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Cassia residents come to pilot's rescue

Oregon man rescued from Wed. crash

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A pilot who crashed a plane into the side of Cottrell Mountains east of Albion Wednesday night came down the steep terrain cold but unharmed in a farmer's four-wheel drive tractor.

"He barely missed the cliffs," said Jeff Chatburn Thursday, who brought Thaddeus Bryce Fickel, 44,

of Hermiston, Ore., safely off the mountain at around 10:30 p.m. in his Massey Ferguson tractor.

"When we first got there he just kind of looked at us and didn't say anything. When I asked him if he was all right he said 'Yes, but my feet are cold.'"

Fickel said the plane sustained extensive damage and when he got off the mountain he had ice in his tennis shoes, but was otherwise

uninjured. During the crash his glasses had flown out the plane's window and he got his feet wet in snow that came up over his knees while trying to find them, he said.

Fickel spent the night in Albion with one of his rescuers, LeRoy Robinson, and was booked on a flight home out of Twin Falls on Thursday, in time for Christmas.

"These people are top-shelf," Fickel said. "They took really good care of me." Fickel said he used the

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— Thaddeus Bryce Fickel, of Hermiston, Ore., who crashed a plane south of Burley Wednesday night

plane's radio to stay in contact with officials until the battery died. He also used the white screen on his laptop computer as a light signal for search and rescue teams.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration, Fickel holds an airline trans-

port pilot's certificate and is rated to fly both single- and multi-engine planes over land. He also holds a flight instructor's certificate and also has an instrument rating.

According to the Cassia County sheriff's report, Fickel was flying a fixed-

wing single-engine Cessna 172 registered to Kennewick Aircraft Services in Richland, Wash., and crashed below the ridge of the mountain at 6:45 p.m.

Fickel said he owns a company called Infrared Baron LLC and had been performing a job for Amalgamated Sugar Co. photographing its beet piles with infrared cameras before he crashed.

"I could see the sheriff's lights below and see the

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'Bigger than basketball'

Jerome team delivers Christmas cheer to single mother

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

All Seanna Sanderson wanted this Christmas was for her children to have one.

As a 19-year-old single working mother with two little girls, the sting of falling on hard times was especially painful. Sanderson gets support from the father of her children, who she said is "very active in their lives" and "a great dad," but it's still an uphill struggle.

Sanderson's Christmas wish was granted Tuesday in the form of players and coaches from the Jerome High School girls' basketball team. They arrived at her Twin Falls home with practical items such as diapers, paper products, a holiday food tray, Walmart gift cards for Sanderson — and lots of presents for 2-year-old Nicole and 4-month-old Sianna.

"I honestly didn't know what to expect. I figured there'd be quite a few girls because it was a team, but I was still surprised," Sanderson said about her reaction to finding the entire team on her doorstep. "I didn't ask for this ... I'm really

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Scott Burton, assistant girls basketball coach at Jerome High School, right, greets Seanna Sanderson, 19, and her baby, Sianna, Tuesday at their Twin Falls home. The basketball team donated food and practical items as well as toys for the two children. Top, Sanderson's 2-year-old daughter Nicole prepares to open one of her gifts.

Vandalized church gets community blessing

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Ever since news broke last week that the Community Church of the Brethren was vandalized, Pastor Mark Bausman has been getting calls from people who want to help.

Vandalism was discovered last week at the Twin Falls church from a burglar who destroyed an organ worth about \$9,000. Other damage included ransacked rooms, defaced children's books and broken walls. A fire extinguisher was sprayed in the church's kitchen and on dishware.

The church has plenty of options for a new organ. Ten offers have come forward from people willing to donate an organ to the church, Bausman said.

"It's nice to know the community cares," said Bausman, who pastors the church with his wife, Kathryn Bausman.

The calls aren't all just from people nearby. One person even called from Las Vegas after reading about it online, offering the church an organ kept in storage in Twin Falls.

One man — whom Bausman didn't even know — dropped by and gave a \$50 bill to the church.

"He said he didn't have much but wanted to help," Bausman said.

Bausman stressed that the church is grateful for the outpouring and is praying for whomever vandalized the church.

"It's amazing," he said of the community response.

As for the organ, Bausman is going to let the church's organist see them all before one is picked.

"My organist is going to make the decision," Bausman, adding that he's not familiar with different types of organs.

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WATCH a video about the church vandalism.

Senate approves landmark health-care bill after months of negotiations

By Shailagh Murray and Debbi Wilgoren
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved a landmark health-care bill Thursday morning that would provide coverage to more than 30 million people and begin a far-reaching overhaul of Medicare and the private insurance market.

Vice President Joe Biden presided over the 60-39, party-line vote, which brings Democrats closer

than ever to realizing their 70-year-old goal of universal health coverage.

For the first time, most Americans would be required to obtain health insurance, either through their employer or via new, government-regulated exchanges. Those who can't afford insurance plans would receive federal subsidies. And Medicaid would be vastly expanded to reach millions of low-income children and adults.

"We stand here at the fin-

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Congress raises debt ceiling to \$12.4 trillion.

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ish line ... with millions of American families who have been forced into bankruptcy over the cost of health care ... on behalf of 45,000 Americans who die each year simply because they don't have health insurance,"

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Idaho senators vote against health-care bill

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Idaho's senators voted against the Democratic-backed health-care bill on Thursday, saying the measure will put the nation deeply into debt.

Sen. Mike Crapo and Sen. Jim Risch, both Republicans, voted along party lines on a bill that had no bipartisan support from

other Republicans in the Senate. The vote tally was 60-39, with all Republicans opposed and 58 Democrats and two independents getting the bill passed.

The senators also voted against a related bill that raises the federal debt ceiling by \$290 billion, to almost \$12.4 trillion. Another vote set for January would increase the debt limit to more than \$13 tril-

lion if passed.

"These two votes taken together have created a stark fiscal reality for the nation as we prepare to enter a new year," Crapo said in a statement. "This vote approves record debt, higher taxes, cuts health care and sets a poor tone for cooperation in the new year."

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Four things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



My picks for today are simple.

- Enjoy your family.
- Be kind to others.
- Recycle your paper and boxes.
- Have a Merry Christmas.

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

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

For detailed coverage of today's arts and entertainment all around south-central Idaho, check out our Events Calendar in the Entertainment section of today's edition.

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

Law & Disorder...

... in Cassia County

From Nov. 26 police reports: Cow vandalism:

A 49-year-old Malta man reported that at least three of his cows were slaughtered near "the old gold mine." According to the report, the man "found one cow that had been shot three times in the neck and once in the hind quarters" and that two hunters in the area told him they found two more cows shot dead. "One of the cows had been partially butchered with the back straps missing," the report reads. The man estimated that the cows had been dead for about two weeks and said he thinks a fourth cow was also shot. No suspects.

Driving under the influence:

A 24-year-old Burley woman

reportedly called 911 because "her husband had been involved in a physical altercation while attending a family gathering." Deputy Jarrod Thompson responded to the residence in question. "Upon arriving across the street ... I observed a 2002 black Cadillac Escalade pull directly up behind my patrol vehicle," the report reads. Thompson questioned the driver, who said she was the woman who called 911 and allegedly said she "had three Corona brand beers and three or four vodka shots." She was arrested for driving under the influence. No further information provided about her husband or his alleged altercation.

— Damon Hunzeker

Team

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thankful, because this is pretty much the only thing that was going to do Christmas for my kids."

Nicole tore through her presents with Mom at her side, helping open Sianna's as well. The pick of Tuesday's presents — Sanderson finally convinced the eager tot to save some for Christmas morning — was a Dora the Explorer doll, which soon was strapped in a stroller with Nicole at the controls.

"To see the look on the little girl's face was really cool," said sophomore Haylee Burnham. "This is something we can always come back to."

Jerome assistant coach Scott Burton made contact with Sanderson through an intermediary at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Burton's speech team at Jerome has adopted a family for Christmas for more than a decade, but this was the first for the basketball team.

"We called over (to Health and Welfare) to see if there was anyone we could help and they gave Seanna's name right away as someone who had fallen on hard times," Burton said. "We were able to step in and help out. It was definitely right place, right time."

Burton said the team intentionally adopted a fam-

ily outside of Jerome for many reasons, including showing that the team isn't just all about Jerome, and that something like this is "bigger than basketball" rivalries between Jerome and other areas.

The team, for its part, wants to make the event an annual act of service.

"When we first heard about (the opportunity) we were all excited and started planning it right away," said Burnham. "It's just a good feeling to know we can step out and help someone else who's less fortunate. It's definitely something we'd like to do again."

Sanderson called the day a spirit booster, and the practical gifts she received meant she could worry about the big things like car and home payments rather than sweating the small stuff.

One personal gift resonated, however: senior Aubree Callen presented Sanderson a team-issued T-shirt and head coach Brent Clark invited her to attend next Wednesday's home game with Bishop Kelly as the team's guest.

"I'll be there," Sanderson said to the team. "We got a lot of support today, and I'll support you too."

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Christmas brings several closures

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Many offices and facilities are closed today for Christmas.

- City and county offices

are closed.

- State and federal offices are closed.
- Post offices are closed.
- Banks are closed.
- The College of Southern

Idaho and Herrett Center for the Arts and Science are closed.

- Twin Falls Public Library is closed.
- YMCA/Twin Falls City

Pool is closed.

- Magic Valley Mall is closed.
- Trash will not be picked up today. Trash collection will be one day later.

How Bugsy Siegel's girlfriend ruined Sun Valley's ski star

Hans Hauser came to Idaho from Austria, hired by Sun Valley founder Averell Harriman as the first instructor at the new resort's ski school.

That was in 1936, and when the United States entered World War II in 1941, Hauser and the other Austrians were declared enemy aliens and given the choice to go into the Army or a detention camp.

Hauser chose detention, and spent the war in North Dakota. But after the fighting stopped, Harriman hired him back.

That's when Hauser met Virginia Hill.

If you look up the term "gun moll" in the dictionary, you'll find Hill's photo

YOU DON'T SAY

Steve Crump



next to it. She was a bag lady for the Chicago mob and mistress of most of its ranking thugs, including Frank Costello and Frank Nitti.

That's when she met Bugsy Siegel, the gangster who was the father of Las Vegas.

Siegel led the West Coast branch of the Genovese crime family and had an idea about a resort in the desert. But the Flamingo didn't turn a profit quickly enough, and its mob backers saw to it that Siegel

came to an unfortunate end.

Hill fled to Sun Valley and met Hauser, who quickly fell in love. But she didn't leave the mob behind.

"Once a week, the rumor went, Virginia Hill would receive a shoebox from somebody ..." wrote Doug Oppenheimer and Jim Poore in their book "Sun Valley: a Biography." ... "one day, the bellboy in charge of delivering the shoebox dropped it 'accidentally.'" The string broke and, the story goes, hundred dollar bills spilled onto the floor."

Hauser's fellow Austrians tried to talk him into breaking off the relationship; instead Hauser eloped

with Hill.

Bad idea. "From that moment on, his life was never the same," Oppenheimer and Poore wrote. "Virginia eventually got into trouble with the crime-fighting Kefauver Senate Committee over her connections to organized crime. Later, problems with income tax arose — evidently the shoeboxes were not declared — and the two of them were forced to flee the country."

They went into exile first in Chile, and then Austria. She died there of a drug overdose in 1966.

Eight years later, Hauser hanged himself.

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion.

Rescue

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snowmobiles going back and forth looking for a way up. I was prepared to spend the night," Fickel said.

Robinson said he and Chatburn heard radio traffic on the scanner and knew that Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue had located Fickel on the east side of the mountain. They then decided to try and make it up the other side in the tractor.

Chatburn said he grazes cattle on the mountain so he knows the terrain well.

"I knew on the Malta side (where the plane crashed) it was too steep for search

and rescue to make it up," Chatburn said. "There are only three trails over there. So with a little coaching from my wife I went to see if I could help."

Robinson said he tried to make it up the hill in his pickup but had gotten the truck stuck about half way up before getting in the tractor with Chatburn.

When they reached the top they could see search and rescue's lights below so they knew they were in the right area. A Cassia County deputy made a cell phone call to them and guided them in to the crash, Chatburn said.

Chatburn and Robinson helped Fickel gather up his cameras and computer before leading him back to the tractor.

According to the sheriff's report, Fickel had just completed checking beet piles in the area and was heading to Jerome when he ran into a head wind at an angle that was blowing off the mountains.

Fickel said the plane pitched upward and then he lost altitude, the report said. When he turned on the plane's landing lights he saw the mountain with its 30-degree slope. He estimated his speed at the

time of the crash at about 50 mph.

Robinson said because Fickel crashed below the ridge he had a slight wind-break and was able to stay in the plane's cabin.

"But it was blowing awfully hard and was really cold," Chatburn said. "I was really glad we went."

Fickel said he felt very lucky all the way around.

"I think I called in a lot of capital on that one," he said.

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Sen. Max Baucus, Mont., told reporters after the vote. " ... "Today, we make history for them and every American who has fallen victim to our broken health-care system."

Difficult issues must be still resolved in final negotiations with the House, which has passed more liberal health-care reform legislation. Those talks could stretch through January and perhaps into February, Democratic leaders said.

But Democrats are increasingly confident that President Obama will sign a bill into law in early 2010 that would prevent insurers from refusing coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, limit the amount individuals have to pay for their own care and require other reforms that Obama called "the toughest measures ever taken to hold the insurance industry accountable."

"We are now incredibly close to making health insurance reform a reality in this country," Obama told reporters in a White House appearance shortly after the Senate vote. "Our challenge now is to finish the job."

On the Democratic side of the chamber, lawmakers were exuberant as the votes were cast between 7 and 7:16 a.m. Thursday. Laughter erupted when Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Nev., mistakenly started to vote no on the bill, then quickly switched to aye. "I spent a very restless night last night trying to figure out how I could show some bipartisanship," Reid joked later, appearing before reporters with several other Democratic leaders. "And I think I was able to accomplish that for a few minutes today."

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., who is 92 and ailing, bellowed when his name was called: "Mr. President, this is for my friend Ted Kennedy. Aye."

Byrd, who arrived in a wheelchair for multiple late-night and pre-dawn votes over the last week, was paying tribute to the late Massachusetts senator, who championed health care reform until he died of brain cancer earlier this year.

Kennedy's widow, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, came to the Capitol to witness the

unusual Dec. 24 vote.

Also seated in the visitors gallery was Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the longest serving member of the House and a champion of health-care reform. After the vote, Dingell said of the Senate victory, "This is the end of a long, hard and necessary journey."

But Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., vowed to wage an even tougher battle when Congress returns in January and Democrats attempt to merge the House and Senate bills. "This fight is not over. This fight is long from over," McConnell said. "My colleagues and I will work to stop this bill from becoming law."

Reid said the bill's passage was a victory because "we've affirmed that the ability to live a healthy life in our great country is a right and not merely a privilege for the select few."

He declined to speculate about the upcoming negotiations with the House, after telling reporters Wednesday that he wanted a few days of peace back home in Nevada over the Christmas holiday.

"I am going to just sit back and watch my rabbits eat my cactus," he said.

In its final bit of business for 2009, the Senate also voted 60-39 to raise the government's debt limit by \$290 billion, to a record \$12.4 trillion. The increase is expected to see the Treasury through the end of January, when lawmakers will have to raise the cap again to accommodate deficit spending expected to soar toward \$1.4 trillion for a second straight year.

Republicans fought the Senate health bill with every parliamentary weapon they could muster, raising a series of motions in recent days that failed along party lines.

The last preliminary vote came Wednesday, when all 60 members of the Senate Democratic caucus voted down the final possibility for a Republican filibuster of the \$871 billion package. All but one of the 40 Republican senators was present for the vote; all 39 of them voted against the bill. The absent senator was Jim Bunning of Kentucky, who is retiring in 2010. He also was not present for Thursday morning's votes.

Idaho

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Crapo also expressed concern for what the debt will mean for both taxpayers and future generations.

"Increasing our national debt to more than \$13 trillion and passing health care reform that does not curb costs, but instead cuts Medicare for seniors and raises more than a half-trillion in taxes, mostly on middle-class Americans, sends a message," he said. "The message is that our

political leadership is willing to gamble on our financial future into next year and beyond."

Risch had similar sentiments.

"In the last year, we have seen stimulus packages costing nearly \$1 trillion, multi-billion-dollar bailouts, buyouts of private companies and trillion-dollar deficits," he said in a statement. "Federal agency budgets that were not approved last year received

generous increases early this year. Those same budgets for next year are, once again, slated for large increases. The new administration has not even been on the job one year and we are already raising the debt limit for a second time, and this extension is only expected to buy another two months."

Risch said the federal government needs to follow the lead of states with balanced budgets.

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| Seasonal Watershed | percentage of Avg. peak | 2009 |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------|
| Salmon | 71% | 25% |
| Big Wood | 67% | 24% |
| Little Wood | 48% | 17% |
| Big Lost | 58% | 20% |
| Little Lost | 75% | 28% |
| Henrys Fork/Teton | 60% | 22% |
| Upper Snake Basin | 57% | 21% |
| Oakley | 76% | 25% |
| Salmon Falls | 57% | 19% |

As of Dec. 24

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

Driving under the influence sentencings

James K. Larson, 50, Hailey; driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 90 days jail, 30 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest, driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; restricted permit authorized; \$100 restitution. Phillips D. Hayman, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$132.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation; no alcohol; driving without privileges; \$500 fine; 90 days jail, 84 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation. Timothy M. Breck, 27, Buhl; driving under the influence (excessive); \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended; \$132.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 170 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 24 months probation; concurrent with existing probation; no alcohol.

Joshua M. Miller, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 30 days jail, 29 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; restricted permit authorized; six months probation; no alcohol; driving with open container; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; 10 days jail, nine suspended; credit for one day served; six months probation.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Nancy I K. Williams, 54, Twin Falls; open container of alcoholic beverage; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$117.50 costs; 10 days jail suspended; six months probation.

Aaron L. Brim, 20, Twin Falls; open container of alcoholic beverage; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended; \$117.50 costs; 10 days jail suspended; six months probation.

Addison J. Laird, 15, Buhl; failed to purchase/invalid license; \$500 fine suspended; \$87.50 costs; six months probation; 24 hours of community service.

Chandra A. Vaughan, 18, Twin Falls; unlawful overtaking/passing of school bus; \$100 fine; \$87.50 costs.

James M. Greer, 37, Hansen; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$100 fine; \$87.50 costs; five days jail, four suspended, credit for one day served; six months probation.

Angela G. Haase, 31, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to invalid license; \$500 fine suspended; \$87.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 60 days jail suspended; 12 months probation; concurrent with existing probation; failed to purchase/invalid insurance; \$116.50 fine.

Pamela M. Barrera, 23, Kimberly; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$102.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 28 suspended, two days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation.

James W. Larson, 19, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to invalid license; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee; 60 days jail, 58 suspended, credit for two days served; 12 months probation, concurrent with existing probation.

Tyler R. Rogers, 19, Wendell; inattentive/careless driving; \$156 counter fine; five days jail suspended; three months probation.

Biridiana L.Q. Granados, 24, Twin Falls; failed to purchase/invalid license; \$144 costs; five days jail suspended; six months probation.

Eli D. Wilden, 21, Twin Falls; disturbing the peace; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended; 12 months probation.

Ginger S. Inglehart, 38, Hansen; vicious dog within city limits; \$100 fine; \$87.50 costs; six months probation.

Felony sentencings

Lisa D. Wavra, 42, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; seven years penitentiary; three determinate, four indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; concurrent; \$165.50 costs; \$574.64 restitution.

Joseph S. Ortiz, 27, Jerome; burglary; five years penitentiary; two determinate, three indeterminate; three years probation; \$125.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; 160 hours community service; \$2,504.89.

Wendy L. Thompson, 49, Buhl; delivery of controlled substance; 10 years penitentiary; five determinate, five indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction; \$60.50 costs; \$50 victim's crime fund; \$159 restitution for court compliance.

Lupe M. Hernandez J., 51, Hazelton; domestic battery in traumatic injury; seven years penitentiary; two determinate, five indeterminate; three years probation; \$155.50 costs; \$300 public defender; no contact with victim.

Joseph S. Ortiz, 27, Jerome; burglary; five years penitentiary; two determinate, three indeterminate; three years probation; \$125.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; 160 hours community service; \$2,804.89 restitution.

Felony dismissals

Travis Langway, 29, Paul; injury to child; dismissed by prosecutor; \$155 compliance fees.

Ramiro R. Ramirez, 23, Jerome; aid and abet robbery; dismissed by prosecutor.

Civil filings

Conception A. Mercado vs. Tyson J. Hansen and Northslope, LLC and John Does I through V. Seeking judgment for special and general damages, past and future medical expenses, lost wages and future lost wages, and attorney's fees. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a motor

vehicle accident. Steven J. Drahos vs. State of Idaho. Seeking post conviction relief. Plaintiff alleges ineffective assistance of counsel. Steven J. Drahos vs. State of Idaho. Seeking post conviction relief. Plaintiff alleges ineffective assistance of counsel. Post conviction denied and dismissed.

Child support cases

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:

Kristian T. Allen. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$168 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,146.53 birth costs; 50 percent any work related day care expenses.

Fravon J. Jackson. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$168 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; 50 percent any work related day-care expenses. Joshua A. Adair. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$138 monthly support plus 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$5,091.98 birth costs; 45 percent any work related day care expenses.

Justin L. Parker. Seeking establishment of medical support; 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,078.59 birth costs; lien of 90 days or \$2,000, whichever less if delinquent in child support.

Lauro F. Pina Jr. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$211 monthly support (modified to \$137 once reaching conditions met) plus 44 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; 44 percent any work related day-care expenses.

David R. Torres. Seeking establishment of medical support; 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; 44 percent any work related day-care expenses.

Sheena B. Schoonover. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$212 monthly support plus 57 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$540.26 foster-care expenses.

Divorces filed

Christopher G. Herrera vs. Sonia M. Herrera.

Juan Rivera vs. Sarah Holcomb. Carmen D. Denney vs. Rick A. Denney. Sara M. Bunn vs. Joshua J. Bunn. Edwin L. Goodwin vs. Cheryl L. Goodwin. Hayley M. Henson vs. Steven M. Henson. Rosemary C. Quigley vs. Raymond D. Quigley.

Amanda L. Peterson vs. Michael Villanueva.

Adam M. Pereira vs. Rachel M.D. Pereira. Jay L. Overmon vs. Cheryl Lynn Overmon.

Blanca E. Quintero vs. Mario G. Quintero. Andrea D. Combe vs. Randy L. Combe. Tina M. Courter vs. Ernest R. Courter. Victor M. Orozco vs. Martiza Orozco. Robert E. Rudolph vs. Amy Jackson-Bosh.

Tamra S. Lupton vs. James F. Lupton. Joel P. Merrill vs. Lacy A. Merrill. Troyce McGill vs. Tina M. McGill. Patty J. Cameron vs. Steven W. Cameron.

Jennifer Andrus vs. Eric C. Andrus. Sara Johnstone vs. Jesse Johnstone. Luann J. Mavromichalis vs. Sergios C. Mavromichalis.

CITY OF TWIN FALLS

Driving under the influence sentencings

Robert A. Courtney, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; provided false information; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 90 days jail, 89 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation; no alcohol; 16 hours community service.

Randall J. Weigel, 55, Wendell; driving under the influence; withheld judgment; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 30 days jail, 28 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

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

Volunteers — **South Central Community Action Partnership** needs a volunteer to pick up donated food items on Wednesday and Friday every week from two stores in Twin Falls. It takes about an hour to an hour and a half each day. Reliable transportation and liability insurance are required to be reimbursed mileage. Information: Leanne, 733-9351.

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Mentors — **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at CSI's Office on Aging needs volunteers in Twin Falls and Jerome counties to mentor children with a parent in prison. Volunteers must undergo a complete FBI background check and be willing to mentor a child for a minimum of four hours each month for one year. Information: Ken, 736-2122, ext. 2394, or kwhitling@oaa.csi.edu.

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WANT TO HELP?

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

viduals, families or groups interested in volunteering with refugees to tutor English, provide transportation for grocery shopping and visiting with families. Donated items can be taken to the center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday, at 1526 Highland Ave. E., Twin Falls. Information: Michelle, 736-2166.

Drivers — **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** needs volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Mini-Cassia area to take senior citizens to medical appointments and for grocery shopping. Drivers are offered mileage reimbursement and are covered by excess insurance. Information: Kitty, 677-4872, ext. 2.

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

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

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"We may not completely cure this crisis today or tomorrow, but we must start toward that end."
 — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., on the Senate's passage of health care overhaul legislation

EDITORIAL

The story of Christmas

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed ..."

"And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

— Luke 2: 1-20

TIMES-NEWS

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Steve Crump, Bill Bitzenburg and Mary Lou Panatopoulos.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anti-Butch campaigner has crossed the state

I have now visited all 44 counties of Idaho, and I am continuing my cyber campaign against Butch. My Web page is www.beat-butch.com.

My yard signs can be downloaded from my Web page. They go up worldwide at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve.

Best wishes.
PETE PETERSON
 Boise

A good reason to drop daylight savings time

In a recent letter, I stated that the Pacific Time zone started at the 115th meridian over Bliss. That is incorrect. The Pacific Time Zone starts at the 112.5 meridian near Pocatello. This places nearly all of Idaho in the Pacific Time Zone.

This is all the more reason to opt out of daylight savings time.

ROGER OKINS
 Twin Falls

Wife of crash victim thanks helpers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who were involved with assistance when my husband was in an accident east of Wendell on the elevator road on Sunday, Dec. 13.

We have a blanket, a lined yellow plastic sheet and an emergency first-aid kit that we took out of the car. If the person to whom they belong would like to stop by the house, 189 E. Ave. C in Wendell, we would like to return them to you.

Again, our heartfelt thanks you to each of you.
LOIS BEEBE
 Wendell

Peace on Earth, good will toward men

In the New Testament, as the angel appears to shepherds keeping watch over their flocks, and announces the birth of Jesus Christ, a heavenly host joins the Angel in declaring, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14)



Elder Brent H. Nielson

From that moment to this, throughout the centuries, the message of Jesus Christ and the spirit of the Christmas season is one of "peace". During his earthly ministry, the Savior taught this about peace in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Peace has different meanings in our lives. During times of war, we pray for peace, or an end to the conflict, hoping that we can find common ground with our enemies overseas. In our own country we pray for peace, that the leaders of our nation can find a resolution to those issues that separate us so that we can be at peace and be one nation. In our communities and neighborhoods, we pray for peace that there will not be any divisions among us, that all races, all religions, all cultures may be able to live in peace together. In our families we pray for peace that our parents and our children and our spouses may find happiness in their lives and that we can have peace at home and a unity that will establish our



homes as a place of love and kindness. It seems that all of us want peace, but how can we obtain it?

