall) Milligan Sr. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1953. After one short month at Idaho State College in Pocatello, he joined the U.S. Army. After his three years of service, he came back to Idaho State to finish his education under the GI Bill. Instead, he met Gay Severson, threw a snowball in her face in January 1957 and married her Sept. 1, 1957. They were married for 52 adventurous years.

Bob loved the outdoors and had many friends with whom he fished, hunted and boated up and down every river, lake and ocean that he could.

Then there was golf, where he played in "crew," and the golf trips with his wife and friends. His family and friends all have hilarious tales of his adventures that will go on forever in memory.

He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Gay; his children, Shannon (David) Bischoff of Yuma, Ariz., Sheila (Gordon) Trounson of Boise, Robert (Janet) Milligan Jr. of Jerome and Shelli (Wade) Wickham of Wendell; his grandsons, Dylan J. (Jennifer) Wilder, and Nick and Blaine Scott; and his granddaughters, Rylee Scott and Tillie Trounson.

At Bob's request, no service will be held but a celebration of his life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Indian Lakes Golf Course.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Idaho Humane Society.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful ladies at St. Luke's Hospice for their support and vigilance and their friends and neighbors for their continued support.

Condolences for the family may be submitted online at [www.CloverdaleFuneralHome.com](http://www.CloverdaleFuneralHome.com).

# Motorcycle crash authority Harry Hurt, 81, dies

By Susan Carpenter  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Harry Hurt, one of the world's foremost authorities on motorcycle crashes and their causes, has died. He was 81.

Hurt suffered a heart attack at Pomona Valley Hospital on Sunday, a complication of back surgery he had had a week before, according to his eldest son, Harry Hurt III.

Hurt was the principal investigator of the Hurt Report, an on-scene investigation of 900 motorcycle accidents conducted in Los Angeles from 1976 to 1977. Published in 1981, his research continues to form the basis of many U.S. motorcycle safety programs and is credited with saving countless lives.

Hurt was a professor of safety science at the University of Southern California in the school's Traffic Safety Center in the early 1970s, when roughly 10 percent of U.S. highway traffic fatalities were because of motorcycle accidents. In 1975, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reached out to Hurt and the university to develop

an accident investigation methodology and study that would determine the causes of motorcycle crashes and injuries.

Among the study's major findings were that speed was not a factor in most crashes; that helmets were effective in preventing brain injuries and deaths; and that two-thirds of motorcycle crashes involved cars and two-thirds of those accidents occurred when a car driver failed to see the motorcycle and violated the motorcyclist's right of way.

"Harry was the acknowledged giant in motorcycle accident research," said Jim Ouellet, one of the accident investigators for the Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures study, better known as the Hurt Report.

"Similar studies since 1990 reflect his influence and have largely confirmed his findings. He was a bulldog at finding the facts and making them public even if some people were unhappy when the facts he reported didn't support their pet theories."

Hurt was a lifelong motorcyclist and never had a crash, his wife, Joan, said.

## SERVICES

**Betty Jean Dillon** of Rupert, burial at 10 a.m. today at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Ellen Margaret Gorringer** of Meridian and formerly of Oakley, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. in Boise; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary; graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Oakley Cemetery in Oakley.

**Phyllis Idella Timothy Fowler** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Roosevelt LDS Stake Center in Roosevelt, Utah; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**RoseAnn Williams** of Twin Falls, celebration of life funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**James Lewis (Jim) Phillips** of King Hill, service at 11 a.m. today at the Glens Ferry LDS Church; viewing from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

**Blake K. Page** of Paul, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St. in Paul; visitation from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Morrison Funeral Home in Rupert).

**Jean Josephine Gilmore Sommer** of Twin Falls, visitation from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; gathering to share memories at 5 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary; celebration of life at 2 p.m. Dec. 26 at the mortuary.

**Harold Guy (Pat) Pharris**

## DEATH NOTICES

### Rodger H. Nelson

HAGERMAN — Rodger H. Nelson, 88, of Hagerman and formerly of Stoughton, Wis., died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at his daughter's residence in Hagerman. No local service is planned. Cremation was under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

### Kandace K. Armstrong

Kandace Kemp Armstrong, 63, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Serenity

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

**Wayne Frederick McWilliams** of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

**Jose Esteban Garayoa Soto** of Paul, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Blanche Skeem Williams Burgess** of Meridian and formerly of Hollister, funeral at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Buhl LDS Chapel, 501 S. Main St.; visitation from 9:30 to 11:10 a.m. Saturday at the church (Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise).

**Jody Deisher Howard** of Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.)

**Kelsey Lynn Maxfield**, infant daughter of Katrina and Austin Maxfield of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Home, 3629 E. Ustick Road in Meridian.

**Therese Sivanish** of Spokane, Wash., funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Funeral Home in Spokane, Wash.; reception follows at the Lincoln Heights LDS Ward Church, 2721 E. 63rd in Spokane, Wash. (visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary).

**Carl Carr Stephens** of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

**Shirley Burton** of Twin Falls, information memorial gathering at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Community Room at Leavitts Mortuary, 836 36th St. in Ogden, Utah.

### Gladys L. Mitchell

JEROME — Gladys L. Mitchell, 76, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

### Dawna L. Morganflash

BURLEY — Dawna Lee Morganflash, 59, of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending under the direction of Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

## Kerry Lee Crumbliss

Kerry Lee Crumbliss passed away at home Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, surrounded by the ones he loved and that loved him dearly.

Kerry was born May 27, 1952, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Lee Roy "Cotton" Crumbliss and Doris May Still. He joined the Army in 1969 and was stationed in Germany for two years. Upon his discharge from the military, he returned to Twin Falls, where he married and had two children. He and his family moved to California in 1976 and again to Texas in 1987, where he spent the rest of his life. Kerry very much enjoyed the water, in the boat or on the Jet-Ski. He enjoyed spending time with his many friends and spoiling his Missy-girl.

He is survived by two children, daughter Tiffany Crumbliss of Leander, Texas; and son, Dustin Crumbliss of Georgetown, Texas; his parents, Cotton and Glenda Crumbliss of Twin Falls.

Idaho; sister, Kandee and Bruce Schulz of Jerome, Idaho; brother-in-law, Pat McCulloch; and nephew, Micah McCulloch, both of Sterling, Idaho; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends. He is also survived by his beloved "Cairn Terror," Missy. Kerry was preceded in death by his mother, Doris May Still; sisters, Karen McCulloch and Gayle Crumbliss; and his grandparents.

Kerry's wishes were to be cremated and for his remains to be spread near Red Fish Lake in Idaho where he had many fond childhood memories. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2101 Bagdad Road in Cedar Park, Texas. The family has requested donations be made to Hospice Austin or visit [www.standup2cancer.org](http://www.standup2cancer.org) to make a donation to the star created in his honor.

## Pilot who endured torture at 'Hanoi Hilton' dies

By Holbrook Mohr  
Associated Press writer

JACKSON, Miss. — Retired Air Force Col. Jack Pitchford, a fighter pilot from Mississippi who survived seven years in the notorious Vietnamese prison camp known as the "Hanoi Hilton," has died. He was 82.

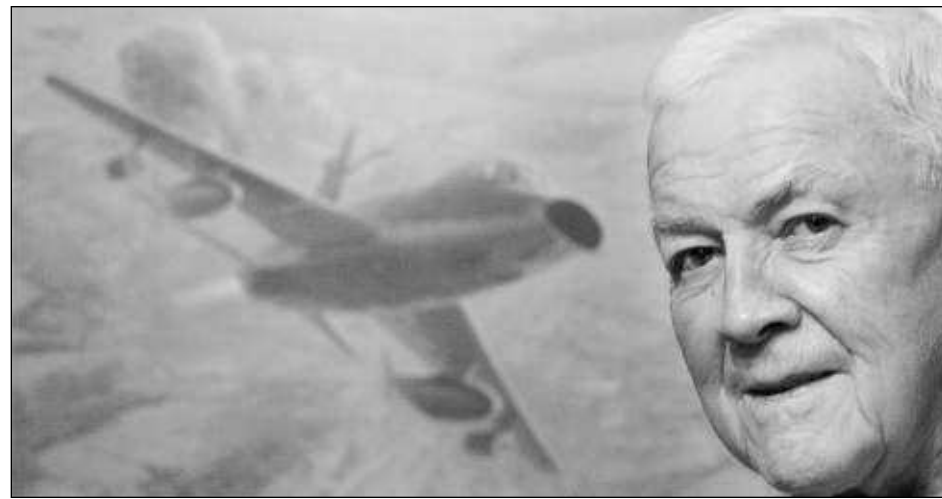
The Natchez, Miss., native died Wednesday after battling a brain tumor, said his brother, 64-year-old Jim Pitchford of Baton Rouge, La.

Pitchford was shot down over North Vietnam in 1965 and taken to Hoa Lo prison, a hellish place where many Americans, including U.S. Sen. John McCain and Medal of Honor recipient George "Bud" Day, endured brutal torture.

Pitchford was released in 1973, the same year as McCain, who was imprisoned there in 1967 after his own plane was shot down. The pilot never fully recovered from his injuries, but never regretted his service to his country, his brother said. "His achievement in life was really sustaining himself through the ordeal in prison camp, and he considered himself a very fierce resister," Jim Pitchford said, recalling a story another prisoner told him about his brother.

"One day (in the prison), when it was his time to offer the blessing at a group meal, he said, 'Lord, we thank you for this dog s— we're about to consume and we ask that you come down and smite these heathen bastards.'"

Pitchford attended Louisiana State University on the GI bill after World War II, then entered the Air Force's officer training program. He missed combat in



AP file photo

Jack Pitchford stands in his Natchez, Miss., living room in December 2005 in front of a picture of the Wild Weasels, an Air Force squadron during the Vietnam War. Pitchford, a fighter pilot who survived seven years in the Vietnamese prison camp known as the Hanoi Hilton, has died at 82.

both World War II and Korea because of training assignments, his brother said.

Pitchford volunteered for a perilous assignment in Vietnam with the Wild Weasels, a group of pilots who flew low-altitude missions hunting down and destroying surface-to-air missiles.

Pitchford became the first Weasel pilot taken prisoner after bailing out of his F-100 Super Sabre on Dec. 20, 1965, according to his brother and Air Force records.

Pitchford was shot in the arm three times and the man flying with him, Bob Trier, was killed in a gun battle on the ground, Jim Pitchford said.

The pilot recalled his time at war and the torture some of the Americans endured, including being hung from the ceiling by their feet, in a 2005 interview with the Natchez Democrat newspaper.

"War is hell," he said at the time. "It truly is hell. There are no winners and no losers."

John A. Dramesi, who

wrote the book "Code of Honor" in the 1970s about his experiences in the camp, said Pitchford gave him what little food he had as Dramesi prepared for what would be an unsuccessful escape attempt.

"He was a great guy and a great military man," Dramesi told The Associated Press.

After retiring from the military, Pitchford returned to Natchez, the picturesque

town he loved on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. He enjoyed horse racing and frequented events like the Kentucky Derby, his brother said.

Pitchford was the second of 12 children. All seven boys who survived beyond childhood joined the military after high school. Pitchford had no children, but he was deeply proud of six nephews in the Marines and another in the Army, his brother said.

Finest In...  
Flowers  
Design  
Service



733-9292

1563 Fillmore Street, North Bridge Plaza, Unit 1-C  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cool but sunny. Highs, 30s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows, teens.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, cooler and likely dry. Highs, 20s.

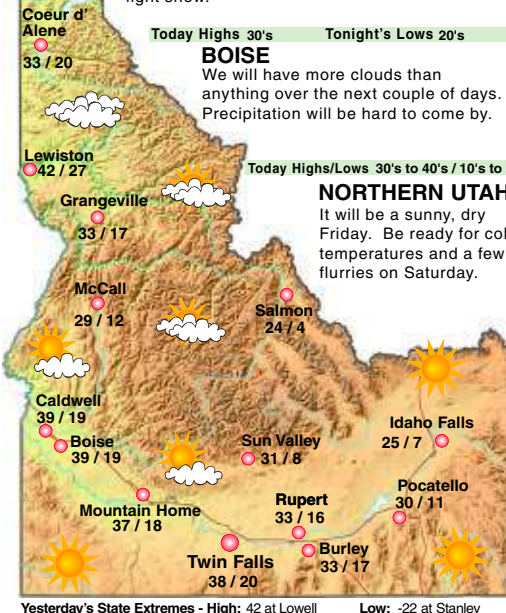
ALMANAC - BURLEY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Avg. Water Year to Date.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Other than some clouds, Friday's weather will be dry and quiet. Saturday will be colder with light snow.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 42 at Lowell Low: -22 at Stanley

weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers-r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Avg. Water Year to Date.

MOON PHASES and MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise and Moonset. Includes Today, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday data.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for various Idaho cities.

Barometric Pressure and Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Barometric Pressure and Sunrise and Sunset. Includes Today, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday data.

Today's U. V. Index

Table with 2 columns: Low, Moderate, High. Includes Today's index and a scale.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: Proactive people take the initiative and responsibility to make things happen. They cause action rather than being victims of circumstance.

Rain, winds, record heat hit Northeast - all in 1 day

By David Sharp Associated Press writer
PORTLAND, Maine - A storm packing blustery winds and driving rain knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses in the Northeast on Thursday before giving way to sunny skies and record high temperatures - all in the same morning.

high of 55 for the date. Providence, R.I., had a record high of 66, and Concord, N.H., set a record at 65.
'It's not right. It's December. It's supposed to be snowing,' said Jennifer Sporzynski, who sat on a park bench Thursday in Portland's Old Port.

park exercising in shorts. Cape Cod to the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Two scheduled passenger ferries and a freight ferry from Hyannis to Nantucket were canceled Thursday morning, while ferries from Woods Hole to Martha's Vineyard were running on a trip-by-trip basis, the Steamship Authority reported.

FREE SMART Rewards CHECKING
when qualifications are met 4.19% APY\* on balances up to \$30K
AND SMART Rewards SAVINGS
when qualifications are met 3.19% APY\* on balances up to \$30K

Visit us at www.dlevansrewards.com
By tying SMART Rewards Savings WITH free SMART Rewards Checking WE HELP YOU TO SAVE. BOTH the high-interest from your SMART Rewards Checking and all of your nationwide ATM fee refunds\*\* will be deposited automatically into your high interest-bearing savings account.

D. L. Evans Bank
Idaho's Hometown Community Bank Since 1904

Season's Greetings
Mike and Catherine Parke and the staff of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and the Twin Falls Cemetery would like to extend a personal invitation to you and every member of your family to attend the 13th Annual Lighting of the Memorial Christmas Tree Saturday, December 12, 2009 7:00 P.M.





