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T.F. schools begin strategic plan update

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

In the coming decade, Twin Falls School District will likely need another elementary and middle school as Twin Falls' population grows.

District officials are uncertain of when that might happen, but it could be in several years. That's one issue the public can give input about as the school district begins its strategic plan update next year.

The district is gearing up for its strategic plan update, which happens once every five years. The district's most recent strategic plan covers 2005 to 2010, with goals for areas that include curriculum and instruction, expanded educational activities, school and community relations, facilities and accountability.

Three roundtable discussions with input will take place between late January through mid-February.

"We're asking people to volunteer," Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said during a *Times-News* editorial board meeting Wednesday. "Each session will have different participants."

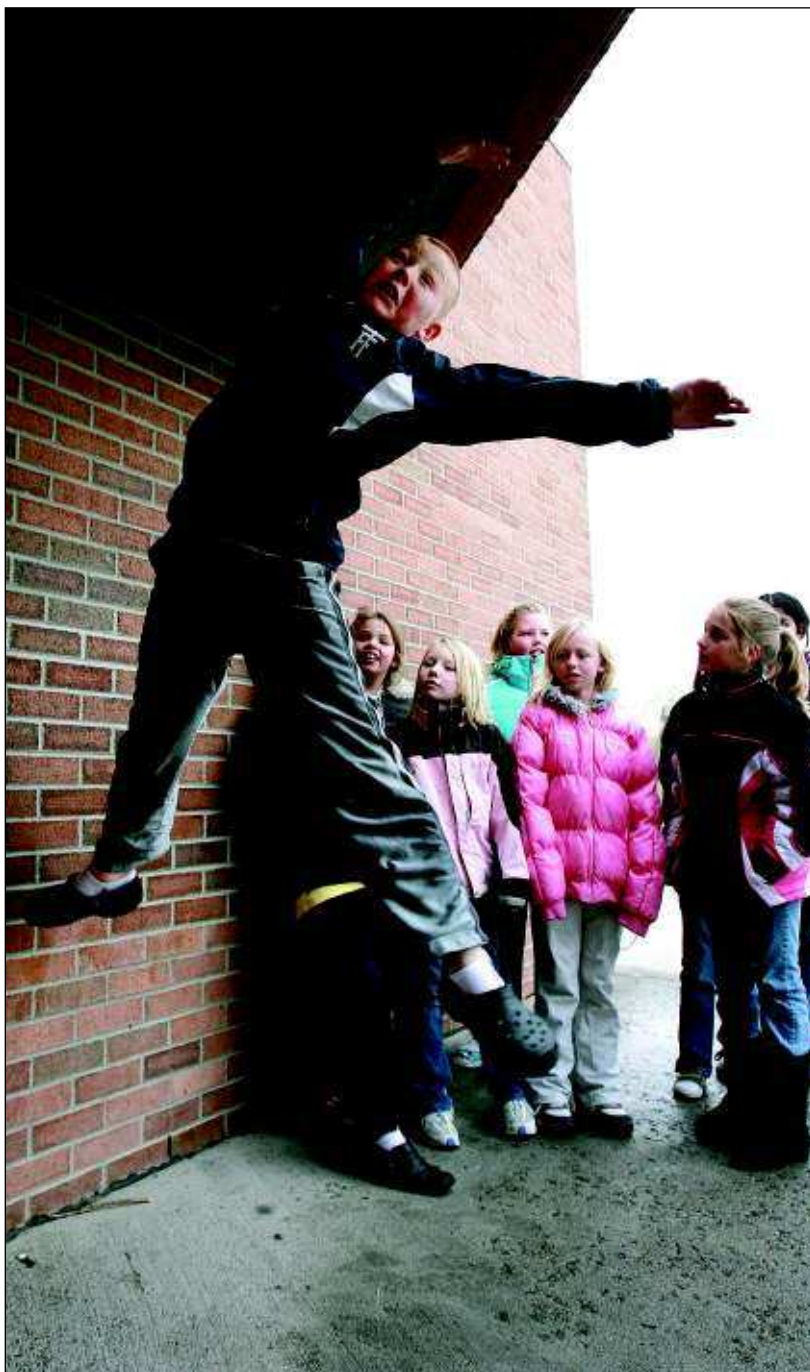
With new schools, the goal would be to continue the existing bond levy without increasing its rate to pay for the future facilities, Dobbs said, stressing that it would be a process involving the public.

For now, the public can fill out a questionnaire with comments about the key issues and what the goals should be and indicate if they are interested in participating in the roundtables sessions.

The district's school board will have a draft of the new strategic plan to approve in May.

Examples of accomplishments from following the goals in the current strategic plan include the Newcomer Center for refugee students, remodeling and construction projects throughout the district, and a mentoring program for teachers.

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Sawtooth Elementary School fourth-grader Brenden Williams reaches for an overhang at the Twin Falls School after getting a running start during recess Friday. The school district is looking into building a new elementary school and middle school in its five-year strategic plan.

Deserted diversion

Fish and Game seeks info on Cottonwood diversion project

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

Idaho Fish and Game officials hope the public can help shed light on remnants of a water diversion project on Big Cottonwood Creek so an interpretive sign can be developed for the nearby hiking trail.

"This was a major undertaking," said Mike Todd, Idaho Fish and Game wildlife habitat biologist.

The creek forms in the Sawtooth National Forest near the Bostetter campground in southwestern Cassia County and naturally flows northeast toward the Snake River east of Murtaugh. But efforts in the early 1900s to divert it miles to the southeast to the Lower Goose Creek Reservoir at Oakley Dam have left marks that can be seen from the Big

HELP OUT

Anyone with information or supporting documents on the Big Cottonwood Creek water diversion project or the subsequent lawsuit should contact Idaho Fish and Game biologist Mike Todd, 208-324-4359.

Cottonwood trailhead.

What's left of the diversion efforts include areas where a canal was trenched into the hillside, a concrete flume was put in where it was too rocky to dig and two tunnels a combined 1,500 feet long that were blasted through the mountain.

"They hauled in a lot of concrete," Todd said.

Todd said the name P.W. Nelson is carved near the

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Courtesy photo

Idaho Fish and Game reservist Steve Grupe shows the scale of the north end of the Big Cottonwood Creek water diversion project ditch. A local historian believes the project took place in about 1911.

Blaine County Hinger Coalition to expand services

Nonprofit group moves into larger Bellevue location

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

BELLEVUE — The Hunger Coalition in Blaine County just got bigger.

The nonprofit just took residence in a new location and plans to be able to feed more people.

The staff recently finished moving into new digs at 121 Honeysuckle St. in Bellevue's industrial district. The new home was the site of the Jyette ski hat factory until recently.

The new building offers more privacy and confidentiality for clients, said Wally Miller, the coalition's warehouse supervisor. It offers room for a walk-in freezer that can be expanded as needed.

It also has outdoor space



The Hunger Coalition

WHERE: 121 Honeysuckle St., Bellevue

PRIMARY MISSION: Provides food to Blaine County families through a variety of programs, including mobile food bank and school backpack programs.

TO DONATE: Donations of cash are accepted. People can also get involved through the Grow-a-Row garden program or other volunteer opportunities.

CONTACT: 208-788-0121 or www.thehungercoalition.org.

for a small community garden where clients can grow fresh vegetables, along with new kitchen facilities, which the coalition plans to use to host cooking classes.

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T.F. girl raises \$4,000 for gifts for foster teens

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Courtney Barry was taking her final exam on Wednesday, wrapping up her first semester at the University of Idaho. On Friday, Barry was picking up \$50 gift cards at the Magic Valley Mall.

The 18-year-old raised about \$4,000 for the gift cards that will be distributed to area children and teenagers in the foster care system.

This was the second year Barry raised money for the cause. For her senior project last year, Barry gave \$5,000 in gift cards and purchased six car seats for Idaho



Courtesy photo

Courtney Barry, center, with her brother, JT Barry, and sister, Chloe Barry.

Health and Welfare.

"This year was way more challenging than last year in raising the money needed,"

Barry said. "I had six meetings with businesses and civic clubs over my Thanksgiving break."

Due to the sour economy, many donated less or were unable to donate at all. Even so, Barry is grateful for the outpouring of support.

"A lot wanted to help but were not able to give, but it's completely understandable," Barry said. "I was still able to raise a considerable amount of money that will hopefully make a lot of teens' Christmas brighter."

Barry was inspired to help foster kids after her parents adopted a sibling boy and girl three years ago.

"I was the youngest for 16 years and not experienced with kids at first. It was an adjustment but I love them

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Shipping giants rush to deliver holiday packages

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Mellany Sorrell's face glistened with sweat as she lifted packages and seemed in constant motion during the holiday rush at the epicenter of UPS' global air shipping network.

The 29-year-old methodically hoisted boxes and put them gingerly onto a conveyor belt — keeping them on a synchronized

journey that could end under countless Christmas trees. After emptying a hulking container so big that she could step inside it, Sorrell caught her breath before starting again with another container stuffed with boxes. Each container holds up to 6 tons of cargo.

The holiday shipping rush is expected to peak for UPS on Monday, when the world's

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



● It's not too late to give to those who need help. There are plenty of places to send your money, including the Salvation Army, La Posada Ministry, East End Service Providers, Mini-Cassia Christmas Council and more. My pick today — be generous.

● Give the gift of life at a blood drive today through Wednesday at the Church of Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. Donors who are Boise State football fans can enter a drawing for travel, accommodations and

more to the Jan. 4 Fiesta Bowl. Information: 734-4566.

● For a different kind of gift, check out the offerings at historical museums around the area. From calendars to books to coffee mugs, they offer a variety sure to please the history aficionado on your holiday list.

Have your own pick to share? Something unique to the area that may surprise people? E-mail me at patm@gmagicvalley.com.

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largest shipping carrier projects it will deliver about 22 million small packages. For the entire holiday season, UPS plans to deliver roughly 400 million packages worldwide, up slightly from the 2008 holiday season.

There is no syrupy Christmas music blaring inside the massive UPS Worldport hub in Louisville, Ky., only the roar of conveyor belts. Still, workers say they get caught up in the holiday spirit.

"You're making millions of people's Christmases come true," said Matthew Deeds, a supervisor.

Co-worker John Pidwell added, "We're basically playing Santa Claus."

UPS, based in Atlanta, hired about 50,000 seasonal workers to keep pace with the extra volume this holiday season, including about 700 extra staff at Worldport. The Louisville facility employs about 10,000 people and sorts up to 350,000 packages hourly. On average, about 1.2 million packages pass through every day. Volume reaches 2.5 million packages at the holiday peak. UPS has

other domestic air hubs in Philadelphia, Dallas, Hartford, Conn., Ontario, Calif., Rockford, Ill., and Columbia, S.C., plus a network of international hubs.

Worldport was a beehive of activity during a recent overnight shift — when UPS sorts and ships most of its packages for next-day delivery. Cargo jets took off and landed, and the smell of aviation fuel wafted through the December chill. Pint-sized tractors, called tugs, hauled huge package containers from the planes and later reloaded them after the sorting was done. The company's active fleet of 211 aircraft includes Airbus A300s, Boeing 757s, 767s, 747-400s and MD-11s.

Packages rode through a labyrinth of fast-moving conveyor belts that stretch for 150 miles during the automated sorting process. The company uses "smart labels" read by overhead cameras that scan bar codes. The codes contain information about each package's address and whether it's a next-day or second-day delivery — details that route each package along the conveyors.

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"It's all part of moving to our next level of mission — helping people move out of the cycle of dependence," said Jeanne Liston, Hunger Coalition director. "We want to hold nutrition classes, teach people how to cook healthy foods on a budget — things as simple as soaking dried beans. Many of our clients have never seen some of the different types of squash and other vegetables that people give us. We want to show them ways to use those vegetables that taste good."

The coalition would have preferred to have stayed in a more central Hailey location, said Naomi Spence, the coalition's food program manager. But the opportunity to move from its 1,800 square-foot warehouse near Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey to a 5,500 square-foot facility with a mortgage that was less than what the coalition was paying for its lease in Hailey was too sweet to pass up.

"We were bursting at the seams," she said of fitting into the Hailey warehouse.

The coalition is one Wood River Valley organization that has grown in the bad economy. It has grown from one employee in October 2008 to a cur-

rent staff of five.

The Hunger Coalition serves between 180 and 250 families a month, handing out food at the warehouse, from the back of a mobile food bank that travels to different sites in the valley and through a school backpack program in which eligible students are given backpacks full of food to take home with them each weekend.

Miller is among the coalition's former clients who used to receive items from the food warehouse. He says he was forced to utilize the food bank to feed his two children after he was laid off from a business that sold home-entertainment theater systems. Reluctant simply to take the food, he started volunteering with the organization, working his way into the warehouse manager position as the coalition needed more staff.

"I tell people not to be ashamed. What they're going through is not a long-term thing. It's assistance," he said. "I tell them: If they can save a few dollars by taking our food, they can apply that toward rent and electricity."

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

Jerome Lions Club, 7 p.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 324-2535.

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

DANCES

Let's Dance Club, with contra and line dance, 6 to 8 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, \$3 cost; free for children under 14 accompanied by an adult, 410-5650 or galenslater.com.

GOVERNMENT

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

Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland Ave., 878-7302.

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

Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.

Blaine County commissioners, administrative workshop (open to public), 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., old courthouse, 206 First Ave. S. Ste 200, Hailey, 788-5505.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.

College of Southern Idaho Board, 5:30 p.m., Student Union Room 248, Taylor Administration building, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 732-6261.

Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-3841.

Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-9815.

Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-5669.

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

Jerome County Planning Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln St., 324-9116.

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

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

Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 208-487-2241.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls, complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and "Curves Smart" personalized coaching, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana Gold-insured or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St., no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jerome Senior Center, 520 N. Lincoln St., no cost for Humana Gold

Choice members, \$1 for non-Humana members, 324-5642.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for uninsured, 733-4384.

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

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 2 p.m., front lounge, Woodstone Assisted Living Facility, 491 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988.

Choices for Recovery, a non-traditional, 12-step spiritual program open to all faiths, issues and addictions, 6 p.m., west conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 431-3741.

Recovery for Life: "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing," includes Divorce Care, Grief Share, Financial Peace, Co-dependency for Women, 12-Step HOPE (substance abuse recovery), Co-dependen-

cy for Men and Women, and Parenting Skills, 6 to 6:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), free childcare and shuttle available, 733-6128.

LIBRARY

Rhyme Time, finger plays and singalongs for toddlers and preschoolers (and their parents), 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 110.

MUSIC

Ladies Night, live music, 6 to 9 p.m., Mimi's Saddlehorn Events Center, 289 Clear Lakes Road, Buhl, no cost.

SEASONAL EVENTS

"A Christmas Carol," musical, 7 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, \$25 for adults and \$10 for children, 726-9124.

SPORTS

Active seniors pickleball group, pickleball enthusiasts willing to teach newcomers, 6 p.m., Adventist Hilltop School, 131 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, no cost, 734-0622 or ssacco@spro.net.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Meeting Memo for Tuesday: Blue Lakes Rotary Club meeting and breakfast, features speakers from the community, 7 to 8 a.m., Red Lion Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, marlbarn@busyb.myrf.net, 208-324-4808 or www.bluelakesrotary.com.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Mirela Sulejmanovic by e-mail at msulejmanovic@gmagicvalley.com; by phone, 735-3278; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event



Courtesy photos

Idaho Fish and Game biologist Mike Todd stands in the entrance of one of two tunnels that made up 1,500 feet of tunnel blasted into the mountainside near the Cottonwood trailhead as part of an effort to divert Big Cottonwood Creek into the Lower Goose Creek Reservoir at Oakley Dam.

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diversion and contains the oddity of backwards Ns, which could provide someone with a clue as to who was involved with the project's construction.

Local historian and former history teacher Tim Archibald said the federal Homestead Act of 1862 helped populate the area, and it was not long after there wasn't enough water for everyone.

Congress' passage of the Carey Act in 1894 provided a mechanism for companies to make a profit building large irrigation systems and

paved the way for construction of the Lower Goose Creek Reservoir, as well as other projects like the diversion. But who constructed the massive project is a mystery.

Construction on the earth-filled Oakley Dam below the reservoir occurred between 1909 and 1913. Archibald believes the diversion project took place at about 1911.

Archibald said the whole concept, which took the north-flowing creek and diverted it around the mountain and then south where workers tunneled

through the hills to the reservoir, was literally full of holes.

"In the tunnels there were big fissures and they lost a lot of water," Archibald said. "By the time they got the water to the dam there was not enough to bother with."

Archibald said when workers blasted the tunnels through the mountain they put rail tracks in but the tunnel was only about six feet high inside so they used little railroad cars pulled by donkeys.

Archibald said there is some indication people

below the diversion held senior water rights and may have challenged the effort in court but no one knows for sure why after a couple years the project was abandoned. Archibald said during his 37 years teaching he enjoyed taking groups of students to the area on field trips to pass along what he knew.

"History is interesting," Archibald said. "But some of it gets lost when the old people leave."

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SNOWPACK LEVELS

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Big Wood	66	22	
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Upper Snake Basin	58	20	
Oakley	77	23	
Salmon Falls	57	18	
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Teens

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like they are my own," Barry said. "It doesn't feel at all like they are adopted."

Her mother, Susan Barry, is proud of her daughter's efforts.

"This is really near and dear to Courtney," she said. "Foster care and the need for foster parents is her platform as Miss Magic Valley, so this project really compliments that and it shows her dedication."

In addition to gift cards, wrapped presents will be given to teens within the district, distributed by Idaho Health and Welfare.

According to Health and Welfare, teens are overlooked more than younger children

in the system. Toddlers and young children are easier to shop for, said Amanda Coach, practicum student in the Jerome office.

Coach collected wish lists from the 63 teens within the district.

"We want to be able to provide something they want versus something they need, like name brand clothing, MP3 players and portable DVD players," Coach said.

Barry hopes the gifts will send foster kids a message that someone close to their age cares about them.

"I hope they know other kids want to help them out," she said.

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Jerome Council gives PSI three-year extension

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome City Council approved Tuesday a three-year extension of a garbage collection contract with PSI Environmental Systems.

In October, the council rejected a bid process, meaning PSI's contract with the city would be renewed after its Jan. 1 expiration date.

City Administrator Ben Marchant said Tuesday he needed council approval to execute the contract extension prior to the end of this year. The extension

runs through 2012.

The council authorized the extension with a 2-1 vote. Council members John Shine and Bob Culver supported it, while Chris Barber voted no. Marj Schmidt was absent.

In October, Barber and Schmidt both supported a bidding process.

In other business, the council approved a \$4,049 purchase of Web filtering software for public Internet access at the Jerome Public Library.

Marchant said one concern is public Wi-Fi access at outside tables and the possibility of children

walking past and seeing objectionable images.

The council also voted to put the estimated \$1.4 million bio-tower for the wastewater treatment plant out to bid.

The council authorized the purchase of four trucks and a trailer, at a total price of \$43,700, to serve as replacements for Water Works Department equipment dating back to the 1980s.

The council authorized Police Chief Dan Hall to replace a motor in a 1998 Ford police vehicle used for code enforcement at \$4,000. Hall told the

council he was disappointed with what he saw for possible replacement vehicles.

The council also voted to auction surplus equipment from the police department, including a Herring Hall Marvin Safe, a 2001 Canon copy machine and a 2001 Chevrolet Impala.

Mayor Charles Correll gave the oath of office to new firefighter Christina Jaegers.

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Red Cross hosts 3-day blood drive starting today

Times-News

The American Red Cross will hold a three-day Twin Falls Community Blood Drive today through Wednesday.

The drive will be held at the Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

"The holiday season is a difficult time for us to collect blood," said Jane Stutzman, donor recruitment manager for the Red Cross in Idaho. "People are busy and distracted from their usual routine, so we are thrilled to extend this offer."

Those who donate blood can enter to win a party package for two to the Fiesta Bowl between Texas Christian University and Boise State University, courtesy of the Red Cross and Harmon Travel. The package includes transportation from Boise to Phoenix, two nights' hotel accommodation, transportation to and from the game at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., two tickets to the tailgate party and two tickets to the football game on Jan. 4.

For appointments: call Sharla, 734-4566.

Blaine County Habitat group receives challenge grant

Groups moves toward affordable duplex projects

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — A year after finishing the first Habitat for Humanity home in Bellevue, the Blaine County chapter is ready to have another go at it.

It also received a nudge in the form of a \$100,000 challenge grant. An anonymous donor recently offered the grant, provided the group can raise another \$100,000 to match it.

"We're looking at building a duplex that would give two families a home. So we'd be building a two-for-one house with two-for-one dollars," said Habitat member Dayle Fowler. "And the money that the homeowners pay for their home would be applied to the next home so it would be like a legacy that keeps paying forward."

Habitat for Humanity of

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— Habitat for Humanity member Dayle Fowler

Blaine County — a volunteer organization consisting of nine members with experience in building, design, finance and management — has identified land in Bellevue and near Hailey that members hope could be used for their next project or projects.

And Ketchum architect Carolyn Wicklund has drawn up plans for a duplex. Duplexes are not the unusual practice for Habitat homes, but the local chapter has deemed them the most practical type of home for an area like the Wood River Valley, where land costs are so high, said chapter co-chair Art Dahl.

The chapter hopes to use Wicklund's plans more than once to keep costs down, said member Tom

Harvey. And they've gotten the city of Bellevue to amend an ordinance that would allow them to build an affordable-housing duplex on lots previously zoned for one home.

That effectively cuts the cost of land in half, Dahl said.

In addition to cash donations, the group welcomes donations of land.

"If a developer gave us three acres, we could build 12 duplexes — that's 24 homes," said Dahl.

The group, which has been under the umbrella of the Magic Valley's Habitat for Humanity, has gone after full affiliate status that would allow it to deal directly with Habitat for Humanity International.

It would also allow the Wood River group to tailor

its strategies to fit a resort community, Dahl said.

Dahl said the group learned a lot from its first project in Bellevue, which went to a sheriff's deputy with several children: "We learned about cost control and things like lowering the pitch of the roof to make the building part more friendly for volunteers."

The project provided a community service outlet for students who had been suspended from school, said group member Marianne Whitcomb: "The counselor told us they could see changes in the kids — they were more cooperative and worked better as a team after they got involved with our project."

Tax-deductible donations to meet the challenge grant may be sent to Habitat for Humanity of Blaine County, Box 10143, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Information: 208-726-0610 or office@hfhblaine.org.

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Minor sewer backup reported in Wendell

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Sewage that backed up into a manhole on Tuesday wasn't indicative of problems with Wendell's sewer system, officials said.

The small spillage was caused by cooler weather and people pouring "fat, oil and grease into the sanitary sewer system," said Wendell Public Works Director Bob Bailey. The cooler temperatures caused the material to coagulate and block the flow of waste, leading to the spill.

Bailey told the Wendell City Council during its Thursday meeting the problem was quickly fixed and reported, as required, to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Councilman Barry Brown was concerned the issue could become a larger problem with DEQ and asked

Bailey, "What was their attitude?"

Bailey said that the regulatory agency response was "positive" in nature.

"As long as you tell DEQ right away when something like this happens and file the required paperwork, then DEQ is fine," Bailey told the *Times-News*. "We've gotten busy and forgot to tell them in the past ... that's when DEQ gets upset."

Bailey said the spill cost the city about \$275 to clean and services were not interrupted.

In other council news,

Gem Team Chairwoman Marilyn Neal reported that the city could be hit hard with the state's proposal to close Thousand Springs State Park.

Half of the nine parks in the Thousand Springs system are within close proximity to Wendell. Park closure, due to state budget cuts, would mean a loss of tourist revenue for the city, which is already facing significant tax-revenue cuts.

"It is essential that we are informed and begin to address the possibility of losing these vital parts of

our area, both for an economic impact and a lifestyle impact" said Neal, who attended an informational meeting Thursday in Hagerman.

Brown, who also attended the Thousand Springs meeting, called on area volunteers to express their desire to help keep the parks open.

"I hope citizens pick up the ball and roll with it," Brown said.

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Jerome schools name new trustee

JEROME — Jerome School Board trustees on Tuesday named Esther Peters as the replacement to succeed Trustee Reed Crozier, who resigned in November. Peters had submitted a letter of interest for the position, which the district had advertised.

Crozier resigned four months into his second term. Peters will serve as an appointee until July 2010. The seat will be up for election in May.