I have always been fascinated by the spirit of Christmas. During the month of December, throughout all Christian nations there is a spirit of kindness and peace. During my lifetime I have lived in foreign countries and in other states. My wife Marcia and I are currently living in New Zealand. Wherever I have lived, I have found that during this month, nations, communities and individuals have a spirit of love and kindness in December. I spent most of my working life as an attorney. I was always interested to see how many people wanted to hold off with litigation, or try to settle their case, or even drop their case during the month of December. They felt like this was not the time to be contentious. They were trying to achieve peace. We notice here in New Zealand that our neighbors are friendlier this

month, that the clerks in the stores, banks and post offices are more helpful and that there is a spirit of kindness and peace as they celebrate Christmas here.

So what would it be like if this year if we all took the good feelings we have towards each other in December and extended it through January? What if we could make it last even through February or March? Would it be too much to ask to stretch those good feelings all the way through June? If we made it that far, wouldn't it be worth a try to get to October? If we are that close to Thanksgiving, certainly we could have those good feelings through November. Marcia and I love living in the Magic Valley of Idaho. It is our home. There is no place like it on Earth. But wouldn't it be even better if the spirit of Christmas lasted here all year?

You are all familiar with the song that says, "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me." That is

how it will work. It will need to start with me and then with you and then our friends and neighbors, and before you know it, the spirit of peace we experience at Christmas time will be with us here in the Magic Valley all year. The Savior, Jesus Christ said it best when he said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." (Matthew 5:44) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

May we this Christmas find the peace and happiness we are looking for and may we then take that peace and make it our own throughout the rest of the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Brent Nielson is a Twin Falls attorney and a member of the Quorum of Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are the government so we are to blame

With all the talk today about what's wrong with our country, most people are saying the problem is with how the government is running things and should we blame the Republicans or the Democrats for all the ills that we face today. But I tell you, Mr. and Mrs. America, it is us — we are the government in the United States.

We are the ones that have demanded something for nothing. We want the federal government to give me a grant for what I want or a subsidy, bailout, more welfare or whatever else I want. So what have we done? We have voted into office those that will give us the most for nothing and let the other guy pay the bill, who is you.

We did not look at the moral integrity of the person or of his or her past record, but we only voted for those that promised to give us something for nothing. Everybody has their hand out for a federal government assistance of some kind. The politicians love it because it gives them more power over the lives of the general public.

What the citizens fail to remember is they can't give you anything that they haven't already taken away. In time, if we continue this course, we will pay with our

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freedom. At that point, we will be back at Square 1 when the pilgrims escaped Europe to come to a free land where they built everything by themselves from the raw land in order to be free. It is nice to have ultimate security and freedom at the same time all the time, but it will never happen when you receive so-called free help with anything, you will pay the price of forfeiting a piece of your freedom.

I guess we have been free so long and have had relative security that we have forgotten about the sacrifices made by others to ensure our freedoms. So it is not the Democrats or the Republicans who are the enemy; it is us, and as we vote to get more things for nothing and vote in people that are immoral to get what we want, our society as we know it will collapse. It's not a matter of "if" but "when."

So remember the next time you think you got something for nothing, you

are paying a profound price for it. This headlong plunge into bondage can only be stopped by "we the people." As long as we have the freedom to vote, we need to vote in people of high morals, integrity and common sense. If we don't, it will be our immorality that will bring down our beloved United States. God save our grandchildren.

BILL VANDER POL
 Castleford

Christmas season is full of hypocrisy

Isn't it time we gave up the hypocrisy of the season? Many have already taken Christ out of Christmas with an Xmas greeting card and a bottle of Scotch.

We don't need a nativity scene; we've decimated hundreds of forests to bring into our homes a Christmas tree. We have no reason for prayer; we have Twitter to replace "Silent Night." There is "Grandma Was Run Over by Reindeer." Kids only

need be good for three weeks leading up to the special day when Santa and our credit cards pay the ransom for ignoring them the rest of the year.

Certainly there's no place for even Three Wise Men in government. There might be if we hadn't been brought up to date by your president who informed the world that we are "not a Christian nation." We no longer need the Ten Commandments; we have the United Nations or the Koran to tell us how we should live our lives.

Your kids can't carry a Bible to school, but they have science to tell them how they came from slime and Internet porn to show them what love really is. We're probably too busy to disagree because office Christmas party time is our chance to get drunk and lure a secretary under the mistletoe.

So let's all contribute a few cans of food to the hungry and then we can forget about the other 11 months. And getting our kids those electronic games they want, we can continue to slough off being an involved parent. After all, in a couple more years they'll be the state's problem anyway, so we needn't show responsibility by example.

We made our mistakes; let them make their own.
VAUGHN PHELPS
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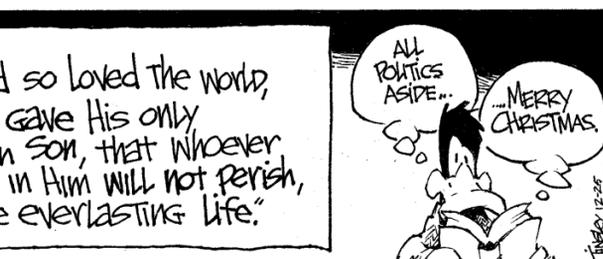
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Congress raises debt ceiling to \$12.4 trillion

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Thursday to raise the ceiling on the government debt to \$12.4 trillion, a massive increase over the current limit and a political problem that President Barack Obama has promised to address next year.

The Senate's rare Christmas Eve vote, 60-39, follows House passage last week and raises the debt ceiling by \$290 billion. The vote split mainly down party lines, with Democrats voting to raise the limit and Republicans voting against doing so. There was one defection on each side, by senators whose seats will be on the ballot next year: GOP Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio and Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana.

"I would not support raising the debt ceiling because Congress has not adopted a credible process to restrain spending and eliminate red ink," Bayh said a statement after the vote.

The bill permits the Treasury Department to issue enough bonds to fund the government's operations and programs until mid-February. The Senate will vote again on the issue Jan. 20.

Obama must sign the measure into law to prevent a market-rattling, first-ever default on U.S. obligations. The government piled up a record \$1.4 trillion deficit in 2009 to counter a meltdown in financial markets and help bring the nation out of its worst recession in seven decades.

The early-morning vote followed the Senate's passage of a landmark bill to overhaul the nation's health care system. They were the Senate's last votes of the year.

With the exception of Voinovich, Republicans

uniformly derided the bill, though they routinely supplied votes for eight previous increases totaling \$5.4 trillion under President George W. Bush.

Voinovich, who is retiring, said he voted "yes" after Majority Leader Harry Reid agreed to consider amendments when the Senate takes up the matter again next month. Bayh told the Senate Budget Committee in November that he would oppose an increase in the limit unless Congress commits to a strict new debt-fighting plan.

Democrats had originally planned to pass an unprecedented increase of almost \$2 trillion to avoid another vote before next year's midterm elections.

But that plan fell apart amid opposition from about a dozen Senate Democratic moderates, who refuse to support a debt limit increase unless it is accompanied by legislation to establish a new bipartisan task force to come up with a plan to curb the deficit. That idea is opposed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and other Democratic leaders.

Pelosi, meanwhile, is supporting demands of moderate House Democrats, who are demanding a "pay-as-you-go" budget law aimed at ensuring that new tax cuts or new spending programs don't increase deficits in exchange for their votes for the next debt increase.

The Senate is generally opposed to the idea, even though it was the law of the land for more than a decade.

Battles over those issues and others, such as a vote on a GOP proposal to end the Wall Street bailout program, are expected to resume during January's debate.



AP photo

People celebrate Christmas Eve in front of Moscow's Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday.

In Bethlehem, holiday cheer edges out gloom

By Dalia Namdari
Associated Press writer

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Thousands of pilgrims from around the world descended on the traditional birthplace of Jesus on Thursday, greeted by choruses, scout troops and rock bands for the most upbeat Christmas celebrations this Palestinian town has seen in years.

But the Holy Land's top Roman Catholic clergyman reminded followers that peace remains elusive, while the threat of sectarian violence in the Islamic world and the lava spilling from a volcano in the Philippines clouded the celebrations for other Christian communities across the globe.

Residents of Bethlehem, hemmed in by an Israeli security barrier and still recovering from years of violence, celebrated their town's annual day in the spotlight along with pilgrims and tourists. Visitors milled around Manger Square, mingling with clergymen, camera crews and locals hawking food and trinkets.

Christmas in Bethlehem has its incongruous ele-

ments — the troops of Palestinian boy scouts who wear kilts and play bagpipes in one of the town's holiday traditions, for example, or the inflatable Santa Claus hanging from church pillars and storefronts looking out of place and overdressed in this Middle Eastern town with not a snowflake in sight.

Hanna Pioli, 23, and her sister Katherine, 25, were spending the holiday far from their hometown of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The sisters miss celebrating a "white Christmas" at home and were taken aback by the warm weather, Katherine Pioli said, but still thought Bethlehem was the best place for Christians to spend this day.

Jeffrey Lynch, 36, a sanitation worker from New York City, was taking a tour through the Church of the Nativity, the fourth-century Crusader era structure built atop the grotto that mark the spot believed to be the birthplace of Jesus.

"It's a miracle being here on Christmas Eve. It's a lifetime opportunity. I wish everybody could be here," he said.

But the Holy Land's top

Roman Catholic cleric, Latin Patriarch Fouad Twal, reminded listeners in a holiday address that peace remains out of reach. "The wish that we most want, we most hope for, is not coming. We want peace," Twal said after he passed into Bethlehem in a traditional holiday procession from nearby Jerusalem.

Twal and his convoy of dozens of vehicles entered Palestinian-controlled territory through a massive steel gate in Israel's heavily guarded West Bank separation barrier, escorted by Israeli soldiers and police in jeeps.

The barrier and the heavy Israeli security presence served as reminders of the friction and hostilities that have thwarted peace efforts.

Only hours later, an Israeli man was shot and killed in the West Bank in an attack by Palestinian gunmen. Such attacks, once common, have become rare in recent years as the West Bank has regained a semblance of normalcy.

The Israeli military identified the man as a resident of a nearby settlement, and a little-known Palestinian faction took responsibility in an e-mail sent to journalists.

Pope knocked down by woman at Christmas Mass

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A woman jumped the barriers in St. Peter's Basilica and knocked down Pope Benedict XVI as he walked down the main aisle to begin Christmas Eve Mass on Thursday, a Vatican spokesman said.

The Rev. Ciro Benedetti said the 82-year-old pope quickly got up and was unhurt. As the pope's procession was making its way toward the main altar gasps rang out through the public and a commotion could be seen among the clergymen surrounding Benedict. The procession came to a halt and bodyguards rushed to the trouble spot.

Benedetti said the woman who pushed the pope appeared to be mentally unstable and had been arrested by Vatican police. He said she also knocked down Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, who was taken to hospital for a check up.

"During the procession an unstable person jumped a barrier and knocked down the Holy Father," Benedetti told The Associated Press by telephone. "(The pope) quickly got up and continued the procession."

After the incident, Benedict calmly resumed his walk to the basilica's main altar to start the Mass.

Benedict made no reference to the incident as the service started. As a choir sang, he sprinkled incense on the main altar before opening the service with the traditional wish for peace in Latin: "Pax vobis" ("Peace be with you"). The faithful responded: "Et cum spiritu tuo" ("And also with you").

It was the second year in a row there was a security breach at the service.

AROUND THE WORLD

PHILIPPINES 3 dead after sea collision; 24 missing

MANILA — Three floating bodies were found as search-and-rescue teams combed the waters of Manila Bay on Thursday for at least 24 people missing after a passenger ferry collided with a fishing boat.

Forty-six passengers and crew of the wooden-hulled ferry MV Catalyn B were plucked from the water and brought to the coast guard's Manila headquarters, said coast guard spokesman Armand Balilo. The coast guard alerted all vessels in the area to look for those still missing.

A female passenger was seen being carried on a stretcher, while others were led to a clinic for a medical examination.

The 44-foot-long vessel, carrying 73 people on a journey from Manila to southwest Mindoro Island, sank shortly after the accident, Balilo said. The ferry had a capacity to carry 126 people.

All 22 crew on the fishing boat were safe and it did not sink, said Melvin Viola of the coast guard's operation center.

The cause of the accident off Cavite province's Limbones island was not clear.

YEMEN Yemen strikes al-Qaida chiefs in U.S.-aided assault

SAN'A — Yemen's military hit suspected al-Qaida hideouts for the second time in a week, killing at least 30 militants in a remote area of the country — a fragmented, unstable nation the U.S. fears could turn into an Afghanistan-like refuge for the terrorist network.

The strikes on Thursday,

which were carried out with U.S. and Saudi intelligence help, hit a gathering of top leaders and other targets in a remote mountain valley, officials said.

The newly aggressive Yemeni campaign against al-Qaida is being boosted by a dose of American aid, a reflection of Washington's concerns about al-Qaida's presence in a highly strategic location on the border with oil-rich U.S.-ally Saudi Arabia.

The Pentagon recently confirmed it is has poured nearly \$70 million in military aid into Yemen this year — compared with none in 2008. The U.S. military has boosted its counterterrorism training for Yemeni forces, and is providing more intelligence, which probably includes surveillance by unmanned drones, according to U.S. officials and analysts.

BRAZIL Boy reunited with American dad

RIO DE JANEIRO — A 9-year-old boy at the center of a five-year custody battle on two continents was finally turned over to his American father Thursday in a scene as tumultuous as the legal fight itself, with the youngster forced to squeeze through a jostling crowd of reporters and photographers.

Soon afterward, a smiling Sean Goldman was back in his father's arms, talking about basketball and how much snow there was back in New Jersey. Then father and son boarded a private jet chartered by NBC and took off for the United States.

"It is now time for our new beginning, the rebirth of our family at such a special time of the year," the boy's father, David Goldman of Tinton Falls, N.J., wrote in a letter read to reporters after his departure.

The reunion ended an epic battle that pitted Sean's father against the boy's Brazilian stepfather, who had cared for Sean since his mother died last year. The dispute reached the highest levels of the U.S. and Brazilian governments and strained relations between the two countries.

I R A Q Blasts kill 27 Iraqis before Shiite holiday

BAGHDAD — Bombs hit Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad and a central Iraqi city Thursday, killing at least 27 people and wounding scores more, in the latest attack in the lead-up to Ashoura, the sect's most solemn annual rite.

The blasts raised fears of more bloodshed as hundreds of thousands of Shiites head to the holy city of Karbala in central Iraq for ceremonies Sunday to mark the climax of the religious observance. Ashoura's 10 days of mourning are in remembrance of the killing of the Prophet Muhammad's grandson, Imam Hussein, in a 680 A.D. battle that sealed the split between Shiites and Sunnis.

Authorities said twin bombs killed at least 13 people and injured 74 others in the central Iraqi town of Hillah, the capital of Babil province, which is located about 60 miles south of Baghdad. The explosions hit a busy bus terminal where many Shiite pilgrims had gathered.

Abandoned shoes lay in puddles of blood as shell-shocked survivors sat in front of damaged storefronts.

"As people gathered here, a powerful blast took place," said witness Ali Hussein. "A bomb exploded there and a car bomb exploded here."

— The Associated Press

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IDAHO ISU prof is new U.S. cyber coordinator

BOISE — A corporate cyber security expert and research professor at Idaho State University has been tapped by the White House to become the government's cyber security coordinator.

Howard A. Schmidt, a former eBay and Microsoft executive, will lead the effort to shore up the country's computer networks and better coordinate with companies that operate 80 percent of those critical systems.

The former Bush administration official weathered a rocky selection process that dragged on for months as others turned the job down.

In a letter posted on the White House Web site this week, John Brennan, assistant to President Barack Obama for homeland security and counterterrorism, said Schmidt will have regular access to the president and play a vital role in the country's security.

U.S. Justice: Mobile homes used in fraud

POCATELLO — A mobile home park in eastern Idaho was used as part of an investment fraud scheme that bilked more than 400 investors of \$31 million over the last decade, the U.S. Department of Justice says.

Authorities say the scheme involved developing subdivisions with manufactured and mobile homes, including lots at the High Country Estates in Pocatello, and selling individual lots to multiple investors.

A federal grand jury in Denver last week indicted the owners and operators of Valley Investments of Grand Junction, Colo.

Prosecutors say owners Philip R. Lochmiller and Philip R. Lochmiller II and employee Shawnee Carver solicited money from investors, knowing their business wasn't generating enough profits. Prosecutors say money from new investors was used to pay existing investors.

At the Pocatello property, formerly called Philbin Estates, authorities said trust deeds worth \$1.92 million were sold for undeveloped lots. However, investigators said many of the deeds are worthless because the lots were sold to multiple investors.

And federal prosecutors said many of the trust deeds were not filed on behalf of investors. The U.S. Attorney's Office said investors were promised returns as high as 18 percent.

NEW YORK Treasury lifts cap on Fannie and Freddie aid

The government has handed its ATM card to beleaguered mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The Treasury Department said Thursday it removed the \$400 billion financial cap on the money it will provide to keep the companies afloat. Already, taxpayers have shelled out \$111 billion to the pair, and a senior Treasury official said losses are not expected to exceed the government's estimate this summer of \$170 billion over 10 years.

Treasury Department officials said it will now use a flexible formula to ensure the two agencies can stand behind the billions of dollars in mortgage-backed securities they sell to investors. Under the formula, financial support would increase according to how much each firm loses in a quarter. The cap in place at the end of 2012 would apply thereafter.

By making the change before year-end, Treasury sidestepped the need for an OK from a bailout-weary Congress.

While most analysts say the companies are unlikely to use the full \$400 billion, Treasury officials said they decided to lift the caps to eliminate any uncertainty among investors about the government's commitments.

Last-minute shoppers cause sales to surge

NEW YORK — Shoppers appear to have given the nation's stores a needed last-minute sales surge.

Early readings from Toys R Us, Sears Holdings Corp. and several mall operators show packed stores on Christmas Eve following a busy week fueled by shoppers who delayed buying, waiting for bigger discounts that never came or slowed by last weekend's big East Coast snowstorm.

Stores are counting on

these stragglers in a season that so far appears slightly better than last year's disaster. The jury is still out, because the week after Christmas accounts for about 15 percent of sales as gift card-toting shoppers return to malls.

"The procrastinators were really out in force," says David Bassuk, managing director in the retail practice of AlixPartners, a global business advisory firm. "But I think retailers needed to be more aggressive to fight for those sales. A lot of people are still willing to hold out

until after Christmas because the deals weren't as good."

MINNESOTA Storm turns holiday travel dangerous

MINNEAPOLIS — A blustery storm spread snow and ice across the heartland Thursday as Americans rushed to get home for the holidays, grounding flights, stranding drivers on white-knuckle highways and forcing churches to cancel

Christmas Eve services.

"I don't think God wants anyone to get killed or break a hip or break a knee or something," said the Rev. Joseph Mirowski of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Transfiguration in Mason City, Iowa, where up to a foot of snow and sleet was expected.

A foot or two of snow was forecast in parts of the Plains and the Midwest by Christmas Day. Blizzard warnings were issued for Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South

Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin, and drivers were encouraged to pack emergency kits before setting out during what is normally one of the busiest travel periods of the year.

The storm was also expected to glaze highways in the East with ice on Christmas.

Slippery roads were blamed for at least 14 deaths this week as the slow-moving storm made its way across the country from the Southwest.

— The Associated Press

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Jobless claims, orders signal modest rebound

New unemployment claims fall more than expected

By Daniel Wagner and Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — A fitful economic recovery is drawing strength from a stabilizing job market and signs that manufacturing will contribute to the rebound.

The latest sign was a government report Thursday that the number of newly laid-off workers filing claims

for unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week. And the four-week average for claims, which smooths out fluctuations, fell for the 16th straight week, to its lowest point since September 2008, when the financial crisis hit with full force.

Further evidence of a gradually healing economy was a report that orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket

durable goods rose in November. The overall increase was less than expected. But excluding the volatile transportation category, the gains were twice what economists had forecast.

The Labor Department said the number of new jobless claims fell to a 452,000 last week, down 28,000 from the previous week, on a seasonally adjusted basis.

That's a better performance than the decline to 470,000 that economists had expected.

And the four-week average for claims, which smooths out fluctuations, fell to 465,250 — the 16th straight weekly decline.

Stocks rose after the positive reports on unemployment and durable goods orders. Major indexes all touched new 2009 highs in midmorning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average rose about 40 points, or

0.4 percent.

Unemployment claims have been falling unevenly since summer. That improvement is seen as a sign that jobs cuts are slowing and hiring could pick up early next year. The fall in weekly claims of 28,000 last week, which followed two smaller weekly increases, shows that the halting improvement continues.

The Labor Department cautioned that seasonal employment from holidays and other variables in the

calendar made last week a difficult one to seasonally adjust. The actual number of new claims was higher than the previous week, though fewer than expected. The process of adjusting for seasonal variation reduced the number.

Economists monitor jobless claims as a gauge of the pace of layoffs. Analysts say initial claims need to fall to about 425,000 for several weeks to signal the economy is actually beginning to add jobs.



Clocking in on Christmas

Not everyone gets the day off

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — With Christmas landing on a Friday this year many in the workforce are undoubtedly looking forward to a three-day weekend.

However, many people will be spending the holiday at work: caring for the sick, milking cows or selling that gallon of milk or whipped cream you forgot at the grocery store.

"Christmas Eve and Christmas are probably the second biggest sales day of the year, behind the Fourth of July," said Oasis Stop n' Go Assistant Manager Danielle Mora. "With grocery stores closed we get slammed so we've stocked up on things like milk, whipped cream and sour cream. In addition to grocery store items, other big sellers are lottery tickets and beer."

Mora, who works at the convenience store on Broadway Avenue in Buhl, said five of the six store employees will take shifts on Christmas. Instead of scheduling employees for a

See **WORK**, Business 2



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

Buhl Oasis Stop n' Go Assistant Manager Colleen Roach checks a customer's I.D. while working the register on Tuesday. The 13-location strong convenience store chain will remain open on Christmas. Although not mandated by state law the company pays time-and-a-half for employees who work holidays.

Seniors invited to become more tech-savvy

By Michelle Maltais
Los Angeles Times

She was the all-American 1970s mom raising six kids on TV, but when it came to learning how to use her cell phone to send text messages, she avoided asking her own tech-savvy children.

"I didn't want to see them rolling their eyes," said Florence Henderson, best known for playing Carol Brady, the sitcom mom on "The Brady Bunch."

The 75-year-old actress "was always very afraid of anything technical like that," and instead of seek-

ing help from her children, she got a three-minute lesson from a business associate. She now has no problem with texting and regularly video chats with her granddaughter in St. Louis.

The experience, which Henderson described as empowering, led her to launch a senior service in October, called FloH Club, that provides technical advice and guidance without making the tech neophyte feel rushed, dismissed or embarrassed.

"For those of us who didn't grow up with computers, it's like learning a

See **TECH**, Business 2



GENARO MOLINA/Los Angeles Times

Maxim Batalin is among researchers putting accelerometers and gyroscopes in canes and shoes to monitor users' balance and help them learn how to avoid falls.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sun Valley opens freestyle park

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley Resort has opened a new terrain park featuring a large jump line, 13 rails, boxes and jibs. The resort opened the new area at Dollar Mountain this weekend, as well as a new tubing hill.

Director of Sales and Marketing Jack Sibbach says the company has been mulling the feasibility of a freestyle park for at least a decade.

California-based Snow Park Technologies has a three-year contract with Sun Valley to help design, build, maintain and market the new parks and superpipe.

Sibbach says there has been some resistance from traditional skiers, but he's pleased to see the interest generated by the

new feature.

Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency to review strategy

The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency will meet at 7 p.m. on Jan. 6 at the Twin Falls City Council Chambers to discuss strategic planning.

Business and government leaders met at the College of Southern Idaho in September to come up with ideas for downtown redevelopment, urban housing, infrastructure improvement, business and workforce recruitment goals. The purpose of the Jan. 6 meeting is to review the draft.

Twin Falls City Council Chambers are located at 305 3rd Ave. East.

— Staff reports

There's still time for 2009 tax planning

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
Associated Press writer

Although there are just a few days left in 2009, small business owners still have time to squeeze in a few tax breaks.

Making a last-minute equipment purchase or paying your estimated state taxes early can shave some

SMALL TALK

Joyce M. Rosenberg



money off your bill. A retirement plan contribution can also help.

But before you start spending to beat the Dec. 31 deadline, remember the

mantra of accountants and other tax professionals: Don't take these steps just to save on your tax bill. They have to make good business sense overall.

You also shouldn't be thinking about 2009 alone. Tax planning needs to be a forward- and backward-looking process. You need to consider if you're going to be

making more money next year. Or, if you're likely to suffer a loss for this year, should you be carrying losses back to 2008 or even 2007?

