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CSI unveils new health building

Health sciences faculty give mixed reaction to plans

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

Plans for the construction of a \$22-million health sciences building set to begin this spring at the College of Southern Idaho are on track, representatives of Starr Corp. and CTA architects told the college's board of trustees and faculty Monday.

"This project will come in within the budget," Glenn Arrington, of Starr Corp., told the board.

The building is designed with about 18 large classrooms, including two computer labs, three lecture halls, a large balcony and dressing rooms, according to plans displayed Monday.

The two-story building off North College Road is to open in 2009. It is designed in earth tones, such as wood, burnish and off-white shades. The building should mesh with other facilities on the campus through its color concept, architects said.

CSI officials will use the building for expansion of existing programs and to house new ones. The college recently doubled its registered nursing program by admitting two classes per year.

It currently has about 240 registered nursing students and about 60 in the licensed



This architect's rendering of the new College of Southern Idaho Health Sciences and Human Services Building was shown at the presentation Monday afternoon.

practical nursing program, according to the college's 2008 legislative agenda.

College assessments show a need for more dental hygiene, pharmacy technology and medical lab technology programs, CSI says. The new complex should bring three new health care programs, including one in health information technology for training medical records clerks.

Architects are designing the building with energy efficien-



Zach Lester, of the CTA architectural firm, explains the design of the College of Southern Idaho's new Health Sciences and Human Services Building to the college's trustees and faculty Monday.

cy in mind, they said.

Faculty members were both critical and supportive of the plans.

Some faculty from the dental department, for example, said a sterilizing room needed to be bigger, and they said the dark room was perhaps too large.

Other faculty members applauded the earth-tone color scheme and large lecture halls.

The process is still open for tweaking, and input from fac-

ulty is needed, Arrington said.

The building should have at least 31 faculty offices, CTA representatives told faculty members, and large lecture rooms for 70 to 90 students.

Practical teaching spaces are abundant, with more than 20 simulation rooms — flagged for exams, vitals, waiting, operating, video review, X-rays and dental assisting.

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Patients' families allege misconduct at nursing home

State launches investigation of loss of hot water

Kitchen and laundry room. The hot water was temporarily restored Thursday, failed again Friday and was not repaired Saturday. Sunday because the replacement pump was damaged in transit.

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Relatives of patients at a Twin Falls nursing home are alleging the facility is mistreating its residents and failed to provide hot water for patients' rooms for nine days.

"Twin Falls Care Center says residents were without hot water only over the weekend, but declined comment on other accusations.

"I think everybody has a different perception of what's been going on," said Kelly Spiers, administrator of the 116-bed skilled nursing facility at 674 Eastland Drive.

A new water pump was ordered Thursday when hot water went out at the home, Spiers said. Hot water was still available in the homes

Relatives of some patients aren't sure that's true, even after meeting with staff Sunday afternoon.

"My mom hasn't had a bath since she's been here," said Butch Malone, whose mother arrived at the care center Dec. 10.

Other patients have been bathed with alcohol wipes, relatives said.

The families also say the center's staff is unresponsive when patients call for help.

Randy Speaks' 40-year-old daughter is dying from liver and kidney failure. He said it has taken staff as long as an hour to respond when his daughter is in need.

"What happens when it's a life-or-death situation?" Speaks wondered.

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Twin Falls County, city approve liquor sales at head shop

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Beer and wine will go on sale today at the Smoke N' Head Shop, thanks to a reversal by the Twin Falls County commissioners.

Commissioners last month rejected an alcohol license for the shop, but Monday said all legal requirements had been met. The Twin Falls City Council later ratified the license in a separate meeting.

The county's decision came after Allen Nagel, who owns the store at 347 Washington St. N., submitted building documents the commissioners said were not in the original application and therefore led to a rejection based on a lack of information in November.

But when the commissioners rejected the application, they said they disapproved the items sold — flavored tobacco, various herbs and plants, and glassware to smoke them — and said they didn't "fit well with the community."

Nagel said he expects to begin selling beer and wine today.

Nagel's attorney, Pat Brown eventually submitted the documents, despite his protest that they were needed only for

approval by the state, which had already come.

"I think they knew they were being absolutely wrong," said Brown. "They're trying to cover their tracks."

The commissioners said a legal analysis led to the reversal, but that they still disapproved of his business.

"I didn't fall off the tripod truck today," said Commissioner Tom Mikesell. "I don't believe the products are catering to legal tobacco smokers." The issue, however, is far from over.

Nagel sued the commissioners earlier this month because the original denial was made without any legal reasoning. He filed Monday that he might file a lawsuit to recover monetary damages. Nagel said he's estimated how much he's lost in the last month.

In Twin Falls County a 1940 resolution dictates how alcohol licenses are granted. In the resolution, the two provisions for receiving a license are "strict observance" of state laws and paying a fee. Commissioners have said they will revise the county's application process.

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Border Patrol fires tear gas into Mexico in response to attacks



Border Patrol supervisory agent Joseph Ralph talks about the increased rock throwing and other violence directed toward Border Patrol agents, Wednesday in San Diego. Behind him are the primary border fence and Tijuana, Mexico.

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Border Patrol agents are firing tear gas and powerful pepper-spray weapons across the border into Mexico to repel what the agency says are an increasing number of attacks by assailants hurling rocks, bottles and bricks.

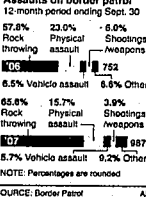
The counteroffensive has drawn complaints that innocent families are being caught in the crossfire.

"A neighbor shouted, 'Stop! There are children living here,'" said Esther Arias Medina, 41, who on Wednesday fled her Tijuana, Mexico, shanty with her 3-week-old grandson after the

Border attacks up

Assaults on border patrol agents along the Mexican border rose by 31 percent over last year.

Assaults on border patrol 12-month period ending Sept. 30



infant began coughing from smoke that seeped through the walls.

A helmeted agent on the U.S. side said nothing as he stood with a rifle on top of a 10-foot border fence next to the three-room home that

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Midwest corn boom threatens to expand 'dead zone' in Gulf of Mexico

By Henry C. Jackson
Associated Press writer

JEFFERSON, Iowa — Because of rising demand for ethanol, American farmers are growing more corn than at any time since World War II. And sea life in the Gulf of Mexico is paying the price.

The nation's corn crop is fertilized with millions of pounds of nitrogen-based fertilizer. And when that nitrogen runs off fields in Corn Belt states, it makes its way to the Mississippi River and eventually pours into the Gulf, where it contributes to a growing "dead zone" — a 7,900-square-mile patch so

depleted of oxygen that fish, crabs and shrimp suffocate.

The dead zone was discovered in 1985 and has grown fairly steadily since then, forcing fishermen to venture farther and farther out to sea to find their catch. For decades, fertilizer has been considered the prime cause of the lifeless spot.

With demand for corn booming, some researchers fear the dead zone will expand rapidly, with devastating consequences.

"We might be coming close to a 'tipping point,'" said Matt Rota, director of the water resources program for the New Orleans-based Gulf Restoration Network, an envi-

ronmental group. "The ecosystem might change or collapse as opposed to being just impacted."

Environmentalists had hoped to cut nitrogen runoff by encouraging farmers to apply less fertilizer and establish buffers along waterways.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Cloudy and breezy with snow showers... High 39... Low 30... Mini-CASSIA Today: Light snow with cloudy and breezy conditions...

Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra Christmas Concert... GOVERNMENT Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse...

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit program, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary and Hagerman High School... Arthritis Walking Class, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., First Christian Church...

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Season of Light," 7 p.m. and "Steamrolling," 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center, CSI campus, Twin Falls...

To have an event (including on-going events) listed in the January monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Dec. 21 to Suzanne Browne by email to sbrowne@gmagivalley.com...

Snowpack Levels

Table with 2 columns: Location, % Season peak. Watershed 84%, Salmon 89%, Big Wood 74%, Little Wood 64%, Big Lost 69%, Little Lost 74%, Henrys Fork/Oton 75%, Upper Snake Basin 69%, Oakley 77%, Salmon Falls 39%.

As of Dec. 17. A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average. ** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

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AROUND THE WORLD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Candidate, actor make a tough-guy act to follow

TILTON — Mike Huckabee is looking pretty tough these days in the race to the Republican nomination, which is why Chuck Norris looks no right by his side on this campaign trip last weekend.

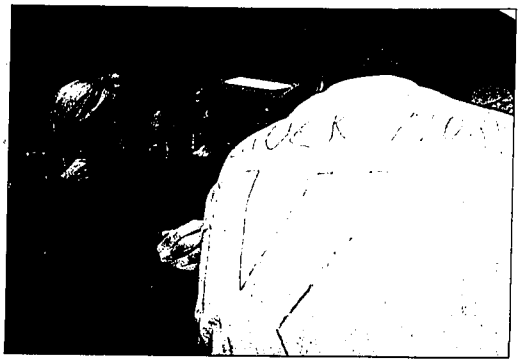
Team Huckabee, the preacher and the black belt: gearing up for three full days of G-rated, butt-kicking, campaign-riffin' action. At one stop in a veterans home, Norris hands an autographed card of himself to a 17-year-old kid named Tyler Peters.

"No way! So cool!" the kid cries out, clutching his tiny piece of Chuck. "Everyone says the young people don't vote, and I say, 'Well, they're going to vote this time!'" Norris says, gripping another kid's shoulder in a way that's probably meant to be non-threatening, except he's Chuck Norris, so it's hard to tell.

"Team Huckabee is all might and testosterone. If this were an action movie, they'd wear leather jackets and carry rifles. Huckabee, 52, is a former Arkansas governor and onetime Baptist preacher who wears alligator cowboy boots and whose dramatic rise in the polls has confounded many political types. Norris is known primarily for roundhouse-kicking bad guys on TV and in the movies.

"Team Huckabee is tough, but not too tough for many regard at the veterans home, they praise each other.

"He is a man who says what he means and means what he says," Chuck says of Huck. "We want a military that as tough as Chuck Norris in an alley," Huck says of Chuck.



Chuck Norris, left, signs Eamon Kelly's shirt Saturday, after a campaign event for Republican presidential hopeful, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, at the New Hampshire Community Technical College in Berlin, N.H. The shirt was one of a series that spelled out 'Huck' and 'Chuck.' (Story at left).

billion in shareholder value" was the fault of his successors.

U.S. District Judge Amy J. St. Eve told Radler on Monday that he had breached his duty, noting he took a lot of money from Hollinger International at great expense to the company and the shareholders.

"You certainly have tried to right your wrongs," St. Eve told Radler, who must begin serving his sentence Feb. 25.

SRI LANKA

On 90th birthday, writer Arthur C. Clarke lists three wishes

COLOMBO — Science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke listed three wishes on his 90th birthday for the world to embrace cleaner energy resources, for a lasting peace in his adopted home of Sri Lanka, and for evidence of extraterrestrial beings.

"I have always believed that we are not alone in this universe," he said in a speech to a small gathering of scientists, astronauts and government officials Sunday in Colombo where he lives.

Humans are waiting until extraterrestrial beings "call us or give us a sign," he said. "We have no way of guessing when this might happen. I hope sooner rather than later."

Clarke has written more than 100 sci-fi books, including "2001: A Space Odyssey." His fiction predicted space travel before rockets were even test fired and envisioned computers dominating ordinary lives.

The British-born writer, who was knighted in 1998,

moved to Sri Lanka in 1954 and became a resident guest — meaning he can stay permanently without a resident visa — in 1975.

PENNSYLVANIA

Widow takes husband's ashes to NFL game

PITTSBURGH — Richard Desrosiers never made it to Heinz Field to watch his beloved Steelers play football, but his widow helped him fulfill his dream in death.

Thanks to some help from sympathetic donors, Kathleen Desrosiers attended Sunday's game, bringing an urn with some of her late husband's ashes, as well as his final two pictures of him. He had died in March of a brain tumor.

"I couldn't take the tumor away. I couldn't make him better. But I can do this," Kathleen Desrosiers, 60, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Though he lived in Exeter, N.H., Richard Desrosiers adopted the Steelers at an early age and followed them closely. He named his dog, Steeler, and his wardrobe, by his widow's estimate, was 95 percent Steelers gear.

Brawling the biting cold and the Steelers' disappointing 29-22 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars, Desrosiers waved her new "Terrible 12nd," showed off her painted face and waved her head with a Steelers fan.

She called it "an overwhelming experience."

OHIO

Homeowner, contractor clash over money found hidden in walls

CLEVELAND — A contractor who helped discover bundles of cash totaling \$182,000 hidden behind

bathtub walls says the homeowner should turn the money over to him — or at least share it.

Bob Kitts said his feud with the owner of the house, a former high school classmate, has deteriorated to the point where they speak to each other only through lawyers.

Kitts said his lawyer has drafted a lawsuit that he hopes will force Amanda Reece to turn over the money she has kept. Meanwhile, Reece accuses Kitts of shaking her down.

Most of the currency, issued in 1927 and 1928, is in good condition, and some of the money she has kept, currency appraiser valued the treasure at as much as \$500,000, Kitts said.

"The fight began in May 2004 when Kitts was gutting Reece's bathroom and found a box below the medicine cabinet that contained \$25,200.

CALIFORNIA

Santa cops pull over good motorists for a little holiday treat

RANCHO CORDOVA — Happy holidays. Now pull over to the side of the road. Motorists may be in for a surprise if they spot flashing red lights in their rearview mirrors in this Sacramento suburb during the holiday season.

Police are stopping law-abiding motorists and rewarding their good driving with 55 Starbucks gift cards.

A traffic officer came up with the idea to "promote the holiday spirit and enhance goodwill between the traffic unit and the motoring public," police Sgt. Tim Curran said.

Local businesses donated money to buy the gift cards. "They're pulling over a lot of people."

— compiled from wire reports

CORRECTIONS

Wrong spelling The names of Tom Ashenbrenner and Carmela Vineyards were misspelled in a Money story published Dec. 16. Incorrect title Danny Auth is co-owner of the Pita Pit. His title was incorrect in a photo caption provided to the Times-News. Incorrect figures An article in Monday's edition incorrectly stated recycling figures for the City of Twin Falls. The amount of waste recycled in 2007 was 3.73 tons less than in 2006. The correct amount is about 3.73 tons. The Times-News regrets the errors.

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Arias shares with six others. "We don't deserve this," Arias said. "The people who live here don't throw rocks. These are people who come from the outside, but we're paying the price."

Witnesses in Arias' hard-to-reach neighborhood described eight attacks since August that involved tear gas or pepper spray, some that forced residents to evacuate.

The Border Patrol says its agents have been attacked nearly 1,000 times during a one-year period.

The agency's top official in San Diego, Mike Fisher, said agents are taking action because Mexican authorities have been slow to respond. When an attack happens, he said, American authorities often wait hours for them to come, and help usually never arrives.

"We have been taking steps to ensure that our agents are safe," Fisher said.

Mexico's acting consul general in San Diego, Ricardo Pineda, has insisted that U.S. authorities stop firing into Mexican soil. He met with Border Patrol officials last month after the agency fired tear gas into Mexico. The agency defended that action, saying agents were being hit with a hail of hail bearings from slingshots in Mexico.

U.S. officials say the violence indicates that smugglers are growing more desperate as stepped-up security makes it harder to sneak across the border. The assailants try to distract

"He said: 'I'm the policeman of the world and I can do what I want.'"

— **Robis Guadalupe Arguedo of Tijuana, who shouted in protest at a Border Patrol agent after opening her front door to a cloud of tear gas**

agents long enough to let people dash in the United States.

The head of a union representing Border Patrol employees said the violence also results from the decision to put agents right up against the border, a departure from the early 1990s when they waited farther back to make arrests.

"When you get that close to the fence, your agents are sitting ducks," said T.J. Bonner, president of the National Border Patrol Council.

Border Patrol agents were attacked 507 times along the U.S.-Mexico border during the 12-month period that ended Sept. 30, the agency said. That's up 31 percent from 752 attacks a year earlier, and it's the highest number since the agency began recording attacks in the late 1990s.

About two-thirds of the attacks were with rocks. Many of the rest involved physical assaults, such as illegal immigrants getting into fist fights with guards.

About one of every four attacks occurred in San Diego, and most of those happened along a heavily fortified, 10-mile stretch of the border starting at the Pacific Ocean.

Agent Joseph Ralph estimates he has been struck by rocks 20 times since joining

the Border Patrol in 1987, once fracturing a shoulder blade. "You find yourself trying to take cover," he said.

About four months ago, a large rock struck the hood of agent Ellery Taylor's vehicle. "The only thing you can think is, 'I'm glad that that wasn't my head.' There's no way to see it coming," Taylor said.

In October, agents in California and Arizona received compressed-air guns that shoot pepper-spray canisters more than 200 feet. Agents already had less powerful pepper-launchers that lose their punch after about 30 feet — even less if absorbed by thick clothing or cardboard.

The Border Patrol says the pepper weapons are a less lethal alternative to regular guns, but they have caused at least one fatality. In October 2004, a college student died after she was struck in the eye by a pepper-spray canister that officers fired to control a celebration of the Red Sox's pennant win.

Border Patrol SWAT teams along the U.S.-Mexico border are also equipped with tear gas, "flash bombs" that emit blinding light and "sting ball" grenades that disperse hundreds of tiny rubber pellets.

U.S. officials say the new tactics may spare lives. An

agent shot and killed a 20-year-old Mexican man whose arm was crushed back in March in Calexico, Calif., where rock attacks have soared in the last year. Two years ago, an agent fatally shot a truck driver at the San Diego-Tijuana border.

No criminal charges were filed in either case. Robis Guadalupe Arguedo, a seamstress in Tijuana, said she has been startled by tear gas on four nights since Aug. 7, when her 12-year-old son suffered a nose bleed. That attack also shattered a window of her neighbor's car.

Arguedo, 31, said she shouted in protest across the border at a hunched agent on Dec. 8 after opening her front door to a cloud of tear gas. "He said 'I'm the policeman of the world and I can do what I want.'"

Benito Arias said his 19-year-old sister-in-law fainted during an apparent tear gas attack about two weeks ago. The woman, five months pregnant, was given oxygen at the hospital.

His father, Jose Arias, fled with his wife a few blocks away, where paramedics checked their blood pressure. He said he sympathizes with the Border Patrol because Mexican authorities do nothing to prevent people from hiding rocks over the fence at agents.