# A MAN AND HIS HORSE

'DANCES WITH WOLVES' AUTHOR TELLS A WILD HORSE TALE IN KETCHUM.

SEE ENTERTAINMENT 2

Chair art in Ketchum, Entertainment 3 / Oakley concert, Entertainment 4 / Events Calendar, Entertainment 6-7

Entertainment

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

FEATURES EDITOR VIRGINIA HUTCHINS: (208) 735-3242 VIRGINIA.HUTCHINS@LEE.NET

## The Pottery Place

At Magic Mud, camels guard the necks of huge vases. Cityscapes rise along the sides of weighty vessels. Bunnies cavort on diminutive bowls and cups.

You'll find sleek lines here, crumpled clay there.

The wares at Magic Mud — the annual sale by the College of Southern Idaho's pottery instructors and students — are all original. And all singular.

That's the point, after all. It's a sale for shoppers who shun the ho-hum and homogenous.

Some ceramic pieces are fanciful, but every piece is practical, too: dishwasher- and oven-proof, nontoxic and fine for food. The selection includes wheel-thrown and hand-built pieces, most gas-fired but some salt-fired.

Magic Mud continues from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in CSI's Student Union Building.

Shoppers scoured the tables as the sale opened Thursday morning, collecting piles of bowls or cradling lidded casseroles. But don't fear: More boxes of pottery still awaited unpacking as the display thinned.

— Virginia Hutchins



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho students Sara Castro, left, and Myriam Carrasco look at pottery for sale at the college's Magic Mud event. Students and instructors made the one-of-a-kind objects.



Keenan Seipel sells her salt-fired bowls for \$20.



Andrea Stevens' \$20 piggy banks have cork noses so you can remove the contents quickly for holiday purchases.



Bradie Heck's mugs go for \$6 apiece. Salt-firing the glazed pottery gives the pieces an orange-peel look.

## The vaquero way

### Rawhide artist sells to collectors, cowboys alike

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

Pointed toe boots, dark-wash jeans, rimmed cowboy hat, wind- and sun-roughed cheeks, bushy mustache: Charly Liesen looks the part of a man of the saddle.

His love for horses brought him to Idaho from his native Brussels, Belgium, in 1982, and here Liesen's passion for traditional rawhiding flourished from hobby to business.

"I had a friend that came to the States to learn about Western riding," Liesen said with a thick accent. "He came back with these reins and hackamores. These gears were fantastic, and I knew it was something I had to try."

Liesen, 53, now living in Hazelton, immersed himself in the craft. It was difficult, he said, as most rawhiding information was in English.

"I was still in Europe and didn't read English but researched as much as I could. About a year or so later I was finally able to get rawhide, a book, and was able to get started," Liesen said.

Five years later his craftsmanship was lackluster and Liesen almost gave up. Then, in 1982, he left his life as an interior decorator and came to the U.S. As a ranch cowhand, Liesen pursued his



Charly Liesen, 53, of Hazelton, demonstrates rawhide braiding at The Nehemiah in Buhl. Liesen says braiding is like a math equation: What you do to one side you must do to the other, for symmetry and balance.

artistic passion with abandon.

"Cowboys and ranchers made their own gear, and rawhide was always readily available. I could find a dead

cow anywhere," he said.

Rawhide differs from leather, which is treated animal skin. Rawhide is just what it sounds like: raw hide. The life of the animal



Photos by BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

A sampling of Charly Liesen's rawhide gear will be on display and on sale today and Saturday at The Nehemiah in Buhl. Liesen was exposed to the traditional cowboy craft while living in Europe but honed his skill after moving to the U.S.

#### RAWHIDE ART

Find Charly Liesen's custom braided rawhide gear on display and for sale at The Nehemiah's Christmas Open House, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday, 1553 E. 4000 N. in Buhl.

Information on the show: 543-4253. Prices start at \$60 for bracelets and key rings, \$450 for a basic hackamores and \$500 for a simple set of reins. Prices are determined by the item's size, number of strings, pattern intricacy, colors and interweaves. Information on the wares: Liesen at 420-3744.



Rawhide products, like horse reins, begin as cowhides, like those shown here. Charly Liesen says red cattle breeds, like Jerseys and Red Angus, are traditionally held as having the best hides for rawhide braiding due to their "life and springiness."

75 percent of rawhide braiding," Liesen said. "The art is keeping the life, the springiness, of its memory alive."

That pliability and weight translate into better horsemanship, he said.

"It's about horsemanship and making good horses the 'vaquero way,'" Liesen said.

Originally from Mexico, that horsemanship tradition was brought to California

during the late 1700s. Vaqueros, not interested in turning green horses into working ranch animals as quickly as possible, took whatever time was necessary to train a horse. The animals were light in the bridle and maneuverable with the slightest signals from reins to bit, Liesen said.

See **HIDE**, Entertainment 8

# A man and his horse

## 'Dances With Wolves' author tells a wild horse tale in Ketchum

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

Nearly 25 years ago, Michael Blake wrote a novel about a Civil War veteran who adopted the ways of the Sioux people he'd befriended — only to find his story rejected by publisher after publisher.

Then an up-and-coming actor named Kevin Costner put "Dances With Wolves" on the movie screen, and Blake found himself basking in the glory of seven Academy Awards and a Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture.

Now Blake's latest book is about how a wild horse came to redefine his life. He'll share about "Twelve — The King" during an illustrated talk Dec. 11 at the nexStage Theatre in Ketchum. His appearance is sponsored by the Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival.

The story of Twelve began in 1991 when Blake visited what he describes as one of the Bureau of Land Management's "concentration camps for wild horses" outside Reno, Nev. There he spied a 20-year-old black stallion that had survived capture in nearby mountains.

The 60 geldings in the paddock with him could be ridden within 20 minutes. But nobody could even lay a hand on the wild stallion with the numbers 1210 on his flank, Blake said. Even within the paddock, it was clear that Twelve continued to see himself as their protector, keeping vigil for signs of trouble.

Considered unadoptable because of his age, Twelve could have spent the rest of his life confined to a pen. But Blake adopted him and took him to Wolf House, his ranch in the foothills of Tucson, Ariz.

Had it been a novel destined for a Hallmark movie, Twelve and Blake would have formed a bond that overcame the animal's years of living wild, Blake said by telephone from his Arizona ranch. That was not to be. But in the ensuing years Blake gained a greater appreciation for the wildness in Twelve, watching Twelve assume the role of protector for the tame horses in Blake's riding arena.

"Twelve — The King" is a little more than 30 pages long and reads like a love poem to the wild in all of us.

## Share your holiday light display

Is your home a sparkling Christmas display?

Then share your holiday spirit with the community. The *Times-News* is looking for great outdoor Christmas lights to list on its Web site, [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com).

If one of those happy homes is yours, e-mail your address to [patm@magicvalley.com](mailto:patm@magicvalley.com). Photos are welcome, but optional.

The outdoor-display listing and photos will be posted on [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com) so that others can drive by and enjoy the lights. Your name will not be used.

Information: Pat Marcantonio, the *Times-News'* online editor, at 735-3288.

## Angels, mice and party guests

Eugene Ballet's "Nutcracker" features 40 Magic Valley children, dancing with the pros.

NEXT WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT



Blake, honored with the Animal Protection Institute's Humanitarian of the Year Award, said he hopes those who read it will be moved to oppose what he believes is a systematic effort to kill and remove all wild horses from their home on the range.

"Twelve — The King" is not a novel or a nonfiction study. It is a short memorial based on a wild horse stallion in whose presence I spent nearly 15 years of my own life," said Blake, who is working on a new movie with Costner that's based on his short story "The One."

People who see wild horses running free say it's a view they will never forget, he added. "But, more than that, the lives of wild horses reveal to humanity the privilege of having a life on planet Earth and how vital it is to respect that privilege."

Blake came to the attention of the Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival through Ketchum filmmakers Jim and Jamie Dutcher, who have made several films focusing on wolves, mountain lions and beavers.

"Michael will speak about the dangerous precipice we are now on as wild horses are destined for extinction. He'll talk about the connection between humans and the animal world, the sacred bond that the Native Americans have always recognized and lived in harmony with. And he'll talk about his own personal journey from an unknown author to a renowned author," said Mary Gervase, the film festival's executive director.

"Michael has struggled with overwhelming health issues — he's had 12 surgeries and was destined to leave

this life by doctors' predictions many times," she said. "But he is still here, leaving his indelible and compassionate imprint on our lives through his writing, poetry and personal charisma."

Cheryl Welch, who owns



Author Michael Blake with Twelve, a wild horse that redefined his life.

Courtesy photos

Chapter One bookstore in Ketchum, said she "wouldn't miss the event for the world."

"The dignity he gave the American Indian in 'Dances With Wolves' resonated with me, so I'm anxious to see what he's done with this new story," she said.

Karen Bossick may be reached at [kbossick@cox-internet.com](mailto:kbossick@cox-internet.com) or 208-578-2111.

### HORSE TALE

- **What:** Evening with Michael Blake, author of "Dances with Wolves"
- **When:** 6 p.m. Dec. 11, book signing and opportunity to meet the author; 7 p.m. Dec. 11, presentation with film clips
- **Where:** nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum
- **Tickets:** \$15 at the door
- **Information:** 788-9729

## Love Carefully

Annual check-ups, birth control, emergency contraception, early abortion, HPV vaccine, testing for pregnancy and STIs, education and treatment.

**Planned Parenthood**  
of the Great Northwest  
800.230.PLAN | [www.ppgnw.org](http://www.ppgnw.org)

Ask if you qualify for reduced fee services. We'll bill most major insurance companies.

In Twin Falls, downtown at 200 Second Ave. N and Gooding Street across from Donnelly Sports.

Planned Parenthood® is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. © 2009 Planned Parenthood® of the Great Northwest.

### Herrett Center for Arts and Science

The College of Southern Idaho  
315 Falls Avenue • Twin Falls  
Planetarium and gallery information: 732-6655  
Star Line Sky info. (208) 732-MOON (732-6666)

**Faulkner Planetarium**  
Adults ... \$4.50 Seniors ... \$3.50  
Students ... \$2.50 children under 2 free  
Entertainment shows -- All ages \$4.50

**The Herrett Gift Shop**  
Annual Christmas Sale  
Now through Dec. 23  
20% off most items  
Great Stocking Stuffers for all ages!

SHOW SCHEDULE **DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Season of Light** ..... Fri., Sat. and Tues. at 7 p.m.  
**Steamrolling the Holidays** ... Fri., Sat. and Tues. at 8:15 p.m.  
**Star Signs/Live Sky Tour** ..... Sat. at 2 and 4 p.m.

HERRETT HOURS  
 Tues & Fri 9:30 am - 9:00 pm  
 Wed & Thurs 9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
 Saturday 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Closed Sundays, Mondays, and holidays.

For more on the Twin Falls area and local lodging - call 1-866-TWIN FALLS or visit [www.twinfallschamber.com](http://www.twinfallschamber.com)

FREE ADMISSION TO ALL GALLERIES AND MUSEUM LOCATED AT CSI'S NORTH COLLEGE ROAD ENTRANCE

www.csi.edu/herrett  
IDAHO  
[www.visitidaho.org](http://www.visitidaho.org)

## Our 7th Annual Celebrating the Lighting of The Holiday Memory Tree

A Special Tree decorated in Memory of Loved Ones & Members of the Military that cannot be with us this Christmas Season. A luminary will be lit for those we have lost. You can stop by and pick up your luminary to decorate and bring to the service.

**Saturday, December 5th - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunset Memorial Park**  
 2296 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls

Speaker Rev. Dick Goetsch • Christmas Carols with Alaina Davis  
 Candlelight Ceremony • Refreshments

Sponsored by:  
 White Mortuary • Reynolds Funeral Chapel • Sunset Memorial Park  
 Magic Valley End of Life Coalition  
 (Idaho Home Health & Hospice, Hospice Visions Inc., St. Lukes Home Care & Hospice)

You are in our thoughts and prayers this holiday season!

2466 Addison Ave. E. • 733-4900

### Interstate Amusement, Inc.

Movies and Times for December 4 to 10, 2009  
 Sorry - We do not accept Debit, Credit Cards, or Personal Checks

**Historic Orpheum** Opened 1921 164 Main Avenue Twin Falls  
 All Adults \$5.00 Before 5:15 p.m.

**Ninja Assassin** (R) Daily 7:00 9:10 Sat - Sun 4:50 7:00 9:10

**Twin Cinema** Opened 1949 160 Eastland Drive Twin Falls  
 All Adults \$6.00 Before 5:15 p.m.

**Disney's Christmas Carol** (PG) Daily 7:15 9:45  
 Sat - Sun 12:15 2:45 5:00 7:15 9:45

**Armored** (13) Daily 7:30 9:45  
 Sat - Sun 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45

**The Fourth Kind** (13) Daily 7:30 9:45  
 Sat - Sun 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45

**2012** (13) Daily 6:30 9:45 Sat - Sun 12:00 3:15 6:30 9:45

**Twilight Saga: New Moon** (13) Dolby Digital Surround  
 Daily 6:45 7:15 9:00 9:30 10:00  
 Sat - Sun 12:00 12:45 1:30 3:00 3:45 4:30 6:00  
 6:45 7:15 9:00 9:30 10:00

**Blindside** (13) Daily 6:45 9:30  
 Sat - Sun 12:45 3:45 6:45 9:30

**Planet 51** (PG) Daily 7:00 9:15  
 Sat - Sun 12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15

**Disney's Old Dogs** (PG) Daily 7:00 7:30 9:15 9:45  
 Sat - Sun 12:15 12:45 2:30 3:00 4:45 5:15  
 7:00 7:30 9:15 9:45

**Everybody's Fine** (13) Daily 7:00 9:15  
 Sat - Sun 12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15

**Jerome Cinema 4** 955 West Main, Jerome  
 All Adults \$5.50 Before 5:15 p.m.

**Disney's Old Dogs** (PG) Daily 7:00 9:15  
 Sat - Sun 12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15

**2012 - We Have Been Warned** (13) DTS Surround Sound  
 Daily 6:30 9:40 Sat - Sun 12:00 3:15 6:30 9:40

**Twilight Saga: New Moon** (13) DTS Surround Sound  
 Daily 7:00 9:30 Sat - Sun 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30

