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Idaho Power buys geothermal energy

Move could result in higher electric bills

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Electricity users could pay a few cents more for their power if the Idaho Public Utilities Commission approves a request from Idaho Power Co.

The utility wants to incorporate money it spends buying geothermal energy as part of a formula called a "power cost adjustment." The company uses the PCA formula to either grant discounts or levy surcharges to customers each spring.

Depending on how much water flows through the company's hydroelectric facilities each year, Idaho Power either discounts customers or charges extra. If the commission approves the request, customers could pay more on their bills to also cover in part what it costs the utility to buy electricity from a geothermal plant near Malta owned by Boise-based U.S. Geothermal.

The commission and Idaho Power say the costs aren't likely to break anyone's bank.

"The costs will be insignificant," said Dennis Lopez, an Idaho Power spokesman.

Under a contract with the company, Idaho Power will pay about \$54.75 for each megawatt-hour produced at the plant.

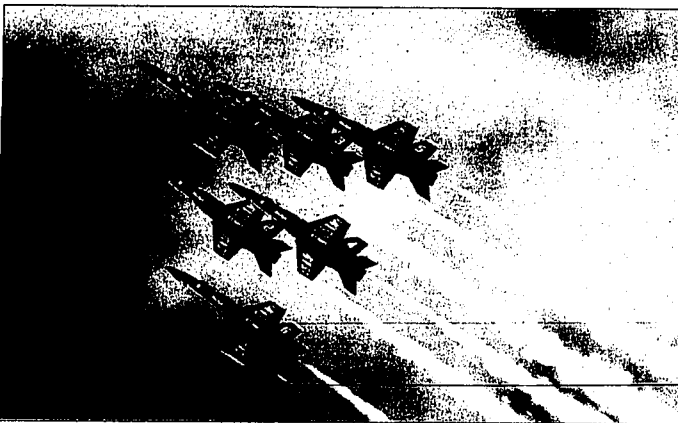
The market rate was \$68.02 for peak electricity on Monday and \$54.75 for non-peak.

Idaho Power will buy about 13 megawatts from the company under a 25-year agreement in which costs escalate over time. In 2007, for example, the utility will pay \$73.92 for each megawatt-hour.

U.S. Geothermal is offering to sell 45.5 megawatts to the utility, and a deal to

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A SOARING SPECTACLE



The Blue Angels are scheduled to perform this July at the Twin Falls air show. This is a first time in 30 years a jet team has performed in Twin Falls. Organizers expect 80,000 visitors to attend the event.

Blue Angels to perform at '08 air show

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Ready your earplugs: The Blue Angels are coming.

Organizers of Air Magie Valley air show announced Monday that the high-precision Navy and Marine Corps flight team is scheduled to perform at next year's show, July 26.

The Blue Angels would likely be the biggest headline in the event's history. It's been 30 years since a jet team last flew over Twin Falls, and organizers expect the Angels to draw at least 80,000 people — about 10 times more than at some previous air shows.

Funding for the event, however, is far from secured. The 2006 air show was cancelled just weeks beforehand when local sponsors backed out.

That won't happen this time, said Phil Hafer, the air show committee chairman.

"We're way ahead of the curve on this one," he said shortly after the announcement.

But so far just \$15,000 — one-tenth of what it costs to put on the show — has been secured. Other sponsors are lined up, Hafer said, but are waiting until after the holidays to write their checks.

The air show committee paid \$6,000 to book the Angels and will spend

Angels we will see on high

recruitment and each recruit will undergo a rigorous selection process. The team is known for high-speed precision maneuvers, sometimes flying just inches apart in F/A-18 Hornets. Blue Angels' pilots don't wear traditional flight suits, which are designed with air bladders to prevent blood

about another \$50,000 for special equipment, security and 70 hotel rooms for the crew.

Hundreds of air shows compete each fall to book the Angels. Each September, the Department of Defense reviews the applications, and in December the squadron's leader, the Navy and the Department of Defense make the final selections.

Air Magie Valley organizers, who have applied for the Angels three times in the past, shifted the show dates to a month later to accommodate the team.

"It's just extremely tough to get them," Hafer said. "And we're thrilled they're coming. This will be the biggest

event in Twin Falls, crowd-wise, in years."

The Angels are known for high-speed, acrobatic stunts at close proximity — sometimes mere inches separate wing tips of planes moving at supersonic speeds. The maneuvers are dangerous, though collisions are rare.

An Angel pilot was killed in April when his F/A-18 Hornet crashed into a neighborhood near Beaufort, S.C. It was the team's first fatal crash since 1989 and the 26th in the squadron's 60-year history.

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Look into my eyes

Hypnotist to try to convince local teens of dangers of drunk driving

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

Students at Twin Falls High School are so passionate about protecting their peers from the dangers of drinking and driving that they collected \$5,000 to fly in a hypnotist from Las Vegas.

The sin city headliner, Marc Savard, has been speaking to high school students since 1993. According to his MySpace page, Savard hypnotized himself after he suffered a broken back and fractured skull in an accident with a drunk driver.



Savard

"Savard not only defied his doctors' grim prognosis by making a rapid and complete recovery, he left them in awe by doing things like controlling his pain with mind power instead of medication," according to his MySpace page.

Savard did not return a call for comment. But the school's athletic director, Mike Federico, said bringing Savard to Twin Falls stemmed from an impressive student effort to fundraise entirely through their fundraising.

"Our student leaders are the ones who are driving this," Federico said. "They're worried about drinking and driving."

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Mormons who fast may have edge on heart disease

By Marilyn Prochione
Associated Press writer

Mormons have less heart disease — something doctors have long chalked up to their religious ban on smoking. New research suggests that another of their "clean living" habits also may be helping their hearts: fasting for one day each month.

A study in Utah, where the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is based, found that people who skipped meals once a month were about 40 percent less likely to be diagnosed with clogged arteries than those who did not regularly fast.

"People did not have to 'get religion' to benefit: non-Mormons who regularly took breaks from food also were less likely to have clogged arteries, scientists found. They concede that their study is far from proof that periodic fasting is good for anyone, but said the benefit they observed poses a theory

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Police say missionary school had rejected Colorado gunman

By Judith Kohler
Associated Press writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Jeanne Assam said her hands were steady as she aimed her gun at a young man firing a high-powered rifle in the crowded foyer of her church.

"And she prayed for divine guidance.

"I was given the assignment to end this before it got too much worse," she told reporters Monday, a day after police say the same man killed four people at the New Life Church and a missionary training school in another city.

"I just said, 'Holy Spirit, be with me,'" Assam said. "My hands weren't even shaking." Police say Matthew Murray, 24, may have died of



Jeanne Assam, the security guard at New Life Church, who shot and killed a gunman as he terrorized worshippers after Sunday services, smiles as she talks to reporters about the shooting at the church in Colorado Springs, Colo., during a news conference Monday.

a self-inflicted gunshot wound instead of any shots fired by Assam. Still, police and church leaders credited her bravery with averting a

greater tragedy. Five additional people were wounded at New Life and 65 miles away in the Denver suburb of Arvada.

Police blamed Murray for both eruptions of violence. Murray had been thrown out of Youth With a Mission, in Arvada, a few years ago

and had been sending it hate mail, police said in court papers.

Youth With a Mission maintains an office at the 10,000-member church in Colorado Springs, where police said the center was the Mormon denomination in both locations.

In a statement, the training center said health problems kept Murray from finishing the program. It did not elaborate. Murray did not complete the lecture phase or a field assignment as part of a 12-week program, Youth With a Mission said.

"The program directors felt that issues with his health made it inappropriate for him" to finish, it said.

Police gave no details on

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Complete weather report: See page B6

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CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS The American Legion Post No. 7 and Auxiliary Christmas party...

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HEALTH AND RECOVERY CSI's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout...

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus...

MORNING BRIEFING AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON

White House silent on destroyed CIA tapes

Congress summoned CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden to Capitol Hill to explain his agency's destruction of interrogation videotapes...

Hayden is to testify in a closed session Tuesday before the Senate Intelligence Committee...

The tapes were destroyed in 2005 but Congress was not told until 2006 at the earliest...



I. Lewis 'Scooter' Libby in an undated photo. Libby has dropped his legal appeal to being found guilty of obstructing justice...

prison and a \$250,000 fine. Bush commuted the sentence before Libby served any time...

"We remain firmly convinced of Mr. Libby's innocence," his attorney, Theodore Wells, said in a statement...

LONDON

It's been a long time, but Zeppelin's back

LONDON — With a thunder of power chords and rock 'n' roll swagger, Led Zeppelin broke a silence of two decades Monday in a laud-and-smoke reunion...

The band that breached the barriers between rock, blues and arty mysticism and nurtured a generation on the cusp between the 1960s and 1970s emerged for a sold-out performance in front of about 20,000 concertgoers in east London...

he roared then, as the band broke into "Kashmir," the melodic and deep-throated anthem that is one of its signatures...

The event was organized as a tribute to the late Ahmet Ertegun, founder of Atlantic Records, and also featured performances by Bill Wyman's Rhythm Kings...

Chen Shui-bian immediately after holding a two-hour meeting with Ray Burghardt, the most senior U.S. envoy responsible for Taiwan relations.

TAIWAN

President won't declare formal independence

TAIPEI — Taiwan's president pledged Monday he will not declare formal independence for the self-ruled island before his term ends...

Chen Shui-bian's comments appeared aimed at placating fears held by both Washington and Beijing that

the referendum was testing the waters for a declaration of independence — a move Beijing says would require it to retake the island by force...

"Some say I will do something unexpected during the election season, including declaring independence," the Taiwanese leader said in an interview with The Associated Press...

SOUTH DAKOTA

Woman's soak in hot tub interrupted by mountain lion

DEADWOOD — A relaxing soak in a hot tub came to an abrupt end when Mark Todd came eye to eye with a mountain lion in her backyard...

"It was kind of hidden, sitting with my back up against the side of the tub, and I heard a little rustling sound in the needles right beside me," she said.

Todd said she thought it might have been her house cat until she saw "this big, tan, hairy body" just 4 inches away.

"I didn't realize what it was until it took a leap and jumped up on the side of my hot tub," Todd said.

The cougar was cornered somewhat because the deck stairs blocked its retreat. It would have to go up and over the hot tub.

"I just took a leap. It jumped on the side of the hot tub," Todd said of the Thursday morning encounter.

"Now I know what a goldfish feels like when the cat is staring in its bowl," Todd said.

— compiled from wire reports

Libby drops appeal of CIA leak conviction

I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the former aide to Vice President Dick Cheney whose sentence for lying and obstructing justice in the CIA leak case was commuted by President Bush in the summer, has dropped his legal appeal.

The announcement from Libby's lawyer could be the coda to a scandal that rocked official Washington, D.C., for several years, saw one top-name journalist imprisoned for refusing to say who leaked the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame and ignited a debate about whether the White House misled the country into war in Iraq.

Libby was found guilty in March of obstruction of justice, making false statements to the FBI and two counts of perjury. He was sentenced to 30 months in



Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian in Taipei, Taiwan, Monday.

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• Hear Idaho State Department of Agriculture representatives talk about a new loan that helps businesses improve transportation, and read the loan paperwork.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

SAFETY Reservations for Dec. 15 AARP Driver Safety Class, for all ages, no AARP membership required...

MUSEUMS Faulkner Planetarium "Season of Light" 7 p.m. and "Stearmrolling" 8:15 p.m., Harrett Center, CSI campus...

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Snowpack Levels table with columns for Watershed, % of Avg, % of peak, and % of Dec 10

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Idaho Power wants to incorporate the money it spends buying electricity from this geothermal plant near Malta, into a formula the company uses to grant rate discounts or surcharges to customers each spring.

Geothermal

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buy that power could develop later. Idaho Power plans to buy 200 megawatts of geothermal electricity by 2022. Ten megawatts can meet the electricity needs of about 7,500 people.

Geothermal power is more reliable than wind and solar energy, it has virtually no emissions and it has promising potential in Idaho, according to a 2006 report by the Geothermal Energy Association. That report cited a January 2006 study by the Geothermal Task Force of the Western Governors' Association that estimated Idaho could produce 850 megawatts of geothermal electricity by 2015 and 1,670 megawatts by 2025.

Just 850 megawatts is enough to meet 30 percent of Idaho's energy needs. The U.S. Geothermal plant,

which is already selling about 10 megawatts of electricity to Idaho Power, is expected to be selling its contracted amount by June. It is Idaho's first commercial geothermal electricity plant.

Eventually, the plant, built on an abandoned Department of Energy test site, could produce 100 megawatts of power at its full capacity.

For comparison, Idaho Power's Gen 3 Miller Dam — just one of 17 hydro facilities run by the utility company — has a 58-megawatt capacity. The state commission will decide on Idaho Power's request after a public comment period ends later this month. To comment: <http://www.puc.idaho.gov>.

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Fasting

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that deserves further testing. "I might suggest these are people who just control eating habits better," and that this discipline extends to other areas of their lives that improves their health, said Benjamin Horne, a heart disease researcher from Intermountain Medical Center and the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He led the study and reported results at a recent American Heart Association conference. The research was partly funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Roughly 70 percent of Utah residents are Mormons, whose religion advises abstaining from food on the first Sunday of each month, Horne said.

Researchers got the idea to study fasting after analyzing medical records of patients who had X-ray exams to check for blocked heart arteries between 1994 and 2002 in the Intermountain Health Collaborative Study, a health registry. Of these patients, 4,629 could be diagnosed as clearly having or lacking heart disease — an artery at least 70 percent clogged.

Researchers saw a typical patient: only 61 percent of Mormons had heart disease compared to 66 percent of non-Mormons. They thought tobacco use probably accounted for the difference. But after taking smoking into account, they still saw a lower rate of heart disease among Mormons and designed a survey to explore why.

It asked about Mormons' religious practices: monthly fasting; avoiding tea, coffee

and alcohol; taking a weekly day of rest; going to church; and donating time or money to charity.

Among the 515 people surveyed, only fasting made a significant difference in heart risks: 59 percent of periodic meal skippers were diagnosed with heart disease versus 67 percent of the others.

The difference persisted even when researchers took weight, age and conditions like diabetes or high cholesterol or blood pressure into account. About 8 percent of those surveyed were not Mormons, and those who regularly fasted had lower rates of heart disease, too.

Horne speculated that when people take a break from food, it forces the body to dip into fat reserves to burn calories. It also keeps the body from being constantly exposed to sugar and having to make insulin to metabolize it. When people develop diabetes, insulin-producing cells become less sensitive to cues from eating, so fasting may provide brief rests that resensitize these cells and make them work better, he said.

But he and other doctors cautioned that skipping meals is not advised for diabetics — it could cause dangerous swings in blood sugar. Also for dieters, "the news is not as good as you might think" on fasting, said Dr. Raymond Gibbons of the Mayo Clinic, a former heart association president.

"Fasting resets the metabolic rate, slowing it down to adjust to less food and forcing the body to store calories as soon as people resume eating, Gibbons said.

Hypnosis

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One of those student leaders is student body secretary Katie Krumm, 16. She said she heard about "Savard from student council members at another school. Krumm hasn't seen Savard yet, but she said other students told her he's "amazing and intense."

The student body raised \$5,000 to bring Savard to Twin Falls High School. Businesses, local families, grant money garnered through the district and the Parent Teacher Student Organization all chipped in to raise funds for the show, Krumm said.

Parents had to sign away for their child to sit in. By signing it, parents acknowledged hypnosis is a "height-

ened state of focused awareness."

During the two shows today, each of which lasts about two hours, students volunteer to come up the stage for 50 minutes of "ridiculous and comical hypnosis." Then they're guided through a drinking and driving accident scenario.

Federico said he hopes the show will help eliminate a sense of invulnerability that some students have.

"Teens know drinking and driving is dangerous and illegal but they still do it because they don't understand the consequences of their behavior," Federico said.

Today's show will help students understand those

consequences, he said.

Some parents expressed ambivalence about today's program. School authorities said the exact number of parents who refused to sign the waiver will not be tallied until later today. The assemblies will be provided to all 1,500 students at the school. Krumm said she knows of a few students who have gotten into trouble for drinking and driving. She also said she understands why some parents might be ambivalent about the hypnosis performance.

"I think some parents might be a little uncomfortable," Krumm said. "Hypnosis is kind of weird. They may have a different idea of what it's about, but what it's about is to show

students they can be strong enough to say no to drinking and driving."

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said some parents may classify hypnosis in the category of "sensitive materials." But he said other parent groups have recommended the school provide more information to students concerning substance abuse.

The district is attempting to accommodate both groups of parents, he said.

Children without parental consent to sit through today's show will view other informational activities, school authorities said.

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Gunman

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the hate mail, and the training center said that Murray led in 2002 — five years ago, not the three police cited — and that no one can recall any visits or other communication from him since then.