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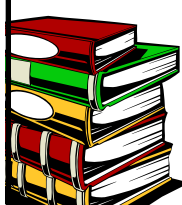
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Reading the signs Part 2

Petroglyphs near Pocatello losing battle against time

By John Bulger
The Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — On the west side of town on a section of private property is a craggy mound, an 8 million-year-old formation of rhyolite, a downfault of nearby Howard Mountain.

From the slight elevation, one has a panoramic view of the valley and beyond. Nearby flows the Portneuf River.

Unlike the basalt cliffs that extend from Pocatello to McCammon and are chock-full of petroglyphs, these rocks are rough-textured and seemingly a poor canvas for artistic expression.

But hidden in the jumble of rocks and sagebrush are historic gems. Here there are several fine petroglyphs, as well as the all-too-prominent chiselings of those who came long after the original artists.

It is not known just what cultural significance this bluff held for Native Americans, but their historical footprint here was impressive.

Hauled off

Paul DesFosses, 70, grew up in Pocatello. He spent many hours on the Kraft Hill site in the early 50s, sifting through the treasures it contained.

"My dad had done some of the engineering work — heating and plumbing — on the Kraft plant out there when it was built. When I was a little kid, I went out there with him. The hill was full of arrowheads and scrapers, Indian stuff," he said. "There were a lot of (petroglyphs). The hill was loaded with them."

To a young boy, the site provided a seemingly inexhaustible supply of riches.

"All you had to do was walk across there and you could fill your pockets in 30 minutes with all the arrowheads and scrapers and spear points you could carry," he said.

"Some kids had dug a hole out there — I think they were making forts. They ran into a bunch of arrowheads and these clay balls and we went out and poked around and that's where we found five pots. The biggest pot was probably 2-foot or a little more than that across.

"They were all broken, but the pieces were all there. I picked each one of those up and put each one in a separate box so that they could be put back together. I was in the seventh grade when that happened," he said.

Even at his young age, DesFosses knew the pots had some significance. He carted the treasures to the university to a woman in the geology department who was less than receptive.

"She was skinny as a rail and (smoked) one cigarette after another. I gave her the pots and she said, 'Oh, these are Anasazi. You're lying to me. You didn't find those on Kraft Hill. They came from Arizona because they're all Anasazi.' And she took our big box full of little boxes and threw them against the side of her house and they stayed there."

Losing part of history

On a frigid afternoon, Dave Williams walks up a snowy incline to the top of Kraft Hill. Although Williams and his father, Ivan, have only owned the property for about three years, they are aware of some of the his-

tory, in part from those who knew the site well.

"One of the guys who's always talked to me about it — he's 80 years old now, 82. He was playing over here from when he was a little kid," Williams said.

Williams walks to the first panel on the rock outcrop, partially obscured by sagebrush. In the late afternoon sun, the petroglyphs stand out. The biggest looks not unlike an angel, with a series of large dots encircling it like a heart. Next to it is what looks like a stylized bear's paw. Both are in essentially the same condition as they were in the photograph from circa 1930.

Williams treks across the hill to the next boulder and sweeps the snow from it. There are numerous symbols on it, but they are overwritten or outcompeted by the initials, dates and names of subsequent visitors. Some portions of the boulder look as if they have been chipped away. Unsuccessful attempts to chisel out symbols are also evident.

He walks to the next outcrop, which again contains petroglyphs that look as they did when photographed some 80 years ago. Williams doesn't know of any more artifacts on the hill.

"Most of them that were here are gone," he said.

Preserving what's left

The Kraft Hill site — it was known by that name as early as 1930 — is also well-known to those in scientific circles and those who hope to preserve what cultural items are left.

"It actually has an official site number, 10BK1," said ISU archaeology professor Rick Holmer, noting the Smithsonian trinomial designation. "I've been haunted by 10BK1 since I've gotten here."

Shoshone-Bannock tribal member and archaeologist Diana Yupe has also visited the site. Both she and Holmer were part of efforts that attempted to preserve its artifacts. Holmer said some talks were under way in the early to mid-80s with a Utah investment company that owned the land.

However, the company looked at the property solely as a commercial investment. It was sold, and the new owners were not interested in anyone poking around on the property.

"Efforts to deal with the subsequent landowners were disastrous," Holmer said.

Yupe also recalls talks involving the tribe to preserve the site's antiquities. She, too, noted that the chance of any accord fell apart. Both remember some petroglyphs of importance during their visit.

"I was the archaeologist for the tribes during that period," Yupe said. "There were two rocks of real significance. I can't remember the other one, but there was that one that appeared to be some kind of a drawing of a map and it kind of depicted the trade route or the migration route of the tribes."

Holmer remembers another, which he believes may have been a depiction of the Snake River.

"When you looked at the squiggle and you looked out onto the Snake River Plain, you could see the three buttes out there and those three buttes were also depicted on that map in some way or another and they lined up pretty well," he



AP photo

This Dec. 9, picture shows area petroglyphs from the Idaho Museum of Natural History's collection in Pocatello.

said. "When you actually start comparing it (to the Snake River's route), I don't believe it went as far as Boise down river, but it went all the way up into Jackson Hole.

Finding their meaning

Nicholas Clement, 29, has a Master's degree in archaeology from ISU. His thesis involved field research documenting prehistoric rock art sites and cultural use areas in the Portneuf Gap and Mink Creek area. He has personally seen most of the petroglyphs in the region, including a hasty visit to the Kraft Hill site before the Williams family acquired the property. In his not-exactly-authorized sortie, he failed to find any of the petroglyphs. For those petroglyphs in this area he has seen, many are in dire shape, he said.

"These things are fast disappearing. Acid rains, development, vandalism, any number of things are going through there. They're just wiping these sites out faster than we can record them," Clement said.

Even those looking for recreational opportunities have had an impact.

"If you go to the sunny side, particularly where a lot of the (rock) climbers go out there by Ross Park, there's pins stuck right over the tops of petroglyphs. I just don't even think people were aware they were there," he said.

In Clement's studies, he has spoken with various tribal elders about the symbols. Through scanning techniques, he has been able to bring the electronic representations of the petroglyphs to their homes.

"It grants some amount of maneuverability ... that you wouldn't otherwise be able to get for an 85-year-old Shoshoni man," Clement said. "They were glad to see that somebody was taking an interest enough in it to try to learn about it and maybe document and record it in a way that brought the information back to the people of the reservation."

Just what messages the symbols meant to convey is difficult to establish, Clement noted, and can be a politically sensitive subject. Different families bring different interpretations to the symbols, often based upon a deeply-held belief system. As complicated as inter-

pretation is the dating of the carvings. Even if other artifacts that can be dated are found nearby, that is no guarantee the site was not used for hundreds or thousands of years prior to the last use by aboriginal peoples, Clement said.

There have been attempts to try to date the carvings by dating the lichens the cover the rocks, but the method has proved inconsistent.

"What you're seeing in the petroglyphs is actually the color of the stone, and the surface is the patination," Clement said. "Its oxides from rain and rust and weathering. Patination rates are extremely different from one rock to another."

The methods used to inscribe the rocks is better known, thanks to the original artists having left pecking and finger stones near their works at other sites. Clement, a flint knapping enthusiast, has experimented with trying to etch the rocks using a pecking stone.

"I have tried to do some pecking and it's exceptionally difficult," he said. "There is an amount of skill that was involved in that that has certainly been lost, I would say. It's very time-consuming."

Looking to the future

Diana Yupe, an archaeologist, stands next to a boulder carved by her ancestors with numerous petroglyphs. She looks out over the Portneuf River valley and beyond.

"We had the run of the place, and we just left all of our home sites, all of our history there, when we were removed," she said. "From our perspective, those symbols are sacred to us. What was written by our ancestors is our history, is our future. There's a meaning that was significant between the maker and the Creator, and the meaning of what was happening at the time.

"That message is so important because it is our future. It's the future of our children and our grandchildren and future generations of our people."

She places her hand on the boulder, looking at the figures carefully placed there by other, ancient hands, before looking to the surrounding rocks that her ancestors frequented.

"They're here right now," she said. "I can tell. Right now?"

AROUND THE STATE

Crisis teams called after murder-suicide

IDAHO FALLS — Idaho Falls School District 91 says it will have counselors and crisis teams available today for students and staff following what police describe as a murder-suicide involving an Idaho Falls High School instructor.

Police say 49-year-old math teacher Keith Matthias on Friday evening shot and killed a man having an affair with his wife and then shot and killed himself after police forced his vehicle to a stop a short time later.

Matthias' wife, 41-year-old Jennifer Matthias, is a sixth-grade teacher at A.H. Bush Elementary School in Idaho Falls.

The Post Register reports the couple have three children.

Police say 46-year-old Jack Purcell died about 8 p.m. Friday while sitting in his truck at a Walmart parking lot after being shot in the head numerous times with a large-caliber revolver.

In 2003 Purcell was sentenced to 18 months in prison following convictions for grand theft and domestic violence in Kootenai County.

State borrowing to pay jobless claims

BOISE — Idaho has borrowed more than \$91 million from the federal government to pay jobless benefits.

The Idaho Department of Labor says the state has paid \$627 million in state and federal benefits in the past year, more than twice the \$247 million total for 2008.

The Idaho unemployment fund ran out of money in June as more people lost their jobs due to the economic downturn.

The state's overall unemployment rate in November

edged up one-tenth of a percentage point to 9.1 percent, with a record 68,800 people in the state out of work.

The state labor department says the state paid a record \$16.2 million in jobless benefits last week.

Motorcycle museum to open

KINGSTON — The North Idaho Motorcycle Museum is scheduled to open in May 2010.

The initial display at the Kingston Kwik Stop Exxon and Tor's Tavern will have smaller bikes that include the 1947 Simplex Model H Servi Cycle, the 1969 Harley-Davidson ML 125, and the 1971 Indian MM5A Mini Mini.

Hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, and admission will be free.

The museum will also include motorcycle toys, ranging from a 1930s cast-iron police sidecar to a present-day plastic Transformer.

Museum director Cory Howland tells the Shoshone News Press he spent more than eight years acquiring the collection.

Commission OKs sale of wind power

BOISE — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a plan to allow a Meridian-based wind developer to start selling power to the state's largest utility in 2013.

The commission says that under the agreement, Idaho Power would pay Idaho Winds LLC about \$75 per megawatt-hour during the first year of the agreement.

The price would increase over the duration of the 20-year contract.

Idaho Winds plans to build a 21-megawatt wind project in Elmore County.

— The Associated Press

Police think husband of missing mom has left Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police say they believe the Utah man considered a person of interest in the disappearance of his wife is now in Washington state.

West Valley City police Capt. Tom McLachlan said Sunday that neighbors of Josh Powell say he left Utah either Friday or Saturday, presumably to be with family in Washington.

His wife Susan has been missing since Dec. 7. Josh Powell told police he last saw her at 12:30 a.m. that day when he took his two young sons on a camping

trip and left her at home.

Police have called Josh Powell a person of interest and said he was not forthcoming in interviews with detectives.

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Health Care bill faces key Senate test vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats confidently advanced health care legislation Sunday toward a make-or-break test vote in a push for Christmas-week passage. Republicans vowed to resist what they appeared unable to stop.

In the run-up to the vote, the escalation in rhetoric was remarkable on both sides of an issue that has divided the two political parties for months.

"This process is not legislation. This process is corruption," said Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., referring to the last-minute flurry of dealmaking that enabled Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and the White House to lock in the 60 votes needed to approve the legislation.

Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island responded in near-Biblical terms. In a speech on the Senate floor, he said Republicans are embarked on a "no-holds-barred mission of propaganda, obstruction and fear. ... There will be a reckoning. There will come a day of judgment about who was telling the truth."

Whatever else it was, the legisla-

tion represented the culmination of a year's work for Democrats, pressed by President Obama to remake the nation's health care system.

Under Senate rules, Democrats needed 60 votes on three separate occasions to pass the measure. The first and most critical test was set for about 1 a.m. today. Democrats said Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson's announcement Saturday that he would vote for the bill gave them the support they needed.

Nelson came in for strong criticism from Republicans in Washington and from abortion opponents at home.

Nebraska Right to Life, a longtime supporter, issued a scathing statement calling him a traitor. The state's Catholic bishops followed with a statement that they were "extremely disappointed" in him.

Asked if Republicans could prevent the bill's passage, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said: "Probably not. But what we can do is continue winning the battle of American public opinion."

Democrats hoped Republicans would relent in the face of a clear

60-vote majority, but if GOP critics choose to do so, they could delay a final vote on the bill until early Christmas Eve.

The House has already passed legislation, and attempts to work out a compromise are expected to begin in the days after Christmas.

The Senate legislation is predicted to extend coverage to more than 30 million Americans and would ban industry practices such as denial of insurance on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions. The Congressional Budget Office said it would reduce deficits by about \$132 billion over a decade, and possibly much more in the 10 years that follow.

At its core, the legislation would create a new insurance exchange where consumers could shop for affordable coverage that complies with new federal guidelines. Most Americans would be required to purchase insurance, with subsidies available to help families making up to \$88,000 in income afford the cost.

In a bow to Senate moderates, the measure lacks a government-run

insurance option of the type that House Democrats placed in their bill. Instead, the estimated 26 million Americans purchasing coverage through new insurance exchanges would have the option of signing up for privately owned, nonprofit nationwide plans overseen by the same federal agency that supervises the system used by federal employees and members of Congress.

The full extent of Reid's maneuvering was still unclear.

Nelson won numerous changes, including tougher restrictions on abortion coverage and an estimated \$45 million in federal Medicaid funds, enough to completely cover his state's costs of complying with an expansion of the program mandated by the bill.

Vermont and Massachusetts also won additional Medicaid funds; plastic surgeons were persuasive in their bid to strip out a proposed tax on elective plastic surgery; hospitals in the Dakotas, Wyoming and Montana won additional Medicare funds; and there was more money for hospitals in Hawaii to treat the uninsured.



AP photo
Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., right, speaks at a news conference about the pending Health Care bill as Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., left, listens on Capitol Hill in Washington, Sunday.

Storm crawls into New England, leaving a snowy mess in it's path

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A fierce weekend storm dropped record snowfall and stranded travelers up the coast from Virginia to New England, but its timing helped minimize headache-inducing work commutes and left many with the prospect of a very white Christmas.

Residents throughout the mid-Atlantic and Northeast mostly holed up for the weekend, then dug out from as much as 2 feet of snow to find sunny, mostly calm skies under a blanket of white unspoiled by car exhaust and passers-by.

Matthew Laquinta was vindicated by the 15 inches of snow outside his Providence home, where his daughter Emma, 7, didn't believe the night before that the weather might keep them from visiting relatives on Sunday.

"I was like, 'Come on, where's the snow?'" Emma said. "And I didn't think there'd be any!"

Nevertheless, they still planned to make the two-hour trek to visit family in Massachusetts.

Neighbors shoveling snow in front of their homes Sunday in the east side of Providence shrugged it off as a mild inconvenience that had the decency to come on a weekend.

"It's less of a disruption," said Chloe Kline, a 35-year-old musician. "I don't have to get out to go to school or work or anything like that."

To the south, others struggled with the aftermath of the storm that stranded hundreds of motorists in Virginia and knocked out power to thousands, but could have been much worse.

On the cusp of the winter solstice, the storm dropped



AP photo

New York City Sanitation Department crews clear snow in Times Square on Sunday in New York. A slow-moving storm that blanketed swaths of the mid-Atlantic with nearly two feet of snow reached southern New England on Sunday, continuing its assault on the East Coast after causing at least five deaths, crippling travel and leaving empty stores normally crammed with holiday shoppers.

16 inches of snow Saturday on Reagan National Airport outside Washington — the most ever recorded there for a single December day — and gave southern New Jersey its highest single-storm snowfall totals in nearly four years.

The National Weather Service said the storm gave Philadelphia, which began keeping records in 1884, its second-largest snowfall: 23.2 inches. Even more was recorded in the Philadelphia suburb of Medford, N.J., at 24

inches. The 13.4 inches that fell Sunday at T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, just south of Providence, easily eclipsed the date's previous record — 6.3 inches in 1995, according to the National Weather Service.

Around New York City, the brunt of the storm hit Long Island, with whiteout conditions and 26.3 inches in Upton, a record since measurements began in 1949. Nearly 11 inches of snow fell on New York City, and the storm could be the worst the city has seen since about 26 inches fell in February 2006, National Weather Service meteorologist Patrick Maloiti said.

Pragmatic New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg encouraged residents and holiday visitors to take advantage of cancellations by seeing a Broadway show. The mayor said city retailers weren't hard hit because the snow held off until late Saturday.

Even as the storm wound down in the New York area, conditions remained treacherous and drivers were advised to stay off the roads, Maloiti said. Buses, subways and trains were delayed — including a Long Island Rail Road train stalled for more than five hours before backing up and unloading its 150 passengers.

Airports in the Northeast that were jammed up Saturday were working their way back to normal operations. About 1,200 flights at the New York City area's three major airports remained canceled despite clear conditions on the runways.

Two of the four runways at Dulles International Airport in Washington reopened Sunday, spokeswoman Tara Hamilton said. Reagan National reopened its main runway, which handles all commercial traffic.

Do all those government secrets need to be secret?

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Obama plans to deal with a Dec. 31 deadline that automatically would declassify secrets in more than 400 million pages of Cold War-era documents by ordering government-wide changes that could sharply curb the number of new and old government records and hidden from the public.

In an executive order the president is likely to sign before year's end, Obama will create a National Declassification Center to clear up the backlog of Cold War documents. But the order also will give everyone

more time to process the 400 million pages rather than flinging them open at year's end without a second glance.

The order aimed at eliminating unnecessary secrecy also is expected to direct all agencies to revise their classification guides — the more than 2,000 separate and unique manuals used by federal agencies to determine what information should be classified and will create a National Declassification Center to form the foundation of the government's classification system.

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CSI men hold on for win over Three Rivers

Mikelonis sparks huge first-half run

Times-News

Maybe a slow start is the key to victory for these Golden Eagles.

One day after starting fast but fading in an overtime loss to Monroe (N.Y.) College, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team fell behind 7-0 to No. 7 Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College. But the Eagles owned the majority of the game, sprinting to a 21-point lead before holding on for a 78-73 win over the Raiders in the third-place game of the Holiday Hoops Classic at South Point Casino in Las Vegas.

"We limped across the finish line," CSI head coach Steve Gosar told 1450 AM KEZJ, "but that energy we started out with for 30 minutes was great, maybe our best of the season."



Mikelonis

Dennis Mikelonis, who burned his redshirt year and saw his first action of the season in Vegas, came off the bench early to provide CSI (10-5) with a spark. He scored five points, grabbed some key rebounds and added the energy boost the Eagles needed in turning the 7-0 deficit into a 40-26 halftime lead.

"Dennis was big time, absolutely big time," said Gosar.

Josten Thomas scored a team-high 18 points, while Carrick Felix was a perfect 6-for-6 at the foul line in scoring 16 points. Byago Diouf came off the bench to score 13,

HOLIDAY HOOPS CLASSIC

At South Point Casino, Las Vegas
Sunday's games
Third place: CSI 78, Three Rivers 73
Championship: Midland 86, Monroe 70

while Chuck Odum had his second solid effort in Vegas, tallying 11 points.

CSI led 61-40 with 7:40 left in the game, but Three Rivers (12-3) used physical full-court defensive pressure and some solid shooting to get within 72-68 in the final minute. Odum hit 3 of 4 free throws and added a dunk in the final 40 seconds to keep CSI in front.

"Our guys battled through it and did a good job hitting some free throws," said Gosar. "Beggars can't be choosers, so we'll take a win anyway we can get it."

As for nearly losing another lead in the late going, Gosar said, "I don't think this

team thinks that they can be good. ... Our guys need to believe they're a good team, believe in each other. These guys just need to be their piece (of the puzzle), their part of the whole."

Three Rivers' leading scorer Marquis Carter battled foul trouble and finished with 10 points, 10 below his average. Richard Walker led the Raiders with 14 points, while Ehimen Orukpe had 11 points and five blocks. Josh Terry also scored 11.

CSI is off until hosting Idaho Select at 7 p.m., Jan. 2. The Eagles return to Scenic West Athletic Conference play Jan. 8-9 with games at North Idaho College.

CSI 78, Three Rivers 73

CSI (78)
Dl Stennis 0 1-2 1, Pierre Jackson 1 0-0 2, Chuck Odum 3 4-6 11, Byago Diouf 4 5-6 13, Carrick Felix 5 6-6 16, Josten Thomas 5 7-10 18, Dennis Mikelonis 2 1-1 5, Romario Souza 1 3-3 5, Kenny Buckner 3 1-3 7, Totals 24-57 28-38 78.

THREE RIVERS (73)
Marquis Carter 10, Lance Miller 5, Pierre Mitchell 5, Nick Niemczyk 10, Ehimen Orukpe 11, Josh Terry 11, Richard Walker 14, Jamaricus Williams 3, Byron Wright 10, Totals 27-67 15-29 73.
Halftime: CSI 40, Three Rivers 26. 3-point goals: CSI 2-6, Three Rivers 4-12. Rebounds: CSI 44, Three Rivers 44. Assists: CSI 7, Three Rivers 8. Turnovers: CSI 27, Three Rivers 23.

Kentucky on the verge of 2,000 wins

By Will Graves

Associated Press writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The pressure to win at Kentucky started early. Really early.

Back in 1903, W.W.H. Mustaine, the director of physical education at the time, called some students together and passed around the hat until there was \$3 in it — enough to buy a ball. He then told them to start playing.

The first season got off to a bumpy start. The Wildcats went just 1-2, their only win an 11-10 escape over the Lexington YMCA.

The next year, Mustaine was out.

From those modest beginnings, a powerhouse emerged.

Over a century later, what started with a handful of students and a single leather ball has grown into one of college basketball's biggest brands, one that has woven itself into the fabric of the Bluegrass.

There have been 1,998 victories since that squeaker over the Lexington YMCA, including seven NCAA titles and 25 Southeastern Conference tournament championships.

Now the program which proudly proclaims it has "the greatest tradition in college basketball" can add another bullet point to its resume. A win over Drexel on Monday would make the third-ranked Wildcats (11-0) the first team in NCAA history to reach 2,000 wins.

While it's an achievement that may be lost on the current players — junior forward Patrick Patterson called it "no big deal" — coach John Calipari understands the greater meaning.

"It's important to the Commonwealth," he said.

Is it ever.

Like many Kentucky fans, Ashley Judd grew up listening to the familiar cadence of longtime play-by-play man Cawood Ledford calling out the exploits of former stars Kyle Macy and Sam Bowie.

Later, as a student between 1986 and 1990, she dutifully showed up at Rupp Arena even as the program sagged under then-coach Eddie Sutton, who founded the College of Southern Idaho program in 1967.

Reaching 2,000 wins is more than just a number to Judd. It's a chance to look back and appreciate the program's rich tradition.