**Planet 51** (PG) Daily 7:15 9:20  
 Sat - Sun 12:30 2:45 5:00 7:15 9:20

**Odyssey 6** Inside Magic Valley Mall, Twin Falls  
 All Adults \$6.00 Before 5:15 p.m.

**Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Daily 7:15 9:30  
 Sat - Sun 12:30 2:45 5:00 7:15 9:30

**Transylmania** (R) Daily 7:30 9:45  
 Sat - Sun 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45

**Couples Retreat** (13) Daily 7:15 9:45  
 Sat - Sun 1:00 4:00 7:15 9:45

**The Men Who Stare at Goats** (R) Daily 7:30 9:45  
 Sat - Sun 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45

**Paranormal Activity** (R) Daily 7:15 9:30  
 Sat - Sun 12:30 2:45 5:00 7:15 9:30

**Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day** (R)  
 Daily 7:00 9:30 Sat - Sun 12:30 3:30 7:00 9:30

Through Out History - We have Been Warned!  
 John Cusack Amanda Peet Oliver Platt  
**2012** (PG-13)  
 Digital Sound - Jerome & Twin Cinema

Disney Sit. Stay. Play Dad!  
**Old Dogs** (PG)  
 Robin Williams John Travolta  
 Now at the Jerome and Twin Cinema

Fear not the Weapon, But the Hand that Wields it.  
**NINJA ASSASSIN**  
 Now at the Historic Orpheum Theatre

Based on The Extraordinary True Story!  
**THE BLIND SIDE**  
 Sandra Bullock Kathy Bates Tim McGraw  
 (PG-13) Now at the Twin Cinema

Dangers in Different Forms Await!  
 the twilight saga  
**new moon**  
 Biggest Opening Picture in Twin Falls History!  
 Now in 3 Screens at the Twin Cinema and 1 at Jerome Cinema

Sean Patrick Flanery Norman Reedus  
**The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day**  
 The Boys are Back!  
 Now at the Odyssey

Who Will Be the Last Man Standing?  
 Matt Dillon Jen Reno Laurence Fishburne  
**ARMORED**  
 (PG-13) Now at the Twin Cinema

ROBERT DE NIRO KATE BECKINSALE DREW BARRYMORE  
**EVERYBODY'S FINE** (PG-13)  
 SOMETIMES LIFE IS NOT AS IT MAY SEEM  
 NOW AT THE TWIN CINEMA

**TRANSYLMANIA**  
 College Kids. The Other White Meat  
 Now at the Odyssey Theatre

What Happens When you Sleep Or Try To!  
**PARANORMAL ACTIVITY**  
 Now at the Odyssey - Hurry Must End Soon

# TAKE A SEAT — ON A PIECE OF ART

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Ginna Parsons Lagergren has painted scenes from Idaho on large fiberglass dogs and on an egg for the White House Easter Collection. Now the Hailey artist has added a new type of canvas to her resume: the half-inch-wide chrome legs of a contemporary office chair.

Lagergren, whose work has been represented in galleries all over the western U.S., is one of more than 40 artists who volunteered to create works of art using chairs for the upcoming Chair-ity to benefit nexStage Theatre in Ketchum.

Lagergren's chair and the others will be on view Wednesday evening when nexStage hosts a free gala reception. Participants will view the chairs, meet the artists and bid on the chairs in a silent auction.

The chairs will then be farmed out to businesses throughout Ketchum the following 10 days, where viewers may continue to bid. Bidding will close Dec. 19.

The chairs have taken on a variety of personalities thanks to the creativity of artists who include Will Caldwell, Rae DeVito, K.O. Ogilvie and members of the Performing Arts Academies at Wood River High School and The Community School.

Ketchum architect Steve Pruitt decided to design his chair around the phrase "Break a leg," which performers often say to wish one another well before taking the stage. He researched where the phrase came from and covered the seat of the chair with "Merde" and other versions of the expression from around the world. Then he broke one leg on the chair, putting the two front legs in ballet slippers. "It isn't art as much as a political statement," said Pruitt, who wanted to help the theater because of his participation in a variety of community theater including the upcoming "Christmas Carol: A Musical."

Curtis Kemp, another Ketchum architect, took a similar tack by taking the seat out of a rocking chair and stringing a rock and an inch of ruler where the seat would have been.

"I realized that if you take the last two letters of rockin' and the first two



Diana Fassino imbued her chair for the Chair-ity benefit auction with color and a horse — one of her favorite things.

letters of chair, you get a play on words: "Rock inch air," he said.

Sun Valley artist Diana Fassino took a more traditional approach. She painted an old brown chair with sunny colors, adding a blue horse on the seat and lots of bright geometric designs. Ditto for Jeannie Catchpole, who painted an armchair with loose strokes and luscious drizzles of sensuous color.

"The hotter the better," she said.

Sun Valley artist Lisa

Holley endowed the canvas seat and back of a director's chair with one of her paintings. "Elk-o-logical" features two elk composed of what they eat, including golden currant, honey-suckle and shell fungus. In the background is Baldy, with many of the ski runs named, such as Rock Garden and Flying Squirrel.

"I thought I would include a framed print with it so the purchaser can sit on the chair and look at the picture," she said.

## MEET THE CHAIRS

The nexStage Theatre will hold a free gala Chair-ity Auction Reception at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the theatre, 120 S. Main St. in Ketchum.

The reception will give viewers a chance to see the chairs, meet the artists and place bids, while enjoying music by pianist Alan Pennay, holiday cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Chairs will then be placed throughout town for continued bidding, including Gilman Contemporary, The Open Room, Gail Severn Gallery, Tully's Coffee, Sun Valley Realty, Wall2Wall Carpets, Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Business as Usual, Rico's Pizza and the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau. Winning bids will be announced Dec. 19.

Lagergren found her chair at the Barkin' Basement thrift store in Hailey. She reupholstered it, carved a design on the edge of the wooden seat and painted designs on the chrome using transparent lacquer art markers. "My works on egg and dogs were more realistic," said Lagergren, known for her landscapes and three-dimensional pet portraits. "The diameter of the chrome legs didn't lend itself to much more than designs. But it's quite unusual as far as painted chairs go."

Karen Bossick may be reached at [kbossick@cox-internet.com](mailto:kbossick@cox-internet.com) or 208-578-2111.



Photos by KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Ketchum architect Steve Pruitt named his chair 'Merde' after the French expression dancers use to wish one another luck.

## Picture Framing

Done Right Matters...

Right Design · Right Time · Right Price

**20% DISCOUNT** WITH THIS COUPON!

Professional Frame

RONALD E. HICKS

132 MAIN AVE. SOUTH • 733-3293  
Certified Professional 36 Years — Thank You Magic Valley!

Holiday light display

Thousands of Lights, Nativity Scenes,

Christmas Season Displays

Patriotic Themes

When: Thanksgiving to New Years Eve  
Time: 5:00pm - 11:00pm Daily

Location: Twin View Lane  
3775 N. on 2500 East or 1 1/4 miles  
South of Hwy 30 at Curry RR Crossing

Have a Happy Holiday Season  
No Charge No Donation  
Best wishes to all from the folks on  
Twin View Lane

**Give a little Idaho for the Holidays!**

**Voices From The Snake River Plain**

Written by award-winning local authors — Bonnie Dodge, Dixie Thomas Reale and Patricia Santos Marcantonio

**\$15**

On sale at the  
Magic Valley Arts Council  
132 Main Ave. S. • Twin Falls

**CENTRE STAGE**  
MUSIC • THEATRE • DANCE • VISUAL ARTS

Presents the 21st Performance of  
**"The Nutcracker"**

**King Fine Arts Center**  
2100 Parke Avenue

**Friday**  
December 11, 2009 at 7:30 pm

**Saturday**  
December 12, 2009 at 2:00 pm

**General Seating \$10.00**  
**Senior Citizens \$8.00**  
**Reserved Seating \$13.00 & \$15.00**

Available at  
Premier Dancewear 1225 Oakley Avenue  
Or by calling (208) 678-4117

## GIRL SCOUT RECRUITMENT

Local groups seek more Latina girls, volunteers.

SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE

## Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation Presents

# 2009 Festival of Trees

**Wed. Dec. 9th**

Tree & Wreath Decorating  
8:00am - 8:00pm

**Fri. Dec. 11th**

Ladies Luncheon &  
Style Show, 2 seatings  
11:15am & 1:00pm  
Tickets: \$10.00

**Thurs. Dec. 10th**

Gala Opening  
Silent Auction  
Wine Tasting  
7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Tickets: \$20.00

**Sat. Dec. 12th**

Santa Visit/Pictures  
Live Entertainment  
10:00am - 4:00pm

General Admission \$2

*Faces of Christmas*

New Location: Gooding Fairgrounds Community Room-205 Lucy Lane



**Festival of Trees**

Join us today for the Festival of Trees!

**Entertainer's Schedule for Friday, December 4th**

**10:00 a.m.**  
Cup Stackers by Mr Bauman

**10:30 a.m.**  
Oregon Trail Honors Choir Directed by Malinda Phillips

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
Xavier Charter School Ballroom Dancing, Jazz Choir & Ballet

**12:00 p.m.**  
Twin Falls High School Drum Corp

**12:30 p.m.**  
Hagerman Joint School District Bands Directed by Jason Bear

**1:00 p.m.**  
Jerome High School Chamber Singers directed by Karen Palmer

**1:30 p.m.**  
Poplewell Elementary Honor Choir

**2:00 p.m.**  
Rosa Dieter - Musical Soloist

**2:30 p.m.**  
Immanuel Lutheran School

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**  
Christmas Carols

**FIRST FEDERAL**

**St Luke's**  
Magic Valley Health Foundation

**CANYON PARK**

**Questions? Call (208) 737-2480.**

# Free cheer: Oakley group's Christmas Concert

By Hosanna Kabakoro  
Times-News correspondent

For many in the Oakley community, the holidays begin with Oakley Valley Arts Council's annual Christmas Concert. This year the performers have been rehearsing since Labor Day, troupe leader Kent Severe said. "We have participants of all ages, and this year, we have an entire family performing a number."

Severe has been part of the production for more than 20 years and said every year seems to get better.

"We love putting on this show together because it's a wonderful way to begin our Christmas celebrations and share holiday cheer with the surrounding community," he said.

Participants include residents of Oakley, Rupert, Burley and Declo and a few who travel all the way from Utah to rehearse and perform.

There will be two historical venues for the concert series — one performance at the Wilson Theatre in Rupert, and two at



Photo courtesy of JAN DAVIS

Zane and Stacy Gillette's eight children, all under age 12, sing a special number with the Oakley Valley Arts Council choir. Watch for them in this weekend's free concerts.

Howells Opera House in Oakley.

"I've been doing the concert for around 13 years," said Oakley resident Jan Davis. "It's a huge part of Christmas at our house."

Davis' daughter Temperance, a

19-year-old College of Southern Idaho student, is one of three accompanists in the concert. "I've grown up with the concerts and love that we have such a diverse group of people who appreciate

**TWO TOWNS**

- **What:** Oakley Valley Arts Council's annual Christmas Concert
- **Rupert concert:** 7:30 p.m. today at Wilson Theatre
- **Oakley concerts:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Howells Opera House
- **Admission:** Free
- **Information:** 677-2787

the performing arts. It is such a joy to work with them every year and see how the show turns out," she said.

Musical numbers this year range from traditional Christmas carols to Celtic holiday ballads.

"We even threw in a rock and roll piece this year," Severe said.

OVAC puts on the entire production for free.

"We all enjoy the process of preparing and rehearsing for the shows," Severe said. "Putting them on free-of-charge is our gift to the community."

Hosanna Kabakoro may be reached at HNKLnews@q.com.

# A season of musical theater

Times-News

It's a creative gift idea: Season passes are available now for Oakley Valley Arts Council's 2010 season of musical theater.

The lineup: in March, "The Pirates of Penzance," directed by Beckie Clark; in July, "Bye Bye Birdie," directed by Brendon V. Gorringer; and in November, "The Nerd," directed by Walt Robberson. A \$23 pass includes one performance of each show, in Oakley's historical Howells Opera House.

Send payment to Oakley Valley Arts Council, P.O. Box 176, Oakley, ID 83346; or call 677-2787.

# Stories and symbols

## Wood River artist's work remembers India

Times-News

Photographer, painter and printmaker Gay Bawa Odmark draws on her experiences of India as well as Hindu mythology and Indian history. "Reinventing Indian Traditions," an exhibition of her artwork, will be on display at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Hailey facility today through April 2.

The public may meet Odmark and enjoy drinks and Indian appetizers at an opening celebration from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today. She will speak about her work at 6 p.m.

A longtime Wood River Valley resident, Odmark was born in Lahore, undivided India, and lived part of her childhood in

"I'll find that symbols begin to appear in my work rather unconsciously, and after a while I'll ask myself why."

— Photographer, painter and printmaker Gay Bawa Odmark

Calcutta. She has moved between the United Kingdom, the U.S. and the Indian subcontinent. In her paintings, prints and collages (which sometimes incorporate photography, stitchery and the chine-colle technique), she explores themes such as the Indian deity Ganesh, lotus symbolism, the tradition of painting hands and feet with henna and the Hindu Festival of Lights.

"I'll find that symbols begin to appear in my work rather unconsciously, and after a while I'll ask myself why," Odmark said in a press release, speaking in particular about the stylized birds that inhabit her recent paintings and prints. "I always make up a narrative for my work, and with the birds I decided they are lovebirds. I love stories; I was raised with stories. So these lovebirds became the king and queen who after

death returned to a spice garden in the Taj Mahal, where I have been many times."

Exhibition hours are noon to 5 p.m., Wednesdays to Fridays, and admission is free. The center's Hailey location is 314 S. Second Ave.

Odmark will also conduct a cooking class, "Perfecting the Curry," at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 24. Register: sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10.



Gay Bawa Odmark's 'Lotus Roots,' from 2004.

# Find the gifts on everyone's lists.

The AT&T holiday phone sale.