Investigators have not said whether Murray singled out his victims, but the two people killed at the church — sisters Stephanie and Rachael Works, ages 18 and 16 — frequented the training center, their uncle, Mark Schaepe of Lincoln, Neb., told The Gazette of Colorado Springs.

Murray's father, Ronald S. Murray, is the executive of the Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center in Englewood.

Authorities searched the Murray house on a quiet street in Englewood on Monday for guns, ammunition and computers. No one was home when a reporter visited the split-level brick home early Monday.

Matthew Murray lived there along with a brother, Christopher, 21, a student at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

A neighbor, Cody Askeland, 19, said the brothers were homeschooled, describing the whole family as "very, very religious."

Christopher studied for a semester at Colorado Christian University before transferring to Oral Roberts, said Ronald Rex, dean of admissions and marketing at Colorado Christian. He said Matthew Murray had been in contact with school officials this summer about attending but decided he wasn't interested because he thought the school was too expensive.

Police said Murray's only previous brush with the law was a traffic ticket this year.

New Life Church's senior pastor, the Rev. Brady Boyd, said the gunman had no connection to the church.

"We don't know this shooter," Boyd said. "He showed up on our property yesterday with a gun with the intention of hurting people. We did."

New Life, with a largely

upper middle-class membership, was founded by the Rev. Ted Haggard, who was dismissed last year after a former male prostitute alleged he had a three-year cash-for-sex relationship with him. Haggard admitted committing unspecified "sexual immorality."

The two people killed at the missionary center were identified as Tiffany Johnson, 26, and Philip Crouse, 24.

Johnson, who grew up in Chisholm, Minn., loved working with children and wanted to see the world, said family friend Carla Macynski.

"Tiffany was a well-liked, easygoing 26-year-old. She was friendly, adventurous and a definite leader," Macynski said as she choked back tears. Johnson had traveled to Egypt, Libya and South Africa with the missionary group.

Crouse, of Alaska, was a former skinhead who went through a dramatic spiritual conversion at 18. He had helped build a foster home at a Crow Indian reservation in Montana, said Bonny Morris, who works with a Denver chapter of the mission.

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Storm ices roads from Plains to Northeast, causes blackouts, traffic deaths

By Ken Miller
Associated Press writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — A winter storm caked the center of the nation with a thick layer of ice Monday, blacking out more than 600,000 homes and businesses, and more icy weather was on the way. At least 15 deaths in Oklahoma and Missouri were blamed on the conditions, with 13 of them killed on slick highways.

A state of emergency was declared for the entire state of Oklahoma, where the sound of branches snapping under the weight of the ice echoed through Oklahoma City.

"You can hear them falling everywhere," said a female employee of a trucking company who was shoveling ice off his driveway.

The National Weather Service posted ice and winter storm warnings Tuesday for parts of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois.

Missouri declared an emergency on Sunday and put the National Guard on alert.

Oklahoma utilities said a winter storm caked the center of the nation with a thick layer of ice Monday, blacking out more than 600,000 homes and businesses, and more icy weather was on the way. At least 15 deaths in Oklahoma and Missouri were blamed on the conditions, with 13 of them killed on slick highways.

"If you do the math, probably one out of three Oklahomaans has no electricity at this point," said Gil Broyles, a spokesman for Oklahoma Gas & Electric, the state's largest utility.

Roughly 11,000 customers were blacked out in southern Illinois and more than 5,000 had no electric heat or lights in Kansas, where Gov. Kathleen Sebelius was expecting requests from several counties for emergency declarations.



Mike Williams, of Troy, Mo., tightens a power line while working to restore power in Wright City, Mo., Monday. Utilities in Missouri said more than 100,000 homes and business had no power there.

Ice was as much as an inch thick on tree limbs and power lines in parts of the region. Schools across Oklahoma were closed and some hospitals were relying on backup power generators. The federal Emergency Management Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers sent 50 generators and three truckloads of bottled water from Texas to distribute to blacked-out areas of Oklahoma.

Tulsa International Airport had no power for about 10 hours and halted flight operations for the day, and most morning flights at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City were canceled because of icy runways. Ground crew passengers were stranded overnight at a shelter in a church in Tulsa, and were joined by some local residents who had no heat.

Portions of Interstate 35 and Interstate 44 were shut down early Monday afternoon in Oklahoma City after ice-laden power lines collapsed and fell into the roadways. Oklahoma utility officials said it could be a week or more before power was fully restored.

"This is a big one. We've got a massive situation here and it's probably going to be a week to 10 days before we get power on to everybody," said Ted Bettinger, a spokesman for Public Service Company. "It looks like a war zone."

The Oklahoma City suburb of Jones, a town of 2,500 people, had low water pressure because there was no electricity to run well pumps, and firefighters said an early morning fire destroyed most of the community's high school.

The icy weather stretched into the Northeast, where many schools across upstate New York were closed or started late because of icy roads.

On ice-covered Interstate 40 west of Okemah, Okla., four people died in "one huge cluster of an accident" that involved 11 vehicles, said Highway Patrol Trooper Betsy Randolph.

Eight other people also died on icy Oklahoma roads, and Missouri had one death on a slippery highway. In addition, a homeless person died of hypothermia in Oklahoma City, the state medical examiner's office said.

Bill Clinton says Hillary should have run in the first place, even if it meant dumping him

By Mike Glover
Associated Press writer

AMES, Iowa — Campaigning for his wife, former President Clinton says that when they were starting out he was so struck by her intellect and ability he once suggested she should just dump him and jump into her own political career.

"That didn't happen, of course, and on Monday he gave an Iowa crowd his version of why it didn't."

"I thought it would be wrong for me to rob her of the chance to be what I thought she should be," said Clinton. "She laughed and said, 'First I love you and, second, I'm not going to run for anything, I'm too headheaded.'"

Hillary Rodham Clinton is running now, and husband Bill was campaigning for her in the 2008 campaign's leadoff caucus state — two days after rival Democrat Barack Obama got a full weekend's

worth of attention by bringing in talk show queen Oprah Winfrey to campaign for him.

The former president opened a two-day swing through Iowa on behalf of his wife, packing nearly 500 people into a theater on the campus of Iowa State University.

"She has spent a lifetime as a change agent when she had the option to do other things," he said.

"I thought she was the most gifted person of our generation," said Clinton, who said he told her. "You know, you really should dump me and go back home to Chicago or go to New York and take one of those offers you've got and run for office."

Now that she's a New York senator and in a tight Democratic contest — with Illinois Sen. Obama and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards — the former president said he wanted to persuade voters that she has "the best combination of mind

and heart."

He offered a self-deprecating view of the couple's early life in Arkansas.

"When she came down there and we got married, I was a defeated candidate for Congress with a \$26,000 salary and a \$42,000 campaign debt," said Clinton.

"If she had half as calculating as someone said, that's a really good way to run for president."

In his latest Iowa swing, Clinton is bringing heavy attention to his wife, who is competing in the precinct caucuses that will launch the presidential nominating season on Jan. 3.

"It's one thing to have good intentions; it is another thing entirely to change people's lives," Clinton said. "She's the best non-incumbent I have ever had a chance to vote for. In my whole life I've never met anyone like her."

While Clinton remains very popular among Democrats,



Former president Bill Clinton campaigns for his wife, Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., Monday in Ames, Iowa.

his image is mixed in the wider population. An Associated Press-Ipsos poll last month showed that 54 percent of those questioned had a very or somewhat favorable view of the former president, while 43 percent had a very or somewhat unfavorable view.

said, "I have not decided, I'll wait and listen to the debates."

Maureen Ogle said she also wanted to keep her options open and was eager to see a president about whom she has decidedly mixed views.

"I'm never going to forgive him for the way he humiliated his wife and daughter, but I would vote for him in a heartbeat," said Ogle. "He is one of two or three of the most powerful people in the world."

Clinton was more than an hour late opening his swing in Ames, with campaign staffers alternately blaming the weather and airplane problems. Still, virtually everyone who showed up stuck around to hear a speech that was shorter than the wait.

"I'm out of politics now except every two years the Democrats kind of haul me out of the barn like an old horse to see if I can make it around the track one more time," he said.

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High court gives judges leeway to reduce disparity in cocaine sentences

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, weighing in on an issue with racial undertones, ruled Monday that federal judges have broad leeway to impose shorter prison terms for crack cocaine in a case that bolsters the argument for reducing the difference in sentences for crack and powder cocaine.

The court, by 7-2 votes in the crack case and one other involving drugs, upheld more lenient sentences imposed by judges who rejected federal sentencing guidelines as too harsh.

The decision was announced ahead of a vote scheduled for Tuesday by the U.S.

Sentencing Commission, which sets the guidelines, that could cut prison time for as many as 19,500 federal inmates convicted of crack crimes.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, writing for the majority in the crack case, said a 15-year sentence given to Derrick Kimbrough was acceptable, even though federal sentencing guidelines called for Kimbrough to receive 19 to 22 years.

"In making that determination, the judge may consider the disparity between the guidelines' treatment of crack and powder cocaine offenses," Ginsburg said.

Kimbrough, a veteran of the first Gulf War, is black, as are more than 80 percent of federal defendants sentenced in crack cases. By contrast, just over a quarter of those convicted of powder cocaine crimes last year were black.

The Sentencing Commission recently changed the guidelines to reduce the disparity in prison time for the two crimes. New guidelines took effect Nov. 1 after Congress took no action to overturn the change. Tuesday's vote is whether to apply the guidelines retroactively.

Monday's Supreme Court ruling grew out of a decision three years ago in which the justices ruled that judges need not strictly follow the sentencing guidelines. Instead, appellate courts would review sentences for reasonableness, although the court has since struggled to define what it meant by that term.

The guidelines were established by the Sentencing Commission, at Congress' direction, in the mid-1980s to help produce uniform punishments for similar crimes. Justice Samuel Alito, who with Justice Clarence Thomas dissented in both cases, said that after Monday's decisions, "sentencing disparities will gradually increase."

The second case decided by the court did not involve cocaine. The justices upheld a sentence of probation for Brian Gall for his role in a conspiracy to sell 10,000 pills of ecstasy.

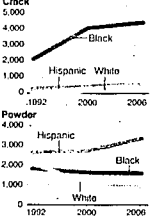
U.S. District Judge Robert Pratt of Des Moines, Iowa, determined that Gall had voluntarily quit selling drugs several years before he was implicated, stopped drinking and graduated from college and built a successful business. The guidelines said Gall should have been sent to prison for 30 to 37 months.

"The sentence imposed by the experienced district judge in this case was reasonable," Justice John Paul Stevens said in his majority opinion.

Cocaine offenders

Blacks have been prosecuted for more crack cocaine offenses, while Hispanics top the list for powder cocaine.

On federal charges, fiscal year



SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission

Stevens cautioned federal appeals courts to step in only when judges abuse their discretion.

Appeals courts in both cases tossed out the lesser sentences imposed by the judges.

The Bush administration urged the Supreme Court to follow suit and order tougher sentences.

Monday's rulings could embolden trial judges to vary their sentences from the guidelines more frequently and diminish the chances that appeals courts will overturn those sentences, said Douglas Berman, a sentencing expert at the Ohio State University law school.

"In making that determination (to reject federal sentencing guidelines), the judge may consider the disparity between the guidelines' treatment of crack and powder cocaine offenses."
— Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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EDITORIAL

From Magic Valley High School, students are going places

It is housed in an old Safeway store. Yet in terms of bang for the taxpayer's buck, Magic Valley High School accomplishes at least as much as Twin Falls High School does.

Magic Valley High is in the business of turning lives around. And it's a short turnaround.

The seven kids who graduated from NVHS last week had dropped out of Twin Falls High, some of them just a year ago. Uncertain and unmotivated, they found new inspiration at the district's alternative high school.

These are students — some of them single parents themselves — who would otherwise be flipping burgers and washing cars. Now, many of them are headed for the College of Southern Idaho or to a trade school and a real future.

Within two years, some of them will be earning three or four times as much as their old minimum-wage jobs paid.

The Twin Falls School District is justifiably proud of its traditional high school, but it's not for everybody.

Four percent of students in the district drop out of high school — almost double the state average — and most of them aren't flunking their classes when they do. They just don't find Twin Falls High relevant and their education stimulating.

In a smaller setting, with kids of similar backgrounds, there's an entirely different atmosphere. Motivation is strong because students can see a definable goal — and a payoff — at the end of their public school careers.

These are youngsters who will be repairing your computer or taking care of your dad in the hospital or working in high-tech labs for Magic Valley companies in a few years. Many aren't college-bound, in the traditional sense, but they're still in a good position to parlay an affordable and accessible education into attractive careers in a changing economy.

Those opportunities are evolving so quickly that they're challenging traditional higher education to adapt. By the time a Twin Falls High graduate completes his or her education in, say, business at one of Idaho's four-year schools, some counterparts from Magic Valley High will be making good money and buying homes.

After Canyon Ridge High School opens in 2009, the Twin Falls School District's next secondary education priority should be non-traditional students. Magic Valley High needs a better, bigger building — there's a waiting list to get into the school — and more equipment and teachers.

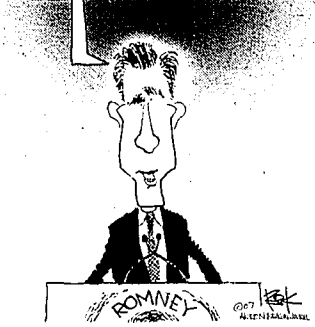
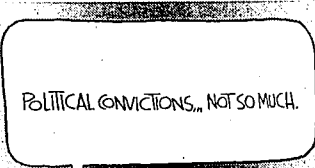
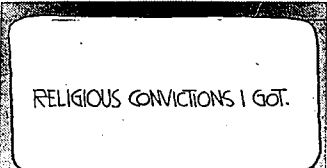
It's a bargain because the school imparts what every high student needs: a sense of possibility.

Our view:
Magic Valley High School — Twin Falls' alternative secondary school — isn't a second-tier option for students anymore.

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

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Romney's speech rings hollower than JFK's

WASHINGTON — When I was a kid, we used to drive on the Beltway past the big Mormon temple outside Washington. The spires rose up like a white Oz, and some wag had spray-painted the message on a bridge beneath: "Surrender Dorothy!"



One of my Republican brothers told me he wished he could vote for "a Protestant Mitt Romney."

Of course, it was no more scary than scowling nuns with long naves preaching about the virgin birth, the Holy Ghost and the hideous fates that would befall girls who wore too much makeup or French-kissed.

But even for those of us in religions that were once considered cults by other religions — my mom and another Catholic girlfriend actually had Southern Protestants ask them to lift up their hair so they could see the mark of the devil or the horns — Mormonism is opaque.

Now, in addition to asking candidates about boxers or briefs, we have reporters asking Mitt Romney if he wears The Garment, the sacred one-piece, knee-length underwear with Mormon markings and strict disposal rules.

After marrying a passel of women, some as young as 14, he had a "divine revelation" about polygamy that

steamed his original wife, Emma. "Emma harangued Joseph so relentlessly about his philandering," Krakauer wrote, "that the original intent of the revelation canonized as Section 132 seems to have been simply to persuade Emma to shut up and accept his plural wives — while at the same time compelling her to refrain from indulging in any extracurricular sex herself."

I called Krakauer — who also wrote the best sellers "Lone Star" and "Into the Wild" — to get his opinion of Mitt's religion speech.

Mormons see themselves as the one true religion, and don't buy all of the New Testament, he said, "which makes it curious why Mitt thinks evangelical Christians are his allies."

Asked Thursday by Diane Sawyer on "Good Morning America" if he thought Mormons were Christians, Richard Land, an official of the Southern Baptist Convention, replied, "No, I do not."

It's a terrible place to be gay. The leadership is authoritarian, male, white and absolutely intolerant of dissent.

"The problem with Mitt is not his religion; it is his overzealous policy shaping. He did not give a brave speech, but a pandering one. Disguised as a courageous, Kennedyesque statement of principle, the talk was really just an attempt to compete with the evolution-disdaining, religion-baiting Huckabee and get Baptists to concede that Mormons are Christians."

"JFK's speech was to reassure Americans that he wasn't a religious fanatic," Krakauer agreed. "Mitt's was to tell evangelical Christians, 'I'm a religious fanatic just like you.'"

The backdrop, he said, is "the wickedly fierce competition between Mormons and Southern evangelicals to convert people."

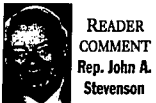
"The world is globalizing, nuclear weapons are proliferating, the Middle East is seething, but Republicans are still arguing the Scopes trial."

Mitt was right when he said that "Americans do not respect believers of convenience." Now if he would only admit he's desecrating himself.

Maureen Dowd is a columnist for The New York Times.

