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NEW LOOK

Members of the Twin Falls County Historical Preservation Commission look at an old jail cell that now houses computer equipment at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.



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Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb, far left, gives a tour of the remodeled Twin Falls County Courthouse to the Twin Falls County Historical Preservation Commission Monday in Twin Falls.

T.F. County wraps up courthouse remodel

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Sure, Grant Loeb is best known as Twin Falls County's lead prosecutor.

But Loeb on Monday got to show off another skill, walking two county and city historical-preservation groups through the remodeled top two floors of the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

The remodel finished on



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GO ALONG on a video tour of the courthouse remodel.

the same day — final paint touch-ups and other tweaks were expected to wrap up in the afternoon, Loeb said. The courthouse, completed in 1911, is just one year shy of its centennial.

The extensive changes transformed the top two

floors and reverted some parts to the way they once appeared. Drop ceilings were removed, wood floors were sanded and polished and the sun now shines freely into both floors after workers did away with covers blocking most of the windows.

Modern touches include high-efficiency lights and windows, for which Idaho Power gave the county a refund incentive for installing, Loeb said.

But the furnishings on the two floors also have strong ties to the building's history — many are items that once sat in its long-gone courtroom. An old clock found a new home in 5th District

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Shots fired into Gooding police officer's home

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — A Gooding police officer returned home from work early Sunday morning to find his home riddled with bullets, spurring a criminal investigation now being led by the Idaho State Police.

Idaho State Police Lt. Gary Kaufman told the *Times-News* the officer's

identity is not being released due to safety concerns.

"At this point we don't know a lot and are at the beginning stages of our investigation," Kaufman said. "A lot of questions remain unanswered. We, and the officer, remain very concerned with his safety."

Gooding Police Chief Jeff Perry said he believes the home was targeted because of the officer's involvement

in an earlier delivery of a search warrant for stolen guns, the Associated Press reported.

Kaufman wouldn't speculate on a possible motive for the shooting, but did say that nobody was injured by it. The AP reported the officer's wife and son were sleeping in the house at the time of the shooting.

Joyce Scanlon, whose Fifth Avenue home is close

to the officer's, believes she heard the gunfire late Saturday night.

"I had just gone to bed when I heard five separate shots," Scanlon said. "I looked at my clock and it was 11:22 p.m."

Fearing her own safety, Scanlon said she remained in bed with the lights off before falling asleep after she

See **SHOTS**, Main 2T.F., Jerome
counties
search for
missing manBy John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — Sheriff's deputies and search and rescue teams from Jerome and Twin Falls counties are searching the Snake River near the Perrine Bridge for a man believed to have jumped from the bridge Sunday morning.

Jerome County Sheriff Doug McFall said multiple callers reported early Sunday that a 24-year-old man from Twin Falls called some of his friends and family members around 3 a.m., and claimed he was going to jump off the bridge.

"We haven't found a body. We suspect it may be in the river," McFall said, adding that there is evidence that indicates the possibility of a suicide.

Search and rescue workers found one floating tennis shoe of the same size, brand and color that the man was reported to have been wearing.

McFall said a deputy found footprints matching the tread on the sneaker on

the railing of the bridge.

Additionally, another deputy obtained a suicide note the man wrote from a member of his family.

Jerome County Search and Rescue and sheriff's officers will continue to put their boat in the water to search but McFall said there are safety concerns that led to a decision not to use divers.

"The fact of the matter is we have divers available but there's tons of debris in the river," he said.

"At this point we're waiting for the body to surface. The search area is so massive."

The shoe drifted several hundred feet from the bridge and a body could do the same. "Depending on wind and the currents, you never know where it's going to drift," McFall said.

The depth of the river in the search area is as shallow as 15 feet in some areas and deeper than 100 feet in others.

Jerome County Search and Rescue Commander Jeremy Wells said it's unknown

See **MISSING**, Main 2Catmull jailed for
Damron deathBy Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The lives of two young men converged for a second time Monday as 18-year-old Braun Catmull, of Paul, was sentenced on a charge of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter after a fatal Jan. 3 crash involving Steven Damron, 26, of Burley.

Fifth District Magistrate Judge Mick Hodges sentenced Catmull to serve 90 days in jail and suspended the remainder of a 360-day jail term.

During the hearing, Catmull sat looking down at the table and occasionally wiping away tears as Damron's mother, Penny Shockey, stepfather, Walt Damron, and the mother of one of Damron's four children, Tiauna Easton, spoke of their pain during the past months.

Shockey said although she feels bad for Catmull's family she feels anger towards Catmull.

"Running a stop sign with your foot on the floor is not an accident," Shockey said.

Shockey questioned whether Catmull had shed any tears because his public demeanor seemed "care-free."

Shockey said if Catmull had been drinking that night the penalties would have been stiffer.

"My son is no less dead

because Braun had a clear mind," Shockey said. "To me it's worse than if he'd been drinking."

Easton looked directly at Catmull as she told him that she will never forget what he has done but she is working diligently to forgive him.

"I know what I've done and I can't take it back," said Catmull as he stood and turned to address Damron's family seated behind him. "I wish I could, not for my sake but for yours. I know how much pain I've caused you. I'd just like to say I'm sorry."

Hodges abided by the plea agreement that was reached in the case, amending the felony charge to a misdemeanor and sentencing Catmull to 360 days in jail with 270 days suspended and a suspended \$2,000 fine. Catmull's driver's license was suspended for six months and he will have restricted driving privileges for another 18 months.

Hodges also ordered Catmull to speak four times to local high schools or junior high schools about the incident and the effect that it had on the families involved. He was also ordered to do one public-service announcement on the radio, which he has already completed.

He will also have to pay child support for Damron's four children in an amount

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SHOW

Visitors take in the sight of thousands of lights that line the road and homes of a neighborhood south of Curry crossing between Twin Falls and Filer on Sunday night.



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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• Give a shelter animal a new home. The People for Pets Magic Valley Humane Society is offering a dog or puppy for \$55 until Wednesday. There are plenty of dogs and cats who deserve a loving home. Give it to them. Information: 736-2299.

• There's more holiday music to enjoy at the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra's Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley. Tickets are \$3 to \$7.

• Send your kids to the Blaine County Recreation District Winter Adventure Camp over Christmas break from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The daily drop-in fee is \$35 per child. The camp runs today through Wednesday and Dec. 28-30. Kids should come prepared to play outside and need to bring a lunch.

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

CSI starts looking at tuition, fees

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Tuition and fees for College of Southern Idaho students may be on the rise next year as the college looks for ways to deal with declining state funding.

CSI President Jerry Beck, at Monday's meeting of the college's board of trustees, said CSI needs to start discussions about tuition and fees for the next fiscal year, with a decision needed in March or April.

Like other colleges and universities, CSI is experiencing state budget holdbacks and will need to see what impact further cuts will bring when the legislative session begins.

Beck said there are sentiments to hold the line with tuition costs, but stressed he can't say what can happen until more is known about the budget situation.

"I can't tell you we can do that," he said of keeping tuition at the current rate. "I can't tell you we can't do that."

Beck noted tuition and fees are just one part of the college cost equation. Other things like room and board, books and childcare are also factors to consider. The prices of books were recently lowered, he said.

Lacey Haggan, the student-body president, encouraged the board to try and keep tuition low and balance the budget through increasing enrollment by drawing more students

attracted by the price.

"I trust that you guys will make the decisions you need to," she said.

State holdbacks in the last fiscal year reduced CSI's state funding then from \$13.16 million to about \$12.2 million. In the latest round of state budget holdbacks issued in September, the appropriation for community colleges was cut by 6 percent, which is \$705,700 for CSI this fiscal year.

In February, CSI trustees approved increasing tuition from \$95 per credit to \$100 per credit for the current academic year.

For full-time students taking 12 to 18 credits in the fall semester, tuition increased from \$1,140 to \$1,200. Tuition increased to \$100 per additional credit beyond 18 credits.

Elsewhere in Idaho's higher education realm, tuition could become a tool to offset state budget cuts.

The State Board of Education earlier this month passed a one-year waiver that allows state institutions to propose tuition and fee increases greater than 10 percent.

The waiver does not guarantee any proposals will be approved automatically; it only allows them to be brought forward for consideration by the board.

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DMV shortens holiday hours

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The Twin Falls County Department of Motor Vehicles Office, located at 260 Fourth Ave. N., will close at noon, Thursday and will be closed on Christmas Day.

The office will close at 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and will be closed New Year's Day.

CORRECTIONS

Name misspelled

A father's name was misspelled in Sunday's stork report due to incorrect information submitted to the *Times-News*.

Gryffon Alexander White, son of Tracy JoAnne and Devon Alan White of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Court record incorrect

A court record published in Saturday's *Times-News* incorrectly listed an item as a divorce filing.

Jared M. Koch and Melissa N. Koch filed an agreed petition for custody.

The *Times-News* regrets the errors.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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

Company of Fools presents Willie and Robert Reale's "A Year with Frog and Toad", 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, tickets: \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for children (18 and younger), at box office one hour before show, 578-9122.

Magic Philharmonic Orchestra's Christmas Concert, Paul Pugh is guest conductor, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, \$7 for adults, \$3 for students and \$17 for families, at The Book Store in Rupert and Book Plaza and Welch Music in Burley, 878-5464.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Local chapter of the Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN) meeting, for anyone interested in suicide prevention, 1:30 p.m., Canyon View Hospital west conference room, Twin Falls, mmlinn2002@hotmail.com. or 734-6760.

Let's Dance Club, line and square dancing, 6 to 10 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, \$3, no cost for children under 14 with an adult, 410-5650 or galenslatte.com.

EXHIBITS

"Outside In: Indian Art Abroad," a multidisciplinary project exploring art made by Indian

artists, writers and filmmakers who live outside India, features work by contemporary artists Gauri Gill, Baseera Khan, Annu Palakunnathu Matthew and Sutapa Biswas. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum, no cost, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

"High Plains Hamlet: An Idaho Frontier Tragedy," art show by Mike Youngman and Karl Brake, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

GOVERNMENT

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

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.

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

Jerome School Board, 6 p.m., 125 Fourth Ave. W. (new administrative building), 324-2392.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 366-7418.

Hagerman Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 191 State St. N., 837-6636.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers,

100 E. Ave. A, 342-8189.
Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

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 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, Hailey, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

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.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

Squirrel causes Jerome power outage

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JEROME — A squirrel got into Idaho Power's Jerome Substation on South Lincoln Street Monday morning and caused a power outage that triggered several fire alarms and left

about 4,500 homes and businesses in the dark for about 40 minutes.

Idaho Power spokesman Stephanie McCurdy said power went out at 9:45 a.m. A repair crew restored power at about 10:25 a.m.

"There was a squirrel

whose holiday season ended early," McCurdy said.

"We have things in place to control that but you can't always control nature," she said.

Just minutes after the power went out, fire sirens wailed throughout Jerome.

Jerome Fire Chief Mike Hatfield said a power surge in the system caused the alarms to go off, and crews scrambled to several commercial locations in the city as a precaution. There were no fires and the system was reset, he said.

Remodel

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Judge G. Richard Bevan's courtroom, Loeb's said. A table now sits in the meeting room. And Loeb's uses an old judge's chair in his new office, a sunlit room in a corner of the building.

Every one of his 10 attorneys also now has a private office with a door and floor-to-ceiling walls — a vast improvement over the old cubicles his staff used before, he said. Crammed into half of the fourth floor, it was all too easy to overhear anything going on.

And Loeb's former office was the only place people could find some privacy to talk.

"There was no ability whatsoever to speak privately with a victim or a witness," Loeb's said.

The doors leading into the prosecutors' offices now sport one extra feature — security keypads as part of the lock systems. It was too easy, Loeb's argued, for just anyone to come in to the old office and barge right through to an attorney's desk. Now the doors lock more securely and a receptionist is better able to monitor the main

entrance on the third floor, he said.

"So you can't just wander through those without a reason," he said.

The project was budgeted at \$450,000, though final costs aren't available quite yet. The expense was "quite reasonable" considering the amount of work done and the results, Loeb's said; a full-blown push for authenticity would have been "outrageously expensive."

Members of the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission were impressed with how much of the original courthouse

still exists. New interior walls and doors were carefully built to match the older style, and the floors only had to be redone in a couple of places where they had been particularly damaged.

Commission Chairman Paul T. Smith said he'd told his fellow commissioners he thought the county's work was the year's best rehabilitative project. And Vice-Chairman Ron Yates praised the balance of new and old present in the work.

"They've done a lot of modernization, but it still looks like the building as it was built," Yates said.

Catmull

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to be determined at a later date. He was also ordered to pay restitution for the damage caused to Damron's vehicle and to pay for his funeral.

"I wish I was a tough old judge but this was very difficult to listen to," Hodges said.

Easton criticized Catmull's public service announcement, saying that stating his name, briefly referring to the incident and wishing everyone a merry Christmas was inadequate.

sobbing, Easton said. "Do you think his son will have a merry Christmas?"

Easton said all the 7-year-old put on his Christmas wish list was having his father back.

"He had to watch his dad lowered into the ground," Easton said. "You robbed him of his father."

Catmull said he did not express public emotion after Damron's death because he thought that was best at the time.

"I'm just so sorry. I wish that I could have seen the stop sign and could have stopped," Catmull said.

Minidoka County Prosecutor Lance Stevenson

told the *Times-News* after the sentencing that Catmull and a friend had been playing a prank at an ex-girlfriend's house, who lives a quarter mile from the crash site at 200 S., 500 W.

The prank, called "power boxing" involves teens going to someone's house after dark and turning off their electricity at the breaker box, Stevenson said. "I assume that had an effect," Stevenson said about the prank's role in causing the crash.

"(The girl's father) was behind him, I don't know how close he was but he was coming after him," Stevenson said.

Damron's grandmother Patty Shockey said Catmull was making his getaway when he ran the stop sign.

"It seems innocent enough, but it turned very deadly," she said. "This was the worst case of a prank gone wrong."

Stevenson said Catmull's sentence was just and met the prosecution's four goals of rehabilitation, punishment, deterrence and protection of society, as well as offering restitution for the crime.

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Missing

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whether the body would surface soon or not. That could depend on chemicals in the body and whether it is snagged on debris or vegetation.

Wells offered another scenario.

"He could be hiding

somewhere. He could have thrown his shoe in the water," he said.

"We managed to get everyone out there by 6:30 or 7 a.m. (Sunday). Twin Falls County Search and Rescue was already there," Wells said.

"We had a K-9 cadaver dog in the boat that is water certified," he said.

Deputies dispatched to the

bridge found the man's car parked at the eastern observation area on the Jerome County side of the bridge.

"Right now, it's being treated as a search for a missing person," McFall said.

He said the boat was used for a search of the river on Sunday and Monday morning with no results. The Southern Idaho Regional Communication Center did

not confirm the search to the *Times-News* until noon on Monday.

McFall said searchers will return to the location and deputies will make frequent observation searches from the bridge.

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Shots

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didn't hear an altercation or car drive away after the shots were fired.

"I didn't know what to do," she said. "I didn't want to turn the light on and draw attention."

On Sunday, Scanlon said there was a heavy police presence in the Gooding neighborhood.

"I don't consider that my husband and I are in real danger but I sure don't want a reoccurrence," she said.

Gooding Mayor Duke Morton said the incident has taken the city by surprise.

"This isn't something we expect to happen in our community and we

hope nothing further happens," Morton said. "As a city, we are very concerned."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Caviar and fisticuffs at Roundhouse opening

Bald Mountain wasn't open yet and the Roundhouse wasn't ready, but the Sun Valley Resort opened for the first time 74 years ago today.

"It's only a matter of hours until the slopes of the Sawtooth Mountains, as respectable a range as there is in the Rockies, will be covered with prominent citizens from New York, Hollywood and intermediate points," wrote Idaho-bred syndicated columnist Inez Robb. "Movie actresses, Wall Street financiers, debutantes, Men-About-Town and society matrons all with hickory bed slats strapped to their feet, will be falling up hill and down dale on their expensive faces."

Trouble was, there was no snow.

But there was a banquet, including brioche au caviar, beef tea des viveurs, pailletes dorées, supremes of sole au champagne valley lodge tournedos, gratin salade des isles, bananas surprise and Union Pacific frivolites américaines.

Finally, on Dec. 27 snow began to fall — five inches on Dollar Mountain. Still, according to Jim Poore and Doug Oppenheimer in their 1976 book "Sun Valley: A Biography," the slopes looked like a three-day beard.

"It was largely my fault that we didn't cut down the sagebrush," said the resort's founder, Averell Harriman.

Notwithstanding, Hollywood stars Claudette Colbert, Robert Young, Melvyn Douglas, Erroll Flynn, Joan Bennett and Madeleine Carroll were all in Sun Valley, waiting for snow.

"Louis Castegnetto was a student that year, but he was at the party," Poore and Oppenheimer wrote. "A couple of Hollywood pro-

YOU DON'T SAY
Steve Crump



ducers got involved with a man who was partially inebriated — a very influential man from back east. There was blood all over everything that night."

Although news reports pointed the punch at Hollywood mogul David O. Selznick, Castegnetto thought the man who did the damage was Flynn.

"I didn't see what happened originally, but there was fisticuffs," he said. "He thought the man was out of line, and there were some punches. They calmed it down and the party went on as far as that's concerned. But it was certainly something that marred the festivities for the evening."

Notwithstanding, Sun Valley's opening was all over the pages of "Life" magazine.

Hollywood producer Mark Hellinger came to Sun Valley to sign Ernest Hemingway to a movie deal. Afterwards, he went to the Thunderbird Club in Ketchum, lost all his money and had to walk to the three miles back to Sun Valley, according to Poore and Oppenheimer.

By the time he got there, Hellinger was violently ill.

"I guess he got pneumonia, and it was within a few weeks that he died," Hemingway's son Jack said. "His widow immediately contacted my father."

Hellinger's widow asked Ernest Hemingway to return the money — in the neighborhood of \$50,000 — and Hemingway agreed.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

Fomichev sent to prison for perjury

By **Damon Hunzeker**
Times-News writer

Amanda Fomichev will spend at least six months in prison, on retained jurisdiction, for lying to the court.

Fomichev, a 24-year-old single mother and amputee who lost her leg in an accident while working at Mr. Wash in Twin Falls four years ago, is confined to a wheelchair and, now, a prison cell.

A jury convicted Fomichev of felony perjury in October, following a charge she provided a false alibi for her ex-husband, Patrick Morrissey, who was convicted in August 2008 of arson and conspiracy to commit arson.

Monday afternoon, Judge G. Richard Bevan acknowledged the temptation to be swayed by sympathy for her condition but also said, while he believes Fomichev has been deterred from committing further crimes, protecting the sanctity of court proceedings required imprisonment.

The prosecution recommended a two- to six-year sentence. The defense recommended probation. Instead, Bevan ordered something in between.

She'll serve the 180-day "RIDER" program with an eight-year sentence — three fixed, five indeterminate — hanging over her head if she violates any of the conditions.

Fomichev's attorney, Joe Rockstahl, talked about her "horrific childhood with no help" while announcing, "I'm no liberal. I'm super conservative."

He praised her character and said he'd gladly take her on as an intern in his office. Fomichev, he said, wants to be a paralegal secretary.

Rockstahl also said his client suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder but is "getting back to normal" and that sending her to prison "would amount to being cruel and unusual" because of her medical condition and needs.

Through constant tears, Fomichev apologized to the

court and to her family. Bevan focused on the crime while also demonstrating his awareness of "the nature of the defendant before me," he said.

"I think perjury is a very harmful offense ... It undermines the system. It undermines the very trust in the system," Bevan said. "But there's no other person probably like you in the world, let alone in this county."

Nonetheless, Bevan said he would have reached the same conclusion as the jury and told her not to have a "pity party."

"Your life is not over," he said. In other matters, Fomichev's lawsuit against

local attorney William Hollifield was dismissed with prejudice Dec. 15. Fomichev claimed that Hollifield failed to protect the settlement she received from a lawsuit relating to the car-wash injury that left her in a wheelchair and without any of the \$100,000 settlement from the driver's insurance company.

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H1N1 vaccine available in some area pharmacies

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After months of shortages, the swine-flu vaccine is now available for the general public in several area pharmacies.

The South Central Public Health District, which is dispensing vaccinations through appointments at its six offices, announced Monday that doses of the vaccine will also be offered in the following Magic Valley locations:

- Target and Walgreens in Twin Falls
- Ridley's Food and Drug in Kimberly
- Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl
- Karen's Family Pharmacy and Albertson's Sav-On Drug in Hailey
- R&R Pharmacy in Jerome

While swine-flu vaccinations through SCPHD

offices are provided at no charge, pharmacies are allowed to charge an administration fee of up to \$19.

Appointments for the free clinics can be scheduled at SCPHD offices in Twin Falls, Jerome, Rupert, Gooding, Burley, and Bellevue throughout December and, depending on the supply, possibly longer.

For appointments: 737-1137.

Teen arrested in Ketchum pellet-gun shooting

By **Ariel Hansen**
Times-News writer

HAILEY — A Blaine County teenager who apparently thought using a pellet gun to shoot a man in downtown Ketchum would be amusing learned otherwise this weekend, when he was arrested for the alleged crime.

"He said he thought it would be funny. I don't know how getting shot would be funny," said Ketchum Police Sgt. Nate Taylor.

The teen is not being identified because he was a minor at the time of the crime and is being prosecuted as a juvenile, though he has since turned 18.

He is alleged to have, at about 6:45 p.m. on Dec. 10, driven past a man walking toward The Pioneer restaurant in downtown Ketchum and shot plastic pellets from an Airsoft gun at the man. One pellet swiped the man, whom police identified as Sun Valley resident Donald Shirey, across the chest.

Initially, police thought the firearm used fired metal BBs rather than plastic pellets, Taylor said. "They're not as powerful, but we use them for training and they still sting," he said, noting that the Airsoft pellets can still cause significant damage to soft tissues such as the eyes.

Shirey, who was not injured by the pellet that hit him, ran to the street corner in anticipation that the

white Chevy Suburban with black trim might circle the block. When it did just that, he got a partial license plate number, which he reported to the police. An investigation of that information resulted in the identification of the juvenile, who later said Shirey was a random target.

The juvenile was also questioned in connection with firearm damage likely

done by a BB gun in other areas of the Wood River Valley in recent weeks, particularly to building and vehicle windows at The Community School. The young man denied being involved in that damage, Taylor said.

Charges of misdemeanor battery have been recommended against the juvenile, according to the Ketchum police.

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Judge agrees to new ruling in U of I benefits lawsuit

By **Jessie L. Bonner**
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — A judge agreed Monday to reconsider a decision last month to throw out a lawsuit brought by 268 former University of Idaho employees who claimed their early retirement benefits were unfairly reduced.

But Second District Judge John Stegner warned both sides not to expect a lot of changes, adding that the case is "going up and will ultimately be decided by the

(state) Supreme Court," Stegner said.

Stegner awarded summary judgment to the University of Idaho last month, saying the school's faculty handbook reserved the right to change benefits by the State Board of Education and the university.

Moscow attorney Ron Landeck, who is representing the former university employees, had filed a motion asking Stegner to reconsider his Nov. 2 ruling. He argued the provision should not have

been considered as part of the ruling on the early retirement agreements signed in 1999 and 2002.