**\$29<sup>99</sup>**

**AFTER MAIL-IN REBATE**  
\$50 mail-in rebate AT&T Promotion Card with 2-year svc agreement.  
**NOKIA 6350**

**SERVICE AVAILABLE STARTING AT \$39.99 PLUS ADDITIONAL CHARGES.**

- ▶ **MINIMUM RATE PLAN INCLUDES:**
  - > 450 minutes per month
  - > 5,000 night & weekend minutes
  - > Directory assistance available by dialing 4-1-1, \$1.79 per call
  - > No additional charge to dial "0" for operator assistance to complete a call
  - > Free mobile to mobile service
  - > No roaming or long distance charges
  - > No additional charge to call 9-1-1



**FREE SHIPPING | 1.866.MOBILITY - ATT.COM - VISIT A STORE**

**\*AT&T imposes: a Regulatory Cost Recovery Charge of up to \$1.25 to help defray costs incurred in complying with obligations and charges imposed by State and Federal telecom regulations; State and Federal Universal Service charges; and surcharges for government assessments on AT&T. These fees are not taxes or government-required charges.**

Offer available on select phones. Coverage is not available in all areas. See coverage map at stores for details. **Limited-time offer.** Other conditions & restrictions apply. See contract & rate plan brochure for details. Subscriber must live & have a mailing addr. within AT&T's owned wireless network coverage area. Up to \$36 activ. fee applies. Equipment price & avail may vary by mkt & may not be available from independent retailers. **Early Termination Fee:** None if cancelled in the first 30 days, but up to \$35 restocking fee may apply to equipment returns; thereafter up to \$175. Some agents impose add'l fees. **Unlimited voice services:** Unltd voice svcs are provided solely for live dialog between two individuals. No additional discounts are available with unlimited plan. **Offnet Usage:** If your mins of use (including unltl svcs) on other carriers' networks ("offnet usage") during any two consecutive months exceed your offnet usage allowance, AT&T may at its option terminate your svc, deny your contd use of other carriers' coverage, or change your plan to one imposing usage charges for offnet usage. Your offnet usage allowance is equal to the lesser of 750 mins or 40% of the Anytime mins incl'd with your plan (data offnet usage allowance is the lesser of 6 MB or 20% of the KB incl'd with your plan). **AT&T Promotion Card:** Nokia 6350 price before AT&T Promotion Card with 2-year contract is \$79.99. Allow 60 days for fulfillment. Card may be used only in the U.S. & is valid for 120 days after issuance date but is not redeemable for cash & cannot be used for cash withdrawal at ATMs or automated gasoline pumps. Card request must be postmarked by 2/4/10 & you must be a customer for 30 consecutive days to receive card. **Sales tax** calculated based on price of unactivated equipment. **Billing:** Usage rounded up to the next full minute or kilobyte, at the end of each call or data session, for billing purposes. ©2009 AT&T Intellectual Property. Service provided by AT&T Mobility. All rights reserved. AT&T, the AT&T logo, and all other marks contained herein are trademarks of AT&T Intellectual Property and/or AT&T affiliated companies. All other marks contained herein are the property of their respective owners.

**Brady's has been working suppliers to guarantee you the lowest prices this Christmas.**



**Save thousands on Top Quality Pool Tables.**

starting at just **\$1699**



**Includes delivery and set-up. Now is the time to buy!**



**Save BIG on the Best Built Games in the world.**



We've got your Comfort Number now at Brady's!



Where we want to get you in Hot Water.

834 Blue Lakes Blvd N • Twin Falls (Next to Jo-Ann Fabrics) • (208)733-5261  
bradysbunch.com • Tues-Fri 9:30-6:30 • Sat 9:30-5:30

# Next stop: Bangkok

Cassia native advances to finals of Thai travel contest

Times-News

They made it to the finals, and now they need your votes.

Burley native Curtis McElhinney and his teammate, Mark Kates, are competing in The Ultimate Thailand Explorers contest through the Tourism Authority of Thailand. The two, who make up Team Sabai Sabai, submitted a video about why they want to go to Thailand, then beat four other semifinalists by impressing both judges and Internet voters.

Although they haven't won the contest, competing in the finals is like a prize in itself. The two will hit some of Bangkok's popular

tourist spots, like the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and an alligator farm, and blog about their experiences. Four other teams in Phuket, Chiang Mai, Koh Samui and Pattaya will compete with Team Sabai Sabai for Internet votes, which will determine who wins the \$10,000 grand prize.

McElhinney — now of Playa del Rey, Calif. — and Kates leave for Bangkok on Sunday and hope to woo voters with creative videos and colorful blogs.

"This whole round is based upon Internet votes," McElhinney said.

To view videos and vote for Team Sabai Sabai, visit [UltimateThailandExplorers.com](http://UltimateThailandExplorers.com).



Burley native Curtis McElhinney, left, and Mark Kates are finalists in The Ultimate Thailand Explorers contest. The two will travel to Bangkok on Sunday to start the online competition.

Courtesy photo

## Style show kicks off Gooding tree festival

By John Plestina  
Times-News writer

GOODING — Tickets remain available for the annual Gooding Festival of Trees Luncheon and Style Show, just a few days away.

The holiday fundraiser for the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation will be Dec. 11, with seatings at 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the community room of the 4-H Extension Building at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

Gooding residents will model fashions from Black Rock Clothiers of Twin Falls.

Hospital staff will prepare and serve a lunch featuring turkey salad on focaccia, butternut squash soup with cinnamon croutons and a chocolate delight dessert.

Marsha Dains, in her first year chairing the fundraiser, hopes the Festival of Trees will once again net a five-digit reward for the hospital.

"It earned over \$10,000 last year, which is good for the community," she said. "Some of the proceeds will help purchase new equipment for the hospital."

Volunteers from the community, businesses, charitable organizations and churches will decorate 6- to 7-foot Christmas trees from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The festival had 12 decorated trees on display in 2008. This year, Dains expects at least as many trees, plus wreaths and other donated articles.

Thursday night's gala includes a silent auction, wine tasting and light appetizers, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Santa Claus will visit the Festival of Trees from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dec. 12. There will also be live entertainment, a talent show and opportunities for children to have their pictures taken with Santa.

Dains is still seeking donations of items for the silent auction and cash donations to defray festival expenses.

Consider advance ticket purchases; the Luncheon and Style Show has sold out in past years.

Luncheon and Style Show tickets are \$10 each, at the hospital's administration desk or from Dains at 934-8163. Gala tickets are \$20 at the door. Festival general admission is \$2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 11 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 in the 4-H Extension Building.

John Plestina may be reached at [jplestina@magicvalley.com](mailto:jplestina@magicvalley.com) or 208-358-7062.

Check out what's new online at [magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com)

KIDDIE KANDIDS portrait studio

Holiday Sale

25% Off Portrait Sheets

Valid from Nov 1 - Dec 24, 2009

No minimum purchase. No sitting, membership or club fees. Not valid on holiday portrait packages or galleries, prior sittings, or online purchases. See studio for details.

Magic Valley Mall • Twin Falls • (208) 735-7454

Schedule your appointment today at [www.kiddiekandids.com](http://www.kiddiekandids.com)

Join us on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#)

Make Your  
New Year's  
Perfect

New Year's Eve  
Plateau Room

\$45 per person Prix Fixe Menu  
Regular menu will also be served

Canyon Cove Buffet

\$19.99 Seafood & Champagne Dinner  
4p - 12:30a

Gala Showroom

Liquid Blue  
Doors Open 8:30p - Band Plays Until 2a  
No Cover

Free champagne and party favors at midnight  
throughout the casino

New Year's Day

Canyon Cove Buffet

\$15.99 Champagne & Bloody Mary Brunch  
9a - 2:30p

\$18.99 Dinner 5p - 9:30p

 **Cactus Petes**

[CACTUSPETES.COM](http://CACTUSPETES.COM) 775.755.2321

Must be at least 21. Terms subject to change. Gambling Problem? Call 1-800-522-4700. © 2009 Cactus Petes





# Hamlet in Idaho: Tragic art

Times-News

It looks more like a Halloween spook alley than an art show: "High Plains Hamlet: An Idaho Frontier Tragedy" debuts Tuesday at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science's Jean B. King Gallery in Twin Falls.

"It's slightly creepy, yet compelling," artist Mike Youngman said in a College of Southern Idaho press release.

The idea for his exhibit, a collaboration with fellow

artist Karl Brake, came from a theater set for Shakespeare's "Hamlet." But Youngman and Brake decided that this play would be set in 1870s Idaho.

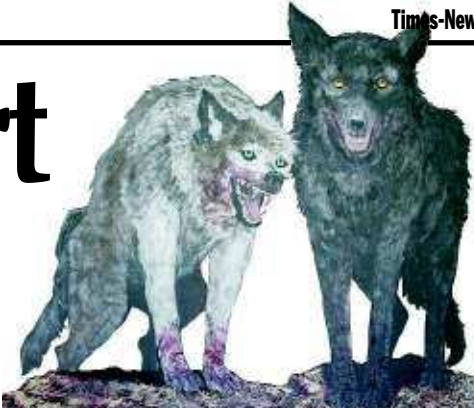
Admitting that in "Hamlet" nearly everybody dies, Youngman said there are a few ghoulish and bloody images throughout the show, which he describes as an environmental walk-through. Visitors will first see a cow skull with glowing red eyes. Then walk through the busy

display and see menacing wolves, a frontier-era Ophelia drowning herself in a waterfall, and skeletal figures on horseback, some life-sized. The show's lighting is designed for maximum atmospheric effect.

Youngman has taught art at CSI for more than 20 years. Brake is one of his former students and now an art

instructor at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, Ore.

The show will open to the public with a reception for the artists from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Jean B. King Gallery. It will remain on display until Feb. 6. Admission is free. Information: 732-6655 or www.csi.edu/herrett.



Watch for artist Mike Youngman's wolves in a Twin Falls art exhibit dubbed 'High Plains Hamlet: An Idaho Frontier Tragedy.'

Courtesy photo



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

Charly Liesen's rawhide hackamores feature delicately balanced and straight braiding.

## Hide

Continued from Entertainment 1

That philosophy drives Liesen's rawhide work. He wants to make long-lasting gear in the tradition of the past.

"New gimmicks are not necessarily better," he said.

Today Liesen sells to collectors and cowboys alike.

"I believe in him and his ability, and that's why I encourage him. I have an understanding of what he does and his passion for rawhide as an art," said his wife, Sheila Liesen. "I want him to keep going with it." Liesen's work has drawn

the interest of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Historical Center in Cody, Wyo., and Liesen hopes to contribute to an exhibit on his craft. He also takes his work to cowboy poetry gatherings across the West and will show his rawhide during a Christmas open house today and Saturday at The Nehemiah in Buhl.

Nehemiah owner Nancy Tyrell, a friend of Liesen's, said the craft should be quite a draw.

"I deal with antiques here, and Charly's art is certainly an old art," Tyrell said.

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

**The Country Lane Shop**  
December 4th - 15th  
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Every Day

Stress FREE Shopping in the Country!  
You'll find 100s of new gifts under \$20 and even under \$10!  
A new line of accessories, clutch wallets, key chains, scarves,  
New Rooster collectibles, jewelry (assemble your own glass necklace).  
More vintage collectibles and antiques.  
15% off everything, even in store sales, so bring your friends!

A special "Thank You" for shopping with us for over 20 years!  
**Diana Leffler - 3438 N. 3300 E. Kimberly**  
Open Sundays 208/423/4401

**KIMBERLY ROAD**

3 1/2 Miles South

3300 EAST  
Shoshone Falls Road

**The Country Lane Shop**

Organization of  
Rupert  
Businesses

Encourages you to Shop Local this Holiday Season!

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aplus Design</li> <li>Ace Hardware</li> <li>Book Store</li> <li>Burger's Etc Rupert</li> <li>Burley Inn</li> <li>D.L. Evans Bank</li> <li>Docs Pizza</li> <li>First Federal</li> <li>Good Day Pawn</li> <li>Grease Monkey</li> <li>Hansen Mortuary</li> <li>Haskin Insurance</li> <li>Idaho Youth Ranch</li> <li>Lee Family Broadcasting</li> <li>Mayes &amp; Waters</li> <li>Minidoka Memorial Hospital</li> <li>Morrison Funeral Home</li> <li>Park View Furniture</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Mutual Telephone</li> <li>Rupert Lumber</li> <li>Rupert Trading Post</li> <li>Showcase</li> <li>Snake River Bowl</li> <li>Stockroom</li> <li>Times-News</li> <li>Tots to Teens</li> <li>United Electric</li> <li>Weekly Mailer</li> <li>Wrangler Insurance</li> </ul> |
|--|--|



## East End HOLIDAY EVENTS

Sponsored by these Local Businesses

### St. Nicholas Comes to Kimberly

The true story of Santa Claus begins with St. Nicholas, who children around know and love, for he brings gifts & treats in December. St. Nicholas Eve and Day are observed in various ways; often smaller and family centered.

The **3rd Annual St. Nicholas Celebration** is sponsored by Kimberly Business Association (KBOA) & other Magic Valley Businesses.

### Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

DEC. 4th  
Hours: 6pm - 7pm

- Located: Kimberly - FREE TO THE PUBLIC**
- Downtown Businesses will be open serving refreshments & Tianna's cinnamon rolls.
  - Keep warm with the Senior Center's Chili Feed.
  - Christmas carols will be sang by a local artist & Children's Choirs.
  - St. Nicholas will ride in on his horse along with his Black Pete's to light up Main Street with lights & fireworks in celebration of the beginning of the Christmas Season.

### 3rd Annual St. Nicholas Celebration

DEC. 5th

HOURS: 11am - Kitchen provides free lunch & live music by local artists)  
12pm - (Event starts with reading of the St. Nicholas Story by Black Pete)  
Located: Windsor's Nursery (3796 N. 3386 E. Kimberly Road)

FREE to the public

A German-style Christmas event with polish dogs & sauerkraut, fresh hot cocoa made on a wood burning stove, open fire pits to keep you cozy, the reading of the story of St. Nicholas, games for the children, St. Nicholas himself will ride in on his horse, along with the Black Pete's to greet everyone with love.

## Christmas Lights in the South Hills

**Dec. 4th - Dec. 31st**  
Hours: 3:30pm - 12am  
**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

(Donations Are Welcome)  
**Located: 12 miles South of Hansen on Rock Creek Road.**

Santa visits 15 days before Christmas. Dress warm and bring the whole family to see the lights & feed the camel.

**KMVT will show 1/2 hour previews of the lights and music from the Twin Falls Choir.**  
(Airs Dec. 16th on Channel 11)

## ROCK CREEK GENERAL STORE

Don't forget your snacks, beverages & fuel on your way to the South Hills.

Try our great food at  
**Steve's Gateway Grill.**

**Thanks to all our customers!**

6 miles south of Hansen • 423-5659  
"Gateway to the South Hills"  
Open Everyday April thru December 7am to 10pm  
Open Everyday Jan. thru March 7am to 8pm

## Varicose Veins?

### BOARD CERTIFIED VASCULAR SURGEON

**David A. Johnson, M.D. F.A.C.S.**  
The only Fellowship Trained Board Certified Vascular Surgeon in the Magic Valley

- Expert Diagnosis and Treatment by a Vascular Specialist
- Non-Surgical Endovenous Laser Treatment
- Injection Therapy
- Minimally Invasive Surgical Techniques
- Safely Done in the Office
- Procedures may be covered by Insurance

Evanescent

VEIN CARE

Laser & Sclerotherapy

David A. Johnson, M.D. FACS  
Board Certified Vascular Surgeon

734-9066

630 Addison Ave. W., Ste. 260, Twin Falls

www.twinfallsveincare.com

### Antique & Collectible Clock Repair

Thank you to all our past, present & future customers, for your patronage.

