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True love, green paint, and a whole lot of explaining

Paul wants to throw the book at graffiti artist inspired by song

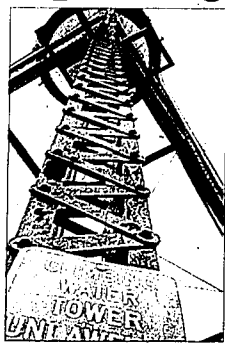
By Rich Greene
For the Times-News

PAUL — A 19-year-old Rupert man who says he was inspired by a country-western song

now starring in his own country ballad, replete with love, crime, a small-town water tower and maybe a stretch in the heartbreak hotel. Last week Brandon West was charged with two misdemeanors: injury by graffiti and violation of a City of Paul ordinance against climbing the municipal water tower — for allegedly painting a love note there in September. According to the Blaine County Sheriff's Office, West confessed that he climbed the old

tower to spray-paint "I live Staci," as homage both to his 16-year-old true love and to a country-western tune. The crime initially went unsolved, but on Oct. 23 Paul Public Works Director Richard Hau informed the local law about a rumor circulating at his daughter's school. Deputies started interviewing Blaine County Sheriff's Office

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Signs warning visitors that it is unlawful to climb the old City of Paul water tower at the city park on E. Idaho Street are prominently displayed on the legs of the tower. The structure is currently used as a cell phone tower.

Just to be sure



Linda Berry, a supervisor in the drug screening department, holds up the tools of the trade: specimen bottles and baggies that are used in urine analysis for detection of street drugs like cocaine, methamphetamine and THC. Berry says that home kits are useful to an extent but parents who use them may have trouble knowing how to read the results.

Parents among those purchasing personal drug tests

By Matt Poppino
Times-News writer

The products promise quick results. Cut between 90 and 120 of your teenager's hairs off his head and seal them up for shipping. Within two business days, you'll know if he's been doing meth. Or, test his urine now with this handy kit, and you'll know in a matter of minutes — no more waiting.

Methamphetamine is a scary drug — not to mention the other things a teen could be sticking into his system. That's what sends some parents to local pharmacies — searching for home drug tests — or into the Twin Falls office of Wlenhoff Drug Testing, administrative assistant Cindy Hunt said. "It's one of those issues that a lot of people think, 'It's not going to affect me and not going to hurt me,' but it's something that

LEARN MORE

For more information on personal drug tests, consult your pharmacist or contact:
• Wlenhoff Drug Testing, 732-0260
• Brent Evans, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 732-3174

very much does," Hunt said Thursday.

Simple drug tests have been around for a long time, Hunt said. But a price drop in recent years, as meth became more of an issue in Idaho, has made them more accessible to parents concerned about their kids' behavior. Along with the home tests described above, parents can seek testing help at hospital offices, through school districts

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At Magicvalley.com [Drug testing company rep talks about parents having their kids tested.](#)

Craig's rider axed by Dems

Move complicates salmon case, threatens Nez Perce water deal

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Democrats have removed language inserted into a federal spending bill by Sen. Larry Craig that would have protected a major water rights agreement between the state and the Nez Perce Tribe.

Without Craig's portion of the bill, a federal judge could jeopardize the deal, which resolved the tribe's claims to massive water rights on the Snake River, and threaten another Idaho water users.

"We're certainly disappointed," said Craig spokesman Sid Smith. "That deal was something that was already agreed upon by a huge number of water users, the tribe, the state and the federal government."

Craig's spending bill rider would have directed the Interior Department to implement "without further delay" a federal plan to manage Northwestern dams that was ruled illegal by U.S. District Judge James Redden. That plan was integral to the Nez Perce deal.

Redden is expected to rule soon on another federal dam plan after

INSIDE:
Craig shows Rich around Capitol Hill.

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Gooding home appeals state licensing decision

By Matt Poppino
Times-News writer

The administrator of the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center confirmed Thursday that the center will appeal the revocation of its license by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

In a Wednesday letter to the nursing home's staff, Cheryl Randolph, administrator of the center, and Dan Adamson, president of Northwest Rec-Corp — which owns the facility — said they "disagree" with the action taken against the home by Health and Welfare and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The administrators thanked the home's employees for the care they give the

NewsTracker

Last week News: Health and Welfare revoked the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center's license earlier this month, allowing 28 days to appeal or close.

The latest: The center started the appeal process on Tuesday. What's next: An automatic administrative review of the department's decision.

home's residents and said they began the appeals process on Tuesday.

Rhonda Scraggs, who helps coordinate activities for the home, said the letter and a visit from Adamson were welcome reminders that her

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company is willing to go to bat for her and her coworkers.

"I think that they have it in for us, I really do," she said of Health and Welfare, which revoked the center's license on Dec. 5. "They have been hitting us harder than any other facilities in the state."

Debbie Ransom, chief of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility

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Security screeners become unpopular face of government

By Eileen Sullivan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Hand sanitizers and other security items in one airport, then it's confiscated at another. Screening lines back up because only two of six lanes are open. And then there's the occasional all-too-intimate patdown. Those complaints and other frustrations make the nation's airport security agency about as popular as the IRS.

Indeed, only the Federal Emergency Management Agency still suffering from its mishandling of Hurricane Katrina, ranks below

the Transportation Security Administration among the least-liked federal agencies.

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"I am so frustrated with TSA that I am ready to stop flying," one traveler wrote in a Sept. 7 letter to the agency.

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See where other government agencies rank.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Saturday

Blustery with decreasing clouds. High 30. Low 17. Partly cloudy and cold. Partly sunny and chilly. 32/23

MINI-CASSIA

Today: No new snow likely with skies starting to clear. Highs upper 20s. Tonight: Partly cloudy and cold. Lows low to teens. Tomorrow: Chilly with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs upper 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol - The Musical" a co-production of the neoStage Theatre and Laughing Stock Theatre Company, 7 p.m., neoStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, \$25 for adults, unreserved seats: \$15 for children (14 and under), unreserved seats, and \$50 for reserved seating in center front rows, 726-4857. The Standards Christmas concert "A Night To Remember," 7 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center, \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth (age 17 and under), 308-1255 or www.TheStandards.com.

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoshone Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., Jaker's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-9435.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 734-4068.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert City Center and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475 (last session, to resume Jan. 14).

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, 737-5988.

Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667. Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Santa Story Time, Santa will read to the children for story hour, 10:30 a.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium Festival of Trees, "Season of Light," 11 a.m., "Steamrolling through the Holidays," 1 p.m., "WSKY Radio Station of the Stars," 2:30 p.m., "Season of Light," 4 p.m., "The Christmas Star," 7 p.m., and "Steamrolling through the Holidays" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center, CSI campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

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

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COMING TOMORROW IN RELIGION

In time for the flakes

Our Lady of Snows new church is dedicated in Sun Valley.

MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

UTAH

Idaho man pleads guilty in Air Force base threat

SALT LAKE CITY — An aircraft mechanic pleaded guilty Thursday to felony charges for sending e-mails claiming he would detonate explosives at a Utah Air Force base and kill six hostages if the U.S. did not remove all troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. William Jeffrey Stiffler, 39, of Clifton, Idaho, sent both e-mails in July to FBI headquarters under the name of a friend of his wife to cause trouble for the friend, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Carlos Esqueda. One e-mail was sent from Stiffler's workplace at Hill Air Force base and the other three hours later from his home, Esqueda said. Five buildings at Hill Air Force Base were evacuated until the threats were determined to be false. A search turned up no bombs, and all six purported hostages — Stiffler's family and an acquaintance — were found in no danger. Stiffler pleaded guilty in federal court to making bomb and kidnapping threats. Another set of charges relating to the second e-mail will be dropped when Stiffler is sentenced on March 6, Esqueda said. Stiffler faces up to 10 years in prison on the bomb threat and up to five years for the kidnapping threat and he faces fines of up to \$500,000, Esqueda said.

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Volunteers and officials from the city of Omaha, and the Von Maur department store gather Wednesday for a memorial service for shooting victims.

NEBRASKA

Shoppers, workers return to work 15 days after shootings

OMAHA — About 50 employees held hands and lined up across a department store entrance Thursday before parting to let a crowd of holiday shoppers enter for the first time since a gunman killed eight people there 15 days ago. Eight wreaths were placed near the entrance to memorialize the eight victims, and a 46-year-old crossing guard wreath carried the message "We remember." Customers applauded as the gates opened, and employees greeted them at the entrance. Many shoppers immediately took "shooters to the third floor, where most of the victims were shot." By midday the store was crowded — more so than similar stores nearby. "We always think about the victims and their families," said Pamela Perry, 39. "But I'm not scared to go in there."

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WASHINGTON

U.S. fertility rate sustains population

For the first time in 35 years, the U.S. fertility rate has climbed high enough to sustain a stable population, solidifying the nation's unique status among industrialized countries. The overall fertility rate increased 2 percent between 2005 and 2006, nudging the average number of babies being born to each woman to 2.1, according to the latest



Rose Tani looks up at a cardboard cutout of her son, astronaut Daniel Tani, on the balcony of a Capatzer condominium on Oct. 23. Rose Tani died Wednesday in Lombard, Ill., when a train struck her vehicle, police said. (See story below)

federal statistics. That marks the first time since 1971 that the rate has reached a crucial benchmark of population growth — the ability of each generation to replace itself. "It's been quite a long time since we've had a rate this high," said Stephanie Ventura of the National Center for Health Statistics. "It's a milestone." While the rising fertility rate was unwelcome news to some environmentalists, the so-called "replacement rate" is generally considered desirable by demographers and sociologists because it means a country is producing enough young people to replace and support aging workers without population growth being so high it taxes national resources.

"This is a noteworthy event," said John Bougart of the Population Council, a New York think tank. "This is a sign of demographic health. Many countries would like to be at this level."

TEXAS

Astronaut mourns his mother from orbit; he comes home in January

HOUSTON — Daniel M. Tani's 50-year-old mother died in an auto accident this week, but he has no way of getting home until late January. He must grieve from more than 200 miles away — in orbit, aboard the international space station.

It's a heartbreaking situation no other American astronaut has experienced. And it's made all the more tragic by Tani's devotion to his mother, Rose, who raised him and his siblings alone in suburban Chicago after their father died when he was 4. "It is obviously pretty sad," the astronaut's brother, Richard Tani, said in Thursday's Chicago Sun-Times. "It was pretty close to her. We are all close to her. She was loved by everyone."

Tani's wife and a flight surgeon on the ground broke the news in a video conference call with the 46-year-old astronaut. But phone calls and e-mails from space are as close as Tani can get to the loving embrace of his family. Tani has been on the space station since late October and had been scheduled to return to Earth as early as Monday of this week aboard space shuttle Atlantis, but fuel gauge problems delayed the Dec. 6 launch until January.

A Russian Soyuz spacecraft is docked at the space station but must be reserved in case the two Americans and one

ed, and two of them were brothers, a coroner said Thursday.

The men, who had been dead more than a week when their bodies were found last week, were identified by Hamilton County Coroner O'Neil Owens as Manned Davila Duenas, 31, his brother Jose de Jesus Davila Duenas, 21, Lino Guardado Davila, 45, and Manuel Lopez Guardado, 21, who was identified by Mexican authorities as Contrado Lopez Guardado. Owens did not say how the brothers were related to the other men.

All four men were from the town of Zucutlan in the northern Mexican state of San Luis Potosi, a spokesman at the Mexican embassy in Washington said earlier.

ISRAEL

Israel examining Hamas truce proposal

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel is examining a Hamas truce proposal delivered by Egypt, defense officials said Thursday after at least six Palestinian rockets fell in a day of Israeli air and ground strikes aimed at stopping rocket salvos from Gaza. The Israeli officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the sensitivity of the issue, said the Hamas proposal was limited to stopping the rocket fire in exchange for a halt to Israeli military operations in Gaza. The said Hamas gave assurances it could impose the truce on the militant groups that are firing the rockets — Islamic Jihad and the Popular Resistance Committees.