Gordon Spoor, a certified public accountant in St. Petersburg, Fla., said income, deductions and tax

See **TAX**, Business 2

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Con Agra | 23.25 | ▲ .11 | Dell Inc. | 14.79 | ▲ .45 | Idacorp | 32.63 | ▲ .36 | Int. Bancorp | 2.06 | ▼ .19 |
| Lithia Mo. | 7.81 | ▼ .04 | McDonalds | 63.43 | ▲ .06 | Micron | 10.16 | ▲ .17 | Supervalu | 12.90 | ▲ .07 |

COMMODITIES

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|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Live cattle | 83.08 | ▼ .20 | Feb. Oil | 78.10 | ▲ 1.43 |
| Dec. Gold | 1104.30 | ▲ 11.00 | Dec. Silver | 17.46 | ▲ .28 |

MARKET SUMMARY

| NYSE | | | | AMEX | | | | NASDAQ | | | |
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| 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 |
| Citygrp | 1280666 | 3.35 | +0.6 | NovaGld | 33264 | 6.49 | -0.9 | PwShs | Q00270277 | 45.98 | +4.2 |
| BkOfAm | 352905 | 15.25 | +0.6 | GoldStr | 14251 | 3.25 | +0.1 | Apple Inc | 175762 | 209.04 | +6.94 |
| SPDR | 303984 | 112.48 | +5.3 | Nevsun g | 13408 | 2.62 | -0.31 | Dell Inc | 128343 | 14.79 | +4.5 |
| FormM | 239673 | 10.13 | +0.5 | ChNEPet n | 12134 | 7.96 | +0.70 | ETrade | 123143 | 1.81 | +0.1 |
| US NGsFd | 213497 | 10.32 | -0.38 | NA Pall g | 10020 | 2.96 | +1.1 | Intel | 120642 | 20.33 | +2.3 |

| GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE) | | | | GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE) | | | | GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE) | | | |
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| KCSof | 22.20 | +2.50 | +12.7 | Merrimac | 15.90 | +4.36 | +37.8 | CentrueF | 2.41 | +0.61 | +33.9 |
| Kngswy g | 2.01 | +0.22 | +12.3 | TiensBio | 2.70 | +0.25 | +10.2 | ZionO&G wt | 5.00 | +1.26 | +33.7 |
| PML Grp | 2.67 | +0.28 | +11.7 | ChNEPet n | 7.96 | +0.70 | +9.6 | Camtek h | 2.56 | +0.52 | +25.5 |
| GraphPkg | 3.67 | +0.36 | +10.9 | AmShrd | 2.69 | +0.19 | +7.6 | OptiBKHld | 2.13 | +0.42 | +24.6 |
| W Hld rs lf | 22.60 | +2.11 | +10.3 | Sollitario | 2.39 | +0.15 | +6.7 | ATCross | 5.44 | +0.94 | +20.9 |

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| JacksnHew | 4.50 | -1.34 | -29.9 | Nevsun g | 2.62 | -0.31 | -10.6 | pSivida | 4.23 | -0.77 | -15.4 |
| GenSteel | 4.57 | -1.22 | -21.1 | B&H | 3.10 | -0.15 | -4.6 | VlyNBC wt | 2.10 | -0.29 | -12.1 |
| MLDJREst10 | 6.60 | -0.61 | -8.5 | WLBtyBcp | 7.06 | -0.30 | -4.1 | Compugn | 4.08 | -0.51 | -11.1 |
| NvtvAdFrt | 2.22 | -0.17 | -7.1 | Vicon | 5.78 | -0.21 | -3.5 | FFD Finl | 12.81 | -1.49 | -10.4 |
| DirChiBear | 42.34 | -2.61 | -5.8 | GormanR | 27.02 | -0.94 | -3.4 | WaccaBk | 3.12 | -0.33 | -9.6 |

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| Advanced | 2,225 | | | Advanced | 293 | | | Advanced | 1,623 | | |
| Declined | 762 | | | Declined | 166 | | | Declined | 970 | | |
| Unchanged | 130 | | | Unchanged | 62 | | | Unchanged | 170 | | |
| Total issues | 3,117 | | | Total issues | 521 | | | Total issues | 2,763 | | |
| New Highs | 376 | | | New Highs | 24 | | | New Highs | 186 | | |
| New Lows | 376 | | | New Lows | 2 | | | New Lows | 14 | | |
| Volume | 1,235,782,580 | | | Volume | 52,355,721 | | | Volume | 619,389,316 | | |

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| 10,516.70 | 6,469.95 | Dow Jones Industrials | 10,520.10 | +53.66 | +51 | +19.87 | +24.23 |
| 4,198.60 | 2,134.21 | Dow Jones Transportation | 4,187.86 | +4.33 | +10 | +18.40 | +25.42 |
| 408.57 | 288.66 | Dow Jones Utilities | 403.37 | +2.58 | +64 | +8.80 | +12.66 |
| 7,285.67 | 4,181.75 | NYSE Composite | 7,255.00 | +37.80 | +52 | +26.02 | +32.21 |
| 1,887.23 | 1,130.47 | AMEX | 1,824.38 | +8.16 | +45 | +30.54 | +37.15 |
| 2,271.33 | 1,265.52 | Nasdaq Composite | 2,285.69 | +16.05 | +71 | +44.94 | +48.89 |
| 1,121.58 | 666.79 | S&P 500 | 1,126.48 | +5.89 | +53 | +24.71 | +29.76 |
| 11,616.12 | 6,772.29 | Wilshire 5000 | 11,668.88 | +61.62 | +53 | +28.41 | +33.95 |
| 632.02 | 342.59 | Russell 2000 | 634.07 | +3.09 | +49 | +26.95 | +34.77 |

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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| AlliantEch | 1.50 | 50 | 31.19 | +23 | +6.9 | Kaman | .56 | 20 | 23.95 | +19 | +32.1 |
| AlliantTch | ... | 17 | 90.60 | +23 | +5.6 | Keycorp | .04 | ... | 5.76 | +10 | -32.4 |
| AmCasino | .42 | ... | 16.12 | +11 | +86.6 | LeeEnt | ... | ... | 3.82 | +0.6 | +831.7 |
| Aon Corp | .60 | 18 | 39.06 | +39 | -14.5 | MicronT | ... | ... | 10.16 | +17 | +284.8 |
| BallardPw | ... | ... | 2.05 | -0.6 | +81.4 | OfficeMax | ... | ... | 13.56 | -20 | +77.5 |
| BkOfAm | .04 | ... | 15.25 | +0.6 | +83.9 | RockTen | .60f | 10 | 52.31 | +42 | +53.0 |
| ConAgra | .80 | 13 | 23.25 | +11 | +40.9 | Sensient | .76 | 14 | 26.60 | +23 | +11.4 |
| Costco | .72 | 24 | 60.40 | +33 | +15.0 | SkyWest | .16 | 12 | 18.02 | +0.3 | -3.1 |
| Diebold | 1.04 | 72 | 29.71 | +1.06 | +5.8 | Teradynt | ... | ... | 10.80 | +0.1 | +155.9 |
| DukeEngy | .96 | 15 | 17.27 | +0.3 | +15.1 | Tupprwe | 1.00f | 19 | 47.14 | -0.3 | +107.7 |
| DukeRily | .68 | ... | 12.58 | +0.8 | +14.8 | US Bancrp | .20 | 28 | 22.58 | +24 | -9.7 |
| Fastenal | .74f | 31 | 41.71 | +20 | +19.7 | Valhi | .40 | ... | 14.99 | +25 | +40.1 |
| Heinz | 1.68 | 16 | 43.01 | +22 | +14.4 | WalMart | 1.09 | 16 | 53.60 | +28 | -4.4 |
| HewlettP | .32 | 16 | 52.87 | +38 | +45.7 | WashFed | .20 | 43 | 19.98 | +0.9 | +33.6 |
| HomeDp | .90 | 22 | 29.17 | +17 | +26.7 | WellsFargo | .20 | 32 | 27.09 | +24 | -8.1 |
| Idacorp | 1.20 | 14 | 32.63 | +37 | +10.8 | ZionBcp | .04 | ... | 12.90 | -0.2 | -47.4 |

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list. **Div:** Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted. **Last:** Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day. **Chg:** Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ... mark.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family. **Sell:** Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold. **Chg:** Daily net change in the NAV.

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d - New 52-wk low during trading day. g - Dividend in Canadian \$. Stock price in U.S. \$. n - New issue in past 52 wks. q - Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s - Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks. Div begins with date of split or stock dividend. u - New 52-wk high during trading day. v - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf - Preferred. pp - Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt - Rights. un - Units. wd - When distributed. w - When issued. wt - Warrants. ww - With warrants. xw - Without warrants. **Dividend Footnotes:** a - Also extra or extras. b - Annual rate plus stock dividend. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f - Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i - Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j - Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k - Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p - Init div, annual rate unknown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x - Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y - Ex-dividend and sales in full. z - Sales in full. vj - In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies. * Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2. **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

| Mon | Commodity | High | Low | Close | Change |
|-----|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Dec | Live cattle | 83.20 | 82.90 | 83.08 | -.20 |
| Feb | Live cattle | 85.33 | 84.75 | 84.75 | -.83 |
| Jan | Feeder cattle | 95.50 | 94.55 | 94.63 | -.83 |
| Mar | Feeder cattle | 94.95 | 93.80 | 93.83 | -1.35 |
| Apr | Feeder cattle | 96.40 | 95.25 | 95.35 | -1.10 |
| Feb | Lean hogs | 65.65 | 63.70 | 63.80 | -1.88 |
| Apr | Lean hogs | 70.23 | 68.20 | 68.35 | -1.78 |
| Feb | Pork belly | 88.45 | 87.65 | 87.65 | -.25 |
| Mar | Pork belly | 87.50 | 86.90 | 86.90 | -.10 |
| Mar | Wheat | 526.00 | 521.00 | 524.50 | -4.50 |
| May | Wheat | xxx.xx | xxx.xx | 538.00 | -4.50 |
| Mar | KC Wheat | 521.50 | 515.50 | 521.50 | -1.50 |
| May | KC Wheat | 529.75 | 527.50 | 533.00 | -2.00 |
| Mar | MPS Wheat | 535.25 | 527.00 | 529.00 | -5.25 |
| May | MPS Wheat | 541.75 | 540.00 | 521.25 | -4.50 |
| Mar | Corn | 408.75 | 405.25 | 408.50 | +3.75 |
| May | Corn | 418.75 | 416.50 | 418.75 | +3.50 |
| Jan | Soybeans | 1008.00 | 987.50 | 999.50 | -1.75 |
| Mar | Soybeans | 1016.00 | 1008.00 | 1008.00 | -1.00 |
| Dec | BFP Milk | 14.84 | 14.84 | 14.84 | ... |
| Jan | BFP Milk | 14.35 | 14.22 | 14.31 | +0.04 |
| Feb | BFP Milk | 14.24 | 14.08 | 14.23 | +0.05 |
| Mar | BFP Milk | 14.70 | 14.50 | 14.69 | +0.09 |
| Apr | BFP Milk | 14.93 | 14.70 | 14.80 | +0.02 |
| Jan | Sugar | 27.10 | 26.50 | 27.08 | +0.58 |
| Mar | Sugar | xxx.xx | xxx.xx | 25.22 | +0.29 |
| Mar | B-Pound | 1.6016 | 1.5919 | 1.5945 | +0.004 |
| Jun | B-Pound | 1.6003 | 1.5922 | 1.5929 | +0.007 |
| Mar | J-Yen | 1.0978 | 1.0901 | 1.0921 | +0.011 |
| Jun | J-Yen | 1.0962 | 1.0915 | 1.0962 | +0.043 |
| Mar | Euro-currency | 1.4416 | 1.4327 | 1.4359 | +0.025 |
| Jun | Euro-currency | 1.4412 | 1.4324 | 1.4356 | +0.027 |
| Mar | Canada dollar | .9574 | .9516 | .9522 | -0.021 |
| Jun | Canada dollar | .9550 | .9525 | .9525 | -0.017 |
| Mar | U.S. Dollar | 78.26 | 77.85 | 78.18 | +0.60 |
| Dec | Cornex gold | 1105.3 | 1092.0 | 1104.3 | +11.0 |
| Feb | Cornex gold | 1106.9 | 1088.3 | 1106.0 | +1.2 |
| Dec | Cornex silver | 17.46 | 17.32 | 17.46 | +0.28 |
| Mar | Cornex silver | 17.55 | 17.15 | 17.51 | +0.32 |
| Mar | Treasury bond | 116.3 | 115.3 | 115.9 | -0.2 |
| Jun | Treasury bond | 114.2 | 114.2 | 114.2 | +0.2 |
| Mar | Coffee | 145.55 | 139.10 | 139.30 | -3.35 |
| May | Coffee | 143.10 | 140.80 | 141.00 | -3.40 |
| Mar | Cocoa | 2245 | 2233 | 2242 | +1.1 |
| May | Cocoa | 2281 | 2261 | 2261 | +19 |
| Mar | Cotton | 74.03 | 73.42 | 73.65 | -0.25 |
| May | Cotton | 74.91 | 74.39 | 74.55 | -0.26 |
| Feb | Crude oil | 78.25 | 76.19 | 78.10 | +1.43 |
| Jan | Unleaded gas | 1.9940 | 1.9459 | 1.9842 | +0.076 |
| Jan | Heating oil | 2.0406 | 1.9980 | 2.0375 | +0.0257 |
| Jan | Natural gas | 5.926 | 5.600 | 5.895 | +0.074 |

Quotations from Sinclair & Co. 733-6013 or (800) 635-0821

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 northers, no quote
Pinks, no quote, new crop small reds, no quote, new crop.
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. 23.
Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture.
Pintos, \$32 great northers, not established small whites, not established small reds, not established small reds, Ltd. \$30-\$32.
Quotes current Dec. 23.

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. 23.
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. 23.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report on Thursday. Most grain elevators closed on Thursday. Wednesday prices.
POCATELLO - White wheat 4.25 (steady) 11.5 percent winter 4.00 (up 5) 14 percent spring 5.31 (up 3) barley 5.73 (steady)
BURLEY - White wheat 4.14 (steady) 11.5 percent winter 4.03

CHEESE
Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange
Barrels: \$1,4400, +.0100; Blocks: \$1,5900, -.1100

POTATOES
CHICAGO (AP) - USDA - Major potato markets FOB shipping points Wednesday.
Russet Burbank 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 Norkotals 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.
Russets Norkotals 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 Norkotals 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 Norkotals Northern California & Oregon 50 lb cartons 70 count 7.00; 100 count 6.50-7.00

LIVESTOCK
POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Livestock Report on Thursday. Most grain elevators closed on Thursday. Wednesday prices.
LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Producers Livestock Market in Vale OR on Wednesday. Utility and commercial cows 38.00-46.00 heavy feeder steers 80.00-91.75 light feeder steers 88.00-108.75 stocker steers 97.00-119.50 heavy holstein feeder steers 53.00-59.00 light holstein feeder steers 56.00-64.00 heavy feeder heifers 78.00-86.75 light feeder heifers 83.00-90.75 stocker heifers 88.00-106.50 bulls 38.00-46.00 stock cows/calf pairs 90.00-110.00/pr
Remarks: Good and steady test on calf market.

METALS/MONEY
Selected world gold prices, Thursday.
London morning fixing: \$1104.50 up \$19.25.
London afternoon fixing: \$1104.50.
NY Handy & Harman: \$1172.00 up \$16.75.
NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$11

Lenora Blakeslee Richards

JEROME — Lenora Blakeslee Richards, of Jerome and formerly of Filer, passed away Monday, Dec. 21, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.



Jerome and Jeri (Byron) Carrier of Pleasant Hill, Ore.; one son, Jim (Cheryl) Blakeslee of Kimberly; two brothers, Gene (Joyce) Jacobsen and Tom (Joan)

Jacobson, both of Portland, Ore.; three sisters, Patty (George) Wagner of Portland, Ore., Doris (Bob) Anderson of Fairview, Ore., and Jackie (Larry) Norton of Gresham, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. Lenora is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jack Blakeslee; one grandson; one great grandson; one brother; and one sister.

Lenora was born Jan. 27, 1931, in Jenkins, Mo., to Iver and Lois (Eubanks) Jacobson. The family moved to Filer, Idaho, when Lenora was very young. She met and married Jack Blakeslee on April 25, 1947. Lenora worked at Seddon's Meat Market as well as Asgrow Seed Co. in Filer and then in Twin Falls, first for Kelwood and then Kmart for several years until she retired. After Jack's passing in 1981, she moved to Jerome. She married George Richards on June 24, 1996. Lenora loved spending time with her family. She also enjoyed going to Jackpot, going to auctions and selling items on e-Bay; she couldn't hardly wait until Sunday nights to find out how much her items had sold for.

Lenora is survived by her husband, George Richards of Jerome; two daughters, Jeannie (Ramon) Holtzen of

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Please join the family in celebrating Lenora's life by visiting her everlasting memorial at www.MeM.com. "To a wife, mom, grandma and grandma great, there will always be a hole in our hearts without you. Thanks for being so caring and loving. You will be missed more than you can imagine. You will forever be in our thoughts and hearts." Love, your family.

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DEATH NOTICES

Bruce Bates

YUCAIPA, Calif. — Bruce Bates, 69, of Yucaipa, Calif., and formerly of Murtaugh, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009.

The funeral will be held Saturday, Dec. 26, in Yucaipa, Calif.

Callahan J. May

PAUL — Callahan Jay May, infant son of Callin and Kristen May of Paul, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009, at home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at the Emerson LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Shirley M. Braun

BURLEY — Shirley May Braun, 84, of Burley, died

Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at the Burley LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main in Burley, and 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the church.

EmmaLou Bell

BUHL — EmmaLou Bell, 86, of Buhl, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Betty J. Helms

Betty Jane Helms, 81, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St.; visitation from noon to 1:45 p.m.

Wilma Irene Baillergeon of Twin Falls, celebration of life memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Lloyd William Smith of Twin Falls, celebration of life

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Jay C. Johnston

JEROME — Jay C. Johnston, 81, of Jerome, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

DuWayne G. Rosenof

KIMBERLY — DuWayne George Rosenof, 80, of Kimberly, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Virgil W. Hampton

GOODING — Virgil William Hampton, 82, of Gooding, died Thursday,

Dec. 24, 2009, at his residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Julie Coates

HANSEN — Julie Coates, 50, of Hansen, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

David Palmer

BURLEY — David Palmer, 60, of Burley, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the River 4th Ward Chapel in South Jordan, Utah; visitation from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church (Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory).

SERVICES

Betty Jane Whitaker Eames of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Jean Josephine Gilmore Sommer of twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Lloyd C. Merrill of Paul,

at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Gary P. Frisby of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Carl John Williams of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m.

Monday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the Church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Lisa Louise Spencer-Culver of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.



AP photo

A suspect in a wheelchair surrenders to a police robot after holding hostages at a post office in Wytheville, Va., Wednesday.

Feds: Va. standoff suspect was angry at government

By Mitch Weiss
Associated Press writer

WYTHEVILLE, Va. — Warren "Gator" Taylor was tired of driving, so he pulled off the interstate in this Blue Ridge Mountain town to buy gas and food. The Tennessee man had been angry at the government for months, even years, federal officials said Thursday, and this seemed like as good a place as any to use the handguns and mock explosives he had packed in beloved red pickup. He had no apparent connection to Wytheville, but the picturesque community of 8,500 reminded him of the tourist town of Gatlinburg, Tenn., three hours away. So after breakfast at a local eatery and a steak at Applebee's, he pushed his wheelchair through the door of the post office Wednesday afternoon, officials said, slammed what looked like a bomb on the counter and took three people hostage.

Just over eight hours later, after demanding only a pizza he shared with his captives and a pack of cigarettes for a hostage who smoked, he let them go, wheeled himself outside in his chair and surrendered.

"There was no mission statement. No demands made. No purpose in what he was doing. There was no reason for any of it," said Jimmy Oliver, 41, one of the hostages, who spoke with The Associated Press at his mother's floral shop. "He just wanted to destroy a federal building with a lot of people."

"Once we established a relationship, he decided destroying people wasn't

in the cards."

Oliver, a divorced father of two, was at the post office to mail Christmas gifts to his teenage sons and was filling out forms at a counter when he noticed a heavysset man out of the corner of his eye, using his wheelchair like a walker to brace himself.

He saw the man put an olive drab square ammunition can on the counter, then pull out a .40-caliber Glock pistol. Customers scattered, and the man fired a single shot at the postmaster as he ran out the door.

The man stuck one of his four guns in Oliver's face and told him to get on the floor, where he laid next to an older man while the gunman grabbed Margie Austin, a postal supervisor.

Oliver, who said he had served 18 years in the military, mostly with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, thought about his children and family and tried to stay calm.

When the gunman asked the hostages their names, Oliver introduced himself as a former staff sergeant, hoping for mercy.

Slowly, the gunman opened up, saying he had been in the Marines for 20 years and was proud of his military experience. On Thursday, military officials could not immediately locate any record that Taylor served.

In the last few years, the gunman told Oliver and the others, his life had headed south. He said his son had been killed in Afghanistan; the AP could not immediately find any record corroborating that.

Guitarist for Janis Joplin's Big Brother band dies

By John Rogers
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — James Gurley, the innovative guitarist who helped shape psychedelic rock's multi-layered, sometimes thundering sounds as a member of Big Brother and the Holding Company, the band that propelled Janis Joplin to fame, has died of a heart attack. He was 69.

Gurley was pronounced dead Sunday at a Palm Springs hospital, two days before his 70th birthday, the band announced on its Web site.

One of many prominent guitarists to emerge from San Francisco's psychedelic music scene in the mid-1960s — others included the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia, Jefferson Airplane's Jorma Kaukonen and Barry Melton of Country Joe and the Fish — Gurley was hailed by many as the original innovator of the sound.

"I would say all of my guitar-playing contemporaries strived to have their own sound, but I think James was a huge influence on all of us because he wasn't afraid to break the boundaries of conventional music," Melton said Thursday. "What one thinks of that genre of music is that place that it takes you to where the beat is just assumed and the whole thing is transported to another place, and James is the guy who started that."

Doing things like using an electric vibrator as a slide on his guitar, and picking up amplifiers and shaking them during performances, Gurley created a loud, esoteric sound that was the driving force behind Joplin's voice on such classic songs as "Ball and Chain," "Piece of My Heart" and "Summertime."

"Some of the innovations were the result of the fact he came from kind of a progressive bluegrass school of music where weirdness was encouraged," said Peter Albin, the group's bass player.

One of the few rock guitarists to use finger picks rather than a flat pick, Gurley had taught himself to play by listening to old

Lightnin' Hopkins blues records as a teenager.

He was playing acoustic guitar in a coffee house in San Francisco in 1965 when legendary counterculture figure Chet Helms, founder of the Family Dog commune, introduced him to the other band members.

Although Joplin would become the public face of the band when she joined in 1966, Albin recalled Gurley as being the true force of nature who introduced the other members to alternative lifestyles, psychedelic drugs and musical innovation.

"He was very influential to the whole band early on, and even later, just by being a guy who had strange tastes and played guitar in a very bizarre manner," Albin told The Associated Press.

When he first met Gurley, Albin said, the guitarist was living in a walk-in closet with his wife and young son and told him that before that he'd lived in a cardboard house along the California coast and with indigenous people in the mountains of Mexico, where he had taken part in hallucinogenic religious ceremonies.



James Gurley, the brilliant lead guitarist for Big Brother and the Holding Company, the band that propelled Janis Joplin to fame, holds a CD that he made from an early '60s audition tape by Joplin in January 2007. AP file photo



YEAR END CLOSEOUT

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| Oxford Firm | Was \$999 | Now \$499 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Oxford Pillow Soft | Was \$1199 | Now \$599 |
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| Dunsmore Pillow Soft | Was \$1799 | Now \$899 |
| Sequins Pillow Top | Was \$1899 | Now \$949 |
| Dunsmore Euro Top | Was \$1999 | Now \$999 |
| Glenleigh Pillow Soft | Was \$2199 | Now \$1099 |
| Conaire Euro Top | Was \$2299 | Now \$1149 |

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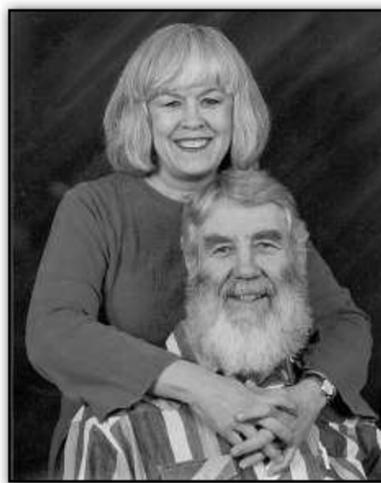
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and a safe and prosperous 2010.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny to mostly sunny. Highs lower 20s.

Tonight: Clear and cold. Lows near 7.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and dry. Highs upper 20s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

| Temperature | | Precipitation | |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Yesterday's High | 28° | Yesterday's | 0.00" |
| Yesterday's Low | 10° | Month to Date | 0.45" |
| Normal High / Low | 36° / 18° | Avg. Month to Date | 0.79" |
| Record High | 53° in 1980 | Water Year to Date | 1.59" |
| Record Low | -16° in 1990 | Avg. Water Year to Date | 2.45" |

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Dry and cold late December weather through Sunday. With mostly sunny skies though and light winds conditions will not be bad.

BOISE
Temperatures will be cold for Christmas, but conditions will be dry and mostly sunny. Mostly sunny, dry and cold weather continues this weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH
Mostly sunny and cold today. Mostly sunny skies and cold conditions for this weekend as well.