Seasons Greetings!

Serving Magic Valley & Mini-Cassia area

Kimberly, Idaho • 423-4080  
(877) 423-4080

## HOME HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING INC.

We would like to thank all our customers for your patronage & we wish you HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

"There's no place like home!"

SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION

# 732-1211





## Bruin girls beat Canyon Ridge to open rivalry

By **Bradley Guire**  
Times-News writer

In girls basketball, the Bruins drew first blood.

Twin Falls and Canyon Ridge contested their first rivalry game of many to come Thursday with the Bruins earning a 62-33 victory at Canyon Ridge. The game was emotion-filled both before and after as players had to put nerves aside to play the game and deal with its consequences. Many Riverhawks wore tear-streaked faces as

they emerged from the locker room following their second straight loss to a Great Basin Conference opponent.

"It means a lot," Riverhawk sophomore Karly Hudelson said.

Twin Falls sophomore Josie Jordan also expressed mixed emotions about the night's events.

"It was hard for me to play against some of my best friends," she said, "but I do play for Twin Falls, and I wanted us to pull out the win."

### INSIDE

See how Minico and Burley did in their first rivalry match-up.

See **Sports 4**

The first half was the Riverhawks' most competitive as they were able to stay in step with the more experienced Bruins and trailed 25-17 at halftim.

Twin Falls came out with a 10-2 run to start the second half and pull away. The Bruins had a 24-7 scoring

edge in the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

"Our defense in the second half needed to step up," Hudelson said.

The Bruins' defensive pressure frustrated the Riverhawks through the night, forcing them into more than 30 turnovers. Jordan led the Bruins with seven steals, while junior varsity call up Brylee Bartlett had four steals.

Jazlyn Nielsen and Erin

See **TWIN FALLS**, Sports 4



Twin Falls junior Alexin Clark (12) and senior Brianna Bishop (20) fight to steal the ball from Canyon Ridge High School's Staci Baird (21) during the first half of the Thursday night game at Canyon Ridge High School.

MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

## BSU's Koch takes on full(back) role

By **Dustin Lapray**  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — When senior Richie Brockel lost his season to a foot injury, the door opened for a few other Boise State players to take on increased roles in the Bronco offense.



Koch

Dan Paul took over as the starting fullback and caught three touchdown passes in last week's win over Nevada.

When Paul moved up, freshman Chandler Koch inherited the backup fullback role. A 6-foot-2, 244-pounder from Flower Mound, Texas, Koch has a similar build to Brockel, broad shoulders and a big smile. But he has a long way to go before he reaches Brockel's level.

"It's like he never left, he's just not on the field with us, practicing and playing," Koch said. "His attitude, his work ethic, everything — he's a great person. If I could be half as good as he is I would be pleased."

BSU doesn't really have true fullback on the active roster. Paul is a converted linebacker, while Koch is a tight end working on transforming his game. Luckily for him, BSU tight ends and fullbacks have a lot in common. They watch film in the same room, rotate in the same group in practice and shift back and forth from one spot to the other in BSU's shifting offensive sets.

"They're pretty much the same thing with all the shifting and motion we do," Koch said. "We end up in different spots all the time. It's really not that big of a transition. I just get a running start now (rather) than actually blocking someone on the line right across from me."

While Brockel's absence is a blow for the No. 6 Broncos (12-0, 7-0 Western Athletic Conference), giving Koch a chance to show his skills is a plus.

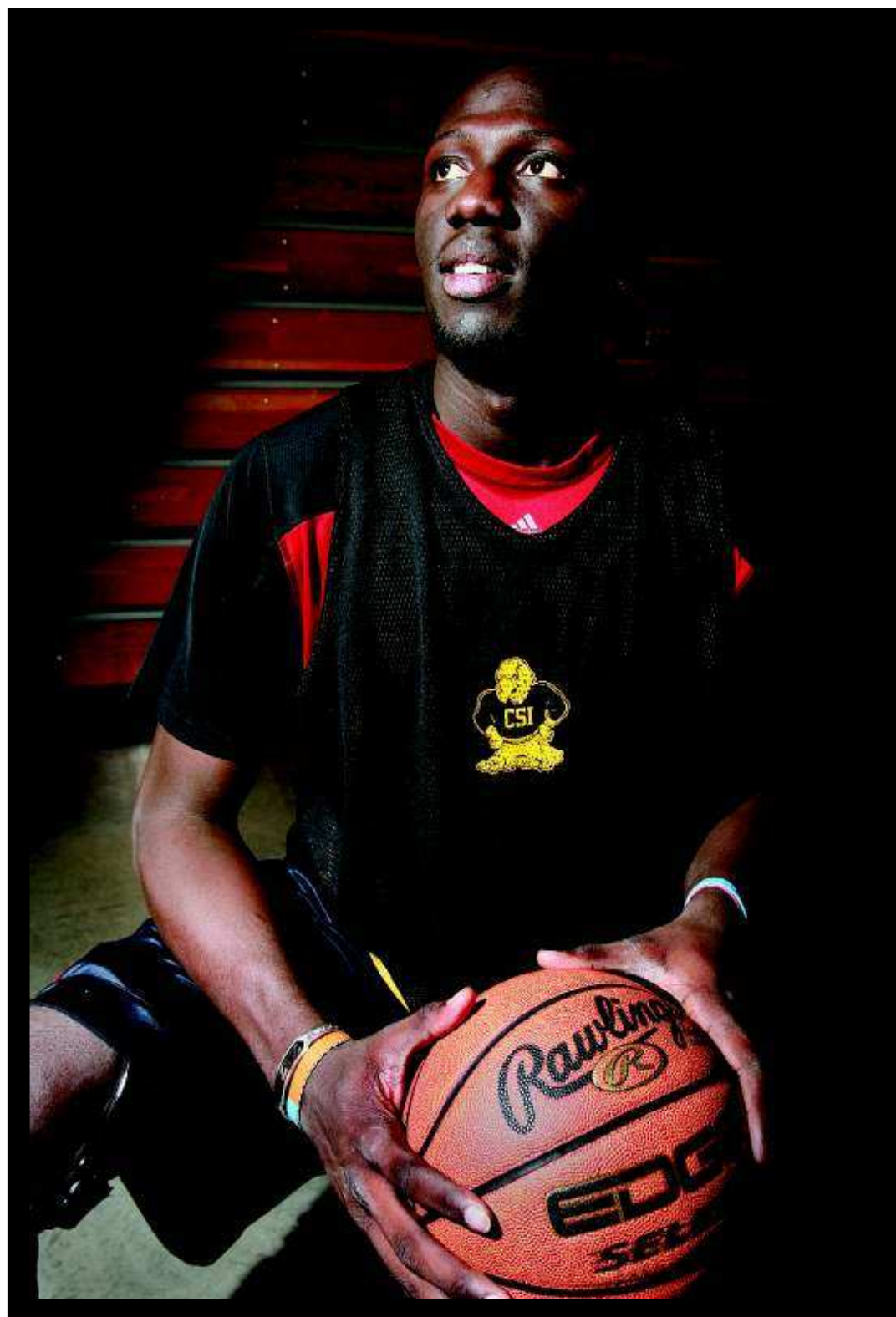
The position isn't completely foreign to Koch as he played fullback on the

See **BSU**, Sports 2



**New Mexico State at No. 6 Boise State**

1 p.m., Saturday  
TV: KTVB Radio: 98.3 FM



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho center Aziz N'diaye is eyeing a possible return to the court in January after offseason knee surgery.

## Knees and needs

CSI center Aziz N'diaye eyes possible return in January

By **Mike Christensen** • Times-News writer

He was supposed to be the centerpiece, the foundation. Instead, he's only a spectator.

That could change soon.

Since tearing the ACL in his right knee in May and undergoing surgery in June, College of Southern Idaho sophomore center Aziz N'diaye has been steadily working his way back.

"I'm just doing what I'm supposed to do, doing rehab," said the 7-foot-1 center from Dakar, Senegal. "It's getting

better. It's a long process, but it's coming along."

On Jan. 12, N'diaye makes a return visit to Dr. Thomas Rosenberg in Park City, Utah. That meeting will largely determine N'diaye's fate for the 2009-10 season.

While the Golden Eagles are off to a 7-2 start and have showed promise on both ends of the floor, they clearly miss the big guy.

"Arguably he was going to be

one of the best junior college centers coming back, and not to have him in the middle has been a big loss for us this year," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar.

N'diaye injured the knee while playing in Twin Falls last May, but didn't think it was serious. He returned home and played for Senegal's national team, but when he took the

See **AZIZ**, Sports 2

## CSI men, women take first SWAC road trips

By **Mike Christensen**  
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho men face the worst and the best in the Scenic West Athletic Conference this weekend — at least according to the current

league standings.

The Golden Eagles (7-2, 1-1 SWAC) face perennial doormat Colorado Northwestern Community College at 5 p.m. today before visiting the College of Eastern Utah at 5 p.m. Saturday. Both games will

be broadcast live on 1450 AM.

CEU (6-3) dropped a pair of early nonconference games to Northwest (Wyo.) College, a team CSI beat in its season opener. But Eastern Utah is 3-0 in league play, including last

Saturday's win over Salt Lake Community College.

"They've been putting some pretty good basketball together and we're going to have to go play in a tough environment and

See **CSI**, Sports 2

## Sizzling Bruins torch Century

By **David Bashore**  
Times-News writer

Memo to Class 4A: the Twin Falls boys basketball team means business.

Eric Harr scored 15 points and led four Twin Falls scorers in double figures as the Bruins gave a clear statement of intent in their first game as a 4A school, throttling visiting Century 63-41 on Thursday night at Baun Gymnasium.

Twin Falls (1-0) scored the first 10 points of the game and opened the second half on a 16-3 run to push the lead to 30 before calling off the dogs. Brennon Lancaster scored 13 for the Bruins, while Jon Pulsifer had 12 and Marcus Jardine added 10.

"We know that pretty much everyone on this team can score a bunch on a given night," Lancaster said. "Someone that had a great night the last game may not the next time, but there are other guys to step up and score."

Twin Falls knew it had solid post play with Jardine and Pulsifer. The Bruins were confident in the guard play of Ryan Petersen and T.J. Ellis, both returning players, as well as Justin Pedersen, who came in from Garden Valley.

But Harr, a sophomore who started the game on the bench, proved to be the straw that stirred the drink Thursday, asserting himself after early nerves and scoring eight points in the teams clinching third-quarter burst.

"I was really nervous in the first part, but once I got a shot in I calmed down a lot and was able to play my game," said Harr. "I was just trying to get that first (3-pointer) to touch the rim, and it went through. That was a big step."

The Bruins put their stamp on the game through patience in the frontcourt, good shooting from the perimeter, a bevy of back-cuts to the basket and a 39-26 rebounding edge. Thirteen of their 22 field goals were assisted.

Just as impressive was the Bruins' defense, which harried Century into 16 turnovers, including six in that decisive stretch of the third period.

Twin Falls again touched a 30-point lead in the fourth quarter to put the rolling clock into effect, but never stretched the lead beyond that magic mark.

See **BRUINS**, Sports 4







# Jets overcome injury to Sanchez to beat Bills

TORONTO (AP) — Mark Sanchez threw a go-ahead touchdown pass to Braylon Edwards before hurting his right knee, and the New York Jets' stingy defense finished the job in a 19-13 win over the Buffalo Bills on Thursday night.

Sanchez went 7 of 15 for 104 yards and a 13-yard scoring strike to Edwards that put the Jets up 16-10 late in the first half. But the rookie first-round pick was knocked out of the game when he injured his knee diving headfirst on an 8-yard run early in the third quarter.

Jay Feely hit four field goals, including a 49-

yarder, as the Jets (6-6) won their second straight game.

The Bills (4-8) struggled in the second half, when their offense was limited to 36 yards and four first downs.

After Rian Lindell hit a 32-yard field goal to cut the Jets' lead to 19-13 with 5:28 left, the Bills were unable to muster a threat on their final possession.

Shaun Ellis burst up the middle to sack Ryan Fitzpatrick for a 10-yard loss. On the next play, Fitzpatrick attempted a desperation heave up the right sideline intended for Terrell Owens. The pass

was underthrown, which allowed Darrell Revis to intercept it with 2:02 remaining. The Jets then were able to run out the clock.

Revis kept Owens in check, limiting him to three catches for 31 yards, and spoiling a game which was billed as "T.O. in T.O."

"I just try the best I can," Revis said. "We know he's a big-time receiver. I get that job every week."

The game was Buffalo's second in Toronto, part of a five-year, \$78 million deal the Bills reached with Toronto-based Rogers Communications last year to play one annual regular-

season game and three pre-season contests in Canada's largest city and financial capital.

"This is my first time going outside of the country. I got my passport for the first time," Revis said. "It was a good time."

Marshawn Lynch scored on a 15-yard run and Lindell had three field goals, including a 49-yarder. The Bills now have lost both games north of the border following a 16-3 loss to Miami last year.

The Jets remained in the playoff hunt, but Sanchez's status for next weekend's game at Tampa Bay was unclear.



Buffalo Bills defender Chris Kelsay (90) sacks New York Jets quarterback Kellen Clemens (11) during the second half of the NFL Football game at the Rogers Centre in Toronto, Thursday. The Jets won 19-13. AP photo

# DUCKS CLAIM WAR WIN

## No. 7 Oregon headed to Rose Bowl after beating Oregon State

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Redshirt freshman LaMichael James ran for 166 yards and three touchdowns Thursday night to send No. 7 Oregon to the Rose Bowl with a 37-33 victory over No. 13 Oregon State in the Civil War.

Oregon (10-2, 8-1) also claimed the Pac-10 championship with the victory, ending USC's seven-season hold on the title. The Ducks, who have not been to the Rose Bowl since 1995, will face Ohio State in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

LeGarrette Blount, who hadn't played since throwing a punch after Oregon's season-opening loss to Boise State, returned to the field and scored on a 12-yard run in the third quarter.

Oregon State (8-4, 6-3) was vying for its first Rose Bowl berth since the 1964 season. The Beavers will have to wait until the rest of the season to find out which bowl they will play in.