There was no immediate comment from the Egyptian government.

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NEW YORK

Nickelodeon considering teen pregnancy special

Nickelodeon is considering a special for its young audience about sex and sex following the news that 16-year-old "Zoey 101" star Jamie Lynn Spears is pregnant. The television network has made no announcement about the future of the show. But its popular program aimed primarily at youngsters aired Sept. 9-10. Filming for the show's fourth and final season has finished, and episodes are scheduled to begin airing in February.

For the special, Nickelodeon said it's talking with Linda Ellerbee, the veteran newswoman who has stepped in frequently in the past with shows on talking to children about difficult issues in the news. She's done shows about same-sex parents, AIDS, the Columbine shooting and President Clinton's impeachment scandal. "I think it's important that something be done," Ellerbee told The Associated Press on Thursday. "But I think it's important that it be done in a measured way, and not just to feed the beast of news stories." A Nickelodeon spokesman, Dan Martinsen, confirmed the discussions but said no decision had been made.

OHIO

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ENGLAND

Bartender tells court Diana's driver drunk, 'walked like a clown'

LONDON — Princess Diana's driver was drunk the night she and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed died in a car crash in Paris, a bartender told the court in a hearing this week. The inquest into Diana's death said, noting that Paul Bumpsted, a member of the hotel staff as he was leaving. "He had not a precise and accurate walk. He was walking like a clown, a little bit like a clown," he said. Diana and Fayed died on Aug. 31, 1997, after Paul lost control in the Pont d'Amar tunnel, colliding with a pillar. French British police had both concluded that Paul had double the legal limit of alcohol in his blood and lost control of the car as it raced ahead of pursuing photographers.

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Tests

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and with private companies such as Wienthof. An instant urine test can cost as little as \$15, Hunt said, and about twice as much to send the results to a lab for confirmation.

Parents often call first with questions about the treatments before taking any action, she said.

"A lot of them take some time to decide if they really want to test their kids," she said.

"And they often visit in clumps, with a rush of parents one month and fewer the next. It's the same for those trying tests straight from the pharmacy, said Kent Jensen, owner of the Medicine Shoppe in Twin Falls. His customers can choose from a variety of tests that measure as few as one and as many as five different drugs, and can even buy

small breath tests that measure alcohol — all remarkably accurate, he said. Jensen said he doesn't usually give parents who pass through his store any more advice than they ask for.

"If they're taking the initiative to do the test, they're already pretty aware of the problem," he said.

Of course, that can still mean many questions. Brent Evans, drug-free workplace coordinator for St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said patients call him asking about everything from testing options at the hospital to how safe testing kits are when bought off the Internet. One of their greatest concerns, he said, is how private testing is through the hospital's Occupational Health office.

"It's kind of that guilt complex that, if you're in there for a drug test, that means you're

guilty," Evans said. The scary thing for Evans has been watching the change in drug trends in the area. For area employees, by far his most frequent customers, marijuana is still the No. 1 drug. But morph has worked his way up from near the bottom of the standard five drugs tested — meth, marijuana, cocaine, opiates and PCP — to nearly first place.

Not only is it more common, Evans said, but morph is in the body for a shorter amount of time, meaning more people are taking more of it. And that's just the people he catches — the tests, after all, can only do so much.

"Obviously we're not catching all of them," he said.

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Graffiti

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District students named Staci and stopped when they reached the object of West's affection.

The manhunt ended Nov. 26, when West and his attorney, Stan Cole, met with Sheriff's Detective Eric Smart. West told the lawman he was inspired by the Montgomery Gentry song "My Town," which he and Staci had listened to together. Gentry's lyrics describe a place where there's "just up the road, a pale-blue water tower, with 'I love Jenny' painted in bright green."

Authorities say West confessed that he bought his green paint at Wal-Mart. West's attorney later asked that if the city would accept restitution and avoid charges. On Dec. 12 Bau bumped it up to the Paul City Council, which came down as hard as a West Texas rain. Looking at a \$1,970 bill to wipe away West's profession of love, the council voted to ask the Minidoka County Prosecutor to press charges. "If it was a young teenager I wouldn't have a problem

slapping his hand, but we're talking about a young man here," Mayor Randy Jones said.

And they wanted to send a message to any other love-sick vandals.

"If we don't do this now, we're going to have people on the water tower and all sorts of problems," said Councilman Brent Stimpson.

West could not be reached for comment.

Rich Greene is a South Idaho Press staff writer.

Water

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rejecting two previous proposals he said didn't do enough to protect salmon.

Idaho's entire congressional delegation lobbied to keep Craig's rider in the spending bill after Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., asked Sen. Dianne Feinstein, chair of the Senate Appropriation subcommittee, and a California Democrat, to pull Craig's language from the bill in September.

Craig had recently lost political clout on the Senate Appropriation subcommittee following an airport bathroom sex scandal.

This week, the delegation again issued a joint statement against removing Craig's rider.

"Three years ago, Congress approved the Snake River Basin Adjudication to resolve a decades-old dispute over the use of water in the Snake River," the statement said.

"An agreement was reached to meet the various demands for the water, and it was one agreed to by a broad array of users, Congress and the president. The language we worked to insert into the omnibus appropriations bill

was meant to reaffirm Congress's commitment to the law of the land."

The delegation contends the agreement is still binding, despite Redden's rulings.

"Regardless, the law still stands, and we hope that federal judges pay attention to that because it is our best hope to restore salmon and maintain our economy," the Idaho Republicans said.

Environmentalists have said the previous plans, and the one currently before Redden, don't do enough to protect salmon. Earlier this month, Tedden indicated the newest plan still isn't adequate and said he may take dam management into his own hands instead of asking the government to draft another proposal.

Idaho water users worry

the judge could require the state to release thousands of acre feet of water — including water in the Nez Perce Agreement — to increase downstream flows for salmon. One acre foot typically meets the demands of two homes for one year.

That could mean unmitigated disaster for farmers and utilities in southern Idaho. Norm Semanka, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association, said shortly after Democrats indicated they'd remove Craig's rider.

President Bush is expected to sign the spending bill, and Redden is expected to make his ruling early next year.

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Appeal

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Standards, said Thursday that she had not received notification of an appeal. She said the bureau's decision was based on the center's history of problematic inspections.

"We don't enter these things lightly," Ransom said. "We've made our decision."

"It's true, Scruggs said, that one staff member didn't check properly on a resident the night he committed suicide — the most recent complaint against the home. But the center has since fired that employee, she said, and the rest of the staff is competent and dedicated.

"The employee involved that night was not doing her job, and I'm glad she was let go," Scruggs said. The Gooding home faced

the same licensing standards and investigation process as any other home in the state, Ransom said. That includes the act of which has triggered a process that could last for as long as two years. The initial appeal, she said, goes to an administrative review board. The center has a variety of options after that, including an appeal to the state Board of Health and Welfare and, as a last resort, district court.

Few centers have actually been closed by the state, Ransom said, and there's always the chance the Gooding home could win an appeal or negotiate its way back into a license.

"I think it's probably a 50-50 shot, depending on what comes forward," she said.

The center is licensed by two different agencies, and administrators will also have to convince Medicare to let them keep serving residents supported by the federal program. Spokesman Michael Marchand said Thursday that the federal agency had yet to receive any appeal from the center. While the federal license only requires the Medicare and Medicaid programs, it is just as important as the state license — which allows them to operate in the first place.

"Even if they came in compliance with what the state requirements are, that doesn't mean they would start receiving the federal (matching funds)," Marchand said. "If they're not getting the federal match, I'm not sure they could keep their doors open."

Screeners

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complaint filed with the agency. "I'm sure this doesn't matter to you because my tax dollars are already paying you."

The AP poll, conducted Monday through Wednesday, found that the more people travel, the less they like TSA.

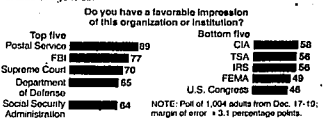
But it also found that 53 percent of air travelers think TSA does a "very" or "some-what" good job.

The inconvenience of security was the top complaint of air travelers, mentioned by 31 percent of those who had taken at least one trip in the past year. That figure rose to 40 percent for those who have taken five to 10 trips.

TSA's parent agency, the Department of Homeland Security, also ranked at the bottom of an index of consumer satisfaction released this week, supplanting the IRS as the prime subject of grumbling in that survey. The authoritative American Customer Satisfaction Index questioned 10,000 people about their experiences with the federal government.

Public opinion of TSA ranks low

The Transportation Security Administration tied with the IRS in a ranking of federal agencies.



TSA officials say they understand the frustration and are working to minimize hassles. They say while it can be annoying, airport screening is essential because intelligence reports show aviation remains a top target for terrorists.

A review of complaints the traveling public lodged with TSA in September helps explain the low standing. While passengers generally understand TSA's mission,

they could do without certain parts of the pre-boarding experience.

"Take, for example, a mother and daughter traveling out of the Dallas/Fort Worth

airport on Sept. 4. In an e-mailed complaint to TSA, the mother said the TSA screener was rude and inconsiderate. While she was in secondary screening, the mother was made to face away from her daughter. "Somebody could have taken my daughter," the woman wrote. "I understand you have to have security, but your people don't need to be rude!"

On Sept. 3, a man leaving Orlando, Fla., filed a lengthy complaint because he said a screener touched him "like no man ever has — not even my doctor."

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Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol - The Musical!'... The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance... 8 p.m., D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates... 1 p.m., Jaker's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs... Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station... Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Santa Story Time, Santa will read to the children for story hour, 10:30 a.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium Festival of Trees, 'Season of Light,' 11 a.m., 'Steaming through the Holidays,' 1 p.m., 'WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars,' 2:30 p.m., 'Season of Light,' 4 p.m., 'The Christmas Star,' 7 p.m., and 'Steaming through the Holidays' at 8:15 p.m.

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

UTAH

Idaho man pleads guilty in Air Force base threat

SALT LAKE CITY — An aircraft mechanic pleaded guilty Thursday to felony charges for sending e-mails claiming he would detonate explosives at a Utah Air Force base and kidnap six hostages of the U.S. did not remove all troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

William Jeffrey Stiffler, 39, of Clifton, Idaho, sent both e-mails in July to FBI headquarters under the name of a friend of his wife's to cause trouble for the friend, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Carlos Esqueda.

One e-mail was sent from Stiffler's workplace at Hill Air Force Base and the other three hours later from his home, Esqueda said.

Five mailings at Hill Air Force Base were evacuated until the threats were determined to be false. A search turned up no bombs, and all six purported hostages — Stiffler's family — and an acquaintance — were found in no danger.

Stiffler pleaded guilty in federal court to making bomb and kidnapping threats. Another set of charges relating to the second e-mail will be dropped when Stiffler is sentenced on March 6, Esqueda said.

Stiffler faces up to 10 years in prison on the bomb threat and up to five years for the kidnapping threat, and he faces fines of up to \$500,000, Esqueda said.



Volunteers and officials from the city of Omaha, and the Von Maur department store gather Wednesday for a memorial service for shooting victims.

NEBRASKA

Shoppers, workers return to store 15 days after shootings

OMAHA — About 50 employees held hands and lined up across a department store's entrance Thursday before parting to let a crowd of holiday shoppers enter for the first time since a gunman killed eight people there 15 days earlier.

Eight wreaths were placed near the entrance to memorialize the eight victims, and a blue ribbon crossing each wreath carried the message "We remember."