The decision on whether to pursue legal action at the state's high court will be up to the retirees but they were "not to that point yet," Landeck told The Associated Press.

The lawsuit stems from a tort claim filed by four retirees in 2007 that said the university made unauthorized changes to early retirement packages offered to staff and faculty several years ago

to help offset budget deficits.

Retirees say the university agreed to pay the full tab for medical and life insurance premiums, but later revised the benefits. Early retirees say they were given the option of reduced medical coverage, or paying \$240 a year extra to keep the same policy. For life insurance, benefits awarded in the contracts were based on salaries and in some cases valued at \$75,000, but were reduced by the university to \$10,000.

Landeck filed the lawsuit on

behalf of the retirees last year. Stegner made it a class-action case in October 2008.

The school had lauded the judge's Nov. 2 decision, saying "the ruling is consistent with our understanding of the law and the university's ongoing right to revise its employment benefits and benefits programs for its retirees."

It will wait for the judge to issue a new written ruling in the case before commenting further, U of I spokeswoman Tania Thompson said Monday.

AROUND THE WEST

IDAHO State shuts another wolf hunting area

BOISE — Another Idaho wolf hunting zone has been shut down after shooters bagged their limit of predators.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game closed the Palouse-Hells Canyon zone in north Idaho, where the limit of five wolves has been reached. Three other hunting zones have been shuttered, for the same reason.

The wolf season closed Nov. 17 in the Dworshak-Elk City zone, Nov. 9 in the McCall-Weiser zone in west central Idaho and on Nov. 2 in the Upper Snake zone in eastern Idaho.

Two additional zones are nearing their harvest limits: the Southern Mountains zone, with a limit of 10, has just one wolf to go; in the Middle Fork zone, hunters have taken 15 of the 17 wolf limit, leaving two wolves before the season here closes, too.

To find out whether a zone is open, call 877-872-3190.

Lottery officials say raffle almost sold out

BOISE — Idaho Lottery officials say 90 percent of the tickets for the \$1 million raffle have been sold.

KTVB reports that Idaho Lottery Director Jeff

Anderson says the remaining 25,000 \$10 tickets may sell out in the next couple of days.

The raffle has been held for the past two years, and so far, the tickets have always sold out.

WYOMING Jackson says it will cap growth

JACKSON — Jackson city and Teton County leaders say they want planning rules for the western Wyoming town to stay the same — so they're recommending that future residential and commercial development be capped.

The planning commissioners voted to recommend to the Jackson Town Council and Teton County Board of Commissioners that new residential development in town not exceed about 1,700 units, and that new commercial development not exceed 3.6 million square feet. That's consistent with the current limits.

But opponents of the plan say it means the city will always be short on housing and that it will limit developers' creativity.

UTAH Depleted uranium shipment arrives

SALT LAKE CITY — Salt Lake City-based EnergySolutions Inc. says the first

shipment of depleted uranium from South Carolina's Savannah River Site has arrived at its facility in Utah's west desert.

Company President Val Christensen made the announcement in a statement Monday, saying the shipment arrived Sunday night.

The arrival comes just days after Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and the U.S. Department of Energy struck a deal that would prohibit the waste from the site near Aiken, S.C., from being permanently buried in Utah until stricter state guidelines are put in place.

The DOE agreed to place its waste in temporary storage once it arrives in Utah.

State regulators say they need more time to determine whether depleted uranium can safely be disposed of at the EnergySolutions' site.

Utah native to chair Federal Election Committee

SALT LAKE CITY — A Mapleton native and BYU graduate has been elected chairman of the Federal Election Commission.

The commission last week selected Matthew S. Petersen as its chair for 2010. Petersen has served on the commission since 2005.

Before that, he was the Republican chief counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and

Administration.

He graduated from BYU in 1996 with a bachelor of arts in philosophy. He then attended the University of Virginia School of Law. He also received an associate degree from Utah Valley State College, which is now Utah Valley University.

CALIFORNIA Records: Planes ordered but canceled in wildfire

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. Forest Service summoned several powerful firefighting airplanes in the early stages of the largest wildfire in Los Angeles County history, then canceled and reordered them, causing a two-hour delay in their arrival, according to government records.

The records renewed questions about agency decision-making in the critical early hours of the blaze and whether enough was done to stop it.

When the arson fire began on the afternoon of Aug. 26, the Forest Service brought in a total of 11 planes and helicopters to help about 200 firefighters on the ground knock down what was then a relatively small blaze of 20 acres, the records show.

But the fire kept spreading. Just after midnight, dispatchers called for three air tankers, among the most powerful aerial firefighting

tools, to arrive at 7 a.m.

The planes were canceled then reordered hours later. But instead of arriving at 7 a.m., as originally planned, the planes reached the site just before 9 a.m., according to Forest Service records obtained by The Associated Press through the Freedom of Information Act.

The three air tankers became part of the agency's aerial assault on Aug. 27, the second day the blaze burned in Angeles National Forest.

Forest Service officials have defended their use of aircraft. A government report issued last month concluded the wildfire raged out of control because it jumped into inaccessible terrain, not because of the way the agency deployed firefighters or aircraft.

Roman Polanski dismissal rejected; misconduct alleged

LOS ANGELES — In a case that has polarized public passions, director Roman Polanski did not win his freedom Monday for a 32-year-old sex offense, but an appeals court said in a strongly worded opinion there was probable judicial and prosecutorial misconduct in his case.

The opinion criticized Polanski for fleeing to his native France in 1978 but suggested two legal options that could lead to his freedom now — file a motion to

be sentenced in absentia, or drop his extradition fight, return to the United States and be sentenced in person, most likely not resulting in additional jail time.

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Obama, Dems on track for pre-Christmas health bill

By Erica Werner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Obama cheered a crucial health care vote in the Senate on Monday that put historic legislation well on its way to pre-Christmas passage and which sharpened already edgy partisan tensions.

The middle-of-the-night vote, which knocked away Republican attempts at procedural delays, required all 58 Democrats and the Senate's two independents to hold together. The next vote is expected around 7:20 a.m. Tuesday.

Obama called the vote "a big victory for the American people," and challenged critics who say it will increase, not reduce costs.

"For all those who are continually carping about how this is somehow a big spending government bill, this cuts our deficit by \$132 billion the first 10 years, and by over a trillion in the second," Obama said. "That argument that opponents are making against this bill

does not hold water." Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said: "Never have we been so close to reforming America's broken insurance system."

The American Medical Association announced its support for the rejuvenated bill, the product of marathon negotiations that secured the votes of Sens. Joseph Lieberman, a Connecticut Independent, and Ben Nelson, a conservative Nebraska Democrat. The AMA's support came even though the bill doesn't address a top organization goal — a permanent fix to a flawed Medicare reimbursement formula that would cause payments to doctors to drop by 21 percent in January.

Still, Reid did make some last-minute changes to court doctors' support.

A proposed fee on physicians to enroll in Medicare, originally set at \$300 annually, was dropped in a final package of amendments, and payment cuts to specialty physicians to pay for bonuses to primary care

doctors in underserved areas were also eliminated, the AMA's president-elect, Dr. Cecil B. Wilson, said.

"America has the best health care in the world — if you can get it," Wilson said. "For far too many people access to care is out of reach because they lack insurance. This is not acceptable to physicians."

With final passage on track, Republicans ramped up their criticism, denouncing the last-minute deals and concessions needed to get the 60 votes needed to overcome GOP tactics.

"I am tired of the Congress thumbing their nose and flipping a bird to the American people," Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said in a conference call with reporters.

Reid promptly criticized Steele for saying "something so obscene" and "so crass and such a terrible example for the youth."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., criticized the side deals needed to win key votes, calling them "Bernie

Madoff gimmicks."

Still, the vote represented a major victory for Democrats and Obama, who's now clearly in reach of passing legislation extending health coverage to nearly all Americans, a goal that's eluded a succession of past presidents.

The legislation would make health insurance mandatory for the first time for nearly everyone, provide subsidies to help lower-income people buy it, and induce employers to provide it with tax breaks for small businesses and penalties for larger ones.

Two more procedural votes await the Senate, each requiring 60 votes, the first of these set for Tuesday morning. Final passage of the bill requires a simple majority, and that vote could come as late as 7 p.m. on Thursday, Christmas Eve.

The Senate measure still must be harmonized with the health care bill passed by the House in November before final legislation can be sent to Obama's desk.

SENATE HEALTH BILL CONCESSIONS

SEN. BEN NELSON, D-NEB., who provided the critical 60th vote that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid needed, received numerous benefits for Nebraska, along with tighter curbs on abortion. Among the Nebraska-specific provisions:

- The federal government will pick up the full cost of a proposed expansion of Medicaid, at an estimated cost of \$100 million over 10 years.

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska will be exempted from an annual fee on insurers; the exemption could also apply to nonprofit insurers in other states, possibly including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

SEN. MAX BAUCUS, D-MONT., chairman of the Finance Committee and a key architect of the legislation, put in a provision to help the 2,900 residents of Libby, Mont., many of whom have asbestos-related illnesses from a now-defunct mineral mine. Under Baucus' provision, which never mentions Libby by name, sickened residents could sign up for Medicare benefits.

SEN. CHRISTOPHER DODD, D-CONN., chairman of the Banking Committee and facing a difficult re-election next year, added an item making \$100 million available for construction of a hospital at a public university. The measure leaves it up to the Health and Human Services Department to decide where to spend the money.

SEN. PATRICK LEAHY, D-VT., negotiated \$600 million in additional Medicaid benefits for his state over 10 years. He said Vermont is due the additional benefits because the state already has acted to expand Medicaid eligibility to the levels now contemplated by the federal government. Vermont would be unfairly penalized if other states are now being helped with that expansion, he said.

SEN. MARY LANDRIEU, D-LA., a key moderate, withheld her support from the legislation until she was able to procure Medicaid help from the federal government worth at least \$100 million in 2011.

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Hailey teenager advances in fashion competition

John Crotty of Hailey recently won a \$3,000 scholarship to study fashion merchandising at Miami International University of Art and Design through the Art Institutes Passion for Fashion competition.

Crotty won in the fashion merchandising category. In addition to the scholarship, Crotty qualified to the competition's national level, where his entry will be judged among others competing for a full-tuition scholarship to an Art Institutes school, a trip to New York to attend runway shows during Fashion Week, a meeting with staff at "Seventeen" magazine and a \$500 shopping spree.

"I was very excited about submitting my entry, where I organized and produced an all-denim runway show that I later had the opportunity to execute as a fundraiser for a local charity," Crotty said.

Charlene Parsons, fashion chair of Miami International University of Art and Design, said Crotty's plan won for its "originality, attention to detail and its community-involvement component."

Information: www.artinstitutes.edu/passionfor-fashion.

Burley library has new materials

New items at the Burley Public Library include:

DVDs: "All I Want for Christmas," "Harry Potter

and the Half-Blood Prince," "Julie & Julia," "The Legend of Tillamook's Gold," "McLintock!"

Adult fiction: "The Disciple" by Stephen Coonts, "Saving Madeline" by Rachel Ann Nunes, "Too Many Murders" by Colleen McCullough, "Trial by Fire" by J.A. Jance

Adult nonfiction: "Taste of Home Contest Winning Annual Recipes 2009" by Catherine Cassidy, "Smart Nutrition" by Felecia Busch, "The Imperial Cruise" by James Bradley, "Homesteading" by Abigail R. Gehring, "Deep in the Brain" by Helmut Dubiel

Buhl library dedicates new sign

The Buhl Public Library had a formal dedication of its new sign on Dec. 17. The sign, designed by the Lytle Signs of Twin Falls, is taking the place of the library's old sign, which was an Eagle Scout project from many years ago.

The sign was purchased with special funding from the Homling fund. The fund was originally given to the library for books, magazines and audio-visual programs, but has grown through the decades to provide for special projects that benefit the library and community.

A memorial plaque on the sign commemorates what Rollie Homling and his brother did for the library and the Buhl community, along with what the fund continues to do. Information: 208-543-6500.

— Staff reports

Red Devil welcome



Courtesy photo

The Murtaugh Learn and Serve student group planned, designed and purchased this sign welcoming visitors to Murtaugh. From left are Principal Heidi Lee, Kodey Baynes, KaelLee Hepworth, Guadalupe Gomez, Abbie Hepworth, Filiberto Martinez and Humberto Pacheco. Not pictured are group members Takisha Baxter, Maida Damian, Angelica Gonzalez and Rosy Orozco.

Murtaugh students plan new town sign

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — Turning toward the "Home of the Red Devils" has never looked so good.

A Murtaugh student group oversaw the replacement of the old, weather-worn sign to the southwest of town that welcomed U.S. Highway 30 drivers to Red Devil territory for years.

Aside from providing the community beautification service, 12 middle-school and high-school members of the school district's Learn and Serve group gained a variety of learning experiences outside the traditional classroom setting.

With the Nov. 11 installa-

tion of the new sign, the two-year-long project is nearly complete. Only landscaping and other minor details remain.

Besides welcoming people to Murtaugh, the sign reads, "A little community with a big heart."

"We met with all of the people who were involved in it," said Learn and Serve member Takisha Baxter, a junior. "We designed the sign. We picked things that were going to go on it. We really focused on the design of the sign."

Heidi Lee, principal at Murtaugh's combined middle school and high school, said the project was launched by a three-year Idaho Department of

Education Learn and Serve grant, which the district began receiving two years ago.

The Murtaugh School District received \$5,000 the first year, \$9,500 the second and is currently in the application process for a third grant installment, said Lee, also the district's Learn and Serve advisor.

So far the district has spent about \$20,000 for the sign, with \$14,500 funded by grants and the remainder coming from community donations, including building and landscape materials.

Lee said the sign alone cost about \$7,000, but there were numerous other costs, including engineering, ground improvement and

preparation, permit approvals with the Idaho Department of Transportation and landscaping.

Lee estimated that total costs could reach \$30,000. Lytle Signs of Twin Falls installed the sign.

Conservation Seeding & Restoration, of Kimberly, will install Xeriscaping landscaping, which uses native plants and requires minimal irrigation, around the sign.

"All of the companies have come to the school to work with the kids," Lee said.

John Plestina may be reached at jplestina@magicvalley.com or 208-358-7062.

QUILTERS DONATE



Courtesy photo

Mount Harrison Quilt Guild recently donated quilts to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. Pictured are: Sarah Jenks, new president; Cynthia Fuelling, co-vice president/program chairman; Dolly Frieburger, of the Christmas Council; and Barbara Tanner, past president. Remaining quilts were given to the Mini-Cassia Domestic Violence Shelter. Quilt guild meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month, excluding November and December, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. Information: Cynthia, 208-678-9277.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

LINCOLN COUNTY ARRAIGNMENTS

Delwin C. Amy, 53, Richfield; two counts fraud, insufficient funds check; restitution order entered; no hearings scheduled.
Lawrence E. Barnes, 29, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 30.
Anthony Eaton, 18, Bellevue; unlawful transportation of alcoholic beverage; pretrial conference Dec. 30.
Miguel R. Gonzalez, 23, Jerome; weight exceeding allowable gross loads; pretrial Dec. 30.
Daniel I. Huerta-Valencia, 26, Shoshone; fail to purchase or invalid driver's license; failure to appear.
Andrew L. Montgomery, 19, Shoshone; criminal conspiracy; pretrial conference Jan. 13.
Joe Grant Moran, 49, Bellevue; driving without privileges; fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance; pretrial conference Dec. 30.
Trenton J. Oneida, 20, Shoshone; driving without privileges; placing debris on public or private prop-

erty; pretrial conference Dec. 30.
Herbert Lee Patterson, 32, Gooding; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 30.
Alvin Reese Romans, 47, Shoshone; possession of a controlled substance; driving under the influence; use or possession with intent to use; pretrial conference Dec. 30.
Tyson J. Hunt, 27, Meridian; driving without privileges; fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance; pretrial conference Dec. 30.
Shane Lavar Knight, 19, Shoshone; occupant fails to give immediate notice of accident; pretrial conference Dec. 30.
Joshua J. Lee, 33, Richfield; shooting from across a public highway; hunt or possess migratory birds, exceed limit or violate federal regulations; failure to appear.

Money solicitation can be frustrating

DEAR DR. GOTT:

Would you explain why there are so many places to give money for cancer? We receive at least one request a week and sometimes as many as three or four seeking donations. Why don't they combine their programs?

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DEAR READER: I can understand your frustration when you receive countless requests from people seeking donations on behalf of a variety of organizations. Your mailbox is likely full of such material, and the phone solicitations often occur when we all sit down at the dinner table following a long day at work.

The roots of the American Cancer Society (ACS) go back almost 100 years. It began through the American Gynecological Society, which met in Washington, D.C., in 1912 to discuss how cancer control could be achieved through a campaign to educate the general public. That education, then and now, does not come without a price. Research is critical if we are to learn

ASK DR. GOTT Dr. Peter Gott



new ways to fight the battle that affects people from every walk of life and age bracket.

The ACS is a nonprofit organization with the sole mission to eliminate cancer. A large part of that organization's structure today is its highly professional administrative and fundraising staff that, in an attempt to keep research ongoing and you informed of such advances in medicine, may inadvertently double or triple its mailings and phone requests.

The ACS does not have the exclusive right to solicit funds. I don't know of many organizations — for-profit or not-for-profit — that do not have periodic solicitations. Take UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, created by the U.N. General Assembly in 1946. Its purpose originally was to provide health care and food to children in countries devastated by World War II. UNICEF relies on contributions from our government (and other

countries) as well as from private citizens to continue its work. So whether we're talking about diabetes, mental health, cancer, heart trouble or countless other disorders, it appears money is always being sought.

The \$64,000 question is how to reduce the needless paper consumption and the number of solicitations. I guess the answer is for us to put everything in perspective. Keep it simple, donate what we can to those organizations we choose to support, and recycle all that unwanted paper. Then sit back and enjoy that dinner that is getting cold because the person on the other end of the phone won't take no for an answer.

When you make a donation, do so directly to the organization that will profit from the funds received. Countless businesses and people are hired to solicit funds. That is their job. The sad downside is that the organization to which you donate your hard-earned money may receive

only 20 percent or 30 percent of every dollar collected. Don't be seduced by the free coffee mug, baseball cap, concert tickets, book bag or other goodies you can receive if you up your donation. Forfeit the clutter, and, if you donate, make those dollars count. Research is critical, but you work all too hard for the money you have, especially in today's economy, when food prices, gas prices and the cost of living don't stop rising and our paychecks seem to shrink.

To find out what percentage of the donations actually go to services, readers can visit www.guidestar.org, an organization that publishes information about nonprofit groups.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

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Jeff Palmer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jeff Palmer, 56, of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, at his home.

He was born in Butte, Mont., on Sept. 11, 1953, to Wayne and Doris Palmer. His father served in the U.S. Air Force, offering Jeff the opportunity to live in Montana, Japan, Minnesota, Florida, Mississippi, Germany, Oregon and South Dakota. Jeff attended college at the South Dakota School of Mines and later transferred to the University of Idaho in Moscow, where he graduated with an accounting degree. It is there that he met and married Janie, his wife of 34 years. They had two children Amy and Chris.

Jeff was very involved with his children's sports activities. He coached the kid's basketball and baseball Little League teams. Jeff started his own CPA practice in Jerome, Idaho, in 1980 and successfully ran the business for 20 years. He moved to Wilcox, Ariz., in 2003 to care for his aging mother and held the position of city accountant for approximately two years. After his mother died, he moved to Tucson to work



for Tucson Medical Center in the accounting department. He later moved to Mesquite, Nev., and worked as an accountant for a regional hospital. Jeff loved spending time with his kids.

He enjoyed camping with family and golfing with friends. He was an avid sports fan of football, basketball (his favorite) and baseball. He attended several NCAA playoffs. Jeff was a Mason with Twin Falls Lodge No. 45, attaining worshipful master status. He was also involved with the Jerome Rotary Club.

Jeff will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He had a kind heart and reached out to help others.

His family will miss him the most. Jeff is preceded in death by his mother (Doris) and father (Wayne). He is survived by his daughter, Amy; his son, Christopher; his wife, Janie; brothers, Jim (Margie) and Bob (Flo); sister, Marianne (Bob); nephews, Tim, Matt, Danny, David and Kenny; and nieces, Leah and Tonya.

A memorial service will be held on Jan. 23, 2010, in Wilcox, Ariz.

Joyce Ellen McGuire

Joyce Ellen McGuire passed away Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Joyce was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Jan. 10, 1945, to Ludvik and Irene Vosika. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1963 and attended Idaho State University. Throughout the years, Joyce resided in Montana, Washington and California, returning to Twin Falls in 1999.

Joyce is survived by her mother, Irene Vosika of Twin Falls; her sisters, Peggy Vosika of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Joan (Arch) Jenkins and family of East Wenatchee and Auburn, Wash. She was preceded in death by her father, Ludvik Vosika. Joyce was a warm, caring person who will be greatly missed by her family and friends.



The family wishes to express their gratitude for the excellent and compassionate care she received from her physicians and the staff and volunteers at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center and Tumor Institute.

A memorial service for Joyce will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joyce's name to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Breast Cancer Research. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

SERVICES

Sandra "Sandy" Marie Miller of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

C.L. "Von" Potter of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Church in Hagerman (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

Rolland "Ron" L. Helsley of Twin Falls, funeral at noon today at the LDS Church, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before

the service today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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

Esther J. Campbell of Hines City, Fla., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 3 p.m. today at White Mortuary 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.

DEATH NOTICES

Ralph Brown

Ralph Brown, 92, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at Bridgeview Retirement Estates (Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls).

Gary P. Frisby

Gary P. Frisby, 70, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at the St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A service of remembrance will be held at

3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Edith C. Robertson

Edith Clark Robertson, 92, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at the Episcopal church at a later date (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Oral Roberts remembered as charismatic leader

By Justin Juozapavicius
Associated Press writer

TULSA, Okla. — Evangelist Oral Roberts was remembered Monday as a charismatic leader who deftly used television to spread the message of Christianity throughout the world.

Thousands packed an arena at Oral Roberts University for the memorial service for the man who founded the evangelical liberal arts school. Roberts died of complications from pneumonia at the age of 91 last week in California.

"You sent us a man who we know and loved and who walked with God and never gave up the common touch," fellow evangelist Pat Robertson said during the ceremony's opening prayer. "I know you broke the mold with Oral."

Roberts rose from poverty and tent revivals to become one of the nation's most recognized and influential preachers. Roberts, along with Billy Graham, helped pioneer TV evangelism and used the power of the new medium — and the message of God's healing power — to build a multimillion-dollar ministry.

ORU President Mark Rutledge noted how adept Roberts was at using the medium of television to



Roberta Potts and Richard Roberts hug after singing at a memorial service for their father, evangelist Oral Roberts on the campus of Oral Roberts University on Monday. Roberts died Dec. 15 at the age of 91.

AP photo

spread his message.

"There was something when Oral leaned into that TV and said, 'Something good is going to happen to you today?'"