Today Highs/Lows 20's to 30's / 0's to 10's

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Coeur d'Alene | 26 / 15 |
| Lewiston | 35 / 26 |
| Grangeville | 23 / 6 |
| McCall | 26 / 0 |
| Salmon | 12 / -1 |
| Caldwell | 30 / 14 |
| Boise | 30 / 12 |
| Sun Valley | 21 / 5 |
| Idaho Falls | 15 / -1 |
| Pocatello | 22 / 2 |
| Mountain Home | 30 / 10 |
| Rupert | 25 / 6 |
| Twin Falls | 29 / 9 |
| Burley | 23 / 7 |

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: not available Low: not available
weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Tonight | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | | | | | |
| Mostly sunny and cold | Partly cloudy | Partly cloudy, still cold | Mostly sunny | Partly cloudy and breezy | Mostly cloudy |
| High 29° | Low 9° | 28° / 12° | 27° / 15° | 30° / 16° | 29° / 18° |

Yesterday's Weather

| City | Hi | Lo | Prp |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Boise | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Challis | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Coeur d'Alene | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Idaho Falls | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Jerome | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Lewiston | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Lowell | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Malad City | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Malta | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Pocatello | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Rexburg | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Salmon | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Stanley | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Sun Valley | n/a | n/a | n/a |

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

| Temperature | | Precipitation | | Humidity | | Barometric Pressure | | Sunrise and Sunset | |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| Yesterday's High | 32° | Yesterday's | 0.00" | Yesterday's High | 77% | 5 pm Yesterday | 30.26" | Today Sunrise: | 8:06 AM |
| Yesterday's Low | 20° | Month to Date | 0.88" | Yesterday's Low | 53% | | | Saturday Sunrise: | 8:07 AM |
| Normal High / Low | 34° / 18° | Avg. Month to Date | 0.89" | Today's Forecast Avg. | 83% | | | Sunday Sunrise: | 8:07 AM |
| Record High | 51° in 1972 | Water Year to Date | 2.28" | | | | | Monday Sunrise: | 8:07 AM |
| Record Low | -20° in 1990 | Avg. Water Year to Date | 2.81" | | | | | Tuesday Sunrise: | 8:07 AM |

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

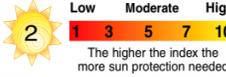
Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

| Day | Moonrise | Moonset |
|----------|----------|---------|
| Today | 12:31 PM | 1:26 AM |
| Saturday | 12:58 PM | 2:32 AM |
| Sunday | 1:30 PM | 3:42 AM |

Today's U. V. Index



REGIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | Sunday |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Boise | 30 12 pc | 32 15 pc | 30 15 pc |
| Bonnars Ferry | 27 8 pc | 27 17 hz | 30 17 hz |
| Burley | 23 7 su | 27 10 pc | 24 10 pc |
| Challis | 17 4 pc | 28 2 pc | 19 2 pc |
| Coeur d'Alene | 26 15 pc | 27 20 hz | 29 20 hz |
| Elko, NV | 26 -7 hz | 27 6 hz | 26 6 pc |
| Eugene, OR | 39 30 hz | 43 33 r | 46 33 r |
| Gooding | 28 10 su | 27 13 pc | 26 13 pc |
| Grace | 21 1 pc | 25 8 pc | 24 8 pc |
| Hagerman | 31 11 su | 31 14 pc | 30 14 pc |
| Hailey | 24 6 su | 27 2 pc | 24 2 pc |
| Idaho Falls | 15 -1 pc | 21 4 pc | 21 4 pc |
| Kalispell, MT | 17 10 su | 20 15 hz | 21 15 hz |
| Jerome | 27 9 su | 26 11 pc | 25 11 pc |
| Lewiston | 35 26 pc | 33 25 pc | 34 25 mc |
| Malad City | 26 0 pc | 24 3 pc | 23 3 pc |
| Malta | 23 5 pc | 26 10 pc | 24 10 pc |
| McCall | 26 0 pc | 24 3 pc | 23 3 pc |
| Missoula, MT | 19 5 su | 19 8 pc | 20 8 hz |
| Pocatello | 22 2 pc | 22 6 pc | 23 6 pc |
| Portland, OR | 39 30 pc | 40 33 r | 44 33 r |
| Rupert | 25 6 pc | 26 9 pc | 24 9 pc |
| Rexburg | 16 -3 pc | 20 2 pc | 22 2 pc |
| Richland, WA | 28 20 pc | 32 23 hz | 32 23 mc |
| Rogerson | 31 8 su | 30 10 pc | 30 10 pc |
| Salmon | 12 -1 su | 16 -1 hz | 18 -1 hz |
| Salt Lake City, UT | 26 12 hz | 27 16 pc | 30 16 pc |
| Spokane, WA | 27 17 pc | 30 22 hz | 31 22 mc |
| Stanley | 13 -3 pc | 27 -1 pc | 24 -1 pc |
| Sun Valley | 21 5 su | 26 8 pc | 24 8 pc |
| Yellowstone, MT | 17 -7 pc | 19 -7 pc | 21 -7 pc |

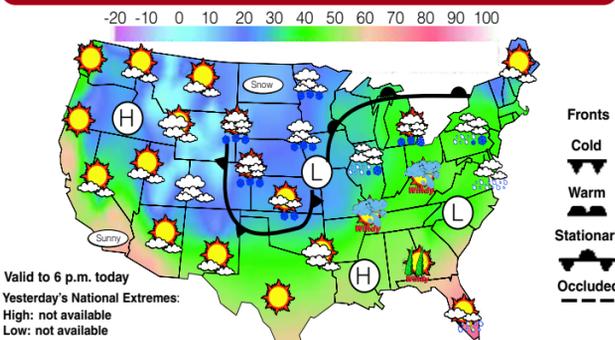
NATIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta | 51 28 pc | 51 32 pc |
| Atlanta City | 46 46 r | 50 34 r |
| Baltimore | 37 36 r | 47 29 r |
| Billings | 22 3 pc | 36 9 pc |
| Birmingham | 51 30 r | 49 29 pc |
| Boston | 37 34 pc | 40 39 r |
| Charleston, SC | 48 32 r | 40 26 mc |
| Charleston, WV | 48 32 r | 40 26 mc |
| Chicago | 43 23 sn | 26 19 ls |
| Cleveland | 42 30 r | 34 26 sn |
| Denver | 22 7 ls | 29 6 pc |
| Des Moines | 25 17 hs | 22 11 hs |
| Detroit | 38 29 r | 30 24 sn |
| El Paso | 51 26 su | 51 28 su |
| Fairbanks | 16 4 pc | 12 6 ls |
| Fargo | 21 7 hs | 15 8 hs |
| Honolulu | 80 66 r | 80 66 pc |
| Houston | 52 35 pc | 55 35 pc |
| Indianapolis | 44 23 ls | 29 21 sn |
| Jacksonville | 73 46 th | 59 38 pc |
| Kansas City | 19 16 ls | 24 13 ls |
| Las Vegas | 54 34 su | 53 36 pc |
| Little Rock | 40 26 pc | 40 28 pc |
| Los Angeles | 68 46 pc | 65 47 pc |
| Memphis | 38 26 su | 40 26 pc |
| Miami | 80 68 th | 76 62 r |
| Milwaukee | 38 22 r | 28 22 ls |
| Nashville | 53 29 r | 38 26 mc |
| New Orleans | 51 36 pc | 57 36 pc |
| New York | 39 37 r | 47 37 r |
| Oklahoma City | 29 15 pc | 32 19 pc |
| Omaha | 18 15 ls | 19 7 ls |

WORLD FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Acapulco | 84 73 pc | 83 69 pc |
| Athens | 66 61 pc | 66 63 pc |
| Auckland | 73 55 pc | 71 52 r |
| Bangkok | 93 75 pc | 94 75 pc |
| Beijing | 21 12 pc | 25 9 pc |
| Berlin | 43 35 r | 39 34 r |
| Buenos Aires | 78 69 pc | 80 68 th |
| Cairo | 75 47 pc | 78 48 th |
| Dhahran | 73 64 pc | 74 62 pc |
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."
Bill Cosby Actor and Comedian

CANADIAN FORECAST

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| Regina | 9 4 pc | 13 5 pc |
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NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY
**Oysters and indie folk, Bruce
and burlesque**



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Entertainment

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2009

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'The trees have no tongues'

So Ketchum art exhibit, gallery owner's book speak for them

By **Karen Bossick**

Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Andria Friesen was stopped at one of Ketchum's three stoplights when the sage wisdom of the Lorax caught her eye.

"Speak for the trees," said the bumper sticker on the car ahead.

By the time the light turned green, the gallery owner had a new calling: A 179-page book featuring 76 internationally recognized artists who have had long-standing love affairs with trees. All in the spirit of Dr. Seuss' fable, in which a mossy creature says that he "speaks for the trees, as the trees have no tongues."

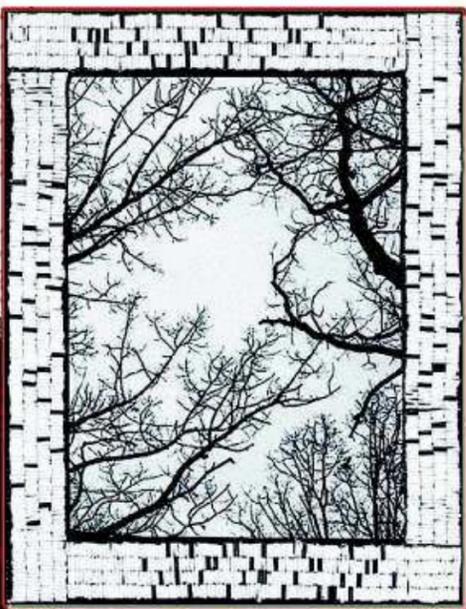
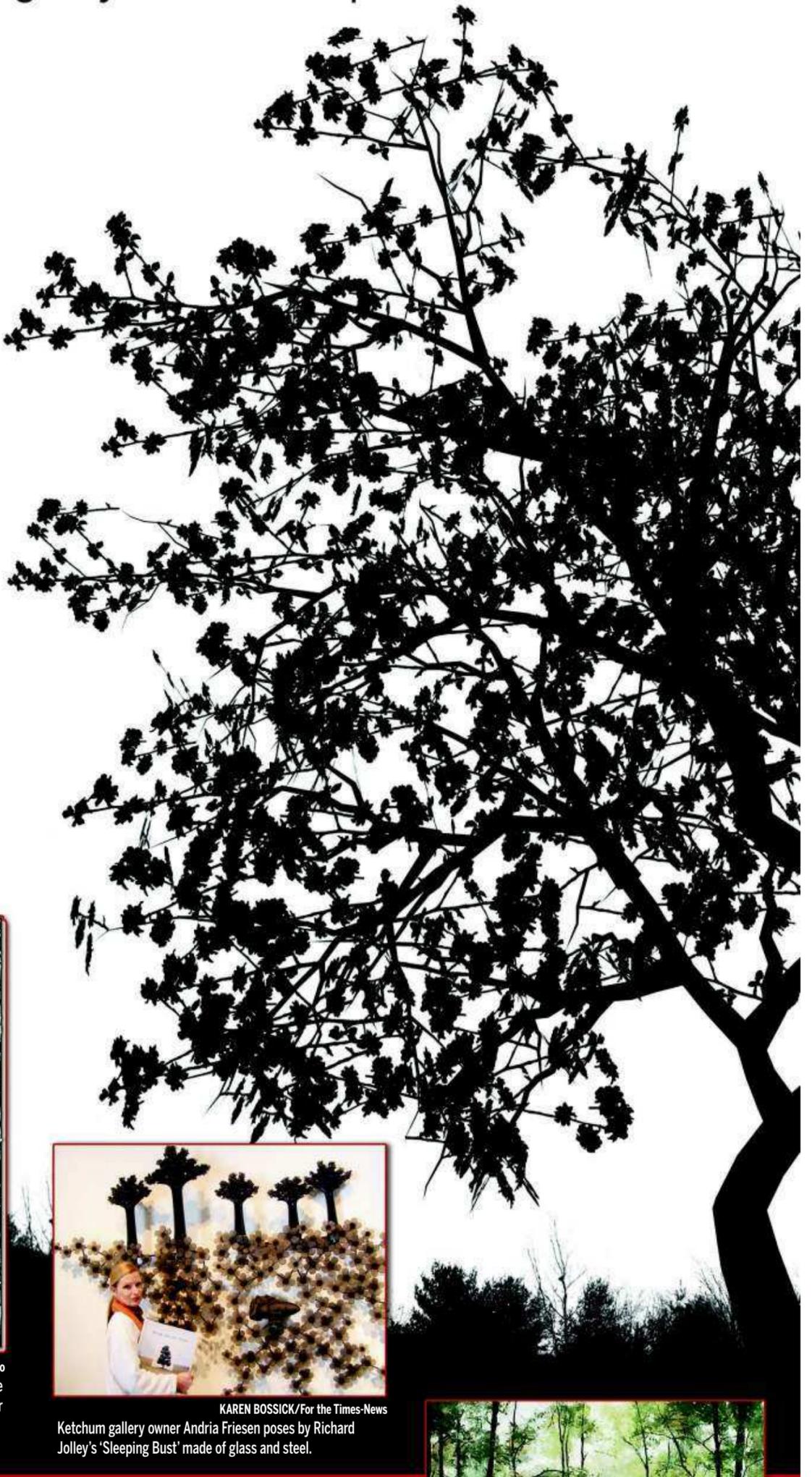
The handsome coffee table book features tree-related artwork, the artists' thoughts on trees and their favorite quotations about trees.

An exhibition of some of the artwork featured in the book will open with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday during Ketchum's Christmas Gallery Walk, then continue through Feb. 5 at the Friesen Gallery, 320 First Ave., and the former Anne Reed Gallery across the street.

"Do you realize how big this is? We're talking some of the most important artists working today," Friesen said. "There's never been anything like this in Ketchum before."

Indeed, Friesen tabbed some major contemporary artists in her book, including Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Yoko Ono, David Hockney, Julie Hefferman and Lawrence Fodor. They use a variety of media, including borosilicate glass wood, metal foil, carved cedar, glass tile, oil on canvas, thread, bronze, watercolor, light-jet prints, hand-blown glass and gold leaf. The images include a photograph of a sea of firs, a human form constructed from

See **TREES**, Entertainment 2



Courtesy photo
Shelly Niro's photograph 'Ghosts, Girls, and Grandmas 4 (Tree Branches)' is among the pieces in Friesen Gallery's 'Speak For The Trees' exhibit.



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News
Ketchum gallery owner Andria Friesen poses by Richard Jolley's 'Sleeping Bust' made of glass and steel.



Courtesy photo
You'll find trees at Kneeland Gallery, too. See rich, high-finish surfaces created through layering paint and glaze in Andrzej Skorut's paintings. Here, Skorut's 'Forest Mist' oil on canvas.

SILK SCREENS AND SATIRE, STREETSCAPES AND SMOKE

Here are some of the other highlights you can see on Wednesday's free Gallery Walk around Ketchum:

Broschovsky Galleries, 360 East Ave., will feature a "Best of the West" show, with works by Russell Chatham, Michael Coleman, Brandon Cook, Edward Curtis, J.C. Dye, Glen Edwards, Jan Grotenbreg, Tom Howard, William Matthews, Gordon McConnell, Theodore Villa and Andy Warhol.

Gallery DeNovo, 320 First Ave. N., will premiere an exhibition titled "The Art of the Print." It features artists' prints on paper and compares print-making techniques including mono-prints, silk screen, etching, aquatints and lithographs. The exhibition will feature international artists Yehouda Chaki, Agusti Puig, Manuel Lau, Cynthia Fusillo, Rein de Lege and James Rosenquist, Antonio Lorenzo, Jose Luis Quevas,

Christopher Brown, Cole Morgan, Jim Dine and Johnny Friedlander.

Will Caldwell Gallery, 400 Sun Valley Road, is celebrating this Gallery Walk in a new location. The Ketchum artist is known for his vivid depictions of Idaho landscapes and South American streetscapes.

Gail Severn Gallery, 400 First Ave. N., will feature the detailed mixed media paintings of American-born Belgian artist

Cole Morgan, who creates a visual language of bright colors, mysterious handwritten scrawl, scratches and strange characters with formalist, abstract compositions.

The gallery also will feature Ketchum artist David deVillier's whimsical images of women, birds and musical influence framed in bold steel frames that deVillier has welded.

See **WALK**, Entertainment 2

WANTED: CREATIVE TYPES

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The *Times-News* is working on a series that explores how creativity spans generations, in which we will feature one artist, craftsman or other inventive spirit from each decade of life. We want

to meet elementary school Picassos, grandparents who compose, middle-aged weavers, or anyone of any age who brings beauty into the world.

Send nominations to features writer Melissa Davlin at melissa.davlin@lee.net, or call 208-735-3234.

A book to inspire dog lovers

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Jada can sniff out a bed bug in seconds. Einstein is in cancer detection work. Lindie detects the presence of chemicals in water at fish farms. And Sadie gets the call when arson is suspected.

These dogs have three things in common: They're dogs who were rescued from the streets or animal pounds. They have a mission, whether it be visiting AIDS patients or detecting bombs. And their true stories are among 53 told in the book "To the Rescue: Found Dogs with a Mission" (Skyhorse Press, \$19.95 hardcover), written by Wood River Valley resident Elise Lufkin and photographed by Diana Walker.

"It doesn't matter if the dog searches for people in the snow or termites. These dogs are serving important roles in society. They came from pounds, yet look at what they're giving back," Walker said.

This is the third book on which the two women have collaborated. Lufkin wrote the first, "Found Dogs: Tales of Strays Who Landed on Their Feet," as a reaction to the many sad endings she saw volunteer-

ing with an animal shelter. She wrote the second, "Second Chances: More Tales of Found Dogs," to tell stories that came to light because of her first book.

Each has sold more than 20,000 copies, and they're still selling.

"It's not the numbers that Danielle Steel posts, but it's good for that kind of book," Lufkin said.

Proceeds from sales of "To the Rescue" will be donated to animal welfare organizations.

At her publisher's suggestion, Lufkin solicited stories of service dogs that had been rescued from the pound or streets. She ended up with 900 stories.

Among the stories Lufkin and Walker included in the book was that of Pecos, a skinny, scared herder dog that Ketchum resident Lestia Bopp found standing alongside the road one day. Two years after Bopp rescued the dog, Pecos returned the favor by volunteering himself as a service dog after Bopp was blinded in a mountain biking accident.

While Bopp was bedridden in horrendous pain, unable to walk and despairing, Pecos stayed at her side, nuzzling her.

"When I started to try to walk again, he glued him-



Author Elise Lufkin takes her own dog, Muttsy, with her to book signings across the country, carrying her in a foot-long bag designed for air travel.

KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

self to my lower leg, nudging me away from objects I could trip over or stairs I might tumble down," she said. "He herded me around, always in contact with my leg. He would nudge me away from the stairs. Then, if I seemed determined to go down, he would stand in front of me until I got a good grip on the railing. He adjusted his pace to mine, and he learned to avoid uneven footing where I might stumble."

Walker, a "Time" magazine photographer since 1979, served as White

House photographer during the Reagan, Bush and Clinton administrations.

Photographing the dogs was similar to that of photographing presidents and other world leaders, said Walker, who got down on the floor for many of her canine shots even though she was about to have knee surgery.

"When you're photographing presidents, you're always looking for an attitude in the eye or a touch - something that can tell people about the relationship between the president and others. And it's exactly

the same between dogs and humans," she said.

"It's not difficult to see what it means to a person who suffers from paralysis to have a dog who can bring them medicine or blanket," Walker said. "And a lot of people on hospitals have never been visited by therapy dogs. When they open up and begin to stroke the dog, talk to the dog, it's usually a very moving experience."

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Create with clay in Wendell

Times-News

Cozy up to a warm kiln on winter evenings and create with clay.

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If you have completed a year of study in ceramics, you may take the more self-directed "Studio Ceramics" course; instructor permission is required to enroll.

The three courses will run concurrently from 6 to 8:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 19 to March 11, at Wendell High School. Brad Nebeker will instruct. The fee for any one of the courses is \$200 plus supplies; students 60 and older pay only for supplies. Register: 934-8678.

Trees

Continued from Entertainment 1 leaves and twigs, a pile of slash and resin trunks that hang from the ceiling.

"Trees speak of where we live, giving one a sense of place," said artist Richard Jolley.

Nancy Azara created a piece with a discarded Christmas tree. It is, she said, a metaphor for Western culture where something admired is discarded when it is old and no longer useful.

"In altering it, it is made beautiful again," she said.

Yoko Ono's work "A Wish Tree" will be among those featured in the gallery.

"Make a wish. Write it down on a piece of paper. Fold it and tie it around a branch of a wish tree. Ask your friend to do the same. Keep wishing ... until the branches are covered with wishes," she writes in Friesen's book.

Artists reached back to Abraham Lincoln and Shakespeare, John Muir and

Khalil Gibran, for evidence of our deep connection to trees.

"God is the experience of looking at a tree and saying 'Ahh!'" writes Joseph Campbell. "The wonder is that we can see these trees and not wonder more," writes Ralph Waldo Emerson.

A limited edition run of 3,000 books was published by Marquand Books on Forest Stewardship Council-approved paper. Friesen will donate the proceeds from the \$80 book to the Esalen Institute, an alternative educational center in Big Sur, Calif., and to Findhorn Garden, a spiritual community in the Scottish Highlands.

Both were instrumental, she says, in the book's conception and completion.

Friesen Gallery director Stacy Collins said she's amazed how each artist's vision is entirely different.

"Trees affect everyone, but in such different ways,"

she said.

Friesen echoed her sentiment.

"Seventy-six different works. Seventy-six completely different stories," she said. "You ask me how composing this book has changed me. Ask me a year from now; ask me five years from now. The short answer is: Forever more. The images and the quotes are powerful and inspiring. They've caught me off guard. They've changed the way I think about things."

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KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Stojanovski Blagojce will greet Gallery Walk patrons Wednesday from a new gallery on Sun Valley Road.

Walk

Continued from Entertainment 1 And it will feature a group contemporary show with works by Kris Cox, Raphaelle Goethals, Hung Liu, Squeak Carnwatch, Jun Kaneko, Valerie Hammond, Judith Kinder, Deborah Orpallo, Christopher Reilly, Woods Davy, Julie Speidel, Bean Finneran, Andrew Harper and Mario Reis. The Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E., is featuring "Outside In: Indian Art Abroad." The exhibit includes photographs that defy stereotypes about Indian residents of the U.S., and satirical, costumed self-portraits paired with reproductions of 19th and early 20th century portraits of American Indians. It also includes a small exhibition organized by the Pacific Asia Museum that focuses on the Hindu deity Ganesha. Kneeland Gallery, 271 First Ave. N., will feature an exhibition of landscapes by Steven Lee Adams, Andrzej Skorut and Robert Moore titled "Perceptions of Place."

Gilman Contemporary, 661 Sun Valley Road, is presenting "Smoke and Mirrors: The Magic of Photography." The exhibition will feature works by photographers William Klein, Melvin Sokolsky, Chris Jordan, Julie Blackmon, Laurie Victor Kay and Jeri Eisenberg.

Lynn Toneri-R.C. Hink Gallery, 400 Sun Valley Road, will present an eclectic mix of landscape and wildlife watercolors by Toneri, as well as Hink's hats, boots, bar stools, armoires, lamps and wildlife sculptures carved in wood. Also available: hand-crafted jewelry, sculptures and raku.

Stoeklein Gallery, 151 Main St., features Western antiques and fine art images depicting cowboys and cowgirls.

Blagojce Fine Art Gallery, which just opened at 680 Sun Valley Road in the Walnut Avenue Mall, features frescoes and fine art by Macedonian artist Stojanovski Blagojce.

- Karen Bossick

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Sherlock Holmes (13) in 2 Theatres
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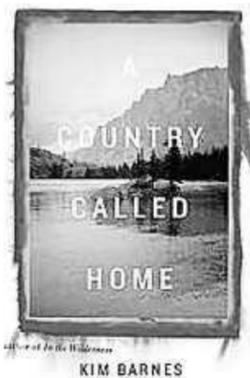
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BookChat

Love, life and redemption on an Idaho farm

I am looking forward with great anticipation to my favorite Christmas gift: at least one day, staying in my pajamas and doing nothing but reading between napping (or is it napping between reading?). And the first book I will immerse myself in is "A Country Called Home" (Anchor Books, \$15), from Idaho's very own Kim Barnes, a professor of creative writing at the University of Idaho.



"A Country Called Home" is the story of Thomas, a new doctor, and his monied, rebellious wife Helen, who leave their comfortable homes in Connecticut to build a new life on a rundown farm in rural Idaho. Their minds and dreams have painted a romantic wilderness, but the couple soon learns that nothing comes easily, and the potential for tragedy becomes a stalking character in their lives.

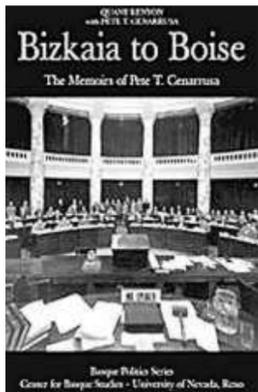
After Thomas realizes his heart is in the land — and not medicine — he hires Manny, a handsome drifter, to help him on the farm. Manny soon ingratiates himself with the family and becomes a pivotal part of their heartbreaking story.

Barnes writes: "Like others in Fife, Dr. K knew the details of Manny's life: his parents' move from California to the isolated Idaho land they believed a more honest place; the strange little canvas hut that inspired the town's curiosity and contempt. His father's insistence on learning the dying art of horse-logging from an old man who stank of sweat and juniper berries. Manny's birth just a few miles up Itsy Creek, and the death of his mother twelve years later when his little sister, born already dead, was followed by the blood they could not stop flowing. The father, once admired for his native ingenuity and his matched team of Percheron geldings, had headed south to find work and never came back. The good women of Fife had proceeded with a kind of communal adoption, passing the responsibility for Manny's care from one to the other, each week a different mother, father, cast of siblings, and then the cycle repeating. Dr. K remembered the morning he'd opened the drugstore to find Mrs. Keasling wringing her hands, repeating again and again that der boy, der boy was missing. Dr. K had found Manny where he thought he would, asleep in the fair barn, his father's auctioned draft horses snuffling his hair, placing their great hooves gently beside him."

It is an evocative novel of love, life and redemption. It's not an easy read, but in her inimitable style, Barnes so captures a sense of place and her characters' dreams

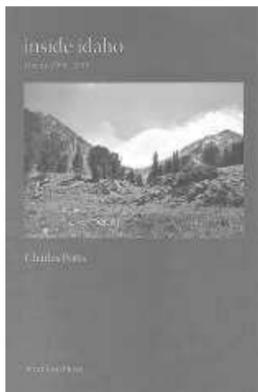
and attitudes, that readers will be nodding their heads in total agreement.

"A Country Called Home" has been hailed by *The Kansas City Star* and *The Washington Post* as one of the best books of 2009, and was an *Oregonian* Top Ten Northwest Book of the Year.

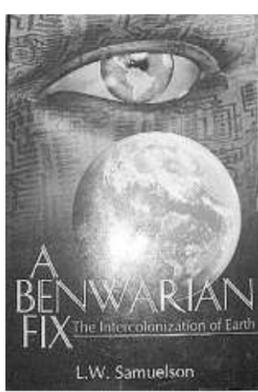


Also on my list is "Bizkaia to Boise: The Memoirs of Pete T. Cenarrusa" (Center for Basque Studies, \$19.95). Cenarrusa's story of his journey from Carey to the Idaho House of Representatives and the Secretary of State's desk is an important addition to our state's history, and one I look forward to reading.

Two other titles of local interest:



"inside idaho: Poems, 1996-2007" by Charles Potts (West End Press, \$13.95). Potts now resides on a ranch near Walla Walla, Wash.



"A Benwarian Fix: The Intercolonization of Earth" by L.W. Samuelson of Declo (iUniverse, \$18.95), a science fiction tale of "an alien race that lost their planet due to environmental indifference."

Judi Baxter owned and operated Judi's Bookstore in downtown Twin Falls from 1978 to 1992. From 2000 to 2004 she wrote a twice-weekly column for *Publisher's Weekly's* online edition called "Reviews in the News."

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY

OYSTERS AND INDIE FOLK, BRUCE AND BURLESQUE

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Bellevue will serve up a burlesque show. Hailey will have Bruce Willis and a rock legend. And Sun Valley will celebrate New Year's Eve with remote-controlled auto racing and nine guys in zoot suits.