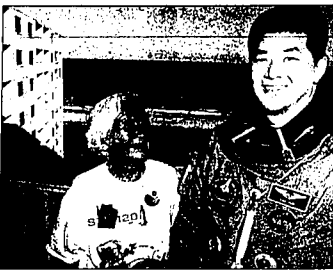
Customers applauded as the gates opened, and employees greeted them at the entrance. Many shoppers immediately took escalators to the third floor, where most of the victims were shot. By midday the store was crowded with no more than similar stores nearby.

WASHINGTON

U.S. fertility rate sustains population

For the first time in 35 years, the U.S. fertility rate has climbed high enough to sustain a stable population... solidifying the nation's unique status among industrialized countries.

The overall fertility rate increased 2 percent between 2005 and 2006, nudging the average number of babies being born to each woman to 2.1, according to the latest



Rose Tani looks up at a cardboard cutout of her son, astronaut Daniel Tani, on the balcony of a Cape Canaveral command on Oct. 23. Rose Tani died Wednesday in Lombard, Ill., when a train struck her vehicle, police said. (See story below)

TEXAS

Astronaut mourns his mother from orbit; he comes home in January

HOUSTON — Daniel M. Tani's 99-year-old mother died in an auto accident this week, but he has no way of getting home until late January. He must serve from more than 200 miles away — in orbit, aboard the international space station.

NEW YORK

Nickelodeon considering teen pregnancy special

Nickelodeon is considering a special for its young audience about sex and love following the news that 16-year-old "Zoey 101" star Jamie Lynn Spears is pregnant.

OHIO

Coroner identifies 4 Mexican workers, all stabbed in the heart

CINCINNATI — Four Mexican construction workers who were beaten and stabbed in the heart in a suburban apartment were related, and two of them were brothers, a coroner said Thursday.

ISRAEL

Israel examining Hamas truce proposal

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli officials are examining a Hamas truce proposal delivered by Egypt, defense officials said Thursday after at least six Palestinians were killed in a day of Israeli air and ground strikes aimed at stopping rocket salvo from Gaza.

NEW YORK

Russian abroad need to evacuate the outpost in an emergency

Russia's mother was struck and killed by a train in Lombard, Ill., on Wednesday. Police said she was stopped behind a school bus at a road crossing and decided to drive around the vehicle and the loved one.

TEXAS

Spears

The television network has made no announcement about the future of "Zoey 101," its popular program starring Jamie Lynn Spears is pregnant.

ISRAEL

Bartender tells court Diana's driver drunk, 'walked like a clown'

LONDON — Princess Diana's driver was drunk the night she and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed died in a car crash in Paris, a bartender told the court investigating the princess' death.

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Tests

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and with private companies such as Wienhoff. An instant urine test can cost as little as \$15, Hunt said, and about twice as much to send the results to a lab for confirmation.

Parents often call first with questions about the treatments before taking any action, she said.

"A lot of them take some time to decide if they really want to test their kids," she said.

And they often visit in clumps, with a rush of parents one month and fewer the next. It's the same for those buying tests straight from the pharmacy, said Kent Jensen, owner of the Medicine Shoppe in Twin Falls. His customers can choose from a variety of tests that measure as few as one and as many as five different drugs, and can even buy

small breath tests that measure alcohol — all remarkably accurate, he said.

Jensen said he doesn't usually give parents who pass through his store any more advice than they ask for.

"If they're taking the initiative to do the test, they're already pretty aware of the problem," he said.

Of course, that can still mean many questions. Brent Evans, drug-free workplace coordinator for St. Luke's Medical Valley Regional Medical Center, said parents call him asking about everything from testing options at the hospital to how safe testing kits are when bought off the Internet. One of their greatest concerns, he said, is how private testing is through the hospital's Occupational Health office.

"It's kind of that gull complex, if you're in there for a drug test, that means you're

guilty," Evans said.

The scary thing for Evans has been watching the change in drug trends in the area. For area employees, by far his most frequent customers, marijuana is still the No. 1 drug. But meth has worked its way up from near the bottom of the standard five drugs tested — meth, marijuana, cocaine, opiates and PCP — to nearly first place.

Not only is it more common, Evans said, but meth is in the body for a shorter amount of time, meaning more people are taking more of it. And that's just the people he catches — the tests, after all, can only do so much.

"Obviously we're not catching all of them," he said.

Note: Poppino may be reached at 735-3237 or poppino@magicvalley.com.

Graffiti

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District students named Sael and stopped when they reached the object of West's affection.

The tumult ended Nov. 26, when West and his attorney, Stan Cole, met with Sheriff's Detective Eric Snarr. West told the lawyer he was inspired by the Montgomery Gentry song "My Town," which he and Sael had listened to together. Gentry's lyrics describe a place where there's "just up the road, a hot-blue water tower, with 'I love Jenny'

painted in bright green."

Authorities say West confessed that he bought his green paint at Wal-Mart.

West's attorney later asked that if the city would accept restitution and avoid charges, On Dec. 12 Baur bumped it up to the Paul City Council, which came down as hard as a West Texas rain. Looking for a \$1,670 bill to wipe away West's profession of love, the council voted to ask the Blinn County Prosecutor to press charges.

"If it was a young teenager I wouldn't have a problem

slapping his hand, but we're talking about a young man here," Mayor Randy Jones said.

And they wanted to send a message to any other lovesick vandals.

"If we don't do this now, we're going to have people on the water tower and all sorts of problems," said Councilman Brent Stimpson.

West could not be reached for comment.

Beth Goette is a South Idaho Press staff writer.

Appeal

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Standards, said Thursday that she had not received notification of an appeal. She said the bureau's decision was based on the center's history of problematic inspections.

"We don't enter these things lightly," Ransom said. "We've made our decision."

It's true, Scruggs said, that one staff member didn't check properly on a resident the night he committed suicide — the most recent complaint against the home. But the center has since fired that employee, she said, and the rest of the staff is competent and dedicated.

"The employee involved that night was not doing her job and I'm glad she was let go," Scruggs said.

The Gooding home faced

the same licensing standards and investigation process as any other home in the state, Ransom said. That includes the center's right to appeal, the act of which has triggered a process that could last for as long as two years. The initial appeal, she said, goes to an administrative review board. The center has a variety of options after that, including an appeal to the state Board of Health and Welfare and, as a last resort, district court.

Few centers have actually been closed by the state, Ransom said, and there's always the chance the Gooding home could win an appeal or negotiate its way back into a license.

"I think it's probably a 50-50 shot, depending on what comes forward," she said.

The center is licensed by two different agencies, and administrators will also have to convince Medicare to let them keep serving residents supported by the federal program. Spokesman Michael Marchand said Thursday that the federal agency had yet to receive any appeal from the center. While the federal license only regulates the Medicare and Medicaid programs, it is just as important as the state license — which allows them to operate in the first place.

"Even if they came in compliance with what the state requirements are, that doesn't mean they would start receiving the federal matching funds," Marchand said. "If they're not getting the federal match, I'm not sure they could keep their doors open."

Screeners

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complaint filed with the agency. "I'm sure this doesn't matter to you because we pay tax dollars are already paying you."

The AP poll, conducted Monday through Wednesday, found that the more people travel, the less they like TSA.

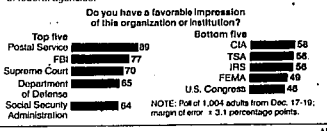
But it also found that 53 percent of air travelers think TSA does a "very" or "some" what "good job."

The inconvenience of security was the top complaint of air travelers, mentioned by 31 percent of those who had taken at least one trip in the past year. That figure rose to 40 percent for those who have taken five to 10 trips.

TSA's parent agency, the Department of Homeland Security, also ranked at the bottom of an index of consumer satisfaction released this week, supplanting the IRS as the prime subject of grumbling in that survey. The authoritative American Customer Satisfaction Index questioned 10,000 people about their experiences with the federal government.

Public opinion of TSA ranks low

The Transportation Security Administration did with the IRS in a ranking of federal agencies.



TSA officials say they understand the frustration and are working to minimize hassles. They say while it can be annoying, airport screening is essential because intelligence reports show aviation remains a top target for terrorists.

A review of complaints the traveling public lodged with TSA in September helps explain the low standing. While passengers generally understand TSA's mission,

they could do without certain parts of the pre-boarding experience.

Take, for example, a mother and daughter traveling out of the Dallas/Fort Worth

airport on Sept. 4. In an e-mailed complaint to TSA, the mother said the TSA screener was rude and inconsiderate. While she was in secondary screening, the mother was made to face away from her daughter. "Someone could have taken my daughter to the woman wrote, 'I understand you have to have security, but your people don't need to be rude!'"

On Sept. 3, a man leaving Orlando, Fla., filed a lengthy complaint because he said a screener touched him "like no man ever has — not even my doctor."

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Bush says Democratic Congress wasted time and taxpayers' money

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush, successful in forcing the Democratic Congress to bend to his will, complained Thursday that lawmakers had wasted time and taxpayers' money. His aggressive stand set a confrontational tone for Bush's final year in the White House.

Bush used a year-end news conference to scold lawmakers for stuffing 9,800 special-interest projects into a \$50 billion spending measure. He directed his budget director to explore how to erase what Bush considers wasteful spending, even as a troubling year for Bush, facing a new, energetic Democratic

Congress, ended in triumph for the president as frustrated Democrats nursed their losses. Democrats failed in their No. 1 objective to stop the war in Iraq and bowed to Bush and his veto threats on tax policies, energy legislation, children's health insurance and general spending.

After months of bitter fights, Bush said the year was ending on a high note. "It's an antagonistic world from some people's point of view," the president said. "I try to make it less that way and to focus on high priorities."

But that did not stop him from presenting a litany of complaints. Bush said he was disappointed Congress had lumped government spending into a single 1,400-page omnibus bill. "When



President Bush speaks during a news conference, Thursday in the Brady Press Room at the White House in Washington.

Congress wastes so much time and leaves its work to the final days before Christmas. It is not a

responsible way to run this government," he said. He also complained Congress had not renewed a

government eavesdropping bill to combat terrorism and said that should be a first priority when lawmakers return in January. Another priority is to make sure Congress does not raise taxes, he said. "I understand this is a point of disagreement."

"Democrats conceded Bush's success. 'President Bush's veto power prevented the kind of significant change our country needs,' said Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, head of the House Democratic Caucus, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said. "Next year, I hope the president will stop trying to block progress and work with Congress to deliver for the American people."

The news conference covered a wide range of sub-

jects, from the CIA's destruction of interrogation tapes of al-Qaida leaders, global warming and the Iraq war to the presidential campaign, Russian President Vladimir Putin's efforts to hold onto power and the struggle in Afghanistan.

The president refused to apologize for the CIA to destroy the tapes, saying he would withhold judgment until completion of hearings and inquiries by Congress, the justice Department and the CIA's inspector general.

Bush said there was no ambiguity in his statement that he could not recall being told about the tapes and their destruction before being briefed on the matter by CIA Director Michael Hayden on Dec. 6.

Even in minority, GOP dishes out the pork

By Charles Babington
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The demise of the bridge to nowhere notwithstanding, Sen. Ted Stevens and other Republicans remain the kings of pork-barrel spending, proving that GOP mastery of earmarks can withstand public scorn, a president's rebuke and even a Democratic takeover of Congress.

The Senate's two biggest sponsors of this year's pet spending projects are Republicans Stevens of Alaska and Thad Cochran of Mississippi, according to preliminary reviews of fiscal 2008 spending bills by Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonpartisan group. Two of the House's three biggest claimants are also Republicans: Bill Young of Florida and Jerry Lewis of California, the group found.

Their continued success at steering billions of taxpayer dollars to their constituents is all the more impressive — or arguably hypocritical — since President Bush and other prominent Republicans sharpened their criticisms of earmarks after Democrats took over the House and Senate majorities in January.

It underscores the cozy and murky nature of appropriating, in which longtime friendships and mutual backscratching seem to trump the steady partisanship seen elsewhere in Congress. It also reflects Democrats' calculation that there is political safety in granting the GOP about 40 percent of all earmark spending — the same proportion.