All customers should share burden for higher power bills

Today we in Idaho are fortunate indeed! Our state is growing and our economy is thriving. Part of my responsibility as a legislator is to ensure that the Idaho of tomorrow has a future just as promising as today's. One of the most critical issues in meeting that promise is maintaining our clean, reliable and affordable energy supply.



Many Idahoans do not recognize the critical link between water and electricity. It is largely due to our hydro-power system that we can take for granted some of the lowest-cost and emission-free electricity in the nation. As rapid population growth and increased demand threaten that system, many Idahoans are concerned that low rates and economic growth not come at the expense of our quality of life, public health or environment.

encouraging the development of a diverse resource base that makes good use of the conventional resources that have served us well to date and takes advantage of renewable resources, conservation and new technologies.

Every sector of our economy will benefit, but not without a price. The challenge is finding the right balance between resources that meet future needs and protect public health and the environment without unfairly or unnecessarily burdening our ratepayers.

In the coming weeks, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will consider Idaho Power Company's request for a general rate

increase. In making its request, Idaho Power cites the need to provide customers with "reliable, responsible electrical service for today and tomorrow." The company is investing in new generation, distribution and transmission. It also needs to recover increased costs to operate and maintain existing facilities and implement governmental and environmental regulations.

I respect Idaho Power's commitment to reliably and responsibly meet their "obligation to serve." The public has been well-served. But I have one concern about this proposed rate increase. Idaho Power Company's cost recovery should not unfairly burden any one customer class.

Most of Idaho Power Company's unprecedented growth is related to residential, primarily in the Treasure Valley. But, out of an overall 10.35 percent

increase, only 4.5 percent or an average \$2.86 per month is attributed to residential customers. Other customer classes would see increases ranging from 13 percent to 20 percent. Placing the biggest share of this rate increase on other customer classes is unfair.

Irrigated agriculture would see the largest increase at 20 percent, along with increased demand, service and energy charges. Irrigation is not contributing to Idaho Power's growth. It has actually declined over the last 15 years and the demand for electricity on existing farms is not expanding.

An increase of this magnitude threatens the survival of Idaho's family farms. While some farmers are seeing higher commodity prices, farm income is impacted by many of the same increased operating and maintenance costs behind Idaho Power's proposed rate increase — higher labor and fuel costs,

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water shortages and temperature extremes.

It is reasonable to expect that we will all benefit from Idaho Power Company's investments in our future electrical supply and should all share in the costs. It seems to me that if growth cannot pay for growth, then the better solution would be to evenly spread those costs across all customer classes.

healthy economy as well as ensuring Idahoans access to a clean, reliable and affordable energy supply today and tomorrow.

As this rate case goes forward, I encourage the PUC to consider a rate increase that fairly allocates increased costs among all of Idaho Power Company's customers. We all have a stake in protecting that crucial link between energy and a

Rep. John A. "Bert" Stevenson (R-Rupert) is serving his sixth term in the Idaho House of Representatives for District 26, Jerome and Mindoka counties. He is chairman of the House Resources and Conservation Committee and a member of the House Agricultural Affairs and State Affairs Committee as well as the interim legislative committees for Energy, Environment and Technology and Natural Resources.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editorial ignorant of state's wolf problem

The writer of yesterday's (Dec. 6) editorial on "Wolf Politics," especially the part about "Officials now estimate that about 700 wolves prowl Idaho," was either ignorant of the true wolf problem or sarcastic. Just recently, your own paper put the count at 760, with 20 percent to 30 percent dying each year (i.e., 1,055 by this time next year). Was Gov. Otter's "first to kill a wolf?" declaration also sarcasm? Seemingly an anti-wolf person, since that asinine statement, he has done absolutely nothing about the wolf problem. The writer also forgot to mention that as soon as wolves are removed from the endangered list, 27 lawsuits from environmentalists and so-called animal rights groups will tie up in court any solution for many more years. By 2010, there will be almost 2,000 wolves (1,700 in Idaho). There can be no compromise; either the wolves have to go or else no elk will be left.

His "I'm sure sarcastic (or ignorant) remark was," "They also occasionally kill elk..." He forgot to add "sick" and "weak" in front of elk, for Ed Bangs and others practically guaranteed that wolves would kill only the sick and weak elk in Idaho.

His closing statement, "It is essential that Idaho's politicians let the agency do its job," should be changed. "It is essential that Idaho's citizens decide this issue before all the ungelantes in Idaho have been slaughtered, for the Fish and Game and other federal agencies have put innumerable outfitters and for decades the good hunting that we used to enjoy."

WALT BAUCUM
Gooding

Small businesses need signs to attract people

I would like to bring up the subject of temporary signs that our small-business owners need to use. We set or hang them out near the street so cars going by notice a new business. These signs are important to us to get the town to notice the new business. As a new small-business owner advertising in papers, on TV or other means is a great way but too expensive for us as it can cost hundreds of dollars to keep it up. I have one of these signs at my business on Washington Street North at The Repair

Shop, and many new people say that is how they noticed the new business. My business contributes to the recycling of used items and saving other items that no one else can or will.

A person from the city department came into my business Dec. 6 and informed me I must remove my temporary sign and continued to mention he was doing this all over town; even the nice, professional signs were being ordered removed.

I recycle. My sign is important to this business and anyone interested in recycling and repairing what they have instead of throwing it in the landfill.

On another note, this city gentleman who came into my business said I could not have that sign anywhere on the property — not even on the roof. Just 12 inches from the edge of my property is an old city street sign lying on the ground that has been there for years. Why is it OK for that to be there, I wonder. Please help us keep our signs out to stay!

KEN GOODING
Twin Falls

Religion and politics need to stay separate

When I can find common ground with Charles Krauthammer, a man I rarely agree with, that evangelical Christians hold too great an influence on Republican Party politics. It is a happy day.

His critique of Romney's "religious confession" to assuage evangelical piety in order to maintain his viability as a candidate hit the mail squarely on the head. Any politician who feels that he must kowtow to any religious group or defend himself from them, has lost his way. Romney's apparent need to publicly defend his Mormon faith, generally considered to be a cult by true evangelicals, is living testimony of why the founding fathers built a wall of separation between church and state. No one, regardless of their religious beliefs, should be required to present themselves as being more "Christian" than other "Christians," and it is a slippery slope the country is sliding down when we allow it to happen.

That Mike Huckabee haills himself as a "Christian leader" is reason enough for me to not want him to win the nomination. A secular knee-jerk reaction that is just as wrong as hoping he will

win solely because he is a devout Christian. Religion and politics need to stay on their respective tracks, just as the Constitution demands it. The effort to dismantle public education reeks of religious tampering, and a person of this conservative mindset that we are doing the "Lord's work" in Iraq are clear indications that the Republican Party is allowing the religious tail to wag the secular dog. It needs to stop!

I would ask of Huckabee, however, that for a man who does not believe in evolution and that earth is only 6,000 years old, how he intends to conduct foreign policy with Chinese, Indian and Pakistani peoples who have a written culture that predates Earth?

BARRY ELLER
Twin Falls

Politicians need to address country's real needs

Naw starts the snow jobs with the politicians. Wouldn't it be great if it was real snow? We would have overflowing reservoirs.

Snow job 1: If Vietnam goes communist, we will have a domino affect and all of the Far East would go communist. Intel is now building the largest chip manufacturing plant in the world in Vietnam.

Snow job 2: Iraq was building an A-bomb that will destroy the whole world.

Snow job 3: All terrorists will go to Iraq so we can show them only one of the ten 9/11 were from Iraq.

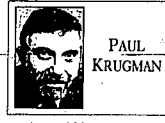
Snow job 4: Bush keeps mouthing off about World War III. We are stretched thin and broke after six years of war. Slam dunk, mission accomplished. Iraqi people dancing in the streets more likely Russians, Chinese, North Koreans laughing up their sleeves.

Naw hear this: "Terrorists are being shot in Iraq when all they have to do is get readily available passports, Social Security cards and any other documents necessary to enter the United States; 12 million have already done that or jumped the fence. Then to top that off, the administration proposes to cut homeland security forces to allow another tax cut for the rich. This after being advised that another terror attack is in the works.

Wouldn't it be nice if the politicians would pull their heads out of their butts and address the real needs of this country?
MATT SMITH
Twin Falls

Mortgage bailout plan too little, too late

By Bush administration Henry Paulson, the Treasury secretary is a good guy, he isn't completely incompetent; and he isn't trying to mislead us into war, justify torture or protect corrupt contractors.



PAUL KRUGMAN

But Paulson's actions reflect the priorities of the administration he serves. And that, ultimately, is what's wrong with the mortgage relief plan he unveiled last week.

The plan is, as a New York Times editorial put it on Sunday, "too little, too late and too voluntary." But from the administration's point of view these failings aren't bugs, they're features.

In fact, there's a growing consensus among financial observers that the Paulson plan isn't mainly intended to achieve real results. The point is, instead, to create the appearance of action, thereby undercutting political support for actual attempts to help families in trouble.

In particular, the Paulson plan is probably an attempt to take the wind out of Barney Frank's sails, Frank, the Democratic chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, has sponsored legislation that would give judges in bankruptcy cases the ability to rewrite mortgage loan terms. But "Bankers Hope Bush Subprime Plan Will Scuttle House Bill," as a headline in CongressDaily put it.

As Elizabeth Warren, the Harvard bankruptcy expert, puts it, "The administration's subprime mortgage plan is the bank lobby's dream." Given the Bush record, that should come as no surprise.

There are, in fact, three distinct concerns associated with the rising tide of foreclosures in America. One is financial stability: As banks and other institutions take huge losses on their mortgage-related investments, the financial system as a whole is

restricted to borrowers whose mortgage debt is at least 97 percent of the house's value — which means that in many, perhaps most, cases those who get debt relief will be borrowers who owe more than their house is worth. These people would be nearly as well off if financial terms if they simply walked away.

And what about people with good credit who were misled into bad mortgage deals, who should have been steered to loans with better terms? They get nothing. The Paulson plan specifically excludes borrowers with good credit scores. In fact, the plan actually provides an incentive for some people to miss debt payments, because that would make them look like bad credit risks and eligible for better terms.

Naw, Paulson's attempt to help investors, while doing little or nothing for distressed and defrauded borrowers, might make sense if his plan would reduce investor losses enough to seriously improve the overall financial situation.

But only a small fraction of subprime borrowers will qualify for relief, and many of these borrowers will eventually face foreclosure anyway. So the plan is unlikely to reduce overall mortgage-related losses by more than a few percent, at most — not enough to make any real difference to financial stability. Indeed, interest-rate spreads that have been signaling a crisis of confidence in the financial system didn't narrow at all when the plan was announced.

Still, you might say that the Paulson plan is better than nothing. But the relevant alternative isn't nothing — it's a plan that — like Barney Frank's proposal — would actually help working families. And that's what the administration is trying to avoid.

Paul Krugman is a columnist for the New York Times.

getting wholly. Another is human suffering: Hundreds of thousands, and probably millions, of American families will lose their homes.

Finally, there's injustice: the subprime boom involved predatory lending — high-interest loans foisted on borrowers who qualified for lower rates — on an epic scale. The Wall Street Journal found that more than 55 percent of subprime loans made at the height of the housing bubble "went to people with credit scores high enough to often qualify for conventional loans with far better terms."

And in a declining housing market, these victims are stuck, unable to refinance.

So there are three problems. But Paulson's plan — or, to use its official name, the Hope Now Alliance plan — is entirely focused on reducing investor losses. Any minor relief it might provide to troubled borrowers is clearly incidental. And it is does nothing for the victims of predatory lending.

The plan sets voluntary guidelines under which some, but only some, borrowers whose mortgage payments are set to rise may get temporary relief.

This is supposed to help investors, because foreclosure on a house is expensive. There are big legal fees, and the house normally sells for less than the value of the mortgage. "Foreclosure is to no one's benefit," said Paulson in a White House interactive forum. "We heard estimates that mortgage investors lose 40-50 percent on their investment if it goes into foreclosure."

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205/70R-14S	\$4.53	205/70R-14S	\$4.30
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LT235/75R-16S	\$47.83	255/70R-16S	\$58.35
LT235/75R-16	\$48.37	255/70R-16	\$58.89
LT255/75R-16HW	\$51.79	275/70R-16	\$62.31
LT255/75R-16S	\$52.33	275/70R-16S	\$62.85
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LT275/75R-16S	\$56.83	295/70R-16S	\$67.35
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LT235/75R-16HW	\$47.83	255/70R-16	\$58.35
LT235/75R-16S	\$48.37	255/70R-16S	\$58.89
LT235/75R-16	\$48.91	255/70R-16	\$59.43
LT255/75R-16HW	\$51.79	275/70R-16	\$62.31
LT255/75R-16S	\$52.33	275/70R-16S	\$62.85
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LT215/75R-16HW	\$44.37	235/70R-16	\$54.89
LT215/75R-16S	\$44.91	235/70R-16S	\$55.43
LT215/75R-16	\$45.45	235/70R-16	\$55.97
LT235/75R-16HW	\$48.37	255/70R-16	\$58.89
LT235/75R-16S	\$48.91	255/70R-16S	\$59.43
LT235/75R-16	\$49.45	255/70R-16	\$59.97
LT255/75R-16HW	\$52.33	275/70R-16	\$62.85
LT255/75R-16S	\$52.87	275/70R-16S	\$63.39
LT255/75R-16	\$53.41	275/70R-16	\$63.93

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LT215/75R-16S	\$45.99	235/70R-16S	\$56.51
LT215/75R-16	\$46.53	235/70R-16	\$57.05
LT235/75R-16HW	\$49.45	255/70R-16	\$59.97
LT235/75R-16S	\$49.99	255/70R-16S	\$60.51
LT235/75R-16	\$50.53	255/70R-16	\$61.05
LT255/75R-16HW	\$53.41	275/70R-16	\$63.93
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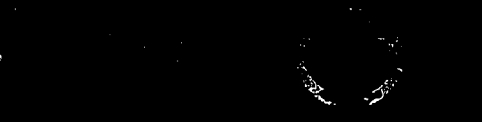
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Bird fight: Golden Eagles travel west to play Chukars

Times-News

Break out the black. The No. 2 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will don the black road uniforms for the first time this season for tonight's nonconference game against Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

After ralling off 10 consecutive home victories in decisive fashion to start the 2007-08 season, the undefeated Golden Eagles will pit their 110.1 point-per-game scoring average against a 1-4

Chukars team that features 11 freshmen on its 13-man roster.

Both squads have cycled through their respective rosters since they met in late 2005 when sophomore Travis Gabbidon paced CSI to a 69-60 home victory. Gabbidon is now averaging 11.3 points per game as a junior starter at the University of Texas-Antonia, while Joey Shaw, another slim swingman with a soft touch, has taken over as CSI's leading scorer.

At 18.1 points per game, Shaw is one of four Golden

Eagles averaging double figures this season. CSI's perimeter play has been solid, but the Golden Eagles figure to push their advantage in the post against a smaller Chukars team.

Former Kimberly High standout Jason Mutum will do his best at 6-foot-7 to battle Art Parakhouski, Boar Ba and the larger CSI frontline, but will need help from fellow posts Kyle Nielson and Jacob King. Both teams will hope for strong showings, as the two will meet for a Dec. 21 rematch in Twin Falls.

INSIDE: Did the Falcons fall the night suspended QB Vick was sentenced? B2



Eagle Eyes

Tonight: No. 2 CSI (10-0) of Treasure Valley CC (1-4), 8 p.m. Last time they met: The Golden Eagles defeated the Chukars 69-60 on Nov. 26, 2005 in Twin Falls behind Travis Gabbidon's game-high 20 points.

On the horizon: The Golden Eagles host the Chukars at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 21 in CSI's final game of 2007. The Golden Eagles will be back in action on Thursday, Jan. 3, taking on Laramie County Community College (Wyo.) during the first night of the Cannelly Sports Invitational.

On the radio: Tonight's game will be broadcast live by Jonathan Drew on 1270 AM KTFI.

(minimums apply, averages, made-missed in parentheses)

Points: Joey Shaw 18(18.1); Art Parakhouski 123 (12.3); Rebounds: Boar Ba 72 (7.2); Parakhouski 61 (6.1). Assists: Kevin Gajloway 88 (8.8); Reggie Guyton 38 (3.8). Steals: Galloway 28 (2.8); Nick Hansen, Harvey Perry 22 (2.2). Blocks: Parakhouski 17 (1.7); Galloway 9 (0.9). Field goal percentage: Parakhouski .663 (53.8); Galloway .603 (53.6). 3-point percentage: Hansen .408 (29.7); Shaw .390 (30.7). Free throw percentage: Guyton .844 (11.1); Hansen .929 (13.1).