"This is a matter between government and government," said Arias, 75. "They want to prevent an agreement. We are innocent. What can we do about it?"

Democratic lawmakers decide to back Obama

BOISE (AP) — Campaign officials for Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama are touting a new batch of endorsements from Idaho Democrats.

The endorsements announced Monday include Idaho's House Minority Leader Wendy Jacquet, of Ketchikan, state senator Mike Burket, of Boise and Ada County Commissioner Paul Woods.

Officials say they have also received the backing of

Jerry Brady, the Democratic nominee in Idaho's gubernatorial race last year.

They are the latest batch of Idaho Democrats to swing their favor for Obama, a first-term Illinois senator who has closed the gap in the polls on front runner Hillary Clinton in Iowa and other early primary states.

Last month, Obama opened a campaign office in Boise and he is the top fundraiser among Idaho Democrats.

Home

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During the facility's last inspection in September, state inspectors said the home was failing to properly treat all present bed sores, according to reports posted on the national Medicare Web site.

"The inspection also found the home failed to prepare food that is nutritional, appetizing, tasty, attractive, well-cooked and at the right temperature."

Patients are served cold food, sometimes more than an hour after it is prepared, both Speaks and Malone said.

The facility declined to respond to allegations beyond the water problem. "The hot water doesn't really do anything for us if we're using microbial soaps," Spiers said. "But vents smell like take out showers."

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will begin an investigation after hearing Monday of the allegations, said John Hathaway, Department of

Health and Welfare's regional director.

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Dead zone

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But the demand for the corn-based fuel additive ethanol has driven up the price for the crop, which is selling for about \$4 per bushel, up from a little more than \$2 in 2002.

That enticed American farmers — mostly in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota — to plant more than 93 million acres of corn in 2007, the most since 1944. They substituted corn for other crops, or made use of land not previously in cultivation.

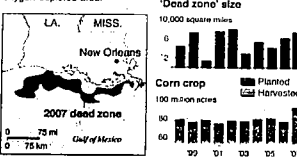
Corn is more "leaky" than crops such as soybean and alfalfa — that is, it absorbs less nitrogen per acre. The prime reasons are the drainage systems used in corn fields and the timing of when the fertilizer is applied.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that up to 210 million pounds of nitrogen fertilizer enter the Gulf of Mexico each year. Scientists had no immediate estimate for 2007, but said they expect the amount of fertilizer going into streams to increase with more acres of corn planted.

"Corn agriculture practices release a lot of nitrogen," said Donald Scavia, a University of Michigan professor who has studied corn fertilizer's effect on the dead zone. "More corn equals more nitrogen pollution."

Corn crop a threat to Gulf 'dead zone'

Fertilizer for corn runs off fields into the Mississippi River and eventually into the Gulf of Mexico, where oxygen-depleted areas.



SOURCES: ESR, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium; Food and Drug Administration

Farmers realize the connection between their crop and problems downstream, but with the price of corn soaring, it doesn't make sense to grow anything else. And growing corn isn't profitable without nitrogen-based fertilizer.

"I think you have to try to be a good steward of the land," said Jerry Peckum, who farms corn and soybeans on about 2,000 acres he owns or leases near the Iowa community of Jefferson. "But on the other hand, you can't ignore the price of corn."

Peckum grows alfalfa and natural grass on the 220 or so acres he owns, but said he cannot afford to experiment on the land he rents.

The dead zone typically begins in the spring and persists into the summer. Its size and location vary each year because of currents, weather and other factors, but it is generally near the mouth of the Mississippi.

This year, it is the third-biggest on record. It was larger in 2002 and 2001, when it covered 8,500 and 8,006 square miles respectively.

Soil erosion, sewage and industrial pollution also contribute to the dead zone, but fertilizer is believed to be the chief factor.

Fertilizer causes explosive growth of algae, which then dies and sinks to the bottom, where it soaks up oxygen as it decays. This creates a deep layer of oxygen-depleted ocean where creatures either escape or die.

Bottom-dwelling species such as crabs and oysters are most at risk, said Michelle Perez, an analyst with the Washington-based Environmental Working Group. "They struggle to survive," Perez said. "They can't swim away."

Crabbers complained at a meeting in Louisiana earlier this year that they pulled up bucket upon bucket of dead crabs.

Rota warned that if the corn boom continues, the Gulf of Mexico could see an "ecological regime change." The fear is that the zone will grow so big that most sea life won't be able to escape it, leading to an even bigger die-off.

"People's livelihood depends on the shrimp, fish and crabs in these waters," he said. "Already, some of these shrimpers are traveling longer and longer distances to catch anything."

Given the market pressure to grow corn, the Natural Resources Defense Council and others argue that the nation needs a comprehensive, federal approach to the problem.

Among the ideas floated: rules to force farmers to use fertilizers with more care, and the establishment of buffer zones to contain runoff.

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'Death Star Galaxy' blasts neighboring star cluster with radiation jet, NASA finds

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The latest act of senseless violence erupted on tape in cosmic scope: A black hole in a "death star galaxy" blasting a neighboring galaxy with a deadly jet of radiation and energy.

A fleet of space and ground telescopes have captured images of this cosmic violence, which people have

never witnessed before, according to a new study released Monday by NASA.

"It's like a bully, a black-hole bully punching the nose of a passing galaxy," said astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York, who wasn't involved in the research.

But ultimately, this could be a deadly punch. The telescope images show the bully galaxy shooting a

stream of deadly radiation particles into the lower section of the other galaxy, which is about one-tenth its size. Both are about 6.2 billion trillion miles from here, orbiting around each other.

The larger galaxy has a multi-digit name but is called the "death star galaxy" by one of the researchers, who discovered the galactic hooligan, Daniel Evans of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Tens of millions of stars, including those with orbiting planets, are likely in the path of the deadly jet, said study co-author Martin Hardcastle of the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom.

If Earth were in the way — and it's not — the high-energy particles and radiation of the jet would in a matter of months strip away the planet's protective ozone layer and compress the protective

magnetosphere, said Evans. That would then allow the sun and the jet itself to bombard the planet with high-energy particles.

And what would that do to life on the planet?

"Decompose it," Tyson said.

"Sterilize it," Evans piped in.

and can stretch on for another 10 to 100 million years.

"A truly extraordinary act of violence," Evans said. "The jet violently slams into the lower half of the neighboring galaxy after which the jet dramatically twists and bends."

The jet attack is relatively new, in deep space time. Hardcastle estimates it's no more than 1 million years old.

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Thousands in Oklahoma, Kansas still in the dark

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — More than 100,000 homes and businesses remained without power Monday, more than a week after an ice storm battered Oklahoma, and the emergency has outlasted the ability of many residents to pay for it.

Some depleted their funds stocking up on food before the storm that went bad after the power went out, while others used money to stay in a hotel, thinking power would be restored within a day or two.

"We've had people using generators who ran out of money for fuel to operate the generators," said Vince Hernandez, chairman of the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Hundreds of people found a place to sleep and hot meals over the weekend at a temporary shelter established at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City. Officials reported 349 people stayed at the shelter Sunday night, down from more than 400 on Friday and Saturday nights.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric, the state's largest electric utility, set up temporary walk-up stations in nine central Oklahoma cities for customers to report power failures.

"We've got eight days without lights," said 7-year-old Josue Velasquez, who came to one station with his mother, Rebecca Rascon, who speaks little English. Josue said they "just sit on the couch and wait for the lights to come on" in their "very cold" south Oklahoma City home.

OG&E reported nearly 70,000 without power, mostly in the Oklahoma City area, while Tulsa-based Public Service Company of Oklahoma reported 32,000. The Oklahoma Association of Rural Cooperatives reported 5,712 customers without power Monday.

Overnight temperatures in the state in the past week have dipped into the teens.

The state medical examiner's office said the ice storm contributed to at least 27 deaths, 16 in traffic accidents, eight in fires, two from carbon monoxide fumes and one from hypothermia.

In Kansas, where six deaths were blamed on last week's storm, about 24,000 customers remained without power, and some of those in rural areas might not see electricity restored for a week or more. "The reason is another winter storm is expected later this week," said Larry Detweiler of the Kansas Electric Cooperatives.

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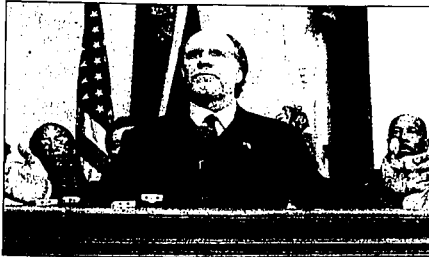
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New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine answers questions after signing a bill which replaces the state's death penalty with life in prison without any possibility of parole, Monday at the State House in Trenton, N.J.



New Jersey becomes first state in 42 years to ban death penalty

By Tom Hester Jr. Associated Press writer

TRENTON, N.J. — Gov. Jon S. Corzine signed into law Monday a measure that abolishes the death penalty, making New Jersey the first state in more than four decades to reject capital punishment. The bill, approved last

week by the state's Assembly and Senate, replaces the death sentence with life in prison without parole.

"This is a day of progress for us and for the millions of people across our nation and around the globe who reject the death penalty as a moral or practical response to the grievous, even heinous,

crime of murder," Corzine said.

The measure spares eight men on the state's death row. On Sunday, Corzine signed orders commuting the sentences of those eight to life in prison without parole.

Among the eight spared is Jesse Timmendequas, a sex offender who murdered 7-year-old Megan Kanka in 1994. The case inspired Megan's Law, which requires law enforcement agencies to notify the public about convicted sex offenders living in their communities.

New Jersey reinstated the death penalty in 1982 — six years after the U.S. Supreme Court allowed states to resume executions — but it hasn't executed anyone since 1963.

The state's move is being hailed across the world as a historic victory against capital punishment. Rome plans to shine golden lights on the Colosseum in support. Once the arena for deadly gladiator combat and executions, the Colosseum is now a symbol of the fight against the death penalty.

"The rest of America, and for that matter the entire world, is watching what we are doing here today," said Assemblyman Wilfredo Caraballo, a Democrat. "New Jersey is setting a precedent that I'm confident other states will follow."

The bill passed the Legislature largely along party lines, with controlling Democrats supporting the abolition and minority Republicans opposed. Republicans had sought to retain the death penalty for those who murder law enforcement officials, rape and murder children, and terrorists, but Democrats rejected that.

"It's simply a specious argument to say that, somehow, after six millennia of recorded history, the punishment no longer fits the crime," said Assemblyman Joseph Malone, a Republican.

Members of victims' families fought against the law.

"I will never forget how I've been abused by a state and a governor that was supposed to protect the innocent and enforce the laws," said Marilyn Flax, whose husband's killing was abducted and murdered in 1987 by death row inmate John Martin Sr.

Calif. school district bans controversial sweatshirts

By My-Tuan Tran Los Angeles Times

The sweatshirts zip up through the hood to completely cover the face, transforming it into a mask and making it virtually impossible to tell who is underneath.

They're fashion statements to some, but to administrators in Orange County, Calif.'s Capistrano Unified School District, there's danger lurking under the hood. All six high schools last week banned the hoodies from campus.

School officials sent e-mails to parents telling them to shop for Christmas presents accordingly. "Before you complete your gift buying for the holiday season, we want to let you know that any sweatshirt that zips up all the way through the hood (mask or not) will not be allowed at school," the e-mail said.

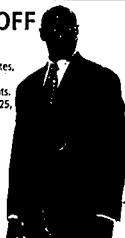
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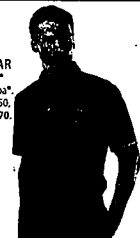
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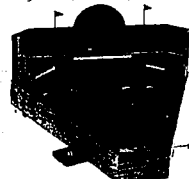
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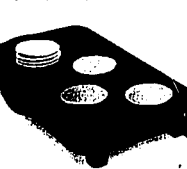
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EDITORIAL

Big dreams, bigger challenges: Ambitious Minidoka plan makes sense

Idaho Department of Water Resources official Hal Anderson put it most succinctly: "This is a fairly significant reality check."

A committee formed to manage the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer is considering the most dramatic changes to the Magic Valley's water picture — and its economy — since I.B. Perrine laid out his first canal.

The ideas include enlarging Minidoka Dam, converting all groundwater pumps in the sprawling A&B Irrigation District to surface water, expanding efforts to recharge the aquifer by tenfold, developing a system of water-rights buyouts and dry-land leasing programs, and increasing the water budget by 10 percent. Price: \$100 million, to start.

The plan — if it happens as envisioned — is designed to solve southern Idaho's increasingly urgent water crisis and avoid forced idling of hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland.

The logisticians, land deals, environmental impact statements, technological challenges and negotiating hurdles to come are daunting. But if nothing else, the proposal shows how critical water is in our economy.

"These ideas will get everyone's attention. Question is, where will all the investment come from? Water users will pay in the long run, but who is in a position to front that kind of money?" The federal Bureau of Reclamation? The state? Maybe it's time for an unconventional approach. Since everyone who makes a living in south-central Idaho depends on water, perhaps everybody — farmers, ranchers, city-dwellers, retailers, manufacturers, dairymen, cities, counties and utilities — should contribute something.

But whatever the financing, the pieces of this grand vision make sense. A bigger Lake Walcott — the plan is to raise the dam by five feet — could provide as many as 50,000 acre-feet of additional water, while covering 65,000 of A&B's 81,000 acres to surface irrigation could make a substantial dent in aquifer depletion.

Quite frankly, all of the modest solutions have been tried, and they have produced what southern Idaho is now has — a standoff, reverencing legal challenges and economic uncertainty. Agricultural lenders don't invest in a vacuum, and every water-user's future — from sugar beet growers of Minidoka County to fish farmers of Twin Falls and Gooding counties — is uncertain.

That kind of uncertainty just isn't good enough anymore. Our livelihood is at stake.

Our view: There's no reason not to think big about solutions to defuse the Magic Valley's mounting water crisis. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City could make profit on golf course

If the city wants to stop losing money on the golf course, should ask for bids on operating the club house and concessions; also get better return from the driving range and, above all, do not issue multi-year contracts. Each year should be evaluated and adjustments made if necessary. This is city property, and the taxpayers shouldn't have to support it. Other cities make a profit on their courses and use the money to support other activities. The course should make a profit, and it is up to the city

council to see that it is done.
J. WAYNE KING
Twin Falls

Injured trooper's parents thankful for help

In this season of love and caring, we, the parents of Idaho State Police trooper Chris Glenn, would like to thank the people of the Magic Valley for taking such good care of Chris, Alisha and Daldan. Your prayers were especially appreciated. We are convinced that is what helped all of us get through those first days. We could not feel the love and support. Thanks to the efforts of

many people from the Idaho State Police to the many generous people who have never met Chris, they now have a beautiful home that Chris can get around in, and we don't have to worry every day about him. Thank you is not enough, but it is all that we have.
CAROLYN GLENN
WADE GLENN
Twin Falls

Agency didn't help woman in need

I was appalled with certain individuals' attitudes who are in charge with helping people during Christmas in their time of need.

My recent experience has made me wonder if people really do care. It's sad how people are treated. I now know how they are treated by people who are in charge of "helping" others during the holidays. In all actuality, these gifts for kids are not coming out of their own pocket; they are donated by the community. It is not a time of giving? Not everyone is fortunate enough to give their kids a Christmas. Rudeness is what I received when I called a local business and asked what I need to do so my children would have something of a nice Christmas. First thing he said to me was, "Have you applied to me?" I said yes. He said, "Well, you have it covered."

Well, first of all, I was only able to use one child out of three at that agency, and it doesn't help with Christmas trees or decorations. I wonder, is that what he tells his kids — you have gifts from one parent, so you have it covered? How do I tell to my kids who have done very well in school and are great kids — that's all mom can do for you? Kids who have to make constant sacrifices because mom, who is a single parent, works full time to make sure the bills are paid and goes to school full time to

improve the quality of life for them one day and set a great example. This is my first experience trying to get help with Christmas, and it should not matter if I get a turkey from one agency or not.
BRENDA EDEL
Jerome

Bush has created un-Christian environment
With George W. Bush in office, a seemingly never-ending war in Iraq and Guantanamo ongoing, how can any Christian celebrate Christmas with a clear conscience?
JOHN WALSH
Burley



Dealing with who did what back in freshman year

There are lots of different ways for a presidential candidate to deal with the question of drug use. You can admit it, deny it or say you didn't inhale. That last one, I think we can agree, is a choice we won't be seeing again any time real soon.

George W. Bush always declined to answer. "If I were you, I wouldn't tell your kids that you smoked pot unless you want them to smoke pot," he said during the 2000 campaign in response to the many, many questions about his own history. The phrasing was vintage George W., but actually, the answer was a thing of genius. In one simple sentence, Bush had: a) eliminated cocaine from the conversation, b) made "you" the guilty party and c) explained that whatever happened, he was clammng up for the sake of the children.

If the Bush Department of Defense had done as much strategic thinking as the Bush campaign's drug-question detail did, we would be living in a much happier world today.

Barack Obama is the first serious presidential candidate ever to acknowledge using cocaine. "Pot had helped, and booze," he said of his days as an alternate adolescent. "Maybe a little blow when you could afford it."

This has not exactly been a success — that quote appeared in his 2005 autobiography, "Dreams From My Father." But it hasn't come up much during the campaign. Even though he has held approximately 10 trillion town hall question-and-answer sessions in Iowa and New Hampshire, Obama has never been challenged in the incessant, sometimes outrageous way a presidential nominee



GAIL COLLINS

gets challenged.

"It'll be: When was the last time? Did you ever give drugs to anyone? Did you ever sell them?" Billy Shalheen, the co-chairman of the New Hampshire Clinton campaign predicted to a reporter from The Washington Post. By the next day, Shalheen was gone. Hillary had apologized to Barack and the controversy had eclipsed even Mike Huckabee's apology to Mitt Romney for suggesting that Mormons believe Jesus and the devil are brothers. (The Republicans are so deep into theological disputes that their low race is beginning to sound like the Council of Trent.)

"The strangest Obama people suspected that the whole thing had been a well-orchestrated plot to call attention to the "blow" quote. They were grossly underestimating the inordinate talent of political operatives for screwing things up on their own. "The most frequently spoken words in a campaign are: 'Oh, my God! He did what!'" said Bill Curry, a politician turned political columnist.