Democrats enjoyed when they were in the minority — rather than appear vengeful and antagonistic — by cutting the Republicans' share more deeply.

"It kind of takes the sting out of their accusations if they are taking 40 percent of the pie," said one House Democratic aide.

Most of all, the continued enthusiasm for earmarks by voters proves that when they crave the health clinics, community centers and thousands of other projects that earmarks fund — even if they criticize the practice in the abstract.

Elected officials reflect the public's ambivalence, often denouncing earmarks before enacting them into law. Last month in Indiana, President Bush ridiculed a labor health-education spending bill, which he vetoed, because it contained "a prison museum, sailing school and a Portuguese as a language program." Congress needs to cut out that pork," Bush said.

But the museum and Portuguese remained in the sprawling "omnibus" bill, which Bush signaled Thursday he will sign despite his misgivings.

Panel subpoenas ex-CIA official who ordered destruction of tapes

By Pamela Hess
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The House Intelligence Committee issued a subpoena Thursday for Jose Rodriguez, the former CIA official who directed that secret interrogation videotapes of two suspected terrorists be destroyed.

The panel ordered Rodriguez, the former head of the CIA's National Clandestine Service, to appear for a hearing on Jan. 16. Committee Chairman Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, said Rodriguez "would like to tell his story but his counsel has advised us that a subpoena would be necessary."

The CIA cracked open its



President Bush says he's reserving judgment on whether the CIA was right to destroy tapes of its agents questioning top terror suspects. At MagLevalley.com

files to congressional investigators Thursday, inviting them to the agency's Virginia headquarters to begin reviewing documents and records related to the videotapes.

House Intelligence Committee staff members want to know who authorized the tapes' destruction;

who in the CIA, Justice Department and White House knew about it and when, and why Congress was not fully informed. The committee, which had threatened to subpoena the records if they did not get access this week, also wants to know exactly what was shown on the tapes, which document the harsh interrogation of two al-Qaida suspects in 2002. The CIA destroyed the tapes in 2005.

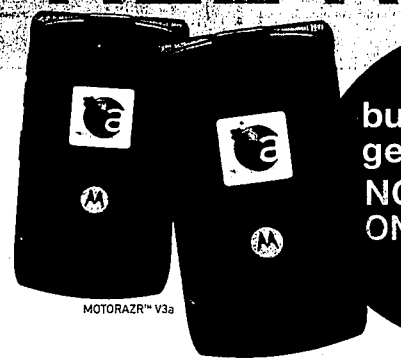
"We learned we have a long way to go, that there are a number of people involved that we need to talk with," said a committee official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation of the tapes' destruction is ongoing.

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Breast cancer patients not told of reconstruction options when choosing surgeries

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

Most doctors don't talk about breast reconstruction with women before cancer surgery, depriving them of key information that can sway their decision about whether to have the whole breast or just a lump removed, new research suggests.

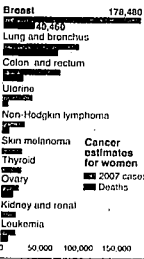
Only one-third of the roughly 1,200 women in the study said surgeons discussed cosmetic remedies with them in advance. When the topic did come up, women were four times more likely to choose the more drastic operation, mastectomy.

That could be because they liked the breast reconstruction options, which include implants that are not available for fixing odd-shaped defects left after lumpectomies. But mastectomies can be a dubious choice because breast-conserving lumpectomies usually suffice.

"Our point is not to say that one decision is better than another, but that women need to know all the options," said Dr. Amy Alderman, the University of Michigan plastic surgeon who led the study. "There are positives and negatives to both. We shouldn't be paternalistic and tell patients, 'This

Leading cause

Breast cancer remains the estimated leading type of new cancer cases in U.S. women this year. Lung and bronchus cancer lead in deaths.



SOURCE: American Cancer Society

is what you need."

Dr. H. Kim Iyerly, a breast surgeon and director of Duke University's Comprehensive Cancer Center, agreed. "This is an important issue," he said. "We clearly need to be better at it."

The study was published online Friday by the journal *Cancer* and will be in the Feb. 1 issue. It is the second report in recent days to call attention to the often-neglected consequences of cancer surgery.

Babies do the driving in Univ. of Delaware robotics lab that seeks to help immobile kids

By Randall Chase
Associated Press writer

NEWARK, Del. — With a 6-month-old at the controls, researchers at the University of Delaware are encouraging underage driving.

Their ultimate goal is to help immobile, disabled children move and explore. The researchers are using robots in an odd contraption that's sort of a cross between a bumper car and a robot. In a recent test, Anya Harris, a normally developing 6-month-old, scooted across the floor in delight by pushing a joystick on the little vehicle. She's too young to steer it.

"I think she thinks, 'Joystick means go.' I'll take that right now," said Cole Galloway, a physical therapy professor who heads the infant motor behavior lab.

He and the other researchers believe the robot, dubbed UDI, holds the promise of opening up new horizons for disabled infants, especially those with orthopedic problems or muscular dystrophy. Wheeled robots could enable them to move and explore the world around them, which studies suggest is critical to their development.

Researchers in the United Kingdom have been working for years on powered mobility



Six-month-old Anya Harris guides a robot, dubbed UDI, toward her aunt Daina Montgomery, Nov. 30, in Newark, Del. Researchers at the University of Delaware believe UDI holds the promise of opening up new horizons for disabled infants, especially those with orthopedic problems or muscular dystrophy.

for toddlers. However, Galloway said, conventional wisdom has held that because of safety issues, children aren't considered ready for that until age 4 or 5; the earliest age doctors might recommend powered mobility is age 3.

That means too many children are at risk of losing out

on the important early link between mobility and their overall development, he said.

"As soon as you're reaching, as soon as you're walking, your cognition explodes," Galloway explained.

Smrit Agrawal, a professor of mechanical engineering at

the university, has been working for years on wheeled robots with infrared and sonar sensors that can avoid obstacles. A prototype based on those models is being used in studies involving about a dozen typically developing infants and a smaller number who have special needs.

Child Study Center cancels controversial autism 'ransom' ads

By Robin Shulman
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — The words, in blocky typeface, read like a ransom note. "We have your son. We will make sure he will no longer be able to care for himself or interact socially as long as he lives. This is only the beginning."

The note is signed "Autism," and it is an advertisement, placed along with five other "ransom" notes dealing with bulimia, depression, Asperger syndrome, obsessive-compulsive and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorders — on billboards and kiosks in this city by the New York University Child Study Center, intending to urge parents to seek treatment for children with the disorders and spark a broader conversation.

But Wednesday, the center withdrew its ads, after receiving thousands of calls and e-mails, many from people who said they found the notes offensive and hurtful, more likely to spread stigma and fear than to help.

"The problem is the debate was getting more and more focused on the ads, and not on the children who have disabilities," said Harold Koplewicz, the founder and

director of the center, whose goals are to improve the treatment of psychiatric disorders through scientific practice, research and education, and to eliminate the stigma surrounding them.

Opposition to the ads came from some of the very advocates who share the goals of the center, including adults who have psychiatric and neurological disorders. The Autistic Self-Advocacy Network organized a campaign in the blogosphere, signed up more than 20 disability rights groups to their cause and collected more than 1,000 signatures on an internet petition.

"These ads reflect some very old and damaging stereotypes about people with disabilities by suggesting that we are not entirely present and not fully within our

own bodies," said Ari Ne'eman, president of the network, who has Asperger's.

The intention was never to spread stereotypes, Koplewicz said. Instead, he hoped to use a provocative metaphor — that an untreated disability can hold a child hostage — and make an impact.

"There is a public health crisis in this country," he said. "There are 12 million children with psychiatric disorders. An overwhelming number go untreated. They're uninsured. It's under-researched."

The pro bono campaign by the agency BBDO launched in New York on Dec. 1, with ads on about 200 kiosks, Koplewicz said. The campaign was originally intended to spread to four other cities, including Washington, in coming months, he said.

Instead, Koplewicz plans to hold a virtual town hall discussion in January with some of those who opposed his campaign most vociferously and create a new campaign to be produced by BBDO early in the new year.

John Osborn, president and chief executive of BBDO New York, said the ransom

notes were intended "to create awareness, to break through the clutter, and to heighten the urgency of intervention and improve the lives of kids."

Koplewicz said that when he and his colleagues first saw the campaign, "we had a visceral response to it, saying it was too strong, it might be

too harsh." But then, he said, he saw reactions from focus groups made up of mothers, a third of whom had a child with one of the disorders. "The initial response was 'Oh, this is too harsh, this is too scary, it's frightening me,'" he said. "After 20 minutes, parents recognized that the facts were harsher than the ads."

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EDITORIAL

Dangerous criminals shouldn't be in mental hospitals

An ordinary Cyclone fence surrounds Idaho's largest mental hospital, located in a residential neighborhood on the eastern edge of Blackfoot. A determined 10-year-old could escape.

And yet State Hospital South is the temporary home of Harley Park. In 2003, police say the drifter kicked a Camas County golf course owner to death with steel-toed work boots. In 2006, Park was ruled mentally incompetent to stand trial for killing Lynn Stevenson. Last month, Park was transferred to Blackfoot. He had been locked up in the Idaho State Maximum Security Institution's secure medical unit near Boise until a judge ordered him committed to a mental institution for up to three months.

Park's move prompted an outcry from state hospital employees who contend that neither they nor the facility are equipped to deal with such a dangerous patient.

But the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, which runs the hospital, doesn't have any place else for violent mentally ill prisoners. It's time the legislature remedied that.

Efforts are under way to remodel existing facilities, or to build a new secure wing at one of the two state mental hospitals. That could cost \$70 million.

Lawmakers are considering an interim solution, including remodeling a section of the Idaho State School and Hospital in Nampa to provide 25 secure beds. But that \$3.3 million project requires legislative approval and can't be ready before 2009.

Health and Welfare and the Idaho Department of Correction are exploring ways to both safely confine and to treat the dangerous mentally ill. The most cost-effective, long-term fix is a 300-bed secure facility jointly built and operated by both agencies. Lawmakers in 2007 reserved \$3 million to plan and design the facility, and they need to do at least as much for it during the coming session.

Meanwhile, violent patients are being shuffled between Idaho's prisons and mental hospitals. That's not acceptable.

Our view:
The Legislature should spend \$3 million to build a temporary facility for violent mentally ill prisoners in Nampa.

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



Does it really matter how pretty Hillary is?

One of my male colleagues was explaining why men age better than women.

"It's evolutionary," he said. "As we wear out our wives, who are running around taking care of the kids, we know they're going to have to get another, younger wife, so we stay good-looking."

He was kidding, I think. "We were discussing Hillary's latest hurdle: the Old Hag routine."

When men want to put down a powerful woman in a secret way, they will say she's a hag or a nag or a witch or angry or hysterical.

First, the Republicans tried to paint Hillary as angry, but that didn't work because she has shown a steady composure and laughed a lot (even if the laughter isn't always connected to people saying anything funny). She has kept her sense of humor—which has a tart side—mostly under wraps, so she won't be accused of being wacky.

But some conservative pundits who disagree with a woman on matters of policy jump straight into an attack on the woman's looks or personal life.

And so the inevitable came to pass: this week when Rush Limbaugh began riffing about an unflattering picture of Hillary in New Hampshire that Matt Drudge put up on his Web site with the caption, "The Toll of a Campaign."

"So the question is this," the radio personality said. "Will this country want to



MAUREEN DOWD

actually watch a woman get older before their eyes on a daily basis?"

Observing that Hillary is stuck with a looks-obsessed culture and that the presidency ages its occupants, including W. Limbaugh observed that "men aging makes them look more authoritative, accomplished, distinguished. Sadly, it's not that way for women, and they will tell you."