This artist's rendering shows Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, dressed in a black-and-white striped prison suit, flanked by his attorney's Billy Martin, left, and Lawrence Woodward, right, as he is sentenced in Federal Court in Richmond, Va., Monday. Vick was sentenced to 23 months for his role in a dogfighting conspiracy that involved gambling and killing pit bulls.

Suspended NFL star Vick gets 23 months

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick was sentenced to 23 months in prison Monday for running a "cruel and inhumane" dogfighting ring and lying about it.

The suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback could have been sentenced up to five years by U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson. Vick, who turned himself in Nov. 19 in anticipation of his sentence, was wearing a black-and-white striped prison suit.

After Vick apologized to the court and his family, Hudson told him: "You need to apologize to the millions of young people who looked up to you."

"Yes, sir," Vick answered.

The 27-year-old player acknowledged using "poor judgment" and added, "I'm willing to deal with the consequences and accept responsibility for my actions."

Although there is no parole in the federal system, rules governing time off for good behavior could reduce

Vick's prison stay by about three months, resulting in a summer 2009 release.

"You were instrumental in promoting, funding and facilitating this cruel and inhumane sporting activity," Hudson told Vick.

Before the hearing, Michael Vick's brother, Marcus Vick, sat with his right arm around their mother, comforting her as she buried her head in her hands and wept.

Vick was suspended without pay by the NFL and lost all his lucrative endorsement deals. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was asked after Monday's ruling if Vick should play again.

"That's a determination we'll make later on," he told The Associated Press from a legislative hearing in Austin, Texas. "As I said earlier when we suspended him indefinitely, we would evaluate that when the legal process was closed."

Falcons owner Arthur Blank called the sentencing another step in Vick's "legal journey."

"This is a difficult day for Michael's

family and for a lot of us, including many of our players and fans who have been emotionally invested in Michael over the years," Blank said.

"We sincerely hope that Michael will use this time to continue to focus his efforts on making positive changes in his life, and we wish him well in that regard."

One of Vick's attorneys, Lawrence Woodward, asked for leniency. He said Vick "grew up on some of probably the meanest and roughest streets in this commonwealth," but had never been in trouble with the law and had done much for charity.

Vick was denied any credit for taking responsibility for his crime. Hudson agreed with a federal probation officer's finding that Vick had lied about his hands-on killing of dogs and about his drug use. Vick tested positive for marijuana Sept. 13, violating conditions of his release while he awaited sentencing.

Hudson recalled that Vick at one point said he only handled over two dogs to co-defendant Quanis

Phillips, who killed them. On another occasion, Vick said he dropped a dog after Phillips tied a rope around the animal's neck, the judge added.

"I'm not convinced you've fully accepted responsibility," Hudson told Vick.

Federal sentencing guidelines called for a term of 10 months to two years. Federal prosecutor Michael Gill asked for a sentence at the high end, meaning Vick would get more time than either of the two co-defendants sentenced last month.

"He did more than fund it," Gill said, referring to the "Bad Newz Kennel" dogfighting operation. "He was in this thing up to his neck with the other defendants."

Outside court, Woodward said Vick didn't want anyone feeling sorry for him.

"He just wants a chance to prove himself when all this is over," he said. "But the other thing he said to me, which I also think is important for everyone to know, is that he

What awaits Vick after prison?

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Michael Vick knows where he'll be spending most of the next two years, locked away in a federal prison, doing his time for dogfighting.

Once he's a free man — probably in the summer of 2009, assuming he gets time off for good behavior — what comes next?

Will NFL commissioner Roger Goodell lift Vick's indefinite suspension? How many seasons will the quarterback miss because of this year and next, which are a given? Will another team be willing to take a chance on Vick if he does get back on the field, will he still be the same electrifying player? He'll even be a quarterback?

"No one knows," said Dan Reeves, who was Vick's first pro coach with the Atlanta Falcons. "A lot depends on him and what he does with these next two years. I don't know if anybody knows what's going to happen. Either he comes out a better person or he comes out a bitter person."

Reeves is right. It's impossible to predict what might happen two years from now, after Vick has served the 23-month sentence imposed Monday by a federal judge in Richmond, Va.

Most seem to believe Vick will at least get a second chance in the NFL assuming he keeps his nose clean in prison and comes out with the proper amount of remorse for taking part in a gruesome dogfighting ring.

But one thing seems certain: Vick won't get his second chance with the Falcons.

The team kept him on the roster only while it pursues efforts to recover nearly \$20 million in bonus money. The Falcons already won the first round of the legal fight,

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Illini's trip to Rose Bowl began with ugly 2005 Penn State loss

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The score at halftime was 56-3. Most of Penn State's starters spent the second half parged on the bench, and by the time the game finally ended, Illinois had given up the most points in Memorial Stadium history.

Even for a program used to medication that loss in October 2005 was a debacle.

"During the game, I said, 'I've never been here before.' We were getting killed," Illinois coach Ron Zook recalled. "I said, 'Fellas, this is as bad as it's going to get. It will never be any worse than it is tonight.'"

In the silence and humiliation of that night, Zook's words for a time were prophetic. Two years later, the Illini were one of the biggest

surprises in college football. Their 9-3 record is a seven-game improvement from last year, and earned them an unexpected Rose Bowl date with USC.

It is only the fifth time in school history — and first time since 1983 — that Illinois will go to Pasadena.

"I expected to be in a bowl game," junior linebacker Bit Miller said. "But to end up in the Rose Bowl was not expected at all. If someone would have told us we'd end up in the Rose Bowl in camp, we probably would have looked at them a little differently."

Doing things differently is what Zook set out to do when he arrived three years ago, six weeks after being fired at Florida.

"Illinois was hardly a Big Ten contender even a contender, really. At least, not in the last 50 years. The

Illini would usually put together one impressive season a decade, but records of 4-6, 6-5 and 5-5 were more typical. After Illinois went to the Sugar Bowl after the 2001 season, five losing seasons followed.

"You don't go to college saying, 'I want to be on a losing team.' Everybody wants to win," said line backer Leman, who won only eight games his first four years at Illinois.

"To go 2-3 in your own conference, where you're supposed to be competitive, at a school like Illinois, that's not something to be very proud of at all."

Perhaps worst were the expectations. Or lack thereof. While a 7-5 season would be a disappointment at Ohio State or Michigan, that was considered a "great year" at Illinois.



Illinois quarterback Juice Williams waves to the crowd as he walks off the field after defeating Northwestern 44-22 in Champaign, Ill., on Nov. 17. The Illini are the country's biggest surprise heading for the Rose Bowl with USC on Jan. 1, 2008.

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Area football players make all-state teams

Two dozen high school football players from District IV were recently named to the Idaho Statesman's 2007 All-Idaho teams.

The Class 1A Division 1 team champions, Oakley Hornets, were named with six selections to the first and second teams. Mitch Bedke, Brian Babbitt — the Times-News' Most Valuable Player — Cole Robinson, Jake Sagers, Colton Hedke and Joe Greenwell all made first team.

Skyler Morgan of Minico, Brett Walgramm of Jerome and Matt Mervin of Kimberly were also first-team selections for their respective classifications.

The Statesman's All-Idaho teams are selected and published independently of other media outlets in Idaho.

Idaho Statesman 2007 All-Idaho High School Football Team Selections from District IV

- Class 1A**
Second team offensive: Sean Rogers, DL, Twin Falls; QB, Ryan Beckel, DL, Oakley; RB, Matt Mervin, RB, Kimberly; TE, Joe Greenwell, TE, Jerome; WR, Jake Sagers, WR, Jerome; FB, Cole Robinson, FB, Jerome; Defensive: Sean Rogers, DL, Twin Falls; RB, Ryan Beckel, RB, Oakley; LB, Jake Sagers, LB, Oakley; DB, Cole Robinson, DB, Oakley; DE, Jake Sagers, DE, Oakley; DT, Jake Sagers, DT, Oakley; OL, Jake Sagers, OL, Oakley; QB, Ryan Beckel, QB, Oakley; WR, Jake Sagers, WR, Oakley; TE, Joe Greenwell, TE, Oakley; FB, Cole Robinson, FB, Oakley; DE, Jake Sagers, DE, Oakley; DT, Jake Sagers, DT, Oakley; OL, Jake Sagers, OL, Oakley.

Boys basketball

HAGERMAN 43, GOODING 29
The Hagerman Pirates beat the host Senators 43-29 in nonconference play on Monday.

Senior Tyler Allred scored a game-high 18 points for Gooding (11-4) and junior Morgan Knight led the Pirates with 16 followed by junior Jake Lagel with 10.

Gooding will host Wendell on Wednesday.

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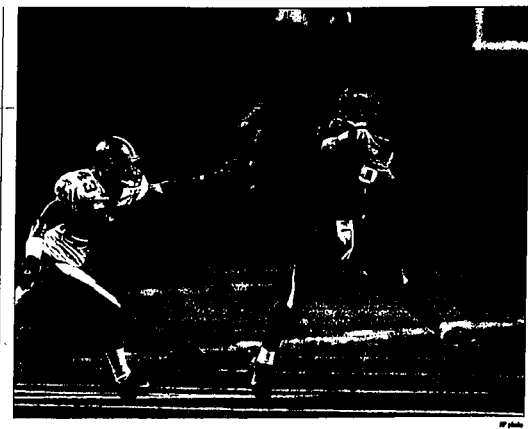
Girls basketball

HAGERMAN 45, CASTLEFORD 30
Senior Chauncey Axelson scored 22 points and sophomore Amanda Regnier added 16 as the Pirates broke to a road Magic Valley Southside Conference win over the Castleford Wolves 45-30.

"We spotted them 10 points in the first quarter and they are a tough team to come back on," said Castleford coach Dan Wells.

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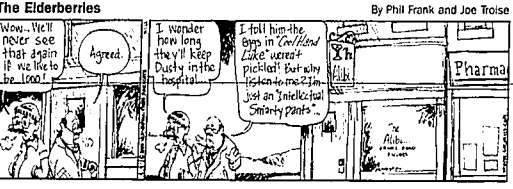
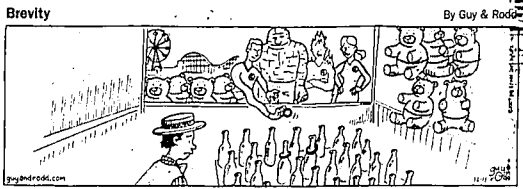
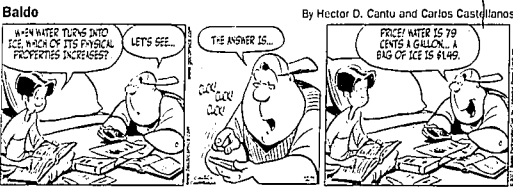
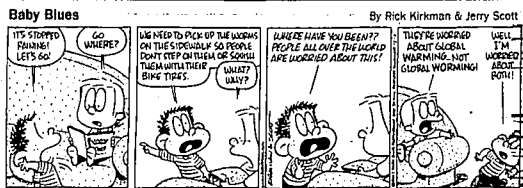
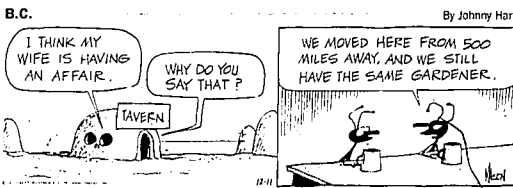


Atlanta Falcons quarterback Chris Redman (8) throws a pass as New Orleans Saints' Kevin Keesham closes in during the first quarter in the Georgia Dome, Monday in Atlanta.

Saints bury Falcons

Monday Night Football

Team	W	L	T	OT	Pct	Points	Yds
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Buffalo	13	0	0	0	1.000	272	117
NY Jets	13	0	0	0	1.000	271	115
Washington	13	0	0	0	1.000	270	114
San Diego	13	0	0	0	1.000	270	114
Indianapolis	13	0	0	0	1.000	269	113
Arizona	13	0	0	0	1.000	269	113
Atlanta	13	0	0	0	1.000	269	113
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Pull out all the stops, Sagittarius

IF DEC. 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You seem to be showered with blessings during the next six weeks. Take this as an omen of good timing during which you can make permanent improvements in your life or make wise decisions. In March and April you may have second thoughts or make some false starts as you run against the currents or oppose authority figures. Play it footloose and fancy free during those months as whatever you begin could be subject to a sudden about face. Next August and September your popularity hits a high note. You can reach for the stars with career matters.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Achieve a compromise and you will learn that a united front is unbeatable. Find time to offer an apology to someone you have wronged in the past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Believe that you deserve to have only the very best. Team up with someone who knows how to enjoy the good life. Promises made under these stars will most likely be kept.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The direction of your life could be in the hands of oth-

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

ers at the moment, but rest assured that you are in close contact with those who are generous and good hearted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Tact and diplomacy will bring your best results when significant matters need close attention. Use your energy wisely by centering on the crucial details.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A calculated risk could pay off. Make an effort to launch initiatives or to hold powwows to discuss future plans. Balance your large vision by taking care with small details.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The words and views of others could widen your perspective. Be confident; don't deny yourself a pleasure or opportunity because you feel you are unworthy of success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could be lucky enough to be the right place at the right time. Money could flow into your bank account over the next few days if you follow up on phone calls or make sales presentations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Have faith that the universe will reward your efforts. Rub the lamp and the genie might grant your wishes. Spend extra money to obtain your heart's desire and you will be glad you did.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The surge of enthusiasm you experience now could set you off in an indefinable direction. Use diplomacy to repair relationships and empower to handier necessities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get out the calculator and see how planning for the future makes dollars and sense. If you see a good deal that is economically feasible, this is the time to act.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): As they say, Rome wasn't built in a day. Be prepared to flock together; look around and make note of who is perching on your roof. Don't be deterred by someone's frosty exterior, as there are tender feelings below.

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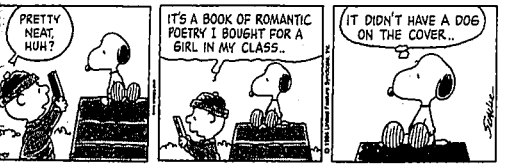
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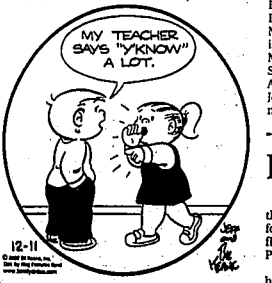
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Online affair means it's time to pull the plug on marriage



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the problem encountered by "Hurt Beyond Words" in Cedar Rapids' (Oct. 22). Sorry to disagree with you, Abby, but "Hurt" needs a divorce lawyer, not a marriage counselor. I'm speaking from experience.

My ex-wife essentially abandoned my kids and me in order to spend time with her "best bud," and married him less than six months after the ink was dry on the divorce she engineered. Yes, I tried counseling; she didn't like the counselor she asked me to choose. But her mind was made up long before the problem became apparent.

My prayer is that "Hurt" will pick himself up, divorce himself from this woman and this situation, and move on with his life.

— WALKED IN HIS BOOTS, ALLEN, TEXAS

DEAR WALKED IN HIS BOOTS: Please accept my sympathy. I heard from readers of both sexes whose spouses had left them after the internet affair, and none of them agreed with me that the marriage might be salvageable. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was in the same situation as "Hurt" 10 years ago. My wife at the time also "found" someone online. They started out as friends, and then she drove to Texas to see him. I tried to

be strong as I watched her drive off. She promised nothing would happen. Well, something did happen.

We went to marriage counseling before and after her trip. She even flew to spend a long weekend with him while we were in counseling.

My advice is to cut the strings now. She has already cut the emotional strings, and like my ex, she is stringing her husband along while she lives her ducks in a row.

As for telling her family, no matter what she does, whether they like it or not, she will always be their little girl, and they will stand by her.

Please urge "Hurt" not to fall into this emotional trap. It's a lost cause, and he should get on with his life.

— MARTY IN ALABAMA

DEAR ABBY: That woman has made her choice to throw in the towel and have a pre-medicated affair by planning the trip. She should have had for divorce if she wanted out so bad. But sometimes the partner is irresponsible and leaves it up to the other part-

ner to take care of the details. Let her go! Sometimes it's best to go your own separate ways. She ain't worth it!

— BECKY IN OGDEN, IOWA

DEAR ABBY: "Hurt's" wife has fallen for someone online that she knows nothing about. He could be a serial killer as far as she knows.

The very idea of her going to Texas saying she's going to see her parents when all the time she's going to meet him — I think she's out of her mind! She may never come back from Texas. He needs to get the divorce papers ready. I wouldn't want to be married to someone who thought so little of me.

— GRANNY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked at your response to "Hurt." You advised that husband to talk to his wife's parents about the problems he was having with their daughter? The No. 1 rule for a good marriage is HEALTHY family dynamics is NOT to talk to the parents about the faults of their child. See a counselor or minister for help with your marriage.

— MICHELLE IN EAST HOLME, ILL.