Claiming God told him to build the university to spread the Christian faith, Roberts chartered ORU in 1963 as a place where Pentecostals could live, study and pray together. The school became the first Pentecostal university in the world, taking the fiery brand of Christianity to the mainstream through radio and television.

While today's student body has changed — it represents 40 Christian denominations, as well as

nonbelievers — ORU students still adhere to the honor code the founder introduced that prohibits them from cursing, using drugs and alcohol, and having sex while enrolled. And students are still required to attend chapel service.

Only 6 percent of today's students are preparing for the ministry — media studies and business administration are the most popular majors. Nevertheless, Roberts' original goals for the school are still strongly present, even though he long ago scaled back his television appearances, stepped down as school president and retired to California.

Pictures of Roberts healing sick children at crusades hang on school walls, and the honor code pledge he created is still in effect. But perhaps the most visible thumbprints are the 60-foot tall bronze statue of praying hands — modeled after Roberts' — at the entrance to campus and the 200-foot-high prayer tower that rises above the school.

Roberts is also credited with helping put Tulsa on the map, building his university up from a pasture south of the city limits into a school that has tens of thousands of alumni. The campus, with its 1960s architecture, is a Tulsa landmark.

D.C. chief slams officer over gun at snowball fight

By Nafeesa Syeed
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The city's police chief slammed a veteran detective Monday for pulling a gun during a mass snowball fight that had been advertised on Twitter.

Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy Lanier said she watched video clips from the confrontation and has no doubt the off-duty detective pulled his gun after snowballs hit his personal car during Saturday's record snowfall.

"Let me be very clear in stating that I believe the actions of the officer were totally inappropriate!" Lanier said in a statement after the videos made the rounds on YouTube. "In no way should he have handled the situation in this manner."

Lanier said the detective, whom she did not identify, did not deny the accusations. He is on desk duty until an investigation is complete.

Hundreds of people gathered for the snowball fight on a major street after organizers used social networks such as Twitter to advertise it.

One video posted on YouTube showed a man holding what appears to be a

gun in the snowy street. Another video shows the same man telling people he is "Detective Baylor" and he pulled his gun because he was hit by snowballs.

At one point, the crowd begins to chant: "Don't bring a gun to a snowball fight!"

Assistant Police Chief Peter Newsham told reporters Monday that the detective's badge and weapon have been withdrawn. He said the detective has more than 25 years of experience and a good reputation.

Newsham said the internal affairs division wants to complete its investigation as quickly as possible.

"We have to put the whole incident into context," he said.

There could be a recommendation to discipline the detective, which could range from a reprimand to removal, he said.

Police have at least two videos of the incident, and Newsham said there could be more as the footage shows other people with cell phones and cameras. Police are working to obtain any additional material and will continue to speak to witnesses. He asked people to contact police if they have more footage.



AP photo

A participant in an impromptu snowball fight, that took over the intersection of 14th and U streets, throws a snowball during a snow fight in Washington, Saturday. The event was organized by a Twitter group calling for people to gather and participate and more than 200 people showed up.

Utah man who inspired 'Rain Man' dies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The man who inspired the title character in the Oscar-winning movie "Rain Man" has died.

Kim Peek was 58. His father says Peek had a major heart attack Saturday morning and was pronounced dead at a hospital in the Salt Lake City suburb of Murray.

Peek was a savant with a remarkable memory. Fran

Peek says his son could read a book just once and memorize it.

Kim Peek inspired Barry Morrow when he wrote "Rain Man," the movie that won four 1988 Academy Awards, including Best Actor for Dustin Hoffman, who played the title character.

Fran Peek says the funeral will be next week in Taylorsville.



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“This process is not legislation. This process is corruption.”
 — Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., referring to dealmaking to lock in the 60 votes needed to approve health care legislation.

EDITORIAL

Good for Luna for not lifting charter school cap

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said earlier this year that he was willing to consider eliminating Idaho's annual cap on new charter schools in order to qualify for federal Race to the Top funds.

Now he says he isn't. In an interview with the *Times-News* last week, Luna said he had been pushing for removal of the cap because he thought it would increase Idaho's chances of receiving federal stimulus money.

While meeting with President Obama and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Luna explained, they made it clear that any state with a charter cap would be at a competitive disadvantage to receive the grant. Last month, however, Luna received the grant-application guidelines and noticed that the federal definition of “cap” is a state that requires its charter schools to comprise less than 5 percent of its total schools.

“Idaho doesn't do that,” Luna said. “In fact, we have more than 5 percent of our schools as charters.”

While deciding to withdraw the effort to lift the cap, Luna said he may want to revisit the charter law in a future legislative session — under certain conditions.

“I support charter schools,” he said, “but everything has to be managed, so I don't support lifting the cap just allowing uncontrolled growth. ... We don't want a situation where four charter schools can open up in Challis next year.”

Good for the superintendent. As we have said editorially before, adding more than six charter schools next year would be a mistake — in fact, adding to the number of school districts would make it harder for Idaho to meet the challenge of funding education in the next year.

Regardless of the political decision to avoid advocating removal of the cap in the next legislative session, Luna was clear about his long-term position.

“Charter schools are here to stay. There's no doubt. We'll have six more next year,” he said, adding that he would prefer additional charter schools to “focus on students with severe disabilities.”

But Luna favors a comprehensive study of Idaho's charter school law to see if it's accomplishing what lawmakers had in mind.

That's exactly what's needed. We don't know, after five years, if charters are working an intended.

Until that happens, the lid should stay on the number of charters schools allowed to open each year.

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Sharing power with the Taliban

President Obama, in spelling out the new U.S. strategy on Afghanistan, said the United States will countenance dialogue with some elements of the Taliban: “We will support efforts by the Afghan government to open the door to those Taliban who abandon violence and respect the human rights of their fellow citizens.”



Azeem Ibrahim

But “opening the door” should in practice mean allowing moderate elements of the Taliban to share power in a democratic Afghan system.

This is not as startling as it might seem, and it is vital to understand why it is so important. First, many Taliban fighters are simply peripheral Taliban militants. They joined the Taliban as a pragmatic opportunity for advancement in a country where most power comes from conservative Islam or guns. They typically fight close to the village where they live and grew up, and so lack the mobility of a true militia. Only a minority are “core” Taliban, such as Mullah Mohammed Omar and the conservative junta that took power in Afghanistan in 1996.

It is also important to know that most Taliban, unlike al-Qaida, are indigenous Afghans and are not likely to leave the country. In this respect, trying to rid Afghanistan of the Taliban by military means would be like a foreign country trying to rid the U.S. of Ku Klux Klan supporters by military means.

So, although it is clear that success in Afghanistan will depend on the support of ordinary Afghans, the same is true of the Afghan Taliban. It is ordinary Afghans who, daily, choose to get involved in the Taliban insurgency, or in NATO-supported projects such as the new local guardian force operating in



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Wardak province, the fledgling national army or local or national democracy.

By including this reality in his strategic assessment to Obama, Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, the commander of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan, acknowledged that looking at the war in simplistic terms was a mistake. The “good guys” and the “bad guys” are often the same people. Rather, the U.S. and NATO must maximize Afghans' incentive to participate in civil society and minimize their incentive to fight.

There is little the alliance can do to minimize the incentive to fight, especially for those Afghans motivated by the mere presence in their country of Western, non-Muslim forces or by skewed interpretations of a rural, conservative brand of Islam. But there are things it can do to maximize the incentive to participate.

The fact that many of the Taliban are both peripheral and indigenous means that if Afghanistan is to ultimately build a participative political process, moderate members of the Taliban will have to be included.

The pros of this approach outbalance the cons.

Critics will say that it will bring some unpalatable results. The Taliban's often brutal form of conservative justice shocks the liberal sensibilities of the Western nations paying for the war. Bringing these people into the political process will mean conceding that Western troops are not the right means to change some customs and attitudes.

But we already are getting such unpalatable results. President Hamid Karzai has made these kinds of concessions to bolster his legitimacy. Witness the law passed before the Afghan election this summer allowing Shiite men to deny their wives sustenance if they do not satisfy their husbands, and that requiring women to get permission from their husbands to work. This law helped to shore up his power but did not substantially neutralize the Taliban's desire to fight by bringing it into the political process.

But on the plus side, bringing the Taliban into the political process will mean setting up a thorough participative process. One

of the many problems with the presidential election was that traditional power brokers such as warlords had such a central role in ensuring support for the candidates. For example, the government paid insurgent leaders not to attack voters or polling stations, according to the head of Afghanistan's intelligence service, Amrullah Saleh.

Nobody expected an advanced democratic process. But we can reasonably expect that next time, votes will be a better, truer representation of the people's wishes and not just “bought.” This will require negotiating with some of the people who have been fighting the NATO alliance, so that the differences over how Afghanistan is governed can be expressed in debate rather than merely fought over.

It will not be easy, but participation is the first step toward a self-sustaining process. And that is essential to boosting the legitimacy of the Afghan government and to get the nation to the point at which the alliance can begin bringing its soldiers home.

Azeem Ibrahim is a research scholar in the International Security Program at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

Trusting nature as the climate referee

Imagine entrusting the tough questions on global to a referee: Mother Earth.

That is the intriguing suggestion of Ross McKittrick, an economist at the University of Guelph in Ontario who suggests imposing financial penalties on carbon emissions that would be set according to the temperature in the earth's atmosphere. The penalties could start off small enough to be politically palatable to skeptical voters.

If the skeptics are right and the earth isn't warming, then the penalties for burning carbon would stay small or maybe even disappear. But if the climate modelers and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change are correct about the atmosphere heating up, then the penalties would quickly, and automatically, rise.



John Tierney

“Either way we get a sensible outcome,” McKittrick argues.

Specifically, he proposes tying carbon penalties to the temperature of the lowest layer of the atmosphere (called the troposphere, which extends from the surface of the earth to a height of about 10 miles). He suggests using the readings near the equator because climate models forecast pronounced warming there.

These temperature readings could be incorporated into the kind of cap-and-trade system being negotiated in Copenhagen, which is intended to impose limits on the amount of green-

house emissions. If the atmosphere warmed, the cap would be tightened to lower greenhouse emissions; if it cooled, the cap would be loosened.

But it would be even better, McKittrick says, to use the temperature readings as the basis for a carbon tax instead of a cap-and-trade system. Like many economists and environmentalists, he argues that the carbon tax would be more effective at reducing emissions because it is simpler, more transparent, easier to account for and less vulnerable to accounting tricks and political favoritism.

The carbon tax might start off at a rate that would raise the cost of a gallon of gasoline by a nickel — or, if there were political will, perhaps 10 or 15 cents. Those numbers are all too low to satisfy environmentalists worried about climate change.

But if the climate models are correct, McKittrick calculates, within a decade his formula would cause the tax to at least double and possibly sextuple — with further increases if the atmosphere kept heating. The prospect would give immediate pause to any investors trying to decide today what kind of cars, power plants and other long-range energy projects to finance. To estimate future profits, they would need to study climate.

“The best results will accrue to firms incorporating the most accurate climate forecasts into their decision making, precisely the kind of forward-looking behavior environmentalists want to encourage,” McKittrick writes.

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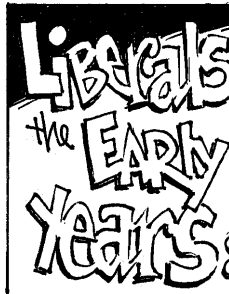
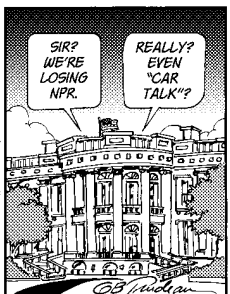
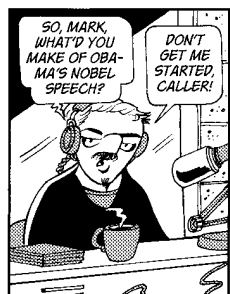
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New rules allow airline passengers off planes after 3 hours

By Christopher Hinton
MarketWatch

NEW YORK — In a victory for proponents of passenger rights, the Department of Transportation said Monday it would cap at three hours the length of time a plane can sit on the tarmac during airport delays.

The new policy, which goes in effect in 120 days, also requires that airlines give passengers food and water after two hours of waiting to take off and keep toilets operating. After three hours, the plane has to return to the terminal and let passengers off.

"Airline passengers have rights, and these new rules will require airlines to live up to their obligation to treat their customers fairly," said

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood in a statement.

"It's about time," said Vaughn Cordle, chief analyst at AirlinesForecast LLC, noting it will be good for consumers but bad for the airlines.

"It will cost the airlines incrementally because it takes out some of their flexibility," Cordle said during an interview. "If they have to go back to the gate and deplane, it adds more time to the flight and adds more costs."

The Air Transport Association, the industry's lobby group, criticized the move.

"We will comply with the new rule even though we believe it will lead to unintended consequences — more canceled flights and greater passenger inconven-



AP file photo

In this photo taken with a cell phone, stranded passengers aboard JetBlue Flight 751 to Cancun walk around the cabin, while waiting hours to take off at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York on Feb. 14, 2007.

ience," said James May, ATA's chief executive, in a statement.

Fines imposed for violating the policy could add up to millions for the industry.

Recently, the Department of Transportation fined Continental Airlines and affiliate ExpressJet Airlines \$175,000 over an incident last August in which 47 pas-

sengers on a plane diverted from Minneapolis to Rochester, Minn., because of weather conditions spent hours stranded on the runway — hungry, parched and unable to get off the aircraft.

Over the 2008-2009 winter period, U.S. carriers reported 373 tarmac delays that ran in excess of three hours, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

"It's going to hit the hub-and-spoke carriers more than the budget airlines. ... Network carriers tend to bring all their assets (planes and ground personnel) into the main hubs," Cordle added. "The point-to-point carriers don't have all their assets in one place at one time — they're more spread out."

The new rules also prohibit airlines from scheduling chronically delayed flights while requiring that they appoint an employee to monitor flight delays, respond to traveler complaints, adopt a customer service plan, audit their compliance, and post flight-delay information on their Web sites.

The change in U.S. policy was sparked by a 2007 incident in which more than 1,000 passengers — on nine different flights operated by JetBlue Airways — were stranded at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport during an ice storm. Some of the planes sat more than 10 hours with no food or water and overflowing toilets, according to media reports at the time.

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON 'Invisible bracelet' for emergency health alerts?

WASHINGTON — Emergency health alerts for the Facebook generation? The nation's ambulance crews are pushing a virtual medical ID system to rapidly learn a patient's health history during a crisis — and which can immediately text-message loved ones that the person is headed for a hospital.

The Web-based registry, invisibleBracelet.org, started in Oklahoma and got a boost this fall when the state's government made the program an optional health benefit for its own employees.

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IRAN Cleric's funeral becomes protest

DUBAI — A huge funeral procession for Iran's most senior dissident cleric became a show of defiance against the country's rulers Monday as mourners flashed green protest colors and chanted against the Islamic leadership in Iran's holy city of Qom.

The response by authorities was not as punishing as in recent demonstrations — an apparent attempt to avoid bloodshed and chaos during the cortege for one of the patriarchs of the 1979 Islamic Revolution and the one-time heir to lead the country.

But the major outpouring for Grand Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri by opposition

supporters could signal a restive week ahead. Tens of thousands of demonstrators, if not more, filled the main boulevards in Qom, the hub of Islamic scholarship and study in mostly Shiite Iran.

Iran is marking one of the most important periods on the Shiite religious calendar with ceremonies that draw deeply on themes of martyrdom and sacrifice, which could inspire fresh opposition marches. It culminates on Sunday, the same day mourners will gather for the traditional seven-day memorial for Montazeri's death.

Iran expects speedy trial of 3 U.S. hikers

BEIRUT — Iran's foreign minister said Monday he expects a speedy trial for three American hikers jailed since crossing the border from Iraq in July. The country's president questioned the hikers' intentions but said would do his best to free them.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki declined to specify what charges the Americans faced, but Iran's chief prosecutor said last month the Americans are accused of spying.

"These Americans entered Iran illegally and with aims that arouse suspicions and doubts," Mottaki said at a press conference in Beirut on Monday.

"We expect appropriate sentences to be issued very soon," he added.

Josh Fattal, 27, along with Shane Bauer, 27, and Sarah Shourd, 31 — all graduates of the University of California at Berkeley — had been trekking in Iraq's northern Kurdistan region when they

accidentally crossed the border, according to their families.

POLAND Police recover Auschwitz gate sign, damaged

WARSAW — The three pieces of the infamous sign proclaiming "Arbeit Macht Frei" ("Work Sets You Free)" were found and will be welded together and restored to the main gate at the former Auschwitz death camp after an improved security system is put in place to guard against another theft.

Officials at the Auschwitz memorial museum said Monday the new system would be aimed at better protecting not just the recovered sign but many other objects testifying to Nazi crimes — from two tons of human hair to a trove of written documents to the ruins of gas chambers now sinking into the earth.

"The location of the sign is its only authentic one, above the gate of the former Auschwitz I camp," museum director Piotr Cywinski said. "The sign will return there as soon as possible, after

ensuring the protection of its site against damage and burglary."

BRAZIL Chief justice delays ruling on boy's fate

RIO DE JANEIRO — A Supreme Court ruling that could reunite a New Jersey father with his young son after a five-year custody battle was delayed for a day by the chief justice, an official said Monday.

An official at the Supreme Court said the ruling by Chief Justice Gilmar Mendes, which had been expected Monday, would be made Tuesday.

The official, who agreed to discuss the matter only if not quoted by name because she was not authorized to discuss the case, gave no reason for the delay.

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Despite recession, crime rates keeps falling in U.S.

By Devlin Barrett
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — High unemployment. More folks on food stamps. Fewer owning their homes. Yet for all the signs of recession, something is missing: More crime.

Experts are scratching their heads over why crime has ebbed so far during this recession, making it different from other economic downturns of the past half-century.

Preliminary FBI crime figures for the first half of 2009 show crime falling across the country, even at a time of high unemployment, foreclosures and layoffs. Most surprisingly, murder and manslaughter fell 10 percent for the first half of the year.

Overall, property crimes fell by 6.1 percent, and violent crimes by 4.4 percent, according to the six-month data collected by the FBI. Crime rates haven't been this low since the 1960s, and are nowhere near the peak reached in the early 1990s.

Richard Rosenfeld, a sociologist at the University of Missouri-St. Louis who has studied crime trends, said there are several possible explanations, including that extended unemployment benefits, food stamps, and other government-driven economic stimulus "have cushioned and delayed for many people the big blows that come from a recession."

Those benefits will have to run out eventually, he cautioned.

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Disney's Christmas Carol (PG) Friday 7:15 9:45 Sat to Tues 12:15 2:45 5:00 7:15 9:45
Armored (13) Friday 7:30 9:45 Sat to Tues 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45
Disney's Princess and the Frog (G) in 2 Theatres Friday 7:00 7:30 9:15 9:45 Sat to Tues 12:15 12:45 2:30 3:00 4:45 5:15 7:00 7:30 9:15 9:45
2012 (13) Friday 6:30 9:45 Sat to Tues 12:00 3:15 6:30 9:45
Twilight Saga: New Moon (13) Dolby Digital Surround Friday 6:45 7:15 9:30 10:00 Sat to Tues 12:45 3:45 6:45 7:15 9:30 10:00
Blindside (13) Friday 6:45 9:30 Sat to Tues 12:45 3:45 6:45 9:30
Planet 51 (PG) Friday 7:00 9:15 Sat to Tues 12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15
Old Dogs (PG) Friday 7:30 9:45 Sat to Tues 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45
Avatar (13) in 2 Theatres Dolby Digital Surround Friday 6:30 7:45 10:00 Sat to Tues 12:00 2:00 3:15 6:30 7:45 10:00
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG) All Seats \$1.00 Sat - Tues 12:30 3:00
Jerome Cinema 4 955 West Main, Jerome All Adults \$5.50 Before 5:15 p.m.
Disney's Old Dogs (PG) Friday 7:00 9:15 Sat - Tues 12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15
Twilight Saga: New Moon (13) DTS Surround Sound Friday 7:00 9:30 Sat - Tues 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
Avatar (13) DTS Digital Surround Friday 6:30 9:45 Sat - Tues 12:00 3:15 6:30 9:45
Disney's Princess and the Frog (G) Friday 7:15 9:30 Sat - Tues 12:30 2:45 5:00 7:15 9:30

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Ninja Assassin (R) Friday 7:30 9:45 Sat to Tues 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45
Couples Retreat (13) Friday 7:15 9:45 Sat to Tues 1:00 4:00 7:15 9:45
Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day (R) Friday 7:00 9:30 Sat to Tues 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
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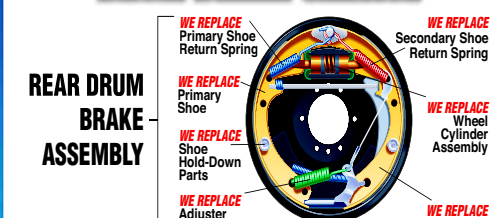
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Roundup Ready alfalfa environmental study released

Sugar beet hearing scheduled

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

Hay growers finally have a chance to see how the United States Department of Agriculture will decide the future of genetically modified alfalfa.

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service released a draft of the Environmental Impact Statement for Roundup Ready alfalfa.

Glenn Shewmaker, University of Idaho extension forage specialist, said producers should consider the ramifications for all of agriculture. He said a backlash against corporations like Monsanto could influence how other seed companies develop genetically modified traits in the future. "The (environmental impact study) is partially based on producers' input," he said. "I'm afraid that if



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people say we don't need Roundup Ready alfalfa, that will put a nail in the coffin for future development."

In the USDA statement, the inspection service considered two alternatives: to grant nonregulated status to the two Roundup Ready lines or to maintain the lines' status as regulated articles. The alternatives were ana-

lyzed with regard to their potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts as well as human health and safety.

The service originally deregulated two lines of Roundup Ready alfalfa in 2005. The agency prepared this draft to comply with a February 2007 judgment and order by the U.S.

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District Court for the Northern District of California.

The court concluded that the inspection service did not adequately document potential environmental impacts.

The Plant Health Inspection Service sched-

uled four public meetings to gather public input on the draft, including one held in conjunction with the Western Alfalfa Seed Conference Jan. 17 in Las Vegas.

See **ALFALFA**, Agribusiness 2

Bean production rebounds

Farmers move away from other crops

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Corn was king for the early part of the last decade, but it gave way to more profitable crops during the latter half — namely, beans.

Bean production is experiencing a strong rebound in Idaho after falling about 30 percent from 2005 to 2007, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Idaho bean production increased

26 percent from 2007 to 2009 — with the largest gains being seen in Twin Falls County, where more than 28,600 acres were planted.

Regional buyers attribute the turnaround to the collapse in milk

prices and steady demand for beans in foreign and domestic markets.

Prices for some varieties, such as Pintos, have hovered around \$30 per hundredweight.

Kelley Bean Company Manager Ron Metzger said the rise in bean production has been caused largely by growers looking for more profitable crops.