And Hillary, he noted, "is not going to want to look like she's getting older, because it will impact poll numbers, it will impact perceptions."

Limbaugh finished up with this: "Let me give you a picture, just to think about. The campaign is Mitt Romney vs. Hillary Clinton in our quest in this country for visual perfection, huh?"

Paul Costello, who was an aide to Rosslyn Carter and Kitty Dukakis, calls this the snake bite of the campaign, and notes dryly: "We've been staring at aging white men from the beginning of the democracy."

Yet it's true that looks matter in politics, even though Abe Lincoln still ranks as our favorite president. JFK's tan and Nixon's 5 o'clock shadow helped turn that 1960 debate in Kennedy's favor, just as Gore's waxy orange makeup and condescending mien hurt him in a debate with W. Clinton was on the cover of *People* last week and ended up deflating her less-veiled pictures with her new fiancé in Hawaii, writing on her Web site: "A size 2 is not fat!"

Women are still scrutinized more critically on their looks, which seem to fluctuate more on camera, depending on lighting, bloating and wardrobe.

Mitt Romney, Barack Obama and John Edwards almost always look good, and pretty much the same, in daily soles or casual wear. Fred Thompson always looks scrupulously and droopy. Often Hillary looks great, and sometimes she looks tired, heavier or puffed. Jim Cole, *The Associated Press* photographer who took the offending shot, said that there were several other pictures that

day where she looked "radiant."

An older love man, who saw her this week in Le Mars, was impressed. "Hillary is much more handsome — or beautiful — than I," he told *The New York Times*'s Nell Zeleny. "She doesn't photograph very well."

Since this is the first time we've had a woman who was a serious contender for a presidency, it's been an adjustment to watch her more changeable looks, and to see the lengths she goes to get the right lighting and to make the right wardrobe choices. She has a much more consistent look than she did as first lady, when she made a dizzying — and disconcerting — array of changes in her hair and style.

Hillary doesn't have to worry about her face. She has to worry about her mask.

Back in the '92 race, Clinton staffers devised strategies to humanize her and make her seem more warm and maternal. Fifteen years later, her campaign is devising strategies to humanize her and make her seem more warm and maternal.

The public still has no idea of what part of her is stage-managed and focus-grouped, and what part is legit. It's pretty pathetic, at this stage of her career, that she has to wage a major offensive, by helicopter and Web testimonials, to make herself appear warm-blooded....

—Maureen Dowd is a columnist for the *New York Times*.

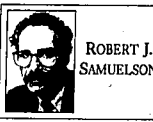
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Waiting for the other shoe to drop in the market

WASHINGTON — There is a vast gap of perception between the real economy of production and jobs and the financial economy of loans and investments. The real economy, though weakening, is hardly in a state of collapse. In 2007, it has grown about 2 percent; payroll jobs are up by 1.3 million. Even economists who expect a recession generally think it will be mild. Meanwhile, financial markets are described hysterically as being "in turmoil"; there is a "credit crisis."

This contrast reflects fear of the unknown. Since 1890, America's financial system has changed dramatically in ways that are now arousing widespread anxiety. Many loans once made directly by banks are "securitized," packaged into bondlike securities and sold to investors (pension funds, investment houses, hedge funds and banks themselves). There's been an explosion of bewildering financial



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Instruments — currency swaps, interest-rate swaps and other "derivatives" — that are used for hedging and speculative trading. Until recently, the transformation seemed a splendid success. Credit markets had broadened; risk was being spread to a larger spectrum of investors. So it was said. This was an illusion. The securities containing "subprime" mortgages — loans to weaker borrowers — have experienced unexpected ratings downgrades and losses. The unpleasant surprises have ignited fears among bankers and investment managers over how the new financial system operates.

Credit and financial markets subsist on trust and

confidence. The subprime crisis has corroded both. Estimated losses range upward from \$50 billion. Because trading in subprime mortgage securities is thin, how can they be accurately valued? Who holds them? Banks and investors have reacted to these uncertainties. For example, banks now find the "interbank market" — banks lending to each other — riskier than before, because they don't know which banks are most exposed. The 10-month LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) jumped to more than 2 percentage points above U.S. Treasury bills, triple the "default spread" of 0.6 percentage points.

The subprime debacle also posed a question: What if it's not the only problem? Consider "credit default swaps" (CDS) as a possible sequel. CDS are, in effect, insurance contracts on loans or bonds: The seller receives a payment. In return, he agrees to pay the buyer some or all of the amount of a des-

ignated loan or bond if the borrowing company (say, General Motors or IBM) actually defaults. But note, neither party to the CDS has to be the underlying lender or borrower. They are simply betting on the creditworthiness of different borrowers.

Since 2004, the volume of CDS has increased about sevenfold. Possible losses could dwarf those on subprime mortgages, argues Ted Seides of Protege Partners, an investment fund. In a strong economy, defaults on corporate bonds and business loans have been low. On "high yield" bonds (aka "junk bonds"), they've been about 1 percent compared with a historic average of about 5 percent and 10 percent in recessions. As the economy weakens, junk-bond defaults will increase, Seides says. This will give rise not only to direct loan losses but to additional losses on CDS.

There's a pyramiding effect: The economy has become more vulnerable to

credit setbacks. In theory, one investor's CDS losses should be offset by another's gains. In practice, Seides expects some CDS investors themselves to default. The capital and loss reserves of banks and investment houses would suffer, limiting their ability to lend to businesses and consumers.

What ultimately matters is the connection between the financial economy and the real economy. In housing, that's clear. Subprime losses reduced mortgage lending, housing construction and prices. In some other markets, something similar has occurred. If too many junk bonds were sold at foolishly low prices, it could finance "private equity" deals — buyouts of companies — but then the process had to reverse someday through higher rates and fewer bonds being sold. That's not a model so much as the distasteful reality of recognizing losses on investments.

Despite all the bluster, evidence of a widespread credit crunch is so far scant.

Though credit standards have tightened, bank lending is still increasing. Many U.S. companies have paid down short-term debt, and corporate cash flow is running at a respectable \$1.2 trillion annual rate.

This insulates many firms from strains in credit markets. The obvious danger is another wave of large losses that would cripple investors, particularly banks. The Federal Reserve last week acted to forestall that possibility by creating a new lending procedure by which banks can borrow from the Fed. This provides an escape valve if the interbank market remains too unloving. The Fed seeks to maintain confidence without halting out lenders from bad decisions. It's also trying to avoid recession while cutting inflation. The difficulty of reconciling all these worthy goals will explain the great perception gap.

Syndicated columnist Robert J. Samuelson writes about economics.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Subsidies for corporate farms inappropriate

Today's (Dec. 19) editorial was wrong. It is not appropriate to use taxpayer dollars to subsidize corporate farms and dairies. My new editor didn't even specify dollar limits in the subsidy payments if, indeed, there were any.

The original farm subsidies program was designed in the Depression Era to help family farmers meet enough profit to cover their annual land payments.

I see my taxes helped a local dairyman to the tune of \$34,000. Come on, folks. Let's get real. Schoolteachers have mortgage payments, too! Or how about subsidies for the working poor?

WAYNE SKIEM
Twin Falls

Reader disappointed in loss of stock report

Regarding the stock report: One of the reasons I read the paper is the stock report. I do not want to go "online" to get it.

I hope all interested parties will voice their objection to this decision.

MICHELLE PARK
Twin Falls

Leap of faith required to find joy and love

Mr. Walsh asks: Why celebrate Christmas (and new life) in so troubled a world?

Dear John:

This question is not new to me. I put me up against the wall when contemplating marriage and kids at the height of Vietnam, a war brought on by another God-fearing Christian nationalist trying to wipe me off his back.

I tried the hippies, the communists, the astrans, even the Nazis — and stuffed envelopes for McGovern! I went to Appalachia to "save

the poor" and studied sociology, psychology, religion and anthropology. I jumped into ecology, microbiology, evolution and genetics. Did I mention philosophy and quantum mechanics?

The political world was a maddening mess. Science generated more questions than answers. Religious "biodiversity" rang hollow in the face of rampant hypocrisy.

I found beauty everywhere in nature. I let my spirit fly on the mysteries and courted the enigmatic promise of wisdom. Still, "Where did I come from?" demanded an answer before marriage.

I took on the biggest dog on the block — Catholicism. Not trusting priests, I went to her sources. Her claims were ridiculous, or true. I found much there that I resonated my soul. At the center of her emanations lay ripples on a pond was the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Was he nuts or true? A question denouncing an answer.

I look on the biggest dog in the reality of incarnated hope and immortal love, but I would not allow that horse to lead. The dispassionate realism of her documents emboldened every facet of human existence with a "radical" openness to love and life, notwithstanding the obnoxious sins of her members — this horse shall lead. But at the end of a chase, it stopped and would go no further.

A leap of faith was required. I stepped into the void and found the ground. I found the reality of incarnated hope and immortal love amidst the beauty and awe of elegant simplicity and an effervescent peace and joy — in the midst of this veil of tears.

That, John, is the why of my Christmas.

PHIL AUTH
Berger

Do not burn this newspaper while reading

The Michigan Law suit Abuse Watch is staffed by people who cling to the absurd notion that people are capable of exercising common sense.



DAVID GRIMES

For 14 years, they have been making fun of manufacturers who attach obvious warning labels to their products.

For example, this year's first prize went to a small tractor manufacturer that warned on its label:

"Danger: Avoid Death." I think warning people to avoid death is a perfectly sensible caution, one that should be uttered more often rather than less. I would attach that warning to everything from chain saws to facial tissues,

which can cause suffocation if you inhale too many of them at one time.

I am staring death in the eye at this very moment because my wife wants me to hang out under Christmas lights. The rickety wooden ladder sits in the garage, chuckling softly to itself. The lights, only half of which will work, are tumbled on their feet. A front skein of tickle lights. A simple warning on the extension cord, "Danger: Avoid Death," would have averted this tragedy.

So let us not so cavalier in mocking companies that try to protect us from ourselves.

For example, a Pennsylvania woman won second place for a label she found on an iron-on T-shirt transfer that read, "Do not iron while wearing shirt."

This warning seems mainly aimed at men, who as a gender tend to be less familiar with irons than women.

In an attempt to save time, a man might attempt to iron his shirt while he is wearing it. Whether he sends a warning label on the ironing board while he is doing this is anybody's guess.

Another prize went to a Michigan woman who spoke a warning label on a letter opener that read: "Caution: Safety goggles recommended."

A letter opener can be a deadly weapon in the wrong hands. A firm grip is required, or else the thing can go flying across the room, impaling the dog or your mother-in-law, depending on who is overconfident in their own abilities.

A cardholder car sun shield that keeps sun off the dashboard warned: "Do not drive with sun shield in place."

Previous winners include the warning: "A baby stroller: 'Remove child before folding' and a flushable toilet brush that warned "Do not use for personal hygiene."

A cardboard car sun shield that keeps sun off the dashboard warned: "Do not drive with sun shield in place."

A can of self-defense pepper spray warns users: "May irritate eyes."

A dishwasher carried this warning: "Do not allow children to play in the dishwasher."

This is all helpful advice, and I want to personally thank all of you conscientious manufacturers out there who are looking out

for my health and well-being.

Now if you could send somebody around to hang my Christmas lights, that would be excellent.

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IRS paid contractor \$188,000 to provide \$38,000 clerk

By Jim Abrams Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service paid a contractor \$188,000 to provide one person to do clerical work over 11 months.

The contract was included as one example of financial waste in a government report Thursday on the IRS' involvement in a program ordered by President Bush in 2004 to develop more secure ID cards for federal workers.

The Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration said the IRS also needlessly spent almost \$2 million on a computer security system that the tax agency does not plan using at this time.

The IRS was responsible for developing and putting in place the program for providing more secure identification cards to some 150,000 Treasury employees. The program's projected cost was put at \$421 million over 14 years.