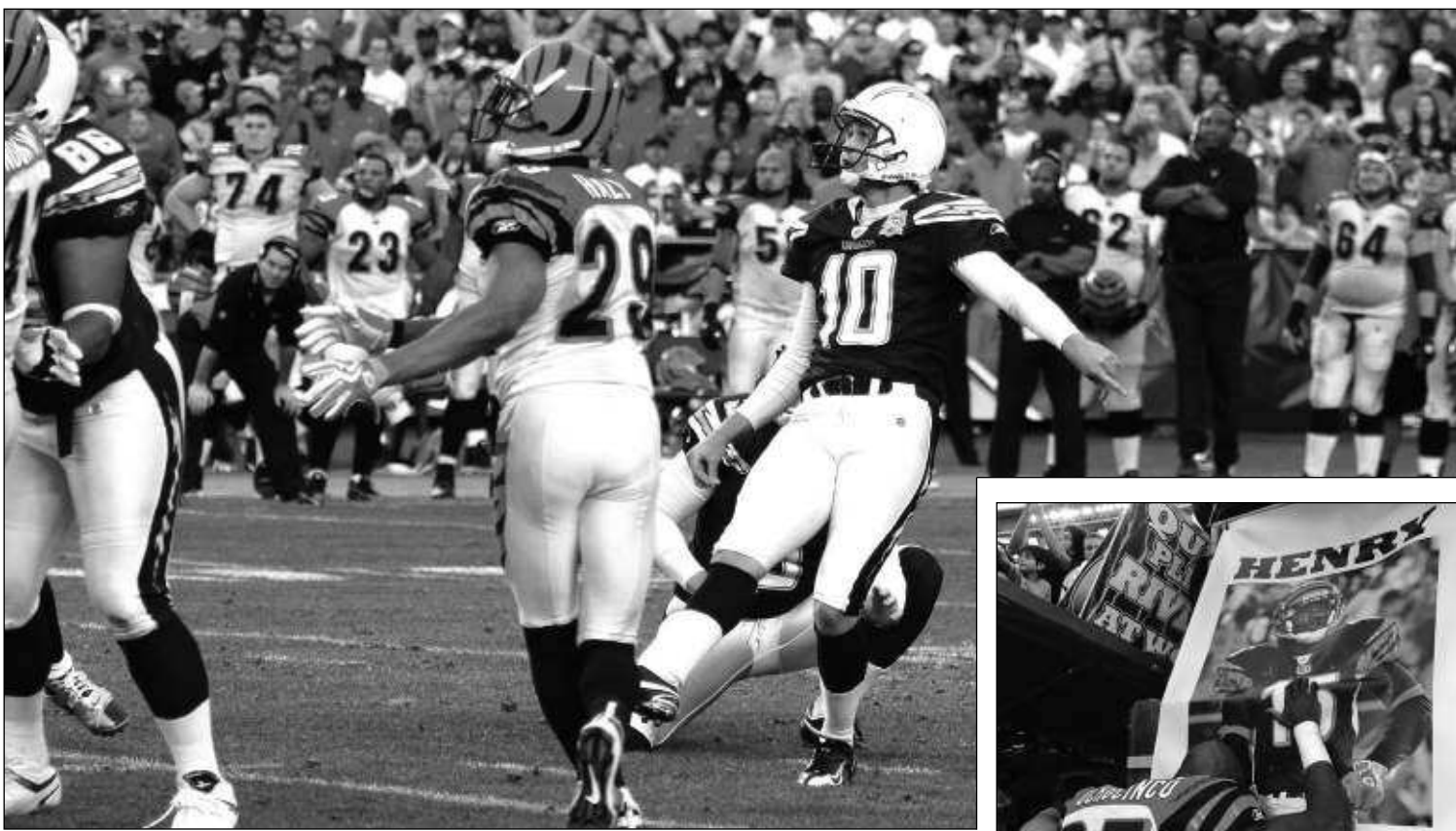
"It's symbolic, it's beautiful and we'd minimize it if someone else got there first," the actress said with a laugh.

And maybe that more than anything else is the point.

Kentucky won't be the only member of the 2,000-win club for long. North Carolina (1,992 wins) almost certainly will reach the plateau this year while No. 1 Kansas (1,980) could join both of them with a deep run in the NCAA tournament.

Yet for a few weeks anyway the Wildcats will stand alone.

Late FG, Denver loss gives Chargers AFC West title



AP photos

San Diego kicker Nate Kaeding watches his 52-yard field goal Sunday during the fourth quarter of the Chargers' game against the Cincinnati Bengals in San Diego. Kaeding's field goal gave the Chargers a 27-24 win.

San Diego beats grieving Cincinnati 27-24

By Bernie Wilson

Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — By the time the San Diego Chargers could exhale, they had clinched their fourth straight AFC West title as well as pulling out a dramatic win over the grieving Cincinnati Bengals.

Yes, it was a crazy several minutes at Qualcomm late Sunday afternoon.

Nate Kaeding kicked a 52-yard field goal with 3 seconds left and the Chargers rallied for a 27-24 win over the Bengals, who got a tying 34-yard field goal by Shayne Graham 51 sec-

onds earlier.

A few minutes after the Chargers (11-3) secured their ninth straight victory, and with several thousand fans still in the stadium, the Chargers clinched the division when Denver lost to Oakland.

"It's all kind of a blur," said Kaeding, who hadn't yet gotten a division championship cap until team president Dean Spanos walked by in the locker room and gave the kicker his.

Some Chargers watched on TV as the Broncos, who led the Chargers by 3 1/2 games on Oct. 19, lost 20-19 to the Raiders.

"It's an incredible feeling," star outside



Cincinnati wide receiver Chad Ochocinco leans against a poster in memory of the late Bengals' receiver Chris Henry after the Bengals' loss to San Diego Sunday in San Diego.

linebacker Shawne Merriman said.

The Chargers improved to 17-0 in December since 2006.

Kaeding's winning kick came after Philip Rivers moved the Chargers 46 yards in 51 seconds

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Middle Tennessee beats Southern Miss.

By Mary Foster

Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Dwight Dasher ran for a bowl-record 201 yards and two touchdowns and threw two scoring passes to lead Middle Tennessee to a 42-32 victory over Southern Mississippi in the New Orleans Bowl on Sunday. Dasher completed 15 of 25 for 162 yards and ran 26 times. He finished the season with 1,175 yards rushing.

Middle Tennessee (10-3) concluded its best season since joining the Football Bowl Subdivision in 1999 with a seven-game winning streak and its first bowl victory.

Southern Miss (7-6) running back Damion Fletcher ran for 78 yards. He did it despite a hamstring injury that caused him to sit out one game this season.

Southern Miss started strong, scoring on their first possession as Tory Harrison rushed for a 2-yard touchdown. On their second possession the Golden Eagles stretched their lead to 14-0 on a 24-yard reception by DeAndre Brown.

The Blue Raiders pulled even in the second quarter on an 11-yard reception by Garrett Anders, and — after Alex Super intercepted Young on the Southern Miss 12 — a 9-yard TD catch by Shane Blissard.

Southern Miss held a 17-14 edge at halftime thanks to Daniel Hrapmann's 20-yard field goal as time expired.

Dasher opened the third quarter with a 35-yard touchdown run. Brent Burnette capped 76-



AP photo

Middle Tennessee State quarterback Dwight Dasher (9) rushes past Southern Mississippi defenders Sunday during the first half of the New Orleans Bowl in New Orleans.

yard scoring drive with a 23-yard TD pass to Chris McClover.

Hrapmann hit a 38-yard field goal to cut the Blue Raiders lead to 28-20 at the end of three quarters.

Southern Miss had a chance to tie early in the fourth making it 28-26 on DeAndre's 7 yard TD reception, but the 2-point conversion failed.

Benjamin Cunningham and Dasher ran for touchdowns to put it out of reach for Middle Tennessee.

Slow start dooms Vandal women

Times-News

Cold shooting and 14 turnovers put the University of Idaho women's basketball team in a hole from which they couldn't emerge as the Vandals lost 65-53 to Long Beach State Sunday at the Walter Pyramid.

The Vandals (1-11) shot just 25.9 percent from the field, but they found the net more often in the final period, making nearly 50 percent of their shots and at one time going on a nine-point run. It couldn't provide enough points to catch up.

Junior Rachele Kloke recorded her first career double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Bianca Cheever also led Idaho with 15 points, while Shaena Kuehu contributed eight points and seven rebounds. Jessica Graham poured in seven points, grabbed four boards and blocked four shots.

Overall, the Vandals out-rebounded Long Beach State 41-34, but Long Beach State also limited its turnovers by half compared to Idaho (23-12).

Idaho will return to action after the holiday break with a home game against UC-Santa Barbara on Monday, Dec. 28. The Vandals will begin Western Athletic Conference play on Saturday, Jan. 8, when they host Fresno State.

Shaky Favre, Vikings stunned by Panthers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Presented with an opportunity to get back into the race for the best record in the NFC, Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings fell flat with another Sunday night dud.

Steve Smith caught the go-ahead touchdown pass and his long catch and run set up the clinching score and the Carolina Panthers used a ferocious defense to stifle Favre, Adrian Peterson and the Vikings in a 26-7 victory.

Hours after clinching the NFC North when Green Bay lost, the Vikings (11-3) failed to move within a game of NFC-leading New Orleans a night after the Saints' first loss of the season.

STEELERS 37, PACKERS 36

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger ended the game the way he started it by throwing a touchdown pass to Mike Wallace, a desperation 19-yarder on the final play that ended the Packers' five-game winning streak and the Steelers' five-game losing streak.

The Packers (9-5) stalled in their playoff run as they couldn't hold leads of 28-27 and 36-30 in a frantic fourth quarter. Green Bay could have secured a playoff spot with its first win in Pittsburgh since 1970 and a Giants loss or tie on Monday night.

The Steelers (7-7) joined five other AFC teams tied at 7-7 in the chase for the AFC's last playoff spot — and just in the nick of time.

TITANS 27, DOLPHINS 24, OT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rob Bironas kicked a 46-yard field goal in overtime, and the Titans won after blowing an 18-point lead.

Tennessee kept alive faint playoff hopes for another week.

Vince Young threw for a career-high three touchdowns and Chris Johnson ran for 104 yards as the Titans (7-7) reached .500 for the first time this year.

The Dolphins (7-7) also viewed this as an elimination game for their own playoff hopes.

BROWNS 41, CHIEFS 34

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jerome Harrison scored his third touchdown with 44 seconds left and rushed for a team-record 286 yards, and Joshua Cribbs returned two kickoffs for touchdowns.

Cribbs started the Browns (3-11) off with kickoff returns of 100 and 103 yards in the first half, breaking the NFL career record and tying the single-game mark.

RAIDERS 20, BRONCOS 19

DENVER — JaMarcus Russell threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Chaz Schilens with 35 seconds left.

The former No. 1 overall draft pick entered when Frye was knocked out of the game early in the fourth quarter by a blow to the head from linebacker Andra Davis. He went 5-of-11 for 47 yards.

The Broncos (8-6) are still in the AFC wild-card hunt but they were expecting a win over Oakland (5-9), who won at Invesco Field for the second straight season.

EAGLES 27, 49ERS 13

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb threw for one touchdown and ran for another and DeSean Jackson had 140 yards receiving as the Eagles clinched a playoff berth for the eighth time this decade.

With San Francisco's loss, the Arizona Cardinals clinched their second straight NFC West title.

The Eagles (10-4) have won five straight games and have a one-game lead over Dallas in the NFC East. Philadelphia visits the Cowboys in two weeks.

PATRIOTS 17, BILLS 10

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Randy Moss bounced back a week after being accused of quitting by



AP photo Carolina receiver Steve Smith (89) runs past Minnesota defender Kevin Williams (93) Sunday after a catch during the second half of their game in Charlotte, N.C.

Carolina Panthers defenders with five catches for 70 yards and a touchdown. Tully Banta-Cain had three of New England's six sacks to anchor a banged-up defense.

The Patriots (9-5) won their first road game on this side of the Atlantic this season by beating their AFC East rival for the 13th straight time and 18th time in 19 meetings.

RAVENS 31, BEARS 7

BALTIMORE — Joe Flacco threw a career-high four touchdown passes, and the Ravens capitalized on six Chicago turnovers.

Baltimore (8-6) led 14-0 after 13 minutes and 31-7 after three quarters. The victory solidified the Ravens' hold on the sixth and final playoff spot in the AFC and improved their record against teams currently with losing records to 6-0.

CARDINALS 31, LIONS 24

DETROIT — Kurt Warner threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Anquan Boldin with 1:54 left, as Arizona (9-5) moved a step closer toward clinching the NFC West.

With San Francisco's loss in Philadelphia later in the day, the Cardinals won consecutive division titles for the first time since 1974-75.

The Cardinals went 58 yards on their game-winning drive, gaining 34 yards on Beanie Wells' run, and Boldin broke two tackles on a third-and-3 to score to give Warner two TD passes.

FALCONS 10, JETS 7

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tony Gonzalez caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from Matt Ryan on a fourth-down play with 1:38 remaining.

A day after the Falcons (7-7) were eliminated from playoff contention, they likely also ended the chances for the stunned Jets (7-7), whose three-game winning streak was stopped.

TEXANS 16, RAMS 13

ST. LOUIS — Matt Schaub had his eighth 300-yard passing game and Andre Johnson set a season best with 196 yards receiving, but the Texans ended up leaning on field goals to hold off the lowly Rams.

The Rams (1-13) lost their 12th in a row at home and for the 23rd time in 24 games overall only three days after canceling practice after a confirmed case of swine flu. St. Louis got all of its players back, but lost for the second time this season while wearing throwback jerseys honoring the 1999 Super Bowl championship team.

BUCCANEERS 24, SEAHAWKS 7

SEATTLE — Rookie Josh Freeman shook off his ninth interception in just over two games to throw two touchdown passes in the second half.

Tampa Bay's 26th-ranked defense forced five turnovers by Seattle quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, as the Buccaneers (2-12) won for just the second time in 17 games.

RAIDERS 20, BRONCOS 19

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NFL SCOREBOARD

National Football League												
AMERICAN CONFERENCE												
EAST		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England		9	5	0	.643	365	244	7-0-0	2-5-0	6-4-0	3-1-0	4-2-0
Atlanta		7	7	0	.500	282	221	3-4-0	4-3-0	5-5-0	2-2-0	4-2-0
N.Y. Jets		7	7	0	.500	282	221	3-4-0	4-3-0	5-5-0	2-2-0	4-2-0
Buffalo		5	9	0	.357	225	288	2-5-0	3-4-0	3-8-0	2-1-0	2-4-0
SOUTH		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-Indianapolis		14	0	0	1.000	394	248	7-0-0	7-0-0	10-0-0	4-0-0	6-0-0
Jacksonville		7	7	0	.500	266	322	5-2-0	2-4-0	6-4-0	1-3-0	3-3-0
Tennessee		7	7	0	.500	320	247	5-2-0	2-5-0	4-6-0	3-1-0	4-4-0
Houston		7	7	0	.500	327	286	3-4-0	4-3-0	4-6-0	3-1-0	1-5-0
NORTH		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Cincinnati		9	5	0	.643	288	244	5-2-0	4-3-0	6-4-0	3-1-0	6-0-0
Baltimore		8	6	0	.571	350	225	6-2-0	2-4-0	4-4-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Pittsburgh		7	7	0	.500	315	285	5-2-0	2-5-0	4-6-0	3-1-0	4-4-0
Cleveland		3	11	0	.214	199	349	1-5-0	2-6-0	3-7-0	0-4-0	1-5-0
WEST		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-San Diego		11	3	0	.786	389	283	5-2-0	6-1-0	8-3-0	3-0-0	5-1-0
Denver		8	6	0	.571	275	250	4-3-0	4-3-0	6-5-0	2-1-0	3-2-0
Oakland		9	7	0	.559	315	285	5-2-0	2-5-0	4-6-0	3-1-0	2-4-0
Kansas City		3	11	0	.214	240	383	1-7-0	2-4-0	2-8-0	1-3-0	1-4-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE												
EAST		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
y-Philadelphia		10	4	0	.714	399	286	5-2-0	5-2-0	9-2-0	1-2-0	4-1-0
Dallas		9	5	0	.643	320	250	5-2-0	4-3-0	7-3-0	2-2-0	2-2-0
N.Y. Giants		7	6	0	.538	341	330	4-3-0	3-3-0	5-4-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Washington		4	9	0	.308	234	251	3-3-0	1-6-0	2-8-0	2-1-0	0-4-0
SOUTH		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
x-New Orleans		13	1	0	.929	483	298	6-1-0	7-0-0	9-1-0	4-0-0	4-0-0
Atlanta		7	7	0	.500	312	312	5-2-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	2-1-0	2-3-0
Carolina		6	8	0	.429	251	289	4-3-0	2-5-0	6-4-0	0-4-0	3-2-0
Tampa Bay		2	12	0	.143	214	363	1-6-0	1-6-0	2-8-0	0-4-0	0-4-0
NORTH		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
x-Minnesota		11	3	0	.786	396	269	7-0-0	4-3-0	8-2-0	3-1-0	5-0-0
Green Bay		9	5	0	.643	380	280	5-2-0	4-3-0	7-3-0	2-2-0	4-2-0
Chicago		5	9	0	.357	254	322	4-3-0	1-6-0	3-7-0	2-2-0	1-3-0
Detroit		2	12	0	.143	233	437	2-5-0	0-7-0	1-9-0	1-3-0	0-5-0
WEST		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
x-Arizona		9	5	0	.643	337	282	3-3-0	6-2-0	7-3-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
San Francisco		6	8	0	.429	282	269	5-2-0	1-6-0	5-5-0	1-3-0	4-1-0
Seattle		5	9	0	.357	257	325	4-3-0	1-6-0	4-7-0	1-2-0	3-3-0
St. Louis		1	13	0	.071	159	377	0-7-0	1-6-0	1-9-0	0-4-0	0-4-0

All Times MST Thursday's Games										
Indianapolis 35, Jacksonville 31										
Dallas 24, New Orleans 17										
Tennessee 27, Miami 24, OT										
Atlanta 10, N.Y. Jets 7										
New England 17, Buffalo 10										
Oakland 20, Denver 19										
Baltimore 31, Chicago 7										
Pittsburgh 37, Green Bay 36										
Carolina 26, Minnesota 7										
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 6:30 p.m.										
San Diego at Tennessee, 5:30 p.m.										
Buffalo at Atlanta, 11 a.m.										
Seattle at Green Bay, 11 a.m.										
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.										
Oakland at Cleveland, 11 a.m.										
Jacksonville at New England, 11 a.m.										
St. Louis at Arizona, 2:05 p.m.										
Denver at Philadelphia, 2:15 p.m.										
Minnesota at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.										

NFL Boxes										
STEELERS 37, PACKERS 36										
Green Bay		7	7	0	22 - 36					
Pittsburgh		14	7	3	13 - 37					
First Quarter										
Pit-Wallace 60 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 14:18.										
GB-Jennings 83 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 9:56.										
Pit-Mendenhall 2 run (Reed kick), 3:47.										
Second Quarter										
GB-Rodgers 14 run (Crosby kick), 3:04.										
Pit-Moore 10 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), :26.										
Third Quarter										
Pit-FG Reed 37, 4:36.										
Fourth Quarter										
GB-Finley 11 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 13:30.										
Pit-FG Reed 34, 9:45.										
GB-Grant 24 run (Crosby kick), 7:49.										
Pit-FG Reed 43, 3:58.										
GB-Jones 24 pass from Rodgers (Jackson pass from Rodgers), 2:06.										
Pit-Wallace 19 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), :00.										
A-57:45.2.										
First downs		18	Pit	8						
Total Net Yards		426	537							
Rushes-Yards		12-60	19-65							
Passing		376	472							
Punt Returns		2-25	3-19							
Kickoff Returns		5-91	6-90							
Interceptions Ret.		0-0	0-0							
Comp-Att-Int		26-48-0	29-46-0							
Sacked-Yards Lost		1-7	5-31							
Fumbles-Lost		5-42-2	5-38-2							
Penalties-Yards		0-0	0-1							
Time of Possession		24:38	35:22							
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS										
RUSHING—Green Bay, Grant 8-37; Rodgers 3-22; Jackson 1-1; Pittsburgh, Mendenhall 11-38; Parker 6-22; Roethlisberger 17; Holmes 14-23.										
PASSING—Green Bay, Rodgers 26-48-0-383; Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 29-46-0-503.										
RECEIVING—Green Bay, Finley 9-74; Jennings 5-118; Nelson 4-71; Driver 3-76; J.Jones 2-36; D.Lee 2-4; Jackson 1-4; Pittsburgh, Ward 7-126; Miller 7-118; Mendenhall 6-73; Holmes 3-77; Moore 3-25; Wallace 2-79; Logan 1-5.										
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Green Bay, Crosby 34 (WR).										

EAGLES 27, 49ERS 13										
San Francisco		3	0	10	0 - 13					
Philadelphia		7	13	0	7 - 27					
First Quarter										
Phi-D.Jackson 19 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 12:47.										
SF-FG Nedney 51, 9:29.										
Second Quarter										
Phi-McNabb 8 run (Akers kick), 9:49.										
Phi-FG Akers 22, 4:25.										
Phi-FG Akers 26, :02.										
Third Quarter										
SF-FG Nedney 25, 10:02.										
SF-Morgan 12 pass from A.Smith (Nedney kick), 6:12.										
Fourth Quarter										
Phi-McCoy 2 run (Akers kick), 11:52.										
A-69:14.4.										
First downs		13	Phi	21						
Total Net Yards		261	422							
Rushes-Yards		18-107	33-116							
Passing		15-31	30-6							
Punt Returns		2(1)-3	4(1)-5							
Kickoff Returns		5-22	4-10							
Interceptions Ret.		2-9	3-23							
Comp-Att-Int		20-37-2	21-36-2							
Sacked-Yards Lost		3-23	0-0							
Fumbles-Lost		4-48-3	4-40-3							
Penalties-Yards		2-1	0-0							
Time of Possession		8:51	4-69							
		28:57	31:03							
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS										
RUSHING—San Francisco, Gore 16-107; A.Smith 1-1; Robinson 1(-1); Philadelphia, Weaver 17-52; McCoy 9-48; D.Jackson 1-9; McNabb 4-5; Vick 2-2.										
PASSING—San Francisco, A.Smith 20-37-2-177.										
Philadelphia, McNabb 21-36-2-306.										
RECEIVING—San Francisco, Morgan 7-61; Crabtree 4-26; V.Davis 3-43; Walker 3-28; Gore 3-19; Philadelphia, D.Jackson 6-140; Celek 4-73; Avant 3-44; McCoy 3-8; Weaver 2-18; R.Brown 1-13; Curtis 1-7; Smith 1-3.										
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.										

CHARGERS 27, BENGALS 24										
Cincinnati		3	10	0	11 - 24					
San Diego		7	7	10	3 - 27					
First Quarter										
SD-Gates 3 pass from Rivers (Kaeding kick), 10:06.										
Cin-FG Graham 26, 4:11.										
Second Quarter										
Cin-Ochocinco 49 pass from C.Palmer (Graham kick), 13:00.										
SD-Jackson 21 pass from Rivers (Kaeding kick), 3:12.										
Cin-FG Graham 25										

Thomas pours in 22 for Mavericks as fill-in for Nowitzki

DALLAS — Tim Thomas took Dirk Nowitzki's spot in the starting lineup and did a nice impression with 22 points, helping the Dallas Mavericks beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 102-95 Sunday night to spoil LeBron James' 500th career game.

Nowitzki was recovering from a gruesome collision with Houston's Carl Landry on Friday night in which Landry lost five teeth, two of them becoming embedded in Nowitzki's right elbow. He needed several stitches to close the wound

and was still too sore Sunday. He's hoping this will be the only game he has to miss.

LAKERS 93, PISTONS 81

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Kobe Bryant scored 28 points as Los Angeles closed a five-game trip with a four-game winning streak and an NBA-best 22-4 record.

Andrew Bynum scored 16 points, Ron Artest had 14 points and nine assists, and Pau Gasol added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers.

CELTICS 122, TIMBERWOLVES 104

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 29 points and hit all six of his 3-point attempts, and Boston finished with a season high in points two nights after snapping an 11-game win streak.

Kendrick Perkins had 14 points to go with 11 rebounds, and Rajon Rondo had 13 points and 15 assists as the Celtics beat the Timberwolves for the sixth consecutive time since acquiring Kevin Garnett in an unprecedented 7-for-1 deal during the summer of 2007.

GRIZZLIES 102, NUGGETS 96

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph had 32 points and a career-high 24 boards, the highest rebound total in the league this season.

Rudy Gay added 19 points for Memphis, which snapped an eight-game losing streak to Denver. Marc Gasol had 14 points and 13 rebounds, and O.J. Mayo and Mike Conley scored 11 apiece.

TRAIL BLAZERS 102, HEAT 95

MIAMI — Brandon Roy scored 11 of his 28 points

late in the fourth quarter and LaMarcus Aldridge added 23 for Portland, which trailed by six with 5 1/2 minutes remaining.

Dwyane Wade scored 28 points and had 10 assists for the Heat, but he was 13 of 31 from the field and didn't have a rebound for only the fourth time in his career. Quentin Richardson shot 7 for 7 from 3-point range, tying a Heat record, and added 22 points for Miami.

RAPTORS 98, HORNETS 92

TORONTO — Chris Bosh had 25 points and 11

rebounds, and Andrea Bargnani had 13 points and 11 boards.

Jarrett Jack had 15 points and Hedo Turkoglu scored 14 for the Raptors.

KNICKS 98, BOBCATS 94

NEW YORK — Wilson Chandler scored 26 points, and Danilo Gallinari added 21 points and a huge blocked shot in the closing seconds.

David Lee finished with 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Knicks.