Representatives of all three leading campaigns went on MSNBC in the wake of the Shalheen debacle and proved the point. "Well, I think we have made clear that the issue



Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama D-Ill., asks Iowans to sign up to support him as he campaigns Monday in Spencer, Iowa. Despite acknowledging drug use when he was younger, Obama hasn't yet been questioned at length about it.

related to cocaine use is not something that the campaign was in any way raising," said the Clinton strategists Mark Penn, with a weird kind of sangfroid. "This guy's been fibbing-tering on this." He just said cocaine again! cried the John Edwards adviser Joe Trippi.

"I think you're saying cocaine," retorted Penn. Campaigns behave well only when they're far ahead or far behind. When they're all bunched together, teetering between victory and disaster, they get sweaty and sloppy and borderline insane. (Hillary is probably regretting the day she called this the "fun part.") Still, unless you're a candidate, this is not a bad thing. The whole point of the Iowa caucuses — if there is any point

to the Iowa caucuses — is to see how everybody functions under stress. "I've been tested. There are no surprises," Clinton assured Iowans on Friday. Nobody in their right minds would presume that anything involving the Clintons will be surprising. But Hillary's big selling point has indeed always been her ability to forge ahead through unimaginable political disasters. Now, voters are getting to see how the presidential candidacy holds up when she's losing her lead in the polls.

For Obama, the real question is not about what he ingested in his freshman year of college. If middle-aged men were disaffected from serious jobs because of recreational drug use as teenagers, there would be nobody left to run the stock exchange.

The question is whether Obama has worked out a way to explain all this to the more conservative voters he'd be wooing next fall. (Particularly if the Republican nominee is Mitt Romney, who has never rick off a candidate. That doesn't rank up there with health care programs when it comes to serious issues, but if you want the candidate with the best chance of winning, it's a fair concern.)

The classic way to get rid of a past misbehavior problem is to turn it into an inspiring story about sin and redemption. But Obama has a hard time with the cheesy side of political campaigns, and being required to dredge up emotions he doesn't necessarily feel. "The point was to inhale. That was the point," he said, when someone asked the inevitable question.

Gail Collins is a columnist for the New York Times.

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CIA torture videotapes? What torture videotapes?

Who done it? Sometime late in 2005, the CIA destroyed videotapes showing hundreds of hours of interrogations of two top al-Qaida suspects while continuing to imply that a 9/11 commission and the courts that no such interrogation tapes ever existed.

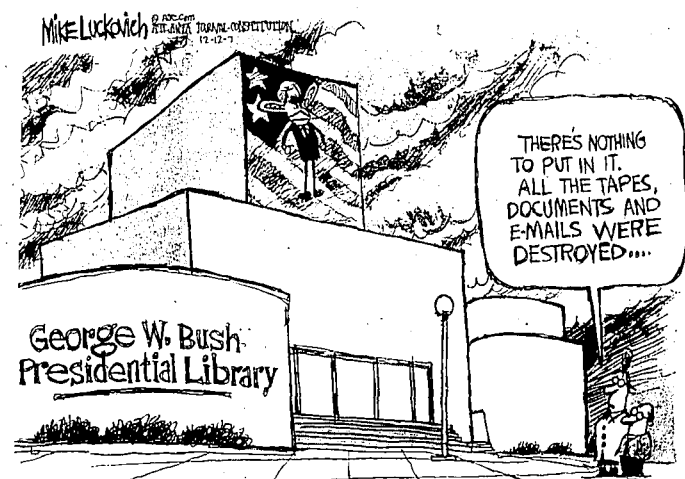


ROSA BROOKS

What was on those tapes that made CIA officials so eager to destroy them. Instead of just telling them to the producers of "24" and retiring in comfort? And who authorized (or knew of) their destruction?

Not our national Decider, who insists, via White House spokesman Dana Perino, that he didn't decide anything whatsoever, because he has no recollection of being made aware of the tapes or their destruction. That's in contrast to former White House Counsel Harriet E. Miers, who apparently knew all about the tapes but didn't bother to share the news with her boss.

Unidentified administration sources assure us, though, that Miers recommended that the CIA preserve the tapes. It's not hard to imagine her words: "Gee, if these interrogation tapes just happened to be lost or destroyed, it would sure make it tough for anyone to bring future war crimes or torture prosecutions against anyone in this administration, so I hope the CIA will take really good care



of those tapes.") Over at the CIA, another unidentified "former official" said no one at the White House ever ordered the CIA not to destroy the tapes — at least not in so many words: "They never told us, 'Hell, no,'" that official told The New York Times. And current and former officials said that the CIA's acting general counsel, John Rizzo, was in on the whole discussion about the tapes. Still another anonymous "official" asserted that Rizzo was out of the loop and "angry" at the tapes' destruction.

When it was his turn to pass the buck, current CIA Director Michael V. Hayden helpfully reminded Congress that he wasn't even at the CIA in 2005 and therefore had no idea who ordered that the tapes be destroyed, although he naturally intends to look into it.

As the president told ABC News, "It will be interesting to know what the true facts are." Uh-huh. But in any way, the question of who ordered that the tapes be destroyed completely misses the point. It probably won't be all that difficult to answer that question — congressional inquiries are fairly good at that sort of thing. We may even see some prosecu-

tions come out of this, because the tapes were, arguably, crucial evidence in criminal prosecutions and other legal proceedings. Those who want heads to roll for this probably will get their way.

But so what? In this case, as blogger and Georgetown professor Marty Lederman reminds us: "The cover-up is not worse than the crime, and they knew it. Those tapes must have depicted pretty gruesome evidence of serious criminal conduct." Waterboarding? For sure, according both to news accounts and to former CIA operative John Kiriakou.

Other "enhanced" forms of interrogation that, to the unenhanced eye, would look indistinguishable from plain torture? It's a pretty good bet. If I had to guess, the tapes were destroyed because obstruction-of-justice charges are no big deal compared with war-crimes charges.

After we find out who authorized the destruction of the tapes, the true who-done-it will remain: Who gave the CIA the green light to use interrogation methods that the agency surely suspected were criminal? Who decided to let the United States adopt the interroga-

tion methods of a hundred tin-pot dictators? Answering that one will be far more uncomfortable. It would be nice to find a scapegoat (Ah, it was Dick Cheney), but the unpleasant truth is that the blame is pretty widespread.

So ... who really done it? Cheney, presumably, and the sinister little promoters on his staff, and the checked-out Decider, who either knew and didn't care, or didn't care to know. And the CIA leadership and the cadre of operatives, who were willing to try a long list of discredited tortures that they could borrow from our enemies. And blame the conservative punditocracy, which eagerly defended enhanced interrogation methods. And let's not forget the GOP leadership in Congress, which gave the administration a whole bank of blank checks.

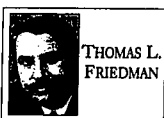
But save some blame for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who apparently uttered not a word of dismay when briefed in 2002 on enhanced interrogation methods that included waterboarding, and for quite a few other congressional Democrats as well, who thought that ignoring and overlooking administrative criminality was a legitimate form of congressional oversight. And we can blame ourselves, too, collectively. After all, we're the nation that made "24" a hit show.

How does a democracy come to adopt a policy of torturing detainees? To paraphrase Hillary Clinton, it takes a village.

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With global warming, there won't be another chance

BALL Indonesia — The negotiators at the U.N. climate conference here in Bali came from almost 200 countries and spoke almost as many languages, but driving them all to find a better way to address climate change was one widely shared, if unspoken, sentiment that "later" is over for our generation.



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

"Later" was a luxury for previous generations and civilizations. It meant that you could paint the same landscape, see the same animals, eat the same fruit, climb the same trees, fish the same rivers, enjoy the same weather or rescue the same endangered species that you did when you were a kid — but just do it later, whenever you get around to it.

There is one thing in global consciousness that seems to have settled in over just the past couple of years. It is the notion that later is not. There is no longer when you get to do all those same things — just on your time schedule. Later is now when they're gone — when you won't get to do any of them ever again, unless there's some radical collective action to mitigate climate change, and maybe even if there is.

There are many reasons that later is over. The fact that global warming is now having such an observable effect on pillars of our ecosystem — like the frozen sea ice within the Arctic Circle, which in a new study says could disappear entirely during summers by 2040 — is certainly one big factor. But the other is the voracious power of today's global economy, which has created a situation in which the world is not just getting hot, it is getting raped.

Throughout human history there was always some new part of the ocean to plunder, some new forest to devour, some new farmlands to exploit, noted Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club, who came to observe the Bali conference. But "now that economic development has become the prerogative of every country, it says we're run out of virgin oceans and

spread tidal flooding last month.

This line jumped out at me: "The plan was implemented. Instead of providing a buffer zone, development encroached into the core zone, which was covered over by concrete."

You could read that story in a hundred different developing countries today. But the fact that you read it here is one of the most important reasons that later has become extinct. Indonesia is second only to Brazil in terrestrial biodiversity and is No. 1 in the world in marine biodiversity. Just one and a half acres in Borneo contains more different tree species than all of North America — not to mention animals that don't exist anywhere else on earth. If we lose them, there will be no later for some of the rarest plants and animals on the planet.

And we are losing them. Market-driven forces emanating primarily from China, Europe and America have become so powerful that Indonesia recently made the Guinness World Records for

having the fastest rate of deforestation in the world.

Indonesia is losing tropical forest the size of Maryland every year, and the carbon released by the cutting and clearing — much of it from illegal logging — has made Indonesia the third largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the world, after the United States and China. Deforestation actually accounts for more greenhouse gas emissions than all the cars and trucks in the world, an issue the Bali conference finally addressed.

I interviewed Barnabas Sueho, the governor of the Indonesian province of Papua, home to some of its richest forests. He waxed eloquent about how difficult it is to create jobs that will give his villagers anything close to the income they can get from chopping down a tree and selling it to smugglers, who will ship it to Malaysia or China to be made into furniture for Americans and Europeans. He said his motto was, "Think big, start small, act now — before everything becomes too late."

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NFL playoffs taking shape, but spots still up for grabs

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

The Pittsburgh Steelers lost at home for the first time this season, leaving their hopes for an AFC North title still hanging. The New York Giants, who have six consecutive road wins, lost for the third straight time at home, squandering a chance to clinch a playoff spot.

And Dallas, a prohibitive front-runner for home-field advantage in the NFC, put that status in jeopardy by losing to Philadelphia in a game in which Tony Romo injured the thumb on his throwing hand.

So maybe Cleveland, the longest of long shots to start the season, will win the AFC North. Maybe the Giants will miss the playoffs altogether, a thought foremost in the minds of those who booed them, then left the Meadowlands early

during their 22-10 loss to Washington on Sunday night. And maybe the NFC road to the Super Bowl will go through Green Bay rather than Texas Stadium.

Unlikely, but possible. "I've got to go on and win the Super Bowl, the loss is a good thing. If we lose in the first round of the playoffs, the loss is not a good thing," Romo said after the Cowboys were beaten 10-6 at home by the Eagles and fell into a tie with Green Bay at 12-2, although they still hold the tiebreaker because they beat the Packers.

The Eagles-Cowboys game featured a heady but highly unusual play by Philadelphia's Brian Westbrook, who eschewed a sure touchdown and stopped at the 1-yard line with just over two minutes

left, allowing his team to run out the clock and keep the ball away from Dallas.

"It was brilliant," Philadelphia coach Andy Reid said.

Despite that, the Eagles won't be in the playoffs, and the Giants and Steelers probably will be. But neither is playing well and New York lost tight end Jeremy Shockey with a broken leg in its loss to the Redskins, the third key player to go down with that injury this season.

Jacksonville and Cleveland, meanwhile, are coming on, the Jaguars playing more like the Steelers than the Steelers in their 29-22 win in wintry conditions.

"The Jaguars are the Pittsburgh of the South," said the Steelers' Willie Parker after the southerners rushed

for 224 yards, which is what the Jags must do in northern climes to win. "The weather was kind of bad, and they came in like they've been playing in it for a while. We got to use our weather to our advantage."

Here's a look at the playoff picture with two weeks to go.

AFC

The Patriots (14-0) and Colts (12-2) have clinched first-round byes and San Diego (10-5) has clinched the West. That leaves the North and two wild cards.

Bill Belichick and Tom Brady used their usual "next game is the only one" routine when asked about an unbeaten season for the unpunctured time after Sunday's win over the Jets in rain and wind, a good rehearsal for playoff weather. But they weren't talking about not going unbeaten either, which means that

starters are likely to play in the final two games, at home against finally victorious Miami, then at the Giants.

"It's good. It's good to have that, but right now that's not really anything we're going to dwell on," Belichick said in his characteristic Monday cliché. "We're just going to get ready for Miami and get ready to play the Dolphins. That's what we're going to do this week."

Body does it differently.

The Colts are locked into the second seed, which means there are likely to be Jim Sorgi sightings in home games against Houston and Tennessee. That's been Tony Dungy's late season M.O. the last few years, and there's no reason it won't happen again, although Peyton Manning will certainly want to keep intact his streak of 156 straight from

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Better late than never

Peterson's fourth-quarter effort lifts Vikings past Bears

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Brian Urlacher and the Chicago Bears had Adrian Peterson all bottled up, at least until it really counted.

Peterson's 8-yard touchdown run, started by a shoulder-shake to fake Urlacher at the line of scrimmage, sent the Minnesota Vikings to their fifth straight victory, 20-13 over the Bears on Monday night.

The Vikings (8-6) stayed in control of the NFC's last wild-card spot, despite four turnovers and a missed extra point.

Ronnie Jackson threw three interceptions; his first bad game in more than one month.

Peterson finished with two touchdowns and 78 yards on 20 carries, just enough to keep Minnesota in front of New Orleans (7-7) at Washington (7-7) in the conference race.

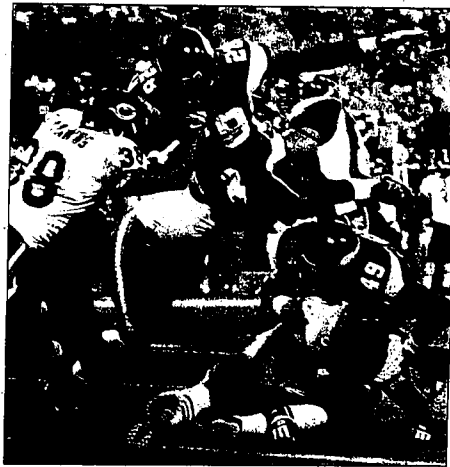
Coming off the self-declared worst game of his career, just 3 yards on 14 carries against the San Francisco 49ers, Peterson had more trouble finding room to run for the better part of three quarters.

But he came through when it counted, plunging through the line for a yard to split Minnesota within 13-12 before a low snap by Cullen Loeffler preceded a missed extra point by Ryan Longwell.

Then in the fourth quarter, with quarterback Thurvas Jackson sidelined thanks to a cramp in his calf muscle, Peterson added another clip to his rookie highlight video.

On third-and-goal, after brushing backup Brooks Bollinger during a bad handoff, Peterson stutter-stopped to fake Urlacher before darting left and scurrying over the goal line. Urlacher just shook his head, while Peterson hauled it up with teammates in the end zone.

Bollinger's dive forward on a draw



Chicago Bears safety Daniel Manning (38) attempts to stop Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson from scoring a touchdown during the third quarter Monday in Minneapolis.

play gave the Vikings the 2-point conversion and a 20-13 lead with 10:56 left, plenty of time for Chicago to come back.

Kyle Orton, though, didn't have it in him. In his first start in two years, the Bears quarterback stayed away from the costly turnovers that Jackson was guilty of, but way too many of his throws were off target. Orton completed 22 of 36 passes for 184 yards, and his long pass to the end zone to Bernard Berrian just after the 2-minute warning was intercepted by Darren Sharper to seal it.

The throw that hurt Orton the most came near the end of the third quarter, on fourth-and-1 at the Minnesota 35. On a curious call, Orton lofted a swing pass to fullback Jason McKie that sailed over his head. After the exchange, Peterson got going and led the drive for the winning score.

The Vikings were purple from head to foot after pulling their dark pants from the back of the closet.

Urlacher played like the six-time Pro Bowl pick that he is, harassing Jackson often, recording two sacks, and twice taking the ball from Minnesota.

More struggles for slumping Utah Jazz

Team falls to Hawks for first time in five years

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Al Horford was incredulous when told the Atlanta Hawks hadn't beaten the Utah Jazz in five years.

"Really? I didn't know that," said the rookie before pausing and adding "We're 1-0 against them now. I feel pretty good."

Joe Johnson scored 26 points, including 20 in the second half, and Anthony Johnson had 14 assists to help the Hawks end their nine-game losing streak against Utah, holding off the Jazz 116-111 on Monday night.

Carlos Boozer scored a season-high 39 points with 12 rebounds and was the major reason six Atlanta players finished with four or more fouls.

The teams combined for 92 free throws, including 50 by Atlanta. Utah, which had its sixth straight road loss, made only 29 of 42 free throws (69 percent) while the Hawks shot 57.6 percent from the field.

"We were out there trying to stop 57 percent shooting, and if you have to play against that, it's difficult to win," said Utah coach Jerry Sloan.

"If we'd still been playing and made our free throws, you always have a chance. It would have made it a little bit closer there at the end. You never know what would have happened."

The Hawks built a fourth-quarter lead and didn't falter when Utah staged its inevitable challenge.



Utah Jazz head coach Jerry Sloan watches his team in the final moments of their game against the Atlanta Hawks Monday in Atlanta. Atlanta was 116-111.

A jam by Horford gave the Hawks a 110-100 lead with 2:09 left.

Deron Williams, who had 14 points and 10 assists, made two of three free throws with 17 seconds left to cut the lead to 113-108.

"C.J. Miles hit a 3-pointer with 14.4 seconds left, cutting the lead to 114-111. Ronnie Brewer made 19 points, stole Atlanta's inbound pass, but Miles missed a 26-foot jumper."

Zaza Pachulia made one of two free throws for a 115-111 lead with seconds left.

Anthony Johnson had 17 points with his season-high total for assists and made two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

"It was our engine, our motor," Smith said.

"We needed to find offense somewhere, and A.J. gave it to us."

Michigan football gets its man, and he's not even from Michigan

By Larry Lage
Associated Press writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Rich Rodriguez, a coach through a blinding light locker room, down a darkened tunnel and stepped onto the Michigan Stadium field for the first time.