To provide one person for a clerical support job updating contact lists, assigning and tracking equipment and processing trip reports, the

contractor was paid \$128 an hour.

Auditors for the inspector general's office were told by IRS program managers that the work could have been done by an employee with a ranking of GS-7, eligible for a starting salary of around \$38,000 plus benefits. The contractor and the temporary worker it provided were not identified.

Of the \$30 million the IRS has committed so far for the project, about \$3.5 million was spent on acquisitions that should have been avoided, the report said.

"The IRS accepted this responsibility for the Treasury Department," said J. Russell George, the Treasury inspector general for tax administration. "It must change its present course and proceed in an efficient, cost-effective and responsible manner."

Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a private budget watchdog group, said it was "staggering" that more than 10 percent of total spending for the project had been wasted.

"If any agency should be responsible for our taxpayer dollars it should be the IRS,"

he said. "They are in the front lines of collecting revenue from our citizens, and you want them to be careful with every dime they spend."

The IRS, in a statement Thursday in response to the report, said it agreed with the inspector general's findings and had acted to ensure rigorous contract management and oversight. It noted that last May it shifted from a stand-alone approach to using General Services Administration solutions in issuing the new identification cards.

Among the costs the report says should have been avoided:

• The IRS spent \$1.9 million to buy 350,000 Public Key Infrastructure certificates in 2005. PKI is an encryption system that verifies the validity of each party in an electronic transaction and the certificates will be needed in the future so employees can use their ID cards to access computer systems.

But the IRS does not expect to use the cards at this time and Treasury said

the certificates purchased had a three-year life span.

• The IRS spent \$830,000 in September for 18 PKI servers that were never used for the program. The report said some servers have been used on a very limited basis for other IRS projects, but it was clear "that the servers were purchased prematurely and the funds could have been used more effectively."

• A Treasury program management office under IRS' leadership spent \$401,000 to establish an ID badge laboratory. That lab has been closed and deemed unnecessary now that Treasury is planning to share that work with the GSA.

The inspector general's office also criticized the IRS for not maintaining documents to back up costs, saying it was only able to account for about 70 percent of the obligated spending.

Controls were too weak to hold contractors accountable for work performed and the IRS paid contractors without verifying the work was carried out, the report said.

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Police, protesters scuffle in New Orleans over public housing demolition

By Cain Burdeau
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Despite occasionally violent protests, the City Council voted Thursday in favor of demolishing some 4,500 public housing units, a milestone in the city's effort to balance its heritage and its hurricane rebuilding efforts.

The unanimous vote to begin the federal government to tear down four public housing developments — a critical moment in a protracted fight between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and residents, activists and preservationists — followed hours of debate and periodic clashes in the street.

Police used chemical spray and stun guns as dozens of protesters tried to force their way into the packed City Council chamber. One woman was sprayed and dragged from the gate. Emergency workers took her away on a stretcher.

Another woman said she was stunned by officers, and still had what appeared to be a laser wire hanging from her shirt.

"I was just standing, trying to get into my City Council meeting," said the dazed woman, Kim Ellis, who was taken away in an ambulance.

"Is this what democracy



Protesters fall to the ground as New Orleans Police re-lock a gate outside the New Orleans City Council chambers as the council was holding a meeting to begin demolition of public housing buildings in New Orleans, Thursday.

looks like?" Bill Quigley, a Loyola University law professor who opposes demolition, said as he held a strand of laser wire he said had been shot into another of the protesters.

Quigley said he believed the crackdown violated public meetings laws. Protesters said they pushed against the iron gates that kept them out of the building because the Housing Authority of New Orleans had disproportionately allowed supporters of the demolition to pack the chambers.

After roughly 30 minutes of on-again-off-again struggle to get into the meeting, protesters fell back, continuously chanting with bullhorns. An

afternoon storm thinned the demonstrators, some of whom had been waiting since 7 a.m. to enter, and the crowd disappeared altogether shortly after the afternoon vote.

At the peak of the confusion, some 70 protesters were facing about a dozen mounted

police and 40 more law enforcement officers on foot. Details on arrests were not immediately available.

The meeting itself was mostly peaceful, although an early fight in the chambers between protesters and police caused a brief interruption.

Neighbor of Clintons is arrested in wife's killing

By Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press writer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A neighbor of former President Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton was arrested Thursday and charged with murdering his wife, who he claimed had been shot by a stranger on a dark suburban road.

Carlos Perez-Olivo, a disbarred lawyer who was wounded in the Nov. 18, 2005, shooting, faces one count of second-degree murder and two counts of illegal weapon possession. If convicted, Perez-Olivo, 59, would face up to life in prison.

Peggy Perez-Olivo, 55, was shot in the head as she and her husband were driving from Manhattan toward their home just three doors from the Clintons in Chappaqua. The teacher's assistant at a Chappaqua school died two days later.

Prosecutor Perry Perrone, who argued against bail for

Carlos Perez-Olivo, called the killing "a cold-blooded, well-planned execution" and said there was a "compelling circumstantial case, a compelling forensic case" against him.

"All investigative roads led to one person and one person only," Perrone said.

Perez-Olivo's lawyer, Robert Buckley, said his client "maintains his innocence, as he has all along."

Westchester County Judge Jeffrey Cohen sent Perez-Olivo to jail pending a Friday court appearance.

Carlos Perez-Olivo, 59, was shot in the abdomen when his wife was fatally wounded. He said the shots were fired by a man who cut off their sport utility vehicle on a dark road, then climbed into the vehicle and shot both of them.

Virginia Tech to turn classrooms where massacre took place into center for peace studies

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — The Virginia Tech classroom wing where a student gunman killed 30 people and himself and wounded two dozen others last spring will be turned into a place to study peace, the school announced Thursday.

Having vowed never again to use Norris Hall for general classes, school officials said the rooms will house the new Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention.

"It was an opportunity for something new and different

and hopeful to emerge," said provost Mark McNamee, who headed a campus task force that reviewed proposals for the use of Norris Hall.

Besides the peace center, the second-floor classrooms where Seung-Hui Cho killed 30 of his 32 victims will host an interactive learning space. After the April 16 killings, ideas for the future of the three-story gray stone building ranged from restoring classes as usual to turning the building into a memorial or razing it.



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CSI men tangle with Treasure Valley in 2007 finale

Admission to tonight's home game \$1

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Tonight, the Golden Eagles have something to defend. The No. 2 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team enters tonight's home game against Treasure Valley Community College (Or.) at 11-o, owners of the program's longest season-opening win streak since the 2004-05 season that saw the Golden Eagles finish third in the nation. While tonight's rematch of last Tuesday's 131-58 road shellacking of

the 1-7 Chukars isn't the likely end date to CSI's forward momentum, the final game of 2007 is another important step. CSI head coach Barret Peery and his staff continue to add new wrinkles into the Golden Eagles' attack, something that was evident in the last meeting between these two teams. In the game's waning minutes, the CSI starters were on the court, going through offensive sets they hadn't yet used in game situations this season. While CSI has simply outclassed its first 11 opponents to average 112.3 points per game, the going will get tougher in January as Scenic West Athletic Conference play begins. "If we want to be special by the end and be where we want to be, we have to do this and this and this," Peery said. "You have to start whittling away and the chipping down some of the things you feel you have to do. Whether it's putting in

new things or getting better at what you're doing, you have to do it now or you won't be there by the end."

Tonight: No. 2 CSI (11-0) vs. Treasure Valley Community College (1-7), CSI gymnasium, 7:30 p.m. **Last time they met:** The Golden Eagles defeated the Chukars 131-58 on Tuesday, Dec. 11 in Ontario, Ore., behind sophomore Juan Pattillo's 23-point, 12-rebound double-double. **On the horizon:** The Golden Eagles are off until the Thursday, Jan. 3 start of the Donnelly Sports Invitational in Twin Falls. CSI will open the tournament with an 8 p.m. game against Wyoming's Laramie County Community College. **On the radio:** Tonight's game will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KRFI.

On the cheap: Admission to tonight's game is \$1. **CSI season leaders (minimums apply, averages, made-missed in parentheses):** Points: Joey Shaw 31 (17.4); Juan Pattillo 136 (15.1). Rebounds: Bozar Ba 82 (8.0); Art Parakowski 66 (6.0). Assists: Kevin Galloway 96 (8.7); Reggie Guyton 43 (3.9). Steals: Galloway 32 (2.9); Harvey Peery 30 (2.7). Blocks: Parakowski 18 (1.6); Galloway 9 (0.8). **Field goal percentages:** Parakowski .663 (67.8%); Galloway .612 (41.67); 3-point percentage: Nick Hansen .403 (31.77); Joey Shaw .373 (31.83). **Free throw percentage:** Guyton .944 (17-18); Hansen .929 (13-14).

Eagle Eyes

coached. Part of that reason Peery is calling this team possibly the best he's coached. Please see CSI, Page B4



By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Tigers are on a mission. So far things are going very well. The Jerome girls shut out visiting Wood River in the first quarter on their way to a dominating 59-15 Great Basin Conference West basketball victory Thursday. "Every game we want to come out with the same intensity and ready to play. One game at a time. It has been our goal since we lost to Minico last year," said Tigers sophomore guard Aubree Callen, who scored 16 points. That loss in the 2006-07 district tournament ended any thoughts of a Class 4A state tournament for the Tigers (11-1, 3-0 Great Basin Conference West). They are determined to not let that happen again as they sit atop the district standings though the first half of the season. It all started on the defensive end. With a smothering press that forced 11 first-quarter turnovers and 25 for the game, the Tigers tossed in 20 points in the first period while keeping the Wolverines off the board. Senior Jordan Burnham, who added nine points, scored the first two inside before Callen tossed in seven straight on a 3-pointer, two free throws and a fast break lay-up. Freshman Carrie Thibault and Callen had back-to-back steals and lay-ups off the press as Wood River tallied just five attempts during the period. While the Wolverines (1-10, 0-3) have experience inside, they start a freshman and a sophomore at the guards. It was a tough task against the Tigers. "We knew Jerome was good. We came in with a game plan but when things started to go bad we panicked. Then things got worse," said Wood River coach Brent Carnduff. "I am disappointed in the way we played, but Jerome is a good team." Jerome took the press off in the second and Wood River found some success inside as 6-foot-3 senior post Lauren Morgenthaler converted in the paint at the 6:53 mark. Morgenthaler added a couple more buckets while Allie Freund nailed a jumper.

TIGERS ON THE PROWL

No. 2 Jerome rolls past Wood River



ABOVE, LEFT: Jerome's Carrie Thibault dribbles the ball on a breakaway during the first half of play against Wood River Thursday in Jerome. ABOVE: Jerome's Jordan Burnham goes up for two during the Tigers' game against Wood River.