— The Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	21	5	.808	—
Toronto	13	17	.433	10
New York	10	17	.370	11½
Philadelphia	7	20	.259	14½
New Jersey	2	26	.071	20
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	20	7	.741	—
Atlanta	19	7	.731	½
Miami	13	12	.520	6
Charlotte	10	16	.385	9½
Washington	8	17	.320	11
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	20	8	.714	—
Milwaukee	11	14	.440	7½
Detroit	11	16	.407	8½
Chicago	10	15	.400	8½
Indiana	9	16	.360	9½
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	20	8	.714	—
Houston	16	11	.593	3½
San Antonio	12	14	.462	7
New Orleans	12	15	.442	7½
Memphis	12	15	.442	7½
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	19	9	.679	—
Utah	16	11	.593	2½
Portland	17	12	.586	2½
Oklahoma City	13	13	.500	5
Minnesota	5	23	.179	14
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	22	4	.846	—
Phoenix	18	9	.667	4½
L.A. Clippers	12	14	.462	10
Sacramento	12	14	.462	10
Golden State	7	19	.269	15

Saturday's Games				
Orlando 98, Portland 83	Utah 110, Charlotte 102	L.A. Clippers 112, Philadelphia 107	OT	L.A. Lakers 103, New Jersey 84
Chicago 101, Atlanta 98	OT	San Antonio 100, Indiana 99	Houston 95, Oklahoma City 90	Sacramento 96, Milwaukee 95
Phoenix 95, Washington 95	OT	Toronto 98, New Orleans 92	Memphis 102, Denver 96	L.A. Lakers 93, Detroit 81
Portland 102, Miami 95	Boston 122, Minnesota 104	New York 98, Charlotte 94	Dallas 102, Cleveland 94	Monday's Games
Milwaukee 41, Indiana 5 p.m.	Utah at Orlando, 5 p.m.	Sacramento at Chicago, 6 p.m.	L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.	Cleveland at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 5 p.m.	Detroit at Charlotte, 5 p.m.	Chicago at New York, 5:30 p.m.	Indiana at Boston, 5:30 p.m.	Atlanta at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 6 p.m.	Portland at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.	Cleveland at Houston, 6:30 p.m.	Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.	

NBA Boxes				
CELTICS 122, TIMBERWOLVES 104				
MINNESOTA (104)	Wilkins 7-15 2-15, Love 5-8 4-4 1-5, Jefferson 9-18 2-2 2-0, Flynn 8-15 4-4 2-1, Brewer 3-10 2-2 8, Jawal 0-2 0-0 0, Sessions 3-8 5-7 11, Pavlovic 0-5 0-0 0, Hollis 2-4 4-8, Ellington 1-5 1-13, Pecherov 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 38-90 24-29 10-4	BOSTON (122)	Pierce 8-14 7-29, Garnett 4-5 2-10, Perkins 7-10 0-0 1-4, Rondo 6-12 1-2 1-3, R.Allen 8-15 1-2 2-0, Wallace 3-6 4-4 1-0, T.Allen 5-8 5-7 1-5, Williams 0-2 0-2 0-0, House 1-6 5-7 2, Scalabrine 0-1 0-0 0, Giddens 0-1 0-0 0, Hudson 0-1 4-4, Totals 42-81 29-12	
MINNESOTA	19 22 21 30 — 104	BOSTON	34 32 26 30 — 122	
3-Point Goals—Minnesota 4-12 (Wilkins 2-3, Love 1-1, Flynn 1-3, Pavlovic 0-1, Brewer 0-1, Ellington 0-3).	Boston 9-18 (Pierce 6-6, R.Allen 3-6, Rondo 0-1, House 0-2, Wallace 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 46 (Love, Jefferson 11), Boston 56 (Perkins 11). Assists—Minnesota 18 (Wilkins 6), Boston 34 (Rondo 15). Total Fouls—Minnesota 24, Boston 25. Technicals—Hollins, Minnesota defensive three second, Perkins, Boston defensive three second 2. A-18,624 (18,624).			

LAKERS 93, PISTONS 81				
L.A. LAKERS (93)	Artest 4-10 5-6 1-4, Gasol 4-11 5-6 1-3, A.Bynum 7-8 2-3 1-6, Fisher 2-3 2-7, Bryant 11-23 5-8 2-8, Odum 3-5 0-0 0, Sessions 3-8 5-7 11, Pavlovic 0-5 0-0 0, Brown 1-9 1-2 3, Morrison 1-5 0-0 2, Mbenga 0-0 0-0 0, Powell 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 34-82 20-27 9-3	DETROIT (81)	Jerebko 7-12 1-2 1-5, Maxiell 3-5 2-2 8, Wallace 0-2 1-4 1, Atkins 3-11 0-0 7, Stuckey 6-14 4-16, Summers 2-6 0-0 5, W.Bynum 2-7 2-2 6, Villanueva 2-9 2-2 6, K.Brown 3-3 1-3 3, Daye 5-10 0-0 1-0, Totals 33-79 13-19 81	
L.A. Lakers	19 22 21 30 — 93	Detroit	19 24 19 — 81	
3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 5-18 (Fisher 1-1, Odum 1-2, Farmer 1-3, Bryant 1-4, Artest 1-4, Morrison 0-1, Powell 0-1, S.Brown 0-2), Detroit 2-12 (Atkins 1-3, Summers 1-3, Daye 0-1, Villanueva 0-2, Jerebko 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 57 (Gasol 11), Detroit 50 (Wallace 10). Assists—L.A. Lakers 22 (Artest 9), Detroit 19 (W.Bynum, Atkins 6). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 19, Detroit 26. Technicals—Bryant, A-22,076 (22,076).				

TRAIL BLAZERS 102, HEAT 95				
PORTLAND (102)	Webster 4-7 4-4 1-5, Aldridge 10-23 3-3 2-3, Przybilla 3-5			

MAVERICKS 102, CAVALIERS 95				
CLEVELAND (95)	James 9-23 5-7 2-5, Hickson 1-2 2-2 4, O'Neal 17-34 5-0 3, Howard 1-4 0-0 2, Bayless 2-6 0-0 6, Tolliver 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 38-74 15-18 102			

GRIZZLIES 102, NUGGETS 96				
DENVER (96)	Anthony 13-26 14-17 41, Martin 5-11 2-2 12, Nene 8-13 3-19, Lawson 0-3 0-0 0, Afflalo 1-5 0-0 3, Carter 3-6 0-0 8, Smith 2-12 1-2 7, Andersen 2-8 2-2 6, Totals 34-84 22-26 96			

RAPTORS 98, HORNETS 92				
NEW ORLEANS (92)	Stojakovic 4-15 3-4 12, West 9-21 3-3 2-1, Okafor 7-13 2-5 1-6, Paul 3-13 4-10 1-2, D.Brown 4-9 1-2 1-0, Songaila 4-6 0-0 8, Posey 1-4 0-0 3, Thornton 4-11 2-2 1-0, Collision 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 37-95 15-20 92			

KNICKS 98, BOBCATS 94				
CHARLOTTE (94)	Diaw 2-4 0-0 4, Jackson 5-15 0-1 0, T.Chandler 4-5 5-7 13, Graham 1-4 0-0 2, Felton 11-22 2-7 2, Brown 5-6 0-0 0, Murray 4-12 4-12, Mohammed 4-5 0-1 8, Augustin 2-7 0-6, Henderson 0-3 2-2 2, Law 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 38-84 13-16 94			

Men's College Basketball Major Scores East				
Binghamton 70, Marist 52	Boston College 72, Bryant 46	Iowa 51, UC Riverside 60	Delaware 56, Vermont 50	New Hampshire 69, Dartmouth 59
Rhode Island 89, Fairfield 84	Saint Joseph's 77, Lehigh 66	Towson 82, Hampton 74	UMBC 59, American U. 57	
Charlotte 57, Winthrop 47	Florida 52, Georgia Tech 59, OT	Marshall 109, High Point 76	Sam Houston St. 107, Auburn 89	
Wake Forest 67, N.C. State 59	Akron 80, St. Francis, Pa. 51	Iowa St. 87, Bradley 68	Kent St. 85, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 76	
Loyola of Chicago 79, SIU-Edwardsville 61	Arkansas St. 69, Ark.-Little Rock 61	Baylor 94, Texas-Arlington 63	Fla. International 80, North Texas 70, OT	

GAME PLAN

LOCAL	
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL	7 p.m.
Valley at Butte County	7:30 p.m.
Canyon Ridge at Buhl	
TV SCHEDULE	
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	4:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — UTEP at Oklahoma	

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl	
Rutgers 45, UCF 24	
Sunday, Dec. 20	New Bears Bowl
ESPN2 — La Salle at Oklahoma St.	6:30 p.m.
NFL FOOTBALL	6:30 p.m.
ESPN — N.Y. Giants at Washington	6:30 p.m.
NHL HOCKEY	5 p.m.
VERSUS — Buffalo at Toronto	
SOCCER	12:55 p.m.
ESPN2 — Premier League, Wigan Athletic vs. Bolton Wanderers, at Wigan, England	

Women's College Basketball Major Scores East													
Boston College 62, Wright St. 56	Connecticut 90, Iona 35	Fairfield 58, IPFW 57	La Salle 55, Rider 54	Lehigh 78, Bryant 61	Loyola, Md. 51, UMBC 74	Maryland 75, American U. 64	Massachusetts 70, N.J. Tech 59	Morehead St. 58, Robert Morris 57	New Hampshire 80, Holy Cross 71	Niagara 71, Akron 60	Rutgers 62, Cent. Connecticut 53	Villanova 44, Temple 32	West Virginia 72, Fresno St. 52
Auburn 71, South Alabama 50	Coastal Carolina 57, Savannah St. 41	Georgia 69, Virginia 53	Georgia Tech 70, Arizona 48	Kentucky 101, Louisville 67	Marshall 65, Tenn.-Martin 48	Memphis 73, American U. 64	Massachusetts 70, N.J. Tech 59	Morehead St. 58, Robert Morris 57	New Hampshire 80, Holy Cross 71	Niagara 71, Akron 60	Rutgers 62, Cent. Connecticut 53	Villanova 44, Temple 32	West Virginia 72, Fresno St. 52

Midwest											
Ill.-Chicago 62, E. Illinois 56	Iowa 73, Drake 61	Iowa St. 76, N. Iowa 51	Kansas 65, UC Riverside 67	Kent St. 84, UNC Wilmington 71	Loyola of Chicago 48, W. Illinois 27	Nebraska 72, LSU 63	Notre Dame 90, Charlotte 51	Oklahoma 67, Creighton 58	Toledo 86, SIU-Edwardsville 74	Wichita St. 53, UMKC 52	Xavier 81, Mississippi St. 60
Fla. International 64, North Texas 55	Lamar 82, Rice 66	Princeton 71, Houston 60	SMU 69, Indiana St. 54	TCU 83, Sam Houston St. 65	Texas 91, Texas Southern 42	Texas Tech 62, Our Lady of the Lake 47	UTEP 78, Alcorn St. 43				
CS Northridge 68, Miami (Ohio) 50	Long Beach St. 65, Idaho 53	New Mexico 81, New Mexico St. 64	Oregon 78, Wing 69	Pepperdine 56, UC Santa Barbara 49							

Far West			
DePaul 75, Florida St. 60	Semininals	Kansas St. 73, Va. Commonwealth 67	UTSA 71, Arkansas 55
Florida 62, Southern U. 35	High Point 66, William & Mary 58	St. John's-Charwell Holiday Classi	Third Place
UAB 59, Texas-Arlington 46	St. John's-Charwell Holiday Classi	Championship	Third Place
St. John's 75, Florida Tech 62	USF Shootout	Championship	Third Place
East Carolina 63, South Florida 60	Third Place	N.C. Central 75, Houston Baptist 60	Women Of Troy Classic
Southern Cal 93, CS Bakersfield 56	Third Place	Dartmouth 49, Delaware St. 38	

Football College Bowl Schedule	
Saturday, Dec. 19	New Mexico Bowl at Albuquerque
Wyoing 35, Fresno State 28, 201	

SKI REPORT

Idaho	
Bogus Basin	— Sun 6:49 am cldy 30 degrees packed powder 30 39 base 52 of 52 trails, 27 miles, 2600 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 10a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-10p.
Brundage	— Sun 5:46 am snow 30 degrees packed powder machine groomed 34 40 base 42 of 46 trails, 1500 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, 98% open, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p
Kelly Canyon	— Plan to Open 12/19
Lookout Pass	— Sun 9:47 am snowing lightly 32 degrees packed powder machine groomed 31 52 base 30 of 34 trails, 4 of 4 lifts, 90% open, Mon, Thu-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Thu-Mon; Dec 17-Jan 04: 9a-4p.
Magic Mountain	— Plan to Open 12/19
Pomerelle	— Sun 7:19 am mclear 25 degrees packed powder machine groomed 43 58 base 24 of 24 trails, 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Schweitzer Mountain	— Sun 2:31 pm cldy 34 degrees packed powder machine groomed 32 52 base 88 of 92 trails, 2600 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, 95% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:45p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:45p
Silver Mountain	— Reopen 12/18 15 40 base 36 of 73 trails 10 miles, 5 of 7 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Sun Valley	— Sun 5:16 am clear 19 degrees hard packed machine groomed 29 38 base 28 of 75 trails, 200 acres, 6 of 19 lifts, 55% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Utah	
Alta	— Sun 5:30 am packed powder 48 48 base 60 of 64 trails, 95% open 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Holidays: 9a-4p.
Sundance	— Sun 3:29 am packed powder 36 36 base 42 of 42 trails 100% open, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p.
The Canyons	— Sun 4:25 pm packed powder machine groomed 25 25 base 93 of 167 trails 56% open, 2060 acres, 13 of 18 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8:45a-4p at/Sun: 8:45a-4p.
Wolf Creek Utah	— Sun 7:55 am packed powder 32 36 base 18 of 20 trails 90% open, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 1p-9p; Sat/Sun: 9a-9p.

Wyoming	
Grand Targhee	— Sun 6:13 am packed powder machine groomed 43 43 base 56 of 74 trails 66% open, 1200 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Jackson Hole	— Sun 6:12 am packed powder machine groomed 27 39 base 35 of 116 trails 50% open, 1250 acres, 7 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Wednesday, Jan. 6	
GMAC Bowl at Mobile, Ala.	5 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Jan. 7	BCS National Championship at Pasadena, Calif.
Alabama (13-0) vs. Texas (13-0), 6 p.m. (ABC)	
Friday, Jan. 23	East-West Shrine Classic at Orlando, Fla.
East vs. West, 1 p.m.	
Saturday, Jan. 30	Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2 p.m. (NFL)	
Saturday, Feb. 6	Texas vs. The National All-Star Challenge at El Paso, Texas
Texas vs. Nation, 1 p.m. (CBS)	

HOCKEY	
Central Michigan (11-2) vs. Troy (9-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)	
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NHL All Times EST							
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
New Jersey	34	25	8	1	51	102	75
Pittsburgh	36	25	10	1	51	116	91
N.Y. Rangers	35	16	16	3	35	96	101
N.Y. Islanders	36	13	16	7	33	88	116
Philadelphia	34						

Snowstorm cuts into holiday retail sales

By Emily Fredrix
Associated Press writer

The snowstorm that blanketed the East Coast, closing malls and snowing in shoppers, spelled trouble for retailers, but elsewhere in the country stores saw a strong turnout on the last weekend before Christmas.

Eager to win business from snowed-in easterners, retail Web sites including Macy's and J.C. Penney offered free express shipping Sunday. Traffic to retail Web sites spiked all weekend. Elsewhere in the country, crowds looking for discounts found some, but far less than the 60 to 70 percent off sales they wanted.

Retailers head into the home stretch hoping the storm leaves pent-up demand that will give them one last gift.

A snowstorm the Saturday before Christmas, often the busiest shopping day of the year, is about as bad as it gets for retailers, said Marshal Cohen, chief retail industry analyst at market researcher NPD Group. But there's still time and consumers are ready



AP photo

Shoppers ride escalators at Water Tower Place in Chicago on Saturday. Retailers head into the home stretch this week hoping pent-up demand will give them one last gift before Christmas.

when they dig out of the storm.

"They'll hit the stores with a little more of a method to their madness, so all is not lost," Cohen said.

"Super Saturday" usually accounts for \$15 billion worth of sales nationwide, according to Scott Bernhardt of weather research firm Planalytics. Stores missed that number this year, but

Bernhardt still wasn't sure by how much.

Retailers were still totaling the impact of the snowstorm Sunday. The first figures for the weekend are due from ShopperTrak on Tuesday.

Bernhardt said it's not yet clear how many stores closed, though many did around the Washington, D.C., region, which got more than 25 inches of snow, and in New Jersey.

Chains with a large share of their stores in areas affected by bad weather include Bon-Ton Stores, Dick's Sporting Goods and Christopher & Banks, he said.

Mall operator Taubman Centers closed four of its 24 centers early Saturday, including Fair Oaks in Fairfax, Va., and The Mall at Short Hills in Short Hills, N.J. Both stores reported an uptick in traffic Sunday and by the afternoon, the Fairfax mall was as busy as a normal Sunday before Christmas, the company said.

The storm that stretched from the Carolinas to New England caused about one-third of Toys R Us stores to cut hours, but sales were relatively strong because people got out to shop before the storm hit, CEO Jerry Storch said. Online sales also rose.

He said retailers had been expecting a big shopping burst this week but with the storm, it will be even more frenzied, so the toy store chain is increasing staffing.

"There's always that feeling 'Oh I could just do it tomorrow' when Christmas is at the end of the week," he

said of shoppers. "Now you add in this storm."

Traffic was heavy and the parking lots close to full at Green Acres Mall in Valley Stream, N.Y., Saturday afternoon as blowing snow started to snarl roads. The weather prompted shoppers to get out to stores before the storm hit.

"We went out early, and we're going home early," said Mike Kimball of Queens.

Shoppers who stayed home shopped online. Retail Web traffic peaked at 2.9 million visitors per minute Saturday night, according to the Akamai Retail Net Usage Index. That was up from 1.9 million on the Saturday before Christmas in 2008, though that day — Dec. 20 — was closer to Christmas than this year.

Laura Gurski, a partner in the retail practice of management consultant A.T. Kearney, said more retailers will offer shipping deals to spur sales.

"I think they're going to have to, particularly those that were not able to drive the volume they needed to because of the weather," she said.

NYC MACY'S STORE REOPENS AFTER FIRE

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of holiday shoppers were evacuated from the Macy's store at Herald Square on Sunday after a fire in an escalator spread smoke through the building. No injuries were immediately reported.

The fire occurred in an escalator between the third and fourth floors, said Elina Kazan, a Macy's spokeswoman. The sirens of numerous police and fire trucks on 34th Street blared long after the fire was reported at 4 p.m. on one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

The smoke was so heavy at one point that passers-by on the street could smell it.

Outside the building, a police officer announced after 5 p.m. that Macy's had closed. It reopened within an hour and will remain open until midnight, Kazan said. When it reopens at 7 a.m. today, it will remain open 24 hours a day until 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Hospital: Actress Brittany Murphy dies at age 32

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brittany Murphy, the actress who got her start in the sleeper hit "Clueless" and rose to stardom in "8 Mile," died Sunday in Los Angeles. She was 32.

Murphy was pronounced dead at 10:04 a.m. at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Sally Stewart said. Stewart would not provide a cause of death or any other information.

Murphy was transported to the hospital after the Los Angeles Fire Department responded to a call at 8 a.m. at the home she shared with her husband, British screenwriter Simon Monjack, in the Hollywood Hills.

Los Angeles police have opened an investigation into Murphy's death, Officer Norma Eisenman said. Detectives and coroner's officials were at her Murphy and Monjack's home Sunday afternoon but did not talk to reporters. Paparazzi were camped outside.

Messages left for Murphy's manager, agent and publicist by The Associated Press were not immediately returned.

Neighbor Clare Staples said she saw firefighters working to resuscitate the actress Sunday morning. She said Murphy was on a stretcher and "looked as though she was dead at the scene."

Murphy's husband, wearing pajama bottoms and no



AP photo

In this Feb. 4, 2008 file photo, actress Brittany Murphy attends the Max Azria 2008 Fall Collection during Fashion Week, in New York.

shoes, appeared "dazed" as firefighters tried to save her, Staples said. "It's just tragic," she added.

TMZ.com first reported Murphy's death Sunday morning.

Murphy's father, Angelo Bertolotti, said he learned of her death from his son, the actress's brother, and was stunned.

"She was just an absolute doll since she was born," Bertolotti said from his Branford, Fla., home. "Her personality was always outward. Everybody loved her — people that made movies with her, people on a cruise — they all loved her. She was just a regular gal."

Maine to consider cell phone cancer warning

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — A Maine legislator wants to make the state the first to require cell phones to carry warnings that they can cause brain cancer, although there is no consensus among scientists that they do and industry leaders dispute the claim.

The now-ubiquitous devices carry such warnings in some countries, though no U.S. states require them, according to the National Conference of State Legislators. A similar effort is afoot in San Francisco, where Mayor Gavin Newsom wants his city to be the nation's first to require the warnings.

Maine Rep. Andrea Boland, D-Sanford, said numerous studies point to the cancer risk, and she has persuaded legislative leaders to allow her proposal to

come up for discussion during the 2010 session that begins in January, a session usually reserved for emergency and governors' bills.

Boland herself uses a cell phone, but with a speaker to keep the phone away from her head. She also leaves the phone off unless she's expecting a call. At issue is radiation emitted by all cell phones.

Under Boland's bill, manufacturers would have to put labels on phones and packaging warning of the potential for brain cancer associated with electromagnetic radiation. The warnings would recommend that users, especially children and pregnant women, keep the devices away from their head and body.

The Federal Communications Commission, which

maintains that all cell phones sold in the U.S. are safe, has set a standard for the "specific absorption rate" of radiofrequency energy, but it doesn't require handset makers to divulge radiation levels.

The San Francisco proposal would require the display of the absorption rate level next to each phone in print at least as big as the price. Boland's bill is not specific about absorption rate levels, but would require a permanent, non-removable advisory of risk in black type, except for the word "warning," which would be large and in red letters. It would also include a color graphic of a child's brain next to the warning.

While there's little agreement about the health hazards, Boland said Maine's roughly 950,000 cell phone

users among its 1.3 million residents "do not know what the risks are."

All told, more than 270 million people subscribed to cellular telephone service last year in the United States, an increase from 110 million in 2000, according to CTIA-The Wireless Association. The industry group contends the devices are safe.

"With respect to the matter of health effects associated with wireless base stations and the use of wireless devices, CTIA and the wireless industry have always been guided by science, and the views of impartial health organizations. The peer-reviewed scientific evidence has overwhelmingly indicated that wireless devices do not pose a public health risk," said CTIA's John Walls.

Video game watchdog shuts down, victim of economy

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — David Walsh said when he was assembling his first report card on video game violence 13 years ago, children were attacking on-screen monsters or aliens with imaginary chain saws and guns.

"When I saw kids as young as 8, 9 years old literally doing facial contortions as they killed and dismembered people, it was pretty shocking. And I think what happened is a lot of other people got shocked as well," Walsh recalls. "I don't think we want our kids' culture defined by killing, mayhem and dismemberment as entertainment."

That first report card, which singled out bloody

first-person shooter games "Doom" and "Duke Nukem," made an instant splash on Capitol Hill in 1996 and made the annual reports issued each holiday season by Walsh's National Institute on Media and the Family a news fixture.

But there was no video game report card this year, and there won't be any more. The institute is closing its doors, a victim of the poor economy. Walsh, the group's founder and president, is packing his books as his staff of eight full-time employees prepares to shut down Dec. 23.

"Fundraising has been more and more difficult," Walsh said. "It really wasn't that we put ourselves out of

business, because the technology is changing so quickly, the issues just won't quit."

It's a bittersweet end for the organization Walsh started in 1996. He takes pride in how "a little nonprofit in Minneapolis" was able to influence an industry that, according to the Entertainment Software Association, topped \$22 billion in U.S. computer and video game hardware, software and peripheral sales in 2008.

"Ten years ago, a kid 10 years old could walk into any store in America and buy an ultra-violent, adult-rated game. That's no longer true," Walsh told The Associated Press in his office, where empty boxes await his books. When he issued his first

report card, Walsh said, there were two rating systems for video games battling it out and "when a game would be rated was a hit-or-miss deal." Since then, an industry group established in 1994, the Entertainment Software Rating Board, or ESRB, has become the standard in rating computer and video games.