DEAR MICHELLE: I'm so glad that the parents should get their daughter with their eyes wide open.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2007. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 11, 1836, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

On this date:

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1882, Boston's Bijou Theatre, the first American playhouse to be lighted exclusively by electricity, gave its first performance (Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe").

In 1920, police in Buenos Aires announced they had thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1937, Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1957, the movie "Peyton Place," based on the novel by Grace Metalious, had its world premiere in Camden, Maine, where most of it had been filmed.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

In 1991, a jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., acquitted William Kennedy Smith of sexual battery, rejecting the allegations of Patricia Bowman.

Ten years ago: More than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

Henry Cisneros, the president Clinton's first housing secretary, was indicted on charges of conspiracy, obstructing justice and making false statements about payments to his former mistress.

(Cisneros, who later pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor, was eventually pardoned by Clinton.)

Simm Fein leader Gerry Adams became the first political ally of the IRA to

meet a British leader in 76 years as he conferred with Prime Minister Tony Blair in London.

Five years ago: The United States let an intercepted shipment of North Korean missiles proceed to the Persian Gulf country of Yemen a day after the vessel was detained. A congressional report found that intelligence agencies that were supposed to protect Americans from the Sept. 11 hijackers failed to do so because they were poorly organized, poorly equipped and slow to pursue clues that might have prevented the attacks.

One year ago: In his farewell address, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan criticized the Bush administration's leadership on the global stage, warning that America must not sacrifice its democratic ideals while waging war against terrorism. Iran hosted Holocaust deniers from around the world at a conference examining whether the Nazi genocide had taken place. After a two-day journey, space shuttle Discovery reached the International Space Station for a weeklong stay.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn is 89. Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 77. Actress Rita Moreno, 76. Former California state lawmaker Tom Hayden is 68. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 67. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 66. Actress Donna Mills is 65. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is 64. Singer Brenda Lee is 63. Actress Lynda Day George is 63. Music producer Tony Brown is 61. Actress Teri Garr is 59. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 55. Actress Bess Armstrong is 54. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 53. Rock musician Mike Mesaros

(The Smithereens) is 50. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Mötley Crue) is 49. Actor Gary Dourdan is 41. Actress-come-dancer Mo'Nique (The Parkers) is 39. Rapper-actor Mos Def is 31. Actor Rider Strong is 28.

THOUGHT

"There is no moral precept that does not have something inconvenient about it."

— Denis Diderot, French philosopher (1713-1784)

Bottle of whiskey sells for \$54,000 at auction

NEW YORK (AP) — A bottle of 81-year-old scotch sold for \$54,000 at this New York's first liquor auction since Prohibition.

An anonymous collector bought the pricey potable at Christie's sale of wines and spirits on Saturday.

The 100-lot auction sold a total of \$304,800 worth of rare wine and liquor.

The top lot was a collection of 729 bottles of whiskey, which went for \$102,000.

The \$54,000 bottle was distilled at Macallan in

Scotland in 1926, bottled in 1986 and rebottled in 2002.

Prohibition lasted from 1920 to 1933, but New York State did not allow auctions of spirits until this year.

The auction prices include Christie's 20 percent commission.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Frost despite any sunshine... Highs low 20s... Tonight: A frosty night expected... Low: 10s to teens... Tomorrow: Bright and clear... Highs in the 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and cold... Highs low 20s... Tonight: A frosty night expected... Low: 10s to teens... Tomorrow: A mix of sun and clouds... Highs in the 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with weather icons and text for various regions: SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS., BOISE, NORTH VALLEY, TWIN FALLS, BURLEY, RUPERT, MOUNTAIN HOME.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 2 columns: Today, Yesterday. Rows for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. Text: 'Whatever you want in life, other people are going to take it too. Believe in yourself enough to accept the fact that you have an equal right to it.'

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Rows for various cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, Burley, etc.

TITANS RUNNING BACK CHRIS BROWN [29] REACHES A GOAL LINE TO SCORE A TOUCHDOWN AS HE IS DRAGGED DOWN BY SAN DIEGO CHARGERS LINEBACKER SHAUN PHILLIPS DURING THE THIRD QUARTER IN NASHVILLE, TENN., SUNDAY.



Tennessee Titans running back Chris Brown [29] reaches a goal line to score a touchdown as he is dragged down by San Diego Chargers linebacker Shaun Phillips during the third quarter in Nashville, Tenn., Sunday.

Titans now in must-win situation, needing help for postseason berth

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans now know how the New York Giants felt last season. Tennessee stunned the NFL by rallying from 21-0 inside the final 10 minutes to beat the Giants, an improbable victory that nearly pushed them into a playoff berth.

The team featuring Vince Young and the NFL's fourth-best rushing offense was unable to run out the clock. Now the Titans are on the outside looking in and needing help for a playoff berth that seemed inevitable after a 6-2 start.

Defensive end Kyle VanDen Bosch, who tied his career high with three sacks Sunday, said this will be a tough loss for a fight.

"This was an emotional game, and we fought hard until the end. It's just tough to not come out with the win, but at the same time in the past when this has happened to this team it seemed like we became closer as a team, draw a little bit tighter," he said.

"We learned from our mistakes and are able to move on. That's the nature of this league is being able to put a tough loss behind you and move on quickly."

That might be easier said than done. The Titans (7-6) have lost four of their past five games. With three games left, they trail Jacksonville (9-4) and Cleveland (8-5) and are tied with Buffalo (7-6) in the race for the AFC's two wild-card berths.

First, they must rebound from a disappointing loss in the few players who lingered in the locker room hanging their heads.

Coach Jeff Fisher did his best to start the healing Monday. He said players usually bounce back by Wednesday and insisted the Titans are fine coming off a game in which he was pleased with the effort and intensity, if not the loss.

"We've got to win them all. There's no doubt about that. It's pretty simple. That starts with this week. If we play like we played (Sunday), we have a chance to win the remaining three games," he said.

With defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth back for his second straight

game, the Titans played smothering defense with three interceptions and five sacks. They kept LaDainian Tomlinson in check until the final 2:24 of regulation and overtime.

Travis Lulwo pressured Phillip Rivers into a ball throw to Chris Chambers, a play ruled a catch with no good replay angle to overturn it on fourth-and-5. Fisher counted 10 seconds after the ball was set for play and the game clock starting, credits with San-Diego-tying the game with 9 seconds remaining.

"When it came down to crunch time, we didn't step up," Vanden Bosch said. "The defense couldn't save the offense this time, even though it held San Diego to only a field goal after Young's second interception."

The Titans had their chance to seal the win with an offense averaging 133.8 yards rushing per game. They got the ball back with 7:29 left and ran LenDale White seven straight times, then Chris Brown once. On third-and-5, Young's pass to tight end Bo Scaife was broken.

"We're trying to put it away," Fisher said in defending the call.

Prison

Continued from page B1. which has now gone to a federal judge in Minnesota.

Owner Arthur Blank, who gave Vick what was then the richest contract in NFL history at the end of the 2005 season, sounded as though the Falcons are moving on without any plans for bringing back No. 7.

"I would never use the word 'never,'" Blank said in an interview broadcast over the team's Web site. "I would say there's always a chance. But quite candidly, as an organization, as a football team, we have to look forward. We have to go forward assuming Michael will not be back."

Blank predicts Vick will miss three full seasons. After all, the quarterback still faces state charges in Virginia that could mean more time behind bars. And Goodell has not indicated when he will lift the suspension, which could run longer than any prison sentences.

"If Michael makes a mistake and eats fried chicken and French fries in prison every day and comes out at 250 pounds, he's not going to be able to play football," Blank said. "I love his ability to keep himself in shape, stay athletically tuned and mentally tuned. I don't know."

By Reeves, who cracked Vick from 2001-03, sees no reason why he can't return. Even if he misses three full years, he only would be 30 entering the 2010 season.

"I don't think he would lose his ability to throw the football," Reeves said. "It's sort of like riding a bicycle. Once you learn how to throw the football, you know how to throw the football."

But Gil Brandt, who helped assemble the Dallas Cowboys' dynasty, wonders if Vick might be better suited for another position when he comes out of prison. Perhaps wide receiver. Or maybe a slash-type player who lines up all over the field.

"If you're a student and you drop out of school for two or three years, it's really hard to reacquire the study habits that make you successful," he said. "I don't think there's any question, whether it's 2009 or 2010, that somebody will take a chance on him. I'm not sure that somebody will take a chance on him as a quarterback. I think it would be a lot easier for him to come back at a different position."

Looking back to World War II, when athletes went off to fight just like everyone else, Brandt remembers players such as 1940 Heisman Trophy winner Tom Harmon appearing to lose a step or two once they resumed their football careers.

Although Brandt doesn't think a long layoff

would be nearly as devastating these days because of improved training methods, he figures it will be impossible for Vick to maintain the same level of conditioning in a federal prison that he did while playing football.

"That's a huge concern," Brandt said. "While they do everything possible to provide people with exercise facilities in prison, when you talk about the facilities they have as opposed to a facility a team like the Falcons has, it's no comparison."

"If Vick is cleared to play again, he'll have to deal with learning fans and the constant hounding of being the guy who fought and killed dog owners. Any team that signs him knows he'll be a huge distraction, which might mitigate the enormous talent he brings to the field."

Off the field, Vick's future seems more colorful. He'll never again have major commercials lining up to pay him to endorse their products. It's hard to envision any team giving Vick another contract worth more than \$100 million.

"There's no way he'll ever be a high-profile corporate spokesperson ever again," said David Rosner, who runs New Jersey-based IGV Marketing and counts former NFL players Boomer Esiason, Phil Simms, Cris Collinsworth and Howie Long among his clients.

Vick already has lost his endorsement deals, which some estimates put as high as \$50 million. Rosner stipulated that figure, estimating Vick made between \$2 million and \$5 million a year in endorsements, a level he'll never reach again. His only hope for boosting any future income would be as a secondary player in memorabilia, trading cards, shoes and perhaps video games.

"There are ways to utilize somebody's name and likeness and for him to generate revenue without being the main focus on any marketing campaign," Rosner said. "I call them tools, off-the-trade deals."

Vick definitely will lose the final \$71 million of his Falcons contract, he might have to repay the team nearly \$20 million and he's been ordered to put up nearly \$1 million to care for the dogs that survived his grisly dogfighting operation. He's also being sued by three banks for allegedly defaulting on nearly \$6 million in loans.

With his financial house in shambles, Vick will definitely be eager to resume the one job that would pay him more than anything else he might do.

"He's young enough," Reeves said. "If he's given the opportunity and he's able to make the most out of it, I wouldn't bet against him."

Vick

Continued from page B1. understood that some of the things he was doing in life and off the field were dangerous, and he told me he feels lucky that he's alive and not hurt and now it's all about the future."

U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg sounded a similar theme.

"This was an efficient, professional, and thorough investigation that has paved a seamy side of our society," he said in a statement. "I trust Mr. Vick learned important lessons and that his admission of guilt will speed his rehabilitation."

Vick was ordered guilty in August, admitting he bankrolled the dogfighting operation and helped kill six to eight dogs. He has been held at a jail in Warsaw, Va., since he voluntarily began serving his sentence.

In a plea agreement, he admitted bankrolling the dogfighting ring on his 15-acre

property in rural Virginia and helping kill pit bull dogs that did not perform well in test fights. He also admitted providing money for bets on the fights but said he never shared in any winnings.

At a news conference after pleading guilty last summer, Vick apologized to the NFL, the Falcons and youngsters who viewed him as a role model and vowed: "I will redeem myself."

Court papers revealed gruesome details about Vick's dogfighting operation, including the execution of underperforming dogs by electrocution, drowning, hanging and other means. Those details prompted a public backlash against the once-popular NFL star and outraged animal-rights groups, which sued the case to call attention to the brutality of dogfighting.

John Goodwin of the Humane Society of the

United States called the sentence appropriate. "People that are involved in this blood sport are on notice. You can throw your life away when being involved in this," he said.

Two defendants were sentenced Nov. 30. Purzell Peace, of Virginia Beach, got 18 months. Phillips, of Atlanta, got 21 months. Another co-defendant, Tony Taylor, will be sentenced Friday.

The case began in April when a drug investigation of Vick's cousin led authorities to the former Virginia Tech star's Surry County property, where they found dozens of pit bulls — some of them injured — and equipment associated with dogfighting.

Vick initially denied any knowledge about dogfighting on the property. He changed his story after the three co-defendants pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with the govern-

ment. By 8 a.m. Monday, about 50 people were lined up outside the courthouse waiting for the doors to open. About two dozen animal rights activists stood across the street holding posters showing injured pit bulls and the men who fought them. "Dogfighters" and "Dog Deserve Justice."

"We want to make sure the focus on the animals in this case isn't lost," said Dan Shannon, spokesman for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Julia Noveck arrived with her small beagle, Frankie, who wore a sandwich board with a message on one side: "Dogfighters use dogs like me for bait."

Ryan Eanes, 27, of Richmond, wore his NFL jersey as he waited in line.

"We all make mistakes," Eanes said. "I do support the situation with the animals, but support him. I believe his apology is sincere."

Possible rate cut helps market

(AP) Wall Street advanced Monday as expectations for an interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve and an uptick in pending home sales helped offset concerns about another round of subprime mortgage-related losses.

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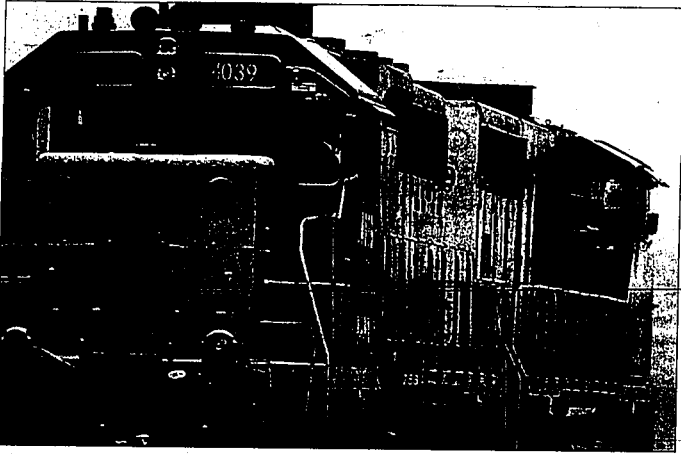
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Loans for lines



A train sits idle in the rail yard at Eastern Idaho Railroad Monday, in Twin Falls. The railroad received \$602,000 to upgrade 1.2 miles of track and six switchbacks from the state's revolving loan funding program.

Three MV businesses are first to benefit from state loan program

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Three companies in south-central Idaho became the first to take part in Idaho's revolving loan fund program on Monday.

Officials from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Idaho Transportation Department and Idaho Department of Commerce announced Monday morning that High Desert Milk and Redox Chemical, both based in Burley, as well as Twin Falls-based Eastern Idaho Railroad were the first to benefit from the new program.

The loans — totaling more than \$982,000 — are part of the Rural Economic Development and Integrated Freight Transportation Program Revolving Loan Fund, or REDIFIT, created by the Idaho Legislature in 2006. The purpose of the loan program is to help rural Idaho companies expand or upgrade facilities for rail-freight shipping infrastructure.

These Magic Valley companies are really the first to receive loans under this program and all three received

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- See an interview with Dave Saxe, ISDA loan officer, and Laura Johnson, ISDA marketing manager.
- Read more about Idaho's REDIFIT loans and the application process for eligible businesses.

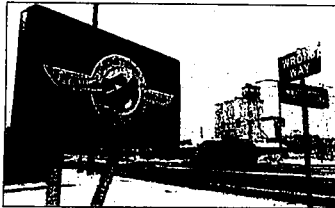
the amount that they requested," said Laura Johnson, marketing manager for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. "The program initially began with \$5 million that was appropriated by the Legislature in an interest revolving account."

"As much as 90 percent of project costs can be financed through the loan at interest rates ranging from 2 percent to 4 percent — depending on the length of the loan.

The first round of loans were distributed as follows:

- Eastern Idaho Railroad: \$602,000 to upgrade 1.2 miles of track and six switchbacks, and to support the Pacific Ethanol plant under construction in Burley.

Redox Chemical: \$343,237 for a 800-foot extension of an existing rail line and construction of a



See how falls by the Eastern Idaho Railroad sign Monday, in Twin Falls.

warehouse for railcar loading and unloading.

- High Desert Milk: \$37,000 for upgrading railroad siding at its Burley plant.

"Freight rail has been at capacity in Idaho for some time and trucking is not the most effective way to move many of these types of products," said Alan Frew, motor vehicle administrator for the division of the Idaho Transportation Department. "This loan program should provide seed money for rural Idaho companies so they can get their products to market."