These are only a few of the ways to celebrate New Year's Eve in the Wood River Valley.

Here's a look at some of the highlights for toasting 2010:

• **Brickhouse Bar & Grill**, at 202 S. Main St. in Bellevue, and the Red Light Variety Show will present a New Year's Eve Burlesque Show from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$35 and include a champagne toast. Tickets are \$30 for those who have dinner at the Brickhouse beforehand. Information: 788-4999.

• **Zou 75**, 416 N. Main St. in Hailey, will have a New Year's Eve Bash beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A cover charge of \$85 includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, drinks, a DJ and dancing, midnight champagne toast and snacks, said co-owner Kris Cronin. Dress in festive attire. Tickets: 788-3310.

• **Bruce Willis** will bring "Feelin' Alright" Dave Mason, founding member of Traffic, to The Mint on New Year's Eve. And the actor and his Bruce Willis Band will join the Rock 'n' roll Hall of Famer on stage. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the show, at 788-1051 or at the club, 126 S. Main St. in Hailey, between noon and 4 p.m. weekdays.

• **The High Street Band**, a Boise show band that's played Walt Disney World and Bally's in Las Vegas, will infuse the Sun Valley Limelight Room with dance songs and covers — from swing and blues to Latin and golden oldies — from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sun Valley's new food and beverage director, Doug Horn, and his staff will ply partygoers with a buffet featuring carved beef striploin, oven-roasted turkey breast, honey-baked ham, marinated artichoke hearts with curried chicken and apples, puff pastry canapes with Sevruka caviar, bacon-wrapped scallops, chicken satay with Thai peanut dipping sauce, Italian cheeses and dips, roasted tomato canapes, chocolate-dipped strawberries, chocolate mousse and more.

There will be cash bars, a champagne toast and complimentary party favors. Tickets are \$75, at 622-2135.

• **Sun Valley's Lodge**



Photos by KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News
The High Street Band, which will play Sun Valley's New Year's Eve Party, treated music fans at the Swing 'n' Dixie Jazz Jamboree in October to an infectious mix of dance music through the decades.

Dining Room will hold its traditional four-course New Year's Dinner, said Christina Vandenoorn, Sun Valley's catering manager.

The menu will include such appetizers as Beau Soleil Oysters with a Champagne Mignonette, shrimp, Smoked Salmon in Phyllo Cups and Lobster Mousse, as well as an Almond and Chocolate Financier Cake for dessert. The cake was named for its richness, Vandenoorn said.

Pianist Aaron Baker and the Brooks Hartell Trio will play. A cocktail reception begins at 8:30 p.m. and dinner at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$145 per adult and \$85 for children younger than 12. Reservations: 622-2800.

• **Youngsters won't have** to go to bed early this year — not with Sun Valley's New Year's Eve Party for Youth from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Sun Valley Inn.

Kids can play arcade games, participate in a balloon drop, do a little gambling on a roulette wheel, create crafts and race remote-controlled cars around a track for prizes, said Kate Randall, who handles publicity for Sun Valley's entertainment.

Food and beverages will be included. Tickets are \$75, at 622-2135.

• **Sun Valley will also offer** Playschool New Year's Eve care for children from 2 to 6 years from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., with movies and snacks provided at the Sun Valley Playhouse next to the Sun Valley Post Office. Sleeping facilities are available, should the little ones tucker out before midnight. Cost is \$15 per hour. Information: 622-2288.

• **The Paul Tillotson Trio** will set a more mellow tone, playing from 4:30 to



Bruce Willis will join rocker Dave Mason on stage at the New Year's Eve party at his club, The Mint in Hailey.

8:30 p.m. in the Duchin Lounge in the Sun Valley Lodge. There's no cover charge. The Joe Fos Trio will pick up where Paul and the gang leave off, playing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

• **Papa Hemi's Hideaway**, 310 S. Main St. in Ketchum, will feature Bart Budwig and friends performing indie folk guitar from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Budwig is a homegrown Idaho boy with a style all his own, said Matt VanderNoot, the restaurant's general manager. "His emotive melodies blend rich lyrics with impressive guitar work. You might find his style to be somewhere between Neil Young and

Tom Waits. I expect him to make it to the big stage sometime soon."

While Budwig plays, the restaurant's new sous chef — Jeff Sirianni from the Marche farm-to-table restaurant in Eugene, Ore. — and Hagerman Valley's Jake Rice will serve up a New Year's Eve dinner featuring such highlights as House-Cured Wild King Salmon and Parsnip Puree, Seared Day Boat Scallops with Fresh Dungeness Crab and Creamed Leek Hash, Lava Lake's Roasted Lamb Sirloin Persillade, Fresh Berry Pavlova Meringue and Chocolate Mousse with Lilikoi Creme Legere. Reservations: 726-3773.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

25 FRIDAY

Rock/Twin Falls
Milestone, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

Music/Ketchum
Live music, 5-9 p.m. at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. Dinner reservations: 726-3773.

26 SATURDAY

Planetarium/Twin Falls
Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents **"Star Signs"** at 2 and 4 p.m.; **"Season of Light"** at 7 p.m.; and **"Steamrolling through the Holidays"** at 8:15 p.m. Education-show tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for the 8:15 p.m. entertainment show are \$4.50 for all ages.

Jazz/Twin Falls
Great Riff Jazz, 7-10 p.m. at Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S. Family-friendly event. No cover. 733-5433.

Country, rock/Twin Falls
Copperhead, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Dancing, music/Twin Falls
Dance show with Muscles by Miss.FIT, 9 p.m. at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S.; and **DJ Icy**, 9 p.m. in the Blueroom, 223 Fifth Ave. S. \$5 cover.

Rock/Twin Falls
Milestone, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

Country, rock/Declo
The Fugitives, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.



Theater/Hailey
Company of Fools presents Willie and Robert Reale's **"A Year with Frog and Toad"** at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Directed by John Glenn, with music direction by R.L. Rowsey. The Broadway musical is a story of Toad and Frog, waking from hibernation in the spring and learning life lessons along the way, including friendship. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for children (18 and younger). Tickets at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before the show.

Acoustic/Ketchum
The Mighty Shims with Fletcher Brock, Jim Paisley, Chip Booth and friends perform acoustic Americana music, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. No cover. 726-3773.

Jazz/Sun Valley
Paul Tillotson Trio, 5-8:45 p.m., and **Joe Fos Trio**, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Jazz/Sun Valley
Brooks Hartell Trio, 5-8 p.m. in the Inn Lobby Lounge at Sun Valley Inn. No cover. 622-2145.

Music/Sun Valley
The Fabulous Vuarnettes, 6 p.m. in the Boiler Room at Sun Valley Village. Doors open at 5 p.m. \$15 cover. 622-2148.

Music/Sun Valley
 Pianist **Larry Harshbarger**, 6-9 p.m. at Ram Restaurant at Sun Valley Resort. No cover. Restaurant reservations: 622-2800.

Youth event/Sun Valley
Fun for Youth event, 6-10 p.m. at the Sun Valley Inn Continental Room. Activities include arcade games, fast-track auto racing, crafts and more. Cost is \$25 per child at the door. 622-2135.

27 SUNDAY

Dancing/Twin Falls
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center holds a public dance,



Times-News file photo

Muscles by Miss.FIT instructor Becky Bronson Martinez, right, works on a pole dancing routine with Roxey Owens in August. Muscles by Miss.FIT will do a dance show Saturday and a pole dancing event Wednesday in Twin Falls' Old Towne district.

featuring **Country Cousins**, 2-5 p.m. at 530 Shoshone St. W. Includes a potluck and door prizes. Admission is \$4 per person; free for children under 14 accompanied by an adult. 410-5650 or galenslatte.com.

Theater/Hailey
Company of Fools presents Willie and Robert Reale's **"A Year with Frog and Toad"** at 3 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Directed by John Glenn, with music direction by R.L. Rowsey. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for children (18 and younger). Tickets at Liberty Theatre, 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before the show.

Music/Sun Valley
Leana Leach Trio, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Lodge Dining Room at Sun Valley Resort. No cover. 622-2800.

Jazz/Sun Valley
Paul Tillotson Trio, 5-8:45 p.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Music/Sun Valley
Forever Plaid, 7:30 p.m. in the Boiler Room at Sun Valley Village. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$15 cover. 622-2148.

Youth event/Sun Valley
Fun for Youth event, 6-10 p.m. at the Sun Valley Inn Continental Room, with arcade games, fast-track auto racing, crafts and more. Cost is \$25 per child at the door. 622-2135.

28 MONDAY

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

Jazz/Sun Valley
Paul Tillotson Trio, 5-8:45 p.m., and **Bruce Innes Trio**, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Youth event/Sun Valley
Fun for Youth event, 6-10 p.m. at the Sun Valley Inn Continental Room, with arcade games, fast-track auto racing, crafts and more. Cost is \$25 per child at the door. 622-2135.

29 TUESDAY

Dancing/Twin Falls
Let's Dance Club with line and square dance, 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays at Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. \$3 admission; free for children under 14 accompanied by an adult. 410-5650 or galenslatte.com.

Planetarium/Twin Falls
Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents **"Season of Light"** at 1 p.m.; **"Steamrolling through the Holidays"** at 3 p.m.; **"Season of Light"** at 7 p.m.; and **"Steamrolling through the Holidays"** at 8:15 p.m. Education-show tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for the 8:15 p.m. entertainment show are \$4.50 for all ages.



Photo courtesy of KIRSTEN SHULTZ

Mouse and Toad consider how delicious the cookies are in **Company of Fools'** production of **'A Year with Frog and Toad.'** The play's Hailey run continues this weekend.

Rock/Twin Falls
Valli and Joe from Milestone, 8 p.m. to midnight, Tuesdays at the Oasis Bar and Grill, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. No cover.

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

Youth event/Sun Valley
Fun for Youth event, 6-10 p.m. at the Sun Valley Inn Continental Room, with arcade games, fast-track auto racing, crafts and more. Cost is \$25 per child at the door. 622-2135.

Jazz/Sun Valley
Brooks Hartell Trio, 5-8 p.m. in the Inn Lobby Lounge at Sun Valley Inn. No cover. 622-2145.

Music/Sun Valley
The Fabulous Vuarnettes, 6 p.m. in the Boiler Room at Sun Valley Village. Doors open at 5 p.m. \$15 cover. 622-2148.

Jazz/Sun Valley
Paul Tillotson Trio, 5-8:45 p.m. and **Joe Fos Trio**, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

30 WEDNESDAY

Planetarium/Twin Falls
Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents **"Season of Light"** at 1 p.m.; and **"Steamrolling through the Holidays"** at 3 p.m. Education-show tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students.

Music, dancing/Twin Falls
Pole dancing and DJ with Muscles by Miss.FIT, 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Blueroom, 223 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.

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



Classical/Ketchum
Sun Valley Winter Artist Series opens with **"An Evening of Chamber Music,"** 8 p.m. at the Church of the Big Wood, 100 Saddle Road. Featuring violinist Rudy Kremer, viola player Marylene Gingras Roy, cellist David Premo and pianist Susan Spelius Dunning (pictured), with Mendelssohn's D minor trio and Brahms' G minor piano quartet. Dessert reception with the artists follows. Individual adult tickets are \$35 and student tickets are \$15, at svwas.org or 725-5807. Series subscription tickets are \$120 for adults and \$60 for students.

Acoustic/Ketchum
The Mighty Shims with Fletcher Brock, Jim Paisley, Chip Booth and friends plus a special guest, perform acoustic Americana music, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. No cover. 726-3773.



Gallery walk/Ketchum
Gallery Walk, hosted by Sun Valley Gallery Association, 5-8 p.m., featuring exhibitions at several art galleries in Ketchum and Sun Valley. (Picture: Hung Liu's 'Wen Xiu 1/6,' a cotton jacquard tapestry at Gail Severn Gallery.) Free admission. Information and a map: svgaleries.org or 726-5512.

Jazz/Sun Valley
Brooks Hartell Trio, 5-8 p.m.

in the Inn Lobby Lounge at Sun Valley Inn. No cover. 622-2145.

Jazz/Sun Valley
Paul Tillotson Trio, 5-8:45 p.m. and **Joe Fos Trio**, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Comedy/Sun Valley
 Comedian **Mike Murphy**, 6 p.m. at the Boiler Room at Sun Valley Resort. \$10 cover. 622-2148.

Youth event/Sun Valley
Fun for Youth event, 6-10 p.m. at the Sun Valley Inn Continental Room, with arcade games, fast-track auto racing, crafts and more. Cost is \$25 per child at the door. 622-2135.

31 THURSDAY

Dinner, show/Twin Falls
Danny Marona, One Night Only, a dinner, show and dance fundraiser, at Canyon Crest Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. The party starts at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour and no-host bar, followed by a four-course dinner. Entertainment features Marona with comedy and music from the 50 years of

his performance career, followed by dancing to the band Crossfire. Champagne served at midnight. Proceeds go to the Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$90 per person, from Michael Collins at 733-9392; overnight-stay packages available.

Acoustic/Twin Falls
Chris Bender with acoustic guitar, 7-10 p.m. at Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S. No cover. 733-5433.

Rock/Twin Falls
Dirty Johnny, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

Music/Twin Falls
Alpenflow, 9 p.m. for a New Year's Eve party at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. Prizes and giveaways. Ball drop from the silos. \$5 cover.

Burlesque show/Bellevue
New Year's Eve Burlesque Show, presented by Brickhouse Bar & Grill and the Red Light Variety Show, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Brickhouse, 202 S. Main St. Tickets are \$35 (include a champagne toast) and \$30 for those who have dinner at the Brickhouse beforehand. Information: 788-4999.

Rock/Buhl
Milestone plays for a New Year's Eve celebration, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at T.J.'s Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S. No cover.

Dance, games/Burley
Community dance and game night (board games and cards) for all ages, 7-10 p.m. at Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. Bring own snacks. No alcohol. Cost is \$1 per person or \$5 per family. Information: Kathy at 312-7309.

Music, games/Burley
New Year's Eve alcohol-free family-fun event, presented by Burley Christian Center and Celebrate Recovery, 8 p.m. at Burley Christian Center, 317 W. 27th St. Features music by PSONE50, a Christian band from Boise; a bounce house; refreshments; and other activities for families and adults. Admission is free. Information: Paul or Mandy Gonzalez at 312-2987.

Music, dancing/Hailey
New Year's Eve Bash, 7:30 p.m. at Zou 75, 416 N. Main St. Include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, drinks, a DJ and dancing, midnight champagne toast and snacks. Dress in festive attire. Tickets are \$85, 788-3310.

Rock/Hailey
Dave Mason, founding member of Traffic, and **Bruce Willis and his band** perform at The Mint, 126 S. Main St. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the show, at 788-1051 or at the club (noon to 4 p.m. weekdays)

Theater/Hailey
Company of Fools presents Willie and Robert Reale's **"A Year with Frog and Toad"** at 3 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for children (18 and younger). Tickets at Liberty Theatre, 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before the show.

Indie folk/Ketchum
Bart Budwig and friends perform indie folk guitar music, 8 p.m. to midnight at Papa Hemi's Hideaway, 310 S. Main St. Budwig is an award-winning Idaho folk singer and songwriter. Dinner reservations: 726-3773.

Calendar continued on Entertainment 5

ONGOING EXHIBITIONS

Art/Twin Falls
"High Plains Hamlet: An Idaho Frontier Tragedy," art show by **Mike Youngman** and **Karl Brake**, on display through FEB. 6 in the Jean B. King Gallery at Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 1-9 p.m. Saturday. Free admission. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

Art/Ketchum
"Outside In: Indian Art Abroad," a multidisciplinary project exploring art made by Indian artists, writers and filmmakers who live outside India, on display through FEB. 20 at Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E. Features work by contemporary artists **Gauri Gill**, **Baseera Khan**, **Annu Palakunnathu Matthew** and **Sutapa Biswas**, plus a small exhibition organized by Pacific Asia Museum focusing on the Hindu deity Ganesha. Free exhibition tour at 2 p.m. FEB. 9 and evening tours at 5:30 p.m. JAN. 14 and FEB. 18. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free admission. sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10.

Art/Hailey
"Reinventing Indian Traditions," an exhibition of artwork by photographer, painter and printmaker **Gay Bawa Odmak**, on display through APRIL 2 at Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Hailey Center, 314 S. Second Ave. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Free admission. 726-9491 or sunvalleycenter.org.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Calendar continued from Entertainment 4

Jazz/Sun Valley

Paul Tillotson Trio, 5-8:45 p.m. and **Joe Fos Trio**, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Brooks Hartell Trio, 5-8 p.m. in the Inn Lobby Lounge at Sun Valley Inn. No cover. 622-2145.

Kids party/Sun Valley

Playschool New Year's Eve care for children 2 to 6 years old, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sun Valley Playschool (next to Sun Valley Post Office). Movies and snacks provided. Sleeping facilities available. Cost is \$15 per hour. 622-2288.

Youth party/Sun Valley

New Year's Eve for youth, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Sun Valley Inn Continental Room. Activities includes arcade games, a balloon drop, fast-track auto racing, crafts, food and beverages. Tickets are \$75 per child, at Sun Valley Recreation Center, 622-2135.

Dinner, music/Sun Valley

New Year's Eve cocktail reception and dinner, at Lodge Dining Room at Sun Valley Resort. Pianist **Aaron Baker** (pictured) performs at the cocktail reception, 8:30-9:30 p.m. in the Lodge Sun Room. Gourmet four-course dinner served at



9:30 p.m. in the Lodge Dining Room, followed by music by **Brooks Hartell Trio** and dancing. Tickets are \$145 per person and \$85 per child (under age 12). Dinner reservations: 622-2800.

Music, dancing/Sun Valley

New Year's Eve party, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Limelight Ballroom at Sun Valley Inn. Event includes music by **The High Street Band** with swing, blues, Latin and golden oldies; a buffet; cash bars; a champagne



toast and complimentary party favors. Tickets are \$75, at 622-2135.

Music/Jackpot, Nev.

Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Horseshu Saloon, 1385 U.S. Highway 93. No cover.

NEXT WEEK

Music/Twin Falls

Otto Pilate, 9 p.m. *JAN. 1* at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S.; and **DJ Joey Bravo** in the Blueroom, 223 Fifth Ave. S. \$5 cover.

Jazz/Twin Falls

Great Riff Jazz, 7-10 p.m. *JAN. 1-2* at Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S. Family-friendly event. No cover. 733-5433.

Country, rock/Twin Falls

Wild Nights, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. *JAN. 1-2* at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

Rock/Twin Falls

Dirty Johnny, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. *JAN. 1-2* at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

Rock/Buhl

Valli and Joe from Milestone, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. *JAN. 1-2* at T.J.'s Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S. No cover.

Country, rock/Declo

The Fugitives, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. *JAN. 1-2* at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Paul Tillotson Trio, 5-8:45 p.m. *JAN. 1-2* at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Karaoke/Jackpot, Nev.

Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. *JAN. 1-2* at Horseshu Saloon, 1385 U.S. Highway 93. No cover.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Pianist **Brooks Hartell**, 5-7 p.m. *JAN. 1-2*, *JAN. 5-9*, *JAN. 12-16*, *JAN. 19-23*, and *JAN. 26-30* at



Times-News file photo

Comedian Danny Marona will perform New Year's Eve at a Twin Falls restaurant to raise money for the performing arts scholarship fund that bears his name. Here, Marona tells a comical story during a 2008 scholarship competition.

26-30 in the Inn Lobby Lounge at Sun Valley Inn. No cover. 622-2145.

Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

\$20 and \$30, at sunvalleycenter.org, 726-9491, ext. 10, or at the center, 191 Fifth St. E.

Main Ave W. Cost is \$5 per person. Tfcreativeartscenter.com or 737-9111.

Blanche DuBois arrives in New Orleans to stay with her sister Stella, she is confronted by Stella's brutish working class husband Stanley Kowalski. Sparks fly and passions boil, interrupting the delicate balance in Stella and Stanley's marriage and sending Blanche's life out of control. Tickets are \$10, at CSI's Fine Arts box office. 732-6288.

Planetarium/Twin Falls

Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "**The Planets**" at 2, 4 and 7 p.m. *JAN. 2*, and "**Led Zeppelin**" **Maximum Volume I**" at 8:15 p.m. Education-show tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for the 8:15 p.m. entertainment show are \$4.50 for all ages.

Music/Twin Falls

Otto Pilate, 9 p.m. *JAN. 2* at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S.; and **DJ Icy** in the Blueroom, 223 Fifth Ave. S. \$5 cover.

Music/Sun Valley

The Fabulous Vuarnettes, 6 p.m. *JAN. 2* in the Boiler Room at Sun Valley Village. Doors open at 5 p.m. \$15 cover. 622-2148.

Theater/Hailey

Company of Fools presents Willie and Robert Reale's "**A Year with Frog and Toad**" at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. *JAN. 2* and 3 p.m. *JAN. 3* at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Directed by John Glenn, with music direction by R.L. Rowsey. The Broadway musical is a story of Toad and Frog, waking from hibernation in the spring and learning life lessons along the way, including friendship. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for children (18 and younger). Tickets at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before the show.

Auditions/Oakley

Oakley Valley Arts Council's auditions for the production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "**The Pirates of Penzance**," directed by Beckie Clark, 9 a.m. to noon *JAN. 2* and 7-9 p.m. *JAN. 5* at Howells Opera House, 160 N. Blaine Ave. Those age 16 and older should come prepared with a short musical number, along with their own accompaniment (pianist or CD), and will read from a provided script. Performance dates are scheduled for March 1-2, 4-6, 8-9 and 11-13. 677-2787.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Bruce Innes Trio, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays, *JAN. 4, 11, 18* and 25 at Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Lodge. No cover. 622-2145.

Astronomy/Twin Falls

Family night telescope viewing, 6:15-9 p.m. *JAN. 5* in the Centennial Observatory at College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Admission is \$1.50, or free with planetarium show admission. Free for children 6 and younger.

Auditions/Twin Falls

Musical theater troupe **JuMP Co.'s auditions** for its production of "Give My Regards to Broadway," open to first- through 12th-graders. Appointments must be made for auditions; calls will be accepted only between 6 and 9 p.m. *JAN. 5-6* at 420-1254, 734-4998 or 410-5007. Auditions are 5-9 p.m. *JAN. 8* and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. *JAN. 9*. First rehearsal and a parents' meeting is Jan. 11. Parents and cast should bring their calendars (including dates of unavailability) to auditions and parents' night. Performances will be Feb. 25-27.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Paul Tillotson Trio, 4:30-8:30 p.m. *JAN. 5-9*, *JAN. 12-16*, *JAN. 19-23* and *JAN. 26-30* at

Fiddling/Twin Falls

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association members' acoustic string instrument jam session, 6-8 p.m. *JAN. 6*, followed by the monthly meeting, at Idaho Pizza Co., 1859 Kimberly Road. Open to prospective members and the public. 420-3345.

Country/Boise

Gloriana, 8 p.m. *JAN. 6* at Knitting Factory Concert House, 416 S. Ninth St. Doors open at 7 p.m. Band members Tom Gossin, Mike Gossin, Rachel Reinert and Cheyenne Kimball represent a new vibrant force in country music and create a one-of-a-kind sound with their self-titled debut album. Tickets are \$15 for general admission or \$40 for platinum skybox seats, at ticketfly.com, knittingfactory.com or 877-435-9849.

Music/Twin Falls

Open microphone night, 6 p.m. Thursdays, starting *JAN. 7*, at Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S. No cover. 733-5433.

Theater/Twin Falls

Twin Falls High School Drama Department presents Moliere's "**Tartuffe**," 7:30 p.m. *JAN. 7* at Roper Auditorium, 1615 Filer Ave. E. The story is about Orgon, a very happy man, who has a lovely family, a beautiful new wife, an incredible fortune and a spiritual adviser who promises him eternal bliss. Unfortunately, Orgon is about to lose it all. He's fallen into the trap of an imposter, the hilarious hypocrite Tartuffe who is plotting to steal Orgon's fortune, marry his daughter, seduce his wife and take over his home. Admission is \$5 at the door. 733-6551.

Lecture/Ketchum

Journalist **Roxana Saberi** speaks at 7 p.m. *JAN. 7* at Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, 100 Saddle Road, as part of Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Lecture Series. Saberi was abducted in January while working as a freelance journalist in Tehran and accused of spying for the U.S. She spent 100 days in prison before she was released. Individual tickets are



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William Matthews' watercolor 'Cold Dog' is among the artwork in Broschofsky Galleries' 'Best of the West' show. Watch for it during Wednesday's Gallery Walk around Ketchum.

NEXT MONTH

Auditions/Twin Falls

Musical theater troupe **JuMP Co.'s auditions** for its production of "Give My Regards to Broadway," 5-9 p.m. *JAN. 8* and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. *JAN. 9*, open to first- through 12th-graders. Appointments must be made for auditions; calls will be accepted only between 6 and 9 p.m. *JAN. 5-6* at 420-1254, 734-4998 or 410-5007. First rehearsal and a parents' meeting is Jan. 11. Parents and cast members should bring their calendars (including dates of unavailability) to auditions and parents' night. Performances will be Feb. 25-27.

Theater/Twin Falls

Company of Fools presents Willie and Robert Reale's "**A Year With Frog and Toad**," 7 p.m. *JAN. 8* and at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. *JAN. 9*, at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Theater. Directed by John Glenn, with music direction by R.L. Rowsey. The Broadway musical, a story of friendship between Toad and Frog, earned 2004 Tony nominations for best musical, best book and best original score. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children, at the CSI box office, 732-6288 or tickets.csi.edu.

Theater/Twin Falls

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Crafts/Twin Falls

Make-n-Take crafts, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *JAN. 9* at Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249

Astronomy/Twin Falls

Star Party with telescope viewing, 6:15 p.m. to midnight, *JAN. 9* in the Centennial Observatory at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science. View Jupiter, Mars, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies (moonless night). Free admission.

Music/Grace

Dale Belnap, pianist and composer, performs at 7 p.m. *JAN. 9* at Gem Valley Performing Arts Theater, 720 S. Main St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students or \$55 for a season pass, at 547-3706 or 425-3501. gemvalleyarts.org.