It was Walsh's group that announced in 2005 that the best-selling video game "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" contained graphic sexual images that could be unlocked using an Internet download. The ESRB conducted its own investigation and revoked the game's M (mature) rating and tagged it AO (adults only).

SERVICES

Gene W. Hillis of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Gerald Jordy Sugden of Twin Falls, graveside inurnment at 1 p.m. today at Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Duane Dee Young of Twin Falls, graveside service celebration of life, 1:30 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Sandra "Sandy" Marie Miller of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; rosary prayer service at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

C.L. "Von" Potter of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the LDS Church in Hagerman; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

Rolland "Ron" L. Helsley of Twin Falls, funeral at noon Tuesday at the LDS Church, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the service at the church.

McKenzie Lee Sill Kenney of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Betty Jane Whitaker Eames of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E.

16th St. in Burley.

Laurel Janine Harmon of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Dec. 30 at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Esther J. Campbell of Hines City, Fla., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 3 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

Norma Robinson

BUHL — Norma Robinson, 74, of Buhl, passed away, Dec. 19, 2009, at Bridgeview Care Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Jeff Straub

GOODING — Jeff Straub, 38, a resident of Gooding, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at his home in Gooding. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service — Gooding Chapel.

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"We know that we are upon the holiday season here, although here in this chamber, it certainly doesn't feel that way."
 — Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, as the Senate neared a vote on the \$626 billion spending bill

EDITORIAL

Hope springs anew for Thousand Springs park

Much remains to be done, but the ad hoc coalition working to keep Thousand Springs State Park in business — with or without state support — is off to a strong start.

The five-unit park, which includes Malad Gorge, Billingsley Creek and other areas in Gooding County, is one of two chosen by the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board to be closed if Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter orders more state budget hold-backs.

You can change that "if" to "when."

Whether the governor does it or leaves it to the Legislature, another mid-fiscal year budget cut is coming. And the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is at the front of the line for downsizing.

What's encouraging is how many stakeholders have jumped on board to keep the elements of Thousand Springs accessible to the public.

It's a good thing, too.

According to a report compiled by Jan Roeser of the Idaho Department of Labor, the loss of Thousand Springs could represent a \$4.6 million drop directly attributable to park visitors and a broader hit of \$6.5 million from people traveling through the region. Tourism is difficult to track, she wrote in her report, because of overlaps between local residents and outside visitors. But she concluded the closure could also affect \$634,873 in direct earnings from jobs and park events.

Nobody knows yet how stewardship of the park will shake out, but The Nature Conservancy — which used to own Ritter Island — would be a natural fit to look after the preserve if the state pulls out. Because of its long involvement with Niagara Springs, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game would be a logical candidate to manage that unit of the park. And Billingsley Creek, beloved by fishermen and surrounded by farmland, could be supported by private-sector efforts.

We'll know more on Dec. 28, when the stakeholders meet with the Gooding County Commission at the Courthouse in Gooding.

Luckily for everyone involved, they chose a strong manager — Debbie Dane, executive director of Southern Idaho Tourism — to coordinate the effort.

Dane and her colleagues have their work cut out. But the prospects for keeping some or all the units of Thousand Springs open seem a lot brighter today than they did two weeks ago.

Our view: If the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation abandons Thousand Springs State Park for budgetary reasons, the elements of the park will be in good hands.

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

Making better news on marriage

Tabloid headlines about one more public figure's troubled married life sound a sordid finale to yet another sad, hard year for marriage. High-profile marital strains naturally draw the media spotlight. The challenges of getting and staying happily married, however, know no boundaries of fame or fortune.



Jennifer A. Marshall

Studies confirm what common sense tells us: Being married tends to produce positive results — from higher household income to better education for the couple's children. No matter how far out of the public eye, then, private struggles in this most intimate of human relationships have serious social consequences. We might say marriage is our best social security investment.

So although celebrity marital crises would benefit from less scrutiny, we ought to pay far more attention to creating a culture that supports strong marriages. That's the story the scholars who recently released "The Marriage Index" don't want us to miss. They've generated a set of five indicators of the health of marriage in America, and the diagnosis is worrisome.

The index's five indicators, including rates of first marriages still intact and births to married parents, combine to yield a score of 60.3 out of a possible 100. In 1970, the score would have been 76.2.

In the economic arena, leading indicators only have to trend in the wrong direction to prompt widespread notice and calls to action. We recognize those markers as important to our future as a society.

When the unemployment rate broke into double digits in October, for example, Americans felt a pang of



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anxiety. Consumers, employers and policy-makers responded accordingly.

Would there be such a strong reaction if the number of babies born to unmarried mothers were to exceed 40 percent of all births?

Where is the alarm over the fact that 70 percent of black children are born without a father willing to make marriage vows to their mother — and a commitment to them?

"For any society that cares about its future, leading marriage indicators are as important as leading economic indicators," argue the authors of "The Marriage Index." A publication of the Institute for American Values, along with the National Center on African-American Marriages and Parenting, the report can be read and downloaded at americanvalues.org.

In Britain, some leaders have begun to take the state of marriage seriously, after years of official, not-so-benign neglect. For starters, they don't want government to shy away from requesting marital status. "Marriage has almost

disappeared from official forms, from official documents," Chris Grayling, Britain's shadow home secretary, said in an interview with The Sunday Times of London. "I think that needs to change."

Grayling's Conservative Party, expected to defeat the governing Labor Party in spring elections, is turning its attention to the importance of marriage to mend a "broken society."

Prioritizing the health of marriage in public life begins with having the data to diagnose problems. But it also requires ideas to address the problems.

"The Marriage Index" provides both.

Index authors David Blankenhorn and Linda Malone-Colon offer a robust 101 ideas for improving marital bonds — not only for scholars and elected officials but for parents and couples, neighborhood activists and church leaders, and media and entertainment pacesetters. Among suggestions:

- Form local councils or committees that seek to strengthen marriage and family life.

- Teach school courses about marriage and love through great works of literature, art and scholarship that examine these themes.

- Create a "new populist movement to empower marriage and families," led by community organizers and veterans of the civil rights and anti-poverty movements.

- End marriage penalties for low-income Americans in welfare policies.

- Establish a brief annual report from the White House on the state of fatherhood and marriage.

Simply having and publicizing a data-based marriage index would focus public attention and encourage action on these tasks and more.

The next steps are to help more Americans achieve their dreams for a lasting marriage and to ensure the most promising environment for more children. Doing so would put marriage back in the headlines — for the right reasons.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abolish EPA and its political agenda

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) should be abolished as it is implementing the carbon dioxide (CO2) cap and trade regulations without congressional approval. The EPA revealed its true unscientific, political agenda when it ruled that CO2 is a pollutant. Their agenda is based on the fraud that CO2 is causing global warming. Now, they are using The Clean Air Act to regulate U.S. industry out of business or force them overseas resulting in more job losses.

Over 31,000 U.S. scientists including over 9,000 PhDs have signed a petition (www.petitionproject.org) that CO2 and man are not causing global warming and the benefits of extra CO2 to increase crop production. CO2 is not a pollutant, but is necessary for life on the planet. CO2 plus water and sunlight in green plants produces the oxygen we need to breathe and the food we eat.

The real climate change scientists have met three times with the Heartland Institute sponsoring conferences at Times Square, New York and Washington, D.C. See www.heartlandinstitute.org. They presented scientific information refuting man-caused global warming and that the sun, going through cycles, is the main cause. The planet is cooling now! The truth was ignored by the main stream media.

The Copenhagen treaty is much worse than the Kyoto climate treaty, which was rejected by the U.S. Senate by a vote of 95-0, since it would destroy U.S. industry. This treaty also destroys our independence as well and paves the way for global government under the United Nations.

The net result of the EPA's regulations will be to destroy U.S. industry and lower our standard of living with much higher energy costs so we can merge with Third World nations and make us all slaves.

We must get out of the United Nations by passing

H.R. 1146 and abolish the unscientific EPA.

**ADRIAN L. ARP
Twin Falls**

Health reform bill addresses Idaho's woes

While our Idaho members of Congress continue to put partisan politics before the needs of residents struggling with high health care cost — the problem in our state grows worse.

Over 221,000 Idahoans don't have health insurance at this time. Nearly 90 percent of them have jobs but health care is much too expensive to work into their spending at this time. Our state part-time employees are bracing for increases to their health care plans of up to 10 times what they presently pay, while our state retirees just had the rug pulled out from under them as they lose their state health insurance and are forced onto Medicare — in both cases many people will no doubt be unable to pay for their

health care. Unemployment continued to hit homes across our state, leaving people without employer benefits and also with no health care.

Most of us know someone — a friend, family member, or a neighbor — having difficulty paying for their already-too-high health insurance premiums — which are expected to double in the next few years.

We can do better! Health care reform legislation (backed by AARP) helps address Idaho's health care woes.

It is time for our members of Congress to open their eyes to the actual health care problems here at home by saying "yes" to health care reform that will help people afford their health insurance and prescriptions. A majority of Idahoans need and deserve their careful consideration of this legislation.

**JANICE STOVER
Twin Falls**
(Editor's note: Janice Stover is a former Idaho state president of AARP.)

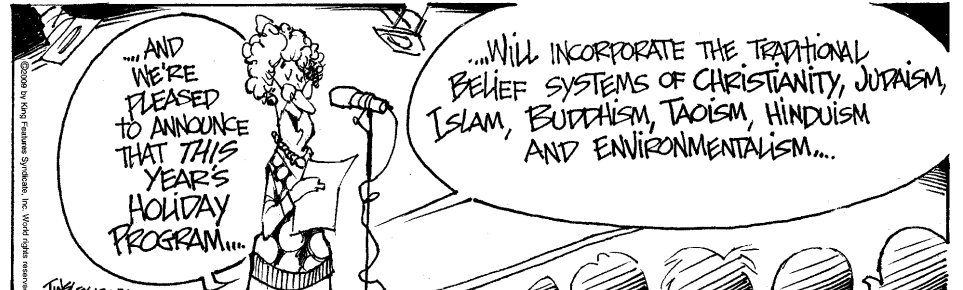
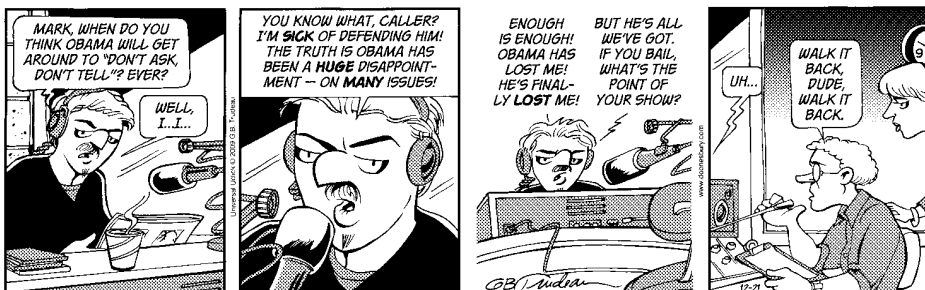
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U.S. sends 12 Guantanamo detainees to home nations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. has transferred a dozen Guantanamo detainees to Afghanistan, Yemen and the Somaliland region as the Obama administration continues to move captives out of the facility in Cuba in preparation for its closure.

The Justice Department said Sunday that a government task force had reviewed each case. Officials considered the potential threat and the government's likelihood of success in court challenges to the detentions.

Over the weekend, four Afghan detainees were transferred to their home country. Two Somali detainees were transferred to authorities in Somaliland, the semi-autonomous northern region of Somalia. Six Yemeni detainees also were sent home.

The Justice Department said that since 2002, more than 560 detainees have departed the military prison in Cuba and 198 remain.

The Justice Department identified those sent home as:

- Afghans Abdul Hafiz, Sharifullah, Mohamed Rahim and Mohammed Hashim.

- Somali detainees Mohammed Soliman Barre and Ismael Arale.

- Yemenis Jamal Muhammad Alawi Mari, Farouq Ali Ahmed, Ayman Saeed Abdullah Batarfi, Muhammaed Yasir Ahmed Taher, Fayad Yahya Ahmed al Rami and Riyad Atiq Ali Abdu al Haf.

Mohammed Albasha, Yemen's embassy spokesman, said his embassy "hails the release and transfer of six of its citizens from Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility. Yemen will continue its diplomatic dialogue with the United States Government to repatriate the remaining Yemeni detainees."

The administration has announced that five Guantanamo detainees will be tried in a New York federal court and more are likely to be tried in this country.

Up to 100 detainees will be sent to a nearly empty prison in Thomson, Ill. In Rome, state-run and private tele-

vision stations said a third Tunisian detainee from Guantanamo Bay is being moved to Italy to face international terrorism charges for having allegedly recruited fighters for Afghanistan.

Private TG5 identified the man as 40-year-old Moez Ben Abdelkader Fezzani, also known as Abou Nassim, and said he was expected to land Sunday night at Milan's Malpensa airport. A prosecutor confirmed Fezzani's name on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

President Obama says he won't set a new deadline for closing the Guantanamo Bay military prison, but does expect the facility to shut down sometime next year.

The administration has abandoned the January 2010 deadline Obama set for closure soon after taking office. Obama has said he realized that things move more slowly in Washington than he expected.

AROUND THE WORLD

China: Climate talks yielded 'positive' results

BEIJING — China, the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases, lauded Sunday the outcome of a historic U.N. climate conference that ended with a non-binding agreement that urges major polluters to make deeper emissions cuts — but does not require it.

Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said the international climate talks that brought more than 110 leaders together in Copenhagen produced "significant and positive" results.

The Obama administration on Sunday also defended the agreement as a "great step forward" — despite widespread disappointment among environmentalists that the pact does not include mandatory targets that would draw sanctions.

That's Public Safety Secretary Julian Leyzaola's mantra as he storms Tijuana with its most aggressive police reform to date, a mix of counterterrorism and community policing. If it works, it could be a model for other hotspots and a huge breakthrough in a drug war in Mexico that has taken more than 14,000 lives in the last three years.

But the job is as monumental as turning around Al Capone's Chicago. Cops in this border city and many others nationwide now serve as the eyes and ears of drug lords. And those who fight the cartels — let alone those who lead that fight — often end up dead.

Leyzaola, 49, wanted to be in Tijuana. After 25 years in the army and stints running Baja California's state prisons and police, he moved to the police department in 2007 to be at the center of the fight against organized crime. A year ago, he became head of the largest police force in Baja, where 90 percent of officers surveyed last year failed federal security checks.

Spiritual father of Iran's reform movement dies

TEHRAN, Iran — The spiritual father of Iran's reform movement died Sunday at the age of 87, prompting thousands of his followers to immediately head to the holy city where the dissident cleric is to be buried.

A huge display of mourning for Grand Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri could transform his funeral Monday into another display of power by the opposition, whose activists have for months defied a brutal crackdown, a mass trial and abuses in detention to denounce the country's hard-line clerical rulers. Opposition leaders called for people to turn out for a day of mourning.

Police reinforcements were also called out into the streets of Qom, the religious center south of the capital where today's commemorations will take place.

Chavez: U.S. spy plane violated Venezuela's airspace

CARACAS, Venezuela — An unmanned U.S. spy plane recently violated Venezuela's airspace and the military has been ordered to shoot down any such aircraft if it happens again, President Hugo Chavez said Sunday.

Speaking during his weekly television and radio program, Chavez said the aircraft overflew a Venezuelan military base in the western state of Zulia after taking off from neighboring Colombia. He did not elaborate, but suggested the plane was being used for espionage.

"These are the Yankees. They are entering Venezuela," he said.

"I've ordered them to be shot down," Chavez said of the aircraft. "We cannot permit this."

Chavez has accused Colombia of allowing the United States to use its military bases to prepare a possible attack against Venezuela. — The Associated Press

Eurostar train services canceled indefinitely

LONDON (AP) — The only passenger rail link between Britain and the rest of Europe has been shut down indefinitely, Eurostar said Sunday, promising more travel misery for thousands of stranded passengers just before Christmas.

Services have been suspended since late Friday, when a series of glitches stranded five trains inside the Channel Tunnel and trapped more than 2,000 passengers for hours in stuffy and claustrophobic conditions.

Some panicked passengers stayed underground for more than 15 hours without food or water, or any clear idea of what was going on — prompting outrage from travelers and a promise from Eurostar that no train would enter the tunnel until the issue had been identified and fixed.

Eurostar runs services between England, France and Belgium. The company said Sunday it had traced the problem to "acute weather conditions in northern France," which has seen its worst winter weather in years.

The company did not go into details, but in a statement it said its program to prepare Eurostar trains for winter conditions had not been adequate and that engineers had to "further enhance the snow screens and snow shields in the power cars of the trains."

The statement said the fleet was already undergoing upgrades and that more tests were planned for Monday. A Eurostar spokeswoman said she could not guarantee that service would resume Tuesday.

The stoppage has already



AP photo

Travelers have food and drinks offered by staff at St. Pancras Station in London, as the Eurostar train service is suspended, Sunday. The train service between Britain and France was suspended Saturday after more than 2,000 passengers were stranded for hours when a series of passenger trains broke down in the Channel Tunnel, with the malfunction blamed on extreme weather conditions.

meant that about 31,000 people in Britain, France and Belgium have had to cancel trips Saturday, and 26,000 more were expected to be affected Sunday. With a huge backlog of passengers still building, Eurostar has blocked any sales until after Christmas and Brown warned that services may not be back to normal for days.

For those seeking alternative routes between Paris, Brussels and London, the winter weather was dealing out more bad news.

Nearly half of all flights out of Paris' Charles de Gaulle and Orly airports were cut Sunday through mid-afternoon, with more cancellations forecast for Monday. Belgium was also badly hit, with passengers in Brussels lining up for hours in an effort to rebook flights.

Tourist Paul Dunn, 46,

who was stuck in Paris, said he was looking for alternatives but that information was hard to come by. "We said: 'Can we get the

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Hard work, lifestyle changes lead to dramatic weight loss for T.F. woman

75 pounds of inspiration



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By John Plestina
Times-News writer

While weight loss seems to be a fantasy lost in whimsy for many adults with expanding waistlines, Christene Schmidt shed 75 pounds in just six months with lifestyle changes and hard work.

The Twin Falls woman started her weight loss journey facing a reality of 196 pounds when she joined the Magic Valley Weight Loss Challenge last January. Six months later, she tipped the scale at 121 pounds, four pounds lighter than she was in high school.

There was no surgery and no fad diet for the 53-year-old who no longer eats the calorie-laden goodies she used to. Schmidt works at Curves on Blue Lakes Boulevard and exercises there twice daily. She walks two miles each day, runs on stairs at home and plays tennis — part of what Schmidt calls “mindful living.”

“My weight loss was about achieving good health,” she said. “The thing that made it different this year was the decision to make the change.”

She’s an inspiring example, perhaps, to others facing Christmas parties and a new year with extra pounds.

One of Schmidt’s secrets was eating every three hours. “I would always eat protein,” Schmidt said, adding that she has reduced her intake of red meat but eats chicken, turkey and fish in moderation. She also drank a lot of water while on her diet.

“You get to where your tastes change. If you eat poorly you feel it,” Schmidt said.

It is important to maintain a lifestyle change daily, she said, including after a diet ends.

Her strategy of eating meals with protein every three hours and working out in the gym is good, said Dr. Marilyn Righetti, a Twin Falls physician and a partner in Marod Medical Spa, a Weight Loss Challenge sponsor. Other sponsors included Kurt’s Pharmacy and the YMCA.



Photos by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Christene Schmidt of Twin Falls says the key to her weight loss has been constant movement. On top of being an active member of a Twin Falls tennis league, she works out regularly at Curves in Twin Falls, where she is also employed.

“Successful people change their eating habits,” Righetti said. Exercise is not the sole answer to weight loss. “It’s about protein control and what we put in our bodies.”

People who have lost significant amounts of body fat must continue to eat a balanced diet and “not eat bonbons,” Righetti said. She also cautioned that while juices are healthy they contain sugar and carbohydrates.

Righetti said temptation and an abundance of unhealthy goodies are the reason people gain weight over the holidays. “It’s there, and there’s always Jan. 1 to start over again,” she said.

With Christmas just days away,



Schmidt is painfully aware that holiday dinners and parties with calorie-laden goodies could translate to a weight gain. Then would come the toil of trying to take off even a few pounds.

Christene Schmidt chases down the ball during her Wednesday-night tennis league play at the YMCA.

Schmidt cooks for her family but doesn’t necessarily eat what they eat — or at least eats less of it. While her husband will barbecue steaks for Christmas, she will dine on a spinach salad. “I don’t feel

deprived,” Schmidt said. She avoids mashed potatoes and gravy, but does eat baked potatoes without butter or sour cream.

More than 400 participants lost more than 4,000 pounds in the Weight Loss Challenge, which provided motivation with monthly weigh-ins. Schmidt took home \$50 for a fourth-place finish. First-, second- and third-place finishers received \$6,000, \$3,000 and \$1,000. A \$50 contest registration fee raised more than \$21,000 to send Idaho children with diabetes to youth camps.

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Eating smart is all in your mind

By Jennifer LaRue Huget
Special to The Washington Post

Picture yourself at your most recent big holiday meal.

Did you pile your plate with food served from bowls and platters at the table?

Did you take some — or a lot — of everything, whether or not each food was a particular favorite?

Did you dig in when everyone else did and chat while eating, never even pausing to put down your fork?

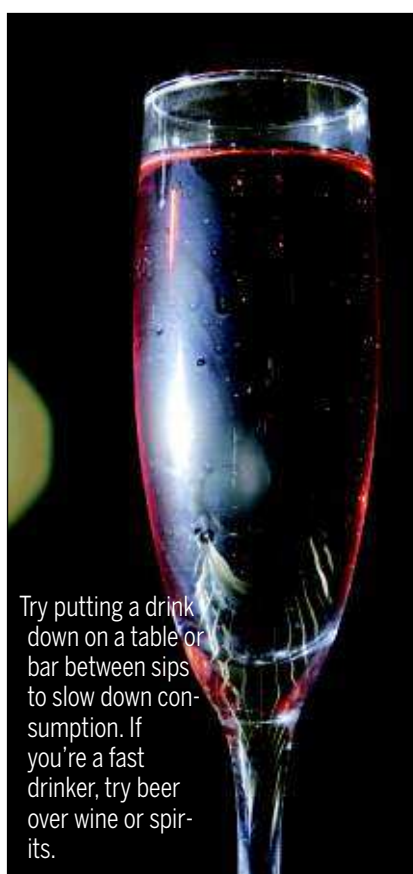
And, when that first plate of food was gone, did you automatically seek seconds?

If that sounds familiar, you ate more than you actually wanted or needed. And you probably didn’t enjoy it as

much as you thought you would, especially when the meal was over and you were left feeling uncomfortably full.

Now picture this: At your next festive gathering, you serve yourself from bowls and platters in the kitchen, taking just the amount you want of only those foods you love best. Before digging in, you sit for a moment, even as those around you start eating, and you take in all the sights, scents and sounds of the holiday table. Then you lift your fork and taste, pausing to notice exactly how your food smells, its temperature, how it feels in your mouth, savoring its flavors. As you chew, you set down your fork. Only when you’ve fully enjoyed and eventually swallowed

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Try putting a drink down on a table or bar between sips to slow down consumption. If you’re a fast drinker, try beer over wine or spirits.

’Tis the season to enjoy alcohol — responsibly

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press writer

We’ve all been there: A friend, neighbor or colleague has one drink too many at a party and slides from tipsy into sloppy before your eyes. Or maybe you were the one who kept the gossips in business the next morning.

Staying on the right side of the bubbly, beer or cocktails during the stressful holiday season isn’t as easy as munching a few hors d’oeuvres at the top of an evening, but it’s doable with a little finesse — by the drinker and the host alike.