"It's beautiful," he said with snow covering his dress shoes.

A new era began at Michigan on Monday. The winningest program in college football ended its first coaching search since hiring Bo Schembecher nearly four decades ago by hiring Rodriguez and his spread offense from West Virginia.

The process probably lasted longer than the school wanted and it might not have landed its first choice. Yet Rodriguez didn't have a problem with getting the job after LSU's Les Miles and Rutgers' Greg Schiano turned down reported opportunities to replace the retiring Lloyd Carr.

"It might have been my wife's third choice, too," Rodriguez joked. He is ending a seven-season run at West Virginia, a year after turning down an offer to be Alabama's coach.



Retiring Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr, left, shakes hands with Rich Rodriguez, former head football coach at West Virginia, as the Rodriguez family arrives at the University of Michigan for a news conference to announce Rodriguez as the incoming football coach, Monday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Rodriguez said it took an opportunity of Michigan's caliber for him to leave his home state and alma mater.

"It was a very difficult decision to leave a place where I grew up," said Rodriguez, who was born in Grant

Town, W.Va., five miles from the birthplace of famed Michigan coach Fielding Yost amid about 20 miles from the West Virginia campus. "It was going to take a very special opportunity and a very special place, and I think that's what this is."

Bowden interested in West Virginia job

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Rich Rodriguez, a coach and coach-in-waiting, says he is interested in coaching at West Virginia, but he is not sure he will accept the job.

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Rodriguez doesn't expect to coach West Virginia, when it plays Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

"My focus is going to be on the University of Michigan," he said. "I don't think it's best serves West Virginia if I'm thinking about the

dream job for me," Bowden, a college football analyst on radio and for Yahoo! Sports, says in a statement released by his publicist.

When reached at his home Monday in Orlando, Fla., Bowden wouldn't say whether he's been in contact with the Mountaineers since Sunday, when he was announced Rodriguez was going to Michigan.

West Virginia athletic director Ed Byrne said the school is still in the process of interviewing Rodriguez.

Big House," Rodriguez, who was to fly back to West Virginia on Monday, hopes school officials agree that letting him leave right away to assemble

Former BYU coach Reid returning to Marriott Center

PROVO, Utah (AP) — One of the most successful basketball coaches in Brigham Young history is returning to the Marriott Center.

Reid, who won 652 games with the Cougars and was the last BYU coach to win an NCAA tournament game, will be on the visitors' bench when Southern Utah visits Friday.

It's been 11 years since Reid coached at the Cougars, who are ranked No. 21 this week. He was fired early in his eighth season after BYU got off to a 1-6 start and attendance dwindled at home games.

"I've never forgotten if one time to our team and I would've held said of Southern Utah, 'A lot of them were quite young and didn't realize the magnitude of it.'"

Reid coached BYU from 1988-1996, finishing with six 20-win seasons. BYU was 92-5 in NCAA tournament games under Reid and is 0-4 since he was fired.

"I have great feelings about the young men I had a chance to coach and the good memories our students we had with the young men and the championships and games we won there," Reid said. "We feel like we did a great job."

Reid returned to the Marriott Center in 2003 for the retirement of Danny Ainge's number. He was an assistant coach when Ainge was a BYU player and was an assistant on Ainge's staff at the Phoenix Suns.

Reid's staff at Southern Utah includes Ainge's son, Austin, who played at BYU and graduated last spring.

Reid said he isn't bitter 11 years after he was fired, although he didn't have much to work with that season. With eight players serving church missions, Reid started four freshmen. The Cougars didn't win another game in 1996-97 after his dismissal.

"I've moved on," Reid said. "To me, I have a basketball team and we're trying to rebuild a program down here (in Cedar City) so all my energy and thoughts have been on this basketball team. Walking in there will be a great honor because of the time I spent there."

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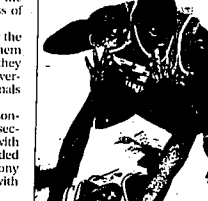
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San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, bottom, defends Phoenix Suns center Amar'e Stoudemire (11) during the first quarter in San Antonio, Monday.

Wade shot 6-for-22, including 10 straight misses in one stretch. But he had 14 points in the final quarter, when Miami needed him most.

Al Jefferson had 22 points and 20 rebounds for Minnesota. His 17th double-double of the season. Sebastian Telfair finished with 17 points and a pair of reserves — Rashard McCants (10) and Craig Smith (11) — helped Minnesota outscore Miami's bench 44-21.

MAVERICKS 111, MAGIC 108 Dallas — Dirk Nowitzki scored 11 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter and Dallas shut down Dwight Howard the final three quarters.

The Magic thought they tied the game at 109 when Keith Bogans nailed a long jumper over the top of Dwight Howard. He had 3.5 seconds left, but officials correctly ruled that his right toe was on the 3-point line, keeping Dallas ahead by a point.

Jerry Stackhouse made a pair of free throws to stretch the lead back to three, but Orlando still had one last chance to tie it — a long, running 3-pointer from the right sidekick by Keyon Dooling as time expired.

The arena got real quiet as everyone watched the ball float toward the rim, but it hit the front of the backboard and popped out, giving Dallas its fifth win in six games and sending Orlando to a rare road loss. The Magic is 12-4, with the other defeats coming at San Antonio, Phoenix and Milwaukee.

HEAT 91, TIMBERWOLVES 87 Miami — Dwyane Wade survived a horrendous shooting night to score 30 points, Udinis Haslem added 18 and Miami finally found a way to win at home.

Shquille O'Neal scored 15 points and added eight rebounds before fouling out for Miami (7-17), which won for only the third time in 11 home games — and was pushed to the brink by a Minnesota team that has the league's worst overall record (3-20).

SEATTLE — Tyrone Williams will return Wednesday despite Washington's third consecutive losing season. Some of his staff won't.

Williams announced hiring a staff meeting Monday that off-circuit defensive coordinator Kent Baer, a 13-year assistant of his dating to their days at Stanford and Notre Dame, will not return in 2009.

Neither will Bob Simmons, the special-teams and tight ends coach and former head coach at Oklahoma State.

Washington's defense gave up 46.4 yards per game, easily the worst in Huskie's history. The defense was largely responsible for many of the team's meltdowns in the second half of games en route to a 6-9 season.

"I consider Kent Baer and

No. 6 Duke stays unbeaten, shreds Albany

DUHAM, N.C. — DeMarcus Nelson scored 23 points and No. 6 Duke returned from a nine-day break for final exams with a 111-70 victory over Albany on Monday night.

Reserve Jon Scheeyer added 10 points for the Blue Devils (10-0), who shot 60 percent and had five players score in double figures. They hit 15 of 26 3-pointers.

Duke improved to 10-0 for the sixth time in eight seasons, while Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski earned his 795th career victory to move within a game of tying Lefty Driesell for sixth on the all-time list.

Tim Ambrose scored a career-best 24 points for the Great Danes (5-5).

NO. 10 MARQUETTE 80, IUPUI 56 MARQUETTE — Dominik James scored 21 points and six assists and Wesley Matthews added 15 points for Marquette.

The Golden Eagles (8-1) were playing their second game in three nights after playing just two games the previous two weeks due to final exams.

Janem Burns had 13 points for IUPUI (4-6), which trailed by 11 points at halftime.

NO. 18 CONAZGA 77, N. COLORADO 57 SPOKANE, Wash. — Freshman Austin Daise scored 10 points and Micheal Downs added 17 for Gonzaga.

Downs hit a career-high five 3-pointers in 10 attempts as the Bulldogs (9-2) overcame a slow start to coast to an easy win. Seven Gray, playing for the first time this season after fracturing his wrist in an exhibition game, added 12 points and Jeremy Pargo had 10 points and eight assists for the Zags.

— *The Associated Press*

Hill, Suns take down Spurs

SAN ANTONIO — Grant Hill had 22 points and the Phoenix Suns handed the San Antonio Spurs their first home loss of the season on Monday with 100-95 wins.

Leandro Barbosa added 18 points for the Suns, whose win might have helped them get the bad taste out of their mouth they brought with them after losing a controversial and Western Conference semifinals series last season.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with a season-high 36 points and 17 rebounds in his second game back since sitting out for four weeks with a ankle, and Miami Ginobili added 18 points. But the Spurs were outmatched by Parker, who sat out third straight game with a sprained left ankle.

CAVALIERS 104, BUCKS 99 CLEVELAND — Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored Cleveland's first six points in the second overtime to lead the Cavaliers to a 104-99 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night.

LeBron James, who became the youngest player to score 30 points in his career in the game, led Cleveland with 31 points. In James played 51 of 58 minutes in the marathon game, Michael Redd, who led Milwaukee with 22 points, played 54 minutes.

Gregg Williams played 51. Eastern Conference champions, have still lost eight of their past 10 games.

MEMPHIS 125, GRIZZLIES 117 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Stephen Jackson had 28 points and 12 rebounds, and Monte Ellis added 23 points to help Golden State end a three-game road losing streak.

The Golden State victory overshadowed 32 points from Memphis forward Rudy Gay, the second consecutive game in which he has surpassed 30.

Baron Davis finished with 22 points and eight assists, and Al Harrington added 17 points. Kelenna Azubike scored 15 for Golden State.

— *The Associated Press*

Pendley paces Hagerman

Shambray Pendley scored 21 points and Chanceye Axelson dished out eight assists as the Hagerman girls basketball team hammered Hansen 63-30 on Monday.

Amanda Regnier scored 12, Christine Reuter 11 and Kaitlyn Necheke for 10. The 11-2 Pirates (5-0) Magic Valley Southern.

Hansen's Abby Curry scored 14, but the Huskies hit just 11 of 39 shots. Hagerman built a 36-point lead after three quarters.

The Pirates visit Raft River on Thursday.

HAGERMAN 63, HANSEN 30 Hansen: 9 27 20-35 19-34 8-21 11-18 0-0 3-11 2-6 0-0 0-0. Axelson: 6 25 10-23 4-11 2-4 2-4 2-3 1-0 2-1 1-9 0-0. Necheke: 5 25 10-23 3-8 2-3 2-3 2-3 1-0 2-1 1-9 0-0. Reuter: 5 25 10-23 3-8 2-3 2-3 2-3 1-0 2-1 1-9 0-0. Regnier: 2 25 10-23 3-8 2-3 2-3 2-3 1-0 2-1 1-9 0-0. Team: 30 63 10-23 4-11 2-4 2-4 2-3 1-0 2-1 1-9 0-0.

DIETRICH 56, GLENNS FERRY 31 Jesse Dietrich scored 24 points and Dietrich reced past Glennis Ferry 56-31 on Monday.

The Blue Devils jumped out to a 21-2 lead after one quarter. Debra Norma had 11 points and Shasta Towner added 10 for Dietrich. Jaclyn Ferry's 13 points led the Pilots.

Dietrich (9-2) is off until hosting Carey on Jan. 4.

DIETRICH 56, Glennis Ferry 31 Dietrich: 12 21 21-30-48 8-18 10-20 1-2 0-1. Norma: 11 25 10-23 4-11 2-4 2-4 2-3 1-0 2-1 1-9 0-0. Towner: 10 25 10-23 3-8 2-3 2-3 2-3 1-0 2-1 1-9 0-0. Ferry: 13 25 10-23 3-8 2-3 2-3 2-3 1-0 2-1 1-9 0-0. Team: 56 117 10-23 4-11 2-4 2-4 2-3 1-0 2-1 1-9 0-0.

OKAYLE 46, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 25 Twain Falls — Okayle routed Lighthouse Christian 46-25 on Monday for its second straight win.

"We did a good job tonight," Okayle coach Kristin Jones said. "We had a bit of a breakdown in the second quarter, but our first, third and fourth quarters were really good."

Kaitly Lierman led Okayle with 15 points, while Anna

CSI men offer \$1 admission

TWIN FALLS — General TWIN FALLS Area Schools are No. 2 in the admission to Friday's 7:30 NCAIA Division I ranks at 11-0.

Also, the CSI Booster Store will be open starting at 6 p.m. Friday in the CSI gymnasium's upper level.

McClride and Alysa Larsen each scored nine points as the Hornets took a two-point advantage at halftime and snowballed for the 19-point victory.

The defense also dominated on the offense, and they took a 44-31 advantage in rebounding behind 11 boards from Sallee Terry, eight from Larsen and seven from Taylor.

Joselyn Van Vleet scored 14 to lead the Lions (10-1, 0-6 Magic Valley Southside).

Okayle (2-7) hosts Raft River on Wednesday, while Lighthouse Christian hosts Hansen on Wednesday at Jerome Middle School.

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BOYS basketball Carey 58, Bliss 32 Carey moved to 7-0 on the season with a 58-32 win over Bliss on Monday. Trevor Peck and Heath Admons each totaled 12 points for the Panthers, who held a 24-0 lead after the quarter. D.J. Simpson chipped in 10 for Carey, while Cole Erkins' 13 points paced the Bears.

Carey (3-0) Magic Valley Northside is at Dietrich tonight.

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Michigan Willingham fires Bar, Simmons from his UW staff

East power, winning the conference championship for the year for the fourth time in five seasons and going 60-26 overall. He helped the Wolverines earn six straight bowl bids and made them one of the most potent offensive teams in the country.

Rodriguez is considered one of the Godfather's of the spread offense that's become the rage of college football. The spread will be a dramatic change for Michigan, a school that's been locked up with the traditional offense and relied on drop-back passers for years.

"I think it's a great hire," said Carr, whose 13th and final season as head coach of Michigan will end Jan. 1 at the Capital One Bowl against Florida.

Bob Simmons excellent coaches and consummate professional," Willingham said in a statement released later in the day by the school.

"Making change such as this is never easy, nor is it done without careful thought and consideration."

"I believe we are continuing to build this football program into a national contender and I truly appreciate the contributions that Bob has made toward our progress both on and off the field."

Kelly agrees to terms with No. 20 Cincinnati CINCINNATI — Bearcats coach Brian Kelly agreed to terms on a five-year contract with No. 20 Cincinnati.

The new deal voids the remaining four years on

head coach in three years, but Fisher would have to pay an equal amount to leave before the end of the season.

Florida State released Fisher's contract Monday after the West Virginia native was mentioned in published reports as a potential candidate to take over for Rich Rodriguez at Mountaineer coach. The buyout clause would make Fisher an expensive choice.

— *The Associated Press*

Fisher's FSU deal has \$2.5 million buyout TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State must pay offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher \$2.5 million if he's hired to replace Bobby Bowden as

his new staff, recruit and evaluate the Wolverines with eligibility remaining his best for both parties.

Rodriguez is the first head coach to come outside the "Michigan family" as athletic director Bill Martin put it, since Schembacher was hired away from Miami of Ohio in 1969.

"Do you have to be a Michigan man to be a Michigan coach?" Rodriguez asked. "Gosh, I hope not."

Even though the Wolverines didn't bring both one of their own in Miles, who played at Michigan and coached under Schembacher, they landed a coach who is much more than a consolation prize.

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Bush tries to reassure Americans about economy

President says it's sound, despite 'storm clouds'

By Ben Feller
Associated Press writer

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — President Bush worked to reassure Americans on Monday about the economy but said "there's definitely some storm clouds and concern" because of the nation's credit crunch and mortgage problems.

"But the underpinning is good," Bush told business

and community leaders at a gathering of Rotary Club members.

"We've had a pretty good economic run," the president said in a speech intended to show he is aware of the public's edgy mood these days. Consumer confidence has eroded as turmoil in the housing and credit market have battered the economy.

Bush tried to position himself as an advocate for working families by taking aim at his favorite target: the Democratic Congress.

"The Congress cannot take economic vitality for granted," Bush said.

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— President Bush

Congress can do in the face of economic uncertainty is to raise taxes on the American people," Bush said.

The audience of roughly 80 people listened to Bush with respectful silence. Yet a line that normally gets him applause — "I'll veto any tax increase" — drew no reaction at all.

Bush chose to highlight positive economic news, such as job growth. "People are working; productivity is

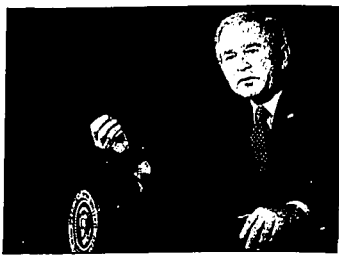
high," Bush said.

He acknowledged the nation's major economic woes — mainly the housing and credit crunch — in the context of explaining what his administration is doing to help.

"We can mitigate some of the issues," Bush said.

"I just want to let you know we've got a strategy. And Congress can help," the

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President Bush speaks about the economy, Monday in Fredericksburg, Va.



A field full of wheat is seen in London, Ohio in this undated file photo. Wheat prices surged above \$10 a bushel to an all-time record Monday amid concerns that robust sales will result in a grain shortage in the U.S. next year.

Wheat prices climb above \$10 per bushel

Strong worldwide demand depletes world supply

By Lauren Villagrán
Associated Press writer

NEWYORK — Wheat prices surged above \$10 a bushel for the first time ever on Monday amid concerns that strong demand globally could result in a grain shortage in the United States next year — worsening food price inflation.

Other commodities markets mostly declined, with energy, other agricultural futures and metals moving lower.

Wheat supplies in the U.S. have dwindled this year as one wheat crop after another around the world has been damaged by poor weather, most recently in Australia and Argentina. That's sent buyers scrambling for stockpiles at any cost. U.S. wheat exporters already have sold more than 90 percent of the 1.175 billion bushels the U.S. Department of Agriculture expects will be exported during the whole marketing year, which ends in June 2008.

Wheat prices crossing the \$10 a bushel threshold won't immediately translate into a spike in retail prices for bread, cereal, cookies and other products, experts say. That due partly because companies like Kellogg Co.

General Mills Inc., ConAgra Foods Inc. and Kraft Foods Inc. typically protect themselves from price volatility with long-term supply contracts. But analysts say consumers should expect that higher wheat prices will eventually work their way into the grocery aisle.

A bushel of wheat for March delivery surged to a record \$10.095 on the Chicago Board of Trade early in the day before slipping back 11.5 cents to \$9.98 a bushel. Wheat prices hit a record high each of the past three trading sessions and have doubled since the start of the year, when wheat traded for about \$5 a bushel.