"Prices have basically stayed relatively high for beans, while other commodities like corn and

See **BEANS**, Agribusiness 3



BY THE NUMBERS Idaho bean production in acres

2005: 83,634
2006: 75,807
2007: 59,441
2008: 63,413
2009: 75,298

Photo illustration by Cindy Snyder/Sandy Salas

Commission gives IMP tax break

Jerome County waives interest, penalties for ag company

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — The tax collector might be the Grinch who stole Christmas for some people, but the Jerome County Commission voted unanimously on Monday to allow Idaho Milk Products to make five installments to pay about \$850,000 in property and real estate taxes due this week. The county will waive interest and penalties.

Jerome County taxes for those paying in two installments were due Monday.

Citing a significantly higher tax burden than what was originally anticipated, startup costs for the \$70 million processing plant located in the 220 block of South Tiger Drive and sluggish milk prices, the Jerome-based milk processor asked the commission for a break.

Idaho Milk Products co-owner Scott Jackson said his company had its first test run in February and was not in full production until July.

He said he was not dis-

puting the taxes owed and said Idaho Milk Products has met its obligations to the lender and payrolls.

"We are the largest recipient of their tax payments," said Scott Bybee, representing the Jerome Urban Renewal Agency.

"Their proposal would have no negative impacts on our agency," he said.

The proposal includes provisions that all agencies that benefit from the taxes would receive their prorated amounts with each installment and all of the taxes due within a few months.

"We're here to do business and help business. I have no objection to allowing them to make those payments," said Commission Chairman Charlie Howell.

Commissioners Joe Davidson and Cathy Roemer both concurred.

Idaho Milk Products will make a first installment payment of \$170,000 now and additional payments of \$170,000 in January, February, March and April.

See **TAX**, Agribusiness 2

Dairy owners earn top quality award from Glanbia

This just out from Glanbia: Big Sky Dairy West in Gooding, owned by Russell Visser and Mike Bosma, was awarded Glanbia's highest honor — 2009 Quality Patron of the Year.

As winners, they received two all-expense paid tickets to Ireland, Glanbia's headquarters. They will make the trip in September.

This annual award rotates between small, medium and large dairies each year. This year, Big Sky was selected from the large dairy category of more than 750 cows. The dairy has been in operation since 1999.

"This quality award by Glanbia is an honor for all of us at Big Sky Dairy," said Russell Visser. "We're



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Joshua Palmer

pleased to be recognized for our efforts in quality milk production."

Big Sky Dairy operates two other dairies in southern Idaho. In order to be recognized for this award, Glanbia's milk suppliers must meet strict quality standards over 12 months.

"Big Sky Dairy has been diligent in producing top quality milk from over 5,000 cows this past year," said Russ DeKruyf milk procurement manager at Glanbia.

The trickle-down economics of agriculture: Dairy men are not the only people feeling the pain of record low milk prices.

Some corn growers say dairy men are delaying payment for feed corn by as much as eight months.

That's cutting into growers' bottom lines as they accrue interest on loans they took out to grow the crops. As such, some growers are planting other crops like beans and wheat.

Few dairymen sign contracts, so there is little that growers can do legally to demand payment in a more timely manner.

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EPA, USDA push farmers to use coal waste on fields

By Rick Callahan
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The federal government is encouraging farmers to spread a chalky waste from coal-fired power plants on their fields to loosen and fertilize soil even as it considers regulating coal wastes for the first time.

The material is produced by power plant "scrubbers" that remove acid rain causing sulfur dioxide from plant emissions. A synthetic form of the mineral gypsum, it also contains mercury, arsenic, lead and other heavy metals.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says those toxic metals occur in only tiny amounts that pose

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— Jeff Ruch, executive director of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility

no threat to crops, surface water or humans. But some environmentalists say too little is known about how the material affects crops, and ultimately human health, for the government to suggest that farmers use it on their land.

"Basically this is a leap into the unknown," said Jeff Ruch, executive director of Public Employees for Environmental Respon

sibility. "This stuff has materials in it that we're trying to prevent entering the environment from coal-fired power plants and then to turn around and smear it across ag lands raises some real questions."

With coal wastes piling up around the coal-fired plants that produce half the nation's power, the EPA and

See **COAL**, Agribusiness 3

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE			AMEX			NASDAQ					
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)					
Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last Chg			
Citigrp	5690280	3.42 +0.2	GoldStr g	59959	3.10 +0.2	PwShs QQQ	581348	44.96 +5.0			
BkofAm	1507614	15.28 +2.5	NovaGld g	31072	5.29 +1.6	Intel	556433	20.09 +4.6			
SPDR	1038736	111.33 +1.12	NthgtM g	25678	2.99 +0.9	ETrade	540588	1.76 -0.2			
BrMySq	708043	25.87 +0.5	JavelinPh	25032	1.25 -0.5	Microsoft	386931	30.52 +1.6			
Alcoa	593798	15.73 +1.5	Taseko	24965	4.35 +0.4	Cisco	348355	23.64 +3.1			
GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)					
Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg			
MarineP	5.08	+1.20	+30.9	MercBcp	3.90	+9.7	+33.1	Athersys	2.40	+1.40	+140.0
ZaleCo	2.72	+6.4	+30.8	TravelCtrs	4.17	+7.4	+21.5	QuestEngy	2.45	+7.2	+41.6
AtlasPPH	5.00	+9.0	+22.0	IEC Elec n	4.00	+5.1	+14.6	Chatterm	93.14	+23.16	+33.1
Aldrsh	3.79	+6.2	+19.6	Energy Inc	9.46	+1.08	+12.9	ADA-ES	5.50	+1.21	+28.2
AcornIntl	5.61	+7.4	+15.2	EmersnR h	2.46	+2.3	+10.3	NovaMeas	5.73	+9.1	+18.9
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)					
Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg	Name	Last Chg	%Chg			
MSSPMid10	5.32	-6.5	-10.9	UnvSeclnt	4.90	-2.70	-35.5	BkCarol	5.56	-3.14	-36.1
BarcGems38	41.06	-4.64	-10.2	Cohen&Co	4.50	-8.0	-15.1	OncoGenex	21.13	-8.52	-28.7
TRC Cos	3.09	-3.1	-9.1	ExeterR g	7.39	-1.11	-13.1	ReadglntB	7.36	-2.14	-22.5
W Hld rs lf	16.78	-1.44	-7.9	Invitel	4.78	-4.4	-8.4	Manntch	3.05	-8.4	-21.6
PlaybyA	4.40	-3.5	-7.3	EndvSilv g	3.82	-3.4	-8.2	AlliancB	3.31	-6.3	-16.0
DIARY			DIARY			DIARY					
Advanced	2,221		Advanced	265		Advanced	1,826				
Declined	859		Declined	250		Declined	919				
Unchanged	103		Unchanged	50		Unchanged	124				
Total issues	3,183		Total issues	565		Total issues	2,869				
New Highs	289		New Highs	14		New Highs	146				
New Lows	3		New Lows	4		New Lows	26				
Volume	4,045,006,939		Volume	135,212,751		Volume	1,764,504,293				

INDEXES

10,516.70	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	10,414.14	+85.25	+83	+18.66	+22.23
4,198.60	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	4,165.62	+37.09	+90	+17.77	+24.85
408.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	403.68	+1.20	+30	+8.88	+11.32
7,285.67	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	7,147.15	+60.96	+86	+24.15	+29.46
1,887.23	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,781.67	+14.63	+83	+27.49	+34.05
2,220.46	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	2,237.66	+25.97	+117	+41.89	+46.03
1,119.13	666.79	S&P 500	1,114.05	+11.58	+105	+23.34	+27.81
11,494.55	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	11,492.99	+119.14	+105	+26.47	+31.32
625.30	342.59	Russell 2000	618.60	+8.03	+132	+23.86	+30.21

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AlliantTch	...	17	89.40	+1.41	+4.2	Keycorp	.04	...	5.72	+16	-32.9
AmCasino	.42	...	16.03	+0.3	+85.5	LeeEnt	3.90	-0.8	+851.2
Aon Corp	.60	18	38.12	+35	-16.5	MicronT	...	...	9.31	+5.3	+252.7
BallardPw	...	...	1.88	+18	+66.4	OfficeMax	...	...	13.29	+2.9	+74.0
BkofAm	.04	...	15.28	+25	+8.5	RockTen	.60f	10	51.90	+1.8	+51.8
ConAgr	.80	14	21.83	-33	+32.3	Sensient	.76	14	25.96	...	+8.7
Costco	.72	24	59.27	+84	+12.9	SkyWest	.16	12	17.41	-3.9	-6.4
Diebold	1.04	66	27.23	...	-3.1	Terady	...	...	10.54	+3.1	+149.8
DukeEngy	.96	15	17.37	-0.2	+15.7	Tuppre	1.00f	19	46.66	+1.29	+105.6
DukeRly	.68	...	12.06	+22	+10.0	US Bancrp	.20	28	22.96	+6.6	-8.2
Fastenal	.74f	30	40.82	+87	+17.1	Valhi	.40	...	13.42	+9.2	+25.4
Heinz	1.68	16	42.26	+23	+12.4	WalMart	1.09	15	53.40	+5.5	-4.7
HewlettP	.32	16	51.99	+49	+43.3	WashFed	.20	42	19.70	+1.0	+31.7
HomeDp	.90	22	28.96	+31	+25.8	WellsFargo	.20	32	27.34	+5.6	-7.3
Idacorp	1.20	14	32.02	+33	+8.7	ZionBcp	.04	...	13.21	+0.9	-46.1

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

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Mutual Fund Footnotes: e - Ex-capital gains distribution. f - Previous day's quote. n - No-load fund. p - Fund assets used to pay distribution costs. r - Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s - Stock dividend or split. t - Both p and r. x - Ex-cash dividend.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Commodity futures were unavailable for today's paper. They will return tomorrow.

BEANS

Valley Beans
Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers.
Pintos, no quote, new crop great northrens, no quote
pinks, no quote, new crop small reds, no quote, new crop.
Prices are given by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Dec. 16.
Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Pintos, \$32 great northrens, not established small whites, not established pinks, Ltd. \$32 small reds, Ltd. \$30-\$32. Quotes current Dec. 16.

GRAINS

Valley Grains
Prices for wheat per bushel: mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.
Soft white wheat, \$3.77 barley, \$6.20 oats, \$6.50 corn, \$6.90 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Rangens in Buhl. Prices current Dec. 16.
Barley, \$7.25 (48-lb. minimum) spot delivery in Twin Falls and Gooding; corn, no quote (Twin Falls only). Prices quoted by Land O'Lakes Inc. in Twin Falls. Prices current Dec. 16.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report on Monday
POCATELLO - White wheat 4.25 (steady) 11.5 percent winter 3.94 (down 8) 14 percent spring 5.24 (down 9) barley 5.73 (steady)
BURLEY - White wheat 4.15 (down 5) 11.5 percent winter 3.96 (down 11) 14 percent spring 5.06 (down 14) Barley 5.50 (steady)
OGDEN - White wheat 4.50 (up 5) 11.5 percent winter 4.26 (down 7) 14 percent spring 5.43 (down 5) Barley 5.83 (steady)
PORTLAND - White wheat 4.80 (down 10) 11 percent winter n/a 14 percent spring n/a
NAMPA - White wheat cwt 6.75 (steady); bushel 4.05 (steady)

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange
Barrels: \$1,430, -.0100; Blocks: \$1,700, -.0025

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) - USDA - Major potato markets FOB shipping points Friday.
-Russet Burbanks Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count 5.50: 100 count 5.00-5.50.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non size A) 3.00-3.50.
-Russet Norkotahs Idaho 50-lb cartons 70 count 5.00: 100 count 5.00.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non size A) 3.00-3.50.
-Russet Norkotahs Columbia Basin Washington and Umatilla Basin Oregon 50-lb cartons 70 count 6.00-6.50: 100 count 6.00-6.50.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non size A) 3.50-4.00.
-Russet Norkotahs Wisconsin 50-lb cartons 70 count 6.00-6.50: 100 count 6.00.
Baled 5-10 lb film bags (non size A) 5.00.
-Russet Norkotahs Northern California and Oregon 50-lb cartons 70 count 7.00: 100 count 6.50-7.00
Baled 5/10 lb film bags (non size A) 4.00-4.50.
-Russet Norkotahs Maine baled 10 5-lb film bags 2" min 6.50-7.00
-Russet Norkotahs Colorado 50 lb cartons 70 count 6.00: 100 count 6.00.
Baled 5/10 lb film bags (size A) 5.00
-Russet Norkotah and Russet Goldrush New Brunswick baled 10 5-lb film bags 2 or 4 oz min 6.50-7.00
-Russet Norkotah and Russet Goldrush Michigan 10 lb open-window sacks loose size A 1.30-1.40.
-Round Reds Washington 50 lb cartons size A 13.00
-Round Reds Wisconsin 50 lb sacks size A 6.00-6.50
-Round Reds Minnesota-North Dakota 50 lb carton size A 7.50-8.00
-Yellow Types Washington 50 lb cartons size A 18.00

LIVESTOCK

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Livestock Report on Monday
LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Idaho Livestock Auction in Idaho Falls on Wednesday. Utility and commercial cows 41.00-47.00, canner and cutter 29.00-44.00, heavy feeder steers 70.00-94.00, light feeder steers 90.00-109.00, stocker steers 105.00-120.00, heavy holstein feeder steers 48.00-57.00, light holstein feeder steers n/a, heavy feeder heifers 64.00-85.00, light feeder heifers 84.00-96.00, stocker heifers 93.00-110.00. Remarks: All classes about steady.

OILS

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Monday.
Open High Low Settle Chg.
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE
1,000 bbl., dollars per bbl.
Jan 72.04 74.32 71.99 72.47 -89
Feb 73.32 75.24 73.17 73.72 -70
Mar 74.13 76.09 74.01 74.55 -68
Apr 74.89 76.84 74.83 75.32 -67
May 75.73 77.53 75.45 75.98 -70
Jun 76.18 78.23 76.13 76.60 -73
Jul 76.93 78.74 76.69 77.16 -76
Aug 77.68 79.04 77.65 77.65 -78
Sep 78.73 78.73 78.13 78.13 -81
Oct 78.59 78.59 78.59 78.59 -85
Nov 80.58 80.58 79.02 79.10 -88
Dec 79.23 81.29 79.14 79.65 -89
Jan 80.90 81.00 79.80 80.03 -88
Feb 80.36 -88
Mar 80.75 -87
Est. sales 814,285. Fri.'s sales 589,373
Fri.'s open int 1,167,249
HEATING OIL
42,000 gal. cents per gal.
Jan 193.75 199.00 190.50 194.52 -115
Feb 195.65 200.73 195.35 196.45 -108
Mar 197.15 201.96 196.87 197.93 -100
Apr 197.88 202.58 197.88 198.64 -98
May 198.33 203.05 198.50 199.52 -99
Est. sales 172,112. Fri.'s sales 107,908
Fri.'s open int 305,646

METALS/MONEY

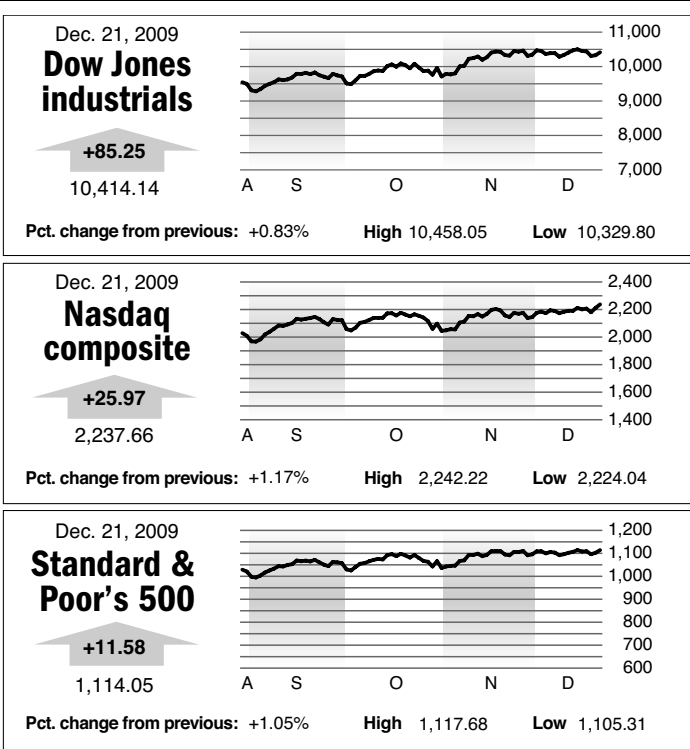
Selected world gold prices, Monday.
London morning fixing: 1113.25 up \$8.95.
London afternoon fixing: \$1105.50 up \$1.00.
NY Handy & Harman: \$1105.50 up \$1.00.
Copper \$3.1405 NY. Merc spot Mon.
NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$1193.94 up \$1.08.
NY Englehard: \$1193.94 up \$1.08.
NY Englehard fabricated: \$1191.13 up \$1.08.
NY Merc. gold Dec. \$1095.40 off \$15.40.
NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Mon. \$1091.00 off \$23.00.

NEW YORK (AP) - Handy & Harman silver Monday \$17.170 off \$0.090.
H&H fabricated \$20.604 off \$0.108.
The morning bullion price for silver in London \$17.270 off \$0.040.
Englehard \$17.170 off \$0.110.
Englehard fabricated \$20.604 off \$0.132.
NY Merc silver spot month Monday \$17.020 off \$0.285.

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices Mon.
Aluminum - \$1.0039 per lb., London Metal Exch.
Copper - \$3.1024 Cathode full plate, LME.
Pound - \$1.6052
Lead - \$2314.00 metric ton, London Metal Exch.
Zinc - \$1.0863 per lb., London Metal Exch.
Platinum - \$1432.00 troy oz., N.Y. (contract).
Platinum - \$1423.50 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Mon.
n.q. - not quoted, n.a. - not available - revised

NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange rates Monday, compared with late Friday in New York.
Dollar vs. Exch. Rate Pts Day
Yen 91.15 90.40
Euro \$1.4289 \$1.4279
Pound \$1.6052 \$1.6121
Swiss franc 1.0457 1.0429
Canadian dollar 1.0617 1.0656
Mexican peso 12.8985 12.8670

YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET



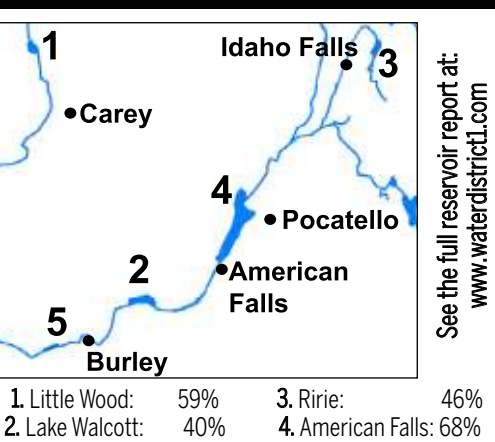
NEW YORK (AP) - Another wave of corporate dealmaking stoked investors' confidence in the economy and carried stocks sharply higher Monday.

Analyst upgrades of Alcoa Inc. and Intel Corp. and positive momentum on President Obama's health care overhaul also helped drive a broad advance on the stock market. Major indexes closed off their highs of the day but still rose about 1 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped into the black for the month.

Bond prices tumbled as stocks rose, pushing the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note up to its highest level since August. The dollar strengthened, hurting commodities prices.

Stocks got an early boost Monday after French drug maker Sanofi-Aventis SA announced plans to buy U.S. health care products company Chatterm Inc. for \$1.9 billion, while mining equipment maker Bucyrus International Inc. said it planned to buy Terex Corp.'s mining equipment division for \$1.3 billion. Dutch automaker Spyker Cars submitted a new offer to buy Saab from General Motors Co.

RESERVOIR LEVELS



COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy		
Block	Close	Change
Average price	\$1.700	+0.003
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.460	-0.019
Butter		
Average Price	\$1.438	-0.057
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	\$.85	-
Class III milk		
Average price	\$14.86	+16
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$15.14	+39
Feed		
Corn (Per 100 pounds)		
Dairy Feed Supply	NQ	NQ
Land O'Lakes	NQ	NQ
Rangen	NQ	NQ
Barley (Per 100 pounds)		
Rangen	ASK	NQ
Ogden	\$5.83	+21
Pocatello	\$5.73	-
Burley	\$5.50	-25
Twin Falls	\$5.50	-175
Hay (Mid/Ton)		
Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low \$115	High \$115
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$90	High \$90
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$65	High \$70
Small grain		
Soft white wheat		
Rangen	Ask	N/A
Ogden	\$4.50	-05
Pocatello	\$4.30	+10
Burley	\$4.20	+25
Twin Falls	\$3.90	+22

Minority farmers join to sue USDA

By Kari Lydersen
The Washington Post

In November, the Agriculture Department began negotiations with Native American farmers in a class-action suit alleging systematic discrimination in the department's farm loan program.

About 15,000 black farmers have received almost \$1 billion since the settlement of a similar class-action suit, known as the Pigford case. Hispanic farmers who have filed similar lawsuits hope this means the government may settle with them, too, even though a federal judge has denied them class certification. Female farmers also filed suit but have been denied class certification.

All four groups allege that they were denied farm loans and given loans with impossible conditions because of their race or gender.

Alberto Acosta, a New Mexico chili farmer, sought help a decade ago from the loan program meant as a last resort for farmers who cannot secure private financing. In 1998 and 1999, Acosta was granted \$92,000 in loans by the department. But because he speaks Spanish, a USDA loan officer was required to sign off on

every significant expense. That meant he had to drive 260 miles each way to the office whenever he wanted to buy a piece of farm equipment, and he had to pay for and provide his own translator for each visit.

These conditions ultimately proved so taxing that Acosta's home and farm went into foreclosure, he said in a sworn declaration.

"I feel that this discrimination would not have occurred if I were Anglo," Acosta stated.

Since U.S. District Judge James Robertson in Washington denied class certification to the Hispanic and female farmers, their cases must proceed through the court system individually. But the federal government could still decide to treat the cases as classes in a settlement.

"Justice dictates that if in fact the government discriminated against a class of people and we recognize that discrimination existed, you don't use legal barriers, i.e. opposing class-action status, to shield the government," said Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J..

Agriculture Department spokesman Caleb Weaver said, "USDA is committed to ending all forms of discrimi-

nation and addressing past allegations in a timely and fair manner." He said the department is reviewing civil rights complaints, has launched an external evaluation of services provided and "for the first time since 1997, we will have investigators on staff to do the field work needed to investigate complaints."

Currently, 110 Hispanic farmers in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado and Washington are suing the department. But lead attorney Stephen Hill says that if the case were certified as a class, there would be tens of thousands of Hispanic plaintiffs. He could not estimate the potential damages they might seek.

"The discrimination followed a pretty distinct pattern," he said. "Denying applications, repeatedly discouraging them from submitting applications, refusing to assist the farmer, and if the farmer persisted and filed an application, it would be dragged out for months so they couldn't get the seed in the ground. And often, for the most flimsy excuses like language problems, they put Hispanic farmers in supervised accounts."

Coal

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U.S. Department of Agriculture began promoting what they call the wastes' "beneficial uses" during the Bush administration.

Part of that push is to expand use of synthetic gypsum — a whitish, calcium-rich material known as flue gas desulfurization gypsum, or FGD gypsum.