Understanding how the body processes alcohol is a good place to start. Ignoring wives’ tales — like

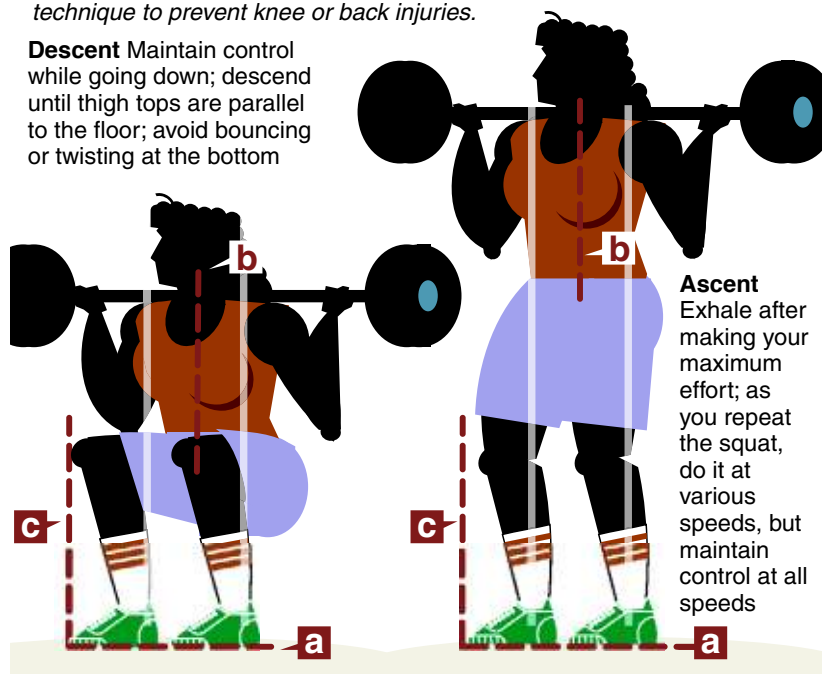
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Personal Trainer

Safe weightlifting squats

When doing weightlifting squats – standing exercises done while holding a barbell on the shoulders – it's essential to use correct technique to prevent knee or back injuries.

Descent Maintain control while going down; descend until thigh tops are parallel to the floor; avoid bouncing or twisting at the bottom



Ascent Exhale after making your maximum effort; as you repeat the squat, do it at various speeds, but maintain control at all speeds

- a** **Feet** Stand with feet shoulder-width apart; keep feet flat during whole exercise
- b** **Back** Keep spine erect, with normal curvature of the small of the back
- c** **Knees** Should not extend beyond your toes

Intensity Increase both resistance and depth of the squat gradually; pain in the back or knees is a warning sign that you are progressing too fast



Source: American College of Sports Medicine
Graphic: Paul Trap

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Improve food safety

The Washington Post

Is our food safe? We all remember the salmonella outbreaks in peanuts, jalapenos and tomatoes. Certainly our food is safer than it was 100 years ago, says Arthur Allen, author of "Ripe: The Search for the Perfect Tomato," but, when foods are mis-handled, they can cause illness or even death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 76 million Americans get food poisoning a year. Here are a few basic tips that everyone should follow:

- **Wash** your hands with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds before preparing or consuming food.
- **Defrost** food in the fridge, cold water or the microwave but never on the counter.
- **Don't eat** meat, poultry, eggs, sliced fresh fruit or vegetables that have been left out for more than two hours (one hour in temperatures hotter than 90 degree).

Go to EatingWell.com's "10 Commandments for Food Safety" for more and check out Allen's article, "The Unusual Suspects."

To do for You

Cancer support

Intermountain Home-care of Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering a cancer support group meeting, 2-3:30 p.m. today, at Parke View Care Center's Oakley Room, 2303 Parke Ave. in Burley.

Open to cancer patients and their adult family members.
Free; 678-8844.

'Baby and Me'

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

This week's topic: financing baby. The session is educational support for parents and babies. A baby scale is available each week.
Free; 324-6133.

Mental health support

Mental Health Support Group, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at Family Health Services/Behavioral Health, 1102 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Open to individuals in the Magic Valley area with a mental health diagnosis.
Free; 734-1281.

About C-sections

Caesarean childbirth classes, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topics: Caesarean deliveries, pain manage-

ment, non-conforming labors and hospital procedures.

Free. Preregistration required; "Call St. Luke's" class referral service, 737-2998.

Health workshop

Marion and Tara's Massage and Nutrition for Body, Mind and Spirit is offering health workshops, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at Today's Image, 1904 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

This week's topic, "The importance of exercise," is presented by Marion Wallace, registered nurse and certified massage therapist, and Tara Abbott, licensed massage therapist.

Free; 420-0488 or 731-8681.

About infant care

Infant care class of St. Benedicts' prepared child-birth series, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, at Jerome Ambulance Building, 240 E. Main.

Topics: baby care and early parenting. The class is offered as a separate class, or as part of the childbirth series. Mothers may enroll even if their babies will be born at a different hospital.
Cost is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Dec. 22 for publication in the Dec. 28 Healthy & Fit section. E-mail notices to ramona@magicvalley.com.

Alcohol

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coating your stomach with milk before drinking or thinking you can sober up with coffee – is another. Some advice:

Do the math

Alcohol absorption and metabolism vary from person to person. Variables such as food in the stomach, body composition, body size, gender and medications are all important in how a person responds to alcohol.

Consider this example: A 1-ounce shot of 80-proof distilled spirits (bourbon, rum, gin, vodka, whiskey and many liqueurs) will produce in the average 150-pound man a blood alcohol concentration of about .02 percent. In a smaller drinker, say 120 pounds, the same amount would likely produce an alcohol concentration at or near .03 percent. For comparison's sake, the limit for drivers to be considered legally drunk in all 50 states is .08.

The liver can metabolize only a certain amount of alcohol per hour, allowing it to accumulate in the bloodstream when consumed quickly, so having only one drink per hour could help you keep pace. In these supersize-me times, a drinker must also be aware of how much alcohol is in each glass since a well-meaning host or bartender may be pouring extra-large drinks without actually measuring.

A regular-size drink usually refers to one 12-ounce beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits. The body would need two to three hours to break down those amounts, says Kim

Galeaz, a registered dietitian and consultant to the food and beverage industry.

"When there isn't any food in the stomach to slow down absorption, the absorption process can happen very fast – in about twenty minutes," she says.

Eat up

Recent studies have cast doubt on certain foods having more impact than others on slowing alcohol absorption, says Carlton K. Erickson, director of the Addiction Science Research Education Center and a pro-

TRY THESE TRICKS

- **Monitor** your motor skills as an indicator of intoxication by moving around at a party or in a bar rather than sitting in one place. Parties can be difficult for many people, but falling down at one probably won't make things easier.
- **Try putting** a drink down on a table or bar between sips to slow down consumption to no more than one or two drinks per hour. If you're a fast drinker, try beer over wine or spirits. More than five drinks of any alcoholic beverage in an evening is probably too many. Keep count.
- **Avoid** drinking alcohol as a thirst quencher. It's not a good one. Intersperse alcoholic drinks with glasses of water to stay hydrated and satisfy thirst, especially when consuming salty or dry foods.
- **Knocking** back a stiff drink to stay warm while caroling or during other winter activities is a misconception, Galeaz says. Alcohol tends to increase your body's heat loss, making you more susceptible to cold.



fessor of pharmacology at the University of Texas at Austin.

"As long as you're eating and drinking at the same time, that's the important thing," he says.

Without food in the stomach to slow absorption, alcohol travels quickly through the small intestine and into the bloodstream. With food, the process is slowed: "It's not the food absorbing the alcohol. It's the slowness of the stomach emptying."

Party hosts looking to avoid drunken guests should circulate more than just a few nibbles throughout the evening rather than relegating the nosh to remote tables or running out of food early as alcohol continues to flow.

Tim Laird, chief entertaining officer for Brown-Forman Corp., which produces Jack Daniel's and Woodford Reserve, among several other wines and spirits, recommends self-serve food stations scattered around a party room stocked with mini sandwiches of beef or pork tenderloin, along with Bruschetta, cheese and cracker platters, fresh cut vegetables and dips, mini baked potatoes

topped with caviar and easy-to-grab desserts such as bars and brownies.

But food is no magic bullet: A drinker with a full stomach might consume too much alcohol in a short period believing it isn't having an effect, only to learn otherwise once the food passes through the intestine and the alcohol remains in the bloodstream. Food delays absorption of alcohol, but it doesn't neutralize it, Galeaz and Erickson warn.

Then ease up

Laird, who has been in the hospitality industry for more than 20 years, also suggests a signature drink with a similar, alcohol-free sister served in the same glasses with identical garnishes so guests can feel a part of things without pressure.

"As Champagne is a popular drink for the holidays, I set out a sparkling station that has numerous fruit juices where guests can mix their own sparklers," he said. "I have club and lemon lime soda also available. Alcohol-free mixers help dilute the drinks as well."

Cutting back on alcohol

service toward the end of an event while continuing to offer alcohol-free beverages is another trick of his trade.

Know your limits

Research indicates that a single alcoholic drink might affect the average woman more than the average man. That's partly because women tend to have less of the alcohol metabolizing enzyme alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH) in the stomach, causing a larger amount of ingested alcohol to reach the upper intestine and thus the blood, Erickson says.

A drinker's overall weight is also key to avoiding over-consumption of alcohol. A large person will not be affected as much as a small person by the same amount of alcohol because the alcohol is distributed through more mass. Again, a good general rule of thumb: The less you weigh, the more likely you are to be affected by the same amount of alcohol.

The holidays can bring on bouts of depression and social anxiety in people who might find themselves relying too much on booze to schmooze. Thinking about the emotional underpinnings of overindulging is a good place to start, says Georgia Foster, a clinical hypnotherapist in London and creator of a book-CD prevention combination called "The Drink Less Mind."

"Christmas and New Year are challenging and the stresses and strains can lead to drinking for more than just fun," she says. "We live in a drinking society and I believe there is nothing wrong with that. I think drinking is something to really enjoy rather than gulp. To savor a delicious glass of wine is wonderful" so long as alcohol doesn't become a "stress management pill."

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EATING BETTER

Take a bite mindfully

In her books, Susan Albers offers many mindful-eating exercises. Here's an abbreviated version to try. Though the classic exercise involves a raisin, Albers recommends a piece of chocolate. How to take a mindful bite? Think of your mouth as being like a magnifying glass, zooming in. Imagine that each bite is magnified 100 percent. Pay close attention to all your senses. Use your tongue to feel the texture. Gauge the temperature. Take a whiff of the aroma. Ask yourself, "How does it really taste? What does it feel like in my mouth? Is this something I really want? Does it satisfy my taste buds? Is my mind truly present when I take a bite so that I experience it fully?"



Tips toward better eating

- Here are just a few of Susan Albers' mindful-eating tips:
- **Sit down** when you're eating.
 - **Use** a plate for everything; don't just grab handfuls of snacks from bowls.
 - **Leave** evidence — candy wrappers, empty wineglasses — of what you've consumed in plain sight so you don't lose track.
 - **Take** time out to calm your mind, especially during stressful periods.
 - **Store** less-healthy foods where you can't easily see them; keep healthy foods such as fruit where you can see them.
- Here are some ways to eat well, though mindlessly, from Brian Wansink:
- **Be aware** that the greater the variety of foods you're faced with, the more you're likely to eat. Decide before a meal just how much you want to eat. And make half of that amount fruits and vegetables, the other half protein and starch.
 - **Aim** to be the slowest eater at the table: Start last and finish last. If that's too hard, identify the slowest eater and pace yourself by watching him or her.
 - **Bear** in mind that hosts and hostesses notice the number of servings you take, not the amount in each serving. So taking a teaspoonful of seconds will satisfy the food-pusher host as much as taking a full second helping.
 - **Recognize** that we all are subject to the environmental cues that drive us to overeat. Even experts such as Wansink aren't immune.

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that first bite do you take another. By the end of the meal — which you are the last to finish — you are not just full but truly satisfied.

Which scenario sounds more celebratory?

I suppose an argument could be made for either. But proponents of a practice known as "mindful eating" are convinced that the second approach not only allows you to enjoy your food more but also can help you manage your weight during the holiday season and beyond.

Mindful eating is an outgrowth of a practice called mindfulness, itself an outgrowth of Zen Buddhism (but one that can easily be embraced without adopting Zen or any other philosophy). Mindfulness involves slowing down to savor all of life's details, to notice small things and appreciate every sensation. As applied to eating, mindfulness offers a means of making the most of every calorie you choose to ingest and can help you make those choices.

Psychologist Susan Albers has written extensively about mindful eating, particularly in her book "Eating Mindfully: How to End Mindless Eating and Enjoy a Balanced Relationship With Food" (New Harbinger, 2003). She defines the practice as "a calm, focused, non-judgmental awareness of what you eat. It focuses more on the way you eat rather than what you eat." Mindful eating, Albers adds, "is not a diet. There are no menus or recipes."

It takes three steps, she says. First, train yourself to really taste food, using all of your senses. Next, become aware of the habits and routines that govern your eating. Finally, tune in to your hunger and fullness, learning to distinguish between psychological and emotional hunger and true physical hunger.

Mindful eating might be just the tool to get you through the calorie-fest we call the holidays. "Too many people decide to diet during the holiday season," Albers notes. "This isn't realistic. In fact, creating a rule to steer clear of holiday treats is a setup for failure, shame and guilt. Instead," she recom-

mends, "work on eating cookies and other holiday treats mindfully. Before you take a bite, ask yourself, 'Am I eating this mindfully? Am I hungry, and would I really enjoy it?'"

Adopting mindful eating takes time and practice, Albers acknowledges. Even though the eating season is well under way, you can still commit. But don't try it for the first time at the office holiday party. "It is like building any other skill," Albers says. "You don't want to learn to swim when you are drowning. ... Initially, practice the skill when you are feeling calm and relaxed rather than in the midst of a strong craving or too many holiday treats."

Brian Wansink wrote the groundbreaking book "Mindless Eating: Why We Eat More Than We Think" (Bantam, 2007), which showed how our eating habits are governed by myriad environmental cues, such as the size of our plates and the company we keep. He has a slogan: "The best diet is the one you don't know you're on!"

Wansink says he believes we can harness our awareness of environmental cues to create conditions that allow us to relax and eat without fear of overindulging. The goal, he says, is to "help people mindlessly eat right."

That means scouring your surroundings for all the little things that encourage you to overeat. Swap your mammoth dinner plates for modestly sized ones to make healthy food portions seem substantial. Use tall, thin glasses instead of short, squat ones so you pour less liquid. Plate your food in the kitchen rather than at the table so you're forced to get up for second helpings. You might not.

The idea is to remove all of the subtle obstacles to healthy eating so that you don't have to think about whether you're eating smart: Doing so becomes the only option.

"We have tremendous control over our personal environment," Wansink says. Exerting that control is a sound strategy "for anyone who doesn't want to be a full-time dieter."

Weight-loss surgery can dramatically affect diabetes

By Shari Roan
Los Angeles Times



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In the battle against diabetes, weight-loss surgery alters the secretion of hormones that affect appetite and help process sugar.

The discovery came about by accident more than a decade ago: Weight-loss surgery often led to dramatic improvement in the control of Type 2 diabetes, often before patients left the hospital.

Today, evidence of the connection is so solid that some doctors say surgery should be considered as a treatment for diabetes, regardless of a person's weight.

"We thought diabetes was an incurable, progressive disease," says Dr. Walter J. Pories, a professor of surgery at East Carolina University and a leading researcher on weight-loss surgery. "It ... is a major cause of amputations, renal failure and blindness. This operation takes about an hour, and two days in the hospital, and these people go off their diabetes medication. It's unbelievable."

As many as 86 percent of obese people with Type 2 diabetes find their diabetes is gone or much easier to control within days of having weight-loss surgery, according to a meta-analysis of 19 studies published earlier this year in the American Journal of Medicine (78 percent of patients with remission of diabetes and 86.6 percent with remission or improvement). But experts still aren't sure why obesity surgery helps resolve Type 2 diabetes or how long the effect might last. And they disagree on how big a role surgery should have in treating the illness.

"We are going from seeing the results to understanding why it happens," said Dr. Santiago Horgan, director of the Center for the Treatment of Obesity at the University of California, San Diego.

This much is clear: Patients who have weight-loss surgery begin to lose weight rapidly, which by

itself improves Type 2 diabetes, allowing diabetics to more easily control their blood glucose levels. But something else appears to be occurring as well.

There is strong evidence that surgery — especially gastric bypass surgery, which makes the stomach smaller and allows food to bypass part of the small intestine — causes chemical changes in the intestine, says Dr. Jonathan Q. Purnell, director of the Bionutrition Unit at Oregon Health & Science University. The small intestine has been thought of simply as the place where digestion occurs.

But researchers now suspect it has other functions related to metabolism. Surgery somehow alters the secretion of hormones in the gut that play a role in appetite and help process sugar normally.

Multiple studies in humans and animals indicate that surgery triggers reductions in ghrelin, the hormone that stimulates hunger, and elevates levels of peptide YY and glucagon-like peptide-1, both of which act as appetite suppressants. Another theory is that surgery might alter the expression of genes that regulate glucose and fatty-acid metabolism.

"There are these known components that improve glucose metabolism," Purnell says. "But there are

very likely other things happening as well."

The effect on diabetes can depend on the type of weight-loss surgery performed, says Pories, past president of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

The highest rates of diabetes remission are seen in people who have gastric bypass — about 83 percent.

But diabetes also tends to resolve or improve in 50 percent to 80 percent of people who have lap-band surgery, in which a band is placed around the top of the stomach to make it smaller, he says. There is some evidence that the effect occurs with a newer type of weight-loss surgery called gastric sleeve, in which a portion of the stomach is removed so that it takes the shape of a tube or sleeve.

Evidence suggests the effect on diabetes can last for an extended period or even indefinitely, particularly if people don't regain a lot of weight.

"There is durability, but we also know that some people do get the disease back again," Purnell says. "Weight rebound is probably one factor. We also know that diabetes is a progressive disease. It may depend on how long you've been diagnosed with diabetes. If it's early on, I think the durability may be better."

Diabetes basics

In the U.S., an estimated 23.6 million people — or 7.8 percent of the population — have diabetes, federal statistics show. Of those, 5.7 million cases are undiagnosed.

Symptoms may seem benign — increased hunger, excessive thirst, frequent urination, weight loss, fatigue — but undiagnosed or uncontrolled disease can take a toll on the body's nerves, eventually damaging the eyes, kidneys and lower limbs, and can raise the risk of heart attack or stroke.

The two main types of diabetes are Type 1, accounting for 5 percent to 10 percent of adult cases, and Type 2, accounting for 90 percent to 95 percent. An estimated 1 percent to 5 percent of additional cases are caused by surgery, medications, infections or disease.

Type 1 can occur at any age but is usually diagnosed in childhood or young adulthood. In this form of the disease, the body's immune system attacks beta cells in the pancreas that make the glucose-regulating hormone insulin.

Type 2 occurs as the body loses the ability to use insulin properly and, gradually, the ability to produce it.

The disease is insidious and deadly. Although listed as only the seventh-leading cause of death in 2006, it's believed to be dramatically underreported as a cause. It's also expensive. Medical costs for people with diabetes are 2.3 times higher than for those without the disease, government data show.

For information, contact the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org, or the National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse at diabetes.niddk.nih.gov.

— Los Angeles Times

How to avoid holiday prep hazards

By Alison Johnson
Daily Press
(Newport News, Va.)

Have you kicked into high gear for December holidays? Here are some health tips from doctors:

Lift correctly. To avoid back injuries, stand close to objects — whether it's heavy shopping bags, groceries or decorations — bend your knees and keep your torso straight as you lift.

Disinfect shopping carts. They tend to be particularly germey during the winter, so carry sanitizing wipes or use free wipes provided by stores. Also sanitize your hands after touching common

surfaces such as credit card machines and mall escalators (or, to take a different approach, do more shopping online).

Take care of yourself. Stress can cause illness, so be sure to drink plenty of water, eat healthfully, schedule downtime and go to bed at a decent hour.

Don't go too crazy with exercise. Many people are so worried about holiday weight gain that they ramp up workouts too suddenly, risking injury. Stay active but make gradual changes in intensity.

Wear sensible shoes. Don't go shopping in high heels or footwear that doesn't fit properly. If you know

you'll be standing or walking for long periods of time, opt for comfort.

Don't hang decorations alone. Whenever you climb a ladder, you should have a spotter to hold the base steady and greatly reduce the risk of a fall.

Protect kids' tummies. As school parties are scheduled and sugary, fatty holiday treats pile up at home, children are at particular risk for constipation and other digestive issues. Take extra time to be sure they (and you) also get plenty of low-fat, high-fiber foods.

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Interest:	\$24.99	\$17.09	\$7.77	\$49.85
Recording Fee:	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$9.00
Litigation Guarantee Fee:	\$220.00			\$220.00
Publication Fee:	\$436.58			\$436.58

Registered Mailing
Costs: \$60.24 \$60.24
TOTAL: \$818.31 \$97.79 \$88.47 \$1,004.57

The date the delinquent entry was made: January 1, 2007

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED IS PENDING DESCRIBING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY.

If the delinquent assessment, together with all penalties, interest, and costs and fees incident to the delinquent entry are not paid to the Minidoka Irrigation District and the lands redeemed on or before **January 8, 2010**, the Board of Directors of the Minidoka Irrigation District will, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on January 12, 2010 at the offices of the Minidoka Irrigation District located at 98 West 50 South, Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho, issue a tax deed.

The record owner(s) or any party in interest shall have adequate opportunity to be heard by the Board of Directors, to confront and cross examine any evidence or any witness against the record owner(s) and obtain and present evidence on behalf of the record owner(s) or any party in interest. **THE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON JANUARY 12, 2010 AT THE OFFICES OF THE MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOCATED AT 98 WEST 50 SOUTH, RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO.**

All written inquiries and objections shall be directed to Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer, Minidoka Irrigation District, 98 West 50 South, Rupert, Idaho 83350 and must be received at the described address no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010. **VERBAL INQUIRIES AND OBJECTIONS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY PURPOSE.**

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DATED: October 16, 2009

MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

/s/Ruth S. Bailes

BY: Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer

Notice also sent to:

James Pederson

453 West 100 South

Paul, ID 83347

Occupant

453 West 100 South

Paul, ID 83347

State of Idaho Department of Revenue and Taxation

800 Park Blvd, Plaza IV, PO Box 36

Boise, ID 83722-0410

Office of the Attorney General

700 West State Street, PO Box 83720

Boise, ID 83720-0010

PUBLISH: December 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 14, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission upon said requests:

A CONDITIONAL USE by Sea Pack of Idaho Incorporated on property consisting of approximately one hundred thirty eight point six (138.6) +/- acres located in Section 01, Township 10 South, Range 15 East B.M., and address approximately 4060 North 2000 East, Filer, Idaho the Agricultural Zone. The intent is to construct a retail/wholesale nursery with production nursery and service division.

A CANYON RIM SETBACK by Jon and Michelle Myers on property consisting of approximately one point six nine (1.69) +/- acres located in Section 5, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, B.M. and address approximately 4132 North 3400 East, Kimberly, Idaho in the Rural Residential Zone. The intent is to reduce the canyon rim setback to fifty (50) feet.

A CANYON RIM SETBACK by Roger Duffin on property consisting of approximately twenty four point six (24.6) +/- acres located in Section 25, Township 10 South, Range 19 East, B.M. and address approximately 3634 North 4500 East, Murtaugh, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intent is to reduce the canyon rim setback to fifty (50) feet.

A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Karl Joslin on property consisting of approximately forty (40.0) +/- acres located in Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 16 East B.M., and address approximately 3153 North 2300 East, Twin Falls in the Agricultural Zone. The intent is to split off one (1) +/- acres with existing house from farmland.

A CONDITIONAL USE by Tami Nichols on property consisting of approximately five point seven five (5.75) +/- acres located in Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 15 East B.M., and address approximately 1852 East 3900 North, Buhl, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intent is to construct an additional facility for independent/assisted living.

Other Item(s):

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at the hour of 7:00 pm on the 14th day of January at the Marvin Hempleman Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said requests.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a work session will be held on January 12, 2010 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the Marvin Hempleman Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the applications that are to be heard at the January 14, 2010 Public Hearing.