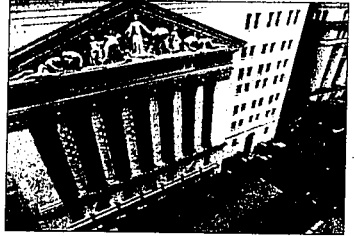
Companies in south-central Idaho have found it difficult

to transport products by rail because of outdated infrastructure and distance to the nearest intermodal facility in Salt Lake City.

Some businesses struggle to offer competitive pricing because of growing shipping costs — a challenge that can sometimes hinder potential capital growth.

"This loan will provide for faster growth and it will help us bring people on sooner," said Darin Moon, president of Redox Chemical, an exporter and manufacturer of agricultural chemicals.

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The facade of the New York Stock Exchange. The Federal Reserve is expected to cut a key interest rate today during its last meeting of 2007.

Third time's a charm?

Fed expected to slice key interest rate yet again

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve policymakers are widely expected to slice a key interest rate for a third time this year to prevent troubles in the housing and credit markets from sinking the economy.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues gather Tuesday, their last meeting of the year, to assess the economy and decide their next move on interest rates.

Analysts predict the Fed will trim its key rate, now at 4.5 percent, by one-quarter of a percentage point at that time. A few even speculate about the possibility of a half-point cut.

If the Fed cuts its key rate, commercial banks would

lower their prime lending rate — now at 7.5 percent — by a corresponding amount. The prime rate applies to certain credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other loans.

The rationale behind the lower rates is that they will induce consumers and businesses to boost spending, energizing economic activity.

From July through September, the economy logged its best growth in four years. But it is expected to slow to a pace of just 1.5 percent or less over the final three months of the year as the housing collapse and credit crunch chill consumers, sapping overall economic growth.

Oil prices, which had neared \$100 a barrel, have moderated. But they are still high. High energy prices are a double-edged sword. They can slow economic activity and spread inflation if they cause the prices of lots of other goods and services to rise.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

China Retail Inbound Buying Mission to visit the Treasure Valley

BOISE — The Idaho State Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Western United States Agricultural Trade Association will be coordinating a China Retail Inbound Buying Mission.

The Chinese delegation will visit Boise on Dec. 13 and 14.

Any companies that are interested in learning more about foreign buying missions and export opportunities should contact Amanda Albers at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture at (208) 352-8678 or e-mail at aalbers@agri.idaho.gov.

Former newspaper mogul sentenced

CHICAGO — Former newspaper mogul Conrad Black was sentenced Monday to 6½ years in prison, far less than sought by prosecutors, for swindling shareholders in his Hollinger media empire out of \$6 million.

Prosecutors had asked for as many as 30 years in prison for the Canadian-born Black, saying he had not shown "any shred of remorse" for looting the company that once owned the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Daily Telegraph* of London, *Jerusalem Post* and hundreds of U.S. and Canadian community newspapers.

— from staff and wire reports

Times-News to provide more business information online and in print

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Times-News and Magicvalley.com readers will notice several changes to the financial section beginning next week. All are aimed at providing the most current and comprehensive coverage of south-central Idaho business.

Changes start with a new name — *Business* — for the Money section. The new name will more accurately reflect its coverage of the individuals and organiza-

tions that influence local and national business and industry.

The *Times-News* will launch its redesigned business Web page at Magicvalley.com on Dec. 18, which will include the following financial tools:

- Real-time market reports with up-to-the-minute information on more than 63,000 stocks as well as mutual funds.
- A stock ticker to keep readers updated on the most active stocks and funds.
- Individual profiles on

each publicly-traded stock, as well as the ability to create your own portfolio profile — something that can be available each time you return to Magicvalley.com.

• Industry-specific stories and market reports daily highlighting everything from agriculture to manufacturing.

While the traditional stock report will no longer appear on the market page, stocks of local interest, an expanded commodity report and mutual funds will continue there.

Both the online and print editions of the *Business* section will carry regular reports on new building permits, business licenses, probates, bankruptcies, home sales and unclaimed property from counties throughout south-central Idaho.

"This shift in focus reflects the changing reality of print journalism in an age where investors can get more up-to-date market information over the Internet or on any of several television channels," said *Times-News* Editor James G. Wright. "There is only one

Market	Change	High	Low	Open	Close	Volume	Previous
Dow Jones	+101.45	13,727.03	13,625.58	13,625.58	13,727.03	1,234,567	13,625.58
Nasdaq	+12.79	2,710.95	2,698.16	2,698.16	2,710.95	567,890	2,698.16
Standard & Poor's 500	+11.30	1,515.96	1,504.66	1,504.66	1,515.96	345,678	1,504.66
Russell 2000	+5.68	791.20	785.52	785.52	791.20	123,456	785.52

A preview of what Magicvalley.com's *Business* page will look like.

source of information about the local business in the Magic Valley, and that's the

Times-News. "We hope this new emphasis will make our *Business* section even more useful to the local business community," Wright said.

Many large and small newspapers have discontinued stock listings in recent months, often replacing them with more local news stories or market trend coverage.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	25.81	▼ .11	Dell Inc.	25.21	▲ .14	Idacorp	36.24	▼ .11
Lithia Mo.	16.18	▲ .12	Micron	8.98	▼ .05	Supervalu	40.36	▼ .28

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	94.40	▲ .38	Jan. Oil	88.28	▼ 1.95
Jan. gold	810.50	▲ 13.3	(Light sweet crude by barrel)		

What to expect today in business • WASHINGTON — Federal Open Market Committee meets to discuss interest rates.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance with columns for Name, Last Chg, and various fund categories like Domestic, International, and Bond.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES table listing various commodity contracts and their closing prices.

CHEESE

Chicago cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Includes prices for various cheese types and grades.

POTATOES

Chicago potato prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Lists prices for different potato varieties.

LIVESTOCK

Information on livestock prices, including cattle, hogs, and sheep, from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

BEANS

Chicago bean prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Details prices for various bean types.

GRAINS

Chicago grain prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Includes prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange activity, including major indices like the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500.

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE AMEX NASDAQ

Market summary table showing activity for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including volume and price changes.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table of NASDAQ National Market activity, listing various stocks and their price movements.

DIARY

Table of dairy commodity prices, including milk, cheese, and butter.

INDEXES

Table of major market indices and their current values.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table of local stock market activity, listing regional companies and their prices.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Explanatory text detailing how to interpret the market report, including symbols for gains, losses, and volume.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of American Stock Exchange activity, listing various stocks and their performance.

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Hornkers Storage will sell contents of Storage Unit #64...

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You are hereby notified that on the 27th day of December, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a meeting...

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Actions planned and/or by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing...

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The Time News
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Loan No. 0031153497, U.S. No. 007-107996-ID On 3/31/2008, at 10:00 AM (recognized local time), the following location in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho...

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Puzzles by Pappocorn

9x9 grid puzzle with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved.

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FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
Retail Operations Supervisor
First Federal Bank is currently seeking applications for the position of Retail Operations Supervisor at the following location:
- Easton Branch, Twin Falls
A minimum of three years job related experience, including teller and new accounts experience preferred.



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Contemplate color

Our readers' photos of fall

We asked for photos of fall, and our readers' cameras captured the season's reflection and rest. But it's a rest that's earned through the hard work of harvest — and quite likely to be interrupted by storm clouds.

These images are some of the winners in our no-prize photography contest; you saw more of our favorites on this page in November.

The vibrant, sunlit golds in Barbara Cothorn's peaceful

Centennial Park image caught the eye of *Times-News* Chief Photographer Ashley Smith, who helped choose the photos on this page. Smith praised the composition of Pixie Collins' storm photo and the lighting in Kristina Abbey's shot of the Salmon River.

"The steam coming off the water is really amazing," Smith said of the latter. "Just a stunning photo." LaRee Crawford's photo of her dogs benefits from golden light and an uncluttered background.

And Bud Starr dragged the shutter — using a full-second exposure — to capture the drama of falling water in his photo of Shoshone Falls, highlighted by fall foliage.

"I love the composition," Smith said. "Clean, really well composed."

Fall will wind down within days, but winter brings new scenes of rural southern Idaho — and a new *Times-News* photography contest. Find details on page D2.

— Virginia Hutchins

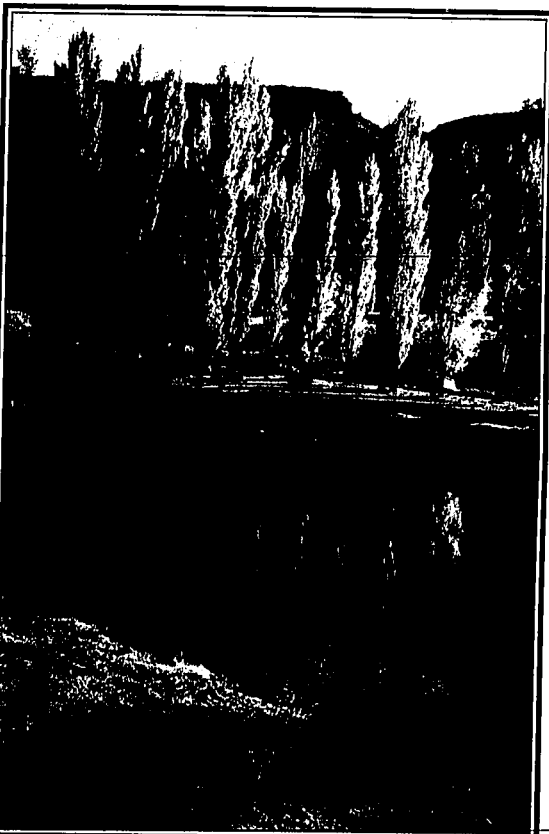


Photo courtesy of SHIMMERS 02/08/08

The east end of Twin Falls' Centennial Park offers a good view of the Snake River and Perrine Bridge, as well as massive rock formations at the water's edge. Even with picnickers and pets, the park is peaceful to visit, says Barbara Cothorn of Buhl. "This particular scene, captured last fall as the leaves were changing color, seemed to ask to be photographed," Cothorn says. "The reflections of the golden poplars ... and the shadows of other trees cast diagonally across the scene by the afternoon sun combined to make the photographic experience a memorable one for me."

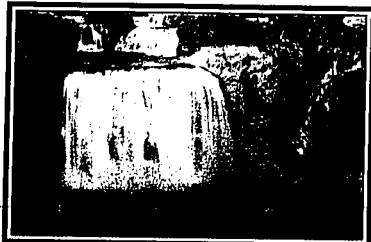


Photo courtesy of BUD STARR

Twin Falls resident Bud Starr captured this image of Shoshone Falls on Oct. 24, from an observation deck on the canyon-rim trail. "I had actually hiked down the hill a little way to photograph some other foliage, and I turned around to this great scene," Starr says.



Photo courtesy of LAREE CRAWFORD

Piebald dachshunds Corky and Freckles — inhabitants of a Twin Falls County farm — are fond of play-fighting and chasing cats and chickens. "They also enjoy riding in their dog carrier on the back of the ATV," says owner LaRee Crawford of Twin Falls, who snapped this photo. Here, after the activity of harvest, Corky and Freckles relax on a pile of grass during November's clean-up.

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See a photo gallery of readers' fall pictures.

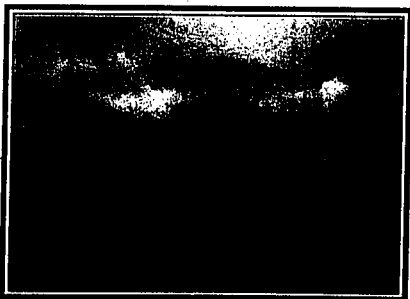


Photo courtesy of PIXIE COLLINS

U.S. Postal Service employee Pixie Collins of Jerome was delivering mail on Lower Broadford along the Wood River, just west of Bellevue, in October when she saw a storm coming and captured this image. "It's just been spectacular up here this year — the colors," Collins says.

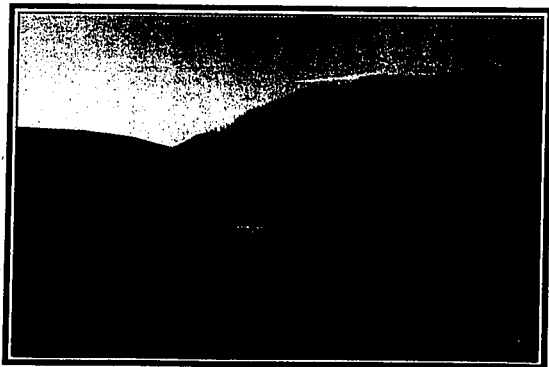


Photo courtesy of KRISTINA ABBEY

Kristina Abbey of Gooding frequently drives U.S. Highway 93 to take her kids to Granddads, and she particularly enjoys the stretch between Salmon and the Montana border. On the way home in October 2006, she turned a corner and saw an opportunity for this great shot of the Salmon River. "The kids were happy to stop for a few minutes while I snapped a few pictures," Abbey says.

Books to fuel a planter's passions

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

I am pondering cycles and timing, and I don't mean the Tour de France. In the garden, the leaves are raked, the spring bulbs safely in their winter beds; now you can put your feet up, right?

Yes. But think of December as the start of the gardening year, rather than the end of it. We have precious few weekends between now and spring, so use the period to give the body, rest and the mind an exhilarating workout.

To me—and many others, I suspect—nothing is more calming and indulgent than spending a quiet and unhurried hour with a good book about gardens and gardening. Half of my choices this year as holiday gift books had directly from Britain; they span a century of gardening, yet they all are linked in curious ways to the of these threads is the idea that a passion for plants, and not design alone, is essential in making landscapes that touch the heart.

One of the most admired designers of the early 20th century was Norah Lindsay. She had a way of composing breathtaking flower gardens, and her country houses that were the stuff of Merchant Ivory films.

She was most active between the wars, and died in 1948, yet her reputation lingers. However, it wasn't until I read "Norah Lindsay: The Life and Art of a Garden Designer," by Alysson Haysward (Frances Lincoln, \$65), that I discovered she had been forced down this path. Lindsay had created a delightful garden at her own country house, Sutton Courtenay, in Oxfordshire, but when her marriage fell apart she found herself broke and scrambling to find a source of income. The crisis has a contemporary ring to it, but for a woman of 51 in the 1920s, it was one that had looked bleak indeed.

She was always well connected socially and turned her hand to designing gardens. Key parts of large estates, first for her friends and later, as her reputation grew, for a wider circle of bigwigs. Her patrons and friends included George Bernard Shaw, Edith Wharton, the Duke of Windsor and Vita Sackville-West. One of her best friends was Philip Sassoon, a fabulously wealthy and stylish Rothschild, who called on her to help create his won-

derful villa garden at Port Lympne on the south coast of England. I remember seeing Lindsay's double border there when it was restored about 15 years ago—large, bright, colorful and magnificent.

The book is lavishly illustrated, but the contemporary pictures of restored gardens give a clearer idea of Lindsay's skills than the blurred and often ill-tinted images from the 1920s and 1930s. There are moments when Lindsay's descriptions of her work actually are more helpful than the photos. In choosing color combinations, she strove for harmonious gradations of hue rather than jarring contrasts. And the "architecture of the house" she built at his estate, Highgrove, in the 1980s, though he has since reworked her original design.

One of my favorite images from "A Gardener's Life" is at her first house, Cranborne Manor, where an avenue of grafted, espaliered apple trees is under-planted, dramatically with masses of white flowering dianthus. In bloom, they offer long, frothy lines, but the blue-gray foliage would look good year-round.

And speaking of Prince Charles, his new book, "The Elements of Organic Gardening," is not his first at all. Highgrove's gardens, but it shows the garden in a new state of maturity and dwells heavily on the organic techniques that are central to the owner's worldview. It also features, for the first time, the prince's gardens at Clarence House in London and Birkhall in the Scottish Highlands. Here, the Duchess of Cornwall has developed a large cutting garden. The book costs \$39.95 and is published by Kalles Press. It is co-written by Stephanie Donaldson, with photos by Andrew Lawson.

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For his own use, Evison selects varieties based on their flowering season and finds a host plant or a support that would benefit from a free-flowering clematis. After ogling the color pictures, I was struck by hundreds of varieties in this book. It's hard to think of one that won't. An even more challenging task might be in sourcing them. Even for bibliophiles like me, the Internet has its place.



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Let your Christmas lights shine online, too

Times-News

If your Christmas lights are the talk of the neighborhood, we'll help you show them off to the rest of southern Idaho, too.

The Times-News and MagicValley.com are inviting Christmas with outdoor Christmas light displays to submit their addresses and

short descriptions of their displays; log on to MagicValley.com to post your entry. Then readers who want to tour the best displays can go to the Web site to see the list and search by town.

For information, contact Pat Mirantonia, the Times-News' online editor, at 735-3280 or patm@magicvalley.com.

Send us your wintry country-life shots

Times-News

Perhaps your camera captured a snowfall fight in the back field. Or a funny image of wet boots and mismatched mittens. Or the best picture ever of Grandpa handling the cold-weather calving.