It was the first time the annual rivalry game was a winner-takes-all path to Pasadena.

After the game the Duck mascot clutched a bouquet of roses as he was lifted above the fans who rushed the field at Autzen Stadium.

Jeremiah Masoli threw for 201 yards and a touchdown for the Ducks, who capped a stunning turnaround from their 19-8 crash in the season opener against the Broncos.

Sean Canfield threw for 306 yards and two touchdowns for the Beavers.



Oregon's LaMichael James (21) celebrates with teammate D.J. Davis (10) after scoring against Oregon State in the second quarter Thursday in Eugene, Ore.

AP photo

Jacquizz Rodgers, the Pac-10's second-leading rusher behind Toby Gerhart with an average of 119.4 yards a game, rushed for just 64 yards and a score.

Oregon State had a chance to take the lead late

in the fourth but Canfield threw an incomplete pass on fourth-and-15 from the Oregon 28.

Masoli took over with more than 6 minutes left and ran out the clock with an impressive drive that

featured two fourth-down conversions. He absorbed a hit during a 6-yard scramble on fourth-and-3 and pitched it to Kenjon Barner to set up a 4-yard run on fourth-and-2 that allowed the Ducks to finish it off.

# News conference with Woods' alleged mistress canceled

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — A potentially explosive news conference with an alleged mistress was canceled Thursday and more details trickled out about the car accident that started all the trouble for Tiger Woods.

The news conference in Los Angeles for Rachel Uchitel, the woman who denied a tabloid report about an affair with Woods, was canceled about an hour before it was to begin.

High-profile attorney Gloria Allred, who was to make a statement about Uchitel's relationship with golf's No. 1 player, said it was called off because of "unforeseen circumstances." Allred said she would have no further comment.

For the first time since last Friday, when Woods ran his SUV into a fire hydrant and a tree outside his Florida home, there were no news conferences involving police nor any statements from Woods on his Web site.

His last one was Wednesday, when he issued a statement conceding that he had "let my family down." That followed a report in *Us Weekly* magazine of a cocktail waitress claiming to have had a 31-month affair with Woods.

The Associated Press obtained an audio recording of an interview the Florida Highway Patrol conducted with Woods' neighbors after the accident. Troopers interviewed Jarius Adam, who called 911, and his sister, Kimberly Harris.

Harris told troopers that Woods' mother, Kultida, and mother-in-law, Barbro Holmberg, were at the scene, but the AP could not confirm that.

A voice that strongly resembles Woods' mother is heard in the background during the 911 call saying loudly, "What happened?"

A spokeswoman for Holmberg, mother of Elin Nordegren, didn't know if she was in Florida when the accident happened.

## Poulter, Johnson tied for lead at Tiger's event

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Ian Poulter and Zach Johnson wound up tied for the lead Thursday at 4-under 68.

Only one of them was happy about it.

Playing for the sixth straight week after flying all over Asia, Poulter had a great round turn into a good one on the 18th hole at Sherwood Country Club when he drove into the trees, clipped a branch and three-putted from 35 feet for a double bogey.

"It's 4-under par and I'm disappointed," Poulter said. "I'm leading, but I should way clear."

"I don't know for sure, but I don't think so," spokeswoman Ewa Malmberg said. "I have not been informed about that. She was here again working on Monday anyway."

In the FHP interview, a trooper asked Harris about the women and if they talked to anyone at the scene.

"The cops came, the Windermere cops came first, then the security guards came," Harris said. "And then it appears Mr. Woods' mom, and Tiger's wife's mom came out after the fact. I don't know if they heard the commotion, I don't if she, his wife, left and came back. But they walked across the grass and were outside as well."

Woods' peers, meanwhile, went from talking about him to playing in his \$5.75 million golf tournament.

He previously pulled out of the Chevron World Challenge at Sherwood Country Club, an 18-player event that pays \$1.35 million to the winner. Participants spent most of the week taking questions on their sport's biggest star, most offering support and curious about details and some of the allegations.

# NASCAR goes west for a Las Vegas-style party

LAS VEGAS (AP) — NASCAR's top drivers gathered Thursday morning for some last-minute instructions when a sleep-deprived Denny Hamlin caught the attention of his colleagues.

"Can we all keep it down in here for Denny?" quipped Tony Stewart to a chorus of laughter.

Ah, Vegas. After 28 years of celebrating its season-ending awards ceremony in New York, NASCAR moved West and the party hasn't stopped since four-time series champion Jimmie Johnson rolled into town on Tuesday evening.

The festivities have included a raunchy roast of Johnson at Las Vegas Motor Speedway that was open to fans, and a parade lap of stock cars down the famed Strip. The top 12 drivers are playing high-rollers all over the city, and the experience is decidedly different from New York.

"It's a more casual atmosphere," said Hamlin, who has two of the themed suites booked at The Palms. "It seems everyone is having more fun. It's not as stuffy as New York. When we were there, we'd do our events and then it seemed you just went back to the room and sat there until it was time to go out at night. Here, there's



NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson stands by his car after performing a burnout during a victory lap on the Las Vegas Strip on Thursday in Las Vegas. After 28 years of celebrating its season-ending awards ceremony in New York, NASCAR moved to Vegas this year for the awards.

AP photo

just so much to do."

New York worked for NASCAR for nearly three decades as the sport tried to attract an important market that is missing from the February-to-November season. NASCAR wanted Madison Ave.'s attention, and the three-day swing through the city typically met its needs.

But the logistics often were complicated, and the electricity had seemed to

fizzle out several years ago, giving what was supposed to be a celebration a very starchy feeling.

Vegas has changed all that.

A stroll through the casino at host hotel The Wynn means seeing championship-winning crew chief Chad Knaus playing blackjack by himself, or Greg Biffle throwing the dice at a craps table. Hamlin and Las Vegas native Kurt Busch

have hit the nightclubs, while Ryan Newman was headed to a show.

"We go to New York to celebrate," Busch said early in Wednesday's roast of Johnson. "We go to Vegas to party!"

The roast has been the talk of the week so far, as the 12 drivers in attendance all got a chance to take shots at Johnson, the driver who has dominated them the last four seasons. Comedian Kevin Burke got the crowd warmed up with several jokes directed straight at the drivers, and then it was their turn.

"You've got everything on me," teammate Jeff Gordon told him. "At least my eyebrows are better than yours."

"The only thing faster than him is his receding hairline," Hamlin said.

"I'm not going to say a ... thing about Jimmie because I'm sick and tired of hearing his name," Biffle added.

Then they really got rolling, learning only after that the remarks were being broadcast outside the room to fans who did not pay to attend the show but still were at the race track.

"I think it would have been beneficial to tell us we were being broadcast to kids outside the forum before, instead of after," Newman said.

## TEXAS TECH 99, NO. 12 WASHINGTON 92, OT

LUBBOCK, Texas — John Roberson scored a season-high 25 points and Texas Tech withstood an official review at the end of regulation that took away a 3-pointer in the matchup of unbeaten teams.

Roberson, who finished 13 of 13 at the free throw line, stole the ball and made a layup with 44 seconds remaining to seal the win for the Red Raiders, who are 8-0 to start a season for the first time since 1929.

Elston Turner of the Huskies missed two free throws with 4.8 seconds left in regulation and the score tied at 80.

Mike Singletary of Texas Tech appeared to have won the game on a running 3-pointer as time expired but officials determined he did not get the shot off.

— The Associated Press

# Republicans lose first vote on Senate health care bill

By Lori Montgomery  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans lost their first major challenge to a Democratic plan to overhaul the health care system, as the Senate voted Thursday to reject a GOP proposal to strip the package of nearly \$500 billion in Medicare cuts, its most important source of financing.

On a vote of 58 to 42, the Senate defeated an amendment by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., that would have sent the bill back to committee with orders to remove the spending cuts. The amendment

effectively would have forced Democrats back to the drawing board after months of negotiations to craft a bill that extends coverage to 30 million additional Americans without increasing budget deficits. Idaho senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch both voted 'yes' on the amendment.

The Senate also approved an amendment that would guarantee access to mammograms for women younger than 50, as it cast its first votes on proposed changes to the sweeping health package.

Though debate officially opened Monday, progress has been hampered by disagreements between

the two parties over the terms of debate and the timing of votes. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., still hopes to hold a vote on final passage before senators adjourn for the Christmas holidays, however, and on Thursday he told them to plan on working throughout the coming weekend.

Of four amendments considered Thursday, McCain's was the most potentially damaging. Medicare, the government health program for people age 65 and older, is hugely popular, and seniors are already skeptical about the benefits of reform.

The health bill would slow

Medicare spending by about 5 percent over the next decade, and Republicans argued that would ruin the program in order to finance insurance subsidies for younger people.

Democrats, backed by the AARP and other major organizations representing seniors, argued that the cuts would extend the life of Medicare by several years without reducing guaranteed benefits or increasing co-payments.

Two Democrats, Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Jim Webb of Virginia, voted with all 40 Republicans to approve the amendment. Nelson is among the

most conservative members of the Democratic caucus; Webb is a longtime supporter of the Medicare Advantage program, which would take a big hit under the legislation.

Earlier in the day, the Senate voted to ensure that that women under 50 could obtain mammograms, despite a recent controversial recommendation by a government task force, and to prevent insurance companies from charging co-payments for that and other preventive tests for women.

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., passed on a vote of 61 to 39.

## Poll finds Americans turning to isolationism

By Steven Thomma  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — At the very moment when President Obama is looking to thrust the U.S. ever more into global affairs, from Afghanistan to climate change, the American public is turning more isolationist and unilateralist than it has at any time in decades, according to a new poll released Thursday.

The survey by the Pew Research Center found a plurality of Americans — 49 percent — think that the U.S. should “mind its own business internationally” and leave it to other countries to fend for themselves.

It was the first time in more than 40 years of polling that the ranks of Americans with isolationist sentiment outnumbered those with a more international outlook, Pew said.

“The U.S. public is turning decidedly inward,” Pew said.

The U.S. is also growing more unilateralist, with 44 percent saying that the U.S. “should go our own way in international matters, not worrying about whether other countries agree with us or not.”

That was the highest percentage since the question was first asked in 1964.

The country also has grown pessimistic about U.S. clout in world affairs.

By a margin of 41 percent to 25 percent, Americans think the U.S. is playing a less important role in the world than 10 years ago. It was the first time since the 1970s — when the U.S. had withdrawn from Vietnam, been hurt by an Arab oil embargo and seen its citizens held hostage in Iran — that a plurality of Americans thought their country was weaker than it had been a decade before.

The shift in sentiment comes after more than eight years of war in Afghanistan and almost seven in Iraq, and in the midst of the worst economy since the Great Depression.

# Data under a cloud



AP photo

A Nepalese boy sits on a mountain with a view of the Mount Thamerku, Thursday in Syangboche, Nepal. A group of Nepalese ministers traveled to the Mount Everest region Thursday for a Cabinet meeting being billed as the highest ever, to highlight the threat that global warming poses to Himalayan glaciers.

## UK university to probe integrity of climate data

By Raphael G. Satter  
and David Stringer  
Associated Press writers

LONDON — A British university said Thursday it would investigate whether scientists at its prestigious Climatic Research Unit fudged data on global warming.

Thousands of pieces of correspondence between some of the world's leading climate scientists were stolen from the unit at the University of East Anglia and leaked on the Internet late last month. Skeptics of man-made global warming say the e-mails are proof that scientists have been conspiring to hide evidence showing that global warming was not as strong as generally believed.

Phil Jones, the director of the unit, stepped down Tuesday pending the result of the investigation.

The university had promised a probe when Jones stepped down, but didn't specify what the investigation would encompass. Thursday's announcement was the first acknowledgment that the research itself would be under scrutiny.

East Anglia said its review will examine the e-mails and other information “to determine whether there is any evidence of the manipulation or suppression of data which is at odds with acceptable scientific practice.”

The university said former civil servant Muir Russell would lead the

inquiry, and Russell said he “has no links to either the university or the climate science community.”

East Anglia has asked that the review be completed by spring 2010.

The theft of the e-mails and their publication online — only weeks before the U.N. summit on global warming in Copenhagen — has been politically explosive, even if researchers say their content has no bearing on the principles of climate change itself.

There was further criticism following the revelation that the university had thrown out much of the raw temperature data on which some of its global warming research was based. The university said in a statement last week that the data, stored on paper and magnetic tape, was dumped in the 1980s to save space when the unit moved to a new location.

The release of the data has prompted some lawmakers in Britain to warn that critics of climate change want to wreck any global agreement on reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could be achieved at the Dec. 7-18 U.N. climate change summit in Copenhagen.

Ed Miliband, Britain's climate change secretary, on Thursday called those challenging the mainstream scientific view on climate change irresponsible and dangerous.

“We have to beware of the climate saboteurs, the people who want to say this is somehow in doubt, and want to

cast aspersions on the whole process,” Miliband told reporters.

Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives have grilled government scientists on the leaked e-mails, with U.S. lawmaker James Sensenbrenner arguing that the e-mails show the world needs to re-examine experts' claims that the science on warming is settled.

Sensenbrenner, a Republican lawmaker from Wisconsin, read out loud some of Jones' e-mail messages at a hearing Wednesday in Washington, including one in which Jones wrote about a “trick of adding in the real temps” in an exchange about long-term climate trends. Another of Jones' e-mails reads, “I would like to see the climate change happen so the science could be proved right.”

Scientists called before the House's climate change committee countered that the e-mails don't change the fact that the earth is warming.

“The e-mails do nothing to undermine the very strong scientific consensus ... that tells us the earth is warming, that warming is largely a result of human activity,” said Jane Lubchenco, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

She said the e-mails don't negate or even deal with data from her agency or the U.S. space agency NASA, which keep independent climate records that show dramatic global warming.

## Karzai praises Obama's Afghan deadline

By Kathy Gannon  
Associated Press writer

KABUL — President Hamid Karzai put a brave face Thursday on President Obama's decision to start pulling out troops in mid-2011, telling The Associated Press in his first public response that it will push Afghans to take control of their own destiny.

But he blamed the United States for stalling peace overtures in the past and offered to talk directly with the Taliban's top leader.

Karzai appeared relaxed and confident throughout the exclusive AP interview — the Afghan president's first remarks since Obama's announcement Tuesday that he will send 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan by next fall with the anticipation that they would start coming home in July 2011.

Karzai said the deadline, just 18 months away, is “not a concern for us — it is rather an impetus.”

“For Afghans it's good that we are facing a deadline,” he said. “We must begin to stand on our own feet. Even if it is with our own meager means — whatever those means may be. And we must begin to defend our own country.”