A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests or agreements on the subjects being considered. Written materials or comments must be submitted by the close of business January 7, 2010 to the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed hearing should contact Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Office by January 7, 2010.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2009

Brent Stasny

Chairman

Planning and Zoning Commission

Twin Falls County

ATTEST:

Kristina Glascock

Clerk

Twin Falls County

PUBLISH: Monday, December 21, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT

Please address all legal advertising to:
LEGAL ADVERTISING
The Times-News
PO Box 548
Twin Falls, Idaho
83303-0548
email to
legals@magicvalley.com

Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE AN AIR POLLUTION-EMITTING SOURCE

PROPOSED ACTION: Gavilon Grain, LLC dba Peavey Company, Burley, has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct and operate an air pollution-emitting source located at 1111 Bedke Blvd. DEQ has determined that construction and operation according to the proposed permit will not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard and will not injure or unreasonably affect human or animal life or vegetation. DEQ has reviewed the application and completed an analysis of the information submitted by the applicant for the installation of five hammermills and an increase in grain throughput from 10 million bushels per year (MMBU/yr) to 25 MMBU/yr. Based on this analysis, DEQ proposes to issue the permit to construct to Gavilon Grain, LLC dba Peavey Company, Burley.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Notice is given that DEQ has scheduled a period to receive public comments under Docket No. AQ-0933 concerning the air quality aspects of the project application and the proposed permit in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.209. The application materials, the proposed permit, and Statement of Basis are available for public review on DEQ's Web site at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS - ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed permit. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include supporting materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Faye Weber, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255; faye.weber@deq.idaho.gov; or to the DEQ Web site at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or questions. All information regarding this matter, including the issuance of the final permit and Statement of Basis, will be available on DEQ's Web site. You may sign up at www.deq.idaho.gov to receive e-mail updates on any further action on this permit.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Mary Capral at (208) 373-0502.

All written comment and data concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m., MST/MDT, January 20, 2010.

DATED this 21st day of December, 2009.

Faye Weber

Air Quality Division

PUBLISH: December 21, 2009

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED

TO: **Gale Croft** Occupant
309 South 500 West 309 South 500 West
Heyburn, ID 83336 Heyburn, ID 83336

RE: Irrigation District Assessment # 171-05

Legal Description: Pt. NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho

The name and telephone number of a person, firm, or business office from whom information concerning the location of the property may be obtained:

Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer
Minidoka Irrigation District
98 West 50 South
Rupert, ID 83350
(208) 436-3188

The year for which the assessment was levied: 2006

The year for which the assessment is delinquent: Jan 1, 2007

	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL:
O & M Assessment:	\$45.00	\$38.11	\$38.11	\$121.22
Interest:	\$15.30	\$8.38	\$3.81	\$27.49
Recording Fee:	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$9.00
Litigation Guarantee Fee:	\$220.00			\$220.00
Publication Fee:	\$425.32			\$425.32

Registered Mailing Costs: \$50.20 \$50.20

TOTAL: \$758.82 \$49.49 \$44.92 \$853.23

The date the delinquent entry was made: January 1, 2007

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DATED: October 16, 2009

MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

/s/Ruth S. Bailes

BY: Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer

Notice also sent to:

Land Title and Escrow, Inc.

PO Box 111

Rupert, ID 83350

ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.

2600 W. Big Beaver Road

Troy, MI 48064

Minidoka County Commissioners

PO Box 368

Rupert, ID 83350

PUBLISH: December 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2009

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED

TO: **Orlando Pena** Occupant
406 12th Street 406 12th Street
Rupert, ID 83350 Rupert, ID 83350

RE: Irrigation District Assessment # 0244-04

Legal Description: Pt. SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 24 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho

The name and telephone number of a person, firm, or business office from whom information concerning the location of the property may be obtained:

Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer
Minidoka Irrigation District
98 West 50 South
Rupert, ID 83350
(208) 436-3188

The year for which the assessment was levied: 2006

The year for which the assessment is delinquent: Jan 1, 2007

	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL:
O & M Assessment:	\$62.30	\$65.86	\$65.86	\$194.02
Interest:	\$21.18	\$14.49	\$6.59	\$42.26
Recording Fee:	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$9.00
Litigation Guarantee Fee:	\$220.00			\$220.00
Publication Fee:	\$369.03			\$369.06

Registered Mailing Costs: \$30.12 \$30.12

TOTAL: \$705.66 \$83.35 \$75.45 \$864.46

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DATED: October 16, 2009

MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

/s/Ruth S. Bailes

BY: Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer

PUBLISH: December 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FHF-86500 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on March 18, 2010, at the hour of 03:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE GOODING COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 624 MAIN STREET, GOODING, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of GOODING, State of Idaho, to-wit: Parcel No. 1: Township 7 South, Range 15, East of the Boise Meridian, Gooding County, Idaho. Section 33: Part of the SW1/4SW1/4 (being part of the abandoned M. & N. S. R. R. right of way) adjacent to Block 129, in the City of Wendell, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Block 129; thence West along the South boundary of said Block 129, 73.45 feet; thence North 85°55'45" West, 26.62 feet along said Southerly boundary of said Block 129; thence South parallel with the East boundary of Block 129 extended, 76.89 feet; thence East parallel with the North boundary of Block 129, 100.0 feet to the West boundary of Lewiston Street; thence North along the West boundary of Lewiston Street to the City of Wendell 75.0 feet to The Point of Beginning. Parcel No. 2: Township 7 South, Range 15, East of the Boise Meridian, Gooding County, Idaho. Section 33: That part of the SW1/4SW1/4, being a portion of the abandoned M & N.S.R.R. Right-of-Way adjacent to Block 129, Wendell Townsite, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Block 129; thence West along the South boundary of said Block 129, 73.45 feet; thence North 85°55'46" West, 26.62 feet along said Southerly boundary of said Block 129 to the Southeast corner of Lot 14, Block 129, which point shall be known as The True Point of Beginning; thence South parallel with the East boundary of Block 129, extended 76.89 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of Lot 14 in said Block 129, 50.00 feet to a point due South of the Southwest corner of said Lot 14; thence North to the Southwest corner of said Lot 14; thence Southeast along the South boundary of said Block 129 to The True Point of Beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **500 WEST AVENUE F, WENDELL, ID 83355**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **JOSEPH B. SELLERS, A SINGLE MAN, AND LORINDA M. DUDLEY, A SINGLE WOMAN**, as Grantor, to LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of **BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO. OF IDAHO**, as Beneficiary, dated 11/8/1999, recorded 11/15/1999, under Instrument No. 183273, Mortgage records of GOODING County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by **BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO. OF IDAHO**. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 11/8/1999, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 7/15/2009 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of November 11, 2009 Delinquent Payments from July 15, 2009 4 payments \$1,000.36 (07-15-09 through 11-11-09) Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$55.00 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$1,055.36 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$41,388.11, together with interest thereon at 11.740% per annum from 6/15/2009, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 11/11/2009, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By: REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION It's Attorney-in-Fact By: Anna Egdorf, Authorized Agent c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 ' Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (208) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.trustee.com> ASAP# 3348804

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NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED

Sealed Bids for the procurement of equipment for the "JEROME CITY WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY BIO-TOWER EQUIPMENT" will be received at the office of the Jerome City Administrator, located at 152 East Ave A, Jerome, Idaho 83338, until 2:00 p.m., prevailing local time, on Friday January 15, 2009.

This project includes the supply of:
 • 1 Bolted Steel Tank
 • 1 Watchtower Rotary Distributor
 • 1 Bio-tower Media

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount, (including any bid alternates) is required.

A Public Works Contractors License by the State of Idaho will be required of the successful bidder, prior to the award of the project.

Project packets may be obtained from the Jerome City Clerk at the City Offices located at the address listed above.

The bids will be opened publicly and read at that time. The bids will then be analyzed based on the requirements herein. Notification of the City's decision to proceed with equipment procurement will be given to all parties as soon as possible. Jerome City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any of the items in the bids. Only bids giving a firm quotation and properly submitted will be accepted.

PUBLISH: December 21st - and 28th, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TSNo. 09-0175030 Title Order No. 090830007IDGNO Parcel No. RPW2000051005BA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, Inc. located at 706 Main St., Gooding, ID 83330., on 04/23/2010 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/24/2006 as Instrument Number 216475, and executed by **MARIA B MATOS, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Gooding County, state of Idaho: LOTS 5 AND 6 IN BLOCK 51 OF WENDELL TOWNSITE, GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **245 NORTH HA GERMAN ST, WENDELL, ID 83355-5073** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 09/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.250% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$107,507.02, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 12/11/2009 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 Bldg D RGV-D7-450 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Successor Trustee Tonya Malugen, Team Member ASAP# 3375167

PUBLISH: December 21, 28, 2009, January 4 and 11, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. ID-09-326533-TD On 3/30/2010, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of LINCOLN, State of Idaho: Inside the North entrance to Lincoln County Courthouse located at 111 West B St., Shoshone, ID 83352, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee on behalf of JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of LINCOLN State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lots 17, 18, 19, and 20 in Block 23, Shoshone Townsite, Lincoln County, Idaho as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now of record in the office of the Recorder of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **318 SOUTH DATE STREET, SHOSHONE, ID 83352** is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **TERRANCE L. PAYNE AND JENNY L. PAYNE, HUSBAND AND WIFE** as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as NOMINEE FOR SCME MORTGAGE BANKERS, INC., is named as Beneficiary and GOODING TITLE as Trustee and recorded 11/23/2004 as Instrument No. 177852 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LINCOLN County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 11/18/2004. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$883.18, due per month for the months of 8/1/2009 through 11/18/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$80,155.60 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 6.5000 per cent (%) per annum from 7/1/2009. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 11/24/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue Tara Donzella, San Diego, CA 92101 ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3358775

PUBLISH: December 14, 21, 28, 2009 and January 4, 2010

Owner: The Friends of MCFPD, Inc.
 Address: 901 18th Street
 Heyburn, ID 83336
 Separate sealed Bids for the construction of:
 A new 7,488 ft² freestation with (5) apparatus bays, office and training spaces and associated utility and site work.
 will be received by:
 Mike Brown Fire Chief
 at the office of:
 Heyburn Fire Station
 901 18th Street
 Heyburn, ID 83336
 until, 11:00 a.m. local time, January 7, 2010, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.
 Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Issuing Office, located at:
 Tom E. Dailey -- Public Accountant
 620 5th Street
 Rupert, ID 83350
 upon payment of \$80.00 for each hardcopy set or \$10.00 for each electronic set on CD.
 Copies of Contract Documents are also available at:
 AGC Plan Center
 1411 Falls Avenue East
 Twin Falls, ID 83301-3456
 AGC membership and/or reproduction fees may apply at this location.
 Date: December 14, 2009

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0169356 Title Order No. 090795003IDGNO Parcel No. RPT53430010220A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 04/09/2010 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 12/24/2008 as Instrument Number 2008-026852, and executed by **STEVEN RODGER MARTIN**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: LOT 22, BLOCK 1, TETON SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 18 OF PLATS, PAGE 47, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **1831 TETON COURT, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 07/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.000% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$157,162.60, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 11/24/2009 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SWW-88 Bldg D RGV-D7-450 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Successor Trustee /S/ Deedra Williams ASAP# 3358858

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FMS-85606 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on March 18, 2010, at the hour of 01:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 425 SHOSHONE STREET NORTH, TWIN FALLS, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO Section 29: That part of the S¹/₂ NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄, described as follows: Beginning at a point 40.00 feet North of the Southeast corner of said S¹/₂ NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ and on the Section line; Thence West a distance of 632.5 feet at a true bearing of North 89 degrees 41' West to an iron pin; Thence North a distance of 137.8 feet at a true bearing of North 00 degrees 19' West to an iron pin; Thence East to a point on the East Section line of said Section a distance of 632.5 feet at a true bearing of South 89 degrees 41' East; Thence South to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING a distance of 137.8 feet to a true bearing of South 00 degrees 19' East, EXCEPT the East 40 feet thereof for public roadway. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **3637 NORTH 3500 EAST, KIMBERLY, ID 83341**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **STEVEN R. MCIVER, AN UNMARRIED MAN**, as Grantor, to TWIN FALLS TITLE & FALLS, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 7/29/2005, recorded 8/3/2005, under Instrument No. 2005-017022, Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of April 1, 2006 Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-NC3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC3. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 7/29/2005, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 6/1/2009 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of November 11, 2009 Delinquent Payments from June 1, 2009 6 payments at \$1,438.46 each \$8,630.76 (6/1/2009 through 11/1/2009) Late Charges: \$317.10 Beneficiary Advances: \$113.53 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 Total: \$9,061.39 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$158,817.39, together with interest thereon at 8.563% per annum from 5/1/2009, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 11/11/2009. Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC Trustee By Anna Egdorf, Authorized Agent c/o Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 3348619

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TO: Daryl M. Scott, Jr.
 746 West 300 South
 Heyburn, ID 83336
 Occupant
 746 West 300 South
 Heyburn, ID 83336
 Kaylene Scott
 818 H Street
 Rupert, ID 83350
 RE: Irrigation District Assessment # 638-08
 Legal Description: Pt. SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Adam's Subdivision, Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho
 The name and telephone number of a person, firm, or business office from whom information concerning the location of the property may be obtained:

Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer
 Minidoka Irrigation District
 98 West 50 South
 Rupert, ID 83350
 (208) 436-3188
 The year for which the assessment was levied: 2006
 The year for which the assessment is delinquent: Jan 1, 2007

	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL:
O & M Assessment:	\$133.00	\$140.60	\$140.60	\$414.20
Interest:	\$45.22	\$30.93	\$14.06	\$90.21
Recording Fee:	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$9.00
Litigation Guarantee Fee:	\$220.00			\$220.00
Publication Fee:	\$487.21			\$487.21
Registered Mailing Costs:	\$100.40			\$100.40
TOTAL:	\$988.83	\$174.53	\$157.66	\$1,320.99

The date the delinquent entry was made: January 1, 2007

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED IS PENDING DESCRIBING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY.

If the delinquent assessment, together with all penalties, interest, and costs and fees incident to the delinquent entry are not paid to the Minidoka Irrigation District and the lands redeemed on or before **January 8, 2010**, the Board of Directors of the Minidoka Irrigation District will, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on January 12, 2010 at the offices of the Minidoka Irrigation District located at 98 West 50 South, Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho, issue a tax deed. The record owner(s) or any party in interest shall have adequate opportunity to be heard by the Board of Directors, to confront and cross examine any evidence or any witness against the record owner(s) and obtain and present evidence on behalf of the record owner(s) or any party in interest. **THE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON JANUARY 12, 2010 AT THE OFFICES OF THE MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOCATED AT 98 WEST 50 SOUTH, RUPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO.**

All written inquiries and objections shall be directed to Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer, Minidoka Irrigation District, 98 West 50 South, Rupert, Idaho 83350 and must be received at the described address no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010. **VERBAL INQUIRIES AND OBJECTIONS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY PURPOSE.**

A hearing before the Board of Directors and judicial review of the Board's decision are the exclusive remedies for challenging the issuance of the tax deed. No other action can be taken to determine the validity of a properly executed tax deed. The tax deed shall convey complete title to the described land to the grantee named in the tax deed.

DATED: October 16, 2009
 MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 /s/ Ruth S. Bailes
 BY: Ruth S. Bailes, Treasurer
Notice also sent to:
Wellsbridge Mortgage (fka Gateway Financial Services)
 15455 NW Greenbrier Parkway, Ste. 111
 Beaverton, OR 97006
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 PO Box 2026
 Flint, MI 48501-2026
Land Title & Escrow, Inc.
 PO Box 177
 Burley, ID 83318
Citi Mortgage Inc.
 Attn: Tax Department
 PO Box 23689
 Rochester, NY 14692-9991

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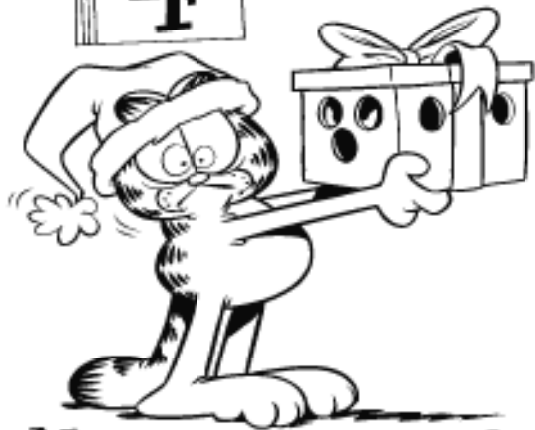
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. ID-09-324831-TD On 3/30/2010, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of LINCOLN, State of Idaho: Inside the North entrance to Lincoln County Courthouse located at 111 West B St., Shoshone, ID 83352, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee on behalf of Bank of America, National Association, as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2005-HE6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-HE6 will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of LINCOLN State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lots 5, 6 and 7 in Block 38, Shoshone Townsite, Lincoln County, State of Idaho as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now of record in the office of the Recorder of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of **211 West D Street, Shoshone, ID 83352** is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **MARK E. JONES, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY** as Grantor/Trustor, in which "MERS" MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER MERITAGE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is named as Beneficiary and LAND TITLE AND ESCROW as Trustee and recorded 9/8/2005 as Instrument No. 179470 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LINCOLN County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 9/1/2005. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$790.65, due per month for the months of 8/1/2009 through 11/18/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$123,781.12 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.6650 per cent (%) per annum from 7/1/2009. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 11/24/2009 By: Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3358605

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Days 'til Christmas

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Never accept a gift with airholes.

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TS No. 09-0037461 Title Order No. 090209371IDGNO Parcel No. RP11523E059400 The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the front office of Land Title & Escrow, 211 West 13th St. Burley, ID 83318, on 04/23/2010 at 10:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 10/31/2007 as Instrument Number 2007-319122, and executed by **DANISE A ALLEN, AND COREY W ALLEN, WIFE AND HUSBAND**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Cassia County, state of Idaho: TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO Section 5: Part of SE 1/4 SE 1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 5, said corner marked by a 3 inch Cassia County survey cap; thence South 88°53'25" West along section line for 1317.77 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence North 0°52'14" East along the West line of the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 for 417.43 feet; Thence North 88°53'25" East 208.71 feet; Thence South 0°52'14" West for 417.43 feet in a point on the South section line; Thence South 88°53'25" West for 208.71 feet along the South section line to the Point of Beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **24 E 300 S, BURLEY, ID 83318-5677** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 12/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.750% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$292,327.70, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.** DATED: 12/12/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 Bldg D RGV-D7-450 Successor Trustee SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 Tonya Malugen, Team Member ASAP# 3377365

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0175024 Title Order No. 090829919IDGNO Parcel No. RP01140000010A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, inside the North entrance to Lincoln County Courthouse located at 111 West B St., Shoshone, ID 83352, on 04/23/2010 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 03/01/2004 as Instrument Number 176308, and executed by **JAY EDWARDS, AND BOBBIE EDWARDS, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Lincoln County, state of Idaho: LOT 1 IN EDWARDS ESTATES SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN LOT 1 IN DEB'S ACRES SUBDIVISION, RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 165965, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **13 FOUR MILE ROAD, SHOSHONE, ID 83352** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 09/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.750% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$181,593.35, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.** DATED: 12/11/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 Bldg D RGV-D7-450 Successor Trustee SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 Tonya Malugen, Team Member ASAP# 3375205

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JEROME COUNTY ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2010

AMENDED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following taxing districts will be conducting candidate elections in Jerome County during calendar year 2010.

Taxing District	Election Date	Candidacy Filing Date Deadline
Primary Election Jerome County 300 No Lincoln, Rm 301 Jerome, ID 83338	May 25, 2010	March 8, 2010 thru March 19, 2010 5:00 pm
General Election Jerome County 300 No Lincoln, Rm 301 Jerome, ID 83338	Nov 2, 2010	Nominated at primary or filed Independent
Jerome Rural Fire Dist. #1 143 East Avenue A Jerome, ID 83338	*Nov 2, 2010	last day Sept 1, 2010
Hillsdale Highway District 140 Railroad Ave Hazelton, ID 83335	*August 3, 2010	last day June 25, 2010
Jerome Recreation District 2032 So. Lincoln Jerome, ID 83338	*Nov 2, 2010	last day Sept 1, 2010
First Segregation Fire 235 E. Wilson Eden, ID 83325	*Nov 2, 2010	last day Sept 1, 2010
College of Southern Idaho 315 Falls Ave Twin Falls, ID 83301	Nov 2, 2010	last day Sept 1, 2010
Valley Recreation District 1458 South 2000 East Hazelton, ID 83335	*Nov 2, 2010	last day Sept 1, 2010

Declaration of Candidacy forms are available at the respective taxing district offices. For County Elections, please pick-up forms at the Jerome County Auditor's Office, 300 N. Lincoln, Room 301, Jerome, Idaho.

*Some districts have provisions allowing them **NOT** to hold an election if only one candidate has filed for any position. Pursuant to Section 34-1407, Idaho Code, this determination can only be made after the deadline for the Declaration of Intent to be a write-in.

Cities and School districts are not covered by the election consolidation procedures.
/s/Michelle Emerson
Jerome County Clerk

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

101 Lost and Found

FOUND 12/14 Large Lab cross, black, white patch on front left paw and chest. Found on Highway 25 between Jerome and Eden. Call 208-539-5599.

FOUND 14 karat gold earring between TJ Maxx and Michaels parking lot on 12/12. **Ruthie 731-6334**

FOUND Aussie/Border Collie in the Burley area. Tri-colored female. Call Lisa at 208-312-3475.

FOUND Cat, in vicinity of E. 18th St., Burley. Black and furry with bob tail, nick in left ear, male. Call 208-878-3954

FOUND Chihuahua, male, in Canyon Ridge High School area. Call to identify 208-404-8225.

FOUND Husky at 300 N of Rupert. Call to identify 208-436-3075 or 208-431-2028.

FOUND Lab Pit mix? Female, fox red, red collar. Found at Lake City Trucks in Twin Falls. 208-219-1000 or 208-733-4266

FOUND Pet Goose by new China House in Gooding. Call to identify 208-539-3071.

FOUND Puppy, male, 3 months old, yellow and white, kind of blend together, no collar, found on highway between Shoshone and Richfield. 731-8350 or 208-655-4277.

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101 Lost and Found

LOST 9mm Hi-Point pistol in case approx 11/26. This gun has been reported to the police. 539-7373

LOST Black carved African cane, badly needed for stroke victim. Possible lost at ShopKo. 944-0508

LOST Black Lab mix, male named Buddy, on Nov. 10th, 7.5 miles N of Jerome. Has Boise tags on collar. Reward. Call 208-324-5000.

LOST Hound Dog in Mini Cassia area, female, black and tan, \$100. REWARD. 312-5462, 431-7387

106 Special Notices

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207 Education

DRIVER
Kimberly Schools is looking for a PT school route bus driver. Pay is \$16.03 per route. Candidate must have, or be able to obtain a CDL w/ proper endorsements. If interested contact Phyllis at (208) 423-4179 x3306 applications available at www.kimberly.edu

Why keep it when you don't need it. Sell those unwanted items in the Classifieds today. 733-0931

208 Farm

Classified Private Party Ads Requires pre-payment prior to publication. Major credit/debit cards, and cash accepted. 733-0931 ext. 2 Times-News

209 General

GENERAL
Equipment Cleaning Tech
Burley store seeking person to work 20-25 hours/week (days) cleaning and maintaining home-medical equipment. Will train, no experience necessary. Experience working on mechanical or electronic equipment a plus. Occasional lifting involved. Must fill out application and take pre-employment screening test at: NORCO, 199 N Overland, Burley, ID.
Contact: Tadd Richman Phone # (208) 678-8558 E-mail: taddr@norco-inc.com

GENERAL

Gossner Foods, Inc. is hiring for various positions. Please bring a current resume into the Gossner Foods office at 1201 7th Street, Heyburn, Idaho. No phone calls please

209 General

EDUCATION

Early Head Start Specialist and Coordinator, full-time positions, require education and background check. Apply to www.csi.edu/jobs EOE

GENERAL
Now Hiring Support Staff 
to assist our adults with special needs. Join the SL Start Team!!
Apply at: 200 2nd Ave North Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 208-732-0910

GENERAL

Program Coordinator
Needed for our Twin Falls office. Must have at least one year of experience working with person with mental retardation or other developmental disability. Degree in Social work, Special Ed., Nursing, Recreation, Psychology, OT, PT, or related field meeting the requirements of a QMRP. Salary DOE. Medical, Vision, Dental, 401(k). Please submit resume to: Inclusion South, Inc. Attention: Katy 890 E Franklin Rd. #303 Meridian, ID 83642 or fax to 208-895-8001

GENERAL

Restoration Laborers
• Administrative Assistant
• Receptionist
• Carpenters
• Warehouse Laborers
• Packaging
• Sorters
• Secretary
Registration: Mon/Thursat 12:45pm. Apply at 1025 Shoshone St. N #3 Twin Falls, or 1711 Overland Ave. Burley

211 Medical

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MEDICAL

We are expanding our team! IH&H is now hiring for the following positions:
Part-time CNA for Sat 9am-9pm
PRN Respiratory Therapist
Part-time Hospice RN in the Rupert/Burley Area Full-time Physical Therapist in the Twin Falls/surrounding areas.
IH&H offers continuing education and GREAT incentive programs to all staff. Competitive benefit package available after 90 days of employment. Come be a part of a caring environment!
Apply at 826 Eastland Drive or email resumes to heather@idahohomehealth.com. EOE

216 Trades

TRADES
Ag Equipment Shop Tech/Mechanic needed, will be working with sprayer & fertilizer application equipment. Repair, maintenance & new equipment set up. Some knowledge of hydraulics, basic electrical, welding & general shop applications would be helpful. Some travel required. Excellent opportunity with good benefits. Resumes may either be sent to Ag West Distributing PO Box 1144 Burley, ID 83318 or faxed to 208-678-3597; or email to kwm@agwestdist.com

TRADES
Experienced welders and pipefitter, Shockley Sheet Metal 1 Paul Idaho 208-438-5055 Preemployment drug test required.