Morgenthaler finished with a team-high eight points. The Tigers didn't let up. Thibault nailed a 3-pointer to open the quarter then added a pair of buckets inside as she finished with a game-high 17. Please see TIGERS, Page B4

Second-half slowdown dooms Bruins

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Twin Falls dug itself an early hole and managed to almost negate it. Then the Bruins dug another one they couldn't get out of, and the Highland girls held firm on their home court to lead the High Country Conference race. Leading by three at halftime, Highland scored the first 14 points of the third quarter en route to a 55-45 win over Twin Falls on Thursday night. The Rams, now lead the High Country Conference Highland 4-0, snapping the 10-2 Bruins' 14-game conference winning streak. "It just seemed both halves we weren't there mentally (to start)," said Bruin guard Kelly Wriesman, who scored nine points and keyed a brief fourth-quarter rally. "We played well in the fourth quarter, and had a lot of energy, but to start the second half we just weren't there." It didn't help that the Bruins' post presences got into foul trouble. Twin Falls was whistled for 23 fouls in the game, compared to just seven for Highland, and shot just five free throws compared to 25 from the Rams. But freshman Jaclyn Nielson earned coach Nancy Jones' praise for "stepping up into a conference game like this and playing well." The 9-3 Rams' height advantage was pronounced in the opening stages of the game, but it was during that second-half surge that the athleticism, combined with that height, became even more stark. Using long hands to clog passing lanes and leaping ability to gain a significant rebounding edge, Highland held off a pair of charges from the Bruins (2-1 HCC). "I thought that in our trap, instead of getting things at the first level we got a lot more in the second level tonight," said Highland coach Scott Hansen. "It seems that along with Middleton we have some of the biggest girls in the conference, and we try to exploit that whenever we can." Post players Breanna VanEvery and Emma Pillaga combined for 25 points as the Rams press defense forced a bevy of Twin Falls mistakes, and converted the turnovers into the decisive point advantage. Please see BRUINS, Page B4

2007-08 NCAA FOOTBALL BOWL SEASON

Johnson leads Utah to 35-32 Poinsettia Bowl win

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — The Utah Utes are taking this bowl business seriously. Johnson threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and Utah opened the bowl season with a wild 35-32 victory over the Navy Midshipmen in the Poinsettia Bowl on Thursday night. It was Utah's seventh straight bowl victory dating to 1999. The loss spoiled the head coaching debut of Navy's Ken Niumataloto, who was promoted from assistant head coach and offensive line coach after Paul Johnson left for Georgia Tech. Running back Darrell Mack, who grew up in the

San Diego area, scored the first and last touchdowns for Utah (9-4), which won for the eighth time in nine games. The Poinsettia Bowl is run by the same group that puts on the Holiday Bowl, so it was fitting that the teams combined for 50 points in the second half. The game came down to a crazy final minute. Navy pulled to 35-32 on Kalpo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada's 58-yard touchdown pass to Zerbin Singleton on 57 seconds left. Singleton recovered the onside kick at the 42, but Kaheaku-Enhada was intercepted by safety Joe Dale on the second play of the drive to seal the victory. Dale had a team-high 12 tackles. Navy (8-5) had its four-

game winning streak snapped. Johnson expertly ran Utah's spread-option offense in leading Utes back from a 17-7 deficit by going 9-for-9 for 130 yards in the third quarter. After Jerome Brooks scored on a 23-yard end-around pitch to pull the Utes within three, they went ahead on Johnson's 40-yard pass to Derek Richards with 1:12 left in the third quarter. Johnson scored on a 19-yard scramble early in the fourth quarter to give Utah a 28-17 lead. Navy, which seemed to be wearing down against the larger Utes, got a 10-yard touchdown pass from Kaheaku-Enhada to Shaun White, and a consolation run by Kaheaku-Enhada to pull

to 28-25 with 8:48 left. Mack's 1-yard TD run with 1:27 left seemed to give Utah a safe lead before Kaheaku-Enhada's big pass play. Johnson was 20-of-25 passing for 236 yards, with one interception. He ran 11 times for 69 yards. After three turnovers in the first 7:20, the teams settled down. Mack scored on a 5-yard run midway through the first quarter for a 7-0 Utah lead. Navy then got its triple-option offense moving to score 17 straight points. Kalpo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada scored on a 1-yard run. Joey Bullen kicked a 39-yard field goal and Eric Kettani broke a 46-yard scoring run. Kettani carried 12 times for 125 yards.



Utah's Ray Stowers (24) does a no-collar for a first down as teammate Freddie Brown leaps over the play during the Poinsettia Bowl against Navy, Thursday in San Diego.

Minico keeps Columbia winless

By Rich Greene
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Sometimes a team gets just what the doctor ordered.
Thursday night the sibling Minico High School girls basketball team was handed the perfect prescription to cure its five-game losing streak.
That prescription: a home game against the 0-11 Columbia Wildcats, a team which came in averaging just 25.1 points per game.

scored in a much-needed 41-32 victory, a game in which Minico actually found itself tied with the winless Wildcats at halftime.
However, Kendra Bailey scored the first seven points in the second half, snapping a 13-13 tie, as the Spartans did not look back. The sophomore scored 11 of her team high 12 points in the third.
Minico, which seemed stagnant on offense in the first half, came out determined to pound the ball down low.
Sophomore Breanna

Phillips scored seven points, matching the Wildcats' height advantage with skilled post play and intensity missing from the Spartans in the first half.
Despite a rotation of three centers at least 5-foot-11, it was the Wildcats' 5-5 substitute, Gloria Zamudio who came away with six boards in the first half.
The Spartans began the game by playing down to the level of the visiting Wildcats, matching them turnover for turnover but not matching their motivation.

Their intensity returned in the second half, however, as a number of Spartans made high-energy plays and began crashing the boards.
The 5-7 Spartans are off until after the New Year when they host Preston on Jan. 2.

Minico 41, Columbia 32

Columbia: 27, 12, 20, 24, 13, 20
 Minico: 27, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14

Wrestling 10:32, 2007-2008
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Pitcher Grimsley implicated others

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Canseco, Jeremy Dykstra, Glenallen Hill and Corentin Bertra were accused of using steroids — by former major league pitcher and fellow Hall of Famer Tim Lincecum.

Grimsley in a federal affidavit unsealed Thursday. Grimsley also accused Chuck Knoblauch of using human growth hormone; David Segal and Allen Watson of using performance-enhancing drugs; and Rafael Palmeiro and Pete Ince of taking amphetamines, according to his Special Agent Jeff Novitsky's sworn statement.

All but Ince, Bertra and Watson were mentioned last week in the Mitchell Report on doping in baseball. Federal prosecutors in Phoenix unsealed the May 2006 affidavit by Novitsky used to obtain a search warrant for Grimsley's home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

When the affidavit first was released in June 2006, players' names very blacked out. The Associated Press asked a federal magistrate judge to make the complete statement public, but the request was denied this July.

In October 2006, the Los Angeles Times reported the names of Roger Clemens, Andy Pettite, Miguel Tejada, Brian Roberts and Jay Gibbons were among those blacked out. Tejada's name was mentioned when Grimsley described conversation he had with Orioles teammates Tejada, Palmeiro and Sammy Sosa about how

they would play after baseball banned amphetamines. Clemens, Pettite, Roberts and Gibbons were not mentioned in the unsealed affidavit.

Just after the newspaper's report was published, Kevin Jahn, then the U.S. Attorney in San Francisco, said it contained "significant inaccuracies."
Pettite and Jay Gibbons have admitted in recent weeks that they used human growth hormone, with the pitcher saying he used HGH twice in 2002 — three years before it was banned by baseball. Earlier this month, Gibbons was suspended for the first 15 days of next season.

Roberts admitted a single use of steroids in 2003, and Clemens has denied using any performance-enhancing drugs.

Grimsley declined to cooperate with former Senator majority leader George Mitchell and his staff. According to Novitsky, Grimsley said he had been referred to an amphetamine addict by former New York Yankees strength coach Brian McNamee. Grimsley said he obtained steroids, HGH and amphetamines from that source, Novitsky said.

In Mitchell's report, McNamee said he injected Clemens with steroids and that he provided Pettite with HGH.
Grimsley, Clemens, Knoblauch, Watson and Hill all played on the 2000 Yankees.

Hagerman edges Raft River in Southside battle

Times-News

Hagerman pulled out a two-point Magic Valley Southside Conference road win as the Pirates edged the Trojans 45-43.

"It was a good battle," said Raft River coach Jeremy Qualls. "Hagerman is a good team that we have a lot of respect for."

Raft River senior standout Nicole Harper scored a game-high 18 points and junior Sally Hansen followed with 14.

Sophomore Amanda Reinger led the Pirates with 14 points and senior Shambury Pendley added 11.
Hagerman hosts Murrumbidgee and Raft River (8-5, 5-1) at Lighthouse Christian on Friday, Jan. 19.

Hagerman 45, Raft River 43

Hagerman: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Raft River: 23, 18, 15, 12



Hagerman's Shambury Pendley (5) drives against the defense of Raft River's Natalie Greenwood (14) during the Pirates' 45-43 win over the Trojans on Thursday at Raft River High School in Malta.

Shoshone 49, Lighthouse Christian 42

Shoshone: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Lighthouse Christian: 23, 18, 15, 12

Shoshone (4-1, 2-2) hosts Gooding and Lighthouse Christian hosts their opponent on Jan. 3 at the Jerome Middle School.

Kimberly 58, Valley 47

Kimberly: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Valley: 23, 18, 15, 12

Rimrock 44, Castletford 43

Rimrock 44, Castletford 43

Rimrock: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Castletford: 23, 18, 15, 12

Shoshone 49, Lighthouse Christian 42

Shoshone 49, Lighthouse Christian 42

Shoshone: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Lighthouse Christian: 23, 18, 15, 12

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Shoshone 49, Lighthouse Christian 42

Shoshone: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Lighthouse Christian: 23, 18, 15, 12

Kimberly 58, Valley 47

Kimberly 58, Valley 47

Kimberly: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Valley: 23, 18, 15, 12

Wrestling

Bruins Split Tri-Meet in Pocatello

Bruins: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Pocatello: 23, 18, 15, 12

Tigers

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Thilthout made it her goal to play on the varsity team this year.

"It was something I wanted to do and to show others that it is possible," said Thilthout, who added a handful of assists and steals. "I just try to help the team and do anything I can to put points on the board."

After the break Morganthaler and Samantha Engel scored inside for the Wolverines but couldn't ease the pressure on and build the lead to 40 at the end of the third but the mercy run in effect for the final period.

Haley Long clipped in seven for the Tigers.
Jerome was on attack mode as it earned 26 trips to the free throw line compared to just six for the Wolverines.

Jerome 55, Wood River 15

Jerome: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Wood River: 23, 18, 15, 12

Bruins

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Vanlvery scored 11 of her points in a first quarter which saw the Bruins score the first seven points of the game and take a seven-point edge into the second period. That's when the Bruins made their first break, cutting the gap to two with the ball — in the closing stages of the second quarter.

But their chance to tie the game went begging and they never saw a one-possession game again after their second sluggish start to a half on the evening.

The two half-starting sides, Jones felt Twin Falls played well. The Bruins got the lead down to nine points with three minutes remaining, but the well-dry and they were forced to foul instead of being able to sit back and try to steal their way back to even terms.

"I never want the girls to think we're giving up, and we will go hard until the end of the fourth quarter no matter how far we behind," said Jones. "We have a few minutes, and I am proud of that resiliency. We've got some time to break the film down and see what didn't go so well for us. We haven't lost many games this season, so this is a good learning experience for the girls."

Highland 55, Twin Falls 45

Highland: 23, 18, 15, 12
 Twin Falls: 23, 18, 15, 12

CSI

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is the continuity CSI has enjoyed in returning five players from last year's fourth-place team, along with Nick Hansen from the 2004-05 third-place team. Whereas nearly every Golden Eagles player went through Peery's system for the first time last year, this year's group of six sophomores has been catalytic in helping the team improve.

"We have added so much," sophomore guard Tyrell Fields said. "From last year we learned a lot, we've learned, it was a long process. This year has been a whole lot different. We've learned faster and we're on stuff that Coach never thought we would get to."

For TVCC, tonight's game will mark a return to the Magic Valley for 2007. Senior Tyler Higgenbotham, Jason Mumma, and the Chukars post scored a team-high 16 points against CSI in Ontario, finishing as one of two TVCC players to shoot over 50 percent from the field in the contest.

After tonight, Peery will

Bonds in court today

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Indicted slugger Barry Bonds' scheduled to make a brief court appearance Friday for a hearing to determine if some of his interests have a conflict of interest in his federal bribery and obstruction case.