The Obama administration has continued promoting FGD gypsum's use in farming even as it drafts a coal waste rule in response to a spill from a coal ash pond near Knoxville, Tenn., one year ago Tuesday. Ash and water flooded 300 acres, damaging homes and killing fish in nearby rivers. The cleanup is expected to cost about \$1 billion.

The EPA is expected to announce its proposals for regulation early next year, setting the first federal standards for storage and disposal of coal wastes.

EPA officials declined to talk about the agency's promotion of FGD gypsum before then and wouldn't say

whether the draft rule would cover it.

Instead, the agency released a statement saying the heavy metals in the material are far less than the amount considered a threat to human health. Field studies have shown that mercury, the main heavy metal of concern because it can damage development of the human nervous system, doesn't accumulate in crops or run off fields in surface water at "significant" levels, it said.

"EPA believes that the use of FGD gypsum in agriculture is safe in appropriate soil and hydrogeologic conditions," the statement said.

Eric Schaeffer, executive director of the Environmental Integrity Project, which advocates for more effective enforcement of environmental laws, said he's not overly worried about FGD gypsum's use on fields because research shows it contains only tiny amounts of heavy metals. But he said federal limits on the amounts of heavy metals in FGD gypsum sold to farmers would

help allay concerns.

"That would give them assurance that they've got clean FGD gypsum," he said. "The farmers don't want to get a bad batch."

Since the EPA/USDA partnership began in 2001, farmers' use of the material has more than tripled, from about 78,000 tons spread on fields in 2002 to nearly 279,000 tons last year, according to the American Coal Ash Association, a utility industry group.

About half of the 17.7 million tons of FGD gypsum produced in the U.S. last year was used to make drywall, said Thomas Adams, the association's executive director. But he said it's important to find new uses for it and other coal wastes because the nation is likely to remain reliant on coal-fired power plants for decades to come.

"If we can find safe ways to recycle those materials, we're a lot better off doing that than we are creating a whole bunch of new landfills," Adams said.

National Statistics Service, almost 16,000 acres returned to bean production.

Some growers are expressing concern over the sudden growth in bean acres — saying that supply could easily outpace demand at the current rate.

However, buyers say prices next years are expected to be as strong as 2009.

"We expect prices to remain strong and be similar to this year," Metzger said.

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Red flags raised

Farming town demands answers on birth defects

By Noaki Schwartz
Associated Press writer

KETTLEMAN CITY, Calif. — Maricela Mares-Alatorre was well aware of the industrial and agricultural pollutants that surrounded her as she grew up in this tiny farm town just three miles from the largest toxic waste dump in the West.

Her parents had founded People for Clean Air and Water two decades ago to successfully fight a proposed incinerator at the dump. It was an early but defining struggle for the environmental justice movement.

Years later, with infant deaths and birth defects mounting in this Spanish speaking community, Mares-Alatorre worried that those same poisons would damage her unborn baby.

Now she and other activists will take the battle to the Kings County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, urging a rejection of the proposed expansion of Chemical Waste Management Inc.'s 1,600 acre facility. In addition to recent infant deaths and birth defects, they point to the high asthma and cancer rates in this largely Latino town of 1,500 people.

Of 20 children known born here between September 2007 to November 2008, five had a cleft in their palate or lips, according to a health survey by community activists. "That just raises a red flag," said Mares-Alatorre.

Owners of the waste facility have offered to fund a health study, but they say there's no evidence linking the dump to the maladies. Other potential culprits are pesticides sprayed on nearby fields, discolored drink-



AP photo

Maura Andrade-Alatorre sits behind her now two-year-old son Emmanuel Andrade-Alatorre who was born with a cleft palate, April 10 at her home in Kettleman City, Calif.

ing water and exhaust from Interstate 5, the West Coast's major north-south highway, that borders the town.

Mares-Alatorre, 37, had a healthy baby girl but one of her relatives wasn't as fortunate.

"A month before my child was born I was told he was going to have problems — he was going to be born with cleft palate, some deformity in his nose and part of his brain missing," said Maura Andrade-Alatorre, 25.

Andrade-Alatorre's son was born with severe birth defects. He survived but three infants born with similar problems have since died. Clefts of the lip or palate routinely occur in fewer than 1-in-800 births in California, according to state health statistics.

Activists say the birth defects bolster their argument that the facility should not be allowed to grow pending an investigation. The Board of Supervisors recently directed the county health department to ask the state to oversee that study, but any results will not be known prior to Tuesday's board vote on the expansion.

Chemical Waste's proposed growth has been slowly moving through a permitting process that involves local, state and federal regulators. Activists say they are prepared to sue if the supervisors approve the project.

For their part, Chemical Waste officials say they support a health probe but not a delay in the approval process.

Are banks getting bum rap?

By Bernard Condon
and Stevenson Jacobs
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — Unlike big-city bankers, Stan Wilmoth didn't make lots of dumb loans during the boom. After the crash, he accepted not a dime of taxpayer money for his bank. His salary? "Substantially less" than the \$1 million the former head of Merrill Lynch spent remodeling his office, he says. He credits his grandfather, a Protestant minister, with giving him "moral fiber."

But judging from the rhetoric coming out of the Obama administration, Wilmoth, the folksy 58-year-old president of Heritage Bank of Reno, Nev., should be scorned, not praised.

His sin? He's shirking his patriotic duty by not lending enough money to his community.

It's easy to hate bankers right now, but is it possible that on the issue of lending they're getting a bum rap? After all, it's not just "fat cats" with multimillion-dollar bonuses who aren't lending

much money. It's small fry like Wilmoth, too. His bank, owned by 352 Nevada families, has just \$393 million in assets versus \$1.5 trillion at Bank of America.

Everybody agrees lending is down in the past year, despite a government infusion of hundreds of billions of dollars to prop up banks, unfreeze the credit market and get institutions to start making loans again. As in past recessions, though, the drop seems to reflect more a lack of demand from would-be borrowers than any stinginess on the part of bankers.

"We really haven't changed our lending criteria in the last five years," Wilmoth says. "The only thing that has changed is the number of qualified borrowers."

Critics complain banks are using deposits to buy securities, like government bonds, instead of lending the money to consumers

and small businesses. But bankers and analysts say the industry is just following a familiar, and healthy, playbook on how to manage its finances early in a recovery when the risk of borrowers defaulting is still high. It's a playbook pretty much written by the Federal Reserve: Borrow for themselves at near-zero short-term interest rates set by the central bank to buy higher-yielding securities, such as Treasuries, while waiting for credit-worthy borrowers to return.

Bankers call it playing the yield curve, or the carry trade, and it can be a tonic for the industry. While waiting for the economy to get back on its feet, banks make profits on the difference between the rate they're paying to borrow and the rate they're receiving on the securities. They use the profits to plug holes in their balance sheets.

Beans

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wheat have come down," Metzger said. "A lot of it really is due to what the dairies are going through."

Idaho is the fifth largest producer of dry beans in the United States, with Twin Falls, Jerome and Cassia counties accounting for nearly 60 percent of all beans grown in Idaho.

However, bean acres faced stiff competition against corn for nearly a decade until 2007.

During that time milk prices rose steadily and so did milk production, which fueled demand for feed corn.

By 2007, dairy was Idaho's agricultural cash cow for its third consecutive year — generating \$6.3 billion in cash receipts.

BY THE NUMBERS Idaho counties with largest bean production* - in order

- 1- Twin Falls - 400,000
- 2- Cassia - 175,000
- 3- Nez Perce - 158,000
- 4- Jerome - 156,000

*Hundredweight

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Producers had converted thousands of acres from beans, wheat and barley into corn.

But when milk prices collapsed in late 2007, so did the market for feed corn.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture

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What's coming on
Magic Valley's health
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Snowing at times. Highs upper 20s to near 30.
Tonight: Snow coming to an end late. Lows near 15.
Tomorrow: Mostly dry and clearing. Highs middle 20s.

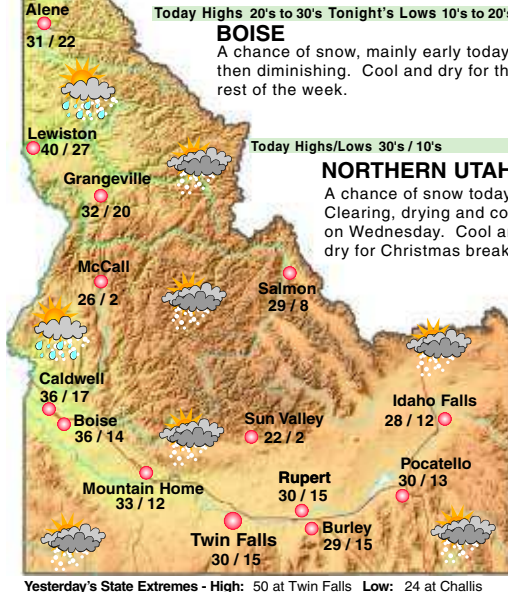
ALMANAC - BURLEY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and various monthly/annual averages.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Periods of snow are likely for most mountain areas today. A drying trend will commence tomorrow and persist through Christmas.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table showing 5-day forecast for Twin Falls with columns for Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, including weather icons and temperature ranges.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and various monthly/annual averages.

MOONRISE and MOONSET

Table showing Moonrise and Moonset times for Today, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Large table providing regional forecasts for various cities across Idaho, including Boise, Grangeville, McCall, Salmon, Idaho Falls, and Twin Falls.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing yesterday's weather for various cities including Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Lowell, Malad City, Malta, Pocatello, Rexburg, Salmon, Stanley, and Sun Valley.

Barometric Pressure

Table showing barometric pressure and sunrise/sunset times for Today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

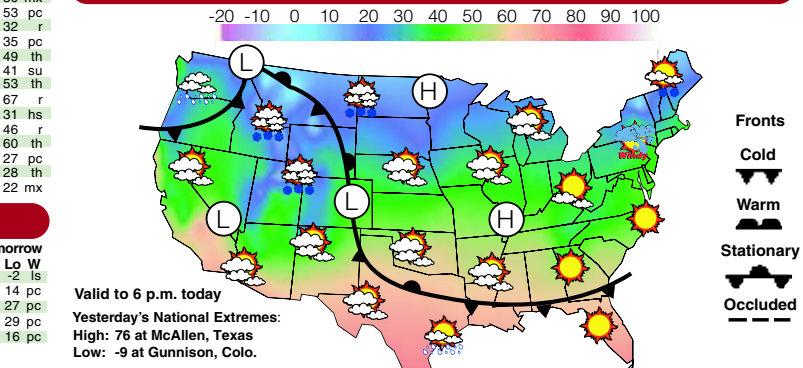
Today's U. V. Index

Table showing the UV index for Today, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, along with a scale from 1 to 10.

WORLD FORECAST

Table providing weather forecasts for various international cities including Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Charleston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, and Omaha.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'When you develop your ability to balance your emotions, unexpected problems won't knock you off balance as easily, and you'll return more quickly to a positive outlook.'

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table providing weather forecasts for various Canadian cities including Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Lethbridge, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, and Winnipeg.

A race to get gifts - or just get home

By Erin McClam, Associated Press writer

It had the makings of a nightmare before Christmas: a snowstorm that wrecked the last big shopping weekend of the holiday calendar.

So as winter arrived Monday, people along the East Coast set out on slick sidewalks and roads to do the shopping they had hoped to finish over the weekend.

This holiday, the shortest day of the year was also the most frantic.

Take Helen Pease. On Saturday, she left her house in Southampton, N.J., at 7 a.m., armed with a gift list 20 names long and even a schedule of which stores to hit when.

Her solution: She split up her last vacation day of the year, using half Monday and half Tuesday, to get all her shopping done.

buy for her nephew. 'I just can't get the flu,' she concluded. 'I was going to use that day for the flu.'

That's the way it's gone in a holiday season best described as star-crossed. From the beginning, there was the feeble economy.

And then there was the winter storm, which dumped 16 inches of snow on Washington and nearly 2 feet on Philadelphia.

For retailers, there was an upside: Many of those snowed in took to their computers to check off their lists.

And stores tried to take some pressure off the shortened shopping calendar. Amazon extended its standard-shipping cutoff for Christmas delivery by a day.

Of course, the online option had its problems, too. Joe Scialabba, a 20-year



AP photo: A pair of shoppers, who did not want to be identified, sit on a bench at the CambridgeSide Galleria mall in Cambridge, Mass., Monday.

veteran driver for FedEx, spent a treacherous morning Monday trying to navigate his truck around snow drifts that made his route on Long Island an obstacle course.

'It's a bonus today if they get their package. That's my motto,' he said. 'All your little shortcuts are gone. You got to go up the driveway, some of these driveways are 300 feet.'

Monday was already expected to be the busiest day of the year for UPS. A spokesman said the company would have 'all hands on deck' but expected some trucks would have problems reaching places not yet fully plowed.

By the time the snow stopped on Sunday in New York, there were other ele-

ments to worry about. Hundreds of shoppers had to be evacuated from Macy's in Herald Square after a fire in an escalator.

At the airports, some of the misery of the weekend had lifted, but there were still long lines and busy booking agents in many cities.

In Washington, Molly Fasterling's first try at a flight to St. Louis was canceled, and she missed the second while waiting to check in.

'We're hoping everyone else is going to miss their flight, too, and we can take their seats,' she said. 'We're scavengers.'

First Jesus-era house discovered in Nazareth

By Diaa Hadid, Associated Press writer

NAZARETH, Israel - Just in time for Christmas, archaeologists on Monday unveiled what may have been the home of one of Jesus' childhood neighbors.

The humble dwelling is the first dating to the era of Jesus to be discovered in Nazareth, then a hamlet of around 50 impoverished Jewish families where Jesus spent his boyhood.

Archaeologists and present-day residents of Nazareth imagined Jesus as a youngster, playing with other children in the isolated village, not far from the spot where the Archangel Gabriel revealed to Mary that she would give birth to the boy.

Today the ornate Basilica of the Annunciation marks that spot, and Nazareth is the largest Arab city in

northern Israel, with about 65,000 residents. Muslims now outnumber Christians two to one in the noisy, crowded city.

The archaeological find shows how different it was 2000 years ago: There were no Christians or Muslims, the Jewish Temple stood in Jerusalem and tiny Nazareth stood near a battle-ground between Roman rulers and Jewish guerrillas.

The Jews of Nazareth dug camouflaged grottos to hide from Roman invaders, said archaeologist Yardena Alexandre, excavations director at the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Based on clay and chalk shards found at the site, the dwelling appeared to house a 'simple Jewish family,' Alexandre added.

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Doug Vollmer of Twin Falls holds up a new inflatable snowman as air begins to seep into the yard ornament Dec. 15. He bought the piece to replace an older inflatable snowman that he thought was spent; turns out it just needed a couple of new fuses.

Twinkle town

One of the families who light up the night

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

One family has created its own version of the North Pole in Twin Falls with Santa Claus, reindeer, polar bears, penguins and thousands of Christmas lights adding a little razzmatazz while dazzling neighbors and countless people who drive past 546 Pierce St.

Doug and Deanna Vollmer — like so many other homeowners in Magic Valley and across the nation — turn the exterior of their home into a holiday attraction meant to boost the spirits of young and old. This one has grown to nearly 10,000 LED lights.

While this is the 20th consecutive year that the owners of American Real Estate & Appraisal have put up a display, the Vollmers began lighting up for the season long before moving into their current home in 1990. Annual holiday open houses are another tradition for the Vollmers, who recently hosted more than 200 people for their 34th open house.

"We always do (light displays). We have for years. When it started, the kids liked it. We can't get out of it now.

Don't want to," Doug Vollmer said.

"I've got a little forest out there," he said, grinning and gesturing from his dining room table toward his front yard.

New this year are a large polar bear in the front yard, two more reindeer and a snowman.

"The trees have grown," DeAnna Vollmer said, adding that they increase the number of lights each year to accommodate taller trees.

"We enjoy the people. The people who drive by enjoy it. The neighbors like it. It gets them into the spirit," she said. "It's fun. We enjoy it so much."

Every year, cars driving by slow down to look at the light show, but one in particular caught DeAnna Vollmer's



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

The Vollmer house lights up a block of Pierce Street, Dec. 16 in Twin Falls. Doug Vollmer says every year he and his wife arrange the yard differently. 'The polar bear, he's new this year so I had to get one of him,' Vollmer says. The couple enjoys the company of almost 50 family members at Christmas, and the display welcomes them home.

attention. A little girl reached her arm out a car window as if she could stretch far enough to touch a life-size Santa Claus on the porch. The Vollmers invited the child onto the porch to meet the plastic Santa.

Despite energy-saving LED Christmas lights the Vollmers now use, electric bills more than double for the holiday season. They said their Idaho Power bills were much higher before the switch to LED lights.

"And me without Idaho Power stock," Doug Vollmer said.

He usually begins decorating around Nov. 1 and turns on the lights after Thanksgiving. They remain on every night until the new year arrives.

"It takes so long to get some of this stuff up," Doug Vollmer said.

He used to rent a bucket truck and enlist the help of his children and grandchildren. Now the Vollmers hire someone to put up much of the display. Doug Vollmer does some of the work himself.



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Under cover of their porch roof, Doug and DeAnna Vollmer show a set of giant penguins. Their Christmas yard decor has evolved over the years to a mixture of inflatables, a giant Santa Claus and several white deer adorned with lights. 'I don't think we can have any more animals because it's getting kind of crowded,' says Doug Vollmer, adding that the search is now on for smaller figurines.

With all the joy, there have been dilemmas to work through. Doug Vollmer said he stopped putting an animated Santa and reindeer on the roof because of wind and cold that blew electric motors.

"The weather just beats it up so bad," he said.

Pulling about 75 amps of electricity with the entire display,

the Vollmers had to resolve a recurring problem with blown circuits. An electrician installed two 50-amp boxes with timers on each side of the house just for the holiday display.

"I used to pop circuits all the time," Vollmer said.

Dud Driscoll has lived next door to the Vollmers' lights for several years.

More holiday light displays

Whatever motivates the Vollmers to light up the night must be in plentiful supply. You can find outdoor Christmas light displays all over Magic Valley, with the help of the *Times-News'* listing on magicvalley.com. Pick a night and take the family on a driving tour.

To add your home to the listing, e-mail your address to patm@magicvalley.com; your name will not be used. Photos are welcome, but optional. Information: Pat Marcantonio, the *Times-News'* online editor, at 735-3288.

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"He's really got a lot of them, that's for sure," he said. "The rest of us have got a little dab."

Driscoll said many motorists slow down at night to look.

For the Vollmers, the countless adults and children who pass by every year — and express their enjoyment and Christmas spirit — make all the work rewarding.



MELINDA SUE GORDON/Universal Pictures

Steve Martin plays an architect working on home renovations for Jane, played by Meryl Streep, in the new comedy 'It's Complicated.'

Casual elegance gets back to the big screen

By Terri Sapienza
The Washington Post

The 2003 movie "Something's Gotta Give," starring Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson, created a lot of buzz. But it wasn't just because of the acting. Moviegoers and design enthusiasts were enthralled with the interior sets created for the Hamptons beach house where most of the film took place. Homeowners nationwide were clamoring for the kitchen in particular, replicating the exact design —

down to the drawer pulls — in their own homes.

The writer and director of "Something's Gotta Give," Nancy Meyers, is back with a new film. "It's Complicated," which opens Friday, stars Meryl Streep as Jane, a bakery owner and mother of three who has an affair with her married ex-husband (Alec Baldwin) at the same time she becomes romantically involved with the architect working on her house renovations (Steve Martin).

Jon Hutman is the production

designer responsible for the film's comfy and casually elegant, California-style interiors. We spoke with him by phone from Italy, where he was working on a new movie. The following are excerpts from the conversation.

Q: This is your fourth collaboration with Nancy Meyers. You also created the set for "Something's Gotta Give." Were you surprised by the popularity of that house?

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The master zoning control receives signals from the zone thermostats and controls each damper and the furnace and central air conditioner.

Too hot, too cold: Zoning for comfort

DEAR JIM: I cannot seem to keep all my family members comfortable. Some rooms are too warm and others too cold. I have tried installing register fans, but they helped only a little. What other things can I try? — **Mike E.**

DEAR MIKE: It can be difficult, if not impossible, to keep everyone comfortably warm or cool all the time in your home, but there are several things to try. Actually, if everyone is completely comfortable, you probably have the thermostat set too low during summer and too high during winter for acceptable energy efficiency and reasonable utility bills.

Register booster fans, which mount over a register in a room to increase the heated or cooled air flow, can be effective, but not on their own. The entire duct system must be optimized first. Even though they have not helped much yet, don't dispose of them. The booster fans can be the final step to fine tune your duct system for the best comfort.

It is important to make sure the conditioned air is getting to the rooms it is supposed to reach. One common problem in most duct systems is simply leaks in the sheet metal duct joints. Wrap all the joints with duct tape to seal them. Wipe off the dust first. Use either foil duct tape or the supertough black Gorilla Tape instead of the typical gray duct tape.

With the duct joints sealed as well as possible, start adjusting the dampers in the ducts near the furnace. A damper creates resistance to the air flow in a duct so more conditioned air goes into another duct to another room. Use the small damper handle on the side of each duct to close down the air flow to the rooms which are too warm (winter) or too cold (summer).

The best option to balance out the room temperatures and to reduce your heating and cooling costs is to install a zoning system. In some parts of the country, this consists of two smaller separate heating and cooling systems.

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This is more common in two-story houses with one system for each floor.

A more sophisticated zoning system uses automatic dampers in the ducts leading to various rooms of the house. Each damper communicates with a programmable thermostat in a particular room or group of rooms (called zones). This allows you to set different temperatures in different rooms.

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Each zone thermostat can be programmed with different temperatures at different times of the day. This results in a huge energy savings because a zone such as the bedrooms requires little heated air during the day.

DEAR JIM: Last summer, I had a problem with mold growing on my concrete patio. I hosed it off every several days, but the dark mold kept reappearing. What should I do next spring to stop the mold? — **Robert C.**

DEAR ROBERT: For mold to grow, it needs moisture and some organic food source. Just small organic particles from the air provide the nutrition, and moisture comes up through the concrete. Your constant wetting it probably did not help.

Next spring, wash off the patio with a solution of bleach and water. Use it sparingly, and keep it off any plants.

Once the patio surface is thoroughly dry, treat it with a good sealer, such as SaverSystems concrete sealer.