MEDICAL
Family Health Services has openings for the following positions:

Twin Falls Dental Clinic has an opening for a full time **Dental Assistant**. Prior experience preferred, along with dental assisting certificate. Bilingual candidates encouraged to apply.

Twin Falls Medical Clinic has an opening for a full time **Medical Receptionist**. This position provides basic office support for the clinic. Answer phones and direct calls, schedule appointments, greet and assist patients. Perform basic office clerical work. Maintain patient records. Prior medical office experience and bilingual Spanish skills preferred.

Family Health Services offers competitive wages and a full range of benefits including health insurance, short and long-term disability, life insurance, PTO, holiday pay and 401(k) retirement.

Applicants may fill out an application on-line at www.fhsid.org or send a cover letter and CV to:

Family Health Services
HR Department • 794 Eastland Drive
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
EOE/Drug-free Workplace
Quality Care for All

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

2	9	5				7	3	
8			2			5		
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Difficulty Level ★ 12/21

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

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304 Investments
DRACO INVESTMENT CORP
CASH for Deeds of Trust, Mortgages and Real Estate Contracts. Call today for a free, no-obligation quote. (208)733-3821

EDUCATION

401 School Instruction
CLASSIFIEDS
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PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Big profits usually mean big risks. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Better Business Bureau. For free information about avoiding investment scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580 or call the National Fraud Information Center 1-800-876-7060

REAL ESTATE

501 Open House
PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
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502 Homes For Sale


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502 Homes For Sale

HOME INSPECTIONS
theinspectionco.com For Buyers & Sellers **Bill Baker 326-5115**
JEROME 5 bdrm, 3 bath, 3000 sq. ft., hot tub/gazebo, all on approx 5 acres, horse property, metal corals, 2 large shops 1 fully insulated, wired 220 3 car, great location on the edge of town. \$140,000. Call 208-731-2139

KIT '81 28x56 3 bdrm 2 bath, must sell, in mobile home park in Hansen could be moved, \$15,000/offer Call 208-280-1715
TWIN FALLS Available Jan 1st. Newer home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, fenced backyard, large corner lot, new landscaping in front, apple, 2 car garage with storage on side of house. House is available for showing now. Take advantage of \$8000 first time home buyer program and make this your first home. \$129,500. 421-2746 or 308-7512

TWIN FALLS Brick 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 2400 sqft, bsmt, \$148,000/offer. 187 Bonnie. 208-404-8953
TWIN FALLS Free Home Search www.twinfallshomeinfo.com Free list of foreclosures www.twinfallstoreclosures.com Exit Realty

TWIN FALLS House for sale/rent. 3 bdrm, 1 bath, on nice lot, \$39,900 or \$500 + \$350 dep. 433 Canyonview Ave. 208-733-7818

TWIN FALLS PRICED TO SELL, this beautifully landscaped, 4+ bedroom, 2 bath home sits on one-third acre. Large family room plus a shop for hml! Enjoy summer living on the covered patio. Best school district in TF. Drive by 2142 Sherry Lane. If interested, call 208-481-2009. A steal at \$159,000.

TWIN FALLS

Seller pays 3% of buyers closing costs! Nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, huge fenced yard \$134,900. 2068 Falls Ave. E. - Call 208-404-4799

515 Commercial Property

WHO can help YOU sell your property? **Classifieds Can!** 208-733-0931 ext. 2 twinnad@magicvalley.com

521 Manufactured Homes

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RENTAL PROPERTIES

0602 Unfurnished Homes

BLISS Free Rent for work, 2 story, 3 bdrm, 2 bath house in great shape. Do general maintenance and housekeeping 2 days a week for free rent. Remote location, must have dependable transportation. No pets. Phone or Fax 208-352-1208 or email zix@slrkn.net

BUHL For rent mo to mo basis w/30 day notice. 6 bdrm, 3 bath, detached 1 car garage, fenced yard, gas heat, no pets/drugs. \$650 mo + utilities. \$500 dep. 208-293-5124
BUHL Small 1 bdrm, 1 bath house 724 Walnut \$425/mo. + deposit. 909-881-2045 or 208-423-4301

BUHL/JEROME/SHOSHONE
Rent/rent to own Apts & Homes, new & remodeled, town or country. **Builder 208-308-2941 Realtor 208-961-4040**

BURLEY 2 bedroom, office, 1 bath, no pets, no smoking, \$550/month + \$550 deposit. 850 Burton. 208-312-4353


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IF DECEMBER 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Between now and the end of April your ambitions could get the better of you. This is not an opportune time in which to begin anything new, but it is a good time to honor your commitments and fulfill obligations. In May and August you may rebel against strict routines and yearn to escape from your humdrum existence, but should wait until this storm of rebelliousness passes by to make major decisions. September and October may be your best months to take a vacation or make a business or career change.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Jingle your own sleigh bells. No matter what your claim to fame is, you will notice that someone is appreciative of your efforts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Tie a bow with a flourish. A key personal relationship requires mutual tolerance and emphasis on trust and respect for each other.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This could be a good day to ask someone for a favor. A special someone might listen very carefully to the items on your list tonight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for a soft place to land because you might be forced to wrestle with your conscience today. Remain focused on business matters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can understand the meaning of true generosity as you create a positive glow among the people you mingle with. Find ways to be kind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put finishing touches on projects. Find ways to be assertive without ruffling anyone's sensitive feathers under the mistletoe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's not the gift but the thought that counts. Give a thoughtful remembrance to someone who makes your life easier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Relationships benefit if you pay attention to the feelings of others and wait for the best opportunity to make your words heard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Even a small act of kindness will knit you more firmly into the bosom of the community. Demonstrate leadership abilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you keep the emotional side of things running smoothly, financial and career concerns will all fall into place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stand under the mistletoe. It doesn't need to be a financial arrangement to get you close to someone special.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Wisdom comes in a variety of packages.. Someone may not only share your interests or passions, but give you a helping hand, as well.

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TIMES-NEWS CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT
208-734-5538

GENERAL
Vegetation Management Opportunities Immediate Openings Idaho Branch Office

DeAngelo Brothers, Inc. (DBI) is experiencing tremendous growth throughout Idaho and the adjacent States creating the following positions:

Vegetation Management Technicians
DeAngelo Brothers, Inc. is one of the nation's largest and fastest growing vegetation management companies in North America. We are offering opportunities for career oriented, self-motivated, aggressive individuals to work on and manage vegetation control crews.

Candidates must be dependable, responsible and be willing to travel. All applicants must have an Idaho Pesticide License with an Ag/Herbicide or Right-of-Way category. A CDL license is a plus but not required.

We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package, progressive training, career advancement and a drug free work environment.

Interested applicants can fax or e-mail resume to:
DeAngelo Brothers, Inc.
Fax: (570) 459-5363
Attn: Human Resources
E-Mail: cfaust@dbiservices.com
EOE/AAP M-F-D-DV

The Times-News will be closed Friday **December 25th** for Christmas.

Classified will be as Deadline 25th is 10am To ad for Sunday 27th, Monday 28th The deadline is: **Thurs, Dec 24th at 12pm.** All of us at the Times-News wish you Merry Christmas

132 Fairfield Street West
You can place your ad at 24/7 @ magicvalley.com
Phone: 208-733-0931 ext 2
Fax: 208-734-5538

This is a **GREAT** way to earn some extra cash! Start a delivery route today!

Looking for dependable subs in all cities. 735-3348

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quincy St. Jackson St. Van Buren St. Tyler St. <p>TWIN FALLS 735-3346</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Ave. E. 9th Ave. E. Blue Lakes Blvd. Shoshone St. E. <p>TWIN FALLS 735-3346</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crestview Dr. Falls Ave. W. Robbins Ave. W. Sparks St. N. <p>TWIN FALLS 735-3346</p>
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Available Jan.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moonglo Road Robertson St. Fair Street Allen Ave. <p>BUHL 735-3241</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor Route Filler to Jackpot Taking apps. <p>TWIN FALLS 735-3241</p>
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Call now for more information about routes available in your area.

Twin Falls, TFRM, 735-3346
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BURLEY 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 year old new home, \$950/mo. + dep. No pets/smoking. 208-423-4301 or 909-881-2045

BURLEY 3 bedroom home NO PETS OR SMOKING \$600/mo \$600 dep. 2018 Miller Burley. 312-4838 or 312-4839

FILER Spacious 5 bdrm 3 1/2 bath pellet stoves horse property \$2000 Country 3 bdrm appls oil heat \$800

TWIN FALLS Canyon Ridge 3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath, appls, garage, \$900 Newer neighborhood 3 bdrm, 2 bath, appls, garage, \$950/month.

GOODING small 1 bdrm house, W/D, refrig, stove incl., no pets, \$375 + \$300 dep. 208-961-1112.

GOODING SMALL 2 bedroom, 1 bath, house, \$600 month with all appliances. No appliances \$550 month + \$400 security deposit. Call 539-6413 for info.

HAGERMAN 2 bdrm, 2 bath, attached garage, fenced yard, \$650, 208-837-6234 or 208-731-2249

HANSEN 2 bdrm, 1 bath, completely remodeled manufactured home, \$410/mo. + dep. No pets/smoking. 208-423-4301 or 909-881-2045

HANSEN 3 bedroom, 1 bath, \$700 month. No smoking. Call 208-420-5283.

HEYBURN 3 bdrm 1 bath, completely remodeled no smoking/pets \$550-\$550 dep. 678-2190

JEROME 1/2 way to Wendell, VERY SMALL 1 bdrm, appls, \$350 + dep. No alcohol/drugs. 324-7901

JEROME 3 bdrm, 1 bath, \$610 mo. + dep. No smoking/pets. 208-539-1403

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile homes. \$550-\$600. No pets. Long term. 324-8903 or 208-788-2817

JEROME 3, 2 & 1 bdrms, ranging from \$450-\$750, water, sewer, trash included, 50% off 1st mo. rent w/signed 1 year lease. 733-7818

JEROME For rent or sale, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 car garage, fenced yard, nice neighborhood. \$800 + \$500 deposit. Call 208-320-0251.

KIMBERLY 3 bdrm, 2 bath, newer home, large yard with RV parking, near park and walking trails. Pets neg. \$895+ DEP Short term lease ok. Anna 208-420-6169

KIMBERLY 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 3 car garage, fully fenced yard. 208-410-7106

OAKLEY 5 bdrm, 3 bath, 2 car, 4400 sq. ft., excellently maintained home for rent. \$1600 month plus security deposit. Call 208-420-0421

TWIN FALLS \$625/mo. + \$300 dep. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, garage, large yard. 208-735-2295

TWIN FALLS 1 Bdrm Duplex, \$400 Owner Pay Water & Heating 755 Blue Lakes Blvd. 208-734-4334

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm 1 bath, fenced yard, no appls, 440 Elm St. No pets. \$550+dep. M/Ch 731-2345

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$525 fenced back yard, sprinklers, appls incl. indoor storage. 420-8887

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath duplex W/D hookup, new carpet, pets neg., \$550 + dep. 208-948-9027

0602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, pet ok, \$600 + \$400 deposit. Call 208-212-1678.

TWIN FALLS Near new, upscale townhome, 3 bdrm., 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, no smoking, pets considered. Lease/buy avail. \$975 mo. Call 208-733-8207.

TWIN FALLS Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, no smoking, \$840 month + deposit. 208-961-0068

TWIN FALLS Newly remodeled 3 bdrm, 1 bath, \$625 + \$400 dep. No pets. 208-212-1678

TWIN FALLS Nice very clean 2 bdrm, 2 bath duplex near CSI, 2 car garage, gas heat, central air, refrig, stove, D/W, W/D hookup, no pets, \$650 + \$250 dep. 731-1757

WENDELL 2 bdrm, all appls, refrig, stove, D/W, W/D, AC. Very clean, nice yard, close to schools. \$575 + 1st month dep. 208-536-2526

WENDELL 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath w/lots of storage space, 427 E. Ave. A. \$625 month. 208-539-1403

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WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY! Mercy Housing is now accepting applications for the Magic Valley Self-Help Program. Homes are 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 bath with 2 car garages. Payments based on income \$425-\$850 No closing costs. No down payment

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603 Furnished Apartments

TWIN FALLS/BURLEY/RUPERT * WOW! Weekly Payments O.K! No Credit Checks/No Deposit. All Utilities Paid-Free Channel Cable and Internet Free. Pets O.K.-Furnished Studios. On Site Laundry. TWIN FALLS Starting \$350 mo. 731-5745 or 358-0086 BURLEY-RUPERT Starting \$350. 731-5745 or 436-8383

TWIN FALLS AC, cable, WiFi, all utils. Paid. Weekly/monthly rates. 1341 Kimberly Rd. 208-733-6452. www.capriextendedstay.com

TWIN FALLS Small, clean, quiet studio, no smoking/pets. \$385 + \$210 deposit. 208-420-5028

604 Unfurnished Apartments

BURLEY Cute 1 bdrm, \$350 and 2 spacious 2 bdrm, \$375-\$400. Great location, storage and laundry. 208-678-2520

BURLEY Very nice 2 bdrm apt, exc location, no smoking/pets. 208-431-1643, 678-3216, 431-1642

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Hear the quiet! Laurel Park Apartments 176 Maurice Street Twin Falls 734-4195

JEROME 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$475 month. 709 E. Ave. D #3. 208-539-1403

JEROME Studio, W/D, refrig, stove, \$315. Partial brmt, covered patio, fenced. No pet/smoking. 318-5656

JEROME The Oaks, Enjoy living in one of our beautiful, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage Duplex Style Townhomes. Amenities incl. energy efficient central heat & air, ceiling fans, W/D hookups, ceramic tile, & vaulted ceilings, private fenced backyard & more. Enjoy the use of our state of the art fitness center, basketball court, & play ground. No smoking or pets. \$578 + dep \$500. 208-324-6969.

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SHOSHONE Move-In special \$99 1st mo. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, water/garbage pd. \$500 + \$300 dep. No pets. 2 Falls Property Mgmt. 212-1678

ACROSS

- 1 Ladder step
5 "Beat it!"
10 French mother
14 Renon
15 Task
16 Treats a sprain
17 Crow calls
18 Clunker
20 Leprechaun
21 Small flute
22 Burn the midnight oil
23 Sun-dried brick
25 Mao ___-tung
26 Poodle or pug
28 Citrus fruit
31 Encouraged
32 Lauren Bacall's love, familiarly
34 Bring to a close
36 Leave suddenly
37 "Beauty and the Beast" role
38 Flower
39 Wind direction letters
40 Crowd
41 Scoundrel
42 Lacy trim
44 Layered
45 Primate
46 Island nation whose capital is Valletta
47 ___ as a tack
50 Telegram
51 ___ Beta Kappa
54 Wimp
57 "Star Trek II: The Wrath of ___"
58 Sea eagle
59 Sleep ___; cessation of breathing
60 Pigsty sound
61 Have on
62 Strict
63 Unpleasant

DOWN

- 1 Track-and-field event
2 Russia's ___ Mountains
3 Modern
4 Auto fuel

13x13 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63 indicating starting positions for words.

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: CARDS, SMOG, TRAP, ISAAC, WIDE, ROBE, TIPS, Y INDELIBLE, EAT, TOME, EASEL, THUS, VEND, SLAYER, PELT, OFT, LISP, RINSE, PEA, INCONSEQUENTIAL, EGO, ENSUE, ANTE, ROT, BITE, CARESS, CUTS, KUDO, STALL, PEER, FIG, PINEAPPLE, IDEAL, ULNA, HEAL, FORGE, REAR, INNS, TENON

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- 40 In need of extra-large jeans
41 Infuriate
43 Hose support
44 Plaid design
46 Tightwad
47 Gush forth
48 Race loser, in Aesop's fable
49 Actress Paquin
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607 Office and Retail Rentals

TWIN FALLS For lease 2130 sq. ft. professional office space in premier location at Blue Lakes Office Park. Ground floor, excellent visibility with ample parking. Lease negotiable. 208-736-1004

TWIN FALLS Office Space: Very reasonably priced office space, great signage on high traffic. 1201 Falls Avenue East. Three spaces: 1900 sq. ft. plus brmt, 1400 sq. ft., or 800 sq. ft. Lease includes utilities. 208-539-6563/208-731-9735.

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TWIN FALLS Downtown office space avail. 500 & 800 sq. ft. of-foes near court house. Reasonable rates. Utilities paid. 734-4120

616 Roommates Wanted

TWIN FALLS Downstairs, master bdrm, \$395, Upstairs room \$275 + deposit. Shared utilities, fully furnished. Pets neg. Near CSI. 1149 Blake St. N. 208-721-1692

AGRICULTURE

701 Livestock/Poultry

BRED HEIFERS 90 Angus cross, big thick bodied, bred to 101 Ranch low birth weight bulls, will sell small amounts, gale cut. Danny Thomason 208-539-1743

CATTLE Registered Angus cows and herd bulls. Good quality and pedigree. Bred for Spring calving. Call 208-423-4010 or 208-539-3106 and leave message.

605 Rooms For Rent

BURLEY-RUPERT All utilities paid. Free cable & internet. No dep. No credit check. Starting \$450 month. 208-431-3796 or 208-731-5745

606 Mobile Homes

TWIN FALLS 1 & 2 bdrms, 1 bath, with W/D, no pets, quiet park. \$330 + \$390 + \$375 dep 320-8496

607 Office and Retail Rentals

KIMBERLY Price reduced. Office space for lease. New construction, 1168 sq. ft. with shared common area. Great location, across from the middle and high school. Will build to suit you. Troy 404-6181.

604 Unfurnished Apartments

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, new carpet and paint. \$500 dep + \$550 month. Call 208-731-7890.

TWIN FALLS 2 Bdrms, 1 Bath Nice Apts. Only \$525, 734-4334 Honey Locust Ln No Pets

TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, \$650 month plus \$400 deposit. 208-734-2222

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"By my calculations, their Christmas lists so far will cost \$15,631.87."

Today is Monday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2009. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 12:47 p.m. EST.

Today's Highlight:
On Dec. 21, 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In 1804, British statesman Benjamin Disraeli was born in London.

In 1937, the first feature-length animated cartoon in Technicolor, Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident.

In 1948, the state of Eire, or Ireland, passed an act declaring itself a republic.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle was elected to a seven-year term as the first president of the Fifth Republic of France.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1969, Vince Lombardi coached his last football game as his team, the Washington Redskins, lost to the Dallas Cowboys 20-10.

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as secretary-general.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered tanker Argo Merchant broke apart near Nantucket Island, off Massachusetts, almost a week after running aground, spilling 7.5 million gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

Ten years ago: Amid heightened concerns about the possibility of a holiday terrorist attack, security was ordered tightened at American airports and the Pentagon said it was taking "appropriate action" to protect U.S. forces overseas.

Five years ago: A suicide bombing at a mess hall tent near Mosul, Iraq, killed 22 people, including 14 U.S. service members and three American contractors. Two French reporters held hostage for four months in Iraq were released. The Associated Press told the Bowl Championship Series to stop using its college football poll to determine which teams would play for the national title and in the most prestigious bowl games. The NFL fined Jacksonville safety Donovan Darius \$75,000 for a hit across the neck of Green Bay's Robert Ferguson that left the wide receiver temporarily paralyzed.

One year ago: A multi-faith ceremony was held to mark the reopening of the Oberoi hotel in Mumbai, India, three weeks after it was targeted in a militant rampage. Detroit became the first 0-15 team when it was routed 42-7 by the New Orleans Saints. Playwright Dale Wasserman, who'd written the book for the Tony-winning musical "Man of La Mancha," died in Paradise Valley, Ariz., at age 94.

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DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I have been told I am giving them too much information and "oversexualizing" and "overeducating" my children. This is not the way I view it. Everything I say is at a level my children can comprehend, and I don't give more details than I need to. My kids know that drugs are bad and how to identify them in order to refuse them. They also know how alcohol and tobacco affect the human body, how babies are "made" and where they come from.

I believe that honesty is a better policy than "wait until you're older and we'll discuss this." Am I right, or are my friends and neighbors correct?

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I am 34 now and much better off since I have severed all contact with my parents. My problem is how to convince my aunts that this is what is best for me, and that I am not an "ungrateful daughter" for choosing to have no contact with either parent. I no longer have the energy for their crazy drama. Am I "ungrateful" because of what I have done?

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DEAR HEALTHIER: No, not considering your family history, and assuming the decision to cut off contact with your parents was made with the help of your therapist. If that's the case, then what you have done is to protect yourself from further emotional abuse.

Do your aunts know what you suffered while growing up? If so, they should clearly understand that you are doing only what you must in order to maintain mental stability. And if they don't, explain it to them, and don't apologize or allow them to make you feel guilty.

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BLACKMAILED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR BLACKMAILED: I don't think so. It appears you and your fellow employees are being ordered to pony up in order to keep your job. And by the way, "mandatory contribution" is an oxymoron.

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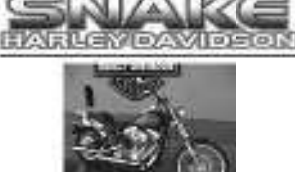
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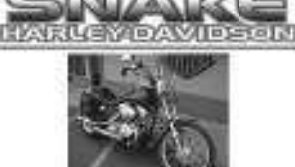
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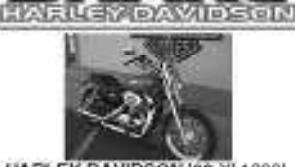
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"At least I guessed which way to finesse for the trump queen. It was only the 4-1 break that beat me," claimed declarer.

"The choice of direction for the finesse was no guess, and the 4-1 break should not have been a problem," retorted his partner.

West led the heart king against four spades, and declarer counted three losers in the side suits. South won the lead, then, after mentally tossing a coin, chose to play East for the trump queen, since the opening lead marked West with longer hearts than his partner.

Declarer led a low trump to the ace, then played a small spade from dummy back to the 10. The good news was that the 10 held; the bad news was that West showed out, leaving an inevitable trump loser to send the contract down one.

North was right in the post-mortem. If spades break 3-2, then it is a guess as to who has the queen. But what if trumps are 4-1? The key here is the location of the trump eight and nine: it is not possible to pick up Q-9-7-6 of spades with West, because the spade nine would lie over the eight, permitting just one finesse. But if East has that holding, declarer can take two trump finesses, first against the queen, then against the nine.

Thus, after declarer plays dummy's spade ace, he must continue with the jack. East covers, the king wins, the club ace is flushed out, and dummy is re-entered for a finesse against the spade nine.

NORTH 12-21-A
♠ A J 5 3
♥ 8 5 2
♦ K 5
♣ Q 9 6 5

WEST
♥ 7
♠ K Q 10 6 3
♦ 9 8 7 4 2
♣ A 7

EAST
♠ Q 9 6 4
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 6
♣ 8 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K 10 8 2
♥ A 9 7
♦ A 10 3
♣ K J 10

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

LEAD WITH THE ACES 12-21-B

South holds:

♠ J 9 4 3
♥ A 10 8 6
♦ Q 5 2
♣ J 9

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	1 ♥	Dbl.	1 NT
All pass	Pass	Pass	3 ♣

ANSWER: Declarer rates to have five or six clubs and be short in both majors. Partner's failure to raise spades suggests he too may be weak in that suit. All of this argues for trying to set up tricks in diamonds before declarer can pitch his losers in that suit on dummy's major-suit holdings. However, if I had the J-10 of spades, I might lead from the sequence.

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