“If we, the Afghan people, cannot defend our country ... against an aggressor from within or without, then no matter what the rest of the world does with us, it will not produce the desired results,” he said during the one-hour interview at the turreted brick palace in the heavily guarded heart of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Republicans have objected to the setting of a hard deadline for withdrawing troops for fear it would encourage the Taliban to play a waiting game and say Obama must be willing to delay the start of a pullout if security deteriorates.

But Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert Gates told U.S. lawmakers Thursday that the July 2011 date is flexible. The White House said Obama set this date to make sure Karzai's government knows it has limited time to reform itself and take charge of security.

The president offered talks with the Taliban, including its one-eyed leader, Mullah Omar, who has a \$5 million U.S. bounty on his head. Yet Karzai said overtures stood little chance of success without the support of the United States and its international partners.

## Secret Service benches 3 agents over gatecrashing

By Eileen Sullivan  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Three Secret Service officers have been put on administrative leave after the security breach at last week's White House dinner, an episode President Obama said hasn't shaken his confidence in his protectors.

The president nevertheless acknowledged Thursday that the “the system didn't work the way it was supposed to.”

Despite the screw-up, the president was never at risk, Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan told Congress on Thursday.

“Pure and simple, this was human error” in which normal security protocols were not followed, Sullivan testified. So far, the service's continuing investigation has found three people from the

agency's uniformed officer division responsible for the security breach and all three have been taken off duty until a review of the matter is completed, he added.

Sullivan had said early on that it was the Secret Service's fault that a Virginia couple made its way to the administration's first state dinner without an invitation.

But as criticisms grew, the White House stepped up Wednesday to shoulder some of the responsibility. The White House social office was told to return to a long-standing policy of having White House employees stationed at security checkpoints to help the Secret Service clear up any problems over invitations to these exclusive events.

For all the uproar, Obama said he still feels safe in the mansion and trusts the Secret Service to protect him and his family.

“I could not have more confidence in the Secret Service,” Obama told USA Today and the Detroit Free Press.

Some House lawmakers, however, weren't as assured.

The chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, Rep. Bennie Thompson, said, “We're all fortunate that this diplomatic celebration did not become a night of horror.”

“How in the world could this couple get past the Secret Service?” Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, asked.

Sullivan responded: “I've asked myself that question

1,000 times over the last week.”

The couple — Tareq and Michaela Salahi — and White House social secretary Desiree Rogers were also invited to testify Thursday, but all three declined.

Committee staffers are already drafting subpoenas to compel the two aspiring reality TV stars to testify.

The committee's top Republican, New York's Peter King, said it's critical that the White House allow Rogers to testify as well. Sullivan told the lawmakers that the Secret Service and the White House social office together developed the security plan for the Nov. 24 dinner. Thompson is reluctant to subpoena Rogers — an Obama political appointee — because he maintains the Secret Service is responsible for security. King said he will ask Thompson to amend the

Salahi subpoena to include Rogers.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs cited the separation of powers and a history of White House staff not testifying before Congress in explaining why Rogers, herself a guest at the dinner, wouldn't testify.

As a candidate, Obama supported Congress' right to subpoena White House employees in cases of wrongdoing, even if it meant as president he might be weaker for it. So far, questions have been raised about Rogers' judgment, but no one has suggested she broke any law.



Sullivan

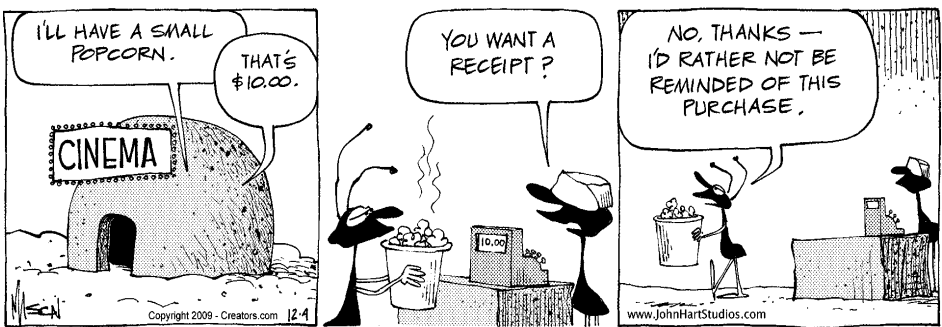
**Best Value in Golf!**

**Jerome Country Club Memberships**

Now Available

Contact: ATARAXIS Acct. 733-4730

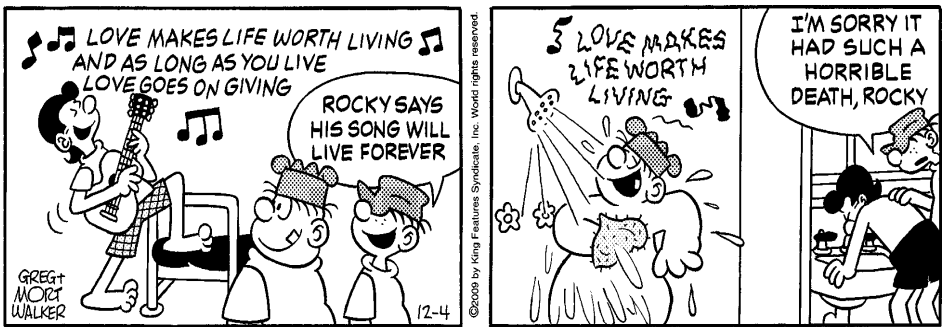
B.C. By Johnny Hart



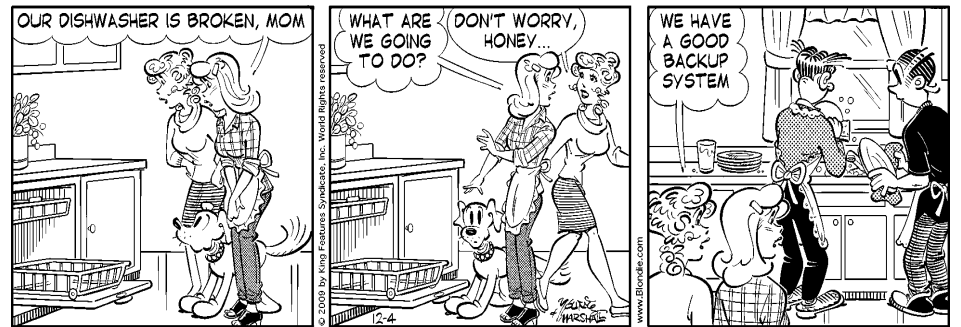
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker



Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake



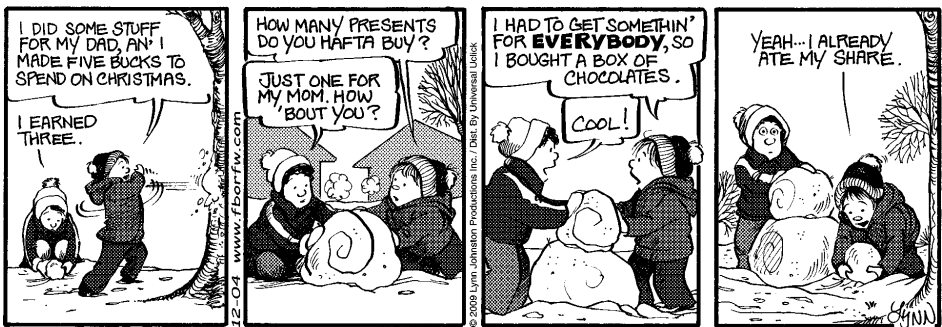
Dilbert By Scott Adams



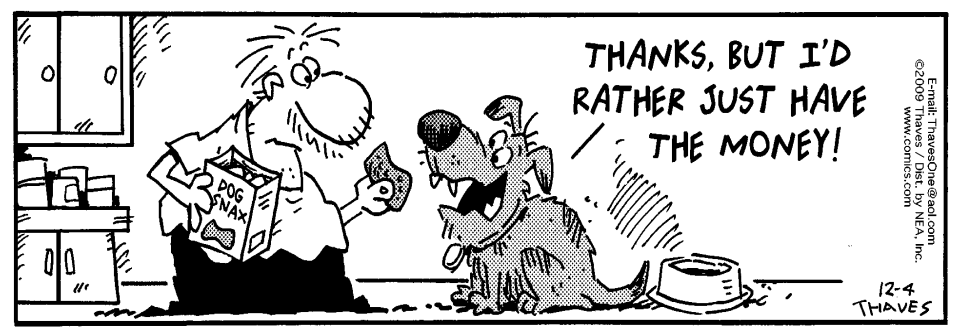
The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise



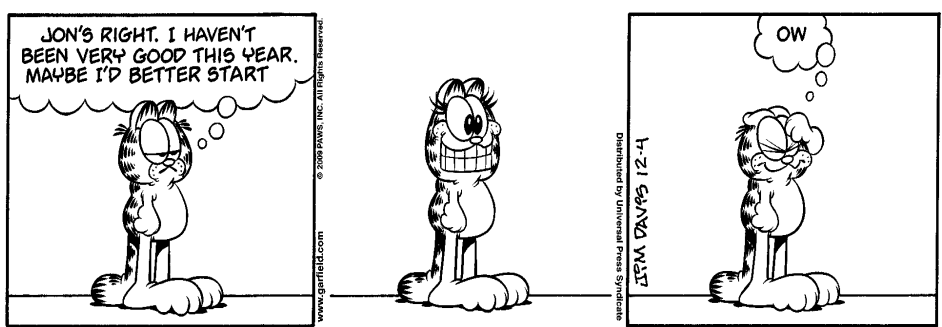
For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston



Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves



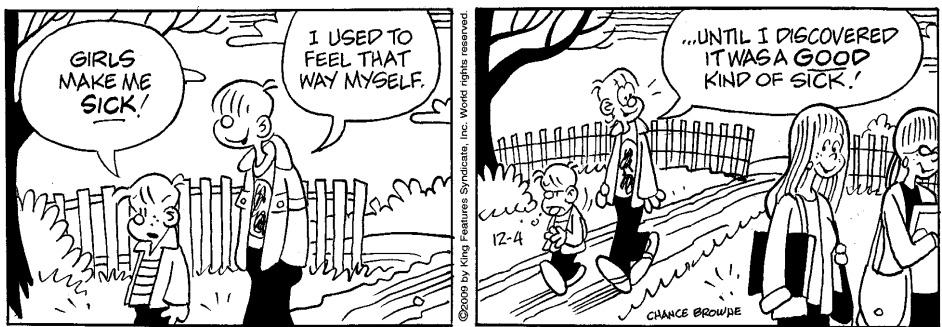
Garfield By Jim Davis



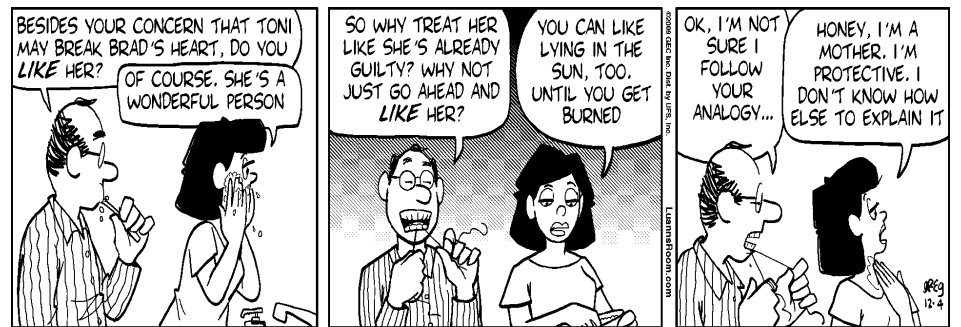
Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois By Chance Browne



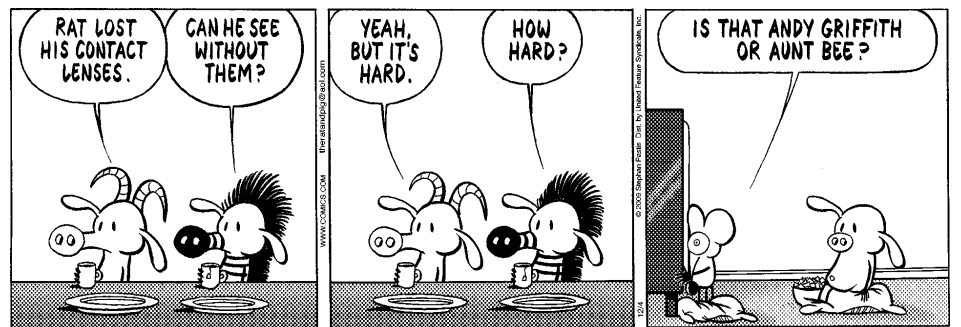
Luann By Greg Evans



Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



Pickles By Brian Crane



Rose is Rose By Pat Brady



Non Sequitur By Wiley



Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham



The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Use this space to advertise for as little as \$50 per day! For more details, phone 733-0931, ext. 4 and ask about the Comics Page ad space.

# Guinea's president wounded in attack by renegade force

By Rukmini Callimachi  
Associated Press writer

CONAKRY, Guinea — A renegade faction of Guinea's presidential guard opened fire on the African country's leader Thursday, slightly wounding him amid rumors of deep divisions within the army nearly three months after a military-led massacre of protesters at a peaceful rally.

President Moussa "Dadis" Camara was shot at by his military aide, who heads the presidential guard, Communications Minister Idrissa Cherif said. A statement read on state TV said the 45-year-old president had been slightly wounded but that his life was not in danger.

"The president of the republic is still the president of the republic and he is in good health," Cherif said as military helicopters and sporadic shooting could be heard in downtown Conakry.

Cherif said Camara had left the country's main military barracks from where he has been running the country since seizing power in a military-led coup 11 months ago. He headed downtown to a military camp housing hundreds of men under the control of Abubakar



AP file photo  
Guinea military leader Capt. Moussa Dadis Camara, attends independence day celebrations Oct. 2 in Conakry, Guinea. A renegade faction of Guinea's presidential guard opened fire on him Thursday, slightly wounding him, a government official said.

"Toumba" Diakite, the president's aide-de-camp. The shooting occurred inside the camp.

The incident underscores the deep rifts inside the military clique that grabbed control of the nation of 10 million on Africa's western coast just 11 months ago. Camara had initially promised to quickly organize elections, but then reversed course and began hinting that he planned to run for office, prompting a massive protest Sept. 28.