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Best gardening books of 2009

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Landscape and gardening books are handy sources of inspiration that make perfect holiday gifts for the gardener on your list. Here is a selection of the best works from this year's bumper crop of books:

"American Horticultural Society New Encyclopedia of Gardening Techniques: The Indispensable Illustrated Practical Guide" edited by David J. Ellis, Fiona Gilson, Rita Pelczar and Graham Rice (Mitchell Beazley, 2009). This is a must-have for gardeners and landscape designers. This book presents an organized approach to property care, including basic horticultural guidelines, wildlife, ornamentals, vegetables, herbs, fruit, lawns, aquatics and containers. It features step-by-step color illustrations of landscaping tasks and 200 full-color photographs. *Hardcover, 480 pages. \$45.*

"The Bizarre and Incredible World of Plants" by Wolfgang Stuppy, Rob Kessler and Madeline Harley (Firefly Books, 2009). The authors leverage the power of microscopes to enlarge tiny bits of plant material to fill entire pages in this photo anthology. Seen in a larger

than life fashion, pollens and seeds become complete life forms with unique purposes. The photography and text convey a wealth of information about the organisms responsible for our plant world. *Hardcover, 144 pages. \$29.95.*

"Fragrant Designs" is the latest Brooklyn Botanic Garden (BBG) All-Region Guide, part of the award-winning gardening handbook series that has been published continuously since 1945. The booklet presents a general overview of scents, and their effect in the garden, offering sections on capturing fragrance for garden designs. To subscribe to the series, call 718-623-7200 or visit www.bbg.org. *Paperback, 119 pages. \$9.95.*

"Manual of Woody Landscape Plants" sixth edition, by Michael A. Dirr (Stipes Publishing, 2009). The author's works are known to serious gardeners and landscape professionals around the world. I have used Dirr's books for more than 25 years, and this latest 5 1/2-pound volume is his most complete compilation of woody ornamentals. It offers thorough information about shrubs and trees to help you decide on the right plants for a site. *1,325 pages. \$76.80 soft cover,*

\$96.80 hardback.

"Home Outside: Creating the Landscape You Love" by Julie Moir Messervy (the Taunton Press, 2009). One of the nation's preeminent landscape designers, Messervy guides readers through six of what she calls "pleasure principles." In a text rich in landscape ideas, she illustrates how you can create your own "pleasure ground." *Hardcover, 249 pages. \$30.*

"Gaia's Garden: A Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture" second edition, by Toby Hemenway (Chelsea Green, 2009). This book explores ways to create energy-efficient designs by making good use of sun, wind, vegetation and land contours in urban and country settings. The term permaculture refers to creating sustainable landscapes, homes and workplaces based on ecological principles. It clearly and concisely covers most aspects of environmentally friendly horticultural design, including energy analyses, design process, water use, wildlife and plant use. *Paperback, 313 pages. \$29.95.*

"Waking Up in Eden" by Lucinda Fleeson (Algonquin, 2009) is the biographical story of Fleeson's

adventure living on the edge of a threatened natural environment in rural Kauai, Hawaii. After 20 years as a reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, she sold her home and left her job to work at the National Tropical Botanical Garden. Fleeson takes readers on her explorations of the island, especially its plant life, as she learns that native plants are rapidly disappearing and invasive species are taking over. *Paperback, 320 pages. \$23.95.*

"Wicked Plants" by Amy Stewart (Algonquin, 2009) is a fascinating, albeit morbid, nonfiction account of the dangers of poisonous plants. This easy-to-read book can fit in your pocket and provides a trove of information that could save your life. *Hardcover, 235 pages. \$18.95.*

"Birds of Eastern North America: A Photographic Guide" by Paul Sterry & Brian E. Small (Princeton University Press, 2009) is the ultimate handbook to accompany you in the field or while bird watching at home. *Paperback, 336 pages. \$18.95.*

Dealing with dusty ducts

By Karen Youso
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Q: How dirty do heating ducts get in a year? Is it necessary to clean them yearly as my wife insists?

A: They don't get very dirty year to year in most homes. Regular duct cleaning isn't necessary. However, don't confuse duct cleaning with furnace check and tune up. That should be done regularly, preferably every year.

Most of the time, yearly duct maintenance is a do-it-yourself job. Vacuum clean the registers and grilles. Remove them and clean inside as far as you can reach.

But do consider having the ducts cleaned if you have:

- A newly constructed home.
- An existing house that has been remodeled or was

under construction.

- Purchased a home and don't know if the ducts have ever been cleaned.

- Lived in your home for more than 10 years and have never had the ducts cleaned.

If it's dust you are trying to control by duct cleaning, it's better to consider:

- Carpet. Carpeting sheds fiber and collects dust particles. Every time you walk on it, you knock particles into the air that circulate throughout the house. Synthetic carpets and pads deteriorate over time, becoming brittle and breaking into fine particles, which contributes considerably to dust. Replace old carpet and pads, or, when possible, remove them and use hard-surface flooring and area rugs.
- Pets. Furry pets shed hair and dander. Launder their sleeping areas frequently, and bathe and

groom animals regularly.

- Vacuum cleaners. Cleaning with a vacuum can help control dust, but if you don't use one with a HEPA filter you'll simply spread around the dust. A central vacuum that discharges outdoors also works well.
- Furnace filters. The standard filter on a forced-air furnace doesn't do much to capture household dust. Replace it with a higher-efficiency pleated filter.

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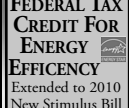
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There are "so many things that look gorgeous and totally save you money?"

— Brian Patrick Flynn

Interior designers: Many ways to cut energy costs

By Melissa Rayworth
For The Associated Press

When decorating our homes, we tend to consider things like beauty and comfort, the durability of pieces we might buy or the image they project. But how many of us stop to consider our energy bills?

Energy-smart design goes way beyond choosing Energy Star-rated appliances or switching to compact fluorescent bulbs, although both are good ideas. Today's experts see opportunities to conserve energy in nearly every aspect of home design.

There are "so many things that look gorgeous and totally save you money," says interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn.

We asked Flynn and fellow designers Mallory Mathison and Janine Carendi to share their energy-wise secrets:

Windows

Add a layer of heavy "blackout" lining to the back of draperies (DIY or hire a seamstress), Flynn says. "It makes the drapes hang better, and gives them a richer, more full look," he says. The barrier helps keep out noise pollution, as well as light in summer and cold in winter, he says.

As you do with clothing, insulate with layers: Mathison suggests layered window treatments "with a wool sheer and then an outer panel" of heavier fabric.

Check all windows for drafts, Carendi says, and plug holes, or consider replacing windows or repairing window frames. "You would be shocked how much heat you lose," she says, from windows that aren't properly sealed or insulated.

All three designers recommend UV-protectant film, made by 3M to keep heat out in summer and protect furniture from fading (bonus: some versions also enhance security).

Lighting, electronics

Swapping out bulbs is a great energy-saving first



AP photo

Designer Brian Patrick Flynn tackled temperature control with the use of blackout-lined curtains, a thick wool area rug and a flannel sofa to keep this loft warm during winter.

step. The earliest generations of compact fluorescent bulbs gave off a harsh light that turned off some consumers, but newer versions offer softer, more appealing light.

Next, Carendi recommends replacing old dimmers with energy-smart models (she likes Lutron).

The designers also suggest using power strips or other devices that make it simpler to switch off electronics at night. Eliminating energy usage from items you don't use overnight can provide real savings.

Floors

Add thick, warm, wool area rugs. Warm feet may help you resist cranking up the heat, says Mathison, and the sight of a plush rug can make you feel cozier. You can keep lightweight rugs for summer, but swap them out when temperatures drop: "If you have standard sea grass rugs," says Mathison, "then in

winter try adding a wool or cotton flat-weave rug." She also mentions radiant-heated floors.

To warm up stairs and hallways, Flynn has a neat tip: Avoid the expense of having custom rugs made for these narrow spaces by buying a rectangular area rug and having it cut into strips measured to the correct width. Have the strips bound (most carpet stores will do it or recommend a binder in the area) and then attached end-to-end to create a single piece the right length.

Appliances

It can be wise to invest a bit more upfront for items with a good Energy Star rating.

Also, says Carendi, "train yourself to look beyond styles of appliances that you're comfortable with. Some of the European brands are highly energy-efficient, but they may not have a

look that's as comfortable to you as first."

Another way to conserve: Flynn has several clients who have installed built-in coffee/espresso systems that use a predetermined amount of water. Rather than using the power and water needed to brew an entire pot of coffee each morning, they brew a single cup.

Fabrics

Carendi suggests keeping cashmere throws or other small coverlets on hand. "My husband always puts down the heat," she says, "so I have throws all over my apartment, because they look great and they are so warm — cashmere especially."

If you're changing upholstery, says Flynn, consider having the sofa covered in a warm fabric like flannel, then having a light linen slipcover made for summer.

And Mathison advises that walls be insulated as much as possible: "When people used to hang tapestries, they were hung for insulating purposes," she says. "Using grasscloth as wallpaper would be more insulating than regular wallpaper," she says, and even adding wood paneling will help conserve energy.

"It adds texture and interest, and makes things a little bit warmer."

Local and antique

Lastly, all three designers point out that to lessen your home's carbon footprint you can buy things manufactured or crafted locally, rather than those transported from far away. And comb flea markets and antique shops for pre-used items.

"Antiques are the best way to save energy, because they've already been produced," Carendi says. "As beautiful as they tend to be, you're not buying something new."



MELIDA SUE GORDON/Universal Pictures

Jon Hutman, who designed sets for the new comedy 'It's Complicated,' says: 'There's slipcovered furniture with natural linen, beautiful old wood on the doors, dining table and floors. There's also a very Italian influence in terms of color and materials. There's a casual comfort that's very approachable and appealing.'

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A: Yes. People loved that house. But I'm the last person to claim that I invent this stuff. I look at every magazine and book that I can get my hands on. I feel like I scouted every house in the Hamptons, and we put together the best of what we saw.

I believe that the reason people love that kitchen was the movie. I think if you were to just publish that kitchen in a magazine, people would like it, but what really made it strike a chord was the movie. Nancy writes movies that are very much from her heart. "It's Complicated" is very much in that same personal vein that "Something's Gotta Give" was: It's about a really successful woman in her mid-50s that is going through something that people go through in life.

Q: How would you describe the difference between the houses in "Something's Gotta Give" and "It's Complicated"?

A: Remember, the house in "Something's Gotta Give" is a second house. Erica Barry (Diane Keaton's character) is divorced, she's had a string of successful plays, the house was a gift to herself. Jane (Meryl Streep's character) is in the process of giving herself that gift. Her current house, which she bought when she got divorced and raised a child in, is Chapter Two in her life. The house that's com-

ing is Chapter Three. Jane's situation and her house are a little more human. ... It's comfortable, it's stylish, but she's in the process of doing something that's more about her independence as a woman.

Q: I noticed lots of natural, earthy elements in the "It's Complicated" house. What kind of look were you going for?

A: It's the idea of classic elements used with a modern aesthetic. There's slipcovered furniture with natural linen, beautiful old wood on the doors, dining table and floors. There's also a very Italian influence in terms of color and materials. There's a casual comfort that's very approachable and appealing.

Q: The "It's Complicated" kitchen isn't a trophy kitchen. It looks

more like a real cook's kitchen, with everything out in the open and accessible.

A: That's what we're going for. Part of what Jane is building in the renovation is the combination family room-kitchen thing, and it's what she's tried to create within the framework of her existing house. ... It's totally attractive and comfortable but in a lived-in way. And it's meant to be makeshift, but in a way that someone that has a strong sense of aesthetics would make it. Her bakery is where she was able to realize her vision in a clearer, purer way.

Try airing out items with mothball odor

By Karen Youso
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Q: I was given some tablecloths and napkins that had been in storage. They reek of mothballs. How can I get rid of the odor?

A: It takes time, but air will do it for you. Mothballs change from a solid to a gas. (It's the gas that makes them

an effective insect repellent.)

The fastest way to get rid of mothball odor is to expose items to fresh air and sunshine. That can be hard to do now.

Meanwhile, you can try washing the linens and placing them in an unused room or basement to let the odor dissipate. You may have to wait a few months to use them.

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UNDER DEED OF TRUST Title Order No: 4298683 T.S. No.: T09-55936-ID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 03-15-2010 at 11:00 AM, of said day, at IN THE LOBBY OF LAND TITLE & ESCROW, INC., 706 MAIN ST., GOODING, ID 83330, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of GOODING, state of IDAHO, to wit: TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 15, EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 28: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SE1/4NW1/4, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SE1/4NW1/4; THENCE RUNNING ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE1/4NW1/4, 80 RODS TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE, 10 RODS; THENCE RUNNING EAST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE1/4NW1/4, 80 RODS TO THE EAST LINE THEREOF; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE, 10 RODS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION DEEDED TO THE STATE OF IDAHO FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES BY WARRANT DEED DATED OCTOBER 3, 1958, RECORDED DECEMBER 30, 1958 IN BOOK 49 PAGE 417 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 136398, GOODING COUNTY RECORDS. 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: **2625 STATE HWY 46 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: **DONALD K. EGBERT, LORI H. EGBERT**, As grantors, To: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, As successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of "MERS" IS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., As Beneficiary, dated 02-15-2007, recorded 02-26A-2007, as Instrument No. 220481, records of GOODING County, Idaho, PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE GRANTOR(S) 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 total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of this Notice is: \$124,355.10. 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 Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation, DATED: November 03, 2009 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY C/O CR TITLE SERVICES INC. MARIA DELATORRE, ASST SEC FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY SALES AND POSTING AT WWW.FIDELITYASAP.COM OR 714-730-2727 ASAP# 3350396

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. ID-09-326313-TD On 3/24/2010, at 11:00:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho: In the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street., Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301, 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 TWIN FALLS State of Idaho, and described as follows: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO Section 18: Part of Lot 2, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 2; Thence North 89°17'21" East along the North line of said Lot 2 for 175.35 feet to the TRUEPOINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North 89°17'21" East 191.92 feet; Thence South 04°18'23" East 314.63 feet; Thence South 24°22'59" East 154.94 feet; Thence West 320.78 feet; Thence North 05°22'42" East 351.00 feet; Thence North 04°39'8" East 103.37 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. The records of the Twin Falls County Tax Rolls disclose the above property address as: **1503 East 4475 North, Buhl, Idaho 83316** 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 1503 EAST 4475 NORTH, BUHL, ID 83316 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 **LARRY GORE AND PAMELA GORE**, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A UTAH CORPORATION, is named as Beneficiary and TITLEFACT, INC. as Trustee and recorded 11/27/2002 as Instrument No. 2002-025029 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of TWIN FALLS County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 11/21/2002. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,082.47, due per month for the months of 8/1/2009 through 11/16/2009, 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 \$135,446.42 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: 11/20/2009 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 Tara Donzella, Assistant Vice President ***For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3355810

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No.: 0022436455 T.S. No.: 09-06185-6 On 03/24/2010 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), On the front steps of the Jerome County Courthouse located at 300 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338. In the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee on behalf of AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING INC., AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 6 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAWTOOTH ACRES SUBDIVISION NO. 1, JEROME 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: **522 SMOKEY MOUNTAIN DRIVE, JEROME, ID 83338**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: **JAMES F. LESSLY, AN UNMARRIED PERSON**, As grantors, To: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, As Trustee, for the benefit and security of "TODAY'S HOME MORTGAGE, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION", As Beneficiary, dated 10/17/2006, recorded 11/02/2006, as Instrument No. 2066708, of the records of Jerome County, Idaho. ASSIGNMENT OF DOT TO AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING INC., AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION RECORDED 04/11/2008 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2081906 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 10/17/2006. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,178.72, due per month from 04/01/2009, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$157,102.82, plus accrued interest at 1 the rate of 5.250000% per annum from 03/01/2009. 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. Dated: November 24, 2009 By: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company 17592 E. 17th Street, Suite 300, Tustin, CA 92780 714-508-5100 Lorena Enriquez SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.fidelityasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-259-7850 ASAP# 3358458

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FHF-86689 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: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO; THENCE SOUTH 400 FEET; THENCE EAST 220 FEET; THENCE NORTH 400 FEET; THENCE WEST 220 FEET TO THE 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 **3444 NORTH 4500 EAST, MURTAUGH, ID 83344**, 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 **CONLEY MALONE AND CAROL MALONE**, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE CO, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, as Beneficiary, dated 3/5/1999, recorded 3/10/1999, under Instrument No. 1999-004516, Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III. 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 3/5/1999, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 6/15/2009 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 June 15, 2009 5 payments at \$887.17 each \$4,435.85 (06-15-09 through 11-11-09) Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$15.00 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$4,450.85 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 \$87,259.76, together with interest thereon at 10.493% per annum from 5/15/2009, 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 Its Attorney-in-Fact By: Anna Eggdorf, Authorized Agent c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 816 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 3351887

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BLISS SCHOOL DISTRICT #234
Invitation to Bid

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Bliss School District No. #234, Idaho for the purchase of 1 (one) 2010 passenger school bus.

Each school bus body/chassis shall comply with all state and local specifications, requirements, rules, regulations, and standards. Bid documents and detailed specifications are available from Joe Cline at Bliss School District #234 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until January 8, 2010.

The bidder shall insure that the buses are covered by factory warranty, and other warranty requirements, the bidder shall deliver the bus to the Bliss School District at 601 E US Hwy 30, Bliss, ID 83314.

The purchaser shall have the right to inspect the bus and equipment prior to or after delivery and/or purchase with the right of rejection for cause. The purchaser shall pay for the bus upon delivery, and shall have the option of retaining 10 percent of the price of each bus until delivery and inspection has been made. The purchaser requires that all bids be covered by the check/bond equal to percent of the net bid.

Bids must be submitted to Michele Elliott on or before 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 8, 2010. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive or to select any portion thereof on all bids, and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2009.

Michele Elliott
District Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Wednesday, the 28th day of April, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 North Lincoln, Jerome, County of Jerome, State of Idaho, LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC., an Idaho corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 11 in Block 4 of Sun Meadows East Subdivision located in part of the NINE is of Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, recorded February 23, 2006 as Instrument No. 2061064, records of Jerome County, Idaho.

The records of the Jerome County Tax Rolls disclose the above property address as: **430 Nicole Drive, Jerome, Idaho 83338**. 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 **PAUL LLOYD BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS, INC.**, an Idaho Corporation, grantor to LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC., an Idaho corporation, as trustee for the benefit and security of FARMERS NATIONAL BANK, recorded May 16, 2008, as Instrument No. 2082658, records of Jerome County, Idaho. Said Deed of Trust has been modified by the following documents:

MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF DEED OF TRUST dated March 2, 2009, recorded March 24, 2009, as Instrument No. 2091363, records of Jerome County, Idaho.

MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF DEED OF TRUST dated August 31, 2009, recorded September 8, 2009, as Instrument No. 2094487, records of Jerome County, Idaho.

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

(1) Interest payments required by the terms of the parties agreement which amount as of December 4, 2009, is \$13,830.34;

(2) Taxes for 2007 in the amount of \$116.02, plus penalties and interest;

(3) Taxes for 2008 in the amount of \$120.46, plus penalties and interest;

and the unpaid principal balance owing as of December 4, 2009, on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$346,695.81, plus interest, late charges and foreclosure costs.

DATED: December 7th, 2009.

LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC., Trustee

By RICK BERNSEN, Vice-President

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 09-0149738 Title Order No. 090696303IDGNO Parcel No. RPK14930110030A 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 lobby of Land Title & Escrow located at 237 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, on 04/12/2010 at 10:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 07/10/2003 as Instrument Number 2034203, and executed by **SHEILA D. LEWIS**, as Grantor(s), in favor of MBNA AMERICA (DELAWARE), N.A., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Jerome County, state of Idaho: SITUATED IN JEROME COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO, TO WIT: LOT 3 IN BLOCK 11 OF MAGIC MEADOWS NO. 2 SUBDIVISION, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED MARCH 11, 1975 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 210521, RECORDS 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, **749 E. 18TH AVE E, JEROME, ID 83338** 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 02/15/2005 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 4.375% 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 \$29,976.48, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 12/01/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 Bldg D RGV-D7-4500 Suptor Trustee SIMI VALLEY, CA 90028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 Tonya Malugen, Team Member ASAP# 3362415

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Friday, the 7th day of May, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: to-wit: Township 9 South, Range 14 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho

Section 28: N½E½NE¼NE¼SW¼
Sometimes known as: **4250 North 1360 East, Buhl, Idaho 83316**
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 **ANGEL C. CASTILLO**, a married man as his sole and separate property, grantor to TITLEFACT, INC., as trustee for the benefit and security of **FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF TWIN FALLS**, recorded February 24, 2000, as Instrument No. 2000-002648, and re-recorded February 25, 2000, as Instrument No. 2000-002695, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay: Monthly payments, collection charges and late charges through December 8, 2009, all in the amount of \$2,581.59; and the unpaid principal balance owing as of December 8, 2009, on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$50,821.52, plus interest, late charges and foreclosure costs.

DATED: December 17, 2009.
TITLEFACT, INC., Trustee
By R. TODD BLASS, Vice-President

PUBLISH: December 22, 29, 2009, January 5 and 12, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No.: 0017925041 T.S. No.: 09-06579-6 On 04/08/2010 at 11:00 am (recognized local time). In the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Filmore Street., Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301. In the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee on behalf of AHMS I AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: **LOT 7 IN BLOCK 2 OF WESTWIND SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS, PAGE 56, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.** The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 80-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: **823 EASTWIND DRIVE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: **STEPHANIE K. EWANIUK, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY**, as grantors, To: **FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY**, As Trustee, for the benefit and security of **OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION**, As Beneficiary, dated 07/20/2005, recorded 07/26/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-016287, of the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 07/20/2005. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,117.74, due per month from 08/01/2009, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$127,167.56, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.62500% per annum from 07/01/2009. 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. Dated: By: December 8, 2009 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company 17592 E. 17th Street, Suite 300, Tustin, CA 92780 714-508-5100 Javier Vasquez, Jr. SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.fidelitytasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-259-7850 ASAP# 3372629

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HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You don't need to have holly to feel jolly. When you are counting down to a holiday it is easy to keep the bounce in your walk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Blend in by dressing appropriately. People will listen to what you say, so be sure you have something to say that is worth hearing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Dig deep and you might find that a close friend or cherished partner is a true treasure. Don't wait to unwrap a special gift.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It is hard to rest on your laurels or even wreaths. You value most whatever is the most difficult to acquire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Being a creative genius requires inspiration as well as perspiration. Resist the urge to attempt manipulating others...

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Allay fears through positive actions. Uncertainty might stir up mischief or jeopardize a close relationship. Put everything in order.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may feel that you hold the reins of eight reindeer on a sleigh. Charging forward is your style.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Think things through. For a few hours today, you might let emotional issues color reasoning ability.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Whistle holiday tunes while you work. Your high spirits are contagious and can make you the leader of any group.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother is my best friend, but I can't stop yelling at her for invading my privacy. I have just learned that she has read all my journals since I was 9. She also figured out all my passwords to my e-mail, online blogs and social network accounts.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I have lived away from home for six years. I no longer feel I can leave my mother alone in my apartment because she goes through my text messages, call list, letters, bills, bank statements, etc. I have now stopped writing, which was my only outlet of expression, because of her snooping. She says I hurt her feelings when I yell, but I have reached the end of my rope. I have had calm conversations with her about this. She always promises that she'll stop, but she never does. Abby, she has no reason to snoop - I talk to her 20 times a day. How can I keep this from ruining our relationship?

- MAD IN MANHATTAN

DEAR MAD: You say you talk to your mother 20 times a day? Doesn't that seem to you to be somewhat excessive? You say she snoops when she's alone in your apartment. How is she gaining unsupervised entry?

Speaking as an unbiased outsider, I think some separation from your mother would be healthy for both of you. So change your passwords, put your financial information under lock and key, and cut the umbilical cord. It's long overdue.