Music/Boise

The Wedding Singer performs at 7:30 p.m. *JAN. 9-10* at Morrison Center for the Performing Arts on the Boise State University campus, 1910 University Drive, as part of the Fred Meyer Broadway series. The scene is 1985 and rock-star wannabe Robbie Heart is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer, until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar and Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. It's love at first sight when he meets a young waitress, but she is about to be married to a Wall Street shark, and unless Robbie can pull off the performance of a decade, the girl of his dreams will be gone forever. Tickets are \$25 to \$46, at idahotickets.com or 426-1110.

Comedy/Albion

Comedy Night, 7 p.m. *JAN. 12* at Sage Mountain Grill, 251 N. St. Seating starts at 6:30 p.m. \$10 cover. 673-6696.

Theater/Twin Falls

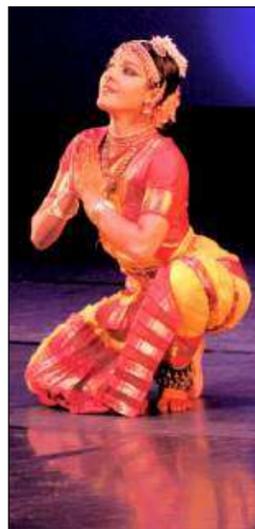
Arts on Tour presents **iO Theatre's Improvised Shakespeare Co.** at 7:30 p.m. *JAN. 14* at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium, 315 Falls Ave. Based on one audience suggestion (a title for a play that has yet to be written), The Improvised Shakespeare Co. creates a fully improvised Elizabethan two-act play. Information: improvisedshakespeare.com. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$16 for children, at CSI Fine Arts box office, 732-6288 or csi.edu/artsontour.

Comedy/Hailey

Company of Fools presents Chicago's comedy theater company, **The Second City**, with its 50th anniversary show, 7 p.m. *JAN. 14-15* at Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Features the next generation of comic greats with a diverse array of sketches, songs and improvisations. From the battle of the sexes to the battles at the voting booth, the touring company provides hilarious insight into contemporary American culture. Tickets are \$30 for main floor reserved seating and \$25 for balcony reserved seating, at 578-9122; companyoffools.org; at Company of Fools' box office, 110 N. Main St. (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday); or at the theater's box office one hour before curtain time (depending on availability).

Theater/Twin Falls

Random Acts of Theatre presents Tennessee Williams' "**A Streetcar Named Desire**," 7:30 p.m. *JAN. 14-16* at College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Theatre. The drama is winner of the Pulitzer Prize and New York Drama Critics' Circle Award. When the emotionally fragile



Music/Hailey

Ragamala dance performance, 7:30 p.m. *JAN. 15* at Community Campus, as part of Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Winter Performance Series. Rooted in Bharatanatyam, a classical dance form from southern India, Ragamala blends dance, music and poetry. The group has crafted a new intercultural dance framework that is uniquely contemporary. Ragamala also will do a school residency and master classes in Wood River Valley. Tickets are \$25 and \$35 for adults, and \$10 for students, 18 and under, at sunvalleycenter.org; 726-9491, ext. 10; or at the center in Ketchum. Series tickets are \$100 and \$150.

Theater/Buhl

Buhl High School Drama Department presents its 12th annual dinner theater production, "**The Iliad, The Odyssey and all of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less**," *JAN. 15-16* at West End Senior Citizen Center, 1010 Main St. Dinner begins at 6 p.m., followed by curtain time at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per couple and \$25 per couple for senior citizens. Proceeds benefit the senior center and Buhl High's drama program. Reservations: 490-1992 or 543-4577.

Calendar deadlines

Don't miss your chance to tell southern Idaho about your arts event.

The deadline for entries for the Entertainment calendar is 5 p.m. the Friday prior to publication.

Send submissions to Ramona Jones at ramona@magicalvalley.com.

A Shakespeare(ish) play like you've never seen before, at CSI

Times-News

Invite your favorite English major on a date: Tickets are now available for iO Theater Improvised Shakespeare Co., Arts on Tour's fourth performance of the 2009-10 season.

The performance is 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14 in the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$16 for students in high school and younger. No senior discount.

Based on one audience suggestion — a title for a play that has yet to be written — Improvised Shakespeare performers create a fully improvised Elizabethan two-act play using the style, language and themes of the immortal bard.

Each of the players has brushed up on his "thee" and "thou" to bring you an evening of off-the-cuff comedy, promoters say. Any show could be filled with power struggles, star-crossed lovers, sprites, kings, queens, princesses, swordplay, rhyming couplets, asides, insults, persons in disguise and all that you've come to expect from Shakespeare. (Except, perhaps, his genius insight into the human experience.)

The night of Improvised Shakespeare could reveal a tragedy, comedy or history. Each play is completely improvised, so entirely new.

For 25 years, iO Theater, which calls itself the birthplace of long-form improvisation, has been providing Chicago with star-making improvisational comedy and turning out such alumni as Mike Myers, Tina Fey, Chris Farley, Vince Vaughn, Amy Poehler, Neil Flynn, Adam McKay and Rachel Dratch. Learn more about iO Theater Improvised Shakespeare Co. at

www.ioimprov.com.

Purchase tickets at the CSI Fine Arts Box Office

from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mondays through Fridays, at www.csi.edu/artsonstour or

at 732-6288. Information on

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Nobody improvises rhyming couplets like iO Theater, performing in Twin Falls on Jan. 14.

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Apply now for Sun Valley art festival

Times-News

Organizers of the 2010 Sun Valley Center Arts & Crafts Festival, to be held Aug. 13-15 in Ketchum, are inviting local and returning artists to apply for booth space.

Applications are available online at www.zapplication.org, or go to www.sunvalleycenter.org and follow the links.

The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will once again offer tutorials for local artists to help them with the online application process. To schedule an appointment, call Sarah Kolash at 726-9491, ext. 21, or e-mail her at skolash@sunvalleycenter.org.

Applications for the festival are due at midnight Feb. 28.

Now in its 42nd year, the Sun Valley Center Arts & Crafts Festival ranks as one of the top 100 outdoor juried festivals in the nation, organizers say. More than 8,000 people attended this year's festival in Ketchum's Atkinson Park.



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In its mountain setting, the Sun Valley Center Arts & Crafts Festival draws thousands of people to see the work of artists selected by a jury.

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A Jerry Rice Christmas at our house

Christmas is a time to serve. And I'm not talking volleyball. Or tennis.

The adage is true: It is better to give than to receive.

But this holiday season, I've been on the Jerry Rice end of that equation.

Mike Christensen



My wife had a bit of a medical emergency this week and wound up having two surgeries in as many days.

So instead of coming to work and writing about sports, I spent two days playing a sporting game of "How many anxious hours can one spend in the surgical waiting room?"

When word of my wife's situation spread, our cell phones were flooded with calls. The response was amazing.

Can I watch your kids? Can I make you dinner? Do you need someone to wrap your presents? To stuff your stockings?

When we learned my wife would be admitted to the hospital, the doctor asked, "Do you have family in the area to help with your kids?" My immediate answer was "No."

I was wrong.

They may not be blood relatives, but our Twin Falls family came to our aid in an amazing way. The response, and the genuine concern, was overwhelming.

And it reminded me what this special day is all about.

So today, my wish for you, in all of your giving and receiving, is that you'll have a child-like Christmas.

Dickens said it best: "For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when it's mighty Founder was a child himself!"

Merry Christmas.

Vandals turn focus to Barnes, Bowling Green

By Josh Wright
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — The first two weeks of Idaho's bowl preparation were devoted almost exclusively to developmental work and nursing veterans back to full health. Bowling Green's schemes and personnel, in fact, were scarcely mentioned.

But all that changed this week. Idaho coaches rolled out the game plan during a frigid outdoor

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Idaho vs. Bowling Green
2:30 p.m., Wednesday, ESPN

THE CHAMPS

AREA CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS WIN NATIONAL TITLE AT USATF JUNIOR OLYMPIC MEET

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Members of the Magic Valley Runners intermediate boys team, bottom, from left: Erik Harris, Morgan Choate, Karl Lundgren; top, from left: Nielsen Lundgren (Karl's brother, who runs at the bantam level), Mike McHan and Terran Tolman pose in the Snake River canyon days after winning the USA Track and Field National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship, held in Reno, Nev. Not pictured are team members Josh Wilson and Dallin Farnsworth.

"WE WANT TO BRING RUNNING TO A NEW LEVEL IN THE MAGIC VALLEY."

— KARL LUNDGREN OF TWIN FALLS —

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The season didn't end on Halloween.

Six weeks after the conclusion of the high school cross country season and the state championship meet in northern Idaho, seven young men kept running, chasing one championship after another until finally catching the ultimate: a national championship.

Erik Harris and Karl Lundgren of Twin Falls, Mike McHan of Gooding, Terran Tolman of Jerome, Dallin Farnsworth and Josh Wilson of Highland, and Morgan Choate of Vallivue in Caldwell won the Intermediate Boys (15-16) team title at the 2009 USA Track and Field National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships, held Dec. 12 at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park in Reno, Nev.

Although there are plenty of clubs and organizations offering championship meets, this is one boasts Olympians such as Maurice Greene, Allyson Felix, Bryan Clay, John Godina, Deena Kastor, and Allen Johnson as former competitors, a fact that puts these seven southern Idaho harriers, affiliated with the newly founded Magic Valley Runners club, in elite company.

"It was almost like a dream come true," Choate said. "I thought we could probably take first. I knew it would be close, but there was that little bit in every one of us that (thought) if we did what we needed to do, we could come out on top. And we did. We're happy for that."

The Magic Valley Runners' score of 42 gave them first place as Harris (fourth in 16 minutes, 37 seconds), Farnsworth (sixth, 16:20), Lundgren (seventh, 16:26) and McHan (ninth, 16:37) claimed top-10 spots. Choate completed the course in 17:07, Wilson finished in 17:33 and Tolman came in at 19:03. The team's average time of 16:31.4 beat O'Briens Army, the runner-up, by two seconds, and many of the Magic Valley Runners set personal records at the event.

And they did it in the snow. "It was really snowy," Harris said. "Times would have been a lot faster had it not been so snowy. It did get packed down by the time we raced, so we all had half-inch spikes, and it wasn't too bad."

Also, the coaching of Reed Harris had them prepared, accumulation or not. "You still trust the training," Reed said. A national championship and the

Idaho championship (held in early November in Boise) are quite the accomplishments considering this is the first year for the club. Previously, area runners had to join clubs in Boise if they wanted to compete outside the high school arena. Reed Harris and McKay Lundgren started the club with the intent of filling that void.

"Whether it be Kimberly, Twin Falls, Jerome, Canyon Ridge, we want all the runners from the whole Magic Valley," said Lundgren, who ran for former Twin Falls High School coach Jerry Kleinkopf in the 1980s. "We want to bring running to a new level in the Magic Valley."

Tolman said that the sense of organization is welcome when the high school season is done.

"I needed something in the offseason to push me to keep running, and running with this group helped me do that," he said.

They'll take most of the winter off from competition, but they'll keep running as they prepare for indoor track competitions prior to the spring high school season. There are plenty of races left as these boys are just sophomores or juniors — and they all have a defined set of goals. McHan, a two-time runner up in Class 3A, has one more shot at the top prize.

"Hopefully, I can win state next year — that's my major goal — and do even better at nationals," he said.

Bradley Guire may be reached at bguire@magicvalley.com or 208-735-3229.

CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNERS

In addition to the national championship won by the Magic Valley Runners intermediate team, a number of other area runners qualified and competed as individuals at the USA Track and Field National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships in Reno, Nev., on Dec. 12.

2009 USA Track and Field National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships
At Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Reno, Nev.

Intermediate boys (15-16)

Team scores (points, average time)
1. Magic Valley Runners, 42, 16:31; 2. O'Briens Army, 50, 16:33; 3. Southern Cal Roadrunners, 144, 17:20; 4. Equalizers, 156, 17:21; 5. Pleasanton Heat, 189, 17:30.

Individual top 10 and Magic Valley Runners

1. Ammar Moussa, O'Briens, 15:54; 2. Luis Gutierrez, O'Briens, 16:00; 3. Alexander Gallo, Sentinel, 16:05; 4. Erik Harris, Magic Valley Runners, 16:07; 5. Darren Fahy, no team, 16:09; 6. Dallin Farnsworth, Magic Valley Runners, 16:20; 7. Karl Lundgren, Magic Valley Runners, 16:26; 8. Na Cushing-Murray, Equalizers, 16:37; 9. Mike McHan, Magic Valley Runners, 16:37; 10. Curtis Kelly, no team, 16:42; 27. Morgan Choate, Magic Valley Runners, 17:07; 52. Josh Wilson, Magic Valley Runners, 17:33; 139. Terran Tolman, Magic Valley Runners, 19:03.

Other Magic Valley runners

Bantam boys (9-10) 3K: 173. (of 210)
Nielsen Lundgren, Twin Falls, 14:12
Midget girls (11-12) 3K: 210. (of 228)
Kathryn Craig, Jerome, 15:07
Youth girls (13-14) 4K: 29. (of 223)
Jasmine Nesbitt, Jerome, 16:26; 73. Ashley Bullers, Gooding, 17:11; 102. Alyssa Brann, Twin Falls, 17:30
Intermediate girls (15-16) 5K: 5. (of 134) Amanda Ward, Twin Falls, 19:24
Young women (17-18) 5K: 27. (of 84)
Mackenzie Chojnacky, Jerome, 20:44; 51. Stephanie Filas, Twin Falls, 21:49
Young men (17-18) 5K: 99. (of 150)
Eriberto Escobedo, Jerome, 18:17

One last swing

Paralyzed player homers on last pitch of career

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Chance Veazey will always remember that pitch.

Fastball. Low and inside.

He'll always remember what it felt like, too, when his bat connected with the ball.

"The best feeling in the world," he said.

Veazey looked up to see the ball soaring high over the right-field fence, slamming off the top of the scoreboard with a most satisfying thud. It was only a practice game at the University of Georgia, the chance to get in some fall swings before the season began in the spring, but the rush of hitting one out of the park still surged through his body.

"That's the way you want to go out," Veazey said, his face revealing both sadness and satisfaction.

Two days later, he was paralyzed from the waist down when his scooter slammed into the side of a car. In all likelihood, he'll never walk again, much less return to the sport that was such a big part of his life.

Here was a scrappy 19-year-old who seemingly had it all. A scholarship to Georgia, one of the country's top college baseball programs. A starting job waiting for him at second base in his freshman season. The dream of someday making it to the big leagues.

It was snatched away before he got a chance to play his first college game.

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Veazey was one of the shortest guys on the team at 5-foot-9, but he made up for his lack of size with guts and guile. Like he always told his dad, baseball was much more of a mental game than a physical game.

"I just wanted to be the little fireball of the team," he told The Associated Press during an interview in his room at the Shepherd Center, one of the country's leading facilities for spinal injuries. "In your face baseball. I wasn't going to back down from anyone."

Veazey arrived on the Georgia campus this past fall and made an immediate impact during a series of intrasquad games. He batted over .300 while striking out fewer times than anyone on the team.

See **VEAZEY**, Sports 2



AP photo

Georgia freshman baseball player Chance Veazey practices negotiating curbs in his wheelchair with physical therapist Corrie Aegglen at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta.

Celtics say Pierce's knee infection 'serious'

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Boston Celtics don't expect Paul Pierce back any time soon.

Pierce was in so much pain from a right knee infection that the All-Star forward called team trainer Ed Lacerte on Wednesday around 3 a.m., coach Doc Rivers said. Lacerte went to Pierce's house and took him to the hospital, where they drained fluid from Pierce's knee.

Pierce didn't make the flight to Orlando for the Christmas Day game against the Magic. He is expected to miss at least two weeks.

"What he's going through is pretty significant," Celtics guard Ray Allen said. "It is serious. Because me knowing Paul, he's always practicing and he's always playing, so for him not to be here, it must be very significant."

The injury surprised the Celtics.

The 2008 NBA finals MVP had played in every game this season, leading the team with an average of 18.2 points. Pierce com-

plained of soreness in his knee after Tuesday night's game, when he missed his first 10 shots against the Indiana Pacers but wound up scoring 21 points in the win.

The team left the arena thinking he was fine.

"It's amazing, he won the game for us the night before and he woke up in the middle of the night hurting," Rivers said.

The Celtics are on a six-day, four-game road trip that will also take them to the Clippers, Golden State Warriors and Phoenix Suns before returning home for a Jan. 2 game against Toronto. Rivers said it was doubtful Pierce would join them on the trip.

The good news for Boston: Kevin Garnett said he will play against Orlando after missing the last game with a thigh bruise.

Garnett was out with knee injuries in last season's Eastern Conference semifinals against the Magic, who eliminated the then-defending NBA champions in seven games. Glen "Big Baby" Davis also

practiced, but Rivers said he's unlikely to play Friday because the forward is still recovering from a broken right hand.

But getting Garnett back should give the Celtics a boost.

"I'm playing," Garnett said. "That's all that matters. Details are not important."

Even Garnett's attention was focused on his teammate.

Players have been sending Pierce text messages and words of encouragement from Orlando, where the Celtics arrived Wednesday along with family members for the holidays. They came early to enjoy the area's theme parks and attractions with their families — Rivers makes his permanent home in central Florida — but each said that Pierce was on his mind.

"It's unfortunate for Paul's situation because it was kind of like a freak accident, or a freak situation," Garnett said. "It's really weird when you get the details of it."



AP photo

Georgia freshman baseball player Chance Veazey smiles during an interview at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. Veazey, a promising second baseman, was paralyzed from the waist down in a scooter accident on campus last October.

Veazey

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He played solid defense and showed he was capable of stealing a base.

Sure, it was only practice. Things would get a lot tougher when Veazey was going against other Southeastern Conference schools. Still, coach David Perno was convinced that this little spark plug of a player from rural south Georgia had what it took to be a starter in his very first game.

"He played the right way," Perno said, "and he played for the right reasons."

On Oct. 28, two days after that last fall scrimmage, after rapping out three hits including the aforementioned homer in his final at-bat, Veazey was studying for a psychology test with some friends and teammates at a learning center on the Georgia campus.

He finished up about 10:30 p.m. and hopped on his scooter for the short ride back to his dorm room.

He never made it. Veazey said a car turned in front of him as he was going through a green light. He made a split-second decision that may have saved his life but severed his spine.

"I was doing about 30 or 35 mph," he said. "I didn't have time to swerve or anything like that. I knew I could hit the car and go flying 40 to 50 feet. So my first instinct was to lay it down. Just lay the bike down on its side. I hit the pavement. I was conscious the whole time, but I don't really know what happened. I know I slammed into the car, but I don't remember that part. I just remember laying it down and then not being able to get up from the concrete."

Veazey knew right away that he was paralyzed.

"Sometimes, they say, the impact from something like that can jar the body and it will only be temporary," he said. "But as I was laying there on the ground, I knew. I couldn't move my legs. I knew it wasn't temporary."

"The odds of me walking again are nothing."

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After recovering from surgery to stabilize his shattered vertebrae, Veazey was transferred to the Shepherd Center to prepare for this new, unexpected phase of his life.

Despite losing more than 20 pounds, he took on rehab with the same determination he showed on the baseball field. He learned everything from dressing himself to driving with only his hands to maneuvering a wheelchair over curbs, a daunting challenge that most folks just take for granted.

"You never see the type of obstacles that people in wheelchairs have to go through until you're actually in that situation," Veazey said. "It's a lot more difficult than you think it is."

For instance, to get his chair over a 6-inch-high curb, Veazey had to learn to pop up the front wheels, lean back just so much, and push the back wheels with enough force to get them up and over. Even more tricky is getting down a curb, which involves much the same process but more timing than strength. One of the first times he tried, he didn't lean back far enough and tumbled onto the floor.

Everyone around him panicked, rushing to his side to make sure he was OK. To Veazey, it was no big deal.

"The harder I push myself, the faster I can get out of here and start living my life again," he said a couple of weeks ago.

On Dec. 18, Veazey did just that.

He checked out of Shepherd and returned home to Tifton, Ga., to spend Christmas surrounded by family and friends. Several local builders gave him quite a homecoming present — the family's two-car garage was converted into a custom, handicapped-accessible apartment for Veazey.

He'll have to return to Shepherd on Monday to begin the next phase of his rehab. But these 10 days at home are a big boost to his outlook.

"I almost forgot what home was like," Veazey said when reached on his cell phone at his new digs. "It just felt good to feel normal again."

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Of course, Veazey still faces perhaps the most difficult part of his rehab — a full acceptance of all that he's lost. For paraplegics, this is a process that everyone goes through on their own terms.

"From what the people at Shepherd told us, it could take Chance a year and a half or two years to adjust to his injury," said his father, Todd Veazey. "There's going to be times he's riding down the road and he may need to pull over, cry a little, then get back in his truck and move on."

It's already been tough enough on his parents. Chance's mom, Darby Veazey, played softball at Florida State, and both she and her husband had been so looking forward to watching their boy play for the Bulldogs. In fact, just a few days before his accident, she had completed the travel and hotel arrangements for them to attend his games next

season, both home and away.

"It's been hard for me because I know the price I paid and I know the price he's paid," Darby said, tears streaming down her cheeks. "I got to live my dream, and I know what that meant to me. He didn't get to live his dream."

A few weeks ago, Chance and his father were able to get away for a hunting trip. On their way back to Shepherd, all of Todd's emotions came pouring out to his son.

"I thought it was important for Chance to know from me, that when he signed with the University of Georgia, that was good enough for me," Todd said, choking up. "I felt like that validated everything I knew about him as a player."

When Chance earned a starting job before he ever played his first college game, Todd couldn't have been more proud. That feeling remains, stronger than ever.

"I know what that feeling must have felt like," the father told his son that day, when it was just the two of them. "And you know Chance, I don't think you could've duplicated that feeling, even if you ended up in the pros one day. I think you hit the pinnacle in baseball, knowing you made it to a great university and you were going to be a starter. I want you to know that, for dad, that was enough. I was completely satisfied."

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The Veazey home is located in a rural area outside of Tifton. When Chance was 9 years old and already showing how much he loved baseball, his father and uncle built a regulation Little League field next to the house for the youngster to practice on. When Chance made the high school team, Todd expanded the field.

The family had so many good times on that field: Todd hitting grounders to Chance out at second base, his mom over at first taking his throws, Chance's grandfather standing just off the kid's shoulder, filling his head with fielding tips.

They called it their own "Field of Dreams."

The father still walks out to that field from time to time, remembering the good times and doing his best to cope with the overwhelming reality of Chance's dreams being snuffed out in the blink of an eye.

But you know, even with his paralysis, Chance will be able to have kids some day.

The Veazeys will keep their Field of Dreams for the next generation.

"I can hardly wait," Todd said.

No staffing change: Del Negro still coaching Bulls

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — If Vinny Del Negro woke up feeling a little uneasy Thursday, Scott Skiles and Tim Floyd probably would have understood.

After all, Christmas Eve hasn't been kind to Chicago Bulls coaches.

Skiles got fired two years ago, and Floyd was forced to resign in 2001. But for all the speculation about Del Negro's future, Scrooge was nowhere in sight this time. Then again, with a 10-17 record, there isn't much cheer to douse around the Bulls these days.

Not after a rash of blowouts. Not after a loss to the New Jersey Nets. And not after an epic meltdown against Sacramento this week that did nothing to quiet the critics.

"I think it frustrates everybody, but I don't have enough time to dwell on those things," said Del Negro, in his second season. "I'm too focused in on the next opponent, preparing the right way. Managing people, managing expectations in this league is very difficult to do. I can't control that. Things are out of your control about what is said, what is interpreted."

Lately, it hasn't been good.

With Rookie of the Year Derrick Rose, the Bulls were hoping to build on a promising finish last season, when they came on strong in the second half and lost to Boston in seven games in the first round of the playoffs. Instead, they've fallen by 14 or more nine times.

In one particularly brutal eight-day stretch, they got danced on by LeBron James during a loss to Cleveland, lost by more than 30 to Toronto and Atlanta, got blown out by Boston and fell to the lowly Nets.

The biggest indignity, however, came on Monday,



Chicago Bulls head coach Vinny Del Negro reacts as he watches his team play earlier this season.

AP photo

when they led Sacramento by 35 in the second half, only to fall 102-98 at home. The next night, Chicago trailed by 22 at New York before rallying in an 88-81 loss.

"I have to get better," Del Negro said. "The team has to get better. There's no question, but that's the challenge. To me, life is about challenges."

And this season has been nothing if not challenging.

There have been injuries, starting with Rose's ankle problem that caused him to miss most of the preseason and limited his explosiveness until recently. Kirk Hinrich sat out six games with a sprained left thumb at one point, and Tyrus Thomas is hoping to return Saturday against New Orleans after breaking his left forearm in early November.

Beside the injuries, John Salmons has struggled after helping spark last season's turnaround and got pulled from the starting lineup along with Brad

Miller at the start of the second half against New York. Clearly, he's not happy about it.

"It's not fun," said Salmons, whose scoring is down from 18.3 points per game last season to 13.4. "You never want to be demoted. But I've been down before. I'll deal with it."

Hinrich hasn't exactly lit it up, either, shooting 36.2 percent while averaging 8.5 points — both career lows — but he'll start at least the next game at shooting guard over Salmons because Del Negro felt a shake-up was in order. Otherwise, there were no big changes on a day that has provided some over the years.

"That's something that as a player you can't let get to the back of your mind," forward Luol Deng said. "You've just got to come to work. Vinny's our coach. You come in, you do what you're supposed to do and (let) the guys upstairs handle that."

Vandals

Continued from Sports 1 practice, and the Vandals' focus on defense was abundantly clear.

"Certainly being aware of (Freddie Barnes) is important," coach Robb Akey said, referring to the heralded BGV receiver.

Barnes leads the nation with 138 receptions and 16 touchdowns, and he is third with 1,551 yards. The 6-foot senior was a Biletnikoff Award finalist and will draw loads of attention — from Idaho coaches and fans at Bronco

Stadium — in Wednesday's Humanitarian Bowl in Boise.

Kickoff for the Vandals' first postseason game since 1998 is 2:30 p.m. (MST) on ESPN.

Barnes is four receptions away from matching the single-season NCAA record, set by Manny Hazard of Houston in 1989. He's kept piling up staggering numbers nearly every week, even with defenses geared to stop him.

"It's not like it's a secret," Akey said. "People have

been knowing that's where the ball is going to go and ... he and that quarterback (Tyler Sheehan) are still able to make things happen, so I've got a lot of respect for this kid."

The Vandals' beleaguered defense — ranked 114th in passing defense — has faced several elite receivers, including Hawaii's Greg Salas and Boise State's Austin Pettis. But Akey said there's no question Barnes is the best wideout Idaho will match up against this season.