Toumba is accused of having led the presidential guard that opened fire on the peaceful demonstrators that

had gathered inside the capital's national stadium. At least 157 people were killed and dozens of women were raped by the red beret-wearing presidential guard who also assaulted them with bayonets, rifle butts and with pieces of wood. At least 20 women were kidnapped and driven away in military trucks to private villas where they were drugged and videotaped while they were being gang raped over several days, according to three survivors as well as several human rights groups.

The massacre led the European Union and the African Union to impose sanctions on Guinea, including on top members of the junta, who are now the subject of a travel ban. Sources inside the military say that it deeply aggravated divisions that were already present and has led to the clique fracturing further. Members of the junta, including Toumba, are believed to lead private armies that are faithful only to them.

A U.N. mission was in Conakry this week investigating the massacre and interviewed top military commanders in order to try to understand how the order to kill protesters was given.

## Dutch military nabs 13 pirates off Oman

AMSTERDAM (AP) — The Dutch navy captured 13 Somali pirates and seized a haul of weapons off the coast of Oman after the pirates attacked a merchant ship, the Defense Department reported Thursday.

Armed pirates on speedboats tried to board the Antigua and Barbuda-flagged BBC Togo, but were repelled after firing on the vessel.

Ministry spokesman Robin Middel said "it didn't go easily for the pirates" because the BBC Togo had taken precautions such as barring stairwells with

barbed wire.

The pirates then fled to a larger fishing boat, 150 nautical miles south of the western town of Salalah, where a Dutch frigate captured them Wednesday evening, Middel said.

"A large amount of weapons were discovered on board, among which were AK-47s, rocket-propelled grenades, ammunition, boarding hooks and ladders," the ministry said.

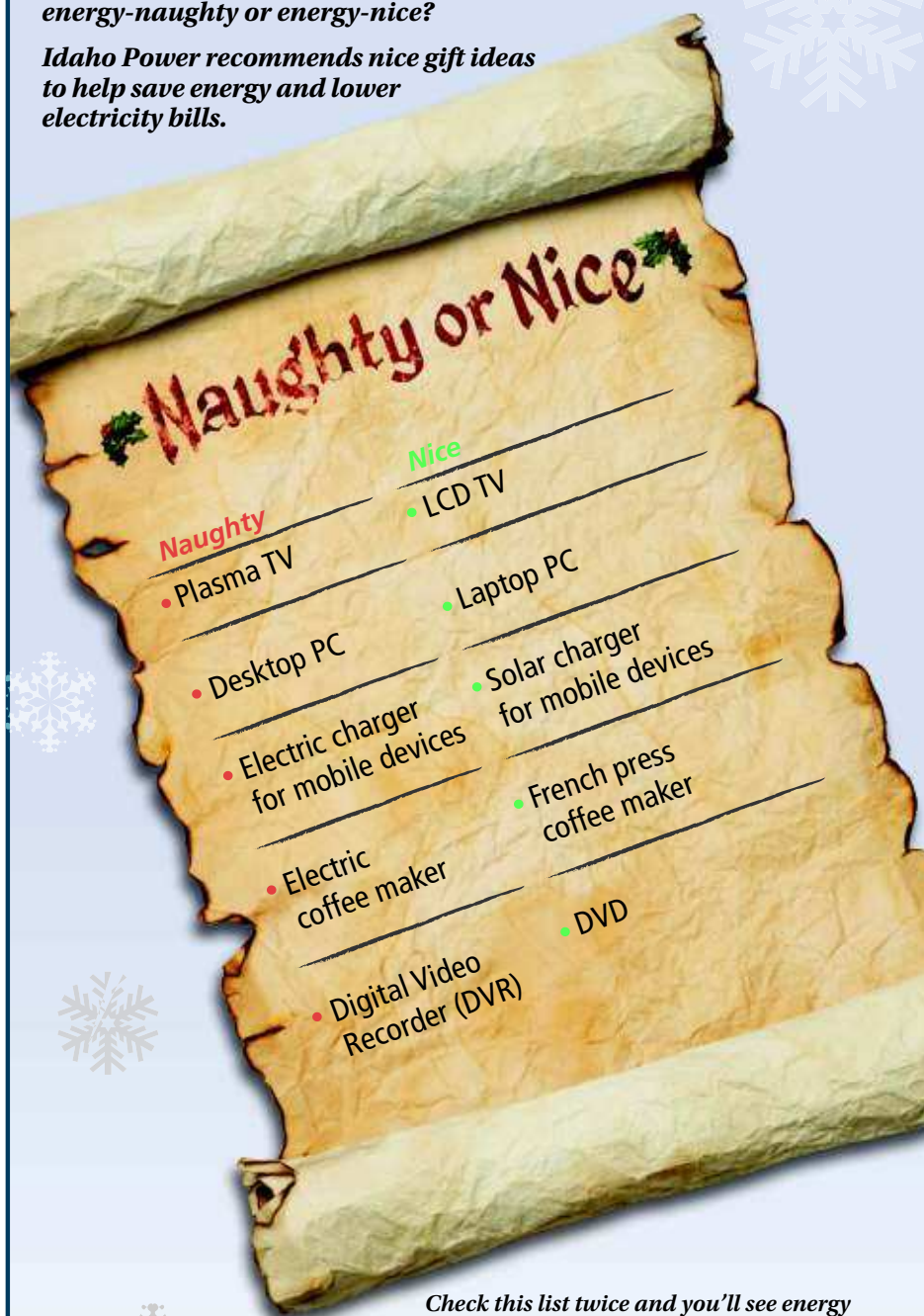
The pirates were arrested and are being held on the HMS Evertsen, Middel said. They are believed to be Somalis.



**You're making a list.  
You're checking it twice.**

**But are the gifts on your holiday list energy-naughty or energy-nice?**

**Idaho Power recommends nice gift ideas to help save energy and lower electricity bills.**



**Check this list twice and you'll see energy efficient gifts help reduce electricity bills all year long. Isn't that nice?**

**Happy Holidays from Idaho Power!**  
[www.idahopower.com/eegifts](http://www.idahopower.com/eegifts)

## ARE WE NUTS to have a tractor sale in DECEMBER?

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Buy a **NEW**  **Bobcat**  
**CT 450**  
COMPACT TRACTOR

and get

**0%** for **60**  
FINANCING MONTHS\*

OR

Arrange your own financing  
& get the **FRONT-END LOADER**

**FREE**

SAVE \$ **7,100<sup>00</sup>**  
OVER

limited time offer



## The December Bobcat Tractor sale ON NOW!

Disclosure: 0% financing for 60 months, oac. Some models by order only, must be delivered by Dec 31st, 2009. See dealer for details.

**BARRY**  
equipment & rental  
sales · service · parts

465 Addison Ave W  
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Washington Ave  
Burley, ID 83318

South Lincoln  
Jerome, ID 83338

call: 208-732-7368





# CLASSIFIEDS

in Partnership with

To place ads, call (208) 733-0931, ext.2 **YAHOO! hotjobs®**

Aces on Bridge, 2 / Jumble, 5 / Dear Abby, 6 / Sudoku, 6 / Crossword, 7 / Service Directory, 8

Classifieds

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

CLASSIFIEDS: (208) 733-0931, EXT. 2 AND AT [MAGICVALLEY.COM](http://MAGICVALLEY.COM)

## 2010 TOYOTA FJ CRUISER SUV

# CAPABLE VERSATILITY!

**RoadWorthy!**  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corp.

Toyota advances both the art and science of the off-road vehicle while recalling its own off-road heritage with the FJ Cruiser, a go anywhere, meet life head-on, fully-capable sport utility vehicle. The FJ Cruiser provides optimized off-road capabilities, value and styling cues reminiscent of the automaker's famed FJ40 4x4 utility vehicle, sold in the United States from 1960 to 1983.

For 2010, a newly available Trail Team's Special Edition package draws on Toyota's off-road heritage and equips the FJ Cruiser for off-road driving adventures. The FJ Cruiser Trail Team's Special Edition looks the part of a safari vehicle with exclusive Sandstorm exterior color (including the roof) and hood blackout paint, along with other blackout components. Backing up the rugged styling is an array of equipment designed to enhance trail driving capability.

Chassis enhancements for the new model package includes the contents of the Off Road Package, trail-tuned Bilstein® shock absorbers, rear differential lock and the active traction control (A-TRAC) system, front and rear skid plates, rock rails, TRD beadlock-style alloy wheels with BFG All-Terrain tires and wheel locks.

The Trail Team's Special Edition also preps the FJ Cruiser's body and interior for trail driving. The power side mirrors feature illumination markers, and the Special Edition auto-dimming inside mirror comes with an integrated backup camera monitor.

Beige fabric seat inserts complement the exterior styling. All-weather floor mats and cargo mat make it easy to clean the trail out of the FJ Cruiser Special Edition, while 12V, 100W and 115V, 400W



Motor News Media Corporation Photos

### 2010 TOYOTA FJ CRUISER SUV BY THE NUMBERS

#### PRICING

The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2010 Toyota FJ Cruiser SUV starts from \$23,680 for the 2WD model, \$24,860 for the 4WD/manual and \$25,270 for the 4WD/automatic. Destination charges add \$800.

#### DIMENSIONS & SPECIFICATIONS

Wheelbase: 105.9; overall length: 163.9; width: 75.0; height: 71.3 (2WD), 72.0 (4WD). All vehicle measurements are in inches. Engine: 4.0L V6 - 258 hp at 5,600 rpm and 270 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm. Transmission: six-speed manual, five-speed automatic. EPA Fuel Economy: 17 city/22 hwy. (2WD); 15 city/19 hwy. (manual/4WD), 17 city/21 hwy. (automatic/4WD). Cargo capacity: 66.8 cubic feet. Payload capacity: 1,285 lbs. Towing capacity: 5,000 lbs.

#### SAFETY FEATURES

Dual front airbags, dual front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, dual side-curtain airbags, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, electronic brake-force distribution, brake assist, limited slip differential (2WD), vehicle stability control, engine immobilizer, daytime running lights, tire pressure monitor, side-impact door beams, and full-size spare tire.

#### WARRANTY

Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile Bumper-to-bumper Powertrain: 5-year/60,000 mile Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited.

outlets enable you to keep "plugged in" to civilization when necessary. The final touch is a Trail Team badge. Additional passenger cabin amenities include color-keyed door trim and dashboard; a "floating ball" type multi-information display; remote keyless entry; cruise control; rear privacy glass; rear wiper; AM/FM/6-CD/MP3 stereo with nine speakers and steering wheel audio controls.

Available in two- or four-wheel drive configurations, the FJ Cruiser is powered by 4.0L V6 engine that is newly equipped with a new dual Variable Valve Timing with intelligence (VVT-i) system (variable phasing for both the intake and exhaust cams) and new roller rockers. The changes increase the available horsepower by 19. Torque is

communicated to the ground through a five-speed automatic transmission or six-speed manual gearbox.

The automatic transmission features Artificial Intelligence (AI) Shift Control, a system that automatically varies the transmission's shifting pattern based on road conditions and the driver's intent to provide optimal up-and-down-shifting. It also employs Toyota's Flex Lock-Up Control, which is added to the basic locking torque converter.

Delivering true off-road ruggedness, the FJ Cruiser has a tough, wide stance based around a frame and front-and-rear suspension systems adapted from those found on the 120-Series Prado (Land Cruiser Prado) in some markets. The frame is a boxed steel ladder-

braced unit to which is mounted the FJ Cruiser's welded steel body. The independent front suspension offers 7.87 inches of wheel travel, which consists of a double wishbone setup with adapted geometry for superior road feel and ride comfort. Tubular shock absorbers and an anti-sway bar are also employed. A solid rear axle using a four-link coil-spring suspension system with a lateral rod, tubular shock absorbers and an anti-sway bar is employed. This system provides 9.1 inches of wheel travel.

Inside the surprisingly airy cabin, the FJ Cruiser features a dashboard that is bordered by upper and lower tubular forms, which frame rectangular-shaped, flat panels. Control knobs are large enough to provide easy grip, even while wearing

gloves, and switches for critical functions, including climate control, audio controls and the optional rear locking rear differential, are mounted in the center dash panel within easy reach of the driver.

The standard full gauge package, including speedometer, tachometer, amp meter, coolant temperature gauge and fuel gauge, uses round, black-on-white dials and gauges for enhanced visibility.

Access in and out of the Toyota SUV is facilitated by hand grips in the "A" pillar and the use of dual mini side access doors. The design of the doors increases the loading and unloading of the FJ Cruiser, as well as gives it additional functionality for the moonrider with an "active" lifestyle.



### TOYOTATHON

## Now's the Perfect Time to get the Toyota You've Always Wanted ...



Over the last 40 years, One Toyota Corolla has been sold approximately every 40 seconds

### NEW 2010 TOYOTA COROLLA

- Based on manufacturer estimates of Worldwide Sales average over 40 years

# 0% APR

 OR **\$750 CASH BACK**  
FINANCING FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS

### TOYOTATHON

## IT ONLY HAPPENS ONCE A YEAR!



- Over 10,000lbs towing capacity
- Five Star NHTSA front crash test rating (driver & passenger)

### NEW 2010 TOYOTA TUNDRA

# 0% APR

 OR **\$2000 CASH BACK**  
FINANCING FOR 36 MONTHS OR 1.9% APR for 60 mo.!

### NEW 2010 TOYOTA CAMRY



Rated #1 American Made Car  
Based on cars.com 2009 American Made Index

# 0% APR for 36 mo.!

# 1.9% APR for 60 mo.!

OR **\$750 Cash Back** (Excludes Hybrids)

### NEW 2010 TOYOTA SIENNA



# 0% APR for 36 mo.!

# 1.9% APR for 60 mo.!

OR **\$750 Cash Back**

### NEW 2010 TOYOTA RAV4



# 0% APR for 36 mo.!

# 2.9% APR for 48 mo.!

# 3.9% APR for 60 mo.!

OR **\$500 Cash Back**

### NEW 2009 TOYOTA VENZA



Available in All-Wheel Drive!

# \$2,000 Discount off MSRP

  
**AND GET**  

# 3.9% APR for 60 mo.!

Price plus tax title, and \$129.52 dealer doc fee. Cash back from manufacturer. APR financing through Toyota Financial Services with approved credit only. 2009, 1, and 41 only. Offers cannot be combined and may vary by region. Must take retail delivery from dealer stock by 1/31/2010.



# WILLS TOYOTA

236 SHOSHONE STREET WEST, TWIN FALLS  
733-2891 • 1-800-621-5247 • [WWW.WILLSTOYOTA.COM](http://WWW.WILLSTOYOTA.COM)



# TOYOTA

moving forward