Food prices rose at a 4.1 percent annual rate in the three months ended in November largely due to higher milk, egg and meat prices, according to the Labor Department's latest index of consumer prices. Wheat, corn and soybeans are used to feed livestock; as those costs go up, so does the retail cost to consumers.

The worldwide wheat shortage has contributed to the inflation, but so has a host of other factors, said Daniel Good, agricultural economist with the University of Illinois. Biofuels production has pushed up corn and soybean prices. Meanwhile, the price of vegetable oils used in packaged foods and biodiesel has followed the price of crude oil sharply higher.

Apple tries to stop iPhone resellers

By Michelle Quinn
Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Inc. is trying to stop people from buying so many iPhones.

Since it started selling the multi-tasking gadget in June, the company has four times set limits on the number of iPhones it will sell to an individual customer. Apple loosened the restriction a little last week, but customers still can't walk out of a store with more than five of the gadgets.

Why the counterintuitive approach? Apple says it's rationing iPhones in an attempt to discourage resellers, who stock up and offer them online at inflated prices.

In late October, with the iPhone poised to go on sale in Britain and France, Apple tightened restrictions — allowing two iPhones per person, down from five. It also required that people pay only with credit cards, not cash, so it could keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

There were reports at the time of people buying as many as they could, ostensibly with the purpose of reselling them.

The Cupertino computer maker raised the limit back to five last Monday. It still requires credit cards for purchases.

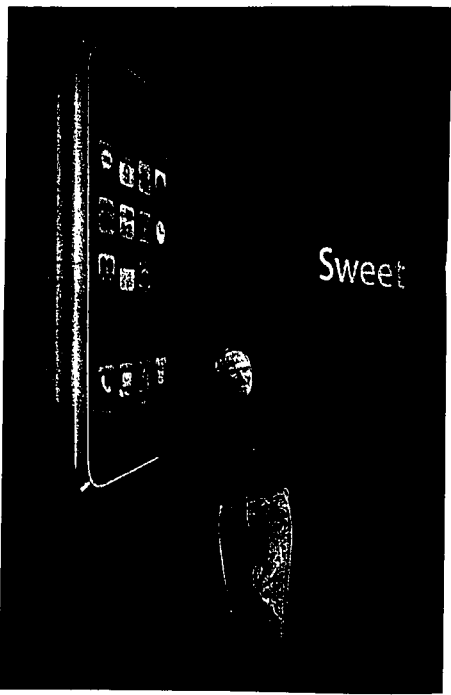
"Limiting iPhone sales to five per customer helps us ensure that there are enough iPhones for people who are shopping for themselves or buying a gift," Apple spokeswoman Jennifer Bovecock said.

It's unusual in the consumer electronics arena, but setting limits on consumers is not without precedent in retail. For example, stores frequently limit items that are on a special sale.

At Best Buy Co.'s 917 U.S. stores, customers can buy only three DVDs, computer games and music CDs at a time.

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iLimits



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Now targeted by regulators, gift cards get easier to use

By Nancy Trejos
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Gift cards are more popular this year and are easier to use, thanks to key rulings by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and efforts by a number of states to regulate them, several retail experts said.

The National Retail Federation is predicting a merry holiday season for the gift card industry, with sales reaching \$26.3 billion, up from \$24.8 billion last year.

The average consumer will spend about \$122.59 on gift cards this year, compared with \$116.51 last year, the federation said.

Many retailers have responded to consumer complaints that gift cards are too laden with fees and expiration dates, experts said. But it wasn't just market pressure that sparked the change of practice among retailers.

Earlier this year, the FTC settled cases against Kmart and Darden Restaurants, the parent company of the Olive

Garden, Red Lobster and other establishments, for failing to properly disclose expiration dates and dormancy fees.

States have also exerted regulatory pressure on gift cards. About 30 states now have legislation regulating gift card expiration dates and fees, with some of them enacting laws this year, according to a study by the Montgomery County (Md.) Office of Consumer Protection.

"As recently as three years ago, nobody paid any atten-

tion to them," said Ellen Cannon, managing editor of Bankrate.com. "I guess there was enough of an outcry that states started putting in laws."

Maryland has one of the toughest laws, allowing no fees or expiration dates on retail cards for four years. Virginia requires retailers to clearly print expiration dates on the cards or to provide a phone number or Internet address where consumers can get the expiration date. If

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	24.49	▼ .67	Dell Inc.	23.65	▲ .08
Lithia Mo.	14.57	▲ .13	Micron	7.89	▼ .48
			Idacorp	34.32	▲ .09
			Supervalu	36.75	▼ .15

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	92.88	▲ .28	Jan. Oil	90.63	▼ .64
Jan. gold	796.4	▲ 1.3	Dec. Silver	13.826	—

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Table of cheese prices for various types and brands.

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Table of metal and money market prices.

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What to expect today in business

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on housing starts for November.

Cards

The card has a dormancy fee, the retailer has to provide a phone number or internet address. Although the gift card industry has become more regulated, many consumer advocates still say people should be vigilant when buying and using cards.

Bush

Continued from page B4 President Bush is signing a list of bills he's proposed to lawmakers. Bush spoke at the Yak-A-Doo's restaurant inside a Holiday Inn.

iPhone

Continued from page B4 is also a policy to discourage other company spokesmen said. Best Buy store managers can also set a limit on any item if they suspect a shopper is hoarding with the intention of reselling.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types.

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Table of grain prices including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities.

BUILDING PERMITS

- City of Twin Falls Residential Building Permits: Molly Peterson, 535 Fourth Ave. E.; addition; \$63,011. Jean Sanborn, 300 Morrison St. N.; 623; enclosure plus deck; \$21,748.

- Wolverton Homes, 775 Parkway Drive; new house; \$98,458. Wolverton Homes, 776 Parkway Drive; new house; \$93,698. Wolverton Homes, 801 Parkway Drive; new house; \$93,724.

Apple

Apple dropped the iPhone's U.S. price in September, from \$599 to \$399, to try to turn it from a no banner or backdrop. Bush was not even introduced; he just showed up, drawing a round of applause. The Christmas music being piped was not cut off until someone pointed that out.

Manufacturing

The fact they let it out to five means they are saying, "We do not have supply problems. Manufacturing is running OK, have at it." — Carl Howe, a principal at Blackfriars Communications Inc., on Apple's ability to control supply and demand for iPhones

Manufacturing

in January. Gary Allen of Berkeley, who writes a blog about Apple stores at Hoopoe.com, said the iPhone limits might actually boost sales through reverse-psychology marketing.

Staff writer Alex Pham

- Hankins Road St.; tenant improvement (Dexter Chassis); \$26,000. Ann's D&Cor; 591 Washington St. N.; two pole signs; \$975. Family Health Services, 325 Martin St.; remodel; \$16,500.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom, & Chip



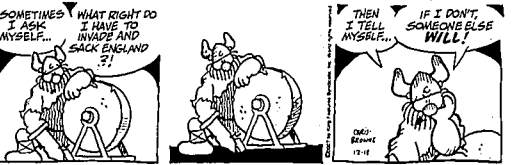
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



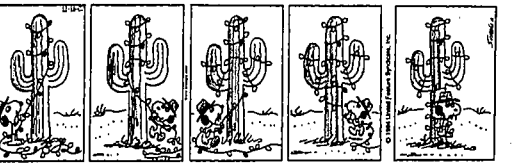
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Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



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By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



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By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Boyfriend's loving attention is a dangerous need to control



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Smothered in Michigan" (Dec. 11) about "loving, caring, generous boyfriend" stops by her job "only a few times a day" and shows up at her door the minute she gets home from work. Was wrong. You told her to tell him she needs some space. Well, that won't work.

Men like these, under the pretext of "love," try to inhibit every molecule of air around the women they target. I dated a man like him until I finally woke up to the fact that there was no such thing as personal space with him. He'd show up unexpectedly (with flowers), call first thing in the morning "to see how I was" and last thing at night (bed check), etc. I can relate to the writer's feeling smothered.

My psychologist pointed out that this guy's need to control me was beyond obsessive and helped me to realize he wasn't ever going to change, so I needed to get away. I did, but it wasn't easy. These guys do not want to go away! My advice to "Smothered": End this relationship and find a man who will love her and give you space to be yourself.

—FORMERLY SMOTHERED IN ILLINOIS DEAR SMOTHERED: After that letter, we received a ton of mail like yours from readers warning "Smothered" that she needs to get away, and that getting away may be complicated. For others in this situa-

tion, the number to call to form a safe escape plan is (800) 799-SAFE (7233) — the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: "Smothered in Michigan" may be picking up on signs of an abusive personality which include isolating the victim and constantly checking up on her. Stopping by her work "only a few times a day" is a few times too many, because it could cost her her job and spring the trap for this potential abuser to make her totally dependent upon him.

As someone who works daily with victims of domestic violence, I would urge her to contact the nearest domestic violence program to learn more about how to identify a potential batterer.

—VICTIM ADVOCATE IN ALABAMA DEAR ABBY: I speak from experience. Men who can't let a woman out of their sight are often abusers. While in college, I met a man, thought was Prince Charming, who showered me with gifts, waited on me hand and foot and wouldn't allow me to lift a finger. His darker side emerged

as I came to realize that by monopolizing my time and removing my ability to make decisions, he was cutting me off from everything. I no longer went out with friends, and family — only him. I couldn't make a move without him tagging along. "Smothered" sense that she's been "induced" to lead on. He will smother if that marker, Mine did when he started trucking, whenever I went, dropped by my classes, even received the package on my car. One night he became enraged because I hadn't returned from a visit with a relative "on time," and I showed up out of control. "Smothered" needs to listen to that creepy feeling she's having. And you, Abby, should know better.

—BOBBY IN NEW CASTLE, PA. DEAR ABBY: Every woman and all counselors — agree that "Gary" is an abuser waiting to happen. He's already in controlling her feelings, smothering and controlling her. She was married to an alcoholic, which may be a sign of her more judgment when it comes to men. She needs to drop him — and fast. —KNOW-EM-WHEN WE SEE 'EM

READERS: Tomorrow I'll reprint one of my most requested items, the warning signs of an abuser. Perhaps we could all use a reminder.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2007. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's highlight

On Dec. 18, 1944, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans (Korematsu v. United States), but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained.

On this date

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect. In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.) In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.) In 1957, the World War II epic "The Bridge on the River Kwai" opened in New York. In 1969, Britain's Parliament permanently abolished the death penalty for murder. In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnam targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.) In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76. In 1987, Ivan E. Boksygn was sentenced to three years in prison for his role in a major Wall Street insider-trading scandal. Boksygn served about two years of his sentence. Ten years ago: President Clinton extended indefinitely the deadline for withdrawal of U.S. troops helping with the

U.S. peacekeeping effort in Bosnia. One-time dissident Kim Dae-jung of South Korea was elected the country's president. Fired California highway employees Arturo Reyes Torres and killed four people at a maintenance yard before being killed by police. Comedian Chris Farley was found dead in his Los Angeles apartment; he was 33.

Five years ago: Embattled Senate Republican leader Trent Lott sustained a double-barrel shotgun attack on Rhode Island Sen. Lincoln Chafee's broke banks to call for a change in party leadership and Secretary of State Colin Powell forcefully criticized, but unapproved, center on race. Robert Johnson, the billionaire founder of Black Entertainment Television, was named owner of the NBA's new Charlotte franchise. One year ago: Robert Gates was sworn in as defense secretary. President Bush signed legislation to let America share its nuclear know-how and fuel with India.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Television writer-producer Hal Kanter is 89. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 80. Actor Roger Smith is 75. Blues musician Lonnie Brooks is 74. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 64. Writer-director Alan Rudolph is 64. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 61. Blues artist Ron Pluzza is 60. Movie director Gillian Armstrong is 57. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 57. Rock musician Elliot Easton is 54. Actor Ray Liotta is 52. Actor Brad Pitt is 44. Country singer Tracy

Byrd is 41. Actress Rachel Griffiths is 39. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 39. Country rapper Cowboy Troy is 37. Actor DMX is 37. Tennis player Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 36. DJ Lethal (Limp Bizkit) is 35. Actress Kate Holmes is 29. 57. Rock musician Aguilera is 27. Christian rock musician Dave Luetkenhoelter (Kullus) is 25.



Brad Pitt

THOUGHT

"The only thing we have to fear on this planet is man."

—Carl Jung, Swiss psychologist 1875-1961

87-year-old grad completes studies after 50 years

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A 50-year gap in his higher education didn't stop Clarence Garrett. After returning to college in spring of 2006 as a full-time student, Garrett completed course work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and was awarded his bachelor's degree at commencement ceremonies Sunday — at the age of 87. "We are not sure if Clarence Garrett is the oldest to earn graduate from UWM, but we

do know that there had not been a graduate for some time who was born when the president was Woodrow Wilson," Chancellor Carlos Santiago said. On hand were Garrett's wife, Mary, his children and grandchildren. He was chosen to lead the graduates from the College of Letters and Science into the U.S. Cellular Arena, and he spent 15 minutes on stage when awarded his degree. The Baltimore native

served as a civilian at a U.S. Navy facility in Virginia during World War II. Once the war began, Garrett, who is black, served with the segregated Army in Europe. He later settled in Milwaukee and took courses at the college that later became UWM, but he gave up college to raise a family. "After all my children went to college ... I said, 'Why should I go to college?' And I have loved it ever since."

Do you get all of the other holidays off?

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Light snow with cloudy and breezy conditions... Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies and scattered snow...

TWIN FALLS 3-DAY FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Tuesday's Weather

Table with 4 columns: City, HI, LO, Precip. Lists weather for various cities.

BOISE'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Snow showers will be likely for today, tonight and again on Wednesday and Thursday...



REMNANT TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

NORTHERN UTAH

Snow showers will be increasing across northern Utah during the day. Light to moderate snow is then likely come night and tomorrow.

MOON PHASES

Table with 4 columns: Dec 24, Dec 31, Jan 8, Jan 15. Lists moon phases and times.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various regional cities.

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NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various national cities.

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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various world cities.

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CANADIAN FORECAST

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Cowboys safety Williams suspended for one game for tackle on McNabb

NEW YORK — Dallas Cowboys safety Troy Williams was suspended without pay for one game Monday by the NFL after his third illegal "horse collar" tackle of the season.



ue playing Sunday, but two Eagles who were forced from the game might be able to come back just next week's visit to New Orleans.

Ravens' Billick to start Boller at QB

Determined to end the longest current losing streak in the NFL, coach Brian Billick intends to start Kyle Boller at quarterback against the Seattle Seahawks instead of promoting rookie backup Troy Smith.

Dolphins LB Crowder to have knee scoped

Linebacker Channing Crowder will have his sore left knee scoped today and could miss the remainder of the season.

Eagles LB Spikes damages rotator cuff

Linebacker Takeo Spikes suffered a torn rotator cuff in Philadelphia's 10-6 win over Dallas.

Gibbs hopes to stay awhile with 'Skins

ASHBURN, Va. — Joe Gibbs has always said he wants to retire to coach the Washington Redskins next season. He might be asked even longer.

With long-awaited first win, Cameron's Dolphins smiling

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Cam Cameron was still smiling Monday with good reason. Sure, his Miami Dolphins own the NFL's worst record. Cameron's job security is a hot topic, the team is apparently for sale and a game with unbeaten New England awaits next Sunday in chilly Foxborough.

Playoffs Continued from page B1 the start of his career. Cleveland (9-5) is tied with Pittsburgh for the AFC North lead, although the Steelers beat the Browns twice and have the best record.

level to wrap Cameron in a long embrace. Clearly, 1-13 never felt so good to so many. "It's just a culmination of a lot of what's built up in these guys," Cameron said. "There has been a lot of hard work. Nobody had given up. Nobody had thrown in the towel. And that's obviously why we do what we do, to play well, to play as well as we can play and ultimately win."

seem as well-prepared for the cold as the Patriots. The Packers, on the other hand, have two division games they should win; at Chicago, which is playing for next season, and at home for Detroit, loser of six straight.

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A winter's tail



Two kittens awaiting adoption at the Twin Falls animal shelter Monday afternoon, stand in a kennel at the facility.

T.F. animal shelter loaded with surplus pets

By David Cooper
Times-News writer

December adoptions at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter have turned as cold as a schnauzer's nose.

The facility is at maximum capacity for housed cats and dogs, with only 20 animals adopted so far this month.

Last year there were 30 adoptions, and in 2005 — the first December in its new facility at 138 Sixth Ave. W. — the shelter sent 64 pets to new homes.

For Blackwood, the decline of adoptions in December coincides with a similar drop in summer, another period when adoptions usually increase. The plunge of adoptions caused Blackwood on Monday to make a special call for more adoptions. It's enough to leave the longtime director scratching his head for answers.

"I feel like the summer was a dramatic decline," Blackwood said. "I couldn't explain it. I look forward to that time of year and Christmas in terms of placing animals. And it didn't happen for us. That's why I feel like there's a veil of complacency."

The shelter, which is operated by People for Pets-Magic Valley Humane Society on a contract with the city, has 50 pens for dogs, with some holding multiple puppies, and a surplus of cats and kittens. The surplus has forced the staff to keep cats in areas that are suited for dog kennels.

"I don't even seem to be placing kittens, which are a high commodity at this time of year," Blackwood said. "It's scary, the number of cats we're getting in, just keeps climbing and adoptions keep declining."

Many animal shelters, including the Twin Falls facility, use caution with Christmas adoptions that are intended as gifts.

"If it is a gift, you should make sure the person is wanting that gift," said shelter supervisor Kathleen Olmstead. "So we talk them through that and get the recipient to come to the shelter to pick the animal up."

Brittany Moffitt, a mother of four from Twin Falls, made return visits to the shelter this month to find a dog that would make a suitable Christmas gift for her kids. Weeks ago the family took in a wounded stray cat. So when the shelter staff suggested a wounded dog with a broken leg, Moffitt couldn't say no.

"I just loved him, and the staff over there is amazing, they just went through all the animals and knew what I'd need with kids."

Moffitt said the adoption process at the Twin Falls facility couldn't have gone smoother.

"I thought it was going to be a dark, dreary smell experience. Maybe they just have a nice facility and happy staff, but it's well run over there."