Barnes' only subpar performance came against Boise State, when he was held to four catches for 24 yards.

Idaho quarterback Nathan Enderle's throwing shoulder has been slowly recovering from two injuries this season. After Wednesday's practice he said he should be 100 percent by next week.

"It's not perfect, but it's improving everyday and that's the most important thing," the junior said.

More pressing for Enderle is getting back in sync with his receivers and tight ends. The Vandals will have had a 32-day layoff between a loss to Utah State and the H-Bowl.

"It does take a few days to kind of shake the rust off," Enderle said, "but I think we do that pretty well and I expect us to be pretty crisp either tomorrow or the next day."

Akey said the Vandals performed well in the classroom during the fall

semester, meaning no one will miss the bowl due to grades. ... Redshirt tailback Troy Vital (shoulder) suffered the only injury of note since bowl prep started, Akey said. "The way we've done things, guys have gotten healthier," he said. A few players missed Wednesday's practice due to sickness. ... The Vandals will stay at the Best Western University Inn on Thursday night, celebrate Christmas in the morning and fly out of Lewiston that afternoon.

BASKETBALL

NBA
All Times MST
EASTERN

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| ATLANTIC | | | | |
| Boston | 22 | 5 | .815 | — |
| Toronto | 14 | 17 | .452 | 10 |
| New York | 11 | 17 | .393 | 11½ |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 21 | .250 | 15½ |
| New Jersey | 2 | 27 | .069 | 21 |
| SOUTHEAST | | | | |
| Orlando | 22 | 7 | .759 | — |
| Atlanta | 20 | 8 | .714 | 1½ |
| Miami | 14 | 12 | .538 | 6½ |
| Charlotte | 11 | 16 | .407 | 10 |
| Washington | 10 | 17 | .370 | 11 |
| CENTRAL | | | | |
| Cleveland | 22 | 8 | .733 | — |
| Milwaukee | 12 | 15 | .444 | 8½ |
| Detroit | 11 | 18 | .379 | 10½ |
| Chicago | 10 | 17 | .370 | 10½ |
| Indiana | 9 | 18 | .333 | 11½ |
| WESTERN | | | | |
| SOUTHWEST | | | | |
| Dallas | 20 | 9 | .690 | — |
| Houston | 17 | 12 | .586 | 3 |
| San Antonio | 15 | 11 | .578 | 3½ |
| New Orleans | 13 | 14 | .481 | 6 |
| Memphis | 13 | 15 | .464 | 6½ |
| NORTHWEST | | | | |
| Denver | 20 | 9 | .690 | — |
| Portland | 19 | 12 | .613 | 2 |
| Utah | 16 | 13 | .552 | 4 |
| Oklahoma City | 14 | 14 | .500 | 5½ |
| Minnesota | 6 | 24 | .200 | 14½ |

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| L.A. Lakers | 23 | 4 | .852 | — |
| Phoenix | 18 | 11 | .621 | 6 |
| Sacramento | 13 | 15 | .464 | 10½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 12 | 16 | .429 | 11½ |
| Golden State | 7 | 21 | .250 | 16½ |

Wednesday's Games

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| Orlando 102, Houston 87 |
| Toronto 94, Detroit 64 |
| Minnesota 103, New Jersey 99 |
| Miami 80, Utah 70 |
| Washington 109, Milwaukee 97 |
| New Orleans 108, Golden State 102 |
| Portland 98, San Antonio 94 |
| Denver 124, Atlanta 104 |
| Oklahoma City 117, Phoenix 113 |
| Cleveland 117, Sacramento 104, OT |

Thursday's Games

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| No games scheduled |
| Friday's Games |
| Miami at New York, 10 a.m. |
| Boston at Orlando, 12:30 p.m. |
| Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 3 p.m. |
| L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 6 p.m. |
| Denver at Portland, 8:30 p.m. |

Saturday's Games

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| Memphis at Dallas, 1 p.m. |
| Atlanta at Indiana, 5 p.m. |
| Houston at New Jersey, 8 p.m. |
| New Orleans at Chicago, 6 p.m. |
| Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m. |
| Washington at Minnesota, 6 p.m. |
| San Antonio at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m. |
| Philadelphia at Utah, 7 p.m. |
| L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 8 p.m. |
| Phoenix at Golden State, 8:30 p.m. |

NBA LEADERS THROUGH DEC. 23

| | Scoring | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|-----|-----|------|------|
| | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
| Anthony, DEN | 29 | 300 | 254 | 879 | 30.3 |
| Bryant, LAL | 27 | 295 | 175 | 790 | 29.3 |
| James, CLE | 30 | 294 | 865 | 28.8 | |
| Durant, OKC | 28 | 260 | 218 | 775 | 27.7 |
| Wade, MIA | 26 | 238 | 198 | 695 | 26.7 |
| Nowitzki, DAL | 28 | 261 | 188 | 732 | 26.1 |
| Ellis, GOL | 28 | 275 | 134 | 699 | 25.0 |
| Bosh, TOR | 31 | 250 | 220 | 726 | 23.4 |
| Arenas, WAS | 20 | 237 | 135 | 600 | 22.2 |
| Roy, POR | 30 | 233 | 159 | 666 | 22.2 |
| Johnson, ATL | 28 | 232 | 91 | 597 | 21.3 |
| Gay, MEM | 27 | 210 | 115 | 555 | 20.6 |
| Evans, SAC | 27 | 203 | 130 | 551 | 20.4 |
| Stoudemire, PHX | 29 | 221 | 146 | 588 | 20.3 |
| Duncan, SAN | 24 | 199 | 98 | 478 | 19.9 |
| Kaman, LAC | 28 | 231 | 92 | 554 | 19.8 |
| Jennings, MIL | 27 | 196 | 84 | 531 | 19.7 |
| Williams, UTA | 27 | 194 | 112 | 530 | 19.6 |
| Randolph, MEM | 28 | 222 | 102 | 549 | 19.6 |
| Boozler, UTA | 29 | 228 | 111 | 567 | 19.6 |

FG Percentage

| | FG | FGA | PCT |
|--------------|-----|-----|------|
| Perkins, BOS | 131 | 205 | .639 |
| Howard, ORL | 166 | 262 | .634 |
| Gasol, MEM | 157 | 256 | .613 |
| Millsap, UTA | 128 | 220 | .582 |
| Landry, HOU | 169 | 291 | .581 |
| Horford, ATL | 159 | 274 | .580 |
| Hillaro, DEN | 28 | 130 | .378 |
| Bynum, LAL | 158 | 277 | .570 |
| Lee, NYK | 206 | 365 | .564 |
| Garrett, BOS | 165 | 293 | .563 |

Rebounds

| | G | OFF | DEF | TOT | AVG |
|---------------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Howard, ORL | 29 | 110 | 271 | 381 | 13.1 |
| Noah, CHI | 27 | 111 | 219 | 330 | 12.2 |
| Wallace, CHA | 26 | 58 | 256 | 314 | 12.1 |
| Campy, LAC | 28 | 84 | 244 | 328 | 11.7 |
| Bosh, TOR | 31 | 102 | 241 | 343 | 11.1 |
| Randolph, MEM | 28 | 130 | 178 | 308 | 11.0 |
| Boozler, UTA | 29 | 59 | 250 | 309 | 10.7 |
| Lee, NYK | 28 | 67 | 231 | 298 | 10.6 |
| Duncan, SAN | 24 | 76 | 176 | 252 | 10.5 |
| Haywood, WAS | 27 | 111 | 172 | 283 | 10.5 |

ASSISTS

| | G | AST | AVG |
|----------------|----|-----|------|
| Nash, PHO | 29 | 330 | 11.4 |
| Paul, NOR | 19 | 207 | 10.9 |
| Williams, UTA | 27 | 272 | 10.1 |
| Rondo, BOS | 27 | 261 | 9.7 |
| Kidd, DAL | 29 | 265 | 9.1 |
| James, CLE | 30 | 225 | 7.8 |
| B. Davis, LAC | 28 | 221 | 7.5 |
| Westbrook, OKC | 28 | 192 | 6.9 |
| Arenas, WAS | 27 | 185 | 6.9 |
| Duhon, NYK | 28 | 177 | 6.3 |

NBA 2009 All-Star Voting List

Game: Feb. 14 at Dallas
Released Dec. 24

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Forwards: LeBron James, Cleveland, 1,315; 292; Kevin Garnett, Boston, 1,113; 231; Chris Bosh, Toronto, 553; 230; Paul Pierce, Boston, 263; 189; Josh Smith, Atlanta, 236; 52; 7; Andre Iguodala, Philadelphia, 167; 79; Danny Granger, Indiana, 165; 54; Michael Beasley, Miami, 132; 74; Hedo Turkoglu, Toronto, 95; 329; Rashard Lewis, Orlando, 95; 328; Caron Butler, Washington, 82; 317.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Guards: Dwyane Wade, Miami, 1,458; 621; Allen Iverson, Philadelphia, 635; 084; Vince Carter, Orlando, 554; 779; Ray Allen, Boston, 385; 744; Gilbert Arenas, Washington, 355; 544; Derrick Rose, Chicago, 305; 029; Joe Johnson, Atlanta, 227; 896; Rajon Rondo, Boston, 203; 252; Jose Calderon, Toronto, 115; 071; Mike Bibby, Atlanta, 106; 830; Centers: Dwight Howard, Orlando, 1,252; 786; Shaquille O'Neal, Cleveland, 455; 239; Andrea Bargnani, Toronto, 121; 253; Al Horford, Atlanta, 118; 802; Brook Lopez, New Jersey, 105; 157; Andrew Bogut, Milwaukee, 87; 876; Jermaine O'Neal, Miami, 81; 262; Rashad Wallace, Boston, 66; 304; Kendrick Perkins, Boston, 40; 057; Samuel Dalembert, Philadelphia, 35; 714; Tyson Chandler, Charlotte, 31; 470; Brad Miller, Chicago, 29; 369.

Forwards: Carmelo Anthony, Denver, 1,204; 234; Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas, 668; 243; Pau Gasol, L.A. Lakers, 565; 414; Tim Duncan, San Antonio, 564; 728; Kevin Durant, Oklahoma City, 406; 581; Trevor Ariza, Houston, 355; 529; Luis Scalo, Houston, 295; 691; Shawn Marion, Dallas, 268; 853; Ron Artest, L.A. Lakers, 197; 689; Lamar Odom,

L.A. Lakers, 152; 684; LaMarcus Aldridge, Portland, 129; 909.

Guards: Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers, 1,380; 383; Steve Nash, Phoenix, 546; 064; Tracy McGrady, Houston, 541; 190; Chris Paul, New Orleans, 521; 468; Jason Kidd, Dallas, 372; 225; Aaron Brooks, Houston, 298; 892; Chauncey Billups, Denver, 241; 737; Deron Williams, Utah, 208; 991; Jason Terry, Dallas, 195; 456; Brandon Roy, Portland, 189; 137; Manu Ginobili, San Antonio, 171; 624.

Centers: Amar x-Iverson appears among Western Conference guards.

BETTING

Glantz-Culver Line

College Football

| FAVORITE | OPEN | TODAY | O/U | UNDERDOG |
|--|------|-------|-------|----------------|
| Toronto | | | | |
| Meineke Car Care Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. | | | | |
| Pittsburgh | 3 | 2½ | (44½) | North Carolina |
| Emerald Bowl At San Francisco | | | | |
| Southern Cal | 8 | 7½ | (44) | Boston College |
| Little Caesars Pizza Bowl At Detroit | | | | |
| Ohio | 4½ | 3 | (49) | Marshall |
| Sunday Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn. | | | | |
| Clemson | 7½ | 7 | (52) | Kentucky |
| Monday Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. | | | | |
| Georgia | 6 | 7 | (66) | Texas A&M |
| Tuesday EagleBank Bowl At Washington | | | | |
| UCLA | 4½ | 4½ | (45½) | Temple |
| Champs Sports Bowl At Orlando, Fla. | | | | |
| Miami | 1½ | 3 | (58) | Wisconsin |
| Wednesday Humanitarian Bowl At Boise, Idaho | | | | |
| Bowling Green | 4½ | 4½ | (68) | Idaho |
| Holiday Bowl At San Diego | | | | |
| Arizona | +2 | 1½ | (40) | Nebraska |
| Thursday Texas Bowl At Houston | | | | |
| Missouri | 6 | 6½ | (52½) | Navy |
| Insight Bowl At Tempe, Ariz. | | | | |
| Minnesota | 3 | 2½ | (48) | Iowa St. |
| Chick-Fil-A Bowl At Atlanta | | | | |
| Virginia Tech | 6 | 4½ | (49½) | Tennessee |
| Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas | | | | |
| Oklahoma | 12 | 12 | (55½) | Stanford |
| Armed Forces Bowl At Fort Worth, Texas | | | | |
| Houston | 5 | 4½ | (62½) | Air Force |
| Jan. 1 Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla. | | | | |
| Auburn | 8 | 7½ | (54½) | Northwestern |
| Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla. | | | | |
| West Virginia | 2 | 2½ | (60½) | Florida St. |
| Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla. | | | | |
| Penn St. | 2½ | 2½ | (43½) | LSU |
| Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. | | | | |
| Oregon | 4 | 3½ | (51) | Ohio St. |
| Sugar Bowl At New Orleans | | | | |
| Florida | 10½ | 11 | (57) | Cincinnati |
| Jan. 2 International Bowl At Toronto | | | | |
| South Florida | 4 | 4 | (49½) | N. Illinois |
| PapaJohns.Com Bowl At Birmingham, Ala. | | | | |
| South Carolina | 7 | 4½ | (51½) | Connecticut |
| Cotton Bowl At Arlington, Texas | | | | |
| Arkansas | 3½ | 3 | (50½) | Oklahoma St. |
| Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn. | | | | |
| Arkansas | 9 | 7½ | (63½) | East Carolina |
| Alamo Bowl At San Antonio | | | | |
| Texas Tech | 8 | 6½ | (60½) | Michigan St. |
| Jan. 4 Fiesta Bowl At Glendale, Ariz. | | | | |
| TCU | 6 | 7 | (54½) | Boise St. |
| Jan. 5 Orange Bowl At Miami | | | | |
| Georgia Tech | 2½ | 4 | (51) | Iowa |
| Jan. 6 GMAC Bowl At Mobile, Ala. | | | | |
| Cent. Michigan | 3½ | 3½ | (63) | Troy |
| Jan. 7 BCS Championship At Pasadena, Calif. | | | | |
| Alabama | 2 | 2 | (45) | Texas |

NFL

| FAVORITE | OPEN | TODAY | O/U | UNDERDOG |
|------------------|------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Tonight | | | | |
| at Tennessee | 2½ | 2 | (47) | San Diego |
| Sunday | | | | |
| at Green Bay | 13½ | 14 | (31) | Seattle |
| at Cleveland | 3 | 3½ | (48) | Oakland |
| at Cincinnati | 13½ | 13½ | (40½) | Kansas City |
| at Atlanta | 7 | 9 | (43) | Buffalo |
| at Miami | 3 | 3 | (45) | Houston |
| at N.Y. Giants | 7 | 7 | (42½) | Carolina |
| at New Orleans | 16 | 14 | (49½) | Tampa Bay |
| at New England | 8 | 8 | (43½) | Jacksonville |
| at Pittsburgh | 2 | 2½ | (42) | Baltimore |
| at Philadelphia | 8 | 7 | (41½) | Denver |
| at Arizona | 14 | 14 | (43½) | St. Louis |
| at San Francisco | 11½ | 12 | (41½) | Denver |
| at Indianapolis | 6 | 6½ | (40½) | N.Y. Jets |
| Dallas | 7 | 6½ | (42) | at Washington |
| Monday | | | | |
| Minnesota | 7½ | 7 | (41) | at Chicago |

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT = definitely will not play; DNP = not practiced; IIR = limited participation in practice; FULL = full participation in practice).

FRIDAY

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS at TENNESSEE TITANS — CHARGERS: DNP: LB Shawne Merriman (ankle), LIMITED: DE Jacques Cesaire (elbow), FULL: C Nick Hardwick (ankle), NT Travis Johnson (groin), WR Legedu Naanee (toe), P Mike Scifres (left groin), TITANS: DNP: DT Tony Brown (knee, quadriceps), CB Nick Harper (shoulder), DE Kyle Vanden Bosch (neck), LIMITED: DT Troy Kropp (calf), WR Nate Washington (ankle), FULL: TE Craig Stevens (concussion).

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS at NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — BUCCANEERS: LIMITED: WR Antonio Bryant (groin), WR Michael Clayton (knee), TE John Gilmore (knees), S Tanard Jackson (knee), RB Carnell Williams (not injury related), TE Kellen Winslow (knee), SAINTS: DNP: RB Randall Gay (concussion), WR Lance Moore (ankle), S USC Stanton (concussion), S Darren Sharper (knee), S Louis Swain (hip, abdomen), LIMITED: RB Reggie Bush (hamstring), T Jermon Bushrod (thumb), TE Darrel Darnold (toe), DT Mike Sims-Walker (knee), TE Johnathan Hankins (toe), LB Scott Fujita (knee), C Jonathan Goodwin (ankle), CB Jabari Greer (groin), DE Bobby McCray (back), TE Jeremy Shockey (toe), T Jon Stinchcomb (knee), LB Jonathan Vilma (knee).

BUFFALO BILLS at ATLANTA FALCONS — BILLS: DNP: QB Ryan Fitzpatrick (ankle), S Todd Johnson (hamstring), S Bryan Scott (shoulder), LIMITED: LB Ashtlee Palmer (ankle), FALCONS: DNP: CB Chris Houston (hamstring), LB Curtis Lofton (shoulder, hamstring), QB Matt Ryan (toe), RB Michael Turner (ankle), LIMITED: DE Jamaal Anderson (chest), DT Jonathan Babineaux (shoulder), T Sam Baker (elbow, hamstring), G HARVEY Dahl (ankle).

DENVER BRONCOS at PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — BRONCOS: DNP: S David Brown (illness), WR Eddie Royal (neck, head), LB D.J. Williams (ankle), LIMITED: RB Correll

BUCKHALTER (ankle), S Renaldo Hill (ankle), CB Ty Law (hamstring), EAGLES: DNP: QB Michael Vick (quadriceps), FULL: DE Victor Abiamini (knee), C Nick Cole (knee), DE Trent Cole (knee), CB Charles Johnson (toe), QB Clinton Dems (ankle), LB Akeem Jordan (knee), WR Jeremy Maclin (toe), DT Mike Patterson (wrist), RB Brian Westbrook (concussion).

HOUSTON TEXANS at MIAMI DOLPHINS — TEXANS: DNP: T Duane Brown (knee), LB Brian Cushin (foot, ribs), LIMITED: TE Joel Dreessen (shoulder), DOLPHINS: DNP: LB Jason Taylor (toe), WR Brandon Marshall (ankle), QB Charlie Whitehurst (shoulder), FULL: LB Reggie Torbor (hamstring), SEATTLE SEAHAWKS at GREEN BAY PACKERS — SEAHAWKS: DNP: WR Nate Burleson (ankle), LB Aaron Curry (shoulder), RB Julius Jones (rib), LIMITED: WR Ben Obamun (hamstring), PACKERS: OUT: LB Jeremy Thompson (neck), DNP: LB Nick Barnett (knee), DE Johnny Wilks (knee), DT Ryan Pickett (hamstring), QB Charles Woodson (shoulder), LIMITED: S Nick Collins (calf), DE Cullen Jenkins (quadriceps), FULL: CB Brandon Woodworth (hip).

CAROLINA PANTHERS at NEW YORK GIANTS — PANTHERS: DNP: QB Jake Delhomme (right finger), CB Richard Marshall (ankle), RB Jonathan Stewart (Achilles), RB Tyrrell Sutton (calf), RB DeAngelo Williams (ankle), FULL: QB Matt Moore (toe), N.Y. GIANTS: DNP: WR Julian Elway (ankle, shoulder), DE LB Michael Boley (triceps), RB Ahmad Bradshaw (knees, foot), T Kareem McKenzie (knee), G Rich Seubert (knee), G Corey Webster (knee), LIMITED: LB Chase Blackburn (ribs), S C.C. Brown (hamstring), CB Kevin Cokley (knee), LB Jonathan Goff (hamstring, rib), WR Hakeem Nicks (hamstring), CB Aaron Ross (hamstring, K Lawrence Hayes (right hamstring), FULL: QB Eli Manning (foot).

OAKLAND RAIDERS at CLEVELAND BROWNS — RAIDERS: DNP: DE Greg Elms (knee), RB Justin Fargas (knee), QB Bruce Gradkowski (knee), WR Darrius Heyward-Bey (foot), WR Nick Mitchell (shin), TE Brandon Myers (concussion), LIMITED: DE Cooper Carlisle (knee), CB Chris Johnson (ankle), TE Zach Miller (concussion), FULL: QB Charlie Frye (concussion), BROWNS: DNP: T John St. Clair (ankle), DT Corey Williams (thigh), LIMITED: LB David Brown (knee), DE Kenyan Coleman (knee, elbow), G Rex Hadnot (knee), DE Robaire Smith (groin), T Joe Thomas (thigh), S Ray Ventrone (finger), RB Lawrence Vickers (hamstring), FULL: RB Chris Jennings (thigh).

The Indianapolis Colts are keeping quiet on whether quarterback Peyton Manning, center, and fellow starters like guard Ryan Lilja, left, and tackle Charlie Johnson will play on Sunday against the New York Jets.



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Colts prefer to keep quiet on debate over playing starters

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Peyton Manning and his teammates won't even lobby Colts coach Jim Caldwell to play the final two regular-season games.

If Caldwell tells them go for the perfect season, they will bring the same approach that helped them become the NFL's third 14-0 team. If they're told to sit out or play sparingly, even if it means risking an undefeated record, they won't question it.

That's how it works in the Indianapolis locker room, where players abide by a simple rule: Follow the leader.

"It's what we believe in," defensive captain Gary Brackett said. "To be successful in this league, you have to have one voice, so we believe in what coach (Jim) Caldwell says. I think that's why we are successful."

Incredibly successful.

Indy heads into Sunday's game against the New York Jets with a record 23-game regular-season winning streak, as the only NFL team to ever post seven consecutive 12-win seasons, and with more wins in a decade (115) than any team in league history. The Colts have missed the playoffs only one time this decade and have

six division titles since 2003.

They've done it with three head coaches since 2000 and only three veterans — Manning, Pro Bowl enter Jeff Saturday and long snapper Justin Snow — around for all 115 wins. And they've excelled this season with the league's second-youngest opening day roster. Both Indy and Miami had an average age of 25.89 years.

But the Colts are not on top of the NFL world because of sheer talent; they're here because of a unified attitude.

They have cobbled together a group of players who insist what's best for the team is more important than what's best for themselves. It's a throwback to a seemingly bygone era when players didn't dare publicly question the team's brain-trust or try to stand out so they could win endorsement deals.

Even now, in the midst of Indy's great debate, with prestige and potentially money on the line, the Colts are content to keep it boring in the locker room. They're willing to let others discuss whether the starters should sit or play over the next two weeks while Caldwell makes up his mind.

"It's not really set up that way, to lobby. I don't think there's one guy in that locker room that's going to tell you, 'No I don't want to play,'" three-time MVP Peyton Manning said after Indianapolis rallied to win at Jacksonville last week. "But we've followed his (Caldwell's) orders all year, and I think that's a good plan. Those are decisions I don't have to make and whatever decision he makes, I think will be the right one."

Sure, former league sacks champion Dwight Freeney, Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne and tight end Dallas Clark have offered their opinions. Each says he's prepared his body for a 16-game grind and they would like to play the games because of their competitive nature.

Yet even if sitting out means losing incentive bonuses, failing to meet personal goals or perhaps losing a postseason award or two, they're OK with it.

"Team comes first around here, even if you have something like that (an incentive clause)," Freeney said. "But the team tries to take care of those things if they can."

Here, the Colts understand there are greater goals at stake.

Michael Vick remains sporting world's Rorschach test

The road back will never be completely clear for Michael Vick.

There's plenty of justice in that.

Little more than two years have elapsed since he plead guilty to being the ringleader of a dog-fighting operation where extreme cruelty was the stock in trade. There's no defending what he did then and there's no chance it will ever be forgotten.

That chapter of his life remains part of nearly every story involving his name and it will be somewhere in the opening paragraph of his obit. What remains to be seen is whether it will take him that long to be forgiven.

Earlier this week, his Philadelphia Eagles teammates unanimously voted Vick to receive the team's Ed Block Courage Award. Every NFL team hands out a similar award every year, deciding which player inside a locker room exemplifies "commitment to the principles of sportsmanship and courage."

But because the Eagles settled on Vick, what should have been little more than a small signpost on his way back became yet another fork in the road.

The local papers were not alone in pointing out the Eagles had plenty of other deserving candidates to choose from — guys who were longshots just to make the NFL, or whose comebacks they judged more inspiring because the starting point was injury and not recklessness. People for the Ethical Treatment of

Animals predictably piled



Jim Litke

on, saying the decision by Vick's teammates was "not appropriate and does not mark a joyous moment in NFL history."

Fair enough. And to be sure, both Vick himself and the teammates who backed him handed the critics plenty of material.

"I've overcome a lot, more than probably one single individual can handle or bear," Vick began. "You ask certain people to walk through my shoes, they probably couldn't do. Probably 95 percent of the people in this world, because nobody had to endure what I've been through, situations I've been put in, situations I put myself in and decisions I have made, whether they have been good or bad."

We're not going to parse the words beyond suggesting they sound angry and devoid of some perspective. He shouldn't need reminding that people are dealing with worse and unlike Vick, because of things that were beyond their control. And as we said, his teammates didn't do a much better job of explaining themselves.

Eagles coach Andy Reid conceded, "I'm not sure you can explain it, unless you've kind of gone through it here with him."

Donovan McNabb, who's known Vick since he served as his host during a recruiting visit to Syracuse more than a decade ago, sounded more callous still.

"I don't care what peo-

ple say on the outside," McNabb said. "It was something voted on by his peers."

That's all it is. It's also precisely the point.

Only Vick will ever know whether his heart is still as cold as those chilling episodes from his past proved. The rest of us, from NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to Vick's fiercest haters, can only make judgments based on what he says and does. And if the people who spend more time around Vick than anyone besides his real family say that's good enough for them — so far — who's to say otherwise? After all, the Eagles have been carrying him for most of this season, and not the other way around.