DEAR ABBY: I have a male friend who was raised with beautiful manners and always opens a door for a lady. The last time we spoke, he told me he had opened a door for a woman and she told him off! She said she didn't need any "help," that she was capable of opening her own doors, and it should have been obvious that she wasn't disabled - among other things.

My friend didn't know what to say. I told him to just ignore what she said. Was there a polite comeback for him?

- STUMPED FOR AN ANSWER

DEAR STUMPED: No, not unless he wanted to get into a spitting contest with a viper. You say your friend was raised to open doors for ladies. Well, it appears he opened a door for a woman who wasn't one. Please tell him not to give up because anyone with manners would have said thank you and appreciated the gesture. I know I would have.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 27 years and are raising four children. During a recent visit to my in-laws, I noticed a picture hanging on their wall that we had used as our engagement photo. Abby, the picture had been altered. My portion was cut out! I was shocked and would like to know your thoughts. Should I say something about it, or ignore this obvious slight and move on?

- APPARENT OUT-LAW IN HOUSTON

DEAR OUT-LAW: You say you have been married to their son for 27 years and this is the first time you've noticed it? If so, ignore it. However, if the alteration is recent, and you suspect there may be fences that need mending, the next time you pay them a visit, walk over to the picture, say: "Oh, that's our engagement picture. But something seems to be missing. Why ... it's ME. Should I take this as a message?" Then be quiet and listen.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GERAW

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UNDOB

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EUFLOW

Answer here: A

(Answers tomorrow)

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Well, if you win the heart in hand and play a club, the defenders might meanly play three rounds of the suit (leaving the hearts blocked), and they may then have clubs to cash when they get in with the spade ace.

Say instead that you win the heart king, test diamonds, and then play a club to the jack and king. Back comes a heart. Now, if you cash your third heart, the defenders have set up their suit before you have established your club winner (if West has the spade ace). If you do not cash the third heart, but lead a club to the queen, hoping the defenders take the trick, they meanly duck it! Curtains, if East has the spade ace.

Far better is to take the heart king and lead the club queen. If the defenders duck, you cash out; if they win it, you can ensure a club re-entry to hand.

One more wrinkle: If you win the heart king and play the club queen, an unkind East might win and shift to the spade queen. Does he have Q-J-9, in which case you must cover the second spade, not the first? Or does he have his actual holding, when failure to cover the queen will be fatal? Fortunately, there are not many opponents who would be so unpleasant.

North 12-22-A: 10 4 2, K 2, A K Q J 8, Q 3 2. West: A J 8, J 10 9 8 7 4, 10 6, K 7. East: Q 9 5, 6 5, 9 7 3, A 8 6 5 4.

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: West

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Opening lead: Heart jack

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South holds: K 7 6 3, A Q 3, 5 4 2, J 10 9. Bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 2♣ Pass ?

ANSWER: There is no reason to do anything outlandish here. Give preference to two diamonds and let partner decide whether he has any game interest. You have a maximum in high cards, but no fitting honors for your partner, so stay low until asked to do otherwise.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com. Copyright 2009, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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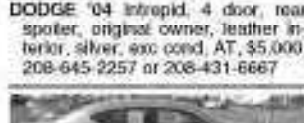
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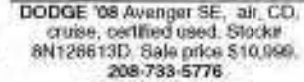
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Uncrowned: Minico VB denied state title

The Minico volleyball team is the 2009 Class 4A Academic State Champion.

Except the Spartans won't get a trophy. They won't hang a banner in the gym. The Idaho High School Activities Association refuses to recognize them.

Why?

Ryan Howe



Blame it on a technological glitch.

The deadline to submit fall sports applications to the Idaho High School Activities Association was Oct. 15. Dawna Reddington, the Minico athletic department secretary, faxed in the completed forms a week prior to deadline. The IHSAA received some of Minico's fall sports documents, but not all.

So instead of Minico (3.85 GPA) receiving recognition for its classroom accomplishments, Rigby (3.846) won the award instead.

"It's disappointing," says Minico head coach Kris Christensen. "I feel bad for our girls. They're high-achieving girls and they need to be recognized."

Since Tim Perrigot has been athletic director, he says Minico has never missed a submission deadline. His office didn't miss this one, either, but somehow, the volleyball page didn't fax through.

"In track, if a kid false starts at the district meet, they don't get to go to the state," Perrigot said. "But in this situation, this was our mistake — this wasn't the kids' fault."

The Minidoka County School Board made an appeal to the IHSAA. They sent proof that the error was caused by faulty office equipment, not human error. The school board asked that the IHSAA consider awarding a second trophy and banner, stating, "In no way do we wish to diminish or take away from Rigby's accomplishment. Awarding a second plaque and banner is in the best interest of kids and is completely within the spirit and intent of honoring student athletes for their hard work..."

In its meeting on Dec. 8, the IHSAA denied the appeal.

It's an unfortunate decision to reconcile an unfortunate error.

Perhaps the IHSAA should read its own Sportsmanship Manual,

See **HOWE**, Sports 2



Broncos coach peeks at game film of Fiesta Bowl opponent TCU

By **Dustin Lapray**
Times-News
correspondent

BOISE — Chris Petersen has finally got a good look at the BCS No. 4 Texas Christian University Horned Frogs, dissecting game film, trying to find holes in the nation's best defense.

When asked Monday if he'd do anything different in preparation for the 2010 Fiesta Bowl, the coy Boise State head coach joked he'd part his hair on the other side. He may not have much to comb after pulling his hair out trying to find cracks in the rock-solid TCU front.

"We won't change," Petersen said. "We have to attack them the best way we can."

These two teams have become intimate over the past year, mirroring each other in the polls, the rankings and now in berths to the same bowl, again, for the third time in seven seasons. Petersen discounted Monday the post-season meetings the No. 6 Broncos and Horned Frogs shared last spring. He said his defensive coaches asked all the questions, picking Gary Patterson's mind. He said he doesn't regret sharing secrets.

"That whole thing is overrated," Petersen said. "If they gave us their game planning, that would help."

But Petersen can pick through the coaches' film from their games and find ways to beat the speedy defense. He said the biggest problem with TCU is the overall team speed. When an offense seldom catches the defense out of position, the athletic defenders recover almost immediately and with that great speed, recompense for the mistakes.

The good news is that the teams played last season, so the few things the BSU staff thought could beat TCU have been tried to greater or lesser success. The things that failed don't need to be looked at again.

The plain truth of the matter is that BSU won't be able to trick TCU, can't out-scheme a team like this with so much speed and talent. To beat them, the Broncos have to get tough real quick, pound the ball, be more physical, stronger and must make plays outside the playbook. There isn't one great player at BSU, so everyone on offense must pick it up.

On defense, the Broncos face a TCU offense that can suddenly throw the football (and can still hammer it down opponents' throats).

Quarterback Andy Dalton improved greatly from

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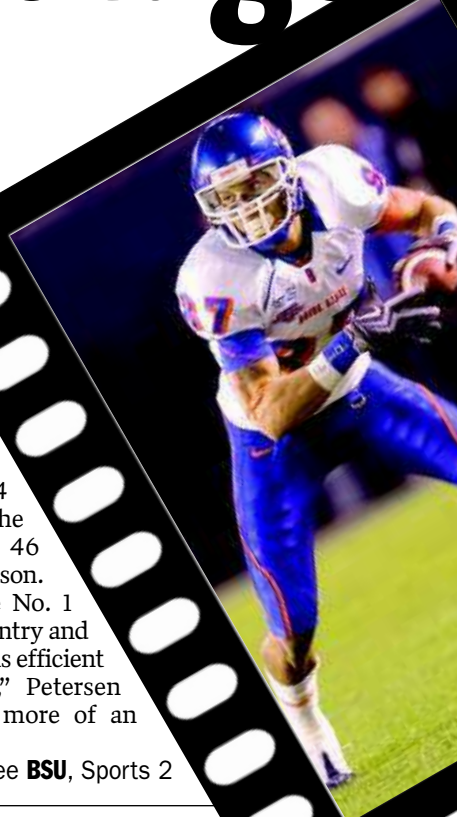
his sophomore campaign to his junior season. Dalton is now the No. 4 rated passer in the country, rising 46 spots from last season.

"They play the No. 1 defense in the country and their quarterback is efficient and moves well," Petersen said. "He's just more of an

See **BSU**, Sports 2

AP file photo

Boise State receiver Austin Pettis attempts to evade Texas Christian defender Rafael Priest during the 2008 Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego on Dec. 23, 2008. The Horned Frogs defeated the previously unbeaten Broncos 17-16.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jerome senior Garey flourishes in starting lineup

By **David Bashore**
Times-News writer

JEROME — Tinley Garey provided a glimpse of what she could do at last season's state girls basketball tournament.

This season her all-around game has come into full view.

It hasn't been an easy transition from bit-part player last year, but the senior, now a starter, is beginning to flourish on both ends of the floor.

"It's taken me a while to get situated, but I've pushed myself hard in practice, had a lot of good practices, and it's paid off," Garey said ahead of last week's Great Basin Conference showdown with Minico. "As a senior it makes me want to step up even more. Thinking of (reaching) my last state tournament has a lot to do with it."

Garey's development and versatility rival that of more heralded teammate Aubree Callen, albeit with a different skill set.

Much like Callen, she's developed up an even-keel attitude, scarcely showing emotion on the floor either way. Also like Callen used to, Garey still gets more down on herself than up, Jerome head coach Brent Clark said. But she's worked hard to ensure her mentality remains positive and productive, which Clark said was one of a big hurdle in the past.

Physically, her presence creates matchup trouble for opponents. Whether she steps out and hits a 3-point-er on offense or picks a player's pocket on defense, Class 4A foes are slowly coming to the realization with Garey, Callen, Carrie Thibault, Haylee Burnham and Baylie Smith, they've simply got to pick their poison.

"It's really nice to know when defenses take certain players away, you've got someone like Tinley who can step up," Clark. "We'd like to keep her in the post as much as possible, but if she needs to guard someone on the wing or play the '3' she's very capable. She flies under

See **GAREY**, Sports 2



Garey

Giants stay in playoff hunt, beat Redskins

By **Joseph White**
Associated Press writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Playing for their playoff lives, Eli Manning and the New York Giants were efficient, focused and dominant.

Playing for their new general manager, the Washington Redskins did a good job of convincing the boss that maybe everyone ought to be fired.

The Giants kept themselves in the postseason hunt Monday night with one of the most lopsided victories in the long, storied series against their

NFC East rival. New York scored on six of its first seven possessions and controlled every facet of the game in a 45-12 win that wasn't as close as even that margin of victory would indicate.

Manning completed 19 of 26 passes for 268 yards and three touchdowns, and Ahmad Bradshaw ran for two scores for the Giants (8-6), who are one game behind Dallas and Green Bay in the battle for wildcard spots with two weeks

See **NFL**, Sports 2



New York Giants wide receiver Derek Hagan celebrates his third-quarter touchdown Monday against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md.

AP photo

BYU, Oregon State seek redemption in Vegas bowl

By **Oskar Garcia**
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — No. 15 BYU and No. 16 Oregon State enter the Las Vegas Bowl with a chance to erase disappointing memories, one much more recent than the other.

The Beavers (8-4) were a victory away from the Rose Bowl earlier this month, but a loss to rival Oregon left them relegated to one of the first bowl games of the postseason.

The Cougars (10-2) will make their fifth consecutive the Las Vegas Bowl appearance Tuesday night, hoping they can atone for their last.

Oregon State coach Mike Riley said Monday that players enjoy second chances.

"It starts with pride," Riley said. "When football players start talking about redemption and they talk about the next opportunity, it's because they've invested so much."

Oregon State started the season trying to replace seven players who were drafted off last year's team. Riley said these Beavers created a new identity.

"Players — these older players in particular — understand what an identity of a team is," he said.



A loss to Oregon kept the Beavers out of the BCS, so Oregon State will try to extend its five-game bowl winning streak against BYU.

Cougars coach Bronco Mendenhall can sympathize with his opponent's position.

"I understand very clearly what Oregon State's going through," he said.

After finishing their regular season last year with a 48-24 loss at Utah, the Cougars went on to lose 31-21 to Arizona in their fourth straight trip to Sin City.

"That's difficult to get over," he said. "I think I would handle it better if that were to happen again."

Mendenhall says his team takes a better attitude into the Las Vegas Bowl this season. A win against Oregon State could perhaps boost BYU to a top-10 finish.

Mendenhall said the motivation of redemption is universal.

"It's just for people living on this planet," he said. "You go through ups and downs — I don't think anyone's satisfied when you're down to stay down."

Both teams rank in the top-30 in the country in total offense, featuring balanced attacks guided by

senior quarterbacks.

For a school that has a tradition of great passers, Max Hall will leave BYU as one of its most prolific passers. Hall ranks third in the country in passer efficiency rating (160.9), with 3,368 yards and 30 touchdown passes.

Oregon State's Sean Canfield has had an outstanding final season with little fanfare.

He leads the Pac-10 in passer rating (148.3) and has thrown for 3,103 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Hall's top weapons are tight end Dennis Pitt, a second-team All-American, and tailback Harvey Unga, who ran for 1,016 yards and 10 touchdowns.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	21	5	80.8	-
Toronto	13	17	43.3	10
New York	10	17	37.0	11½
Philadelphia	7	20	25.9	14½
New Jersey	2	26	0.71	20
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	21	7	75.0	-
Atlanta	19	7	73.1	1
Miami	13	12	52.0	6½
Charlotte	10	16	38.5	10
Washington	8	17	32.0	11½
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	21	8	72.4	-
Milwaukee	12	14	46.2	7½
Detroit	11	16	40.3	9
Chicago	10	16	38.5	9½
Indiana	9	17	34.6	10½
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	20	8	71.4	-
San Antonio	15	10	60.0	3½
Houston	16	11	59.3	3½
New Orleans	12	14	46.2	7
Memphis	12	15	44.4	7½
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	19	9	67.9	-
Portland	17	12	58.6	2½
Utah	16	12	57.1	3
Oklahoma City	13	13	50.0	5
Minnesota	5	23	17.9	14
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	22	4	84.6	-
Phoenix	18	10	64.3	5
Sacramento	13	14	48.1	9½
L.A. Clippers	12	15	44.4	10½
Golden State	7	19	26.9	15

Sunday's Games

Toronto 98, New Orleans 92
 Memphis 102, Denver 96
 L.A. Lakers 93, Detroit 81
 Portland 102, Miami 95
 Boston 122, Minnesota 104
 Dallas 102, Cleveland 95
 New York 98, Charlotte 91

Monday's Games

Milwaukee 84, Indiana 81
 Orlando 104, Utah 99
 Sacramento 102, Chicago 98
 San Antonio 103, L.A. Clippers 87
 Cleveland 109, Phoenix 91

Tuesday's Games

Detroit at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 5 p.m.
 Chicago at New York, 5:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Memphis, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
 Portland at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Houston at Orlando, 5 p.m.
 Toronto at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at New Orleans, 5:30 p.m.
 Utah at Miami, 5:30 p.m.
 Washington at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
 Golden State at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
 Portland at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Denver, 7 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

NBA Boxes

BUICKS 84, PACERS 81

MILWAUKEE (84)
 Redd 5-12, 2-4 1/2, Ilyasova 1-9 1/3, Bogut 14-19 3-7 31,
 Jennings 7-19 1-2 1/6, Dellino 0-3 0-0 0, Mbah a Moute 2-4
 2-4 6, Warrick 0-3 0-0 0, Rihdour 3-5 0-0 6, Meeks 0-2 0-0
 0, Elson 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 11 0-0 2, Bell 2-5 0-2 6. Totals
 25, 83 10 84.

INDIANA (81)
 Dunleavy 2-7 0-4, Murphy 4-9 4-14, Hibbert 7-15 2-2
 16, Watson 2-3 0-0 4, Jones 2-8 3-6 7, Hansbrough 4-7 3-
 3 11, S.Jones 2-2 2-4 6, Ford 3-12 2-2 8, Rush 3-8 0-0 7,
 Head 2-0 0-4. Totals 31-87 16-22 81.

Milwaukee 19 17 20 19 - 84
Indiana 16 27 20 18 - 81
 3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 5-16 (Redd 2-3, Bell 2-3,
 Mbah a Moute 0-1, Ilyasova 0-2, Meeks 0-2, Dellino 0-
 3), Indiana 3-17 (Murphy 2-5, Rush 1-1, Watson 0-1, Hibbert
 0-1, Head 0-3, Ford 0-3, Dunleavy 0-4). Fouled Out—None.
 Rebounds—Milwaukee 54 (Bogut 18), Indiana 67 (Murphy
 12). Assists—Milwaukee 18 (Jennings 6), Indiana 16 (Ford
 5). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 20, Indiana 22. A-12,836
 (18,165).

CAVALIERS 109, SUNS 91

CLEVELAND (109)
 James 11-21 6-9, Hickson 4-9 2-2 10, O'Neal 12 1-2 3,
 M.Williams 7-14 7-7 24, Parker 3-6 0-0 7, Varejao 5-8 3-5 13,
 West 5-23 1-2, Ilegaskas 3-6 1-7, Gibson 2-0-4 0-2 4,
 J.Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-78 22-26
 109.

PHOENIX (91)
 Hill 9-22 2-2, Stoudemire 6-14 2-2 14, Frye 5-9 2-13,
 Nash 7-14 4-18, Richardson 3-10 1-2 8, Jordan 0-2 0-0 11,
 Dragic 1-6 2-5, Amundson 3-5 1-4 7, Lopez 0-0 0-0 0,
 Clark 0-0 1-2 1, Tucker 1-2 0-2. Totals 36-76 15-20 91.

Cleveland 29 30 23 27 - 109
Phoenix 20 30 23 27 - 91
 3-Point Goals—Cleveland 5-12 (M.Williams 3-5, James 1-3,
 Frye 1-4, Richardson 1-6, Tucker 0-1, Nash 0-3). Fouled
 Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 42 (M.Williams, James,
 Hickson 6), Phoenix 44 (Stoudemire 12). Assists—
 Cleveland 21 (West 6), Phoenix 17 (Nash 10). Total Fouls—
 Cleveland 18, Phoenix 21. Technicals—Cleveland defensive
 three second, Stoudemire, Phoenix defensive three sec-
 ond. A-18,221 (18,422).

SPURS 103, CLIPPERS 87

L.A. CLIPPERS (87)
 Thornton 5-11 0-1 10, Camby 3-6 0-0 6, Kaman 10-18 3-4
 23, B.Davis 4-11 3-4 11, Gordon 3-9 1-2 10, Jordan 0-2 0-0 0,
 Skinner 11 0-0 2, Butler 7-13 2-18, Telfair 1-6 1-2 3, Collins
 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 2-4 0-0 4, Novak 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-82
 10-15 87.

SAN ANTONIO (103)

Jefferson 8-17 6-9, Duncan 5-8 3-4 13, Blair 4-5 0-3 8,
 Parker 7-11 5-17 9, Bogans 4-6 0-0 11, McDyess 5-7 0-0 10,
 Ginobili 1-5 4-7, Ratliff 5-14 0-10, Hill 1-7 0-0 2, Mason
 5-8 2-12, Haislip 0-2 0-0 0, Hairston 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-77
 20-26 103.

L.A. Clippers 19 27 18 23 - 87
San Antonio 13 24 14 18 - 103
 3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 4-14 (Gordon 3-6, Butler 2-5,
 Novak 0-1, B.Davis 0-2), San Antonio 5-10 (Bogans 3-4,
 Jefferson 1-1, Ginobili 1-2, Mason 0-1, Hill 0-1, Parker 0-1).
 Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 49 (Kaman
 15), San Antonio 46 (Ratliff 7). Assists—L.A. Clippers 19
 (Telfair, B.Davis 6), San Antonio 24 (Mason 5). Total Fouls—
 L.A. Clippers 17, San Antonio 16. Flagrant Fouls—Canty,
 A-17,451 (18,797).

MAGIC 194, JAZZ 99

UTAH (99)
 Miles 5-15 0-0 13, Boozer 7-16 3-15 17, Okur 3-8 0-0 7,
 D.Williams 6-16 6-7 18, Brewer 2-9 1-2 5, Matthews 8-11 4-6
 20, Kirilenko 4-9 3-14, Maynor 1-5 2-2 4, Matthews 0-0 0-0
 0, Fesenko 0-0 1-2 1, Koufos 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-89 20-
 27 99.

ORLANDO (104)
 Pietrus 3-4 0-0 8, Lewis 7-14 0-2 18, Howard 5-8 11-15 21,
 J.Williams 2-5 0-4 4, Carter 5-5 7-9 18, Gortat 2-2 1-1 5,
 Nelson 0-6 2-2 2, Barnes 0-1 0-0 0, Anderson 0-0 1-2 1,
 Redick 7-9 4-4 20, Bass 0-0 3-4 3, Johnson 1-2 2-2 4. Totals
 32-66 31-41 104.

Utah 18 22 28 31 - 99
Orlando 19 21 30 34 - 104
 3-Point Goals—Utah 7-18 (Kirilenko 3-5, Miles 3-7, Okur 1-3,
 Maynor 0-1, D.Williams 0-2), Orlando 9-21 (Lewis 4-8,
 Redick 2-2, Pietrus 2-3, Carter 1-3, J.Williams 0-1, Barnes 0-1,
 Johnson 0-1, Nelson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—
 Utah 54 (Okur 9), Orlando 50 (Carter, Howard 9). Assists—
 Utah 26 (D.Williams 12), Orlando 14 (J.Williams 4). Total
 Fouls—Utah 26, Orlando 21. Technicals—Utah defensive
 three second, Lewis, J.Williams 2, Orlando defensive three
 second. Ejected—J.Williams, A-17,461 (17,461).

KINGS 102, BULLS 98

NICHOLSON (102)
 Nicholson 17 1-3, Hawes 2-6 2-2, Thompson 6-13 2-2 14,
 Evans 8-19 6-9 23, Casspi 1-4 1-2 4, Udoka 6-9 2-2 17,
 K.Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Udrih 5-11 3-3 16, Brockman 0-1 0-0
 0, Rodriguez 4-6 1-2 10, Greene 3-6 1-3 9. Totals 36-82 19-
 26 102.

CHICAGO (98)
 Deng 11-18 3-4 26, Miller 0-4 0-0 0, Noah 5-9 0-1 10, Rose
 9-19 2-4, Salmons 4-12 5-6 14, Hinrich 5-9 2-3 14, Gilson
 4-9 2-3 10, Pargo 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-80 18-24 98.

Sacramento 19 24 26 33 - 102
Chicago 38 29 21 10 - 98
 3-Point Goals—Sacramento 11-23 (Udrih 3-4, Udoka 3-5,
 Greene 2-5, Rodriguez 1-1, Evans 1-1, Casspi 1-1, Hawes 0-1,
 Thompson 0-1, Nicholson 0-1), Chicago 4-10 (Hinrich 2-3,
 Deng 1-3, Salmons 1-4). Fouled Out—Hinrich, Rebounds—
 Sacramento 46 (Evans 8), Chicago 55 (Noah 10). Assists—
 Sacramento 19 (Rodriguez 7), Chicago 19 (Rose 7). Total
 Fouls—Sacramento 22, Chicago 20. Technicals—Hawes, A-
 19,631 (20,917).