Miriam Austin is familiar with that process, having adopted two other pets,



Miriam Austin, the new owner of Candy, brings her pup for a visit to see old friends at the Twin Falls animal shelter Monday afternoon.

including one at the Twin Falls shelter eight years ago. Needing a third dog to be trained as a service dog for her outdoor ecology work, she found a pit bull-becker cross breed that was young enough to be trained. She took the dog home just a week ago.

"It is really easy to do. It

costs some money, of course. But anything that's worth while, a little paper work and money that's just the way it is. They're trying to be careful to put them in the right homes. It's a very rewarding process."

The shelter is open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

A little less green

T.F. City Council expresses concern about falloff in 2007 recycling totals

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Twin Falls residents now recycle less than they did when the city began its program more than two years ago, despite an increase in advertising by the company that the city hired to oversee it.

All six City Council members at Monday's meeting expressed concern about the falloff in recycling of about 7,000 fewer pounds of cans, cardboard and newspapers in 2007 than in the previous year.

The city diverted 761,536 pounds of recyclable trash from the landfill in the last fiscal year, which was about 3.73 percent less than in 2006, when 788,896 pounds were diverted.

Council members listed several complaints they said people brought to their attention: recyclables not being picked up by PSI Environmental Systems, the city's contractor; a desire by residents to recycle more materials, such as televisions; frustration in moving the trash piles because they're heavy; and residents' complaints in dealing with PSI, such as requesting pads and being told there are none.

Councilwoman Glenda

Dwight gave several first-hand accounts, including one of a woman who said her cardboard stood by the curb for two weeks.

Les Reitz, a sales manager for PSI, said the company has in the past year endured staffing problems, customers not breaking cardboard down correctly, and the tires going unused. He said he traveled on the company's truck for six weeks, while the recycling program was shut through four employees. He said he's confident in the current driver.

"We've been disappointed not only in our employees but ourselves and what we're doing," he told the City Council.

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— Les Reitz, a sales manager for PSI Environmental Systems

He said that new residents, principally those in new subdivisions, are more likely to recycle than other areas. Reitz likely to recycle are down to a residents with alleys and those in the streets. In October 2005, the city signed a five-year contract with PSI for nearly \$7,000 a month. Residents subsequently received a 30-gallon pail for household waste. The recycling goods are picked up the same day as customers' trash.

The decline in recycling comes nearly a year after PSI began an advertising campaign on both local and television. PSI recently began distributing fliers, and public service announcements might increase awareness, Reitz said.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Judge delays Duran's sentencing for accessory to murder

A man who said he was guilty of an accessory to murder charge went back to jail Monday without being sentenced as scheduled.

Ben Duran was supposed to hear his fate Monday in Twin Falls County Court on an alleged part in the May shooting death of Vince Gonzalez. He pleaded guilty to the accessory charge in October.

But Judge Randy Stoker sent Duran back to jail Monday, after attorneys on both sides of the case requested the judge review a grand jury transcript and a DVD interview in the case.

That review would take more time than what was allotted for Monday's hearing, Stoker said.

Duran's sentencing will be rescheduled and could ensue early next year, Stoker told the court. Duran, along with two other men were charged with the accessory crime — and a fourth man was charged with first degree murder.

The May shooting allegedly grew out of a dispute at the Klover Klub bar, and occurred at the victim's home at 434 Fourth Ave. W.

Salvation Army arson ends in court

A homeless man who was charged with arson in connection to an August fire at the Salvation Army in Twin Falls was fined and sentenced Monday to jail.

Raynard Admldin was sentenced to 180 days in the Retained Jurisdiction Program, which is an alternative sentence targeting

offenders who may ultimately do well on probation. He was also fined \$2,000.

No one from the Salvation Army testified Monday in court.

Prosecutors had asked Stoker to impose a more intense sentence of eight years with two years fixed. They said Admldin has a disregard for law enforcement.

In his own defense, though, Admldin said the state's proposed punishment would be over the top. "I think an eight-year sentence is a little extreme for this," he said.

Trash outside the Salvation Army was a fire hazard, employees told the Times-News in August after the blaze.

Admldin also said he has anger issues and needs help with alcohol problems.

Stoker told the court he didn't think Admldin intended to burn down the Salvation Army and he said the act may have been connected to "survival."

"You need to come back with a plan," Stoker told Admldin before sending him back into custody. "Good luck."

Sun Valley to open more lifts

Seattle Ridge Chair and Day Lodge to open today

Seattle Ridge Chair and Day Lodge will open for business today. The Mayday Chair will also open.

For more information about Bald and Dollar Mountain lift and terrain openings please check the mountain and weather report pages on our Web site: www.sunvalley.com.

— from staff reports

Local ornaments displayed on White House Christmas Tree

For the Times-News

Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument and Minidoka Internment National Monument ornaments are being displayed on this year's official White House Christmas Tree. The tree is the centerpiece of elaborate decorations celebrating the theme of "Holiday in the National Parks."

The tree, located in the Blue Room, is adorned with handmade ornaments representing the coun-

try's 391 National Park Service sites. Park Ranger Stephanie Martin designed the Hagerman Fossil Beds ornament with chiffon fabric that features zebras and plants from the Pliocene Epoch. Park Guide Dianna McKeage created the Minidoka Internment ornament using strips from "The Irrigator," the Jerome Hunt Camp newspaper published during WWII.

The Internment symbol on the

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Numbers down

Adoptions at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter since opening of a new facility at 130 6th Ave. W.

2006-07	481
2006-08	531
2006-09	489 (opened Nov.)

Cost of adoption

Cats/kittens:	\$53
Dogs/puppies:	\$78.90
Cost includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, ID tags and collars for dogs.	
Information:	736-2299

This Minidoka Internment National Monument ornament is being displayed on this year's official White House Christmas Tree.

Donna Jean Crist

Donna Jean Crist passed away peacefully at her home Friday evening, Dec. 14, 2007, in the loving arms of her husband of 55 years and her sons, daughters and loved ones.

Donna was born Jan. 30, 1930, in Filer, to Pat and Nellie Schenk. She lived and attended school in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School. Donna met Dale Crist at an early age, and they later married in 1956.



Donna was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, as well as a teacher and friend to countless many. Donna lived her life with passion and a love for all. She gave of herself as a dedicated foster parent who loved and cared for more than 30 foster children, along with her own family and grandchildren. Donna was happily involved in many aspects of life. She was always a key component in the family dental lab business and actively involved in her church and the animal shelter. Donna raised animals for Guide Dogs for the Blind, volunteered as a 4-H leader and had a long career as an excellent preschool teacher at the Kids' Club, where she touched the lives of hundreds of families. Donna always had a love for animals and had an interest in an amazing number of lives.

Donna loved camping with her family and dogs and she seldom missed a chance to head to the river or mountains with Dale on hunting or fishing trips. She rarely missed any sporting event that involved Dale, her children or grandchildren. Everyone always knew that Dale and Donna would be there, from tee-ball to college games, from rodeos to dance

and piano recitals. Somehow she was everywhere at once with a perpetual smile and word of encouragement.

In addition to her parents, Donna was preceded in death by her brother, Bob Schenk. Donna's love will be carried on by her survivors, Dale, her loving and caring husband, son, Jim (Jay) Crist and their children, Drew, Cara, Amanda and Caitlin; daughter, Cindy (Gary) Braun and their children, Matthew, Lanny, Hannah, Stoney; (KC) Pinthor and Archer; son, David (Melanie) Crist and their children, Jaysa (Richard) Fillmore, Megan and Luca; daughter, Susan (Craig) Stringer and their children, Giffary (Brittany) and their son, Bryton, Cody (Shawna) and their son, Hunter, Brandon (Mindy) and their daughter, Jemal, and Tiffany (Scott) Fowler, all of Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. A dinner will follow to celebrate Donna's life and memory. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

The family would like to thank JoAnn, Mindy, Stoney, the caring staff of Idaho Hospice, and their daughter, Jemal, her doctors and especially Maria who brought extraordinary comfort and care to Donna near the end of the struggle.

Donna Crist was truly someone who made a difference in this world. She will be loved and remembered forever.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, remembrance donations be made in Donna's name to Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. Twin Falls, ID 83402; or to Reynolds Funeral Home, 246 E. Main, MVIS, Box 1163, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls city

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Fred De Croz, 25, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine with \$300 suspension; \$85.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 100 hours community service; six months probation; no alcohol. Joshua J. Vaughan, 19, Filer; petit theft; \$500 fine with \$300 suspension; \$75.50 costs; \$155 restitution; five days in jail with five suspended; six months probation. Joanna J. Stumpf, 42, Twin Falls; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; six months probation; on count failure to appear; \$100 fine; five days in jail with five suspended; six months probation. Nicole L. Lopez, 18, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$200 fine with \$100 suspension; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; six months probation. Kimberly J. Littleton, 37, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; six months probation. Jake A. Star, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; 12 months probation. Seth W. McNeill, 19, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$500 fine with \$300 suspension; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; two days community service; three months probation; concurrent with other case. Theresa M. Fairbanks, 49, Twin Falls; no insurance, second offense; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; two days community service; 12 months probation.

ed; \$75.50 costs; 12 months probation. Timothy K. Fox, 20, Twin Falls; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation; pay civil penalty to Winco. Harry D. Beam III, 33, Twin Falls; no insurance; \$500 fine with \$400 suspension; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation. Connie L. Baum, 45, Filer; dog at large; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs. Brenda V. Bushnell, 45, Twin Falls; failure to purchase vendors license; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation; shall not have any garage sales without proper permits.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Nataliya Lowe Kovalcuk, 29, Twin Falls; failure to appear; dismissed by prosecutor, in the interest of justice.

Twin Falls County

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Michael McClure, 39, Burley; driving under the influence, excessive; \$1,500 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 255 suspended; credit for one day served; five days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation. Stephen L. Fetterly, 43, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 355 suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation. Lisa D. Cooper, 40, Buhl; one count driving under the influence, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 365 suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Justin L. Holley, 19, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; amended to Inattentive/Careless driving; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; six months probation; no alcohol. Kristin R. Weber, 35, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Yvan M. Guillen, 20, Nampa; driving under the influence, excessive; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 360 days in jail with 334 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 360 days; 24 months probation. Octavio Felipe Oliveira, 28, Hollister; one count driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 159 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; one count eluding a police officer dismissed. Jose C. Castaneda, 43, Hanson; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 139 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation. Scott A. Webster, 35, Buhl; driving under the influence; \$700 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Anita L. Peterson, 38, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

DEATH NOTICES

Rosa M. Schaeffer

Rosa Maria Schaeffer, 84, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Gary R. Child

Gary Ray Child, 63, of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, at Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at the Unity LDS Chapel, 275 S. 250 E. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday

at the church.

Edith L. Stacey

Edith Louise Woodall Stacey, 91, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at her home.

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

James N. Flake

James N. Flake, 89, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at his home.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Reynolds Funeral Home, 246 E. Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the mortuary.

SERVICES

Clinton Ross Foster of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation one hour before the service at the chapel.

Jethro Frederick Helken

Jethro Frederick Helken, infant son of Richard and Jennifer Helken of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS Ward Church, 229 Park Ave.; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Ruth Caroline Anderson

Ruth Caroline Anderson of Buhl, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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Agnes Spackman of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before the service Thursday at the funeral home.

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MEALS ON WHEELS DONATION



The Burley Lions Club and the Burley United Methodist Church each donated \$2,500 to the Meals on Wheels program at Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley. Meals on Wheels is a program that delivers meals to elderly and homebound individuals in the area. From left are Gordon Blair of the Burley Lions, Sharon Healy-Mills of the senior center and Leon Street of the Methodist Church Foundation.

Green

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Recycling in Twin Falls is voluntary, and City Sanitation Director Sherry left described such a policy as having resulted in a city that said she's received no negative phone calls and that despite the low figures new residents are more likely to recycle. Council members offered other recycling concerns, including allowing residents in apartments to recycle. Under the current contract, apartments are classified as commercial and it's up to

landlords to decide whether to participate. "It's also unlikely for plastic to join the city's options anytime soon. Recyclable materials are dictated by market demand, and the city's low figures indicate Twin Falls does not qualify. The cost of shipping is also high and the PSI does not have a market for plastic, which would lower the cost, Reitz said.

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at jhopkins@magicvalley.com or 735-3204.

Ornaments

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The ornament was designed by Mr. Frank Fujii of Mercer Island, Washington. The Midwest ornament is featured on the White House website. Visit the White House home page at www.whitehouse.gov and click on Holidays to view ornaments from each of the 50 states.

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ence," said Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne. "I am so appreciative of President Bush's efforts to recognize the important role of national parks in American society. Our country will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016 and the President has been instrumental in establishing the National Park Centennial Initiative to prepare the parks for the next century."

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South Dakota to protect sacred American Indian mountain from the roar of motorcycles

By Chet Brokaw
Associated Press writer

PIERRE, S.D. — For centuries, members of the Lakota, Cheyenne and other American Indian tribes have been climbing Bear Butte to fist and hold religious ceremonies.

Colorful prayer cloths hanging from trees line the path to the top of the mountain, which rises about 1,300 feet above the surrounding plain.

But often, and especially in August, the serenity of the site is disturbed by a deafening roar, caused by thousands of motorcycles.

Indians have sought for years to block development of land around the butte into campsgrounds, bars and other sites that could interfere with their religious use of the mountain. Now they have an ally in the governor.

Gov. Mike Rounds wants to spend more than \$1 million to prevent developers from putting biker bars and other noisy businesses on ranch land near the mountain on the northern edge of the Black Hills.

Saying he wants to protect the beauty and peace of the religious site, Rounds has proposed using state, federal and private money to buy a perpetual easement that would prevent commercial and residential development of some land on the western side of Bear Butte.

Indians working to protect Bear Butte praise the Republican governor's plan.

"Any kind of assistance from anybody in preserving the butte is welcome," said Gene Blue Arin, a Cheyenne elder. Steve Arin, tribal member who has sought to limit development near the religious site.



In August, a man rides his Harley Davidson past a biker bar during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, S.D. Gov. Mike Rounds wants to spend more than \$1 million to prevent developers from putting biker bars and other noisy businesses on ranch land near Bear Butte, a mountain on the northern edge of the Black Hills held sacred by many American Indian tribes.

"It's good of him," Blue Arin said. "I think it's a good deal."

Dean Wink, a member of the Meade County Commission, said he opposes a perpetual easement that would block all future owners from conveying other uses for the land. But he said he could support an easement that prohibits development for a decade or two.

"Forever is a long time," Wink said.

The governor made only a

brief mention of the plan in his budget speech to the South Dakota Legislature, which is being asked to approve an emergency special spending measure for Bear Butte. The easement could help calm some worries about the mountain, Rounds said.

Details will not be available until the legislative session opens in January, but it might cost up to \$1 million to get the easement, state Parks Director Doug Hofer said.

Rounds' plan would use \$250,000 in state money, to be matched with \$344,000 in private donations and a \$594,000 grant from a federal program that protects agricultural land. It would allow perpetual conservation easement on some ranch land on Bear Butte's west side.

Named Mato Pah, or Bear Mountain, because it resembles a sleeping bear lying on its side, it was formed by volcanic rock that never erupted and was then exposed below surrounding land eroded.

The butte and the land immediately around it are in a state park that was sold to the state of South Dakota in 1962 for \$50,000. Because of the growth of the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in August, land values in the area have skyrocketed.

In recent years, Indians have gathered at Bear Butte and nearby Sturgis during the rally to protest motorcycle noise, loud concerts and alcoholic consumption near the mountain.

The 2007 Legislature rejected a measure seeking to ban the issuance of liquor or beer licenses within four miles of the boundaries of the state park after lawmakers said they did not want to interfere with private property rights.

Wink said he expects the Legislature will have a good discussion on the governor's easement plan, but local residents believe the issue should be handled locally.

"They just think the private property rights and local control are more important," the county commissioner said.

Some also have questioned whether tax money should be used for such an easement, Wink said.

Kempthorne revises Interior ethics policy

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has quietly revised the department's ethics policy so a review panel can only consider matters referred to it by two of the department's top officials.

A Kempthorne spokesman said the change clarified how the ethics panel would receive complaints, but an environmental group said Kempthorne was weakening his own ethics policy before it could even take effect.

Dirk Kempthorne proclaimed ethical fidelity like a lion but has pursued it like a lamb," said Jeff Ruch, executive director of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility.

Ruch's group revealed the ethics change after reviewing documents released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Ruch said Kempthorne secretly sealed back an ethics panel he announced last summer with great fanfare. The plan was widely seen as a response to a series of ethics violations at the department, including the conviction of former Deputy Secretary J. Steven Griles, who was sentenced to 10 months in prison for lying to senators in the Jack Abramoff lobbying scandal.

Officers at the jail could use that training in a variety of ways. If someone being held in jail says he was born in the U.S., and can't prove he is in the country legally, local officers who have received the training can do the paperwork that has that person turned over to federal authorities.

Lorie Dankers, ICE spokeswoman for Idaho, said no law enforcement agency in Idaho has asked to take part in the training program yet.

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Twin Falls County

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Kendra C. McCollum, 17, Kimberly failure to provide driver's license; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; six months probation.
Cory J. Hernandez, 41, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 28 suspended; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 120 suspended; credit for two days served; four days work detail; 12 months probation.
Seth W. Wood, 19, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; five days in jail with five suspended; three months probation.
Cory S. Webb, 22, Declo; open container; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs.
Ryan L. Graham, 19, Kimberly; petit theft; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for two days served; 40 hours community service; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
Russell S. Andrews, 19, M. Home; one count driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 178 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; \$700 fine with \$300 suspended; 180 days in jail with 168 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation.
Gregory T. Anderson, 45, Filer; trespass; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 12 months probation.
Harold L. Brown, 55, Filer; trespass; \$300 fine with \$150 suspended; \$75.50 costs; five days in jail with five suspended; 12 months probation.
Fernando M. Martinez, 46, Jarome; open container; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation.
Felice F. Hurst, 20, Buhl; dog at large; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 12 months probation.
Hurveto P. Ortiz, 18, Filer; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$82.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; \$372 court compliance fees.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Justin L. Colpitts, 25, Buhl; injury to a child; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended; credit for two days served; four days work detail; 12 months probation.
Jason A. Landry, 30, Burley; aggravated battery; 18 years penitentiary, par count; four years indeterminate; six years indeterminate; judge granted retrial jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$97.50 costs; nine counts rape and two counts sexual battery of a minor dismissed.