He played little and produced even less until the start of this month, when Vick made small, but significant contributions to wins in his return to Atlanta and against the New York Giants. A bruised thigh kept him out of last weekend's games, but there's a feeling both inside and outside the organization that if Vick ever gets good enough to reclaim a starting job, it almost certainly will be somewhere other than Philadelphia.

Viewed by that light, all the vote proved is that right here, right now, the guys who suit up alongside Vick are hoping that the rest of the journey goes as well as the first, few tentative steps. That doesn't seem like too much to ask.

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Christmas in Nashville means football

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

From 2-3 to 11-3 and division champions is very impressive. It's what the San Diego Chargers have done.

Yet, in some ways it pales in comparison to Tennessee's rise from 0-6 to 7-7 and a shot at a wild-card berth.

When the teams meet Christmas night in Nashville — the third time the Titans have hosted a game on the holiday in this decade — plenty will be on the line for

Chargers at Titans

5:30 p.m., NFL Network

Tennessee. The Titans need to sweep their final two games because, even though they are at .500, so are five other AFC teams. Tiebreakers do not fall in Tennessee's corner right now.

"Anytime a team goes 0-6 and gets back to .500 and has a chance to get to the playoffs, you've accomplished something," Titans veteran center Kevin Mawae

said. "We can't rest on that. We've got to continue on. We've got a great team!"

Not as strong as it was last week on defense, though, after linebacker and team leader Keith Bulluck tore left knee ligaments.

For San Diego, a win earns a first-round playoff bye. Apparently that's not enough incentive for the oddsmakers, who have installed the Chargers as 2½-point underdogs.

Not enough incentive for us, either.

TITANS, 20-19

Picks for the rest of the NFL holiday weekend

Houston (plus 3) at Miami

Of the 7-7 AFC squads, Dolphins are best bet to sneak into playoffs.

And this week's...

BEST BEST: DOLPHINS, 27-20

Oakland (plus 3) at Cleveland

Browns have won two in a row. Raiders have taken three of five.

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UPSET SPECIAL: RAIDERS, 13-10

N.Y. Jets (plus 7) at Indianapolis

Jets have enough defense to keep it interesting, too little offense to pull off a stunner.

COLTS, 20-10

Minnesota (minus 7½) at Chicago (Monday night)

L'affaire Favre/Childress gives the Vikings another reason to beat up on the Bears.

VIKINGS, 24-10

Seattle (plus 13½) at Green Bay

Green Bay defense needs to reassert itself, and this is perfect opponent.

PACKERS, 21-7

Kansas City (plus 13½) at Cincinnati

Time for Bengals to put away AFC

North and turn their sights to the playoffs.

BENGALS, 20-3

Jacksonville (plus 8) at New England

Time for Patriots to put away AFC East and turn their sights on the playoffs.

PATRIOTS, 20-14

Carolina (plus 7) at N.Y. Giants

Panthers have little play for, but always make it tough on Giants at Meadowlands.

GIANTS, 21-17

Tampa Bay (plus 16) at New Orleans

Saints will clinch NFC home-field advantage, allowing them to rest regulars in finale.

SAINTS, 35-14

Baltimore (plus 2) at Pittsburgh

Sorry, just can't see Steelers going 1-5 in the division.

STEELERS, 21-20

Denver (plus 8) at Philadelphia

Critical game for both teams, although Eagles already own playoff spot. They also are surging.

Broncos are sputtering.

EAGLES, 23-14

Dallas (minus 6) at Washington

Cowboys playing like they want to keep head coach. Redskins appear to have quit on their coach.

COWBOYS, 27-10

St. Louis (plus 14) at Arizona

Ken Whisenhunt wants a sharp bunch finishing out the season, even if sloppy didn't hurt the Cardinals before the 2008 playoffs.

CARDINALS, 30-9

Buffalo (plus 7) at Atlanta

Falcons never have had two straight winning records. They're 7-7 now and want to erase that fact.

FALCONS, 17-9

Detroit (plus 11½) at San Francisco

All the incentive here belongs to Niners, who want to break six-season string of losing records.

49ERS, 23-10

RECORD: Versus spread, 5-6-1 (93-111-3 season); Straight up, 9-7 (147-67 season)

Best Bet: 6-9

Upset Special: 9-6

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2010 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN SUV

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By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corp.

The Chevrolet Suburban SUV is capable of hauling more passengers and cargo than any other vehicle in the segment and features a 360-degree safety system of occupant protection and crash-avoidance technology. Based on GM's sophisticated GMT900 truck architecture, the large Chevrolet SUV boasts distinctive styling, spacious and refined interiors, impressive driving characteristics and enhanced safety features. The Suburban boasts a long wheelbase that provides a smooth, confident and secure driving experience.

Changes in the exterior color palette for 2010 include new exterior colors Taupe Grey Metallic and Sheer Silver Metallic that will replace Graystone Metallic; Silver Birch Metallic; Deep Ruby Metallic and Red Jewel Tintcoat is now available on LS and LT models. Additionally a new Exterior Plus Package features front fog lamps and luggage rack cross bars; the Z71 off-road suspension is now available on 1LT; and a single-speed transfer case is standard on 4WD with a two-speed transfer case an available option.

Available in LS, LT and LTZ trim levels, two- or four-wheel drive and half- or three-quarter ton configurations, the large Chevrolet SUV is propelled by two sophisticated prime movers produced by GM's Powertrain Division - a Vortec 5.3L V8 and a 6.0L V8 with variable valve timing. For 2010, Vortec



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6.0L V-8 equipped 2500 Series models are outfitted with E85 FlexFuel capability. Torque is communicated to the ground through the standard Hydra-Matic 6L80 six-speed automatic transmission while Suburban 2500 models are outfitted with a heavy-duty Hydra-Matic 6L90 six-speed automatic transmission.

The full-size SUV platform features a fully boxed perimeter-type frame which provides an extremely solid foundation. The hydroformed frame has three distinct sections - bays - with specific strength and support characteristics. Chassis stiffness is greatly enhanced throughout the frame, as well as providing

enhanced performance during a crash. Combined with wide front and rear tracks over, the Suburban is smooth, stable and composed, with flat, controlled cornering.

Inside the passenger cabin, the look is rich with a world class rendition of displays, controls and switchgear. Roomy, spacious and ever user friendly, the cabin features a "finished" interior that doesn't have any exposed metal hardware or latches. Flush-mounted accessories and controls create the look of a single unit, rather than components stacked together. The Suburban is equipped more like a car than an SUV - with a long list of standard features and amenities.

The Suburban family also offers an industry-exclusive power fold-and-tumble second-row seat feature that eases access to the rear of the vehicle. The power fold-and-tumble second-row seats feature release buttons accessible by the driver or on the interior C-pillar to provide an easy, immediate release of the seat to create an access path to the standard third row seat or cargo area. In addition, the rear hatch features a rear liftgate that permits either window or full hatch access.

Interior upgrades and enhancements for 2010 include a USB port for all radios to connect portable music devices

to vehicle's audio system and provide battery-charging capability; Interior Plus Package with Bluetooth capability, tri-zone climate control, front bucket seats with premium cloth, rear audio system controls and Universal Home Remote; 1LT package now includes tri-zone climate control, Bose premium nine-speaker system, power-adjustable pedals, remote vehicle start, ultrasonic rear parking assist, and heavy-duty rear locking differential.

2010 Chevrolet Suburban SUV By The Numbers

PRICING
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2010 Chevrolet Suburban SUV starts from \$40,635 for the 1500 LS and from \$42,225 for the 2500 LS. Destination charges add \$950.

DIMENSIONS & SPECIFICATIONS
Wheelbase: 130.0; overall length: 222.4; width: 79.1; height: 76.8 (2WD), 77.2 (4WD). All vehicle measurements are in inches. Engine: 5.3L V8 - 310 hp at 5,200 rpm and 335 lbs-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm; 6.0L V8 - 366 hp at 5,500 rpm and 376 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm. Transmission: six-speed automatic, heavy-duty six-speed automatic. EPA Fuel Economy: 5.3L V8 - 15 city/21 hwy. Cargo capacity: 137.4 cubic feet. Payload capacity: 1,564 lbs. (1500); 2,421 lbs. (2500). Towing capacity: 8,100 lbs. (1500); 9,600 lbs. (2500).

SAFETY FEATURES
Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, dual head curtain airbags, On-Star communications system, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, traction control, StabiliTrak vehicle stability system, automatic headlamps, remote keyless entry, tire pressure monitoring system, battery run-down protection, and PASS-Key III theft deterrent system. LT adds rear parking assist system, front fog lamps, Bluetooth hands-free phone system, LTZ adds heavy duty locking rear differential, garage door opener, and remote engine start. 2500 LS adds four-wheel disc brakes with Hydro-boost, front recovery hooks, and trailer sway control.

WARRANTY
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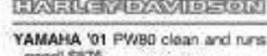
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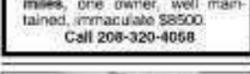
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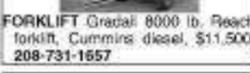
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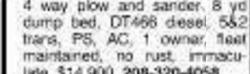


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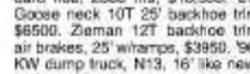
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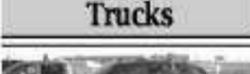
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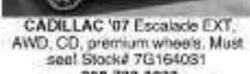
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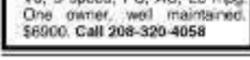
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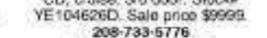
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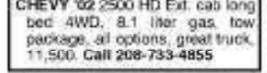
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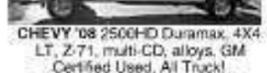
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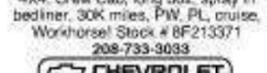
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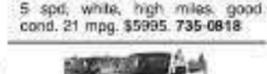


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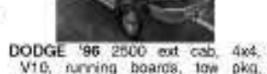
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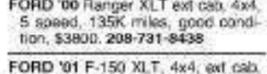
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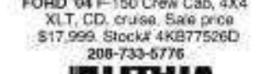
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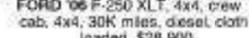


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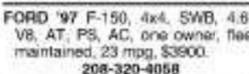


FORD '06 F-250 XLT, 4x4, crew cab, 4x4, 30K miles, diesel, clean, loaded, \$28,900



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FORD '97 F-150, 4x4, SWB, 4.6L V8, AT, PS, AC, one owner, fleet maintained, 23 mpg, \$3900. 208-320-4058



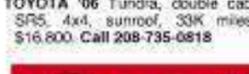
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, on the steps of the Jerome County Courthouse located at 300 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 13 in Block 2 of Rainbow Estates, Jerome County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, recorded July 31, 1979 as Instrument No. 243406 in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: **164 Rainbow Dr., Jerome, ID 83338**, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

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

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 **Craig Dean Barnes and Alonia Sue Barnes**, Husband and Wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank National Association as Successor Beneficiary, recorded August 22, 2008 as Instrument No. 2084622. Mortgage records of Jerome County, Idaho; THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to: Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$189,805.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.8750% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated August 18, 2008. Payments are in default for the months of April 2009 through and including October 2009 in the amount of \$1,448.80 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of October 28, 2009 is \$188,834.39 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 6.8750% per annum. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$188,834.39, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: December 4, 2009
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
Phone: (208) 947-1553

PUBLISH: December 11, 18, 25, 2009 and January 1, 2010

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Monday, April 12, 2010 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 2 in Block 11 of Canyon Trails Subdivision No. 3, a Planned Unit Development, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 19 of Plats, Page 27, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: **425 West Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301**, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

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

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 **Kirk W. Hadley and Robyn Bliss**, husband and wife as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Chase Home Finance LLC as Successor Beneficiary, recorded March 16, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-006026, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to: Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$200,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.3750% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated February 20, 2007. Payments are in default for the months of August 2009 through and including November 2009 in the amount of \$1,431.21 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of November 18, 2009 is \$194,239.19 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 6.3750% per annum. The per diem is \$33.93. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$194,239.19, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: December 9, 2009
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
Phone: 208-947-1553

PUBLISH: December 18, 25, 2009, January 1 and 8, 2010

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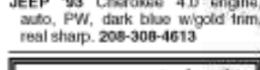
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CHRYSLER '06 300C Loaded, leather, Nav, DVD, sunroof, sale price \$23,999. Stock# 6H304236D

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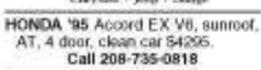


DODGE '94 Intrepid, 4 door, rear spoiler, original owner, leather interior, silver, exc cond, AT, \$5,000. 208-645-2257 or 208-431-6667

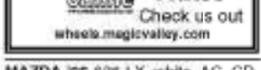


DODGE '08 Avenger SE, air, CD, cruise, certified used, Stock# 8N1266130. Sale price \$10,999.

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HONDA '95 Accord EX V6, sunroof, AT, 4 door, clean car \$4255. Call 208-735-0818



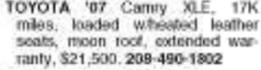
MAZDA '96 626 LX, white, AC, CD, Cruise, 38 mpg, runs great, \$2200. 208-490-1902



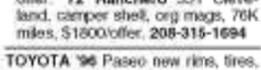
MITSUBISHI '08 Eclipse GS, 16K miles, automatic, PL, PW, like new, only \$15,900.

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Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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12/25

Today is Friday, Dec. 25th, the 359th day of 2009. There are 6 days left in the year. This is Christmas Day.

Today's Highlight:
On Dec. 25, 1818, "Silent Night," written by Franz Gruber and Father Joseph Mohr, was performed for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In A.D. 336, the first recorded celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in Rome.

In 1066, William the Conqueror was crowned king of England.

In 1776, Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against Hessian forces at Trenton, N.J.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan, succeeding his father, Emperor Yoshihito. (Hirohito was formally enthroned almost two years later.)

In 1941, during World War II, Japan announced the surrender of the British-Canadian garrison at Hong Kong.

In 1946, comedian W.C. Fields died in Pasadena, Calif., at age 66.

In 1977, comedian Charlie Chaplin died in Switzerland at age 88.

In 1989, ousted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, were executed following a popular uprising. Former baseball manager Billy Martin died in a traffic accident in Fenton, N.Y.

In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation as the eighth and final leader of a communist superpower that had already gone out of existence.

In 2006, James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul," died of heart failure in Atlanta at age 73.

Ten years ago: Space shuttle Discovery's astronauts finished their repair job on the Hubble Space Telescope and released it back into orbit. A Cuban airplane crashed in northern Venezuela, killing all 22 aboard.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush urged Americans to help the neediest among them by volunteering to care for the sick, the elderly and the poor in a Christmas day call for compassion.

One year ago: Pope Benedict XVI urged a world confronting a financial crisis, conflict, and increasing poverty not to lose hope at Christmas, but to join in "authentic solidarity" to prevent global ruin. President-elect Barack Obama spent a private Christmas Day with family and close friends in Hawaii. Singer, dancer and actress Eartha Kitt died in Weston, Conn., at 81. Actress Ann Savage died in Los Angeles at 87.

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101 Lost and Found

FOUND Australian Shepherd puppy, found on Wednesday in the downtown area near 8th Ave in Twin Falls. To identify at 404-4676.

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

FOUND Lab mix puppy about 8 weeks old. Call 324-7346

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

FOUND Leatherman knife combination. Found east of Twin Falls. Call 208-733-8301

FOUND Motorola cell phone at the mall. Call to identify 208-731-1111.

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

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

LOST Purple IPOD with name on back. Lost at South Hills lights or ID Joe's on 12/21/09. 308-3207

LOST Women's diamond wedding ring, possibly at Shopko or in parking lot, white gold. 308-6252

LOST: COLD FIREFIGHTER! Lost black/reflective Blauer coat and wallet around 300 block of East A in Jerome. Return to station on questions asked.

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Busy law office is seeking a Receptionist/Legal Assistant. Immediate full-time opening. Must have strong office skills including answering phones, document management, typing, and general office duties. Punctuality reliability important. English-Spanish bilingual a plus, but not required. Please forward resume, salary requirements and references to Fuller Law Offices, P. O. Box L Twin Falls, ID 83303.

206 Drivers

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DRIVER
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DRIVER
School Bus Drivers Wanted Western States Bus Call 208-733-8003

DRIVERS
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207 Education

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209 General

GENERAL
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211 Medical

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"We hafta go back and run in again. Daddy's gotta figure out how to turn on his new camera."

IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: With passionate Pluto in your slice of the stars in the year ahead, you may learn to be more analytical about your inner motivations and more ambitious to succeed in the outer world. You could be frustrated by a lack of money, appreciation or success in February, April and August, and should avoid making irrevocable decisions during those months. Use your drive to succeed in constructive ways and fulfill your obligations and honor your commitments. By October, the things that hold you back will no longer be obstacles and you can begin to move in a new direction.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be elected to read the directions or put together a bike found under the tree. Find new ways to create magical moments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may need to polish your shoes or straighten your tie to please a special someone who wants to show you off to family or friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There's a sparkle in your eyes that invites others to join in the games and add to the magic in the air. Holiday outings can be fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Even if that special someone doesn't say much, it doesn't mean he or she doesn't harbor warm and affectionate feelings deep within.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Follow your bliss. This might be the one day of the year when you can play like a kid and just do just what is fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't brood if Santa forgot to put something in your stocking. Examine the unexpected goodies you did receive with good grace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Beneath the surface, even the biggest Scrooge has been waiting for presents with childlike glee. Enjoy a relaxing holiday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mr. Scrooge will probably grab the tab. The least likely candidate may believe that you are deserving of a reward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be the local Santa and splurge. Just because you count your pennies and clip coupons, doesn't mean you are a Scrooge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Count all your blessings, even the hidden ones. A change for the better can be unnerving or leave you worried.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is the season to concentrate on all the good things you have been blessed with and to help the unfortunate.

ACROSS

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6 Setting for "The King and I"
10 Masculine
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16 Mountain goat
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37 Give the cold shoulder to
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68 Spider's creations
69 Cornered

13x13 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-69 indicating starting positions for words.

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

Solved crossword puzzle grid showing words like TOFU, SHIFT, ELSE, USER, COCOA, NOTA, etc.

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51 Outspoken
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501 Open House

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KIT '81 28x56 3 bdrm 2 bath, must sell, in mobile home park in Hansen could be moved, \$15,000 offer Call 208-280-1715

TWIN FALLS Free Home Search www.twinfallshomeinfo.com Free list of foreclosures www.twinfallsforeclosures.com Exit Realty

TWIN FALLS Priced Reduced! Seller pays 3% of buyers closing costs! Nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, huge fenced yard, \$124,900. 2068 Falls Ave E. - 208-404-4799

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515 Commercial Property

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521 Manufactured Homes

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JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath with attached garage, \$675 month. 759 17th Ave. E. - 208-539-1403

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DEAR ABBY: Will you please advise me what to do with a lot of really gorgeous women's apparel? I'm talking about top-of-the-line shoes, handbags — everything you could imagine.

My mother left all of her things to me. I have already donated some to charity, but selling some would be nice, too. Any suggestions?

— VANESSA IN AUSTIN

DEAR VANESSA: Check around to see if there are any consignment stores in your area that deal in high-end merchandise. I am sure they would be very interested in helping you sell the items. With the economy down, many women are on the prowl looking for the kinds of bargains you have described. You might also consider offering them on eBay.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My cousin "Stacie" and I have sons who are the same age. The boys love playing together and spending the night at each other's house. The problem is that Stacie and her husband fight all the time. They scream and curse at each other at the top of their lungs, and they do it in front of the kids. Her husband also screams at their son, calling him "stupid" and other things that are not fit for a family newspaper.

My husband and I do not want our son exposed to that kind of behavior, but I don't know how to tell Stacie that this is why I can't allow my son to stay at her house anymore. Any suggestions?

— STICKY WICKET IN TENNESSEE

DEAR STICKY WICKET: Yes. Host the sleepovers at your house. That way cousin Stacie and her husband can have more "private time" to continue their battles, and their poor son will have some relief from the emotional abuse he is suffering at the hands of both of them.

DEAR ABBY: A friend forwarded me an item she had read on the Internet. I have learned a lot during my 38 years of living, and think these important life lessons might be something you'd like to pass along to your many readers.

1. Respect others, even if they don't respect you. Later in life they may remember that respect.
2. Love with your whole heart. It may be broken, but you can't say that you never loved.
3. Treat animals with kindness, and it will be repaid to you a hundredfold.
4. Be honest with the people you love. Honesty really IS the best policy.
5. Admit your mistakes; it shows you are human.
6. Learn from your mistakes, but don't dwell on them. Negative thinking will only make you depressed — and that's not good for you or those around you.
7. Tell your family often that you love them. You never know when it will be the last time you get to say it.
8. Never tell others that their dreams are stupid or dumb. Each of us is entitled to our dreams. Who are we to say they won't come true?
9. Realize that the only person you can change is yourself.
10. Be thankful for everything you have. Knowing you are blessed isn't arrogant or cocky if you're truly thankful for your blessings.

— JENNIFER IN COLORADO

DEAR JENNIFER: Thank you for sending this worthwhile item. I am sure my readers will agree that it has merit, take it to heart and refer to it when it's needed. I would only add that those people who respect themselves also tend to respect others; people who like themselves usually have more love to offer to others; and generosity of spirit, as well as material things, is what binds individuals and communities together.

To my Christian readers, I wish each and every one of you a very merry and meaningful Christmas.

604 Unfurnished Apartments

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"Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."
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The opening lead can determine the success or failure of a contract. And sometimes, as in today's deal from the 60th Lederer Memorial Trophy, declarer's assessment of the opening leader's capabilities played its part.

In action were the Hackett twins, Justin and Jason, playing against their English teammates, David Gold and Tom Townsend. Both pairs were part of the English team that won the silver medal in the World Championships in 2008.

No slam is especially good, since making 12 tricks requires the heart suit to play for just one loser — and the chance of that is only just over 50 percent. If there is only one heart loser, it appears that six no-trump will make as many tricks as six hearts, but that is not so. Consider declarer's dilemma on a club lead. He has to guess correctly which club to play from dummy, or the defenders will take a club trick and a heart trick.

A glance at the West cards will indicate how unlikely an opening club lead might be, but David Gold found the fine opening lead of the club five — and Justin Hackett made the equally fine play of the club queen from dummy! Ace and another heart solved that problem, and 12 tricks were there.

When asked why he had played the club queen rather than the 10, Justin explained that top-class players are more likely to underlead a king than a jack.

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| NORTH | | 12-25-A |
| ♠ | J 5 | |
| ♥ | A 4 | |
| ♦ | K Q J 7 | |
| ♣ | Q 10 7 4 2 | |
| WEST | | |
| ♠ | Q 10 7 6 | |
| ♥ | J 5 2 | |
| ♦ | 8 6 5 3 | |
| ♣ | K 5 | |
| EAST | | |
| ♠ | 9 4 3 2 | |
| ♥ | K 8 | |
| ♦ | 10 9 2 | |
| ♣ | J 8 6 3 | |
| SOUTH | | |
| ♠ | A K 8 | |
| ♥ | Q 10 9 7 6 3 | |
| ♦ | A 4 | |
| ♣ | A 9 | |

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

The bidding:

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| South | West | North | East |
| 1♥ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | 6NT | All pass |

*Quantitative; 17-18 with six hearts

Opening lead: Guess!

BID WITH THE ACES 12-25-B

South holds:

| | |
|---|------------|
| ♠ | J 5 |
| ♥ | A 4 |
| ♦ | K Q J 7 |
| ♣ | Q 10 7 4 2 |

South **West** **North** **East**

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|----|----|----|
| 1♠ | 2♥ | 3♠ |
|----|----|----|

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ANSWER: Your first thought might be that game your way is unlikely and that you would rather defend, but in fact all your cards rate to be working on offense. Since a two-level overcall will deliver about an opening-strength hand — normally with six hearts — bid four hearts, planning to double four spades if the opponents continue. If partner bids five hearts in front of you, he may well be right to do so!

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@midwestspring.com.
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JUMBLE

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

CATUE
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

LINTE
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

POEQUA
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

VERYUP
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

Answer: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] A [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] (Answers tomorrow)

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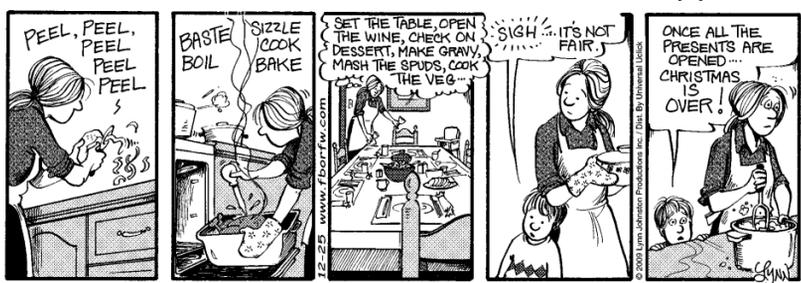
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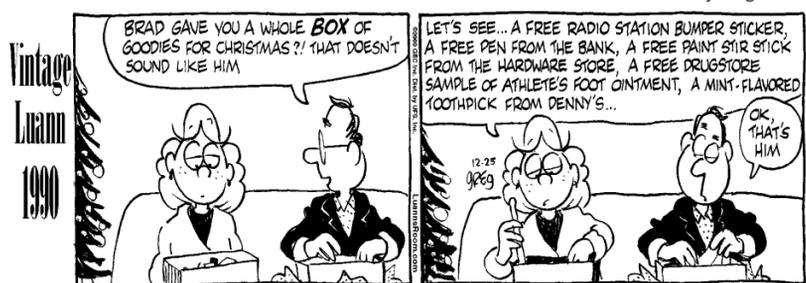
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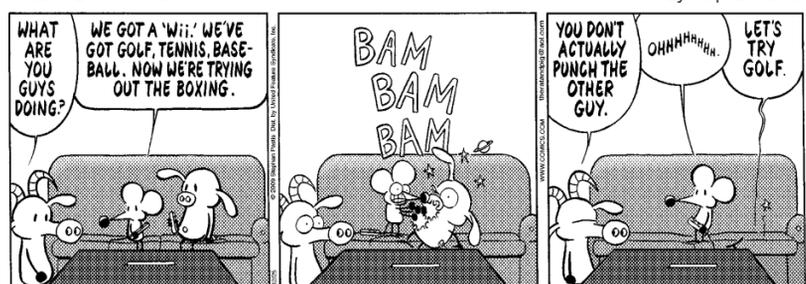
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