Men's College Basketball

Major Scores

Arizona St. 69, UC Santa Barbara 42
Montana 59, Fresno St. 56
S. Utah 76, UC Riverside 65
Utah Valley 75, Oregon 50
Weber St. 82, Cal St.-Fullerton 71

East

Davidson 61, Hofstra 52
 Penn St. 76, American U. 57
 Providence 82, Yale 78
 Sacred Heart 78, Stony Brook 70

South

Charleston Southern 94, Southeastern, Fla. 66
 Chattanooga 84, Tenn. Temple 52
 ETSU 93, Jacksonville 70
 Kentucky 88, Creveola 44
 Miami 80, N. Carolina A&T 59
 Nichols St. 60, Jacksonville St. 55
 North Florida 65, Canisius 61

Savannah 57, Stetson 46
 South Carolina 81, Furman 57
 Southern Miss. 78, New Orleans 58
 Tulane 73, Louisiana-Lafayette 70
 Vanderbilt 99, Mercer 59
 Virginia 68, N.C. Tech 37
 Wofford 68, UNC Asheville 42

Ball St. 59, N.C. Central 45
Dayton 65, Appalachian St. 49
Iowa St. 59, Carolina St. 69
Kansas St. 90, Ark.-Pine Bluff 76
Houston St. 69, N. Dakota St. 57
Wichita St. 81, Citadel 58
Oklahoma St. 77, La Salle 62
UTEP 89, Oklahoma 74

Mens' College Basketball

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basket-
 ball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records
 through Dec. 20. Total points based on 25 points for a first-
 place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and
 previous ranking.

W-L	Pts	Pts	
1. Kansas (55)	10-0	1,611	1
2. Texas (70)	10-0	1,543	2
3. Kentucky (1)	11-0	1,477	3
4. Purdue	10-0	1,422	4
5. Syracuse (2)	11-0	1,397	5
6. West Virginia	9-0	1,290	6
7. Duke	9-1	1,249	7
8. Villanova	10-1	1,175	8
9. Michigan St.	9-2	1,046	9
10. North Carolina	8-3	959	10
11. Connecticut	7-2	950	14
12. Kansas St.	10-1	810	17
13. New Mexico	12-0	707	19
14. Georgetown	8-1	676	11
15. Mississippi	10-1	624	20
16. Tennessee	9-1	616	21
17. Ohio St.	9-2	562	18
18. Florida	8-2	519	13
19. Texas A&M	9-2	320	23
20. Butler	8-3	315	21
21. Temple	9-2	244	-
22. Washington	7-2	194	-
23. Texas Tech	9-1	182	16
24. Clemson	10-2	151	-
25. Gonzaga	8-3	146	15

Others receiving votes: Florida St. 127, UNLV 126,
 Arkansas 68, Va. Commonwealth 58
 Kansas St. 59, UTSA 55
 Texas Tech 60, Mercer 49

Wisconsin 96, Northwestern 89, Georgia Tech 76, St.
 John's 53, Miami 50, Missouri 51, 45, Dayton 39, Charlotte
 29, Oklahoma St. 29, IAB 29, Saint Mary's, Calif. 21, BYU
 20, Wichita St. 18, Memphis 16, Tulsa 12, N.C. State 11,
 Cincinnati 9, Mississippi St. 8, Baylor 6, Wake Forest 4,
 California 3, Virginia Tech 3, William & Mary 3, Richmond
 2, W. Carolina 2, Army 1, N. Iowa 1, Pittsburgh 1, Rhode
 Island 1

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Men's College Basketball USA

Today/ESPN Top 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college
 basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses,
 records through Dec. 20. Points based on 25 points for a
 first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote
 and previous ranking.

W-L	Pts	Pts	
1. Kansas (31)	10-0	775	1
2. Texas	10-0	738	2
3. Kentucky	11-0	700	3
4. Purdue	10-0	677	4
5. Syracuse	11-0	658	5
6. West Virginia	8-0	629	6
7. Duke	9-1	589	7
8. Villanova	10-1	553	9
9. Michigan St.	9-2	490	12
10. North Carolina	8-3	448	10
11. Connecticut	7-2	438	14
12. New Mexico	12-0	349	19
13. Georgetown	8-1	332	11
14. Tennessee	8-2	311	8
15. Kansas St.	10-1	289	22
16. Butler	8-3	280	17
17. Ohio St.	9-2	251	18
18. Florida	8-2	198	13
19. Washington	7-2	168	21
20. UNLV	10-1	162	23
21. Mississippi	10-1	159	25
22. Georgia Tech	8-2	129	15
23. Clemson	10-2	127	24
24. Gonzaga	8-3	122	15
25. Temple	9-2	57	-

Others receiving votes: Texas A&M 54, Texas Tech 49,
 Florida State 41, St. John's 33, Saint Mary's 31, Brigham
 Young 28, Wisconsin 28, Northwestern 21, Wake Forest 20,
 Charlotte 16, Oklahoma State 16, Cincinnati 12, Illinois 12,
 Virginia Tech 12, Tulsa 11, William & Mary 11, California 10,
 St. Louis 10, Missouri State 8, Washington State 6, Western
 Carolina 6, Miami 3, Mississippi State 3, Richmond 2,
 Louisville 1, Northern Iowa 1, Old Dominion 1

Women's College Basketball

Major Scores

Boise St. 57, Seattle 47
California 80, Long Beach St. 71
Denver 63, Mississippi-Monroe 62
Kaho St. 61, S. Utah 48
N. Colorado 65, Colorado St. 56
San Diego St. 75, Loyola Marymount 54
UTLA 83, Saint Mary's, Calif. 58
UCLA 72, Weber St. 51

Drexel 67, Bucknell 54
Duke 75, Maine 34
Duquesne 67, St. Francis, Pa. 63
Hartford 51, Coppin St. 44
Hofstra 67, Stony Brook 61
Miami 103, Cornell 62
Penn St. 59, Oakland, Mich. 64
Quinnipiac 75, Yale 59
Sacred Heart 67, Binghamton 59
Seton Hall 58, UC Davis 54
St. Peter's 55, Wagner 50
Vermont 66, Providence 57

Alabama 71, Presbyterian 38
Bethune-Cookman 65, Stetson 60
Clemson 67, Wofford 51
Coll. of Charleston 68, W. Carolina 61
ETSU 77, UNC Asheville 72
Florida St. 83, Hawaii 39
Furman 73, Appalachian St. 56
Georgia Southern 80, Kennesaw St. 67
High Point 75, Florida 68
James Madison 85, Longwood 67
Louisiana-Lafayette 77, Centenary 50
Richmond 74, Radford 40
UNC Greensboro 35, Samford 47
William & Mary 67, Southern U. 41
Winthrop 66, Campbell 60

Bowling Green 73, Youngstown St. 45
Cincinnati 62, Valparaiso 50
Dayton 84, Butler 81, 207
E. Michigan 83, Chicago St. 64
Gardner-Webb 56, Purdue 55
Marquette 63, Canisius 32
Michigan St. 67, St. Bonaventure 59
Missouri 81, Ark.-Pine Bluff 50
Murray St. 88, IU/PUI 68
N. Dakota St. 66, N. Arizona 56

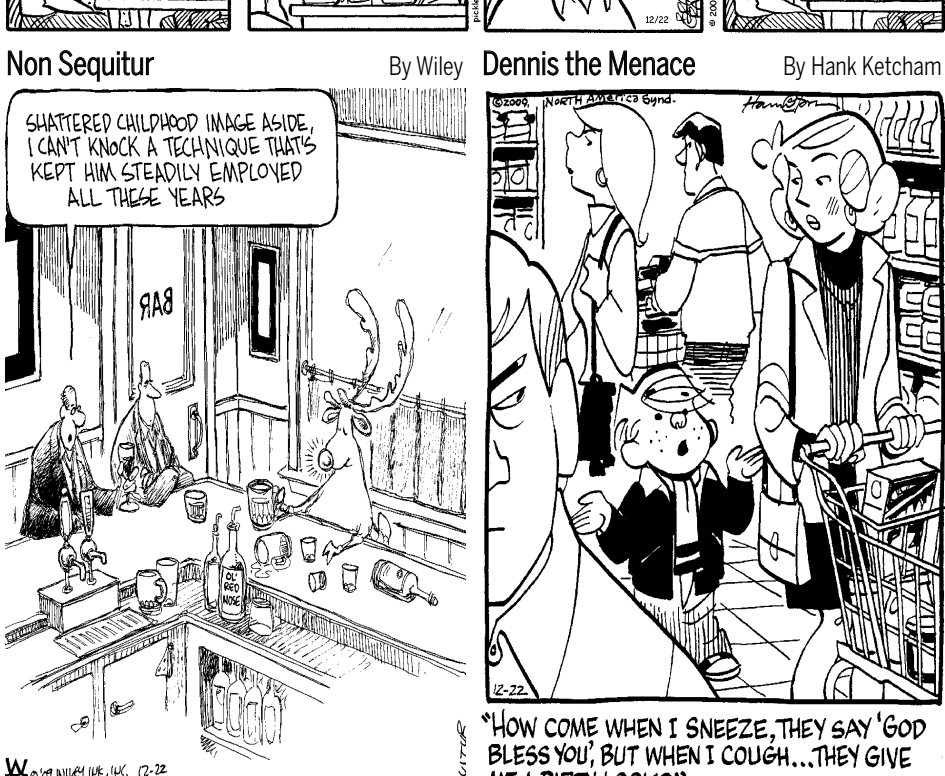
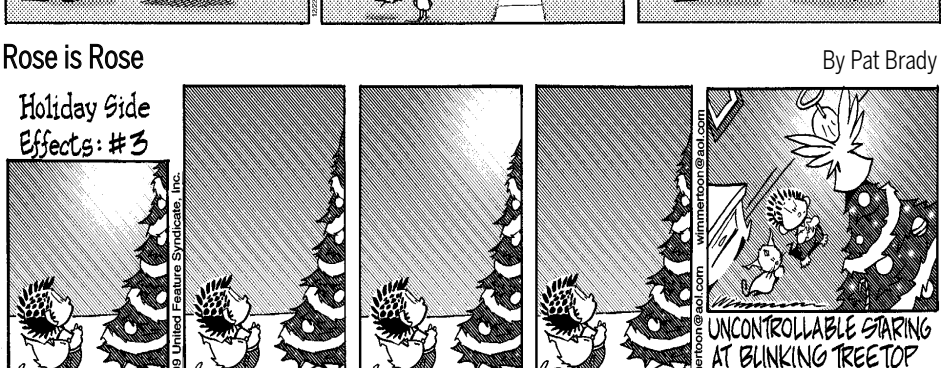
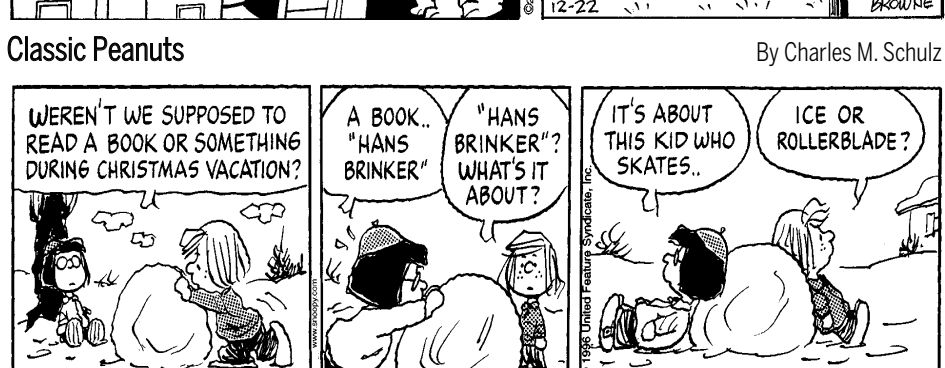
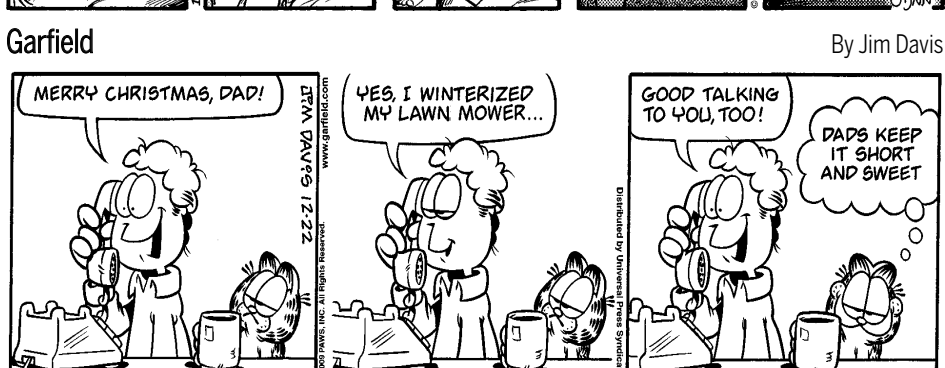
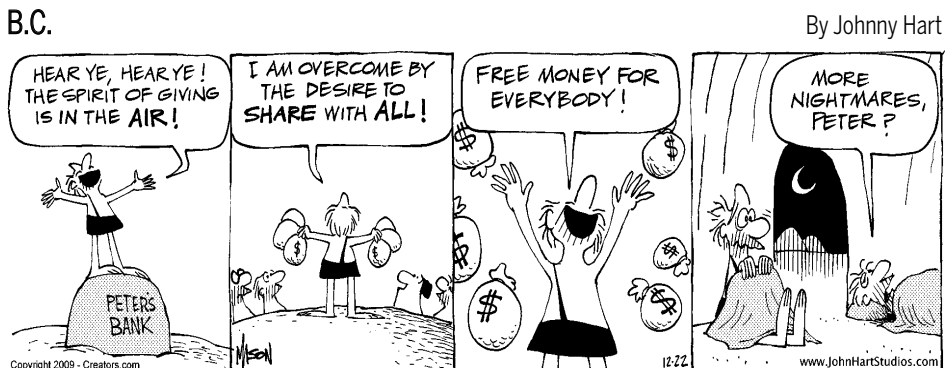
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2. Stanford	9-0	960	2
3. Notre Dame	10-0	913	4
4. Tennessee	9-1	867	3
5. Baylor	11-1	821	6
6. Ohio St.	12-1	749	8
7. North Carolina	9-1	724	9
8. Duke	8-2	717	7
9. Georgia	10-0	698	11
10. Texas A&M	9-1	632	13
11. LSU	9-1	619	5



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AP file photo

Jimmie Johnson celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series' Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 race at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz., on Nov. 15. Johnson was picked as the Male Athlete of the Year by members of The Associated Press on Monday.

NASCAR'S JOHNSON WINS MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — There was little recognition outside the racing world when Jimmie Johnson won his first NASCAR championship.

Same with his second, and again with his third.

But four straight championships? That's a different story.

Johnson, the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive titles, earned mainstream recognition Monday when he was honored as the Male Athlete of the Year by members of The Associated Press.

Johnson received 42 votes from editors at U.S. newspapers which are members of the AP. Tennis star Roger Federer (30 votes) and Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt (29) were the only other athletes with totals in the dou-

ble- digits.

Although Tiger Woods was named Athlete of the Decade, the golfer received only nine votes for Athlete of the Year. He was tied with NBA star Kobe Bryant and slugger Albert Pujols in fourth place. Woods, who was ranked No. 1 in his sport but failed to win one of golf's majors this season, was never a top contender — even before the sex scandal that unraveled his personal life following a Nov. 27 traffic accident.

For Johnson, the first race car driver to be named the AP's Athlete of the Year in its 78-year history, the award is the validation he's been waiting for since he began his historic run in 2006.

"We'd been wondering the last few years, 'When is this going to hit?'" he said. "It seems like the answer is now. The wave is finally peaking, and we don't know

where it's going to take us. The fourth straight title takes it out of our sport and makes it a point of discussion — like, 'Wow, a race car driver won this thing!'"

The 34-year-old Californian again schooled the competition, winning four of his seven races this season when the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship began in September. Two-time champion Tony Stewart dominated the "regular season," but it was Johnson and his No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports team that turned it up when the stakes were highest.

In the 10 Chase races, Johnson finished outside the top-10 only once: when he wrecked at Texas with Sam Hornish Jr. three laps into the eighth race. The crash proved Johnson's mettle, as he sat inside his car, helmet on, for more than an hour as crew chief Chad Knaus led a

total rebuild of his Chevrolet so that Johnson could return to the track.

Although the 38th-place finish decimated his cozy lead in the standings, he shrugged off any challenge by rolling into Phoenix the next week and leading 238 of the 312 laps en route to a victory that turned the season finale into a low-key Sunday drive for Johnson.

"I'm pretty sure that dude's Superman," said teammate Mark Martin, who finished second in the standings, 141 points behind Johnson.

The march into the record books has attracted attention for Johnson far beyond NASCAR's insulated garage. HBO Sports' award-winning "24/7" program has tabbed Johnson for a four-episode series that will chronicle his preparation for the 2010 season-opening Daytona 500.

Messy playoff picture with 6 AFC teams at 7-7

There are two more weeks on the schedule and enough teams on the playoff fringe to create a wild scramble for the remaining berths.

There's potential for all six 7-7 clubs (Dolphins, Jets, Steelers, Jaguars, Titans, Texans) to get in, and one of them — Miami — could still win its division.

Heading into Week 15, Jacksonville owns the No. 7 seed, for whatever that's worth considering the Jaguars must go to New England. The Patriots need a win to considerably ease their load on the final weekend — and they still could be the second seed in the AFC. The Jaguars finish at Cleveland.

Jacksonville gets that edge, which could be significant at season's end, because the NFL first uses division tiebreakers to clarify the wild-card competition. The Jaguars have a better head-to-head record with Houston and Tennessee, both also 7-7. Miami swept the Jets and has that division edge.

Then, with Jacksonville, Pittsburgh and Miami remaining among the 7-7 teams, the Jags have the best conference mark.

In order, the other rankings for the 7-7 clubs are Miami, New York, Pittsburgh, Tennessee and Houston. The Jets and Titans have particularly difficult matchups this weekend: New York is at undefeated Indianapolis on Sunday, while Tennessee hosts San Diego on Christmas night.

Of course, everything could get scrambled in a week, particularly if Baltimore loses at Pittsburgh and Denver falls at Philadelphia.

BROWNS OWNER: HOLMGREN TO BE TEAM PRESIDENT

BEREA, Ohio — The Cleveland Browns say Mike Holmgren has agreed to become their president.

Browns owner Randy

Lerner said the two sides reached a deal on Monday. Lerner says details still need to be worked out and a formal announcement will be made by next week.

On Saturday, the 61-year-old Holmgren had turned down a front-office position to return to the Seattle Seahawks, sparking speculation that he was headed to Cleveland.

SEAHAWKS' HOUSER IN HOSPITAL WITH COLLAPSED LUNG

RENTON, Wash. — Seahawks long snapper Kevin Houser is hoping to be out of the hospital in time for Christmas Eve after doctors re-inflated his collapsed lung.

Seattle coach Jim Mora praised Houser on Monday for continuing to play after getting hurt while covering a punt in the second quarter Sunday against Tampa Bay.

The Seahawks' only true kick snapper went into a photographer's shed on the sideline to get a painkilling injection. He returned to snap for Seattle's only extra point later in the half.

Houser then ran at Tampa Bay's Sammie Stroughter at the end of a 33-yard punt return midway through the third quarter and collapsed in pain on the sideline.

CHILDRESS CONSIDERED BENCHING FAVRE TO PROTECT HIM

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings coach Brad Childress says he considered taking Brett Favre out of the game against Carolina because the quarterback "was taking a beating."

Favre and Childress had what the quarterback called "a heated exchange" in the third quarter of Minnesota's loss at Carolina on Sunday night.

Childress said Monday that he was considering putting Tarvaris Jackson in after watching Favre get sacked four times and hit on other occasions.

— The Associated Press

Three USC players, 2 starters, ruled ineligible

LOS ANGELES — Southern California has ruled three players academically ineligible for the Emerald Bowl against Boston College.

USC announced Monday that tight end Anthony McCoy and tackle Tyron Smith, both starters, and defensive end Averell Spicer, a key reserve, will not play Dec. 26 in San Francisco.

McCoy and Spicer are seniors. Smith is a sophomore.

The rulings come three days after USC said it was investigating whether tailback Joe McKnight used an SUV registered to a Los Angeles businessman.

The Trojans (8-4) are coming off their worst season since 2001. USC had won seven consecutive Pac-10 championships and played in seven consecutive BCS games before this season.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Kansas' lead trimmed in men's basketball poll

Kansas is still No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, but No. 2 Texas has closed the gap a bit.

The Jayhawks (10-0), who beat Michigan 75-64 in their only game last week, received 55 first-place votes Monday from the 65-member national media panel.

Texas (10-0), which beat No. 10 North Carolina 103-90 on Saturday, was No. 1 on seven ballots and picked up the six that Kansas lost.

Kentucky had one first-place vote and was third, followed by Purdue and Syracuse, which was No. 1 on two ballots.

Kansas State (10-1) moved up five places to 12th, its highest ranking since being ninth in the final poll of

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1972-73. Temple (9-2) moved into the poll at 21st.

No. 3 Kentucky beats Drexel to reach 2,000 wins

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky's 2,000th victory looked awfully familiar.

DeMarcus Cousins and Patrick Patterson scored 18 points apiece and the third-ranked Wildcats became the first team in NCAA history to reach the 2,000-win plateau with an 88-44 romp over Drexel on Monday night.

Kentucky improved to 2,000-635-1 in 107 seasons. North Carolina is next on the list with 1,992 wins while Kansas has 1,980.

The Wildcats did it in style, taking control early behind the play of Cousins and John Wall to improve to 12-0. Wall finished with 16 points and seven rebounds.

Samme Givens led Drexel (6-6) with 11 points, but the Dragons shot just 31 percent from the field and spent most of the game as invited guests to Kentucky's celebration.

MAGIC VALLEY Club Canyon VB camp upcoming

JEROME — Club Canyon Volleyball will host a mini-

camp for grads 5 through 8 from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Dec. 28, and Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Jerome Recreation District. Cost is \$40. Players must sign a release form in order to participate.

Information: Jim Cartisser at 404-2768.

Twin Falls Golf Club offers punch cards

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Golf Club is selling punch cards for the 2010 season. You may purchase a punch card good for 10 rounds of golf for \$150. Punch cards are available at The Twin Falls Golf Club, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, City Hall and Donnelley Sports. The offer expires Jan. 15.

Jerome Rec district holds couples weight loss challenge

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District will offer a couples weight loss challenge, beginning Jan. 4. The eight-week challenge consists of one free exercise class per week, access to JRD's online nutrition program and weekly weigh-ins. Blood pressure will be taken before and after the contest to assess improvement. The cost is \$50. The couple with the highest percentage of weight loss wins \$300. Friends, siblings, co-workers and spouses are invited to team up.

— Wire and staff reports

Twin Falls Club Volleyball

Girls in 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade who are interested in playing for Twin Falls Club Volleyball need to complete the registration form by Friday, Jan. 22. You can get a registration form by contacting Rebecca Wills

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