FELONY SENTENCINGS

Dustin J. Owings, 26, Twin Falls; two counts rape; ten years penitentiary, par count; four years determinate; six years indeterminate; judge granted retrial jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$97.50 costs; nine counts rape and two counts sexual battery of a minor dismissed.
Jason A. Landry, 30, Burley; aggravated battery; 18 years penitentiary, par count; four years determinate; 11 and one half years indeterminate; Brian D. Cavanaugh, 21, Twin Falls; aggravated battery on a child; 18 years penitentiary; four years determinate; seven years indeterminate; \$100.50 costs.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Gregory E. Holton, 19, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; dismissed by prosecutor. Civil filings
Dustin M. Johnston vs. the State of Idaho; Seeking conviction relief of a 2005 robbery conviction. Plaintiff alleges ineffective assistance of counsel, lack of jurisdiction of sentencing court and denial of due process.

DIVORCES FILED

April L. Schlund vs. Jason T.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Tanner L. Bramon, 21, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Laura L. Allsheouse, 39, Jarome; one count driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 10 days in jail with one suspended; two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; six months probation; one count no insurance; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; 10 days in jail with 321 suspended; six months probation.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Roger N. Evans, 39, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 321 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation; one count driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 321 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Marie Carder, 22, Twin Falls; reckless driving; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended;

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following: Charles C. Cutler Jr. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$1,308.62 for foster care and child support costs; \$29,856.33 for uncovered medical costs.
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John F. Adams. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$177 monthly support plus 61 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,634.70 for uncovered medical costs.
Mario C. Barajas. Seeking establishment of paternity; 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$467.66 for uncovered medical costs.

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CHILD SUPPORT CASES

Writer-hosts Leno and O'Brien to return Jan. 2

By Mateo Gold
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — Late-night hosts Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien will return to the air Jan. 2 with new episodes even if the writers' strike isn't resolved, NBC announced Monday, citing a similar move by Johnny Carson two decades earlier.

"During the 1988 writers strike, Johnny Carson reluctantly returned to 'The Tonight Show' without his writers after two months," Rick Ludwin, NBC's executive vice president for late night and prime-time series, said in a statement released by the network. "Both Jay and Conan have supported their writers during the first two months of this WGA strike and will continue to support them. However, there are hundreds of people who will be able to return to work as a result of Jay's and Conan's decision."

Unlike Carson, Leno and O'Brien are members of the Writers Guild of America. That means they will be crossing their own union's picket line when they go back on air, unless the contract is settled in the next two weeks.

In a statement, O'Brien called himself an "ardent

supporter" of the writers guild but said he was "left of an difficult decision: either go back to work and keep my staff employed or stay dark and allow 60 people, many of whom have worked for me for 14 years, to lose their jobs."

Leno said he had hoped for a quick resolution to the strike.

"Now that the talks have broken down and there are no further negotiations scheduled, I feel it's my responsibility to get my 100 non-writing staff, which were laid off, back to work," he said in a statement. "We fully support our writers, and I think they understand my decision."

Their writer-less programs will have to rely on quite a bit of ad libbing, under the WGA's strike rules, the NBC hosts will not be able to write material for their shows that otherwise would have been penned by their writing staff.

Until now, the only late-night host who has returned to the air after the strike began Nov. 5 is NBC's Carson Daily, who is not a WGA member. The rest of the late-night comedy shows have been in reruns for the past six weeks, and most have suffered steep ratings declines as a result.

Jury finds N.Y. millionaires guilty in 'modern day slavery' case; couple could get 40 years

By Frank Etman
Associated Press writer

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. — A jury on Monday convicted a millionaire couple of enslaving two Indonesian women they brought to their mansion to work as housekeepers.

Mahender Murlihar Sabhinani, 51, and his wife, Varsha Mahender Sabhinani, 45, were each convicted of all charges in a 12-count federal indictment that included forced labor, conspiracy, involuntary servitude, and harboring aliens.

Prosecutors said the women were subjected to repeated psychological and physical abuse and were forced to work 16 hours or more a day.

The Sabhinanis, who have four children and operate a worldwide perfume business out of their Muttontown home on Long Island's Gold Coast, could face up to 40 years in prison, although attorneys predicted the punishment would be considerably less. He is from India, and she is from Indonesia, but both are naturalized U.S. citizens.

As the verdict was read, one of the couple's daughters, Dakshina, collapsed in



Mahender Murlihar Sabhinani of Muttontown, N.Y., is led out of Nassau County police headquarters in Mineola, N.Y., in May after his arrest on charges of enslaving two Indonesian women he and his wife brought to their mansion to work as housekeepers.

the front row, prompting the judge to clear the courtroom while medical personnel attended to her. Soon after, her mother went to comfort her, and she also fainted.

Both women were taken to a hospital, leading the judge to postpone the remaining court proceedings until Tuesday, including the scheduling of a sentencing date.

The mother and daughter were released from the emergency room later Monday.

Defense attorney Jeffrey Hoffman said he would

appeal. "Apparently, the jury was taken by the 'historical' of the Indonesian women, he said.

Fellow defense lawyer Stephen Scaring said another of the Sabhinanis' children, daughter Tina, told him, "We never did anything to anybody. How could this happen to us in America?"

Prosecutors refused to comment until court proceedings were completed.

A representative of the Indonesian consulate in New York declined to comment.

Samrahi, the woman who filed the lawsuit in May, said she was forced to eat dozens of chili peppers and then was forced to eat her own vomit when she could not digest the peppers, prosecutors said.

"This did not happen in the 1800s," Lesko said. "This happened in the 21st century."

Detroit girl is shot and wounded after throwing her body over her mother

By Corey Williams
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — As the gunman was about to open fire, 7-year-old Alexis Goggins lunged from the back seat of the SUV and threw herself across her mother, crying, "Don't hurt my mother!"

Six bullets from the 9 mm handgun slammed into Alexis, one piercing her right eye, two slugs hit her mother.

Alexis' mother pulled through. But two weeks later, Alexis lies in critical condition, blind in one eye. And to her classmates and many people in this city so depressingly familiar with violence, the little girl is a hero.

"She was trying to save me," her mother, Seliethia Parker, 30, told The Associated Press on Monday. "My baby is just an angel to her mother. I thought as the mother, I'd be saving my child. I never thought my daughter would be saving me."

Alexis has undergone three operations since the shooting, and her mother sits by her bedside at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

As for the mother, she was seriously wounded, with one slug grazing her head and the other entering her chest and stopping just short of an artery. But she was released from the hospital just a few days later.

Parker's former boyfriend, Calvin Tillie, a 29-year-old ex-convict on parole, was arrested in the shooting and charged with two counts of assault with intent to commit murder, along with other offenses. He could get life in prison.

Alexis is learning-disabled and lags behind other youngsters her age. As a result, police say it may never be known whether Alexis meant to shield her mother from the bullets with her body. But Parker said that if her daughter "hadn't put herself in between," "I really don't know. We might have been dead."

Parker said she met Tillie earlier this year and called off the relationship after three months, but he had other ideas. "He was harassing me," she said. "He would constantly call my house, popping up in the middle of the night."

Shortly after midnight on Dec. 2, police say, Alexis and her mother climbed into their friend Alisha Ford's vehicle for a late night birthday get-together for Ford's mother. The girl got into the back seat, and her mother took the front passenger seat.

Tillie, who had been standing outside the house in the shadows despite the cold,



Here, a pitish animal is seen in the Campbell Elementary School room in Detroit, Dec. 7 for Alexis Goggins, as the 7-year-old recovers from six gunshots to her face from her mother's jilted ex-boyfriend. "We didn't want Alexis' spot to be vacant, so she's got a sweet bear to sit in her place until she comes back," said teacher Angela Lang.

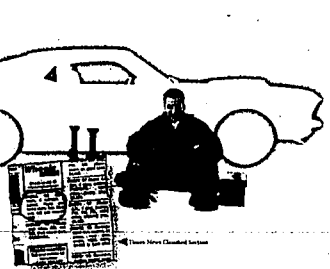
jumped into the back of the SUV next to Alexis, and forced Ford to drive at gunpoint for several harrowing minutes until the woman convinced him she needed to stop for gas, according to an account the women gave police.

Ford told police she tried to stall for time while pumping gas. As she and the station

attendant called 911, several shots erupted from inside the vehicle. Police say the girl had jumped toward her mother in the front seat.

Parker bolted from the SUV, screaming. Officers found Alexis curled beneath the steering wheel in a pool of blood. Tillie was arrested at the scene.

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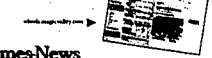


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Study hints timing of blood pressure pills might help high-risk patients

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Taking a blood pressure pill at bedtime instead of in the morning might be healthier for some high-risk people.

Most research suggests that simple switch may normalize patterns of blood pressure in patients at extra risk from the twin epidemics of heart and kidney disease.

When it comes to blood pressure, you want to be a dipper. In healthy people, blood pressure dips at night, by 10 to 20 percent. Scientists don't know why, but suspect the drop gives arteries a little rest.

People with high blood pressure that doesn't dip at night — the non-dippers — fare worse than other hypertension sufferers, developing more serious heart disease. Moreover, heart and kidney disease fuel each other — and the 26 million Americans with chronic kidney disease seem most prone to non-dipping. In addition to heart problems, they're at extra risk of their kidney damage worsening to the point of dialysis.

Most blood pressure patients need two or three medications. So Italian researchers performed an easy test: They told 32 non-dippers with kidney disease to switch one of those drugs from a morning to a bedtime dose. In two months, nearly 90 percent of these high-risk patients had turned into dippers. Their nighttime blood pressure dropped an average of 7 points, without side effects or increase in daytime blood pressure.

Better, a key sign of kidney function improved significantly, too. Dr. Roberto Minutolo of the Second University of Naples reports this month in the American Journal of Kidney Diseases.

It's the latest research in the field of chronotherapy: How our bodies' internal rhythms

could give certain people healthier hearts and kidneys. How big a problem is non-dipping?

"I think it's huge," says Hopkins' Dr. Lawrence Appel. "This is our best lead" into why black Americans with kidney disease, in particular, tend to worsen despite treatment.

Appel found 40 percent of black kidney patients in a recent study were non-dippers. Most startling, 40 per-

cent had nighttime blood pressure that was even higher than daytime levels.

Two-thirds of chronic kidney disease patients, and at least 10 percent of the general population, are estimated to be non-dippers, says Dr. Joseph Vassalotti of the National Kidney Foundation. One theory is that their bodies have trouble excreting salt.

Yet few patients have ever heard of the problem — and

few doctors know who is affected. Most people get their blood pressure checked only during the day. A 24-hour blood pressure monitor can tell but is rarely used, partly because insurance seldom pays for the extra visit to download and diagnose the results.

And most patients who take several once-a-day pills swallow them all in the morning, meaning they all start wearing off around the same

time, says Dr. Gina Landberg of St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta.

"It does make good sense to take some in the morning and some in the evening," says Landberg, a spokeswoman for the American Heart Association.

Everyone has an internal clock, determined by genes, that affects health. Many of these biological rhythms are circadian, meaning they fluctuate on a 24-hour cycle.



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N.J. inmates used photos to hide escape holes

By Jeffrey Gold
Associated Press writer

ELIZABETH, N.J. — Two jail inmates used photos of fictional-clad women to hide holes they used to escape and left behind a thank-you note, signed with a smiley face, for a guard they claimed helped them. The escapees, identified as Jose Espinosa, 20, and Otis Blunt, 32, squeezed through the openings sometime before dawn Saturday in a high-security unit of the Bergen County Jail, jumped onto a rooftop below and made it over a 25-foot-high fence topped with razor wire, authorities said.

Authorities withheld the name of the officer the inmates said was involved. The note, found in Espinosa's cell, read: "Thank you Officer ... for the tools needed. You're a real pal. Happy holidays." The inmates are investigating the claims: The guard named in the note has not yet turned in a report, and disciplinary action has not been taken against any guards, said county prosecutor Theodore J. Romanow, said, whose office is overseeing the escape investigation.

Police were still searching Monday for the two men. Espinosa was awaiting sentencing for manslaughter in a drive-by shooting, and Blunt is facing robbery and other charges in the shooting of a convenience store manager.

Meanwhile, authorities are reviewing security measures. They barred inmates from pinning up pictures from magazines on their cell walls.

The jailbreak is reminiscent of one in the movie "The Shawshank Redemption" in which the main character, an inmate, uses posters of women, including a blindfolded Raquel Welch, to conceal an escape tunnel he had been digging.

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Putin will seek premiership after leaving presidency

By Douglas Birch
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin assured his political party Monday that Russia's age of Putin is far from over, pledging to accept an offer of the prime minister's post when he leaves the presidency next year.

Putin, whose power still seems ascendant, finally settled on one of his many post-presidential political options, which had ranged from altering the Russian constitution so he could run again to outright retirement.

The Russian president has pledged to accept a job that is, at least on paper, a demotion — perhaps confident of the power conferred by his enormous popularity and by the loyalty of the fellow KGB veterans he placed in many of the Kremlin's most important jobs.

Putin, 55, presented his decision in a speech to leaders of the United Russia party, shortly before they voted to nominate the president's longtime protégé, First Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, as their candidate in the March 2 presidential contest.

With the support of Putin and the Kremlin's tight control over the nation's media and political landscape, Medvedev appears certain to win.

After Putin endorsed Medvedev's presidential bid last week, the 42-year-old St. Petersburg-educated lawyer urged Putin to serve as his prime minister if he is elected. Putin waited a week before responding.

Many here believe Putin would remain the real leader of Russia, whatever his title. But the incumbent pledged not to undermine his successor by strengthening the

prime minister's job and weakening Russia's strong presidential system. If the citizens of Russia show trust in Dmitry Medvedev and elect him the new president, I would be ready to continue our joint work as prime minister, without changing the distribution of authority," Putin said. Later, the party voted overwhelmingly to nominate Medvedev.

Putin looked on sternly from the podium as Medvedev accepted the nomination, and the younger man promised to follow the blueprint that Putin has drafted for Russia. The best way to do that, he said, was with Putin serving as head of his Cabinet.



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"The full implementation of this strategy is possible only together with its author Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin," Medvedev said.

While Putin cautiously vowed not to usurp power, Medvedev stressed that Putin will continue to wield "enormous" influence over Russia's affairs.

"I don't have the slightest doubt that Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, in the future, will keep using his enormous political and professional resources, his influence both in our society and in the world, for the benefit of Russia and its citizens," he said.

Despite Putin's pledge not to

undermine Medvedev, many analysts expect the center of power to shift from the presidency to the prime minister's post if Putin assumes the latter office.

Leonid Gozman, a leader of the liberal Union of Right Forces party, which failed to gain a single seat in the Dec. 2 parliamentary election, said the proposed power sharing between Putin and Medvedev was, at best, a temporary arrangement.

"It means either there will be a transfer of functions from the president to the premier, or Putin will think of something else, for example, either becoming general secretary of United Russia or changing the constitution to create the position of spiritual leader of the nation," Gozman said on Ekho Moskvy radio. "As it is, this construction appears extremely unstable."

WHO warns countries to be vigilant as bird flu flares in Asia

By Margje Mason
Associated Press writer

HANOI, Vietnam — The World Health Organization warned Monday that countries should be on alert for bird flu because of its enormous popularity and by the loyalty of the fellow KGB veterans he placed in many of the Kremlin's most important jobs.

"The key to the public health response is surveillance," said Peter Cordingley, spokesman for the WHO Western Pacific region in Manila, noting that the H5N1 virus often flares when temperatures drop during the winter months.

"If we do actually get to the cases with antivirals early on, the health outcome is a lot better," he said.

WHO experts traveled to Pakistan and were to visit a hospital and affected areas Tuesday, said WHO country representative Khalif Bille in Islamabad.

"They are here to get more information and to provide more support in the case of another outbreak risk," he said, adding that the country's health and agriculture ministries were now working closely with WHO following a "communication gap" when the government did not immediately report suspected cases to the U.N. health agency.

Four brothers and two

cousins fell ill last month in Abbottabad, north of Islamabad, while three others who slaughtered poultry in the same area and a nearby town tested positive for the H5N1 bird flu virus this month.

Two of the brothers died, but specimens were collected from only one.

The cases were positive for H5N1 in initial government testing, but WHO will conduct further analysis to confirm the results.

WHO spokesman Gregory Hartl in Geneva said human-to-human transmission had not been ruled out, but added that poultry outbreaks had earlier been reported in the area and it was unclear if all patients had links to sick birds or infected surroundings.

A doctor who cared for the brothers also experienced mild flu-like symptoms, but more testing was needed to determine if she was infected, Hartl said.



A woman walks past caged chickens at a market in Islamabad, Pakistan, Sunday. International health experts have been dispatched to Pakistan to help investigate the cause of South Asia's first human bird flu cases and determine if the virus could have been transmitted from person to person.

UK data on driving students lost in U.S.

By David Stringer
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Britain's top transport official said Monday that a disk drive containing personal information on three million driving test candidates has been lost in the United States — the latest in a series of government blunders over data.

Details on the candidates — including names, addresses and e-mail addresses — held on a hard drive were lost at an Iowa storage facility, British Transport Secretary Ruth Kelly told lawmakers in the House of Commons.

Kelly's report follows the loss by tax officials of sensitive data — including banking records — on nearly half the population. Two computer disks from a tax and welfare department containing names, addresses, national insurance numbers and, in some cases, banking details, for 25 million adults and children, disappeared while being sent by internal mail, ministers said last month.

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World rallies to aid of Palestinian government with \$7.4 billion

By Karin Laub
Associated Press writer

PARIS — The world rallied to the support of the embattled Palestinian government Monday, pledging \$7.4 billion in aid over the next three years at a donors' conference — a sum that tops the Palestinians' own expectations.

"The real winner today is the Palestinian state," French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner told a news conference after the gathering of nearly 90 countries and international organizations.

"We wanted \$5.6 billion, we have \$7.4 billion — not bad," he said.

World leaders at the conference also urged Israel to ease restrictions on movement in the West Bank and Gaza to make a recovery of the Palestinian economy possible.

"Our feeling is great, this is generous. It is a vote of confidence for the program and a sign of solidarity on the Palestinian question," Palestinian Planning Minister Samir Abdullah told The Associated Press.