If so, we want to see it. As today in Country Roads, the Times-News now and then showcases some of its readers' best photographs of rural topics. We aren't offering prizes, but we're publishing our favorites along with our judges' comments.

And for the next round, we're particularly interested in the stuff of winter—hay wagons bouncing over icy ruts, perhaps, or chore kids hauling warm water to the animals.

Here's how to enter: • Photos must be taken in Magic Valley, Mtn-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.

• Stick to recent photos please. Nothing other than approximately one year.

• For our ease of judging, submit prints (they can be plain-paper, printouts or standard photo prints). After we choose winners, we'll ask them to e-mail high-resolution digital versions for publication.

• Identify the people in your photograph, and where and when it was taken. And, of course, tell us who shot the photo. (If you aren't the photographer, you must include the photographer's written permission for publication in the Times-News.) If you like, please include a few extra comments about the photo.

• Include your address, phone number and e-mail address.

• Mail entries to: Virginia Hutchins, Features Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Save your leaves to help soil

The Washington Post

Instead of bagging leaves this fall, gather them, shred them with a lawn mower and either stockpile them or use them as a leaf mulch on gar-

den beds. The layer should be no more than two inches thick.

The leaves will break down over the winter to build the soil and keep winter weeds at bay.

Forks get food toasty, keep you far enough away to be safe

The Washington Post

There may be some high-tech way to toast a marshmallow, but why would anyone want that?

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The decadent pleasures of mulch

By Joel M. Lemer
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Mulch is practical—it hides moisture and controls weeds. It is also a design element that helps give your landscape a clean, unified look.

What mulch should you use on your landscape beds? My first response is always organic material in the form of compost, spread about two inches thick.

However, sometimes people really want to know which mulch is most aesthetically pleasing. Then, I recommend two inches of compost with about one inch of aged, double-shredded hardwood or pine bark. That way, you get aesthetic appeal as well as the practical benefits of mulch: nutrient production, moisture retention, soil conditioning and weed control.

Many materials can serve as mulch, including plastic, newspaper, stone, landscape fabric, wood chips and rubber. I prefer organically based, partially decomposed mulches that condition the earth as they decay, such as compost or the aged, double-shredded bark.

Other organic materials that can be used include straw, sack hay, pine needles, ground corn cobs, pine bark nuggets, cocoa bean hulls and loamite root, which is a rare find but an extremely

fluffy, dark and handsome mulch.

Rounder river gravel and crushed stone are also used as ornamental mulch. It's helpful for covering problem areas, such as soil compacted by heavy foot traffic. Stone mulches can be colorful, and they are available in a range of sizes.

I generally don't recommend mulching planting beds with stone because of the difficulty of getting to the soil. You can work compost into soil that has a rock coating, so plants are deprived of the ongoing replenishment of organic material to the soil. Stone is effective as a buffer around outside edges of trees or as an edging around a bed. With stone mulch, use a porous landscape fabric under it for air and moisture circulation. You will also be able to gather up the stone much more easily when you re-landscape.

Volcanic rock, also called lava rock, is a plant-friendly mulch available in numerous colors. It doesn't form a hard buildup around plants the way regular rock does, and it insulates the soil, keeping it from getting too hot or dry. The stones and air appear to thrive under this material. Wear gloves when spreading volcanic stone because it has many sharp facets.

I prefer compost. It adds another element of protection for plants by enriching

and aerating the soil. If you are having a problem with a plant, one of the best practices to employ is to lay a generous amount of compost, two to three inches, over the root system.

Another practice for incorporating compost around an installed plant is vertical mulching. Dig holes with a manual posthole digger, or excavate a trench that is 6 inches wide and 6 to 10 inches deep around the outside branch spread (drip line) of a plant. Fill the holes or trench with compost. The deeper you vertically mulch, the better.

Make sure decomposition is well under way before applying compost because the microorganisms that cause decay deplete a great

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deal of nitrogen. If this is a concern, add a nitrogen-rich fertilizer with your green, partially decomposed compost.

If you are making your own compost, it's ready to use when its black or dark brown, crumbly and neutral-to-musty-smelling. Under the proper conditions—full air circulation and moisture—this can take as little as one to two months, or under less desirable circumstances, six months or more. Depending on how much your compost heats up, it will kill pests.

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Horonzy appears in court

Prosecutors push for more DNA tests to link him to 1997 killing

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

Prosecutors have obtained new DNA samples from John Horonzy, though a previous forensic test failed to link him to the 1997 killing of Rose Murphy.

The prosecutor hopes the new blood and saliva samples taken from Horonzy will match DNA evidence found on Murphy's body, which was discovered in a garage behind the Twin Falls motel where the two were staying.



Horonzy

Investigators believe the 35-year-old, Twin Falls waitress was strangled in the motel room, then hidden in the garage.

Prosecutors also obtained permission to have measurements of Horonzy's feet compared against a photo of boot prints found at the crime scene.

Twin Falls County Public Defender Marilyn Paul tried to get 5th District Judge John Butler to block the tests, but Butler on Monday disagreed.

Paul in court papers had argued that because previous tests of evidence from the scene failed to show a link to Horonzy, the state has no reason to take more samples from her client.

Paul also argued that Horonzy objects to having his foot size examined. At the same time, Paul argued that test results would actually rule out her client as the killer.

What other evidence the state may have is unclear. A grand jury indicted Horonzy Feb. 23, 2006 on first-degree murder charges, but little has been revealed in court records.

At least one prior attempt to match Please see HORIZONZY, Page D4

City approves YMCA pool contract

Last-minute amendments denied

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

A new multi-year pool management contract between the local YMCA and the city of Twin Falls survived some political theater by the Twin Falls City Council on Monday. The resulting document will pay the nonprofit slightly less than it does now but requires the city to pay for maintenance.

The contract, which was approved 4-1, followed months of negotiations between city officials and the YMCA of Twin Falls. The city will pay the YMCA \$43,000 — \$7,000 less than now and cover facility maintenance and repair costs, which officials

estimate will be up to \$100,000 annually. The YMCA must pay daily janitorial and cleaning duties.

The YMCA has managed the pool since 2002. It was a fiscal decision, after the city lost upwards of \$300,000 annually. It usually loses about \$100,000 since it pays for utilities. This year, the loss was \$180,000, and included the replacement of the pool's boiler.

In early November, Mayor Lance Clow and City Manager Tom Courtney met privately with YMCA officials to work through discrepancies over a proposed contract. A dress rehearsal by the YMCA for micromanagement from the city. The YMCA says the resulting four-year contract will allow it to plan programs easier with added financial security.

The contract also creates youth

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— Twin Falls City Councilman David E. Johnson

pool passes and stipulates hourly pool rental rates for private parties. It also allows the nonprofit to earn periodic fee increases of up to 5 percent. New fees were not approved Monday but are expected to come before the council in a few weeks.

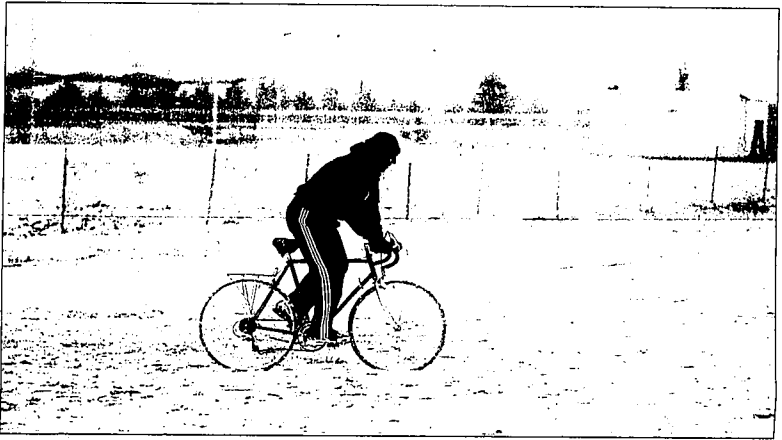
The last contract expired Oct. 31. Part of the delay to approve a new one was due to concern by the YMCA to the amount of oversight by the city. Under the new contract, the YMCA must develop its own operations manual by

June 2008.

Council members were worried over provisions that allowed either party to opt out of the contract. Now, a party that defaults on any contract term has 30 days to fix any alleged problems. If the problems are not solved, the other party can declare agreement null and terminate it 90 days later.

The contract, which the YMCA has agreed to, survived three Please see CONTRACT, Page D4

WINTER DRIVING



DuWayne Krause rides his bike to school through the snow Monday morning at the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls. Around 2 inches of snow fell Monday according to the National Weather Service. Monday evening's cold temperatures resulted in a number of minor accidents, according to dispatchers for Idaho State Police, Twin Falls and Southern Idaho Regional Communications. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is mostly sunny skies with a high of 23. There is a slight chance for more snow on Friday and Saturday.

FAA coming to discuss Twin Falls airport future

Agency officials to visit in January

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Talk of a new regional airport in the Magic Valley is still alive. The next discussion is about to be led by the big boys.

Federal Aviation Administration is on its way to Twin Falls. Agency officials will visit sometime in January for a discussion over whether a new airport is possible or even needed. Bill Carberry, the airport manager at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, told the Twin Falls City Council Monday night.

Carberry said he made the announcement because he

was notified of the upcoming trip when FAA officials talked with him public-meetings last week in Halley. The meetings were part of the environmental impact statement process for the siting and constructing of a replacement airport for the Friedman Memorial Airport. The FAA, citing safety concerns, has required the airport be replaced.

On July 2, Idaho County commissioners told Magic Valley county officials that if they wanted to participate in their airport planning process, they needed to act swiftly. Little action has been taken since then. Twin Falls County commissioners support a new regional facility.

Among the items that Carberry said:

• The FAA wants to meet

with Twin Falls city and county officials because it wants regional approval for such a facility. The FAA said the matter is about commercial air passenger service, and that the airports in Twin Falls and Halley would no longer host air service, Carberry said.

• If a regional airport was formed, the Twin Falls airport would become a general aviation facility, much like the airports in Jerome and Gooding counties, and its federal funding would decrease from \$1 million to \$150,000.

• The FAA expects Twin Falls to provide financial support for the construction of a regional facility.

Carberry said the FAA has not decided who will attend the meeting but that could be a large audience given the

amount of interest and number of stakeholders in the issue.

He added that if plans for a regional airport gained traction, the airport would have to redesign its, five-year capital improvement plan. The plan, which Carberry gave the council an update on Monday, calls for a new crosswinds runway to be installed by 2012.

Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow said he wasn't necessarily opposed to a new regional airport, even if it was north of the Snake River.

"I'm more concerned with what happens to the city of Twin Falls and the airport here," he said.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Traffic signal on U.S. 30 to be activated Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — Commuters and regular travelers on U.S. Highway 30 east of Twin Falls will need to be prepared to stop at a new traffic signal at Hanks Road beginning Wednesday morning.

Construction of the new traffic signal, located at the intersection of U.S. 30 and 3200 East Road, also known as Hanks Road, is complete and will begin directing traffic from all four directions on Wednesday. ITD officials will be testing signal timing and sensor response after the signal is turned on.

In conjunction with the new signal, a speed limit reduction will be in place. The 45 mph speed zone enforced beginning at the Twin Falls city limits will be extended east from the light. In addition, early warning beacons located to the east and west of the intersection will be activated to caution drivers of an oncoming red light.

The signal installation was prompted by increasing traffic in the vicinity and will address an increase in traffic crashes at the intersection.

Construction of the \$400,000 signal began in October. The cost of the light is shared between ITD, Twin Falls County and the city of Twin Falls.

For current driving conditions on Idaho highways, call 5-1-1 or visit 511.idaho.gov.

Karie Eldredge pleads not guilty on grand theft charges

Karie Eldredge pleaded not guilty Monday in district court to four counts of grand theft.

Eldredge, 45, allowed her attorney, Keith Roark, to answer most of 5th District Judge G. Richard Bevan's questions. Eldredge was fired Oct. 1 from the Magic Valley Women's Health Clinic, then charged with embezzling \$424,314 by writing checks to herself from the clinic over a four-year period and faking the bookkeeping program, according to an affidavit.

Jerome County Democrats meet tonight

JEROME — The Jerome County Democratic Central Committee will hold its December meeting at 7 p.m. today at the EMT building on East Main Street.

Contact members of the Barack Obama camp have been invited. All Democrats are urged to attend. Information: 324-2022 or 324-5493.

— from staff reports

Boys and Girls Club to move, expand in Buhl

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

When the Boys and Girls Club of Buhl reconvenes after the Christmas break, officials hope that students' needs will be better met by moving activities from Poppelwell Elementary School to the Presbyterian Church.

A larger area and more amenities, such as a fully-functional kitchen, will cater to more students, said Buhl Club Branch Manager Lindsey Westburg.

"We will be accepting younger, and older, students," she said. "The club used to be open to third- through fifth-graders and we will now accept students ages six to 18."

The club has functioned at the elementary school for a few years now but has

only been open two days a week. The club will allow the club to operate five days a week, with extended hours.

"With the move, we will be able to operate the entire school week, from 3 to 6 p.m.," Westburg said. "Our program will be more convenient for parents and offer more stability for students."

Ann Anderson, secretary of the club's advisory board, made the suggestion to Westburg to utilize the church.

"We wanted to provide a facility for them that would accommodate their needs for both small groups ... and large group activities," she said. "We wanted to provide and support them in meeting their goals."

Even though the church is just blocks from the elementary school, the club would like to see a clubhouse built closer

to the schools. Don Hall, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, said he hopes the district allows a facility to be built next to the elementary school, despite concerns by the district's attorney, Brian Julian.

A letter from Julian to district Superintendent Margaret Cox, dated Sept. 14, states that he is concerned with the length of the proposed lease agreement of 40 years.

"Part of the consideration of the lease is that the district reserves a building at the end of the lease," Julian wrote. "However, even under a best case scenario for the district, the district would be getting a 40-year-old building, probably well past its useful life and potentially ill-suited for use

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Stacey Brown

SALMON — Stacey Renee Brown, 43 years of age, passed away Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, in Salmon.

A memorial service for Stacey will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Faith Bible Chapel, with Pastor Killen Critchell and Pastor Greg Middlebrook officiating. Inurnment will be in the S. 1 m o n Cemetery. Visitation will from 5 until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Jones and Casey Funeral Home of Salmon.



She was born on June 24, 1964, in Twin Falls, the daughter of John and Frances (Gilman) Roehl. She attended school in Twin Falls and graduated from Salmon High School in 1982. Stacey was united in marriage to Randy Brown on Dec. 6, 1982, and of this union, three children were born: Tallista, Devin and Ashley. They were later divorced.

Stacey went to school to be a licensed practical nurse and worked at the nursing home in Gooding for 11 years before moving back to Salmon. She worked at the Discovery Care Centre a short time and also at

Country Side Home Care until she became ill in the spring of 2007. Stacey enjoyed working with the elderly and making them smile and laugh. Stacey was a prankster and loved to play tricks on people. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she treasured the time spent with them. There will be a valid at her morning coffee group, and she will be missed by all who loved her.

She is survived by her father, John Roehl of Salmon; two daughters, Tallista (Nathan) Jazaway of Payette and Ashley Brown of North Fork; stepson, Danny Smoke of Twin Falls; three grandchildren, Makayla and Tayson (Arran) of Payette and Stanley Gary IV of North Fork; sister, Patricia (Mike) Flores of Riverside, Calif.; two brothers, Chad (Keri) Roehl and Gary (Pam) Roehl, all of Twin Falls; brother-in-law, Russ Brown of Juneau, Alaska; sister-in-law, Connie Roehl of Twin Falls; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives. Stacey was preceded in death by her mother, Frances Roehl; son, Devin Brown in infancy; sister, Debbie Brown; and brother, Johnny Roehl.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Jones & Casey Funeral Home of Salmon.

Robert Wiley Meyers

Robert Wiley Meyers, 67, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at SunBridge Care Center.

Robert was born in Twin Falls on April 26, 1940. The family wishes to extend their thanks for the care of Robert to the staff at SunBridge Care Center.

Robert is survived by one son, Danny Meyers of Twin Falls; two sisters, Fern (Arny) Serr of Jerome and Carol (Bob) Schaeffer of Twin Falls; and a brother, Dale Meyers of Twin Falls. He

is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Wiley Bud and Lottie Meyers.

Robert's favorite hobbies were fishing and bingo. The family wishes to extend their thanks for the care of Robert to the staff at SunBridge Care Center.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Berle W. Riese

FAIRFIELD — Berle W. Riese, 83, a resident of Fairfield, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at his home.

Berle was born May 9, 1924, in the small town of Addy, Wash., to Lorrinda Riese Isabelle and Leonard Geer. He was raised in Washington by his mother and adopted father, Frank Riese.

Just short of finishing high school, Berle entered the military, honorably serving his country. Berle was a member of the American Legion for 35 years as a member of the Honor Guard and Sergeant at Arms. He was also an active member of the 40 & 8 for 21 years.

After leaving the military, Berle went to the woods making a living as a sawyer for 20 years in Washington before moving to Idaho and continuing logging for another 21 years. Berle married Leona Mullenberg on Oct. 10, 1964. Berle spent the remainder of his career working on the family farm in Fairfield with his wife, Leona. Berle was active in snowmobiling, sitting as president for the Idaho Snow Riders Snowmobile Club for

three years; he loved pitching horseshoes, served as president of the Camas Cappers Club in Fairfield and was also an avid bowler.

Berle is survived by his wife, Leona; his half sister, Babe Wehr of Greenacres, Wash.; daughter and son-in-law, Dona and Jerry Michael of Twin Falls; son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Carol Riese of Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Marie Jacobs of Spokane, Wash.; stepdaughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Ray Smith of Norman, Okla. Berle had seven grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father; mother; stepfather; and five brothers, Floyd Geer, Charlie Geer, Ralph Geer, Harold Geer and twin brother, Arnie Riese.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield. Funeral arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. The family would like to suggest memorials to The American Legion and the 40 & 8.

Judge tells dam operators latest plan not looking good

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — The federal judge overseeing efforts to balance salmon against dams in the Columbia Basin has told federal dam operators their latest effort does not appear to be any better than two previous failed plans, and he will take over the program rather than send it back to them a third time.

U.S. District Judge James Redden wrote parties in the long-running case to come to court Wednesday prepared to answer tough questions, such as whether the plans for running dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers so they don't harm salmon were based on the best available science, a demand of the Endangered Species Act.

The judge wrote that the plan appears to rely heavily on \$1.5 billion worth of habitat improvement projects, hatchery reforms, predator control and dam modifications, with no assurance Congress will pay for them or that they will help salmon.

On the upper Snake River in Idaho, the federal agencies don't appear willing to consider significant change to the status quo of running dams, the judge added.

Redden said he may appoint a panel of experts to independently evaluate the biological analysis of the dam operations plan, known as a biological opinion, in addition to the evaluation done by NOAA Fisheries, the federal agency in charge of salmon recovery.

Berta Jean Turner

Berta Jean Turner, was born Sept. 4, 1930, in Twin Falls, and gently left this world Dec. 5, 2007, at home while being cared for by her children.

She was the daughter of Victor and Annie Mae Legault of Hazelton. She attended high school at Hazelton, graduating in 1949. Throughout her high school years, she was active as a member of the girls basketball team. During her sophomore year, she was captain of the All-Star Girls Basketball team and was team captain her senior year. Hazelton had a highly successful season without any losses and had the honor of being the only team in their division of being undefeated in the state. Mom was awarded the title of Most Valuable Player for 1959.



In 1949, she married her high school sweetheart, Gene Turner. During the early years of their marriage, they spent time near their parents in Hazelton. On Jan. 1, 1961, they purchased the family farm and relocated to Hagerman. Mom enjoyed making new friends while being active in the community through square dancing, pinocle and her children's school activities. Mom welcomed everyone and anyone into her home, and if you were ever fortunate enough to meet our mother, you never felt unwelcome or left her home hungry. Her first greeting was "What would you like to eat?" When she wasn't working with Dad on the farm, she enjoyed sewing, cooking, oil painting and putting miles on the family car going to multiple yard sales. In 2003, our parents purchased their home in Twin Falls. New friends were created and welcomed again into her home and her heart.

She is survived by her five children, Sandy, Utah, Susan (Larry) Heaton of Idaho Falls, Shelley (Robert) Bourn of Boise, Olie Turner of Buhl and Vickie Turner of Boise. In addition to eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, whom she loved and cherished dearly. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gene Turner; father, Victor Legault; mother, Annie Mae Legault; sister, Allene Perkins; and brother, Dean Legault.

Mother will forever be remembered for teaching us honesty, the importance of forgiveness, keeping harmony in our lives, family values and that family always comes first.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Mike Seward officiating. A reception will immediately follow the service at the Parker's. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First Choice Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1054, Twin Falls, ID 83301, (208) 736-0900; or the Nazarene Church, P.O. Box 415, Kimberly, ID 83341 (208) 423-5200.

The family would like to express their thanks to Vickie Roloson, RN; Pastor Mike Seward; and her dear friend and neighbor, Helen Staff, for the wonderful friendship and care provided to her.

STUDENTS RAKE LEAVES



As part of HealthMet each year, students in Mini-Cassia rake leaves help out folks in the community. Here students in Joyce Merrill's leadership class at Burley Junior High School help out with the project. During their class time, they raked leaves at seven homes just south of the area. Participants included Gilbert Rodriguez, Iran Dimsa, Matt Tanaka, Michael Galzar, Jerro La France, Joyce Merrill, Jacques Segura, Thifani Strubling, Amber Thoenes, Garrett Robb, Jesse Bywater, Aron Perez and Zach Zamora.

Conder gets Eagle award

Nathan Conder, 18-year-old-son of Jon and Wonne Conder of Twin Falls, received his Eagle award Dec. 9. He completed 25 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he painted clothing collection and newspaper recycling bins for the Kiwanis Club. He is a member of Troop 99.

59 sponsored by the Twin Falls 1st Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His leader is Clay McCombs. He is a senior at Twin Falls High School and is involved in drama, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl and the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition. He has studied piano for years.

DEATH NOTICES

Doris Vaughan

Doris Vaughan, 83, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at Heritage Assisted Living in Twin Falls.

A graveside inurnment will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Cremation was under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Karen L. Thompson

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Karen Lynne Thompson, 50, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Cremation took place at Samaritan Funeral Home. At her request, no service was held.

Lois Kroft

Lois Kroft, 81, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at her home in

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

Roslyn M. Ruano

HAGERMAN — Roslyn M. Ruano, 67, of Hagerman, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at her residence.

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

Laurence M. Rawson

Laurence M. Rawson, 72, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

No service will be held at this time. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Gary H. Anderson of Filer, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Filer LDS Stake Center. Visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Wednesday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Gertrude Estella Hendrix Evans of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the First Christian Church in Buhl; burial service at 3 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Joyce Sue Kincheloe of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Hubert L. Hansen of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m.

Billie Brady of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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amendment attempts by Councilman David E. Johnson. Worried over the possible return to problems that have recently plagued the city's relationship with the NWCA, Johnson tried to shorten the contract length to one year and also for any contract termination to hap-

pen without any attempts of reconciliation.

"I'm voting against this contract because I believe that it ties the hands of the city for four years and we could have too many arduous situations if we do find a default," he said.

But members of the council, referencing the hours

staffers invested in the contract, pushed for approval.

"I really think we're getting off track here," Councilman Shawn Harter said during one of the discussions over Johnson's motions. "On behalf of good faith of the Y and the city, we ought to just approve the contract and see how things go."

Club

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by the district.

Julian's letter raises concerns about the constitutionality of the district leasing grounds to the club and possible conflicts with equal access, oversight with who is visiting the club and the district's potential liability risks.

Hall said he hopes the district sees beyond the legalese

and said the transaction will be a "win-win situation for the school district and the club."

During the next school board meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 18, trustees are expected to vote on whether to move forward with the lease.

"We have worked for six years in finding a suitable location and drafting an

agreement with the district," Hall said. "Not only will this be a benefit for the kids, it will be a benefit for the community and the school. We hope to continue working with the district in moving this project along."

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Horonzy

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hair samples from the crime scene to a sample taken from Horonzy was unsuccessful.

"No hairs microscopically like those in the known hair samples identified as originating from the suspect were found in the sperm (from the crime scene)," Cary T. Olen, of the FBI trace evidence unit, wrote in a Jan. 11, 2001

report filed with the court. Though indicted in early 2006, Horonzy was then in prison in Missouri on an unrelated charge and was not arraigned in Twin Falls until Sept. 27. He will next appear in court for a status hearing Feb. 25.

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Two killed, two survive plane crash in Salmon

SALMON (AP) — A well-known backcountry pilot and a passenger were killed Monday when a plane crashed shortly after taking off from an airport in this small, central Idaho mountain town.

Two other passengers survived when the pilot tried to make an emergency landing during a snowstorm shortly after 8 a.m. Lemhi County Sheriff Sam Slavin said.

The victims were identified as John Gallagher, 61, a Salmon pilot with 61 years of experience flying hunters, anglers and river rafters into Idaho's rugged wilderness, and Steven "Mike" Allen, 48, also of Salmon, who was in the co-pilot's seat.

The Federal Aviation Administration's Web site said the plane was a Beechcraft King Air 200 turbo-prop owned by the GJ Corp., of Salmon. Allen was a vice president and co-

owner of the company. Slavin declined to speculate on the cause of the crash. Investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board were expected to arrive later Monday or Tuesday, he said.

Witnesses said the twin-engine plane struggled to gain altitude during the storm, circled back but crashed into two hangers next to the landing strip. "We don't know whether it was mechanical or weather related," Slavin told The Associated Press. "At the time of the crash we had a heavy snowstorm and very poor visibility."

Slavin said the plane was on route to Las Vegas on a business trip.

Salmon-based GJ Corp. manufactures laminated wooden beams and arches used in home and building construction. Founded in 1977, the company has about 100 employees.

Knieval remembered as fearless spirit

Hometown says farewell to daredevil

By Susan Gallagher
Associated Press writer

BUTTE, Mont. — Mourners remembered daredevil Evel Knieval on Monday as a red, white and blue American icon who made a spiritual leap of faith long after his death-defying motorcycle jumps.

"He's forever in flight now. He doesn't have to come back down, he doesn't have to land," said actor Matthew McConaughey, who became friends with Knieval and hosted a History Channel program on the stuntman.

"It's in that spot of grace for the rest of time," McConaughey said. The Rev. Robert J. Schuller of California's Crystal Cathedral officiated at the service, held in the daredevil's hometown, and talked about Knieval's baptism this year. He noted that Knieval had recently changed an inscription on his tombstone, under the



Dr. Robert H. Schuller, pastor of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., stands at right as pallbearers load the casket bearing motorcycle daredevil Evel Knieval after his memorial service in Butte, Mont., Monday.

heading "Words to live for." "Heaven will rejoice that he wrote the last words to his life and was standing next to You when he wrote them: 'Believe in Jesus Christ,'" Schuller told the crowd of thousands, which included former heavyweight boxing champ Joe Frazier. Robbie Knieval, who followed his father into the family business, recalled hunting

and fishing trips as a child and disputed claims that he had clipped level in the world of extreme sports. "I am not the greatest daredevil in the world. I am the son of the greatest daredevil in the world," Robbie Knieval said. Before the service, hundreds of mourners filed past the open casket to pay their respects to Evel Knieval, clad

in a white leather jacket with red and blue trim. Photos rested on easels as images of Knieval on his motorcycle appeared on a large screen above.

A mix of country music and Frank Sinatra's "My Way" carried in the background. After the service, a hearse carried Knieval's body along Evel Knieval Loop, a six-mile route through town. A handful of people braved the cold and light snow to wave goodbye.

Later, a mix of people in leather biker jackets and ski parkas gathered at the gravesite. Some placed flowers on Knieval's coffin. Knieval died Nov. 30 in Clearwater, Fla., after years of falling health. He was 69. He had returned often to Butte, an industrial city of 35,000 that holds an annual Evel Knieval Days festival. On Sunday night, fireworks illuminated the night sky with bursts of red, white and blue when a hearse carrying Knieval's body arrived at the Butte Civic Center, the town's largest indoor venue.

Gore urges humans to stop waging war on planet's environment at Nobel Peace Prize ceremony

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OSLO, Norway — Saying it's "time to make peace with the planet," Al Gore accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on Monday with a call for humanity to rise up against a looming climate crisis and stop waging war on the environment.

The United States and China — the world's leading emitters of greenhouse gases — will stand accountable before history if they don't take the lead in that global challenge, the former vice president said.

"Without realizing it, we have begun to wage war on the Earth itself," Gore said in his acceptance speech. "Now, we and the Earth's climate are locked in a relationship familiar to war planners: 'Mutually assured destruction.' It is time to make peace with the planet."

Gore was awarded the prize for sounding the alarm over global warming and spreading awareness on how to counteract it. His co-winner, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, was represented by the panel's leader, Rajendra Pachauri.



Nobel Peace Prize winners Al Gore, left, and Rajendra Pachauri, the U.N. climate panel's chief scientist, show their medals and diplomas at the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony at City Hall in Oslo, Monday.

They received their Nobel gold medals and diplomas at a gala ceremony at Oslo's city hall, while the Nobel prizes for medicine, chemistry, physics, literature and economics were presented in a separate ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden.

Gore urged government officials at a U.N. climate conference in Bali, Indonesia, to prepare the ground for quick negotiations on an emissions-limitation treaty

to replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol on global warming. Gore and Pachauri will leave for the U.N. meeting Wednesday. "I will urge the delegates in Bali to adopt a bold mandate for a treaty," Gore said.

In a speech that quoted Churchill, Gandhi and the Bible, Gore said the world's biggest producers of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases — the United States and China — must stop blaming each other for the global warming.

"Instead, they should take the lead in solving a problem for which they bear a large responsibility, he said, or be 'accountable before history for their failure to act.' He drew a parallel between leaders who ignore the climate crisis and those who didn't act as Nazi Germany rearmament before World War II.

"Too many of the world's leaders are still best described in the words Winston Churchill applied to Hitler's failure: 'They go on in strange paradox, decided only to be undecided, resolved to be irresolute, adamant for drift, solid for fluidity, all powerful to be impotent,'" Gore said.

He likened the current "planetary emergency" to wartime. "We must quickly mobilize our civilization with the urgency and resolve that has previously been seen only when nations mobilized for war," he said.

Although Pachauri described the threat largely in measured, scientific terms, he warned of a grim fate if greenhouse gases emissions are not limited. A warming climate could lead to swamped coastal cities, disruptions to food supplies, spread of disease and loss of biodiversity, he said.

"Neglect in protecting our heritage of natural resources could prove extremely harmful for the human race and for all species that share common space on Planet Earth," Pachauri said in his acceptance speech. "It is within the reach of human society to meet these threats."

Before presenting the award to Gore and Pachauri, the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel awards committee, Ole J. Mjoes, praised them for moving climate to the top of the world agenda.

"We thank you for what you have done for Mother Earth," Mjoes said.

Argentina's first elected female president sworn in

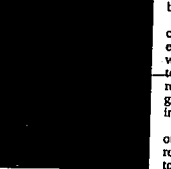
By Bill Corneir
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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Cristina Fernandez was sworn in Monday as Argentina's first elected female president, completing a rare husband-wife transfer of power that the nation hopes will ensure continued recovery from an economic meltdown.

Fernandez, whose husband Nestor Kirchner is credited with leading Argentina out of its 2001-2002 economic meltdown, vowed to increase his center-left economic programs, create jobs and reduce high poverty levels.

During her hour-long inaugural speech, Fernandez's voice rose in anger as she demanded faster progress from dozens of slow-moving court investigations of human rights abuses of the country's 1976-83 dictatorship.

"I expect that in the four years of my term, trials that have been delayed more than 30 years will be concluded. We must try and punish those who were responsible for the greatest genocide in modern Argentine history, Fernandez, 54, told a packed Congress after taking up the blue-and-white sash from Kirchner, who gingerly adjusted it on his shoulders.



Argentina's new president Cristina Fernandez, left, and her husband, departing president Nestor Kirchner, were outside the Congress after she was sworn in as the country's first elected female president, Monday.

Nearly 13,000 people are officially listed as missing or dead under a "dirty war" crackdown on dissent by past military governments. Activists estimate nearly dup-

ble that number died. Fernandez, who has been compared to Hillary Clinton, embarks on a four-year term whose main challenge will be to prolong an economic recovery that has seen annual growth rates above 8 percent in recent years.

"I believe we have regained our balance," Fernandez said, recalling how her husband took office in May 2003 amid a debt default and a searing devaluation that was Argentina's worst economic crisis in history. "In four and a half years this president — together with all Argentines — was able to change the scenario we were facing."

She vowed to strengthen Argentina's oft-criticized justice system, overhaul a poorly funded system of public schools and tackle rampant crime and a looming energy crisis.

Several South American presidents looked on and thousands of supporters outside Congress wore blue-and-white Argentine flags.

Fernandez, a three-term senator who won office handily on a left-leaning ticket, captured 45 percent of the vote against a divided opposition Oct. 28. She joins Michelle Bachelet in Chile as the second sitting female president in South America.

Approval ratings for Kirchner topping 60 percent have been largely credited with Fernandez's victory, although she was praised for an astute, unorthodox campaign.

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