The conference confirmed the overall figure and said the pledges include \$2.9 billion for 2008.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice pledged \$2.5 billion for 2008. However, the money includes about \$400 million that the White House announced but has not been approved by Congress.

For renewed peace efforts to succeed, she said, "the continued and unwavering support of the international community is absolutely vital. That is why we are here today, and not a moment too soon."

Rice called the U.S. pledge "a significant increase" from earlier pledges.

The Palestinian Authority is experiencing a serious budgetary crisis," Rice said. "This conference is literally the government's last hope to

avoid bankruptcy." Referring to renewed Middle East peace efforts stemming from the U.S.-sponsored conference in Annapolis, Md., last month, Rice said, "This is the most promising opportunity to seek peace that we have had in nearly seven years. And we need to seize it."

Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad said the pledges amounted to "an endorsement."

He called it part of the process for "establishing an independent Palestine."

The sum raised Monday was substantial even compared to the more than \$10 billion that donor countries have given to the Palestinians in the past decade, according to the World Bank. Officials here said the Palestinians have received more international aid on a per capita basis than any other nation or group of people in the postwar period.

From international Mideast envoy Tony Blair to French President Nicolas Sarkozy, participants called for urgent action, saying a new chance for an Israeli-Palestine peace deal must not be missed. Peace talks resumed last week after seven years of diplomatic deadlock, and international aid is seen as key to making the process work.

"We will not rest until we have that two-state solution a reality in this region of the world," Blair, a co-sponsor of the conference, told the conference.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the donors must "invest now, invest generously, and remain steadfast in their financial commitments over the next 36 months."

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana said the conference was "very constructive" and had "created a momentum to continue the good start we had in Annapolis."

those in the Saudi judicial system, I think that would be a good thing," he said.

With the pardon, Abdullah appeared to be aiming to relieve the pressure from the United States without being seen to criticize Saudi Arabia's conservative Islamic legal system, a stronghold of powerful clerics of the strict Wahhabi interpretation of Islam.

The announcement of Abdullah's pardon was published Monday on front pages of Al-Jazira newspaper, which is deemed close to the royal family. But it did not appear in any other local media or the state-run news agency — in an apparent attempt to play down the case at home.

Justice Minister Abdullah bin Mohammed al-Sheik defended the courts, saying the pardon does not mean the king doubted the country's judges, but that he was acting in the "interests of the people."

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Palestinians inspect the remains of a car after it was hit by an Israeli missile in Gaza City, Monday. An Israeli aircraft hit the car filled with explosives in Gaza City after night-fall Monday, setting off a huge blast heard around the city.

5 militants, including senior commander, rocket maker killed in Israeli airstrikes in Gaza

By Sarah El Deeb
Associated Press writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli airstrikes blasted two cars in Gaza Monday night, killing five Islamic Jihad militants, including a senior commander and a master rocket maker.

The target of the first attack was Majed Harazin, a senior Islamic Jihad militant in charge of rocket squads that have been firing at Israel, the Israeli military said.

Islamic Jihad spokesman Khaled el-Batch confirmed that Harazin was killed. Palestinians said he was a

top commander for both the West Bank and Gaza and he rarely traveled in vehicles for fear of Israeli attack. They said he was on Israel's wanted list for nine years.

Another militant was killed and a third critically wounded in the airstrike, hospital officials said.

Gunfire erupted throughout Gaza after Harazin's death was announced by Islamic Jihad over loudspeakers from mosques. An Islamic Jihad official called his death a serious blow to the militant group.

Islamic Jihad supporters gathered around the morgue and pledged revenge. The

blood of our comrades will be the fuel for the rockets that will bring death and destruction to the Zionists," another Islamic Jihad spokesman, Abu Hamza, told The Associated Press.

In the second airstrike, shortly before midnight, the military said its aircraft targeted a cell that was about to fire rockets at Israel. Undercover agents took part in the attack, the military said, and the leader of the cell was killed. Two other militants also died.

Both Israel and Islamic Jihad identified him as Karim al-Dahdoudh, known as a master rocket maker. The

Israeli missiles obliterated a car on a narrow road, and rescue teams searched for body parts in a nearby grave. The Israeli military often targets militants in airstrikes, aiming for squads involved in daily rocket fire. Islamic Jihad has claimed responsibility for many of the bombings, including one that slightly wounded a 2-year-old boy in an Israeli village this week.

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Saudi king pardons rape victim sentenced to 200 lashes.

By Abdullah Shihri
Associated Press writer

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A woman sentenced to prison and a public lashing after being gang-raped has been pardoned by the Saudi monarch in a case that spurned an international outcry, including rare criticism from the United States, the kingdom's top ally.

The woman, known only as the "Girl of Qatif," was convicted of violating Saudi Arabia's strict Islamic laws against mixing of the sexes because she was in a car with a man she was not related to when the seven men attacked and raped them both in 2006.

The sentence shocked many in the West. In unusually strong criticism of a close ally, President Bush said that if the same thing happened to one of his daughters, he would be "angry at those who committed the crime. And I'd be angry at a state that didn't support the victim."

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'THE LAST COWBOY'



ABOVE: Mearl Row walks on his property near Filer. Row was a rancher for most of his life and worked on a number of ranches in the region. He sold his ranch near Three Creek before retiring. These are some of the bulls he lost, Row says. 'That's their head.' TOP: A photo of Mearl Row taken in 1943.

Twin Falls man preserves Western way of life with antiques

By Melissa Daulton
Times-News writer

The first thing Mearl Row does when you walk into his home outside Twin Falls is offer you coffee spiked with Irish cream.

Sip it slowly at the kitchen table and ask him about the black-and-white photos of him on the wall. Some date back to 1942, when Row was a handsome cowboy in Nevada, working from horseback for a company with 36,000 head of cattle.

The 87-year-old misses the lifestyle — everything from waking up at 3 a.m. to working in four feet of snow.

"Cowboying now ain't nothing like it used to be," he said. "We never had no trailers to haul horses in."

Cowboys might be fading into obscurity, but lucky guests at Row's home can see remnants of the Old West that he has collected.

For Row, they're not just antiques. They chronicle his life. Start in the living room, where hand-braided rawhide ropes and bridle bits mingle with his wife's shined teardrop.

"You've probably never seen these before in your life," he said, pulling out a pair of stiff leather cones. They're cuffs, he explained, used to protect shirt sleeves.

"I've probably used to wear these a long time ago," he said. A mountain lion pelt with a stuffed head guards the couch. Over the big cat hangs a portrait of a younger, meaner-looking Mearl Row.

The picture, titled "The Last Cowboy," was painted from a

photo of Row. He's immortalized with a cigarette hanging from his mouth and a beaten cowboy hat covering his dark hair.

That hat hangs nearby, looking more worn now. It has seen a lot since then; Row wore the hat for 30 years. It was with him on Dec. 7, 1941 — Pearl Harbor Day — when he was feeding cattle in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

"I can remember it 'cause it was 45 below zero," he said.

The rest of the collection sits outside, protected from the weather in barns. It might take Row a while to trudge through the snow to get there. A few weeks ago, he fell in the bathtub and broke a couple of ribs and vertebrae. While that slowed him down, he refused physical therapy.

"They'd probably put me in a nursing home," he said. "I don't need that in my life."



One of Mearl Row's wagons is covered in a thick layer of snow.



Mearl Row, 87, collects Old West artifacts including horse-drawn carriages, lanterns and brands, to name a few.

"Cowboying now ain't nothing like it used to be."

— Mearl Row

Injuries won't stop him from feeding his horses, either. Seeing them is the highlight of his day.

"They're my life," he said. "Hell, without them horses, I'd be dead."

The first shed opens up to a stash of antiques straight from the Old West. Groups of rusty saws, branding irons, cowbells and lanterns give the shed a rustic charm. Some are items he used while working or inherited from his family. Others, he collected at auctions throughout southern Idaho.

"Some of this stuff I've had all my life," he said.

The crown jewel in his collection, a century-old wooden chuck wagon with almost all of its original parts, sits in the corner. The wagon was originally sold in Filer in 1916. Row shows it off during parades, but most of the time it rests in the shed.

It's a little like the wagon Row lived out of when he was a cowboy. The group of men he worked with kept their food and supplies

on the wagon. Other than that, they had almost nothing with them during their months on cattle runs.

"All you needed was your bedroll and your saddle," he said.

He has kept some of those saddles, too, along with others he gathered along the way. In an adjacent barn, saddles, chaps, collars and harnesses hang neatly. "I bought that saddle in 1952," he said, pointing.

Some harnesses are decorated with white spreader rings, "just for fanciness," Row said.

"They're the only ornamental items in the barn. Everything else is functional."

It's a bare-bones lifestyle — one Row wouldn't trade for the world. He attributes his old age to hard work.

"It's a good life," he said. "I enjoyed every minute of it."

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Photo by LARINE LEMMY LORENZO/The Washington Post

Put nitrogen-rich green needles from your Christmas tree into your compost pile.

The Christmas tree as a renewable resource

By Joel M. Lemer
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If you're trying to decide whether to buy a real or artificial Christmas tree, consider the environment.

Real trees help improve air quality by producing oxygen and reducing carbon dioxide. They're also a renewable resource.

Real Christmas trees dominate the market. At least 32 million will be sold this year, most of them grown in the U.S. or Canada. That's a lot of air filtered during the five to 10 years those trees were being raised. And almost all of the trees cut for Christmas are replaced with seedlings that will mature into a full stand of trees.

In contrast, 85 percent of artificial trees are made in China. Most parts are not biodegradable, according to the National Christmas Tree Association, which advocates the use of real trees. It will be interesting to see what owners of artificial trees do this year in light of the recent safety problems with Chinese products. Almost 133,000 artificial trees were sold in the U.S. last year.

Real trees don't have to go to a landfill. After trees are cut and displayed, most will biodegrade and become a rich source of compost. Discarded trees are generally picked up by local jurisdictions, chipped and added to leaves collected to make compost.

You can compost the tree yourself by pruning the limbs to the main trunk. The green needles will add nitrogen to your pile, and the thin, woody stems that the needles grow on will add carbon.

Thinking 'green'

Here are some other uses for a real tree

after Christmas:

- **Protect tender shrubs,** such as camellias and hydrangeas. Lay the tree between the plant and the path of the prevailing wind. You can also stand a tree to get extra ornamental value while it's protecting shrubs. Tie it to a steel or wooden support pounded into the ground. Cut it up and compost it in the spring.

- **Stand the tree near feeders** as a perch for birds. You might get a bird to nest in it. Leave it undisturbed until the baby birds grow up and fly away, which gives the tree about a six-month shelf life. And, by the way, an old country adage says that a bird's nest in a Christmas tree is good luck.

- **Create a wildlife habitat.** Lay your tree in the background of your garden, slightly out of view. Let it catch leaf litter and other plant debris. Place a hollow log behind it and maybe a dead bush, and you will have created a shelter for wildlife.

Finding your tree

You can't root a cut Christmas tree, but you can grow one from seed. If you find a cone on your tree, remove it and put it outside to dry for the winter. Peel back its armor in spring to find a seed in a papery covering behind each woody scale. Plant the seeds in a sunny spot, and in five or 10 years, with proper soil, sun, pruning and temperatures, you'll have a homegrown Christmas tree or two.

If you want a live tree, go to a year-round garden center or tree stand that has experience with live nursery stock. Live trees with root balls can be planted outdoors right after Christmas. This would be a good time to dig and prepare the hole and put soil for planting the tree in an area where



This rosemary can be protected outdoors by laying limbs from your Christmas tree around it.

it won't freeze.

Keep the root ball on live trees moist and leave the trees inside no longer than a week, so they don't break dormancy. Fire safety officials want you to keep cut trees indoors for as short a period as possible. Enjoy your tree outdoors for the rest of the winter.

Before purchasing, check needles for freshness. They should be pliable. Plants that ordinarily have sharp, stiff needles, such as spruce, should still be flexible. You'll be able to tell if needles are ready to fall by thumping the trunk of the tree onto a solid surface once or twice. If brown, and yellow needles drop, that's OK. But it shouldn't drop many green ones.



After Christmas, this tree could stand as a perch for birds in your winter garden.

Duct tape goes plaid

The Washington Post

Duct tape, the prosaic lifesaver of do-it-yourselfers and outdoors types, continues its ascent as a design accessory.



L.L. Bean's "Maine Guide" plaids (red with black and green with black) join two other popular company prints: camouflage and wildlife. At \$9.50 per plaid pair (each is 30 yards long and two inches wide), they are more than just a stocking stuffer, says Mac McKeever.

senior public relations representative for the Freeport, Maine, company. "Obviously it's essential for hunters and anglers, but at Christmas time people are actually using it to wrap presents as a way to put a little pizzazz on their gifts."

Winter reader's wish list

By Joel M. Lemer
Special to The Washington Post

Here are my book picks for this year's holiday shopping list:

- **"Venetian Gardens,"** a 175-page, hardcover reference written by Margherita Damnico and photographed by Marianne Majorus, delivers captivating impressions of backyards, terraces and streets in Venice, including architecture and ornamental horticulture in this city of more than 500 secret gardens and 118 islands connected by 410 bridges. (Flammarion, \$45)

- **"The Garden at Night: Private Views of Public Edens,"** a 176-page, hardcover coffee-table tome photographed by Linda Rutenberg, captures scenes at public gardens at times few people experience them — at night. Includes Longwood, Chicago Botanic, Descanso, Fairchild Tropical Botanic and Huntington. (Chronicle Books, \$40)

- **Brooklyn Botanic Garden's gardening series** released three handbooks in 2007. They are "Wildflower Gardens," "Hummingbird Gardens," and "Buried Treasures: Tasty Tubers of the World." BBG has published handbooks for more than 60 years. These paperbacks are about 100 pages with many high-quality, full-color photographs and illustrations. Great stocking stuffers. Cost: \$9.95 each.

- **"Wildflower Gardens"** is a collection of three- to five-page essays by well-known garden writers. Designing in sun, partial shade and shade are covered. Various types of wildflower gardens are discussed, including borders, beds, bogs, meadows, prairies and rockeries, and 60 wildflowers are identified with instructions for care and planting.

- **"Hummingbird Gardens,"** primarily written by Stephen W. Kress, vice president for bird conservation at the National Audubon Society,

also includes essays by experts with experience from other parts of the country.

- **"Buried Treasures: Tasty Tubers of the World"** is about root crops you might never have considered eating. Some of the root-size tubers are not only tasty but are also a way to control weeds, such as nutsedge, and to grow food crops almost year-round. This is an eclectic collection of information from experts about edible roots, from the common to the obscure.

- **"The Magic of Monet's Garden: His Planting Plans and Color Harmonies,"** by Derek Fell, offers a window into the mind of one of the great impressionist painters of the 19th and 20th centuries and one of the most gifted flower gardeners of the 20th century. This hardcover book has 160 pages. (Firefly Books, \$35)

- **"Success With Shade-Loving Plants,"** by Graham Clarke, is for people who want to ameliorate heavy shade, find flora that will grow in the low light of a woodland garden-or-thrive-on-the-north side of a house. This beautifully photographed paperback shows plants that will bring year-round color to a woodland garden. Clarke covers more than 100 shade-tolerant plants. The 160 pages and more than 200 color photographs and illustrations contain suggestions you might never have thought of trying. (Guild of Master Craftsmen Publications, \$14.95)

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Bringing marigolds into bloom

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

I grew marigolds this year from some old seed. The pot was filled with plants but no flowers. Why? A. Marigolds are generally easy to bring into bloom. You may be growing the species

Tagetes lucida, which does not bloom until late autumn. It is often known as Mexican mint marigold and is used in recipes in much the same way tarragon is used. You might also be growing *Tagetes erecta*, the tall African marigold (which is not native to Africa, by the

way). It is taller and blooms much later than the more common French marigolds, *Tagetes patula* (which are not native to France). Sunlight might also be the limiting factor. In shade, marigolds may grow leaves but won't produce many flowers.

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, very nice duplex...

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, W.D. very clean...

602 Unfinished Homes

GOODING 3 bdrm, 1 bath, No pets \$5950.00...

604 Unfinished Apts and Duplex

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage...

606 Mobile Homes

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602 Unfinished Homes

HAZELTON 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1200 sq ft on 1 acre...

604 Unfinished Apts and Duplex

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, wasterly hookups...

606 Mobile Homes

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602 Unfinished Homes

HOLLISTER 4 bdrm, 1 bath, all electric, No smoking...

604 Unfinished Apts and Duplex

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606 Mobile Homes

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, W.D. very clean...

602 Unfinished Homes

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath, in Big Lingo Ranch...

604 Unfinished Apts and Duplex

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606 Mobile Homes

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602 Unfinished Homes

JEROME country home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, plus acreage...

604 Unfinished Apts and Duplex

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606 Mobile Homes

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602 Unfinished Homes

KIMBERLY BUY A 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath home...

604 Unfinished Apts and Duplex

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606 Mobile Homes

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602 Unfinished Homes

RUPERT 2 bdrm home, No pets, 4000 sq ft...

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607 Office and Retail Rentals
RUPERT Medical office by the hospital with 2 exam r...

Curtis
D. H. Curtis Company

TWIN FALLS North Blue Lakes office space, 1 available, good location...

608 Commercial Property
JEROME Office space 700 sq. ft., building 2200 sq. ft., \$1295 mo.

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, \$595 month + \$500 deposit...

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$500 mo. rent, 2 car garage, w/ water, sewer & garbage...

TWIN FALLS Clean & quiet 2 bdrm, 2 bath town home with fireplace...

TWIN FALLS Clean 2 bdrm, 2 bath, all appliances including Garage & Wash Line

TWIN FALLS duplex, 1409 sq. ft. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, dog garage, w/ water, sewer & garbage...

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15 Rural hotel
16 Bring in goods from abroad
17 Valhalla god
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19 Laocian city
20 Deep regret
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Tanya
27 Lose because of a rules infraction
29 Scoffer's word
30 Stockholm man
34 Grain morsel
35 Volcanic flow
36 Piece of gossip
37 School periods
39 Scored a hole-in-one
40 Baking box
41 Make a choice
42 Low joint
43 Part of a journey
44 Kind of noun
47 Correction spot
49 Difficultly
54 Thurmond and Archibald
55 Violent attack
56 Raced round
58 Winter bug
59 Crop
60 Slipping
61 "the ramps we watched..."
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64 Covers
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