The judge called the hearing to decide whether the lawyers can still work for Bonds even though he previously represented other athletes who testified in the government's investigation into performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds pleaded not guilty Dec. 7 to four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice for allegedly lying to a grand jury about his drug use.

In court papers made public Thursday, federal prosecutors identified Bonds' new attorney, Chris Arguedas, as having represented disgraced tractor-trailer manager and former football players Chris, Cooper, Chris Itherington and Tyrone Wheatley, all of whom testified before the grand jury.

Prosecutors are concerned that Ruby and Arguedas won't be able to answer cross-examination of their former clients if called to testify, setting up an appeals avenue for Bonds should he be convicted. They argue in their court papers that Arguedas and Ruby can continue to represent Bonds as long as the slugger formally waives any conflict-of-interest claims he has with the lawyers' representation of the potential witnesses.

Arguedas and Ruby didn't immediately return phone calls for comment Thursday.



Parcells signs deal to lead Dolphins' football operations

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Bill Parcells led Super Bowl winners from the sideline. The Miami Dolphins hope he'll do the same from the front office.

Parcells signed a four-year contract Thursday to lead the Dolphins' football operations, one day after turning down essentially the same role with the Atlanta Falcons.

The two-time Super Bowl champion coach will report directly to Miami owner Wayne Huizenga, whose affinity for big-name help now has led him to Parcells — a 66-year-old former coach of four NFL clubs who owns a home in South Florida and now has a job there, too.

"He has a proven track record of success everywhere he has been in the National Football League," Huizenga said. "And his football ac-

men will help put the Miami Dolphins franchise back among the elite of the NFL."

On Wednesday, the expectation around the league was that Parcells would take over in Atlanta. By the afternoon, however, the deal had fallen apart, and the Dolphins moved quickly to get Parcells to sign a contract.

"I'm honored to join such an illustrious franchise as the Miami Dolphins and to work for one of the best owners in the league in Wayne Huizenga," Parcells said. "He shares my same commitment to winning, and I told him I would do everything I can to help turn around the franchise."

The team made the announcement shortly after the locker room was closed for the day, and roughly 45 minutes after Dolphins



Former Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells coaches during a football game against the Washington Redskins in Irving, Texas in Sept. 17, 2006, file photo.

coach Cam Cameron sidestepped at least a half-dozen questions about Parcells — even refusing to say if he's

ever met the coach. "There will potentially be a time to have that discussion," Cameron said. "Today, I don't

see it as being that day of this time."

Parcells will be formally introduced on Dec. 27, the team said.

His arrival has taken nearly all the attention off the Dolphins' game at New England on Sunday. But even as it appeared certain Parcells was coming, players didn't say much on the hot topic.

"The guy's a legend," running back Lorenzo Booker said. "There's no doubt about it. He knows what he's doing. Obviously, his resume is a mile long. But I'm a new guy in this league, so I don't even know what a vice president does, to be honest with you, so I'm waiting to find out as much as I can."

Parcells insisted that he will not coach in Miami — but could see himself helping the coach, whomever it is.

"It's a young man's game in terms of coaching, and I know it's time for someone else to be doing those things," Parcells said on ESPN, which employs him as an analyst. "I can assist that person in any manner of speaking with my experience or even in the technical aspect and he would seek out that, then I'm happy to contribute."

So now, let the questions begin.

What happens to Cameron?

"What happens to general manager Randy Mueller? Well, I'm not going to be doing either one of those jobs," Parcells said. "So when I get down there, I'm going to have to look at the situation and speak with those fellows and evaluate things and see where we get there."

Steelers surge past Rams

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Najeh Davenport is a career backup running back with typical non-descript statistics. Except when he's playing the St. Louis Rams.

The Pittsburgh Steelers' top-rated defense was porous again in a 41-24 victory over the St. Louis Rams on Thursday night.

But Davenport's three touchdowns and 123 yards rushing on 24 carries in relief of injured Willie Parker allowed them to break out of a late-season sputor and move one step closer to a playoff berth.

Isaac Bruce caught a 12-yard touchdown pass and moved into third place on the career yards receiving list, moving ahead of James Lofton, for the Rams. Marc Bulger threw three touchdown passes but was intercepted twice, and Ike Taylor's 51-yard return on an overthrown ball on fourth-and-10 with 3:36 to go put the game out of reach.

Pittsburgh had a 10-point lead on a 29-yard field goal by left Reed only seven plays earlier.

Besides the Bruce milestone, the only other highlight for the Rams (3-12) was Pittsburgh's 28-yard pass at halftime of the Rams home finale.

St. Louis finished 1-7 at home and had three games blacked out because it didn't sell out, and in each of the last two weeks there have been nearly as many visitors as home fans in the Edward Jones Dome.

Parker, who leads the NFL with 1,316 yards rushing, limped off the field with a broken bone in his lower right leg in the first quarter after only one carry for



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Nate Washington, left, catches a 33-yard pass for a touchdown as St. Louis Rams cornerback Jonathan Wade defends during Thursday's game in St. Louis.

minus-1 yard. Davenport eased any worries with a game that rivaled his 176-yard effort for the Green Bay Packers against the Rams, in a 45-17 Monday night victory in 2004. He was filling in for Alham Green at the time.

Ben Roethlisberger was 16-for-20 for 261 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions for the Steelers (10-5), who had lost three of five to fall into a tie with the Browns for the AFC North lead. Roethlisberger had his first 200-yard passing effort in five games by halftime, helping to reverse a struggling offense.

The Steelers, 8-8 last season, can

clinch the division with a Cleveland loss at Cincinnati on Sunday. They also can clinch a playoff berth if the Titans lose to the Jets.

Davenport entered the game with 349 yards, a 4.9-yard average and three touchdowns as Parker's backup. His best game before Thursday came against the Seahawks when he had 58 yards rushing on seven carries and two touchdowns.

Bulger was 10-for-35 for 208 yards and Steven Jackson had 85 yards on 12 carries for the Rams, who had 316 yards total offense.

Belichick has high praise for Dolphins

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Bill Belichick remembers the 1972 Miami Dolphins as "an awesome team." He was "a big fan" of their coach, Don Shula.

And the only team to go undefeated in NFL history was "fun to watch."

So any expectations the Patriots coach who is trying to match that perfect record would be his usual unrelenting self were dashed Thursday, three days before Miami (11-13) visits New England (14-0).

Belichick was unusually talkative — and complimentary — about that accomplishment, even though Shula has suggested an asterisk be placed next to the Patriots' record.

The reason, Belichick and the Patriots were punished by the NFL for spying on New York Jets coaches with a sideline videocamera during the season opener. Shula later softened his tone, but contended that New England's success is diminished by Spygate.

"We had dinner in the offseason," Belichick said. "I don't think I've talked to him since then."

He hasn't responded to Shula's remarks, but the links between Belichick and the

Shula family don't appear to contain any animosity.

Belichick grew up in Ohio between Belichick's father, who attended Western Reserve in Cleveland, and Shula, who went to John Carroll in a suburb of that city.

Belichick was studying for his bachelor's degree in economics at Wesleyan in Middletown, Conn., when the 1972 Dolphins went 17-0, beating Washington in the Super Bowl. In 1975, Belichick got his start in the NFL as a special assistant for Ted Marchbroda with the Baltimore Colts, the team Shula coached from 1963-69.

"The first time I really remember spending time with him was in '75, when I was with the Colts and he was the head coach of the Dolphins," Belichick said. "Program warm up and stuff like that, just bumping into him."

From 1992-95, Belichick and Shula's son, David, coached in the same division. Belichick with Cleveland and Shula with Cincinnati. He also knows Shula's son Mike, who spent four seasons as coach at Alabama before becoming quarterbacks coach this season for Jacksonville.

Rookie QB Smith will start against Seahawks

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Rookie quarterback Troy Smith will make his first start Sunday when the Baltimore Ravens visit the Seattle Seahawks.

With Kyle Boller missing his second consecutive day of practice due to lingering effects from a concussion, including headaches and sensitivity to light, Ravens coach Brian Billick confirmed Thursday Smith will take his place.

"With Kyle, it would be problematic for him on Sunday, so, hopefully, he will be available to back up," Billick said. "Missing two days of practice would make it tough. We're certainly not going to put him at risk."

Billick acknowledged that Smith, last year's Heisman Trophy winner at Ohio State, may also be the season finale against the Pittsburgh Steelers due to Boller's injury.

"Concussions are very unpredictable," Billick said. "Smith will be the third quarterback to start for the Ravens this season. Steve McNair started six of the first nine games, but struggled with injuries and ineffective play and was placed on injured reserve on Dec. 3.

Smith rushed for a touchdown in his NFL debut against Indianapolis on Dec. 9, and directed a game-tying drive in regulation in a 22-16

overtime loss to the Miami Dolphins on Sunday.

"He's a very strong personality," Billick said. "If things get ugly with him, he'll be all right through whatever happens. He's a very strong-willed young man."

Bills invite Everett to attend home finale

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Bills are making plans for tight end Kevin Everett to attend the team's home finale Sunday, which would be his first trip back to Buffalo since sustaining a serious spine cord injury.

"We're working on it, but we're not positive," Bills general manager Marv Levy told The Associated Press late Wednesday. Levy said the invitation was extended by Russ Brandon, the team's executive vice president of business operations.

Brandon did not immediately return a message.

Attending the game against the New York Giants would mark the latest step in Everett's remarkable recovery. The player was initially paralyzed from the neck down while attempting to tackle Domenik Hixon during a kickoff return in the Bills season opener against Denver on Sept. 9.

— The Associated Press

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LeBron, Cavaliers edge Kobe, Lakers

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 33 points and shut out Kobe Bryant when the two superstars guarded each other in the final minutes that helped the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 91-80 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night.

James, the NBA's leading scorer, added 10 rebounds and five assists. But it was his pressure on Bryant in the final minutes that helped the Cavs bounce back from a dismal defensive effort in a loss at New York on Wednesday night.

Bryant finished with 21 points, but missed two shots with James chasing him and the Lakers went 0-for-8 from the floor in the final 4 minutes.

Daniel Gibson added 15 points, and Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 12 to help the Cavs win for just the third time in 12 games.

Lamar Odom added 19 points for the Lakers. Andrew Bynum had 17 points, but missed two free throws with 11.9 seconds left that would have tied it at 92.



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) drives to the basket against Cleveland Cavaliers guard Larry Hughes (32) during Thursday's game in Cleveland.

MIAMI — Vince Carter scored 31 points. Richard Jefferson added 29 and the Nets overcame a seven-point deficit late in regulation before beating the heat 107-103 in overtime.

Carter was 10-for-10 from the line, including four in overtime.

Former Miami forward Malik Allen scored a season-high 18 points on 9-for-11 shooting. Jason Kidd had 11 rebounds and 10 assists, and Josh Smith had five of his 11 points in overtime for the Nets.

Dwayne Wade had his second season-high scoring effort in two nights for Miami — and saw both wasted in overtime losses.

He scored 41 points on 15-for-23 shooting Thursday, one night after scoring 37 points in defeat at Atlanta.

Udonis Haslem had 18 points and 12 rebounds, including the overtime-forcing

basket at the end of regulation, for Miami — which dropped to 3-9 at home and, at 7-19 overall, is 12 games under .500 for the first time since the end of the 2002-03 season.

Dorell Wright finished with 13 points, and Shaquille O'Neal had 12 points and seven rebounds in 36 minutes before fouling out of his fourth straight game, a new career high.

Down by seven with 4:52 left in the fourth, the Nets nearly found a way to win in regulation.

Carter's 3-pointer with 10 seconds left put New Jersey up 94-92. But Haslem controlled a few plays from Wade and hit a 19-footer over Kidd as time expired, sending Miami into overtime for the second straight night.

— The Associated Press

Fields, Pitt dump Duke in OT

NEW YORK — LeVance Fields hit a 3-pointer with 4.7 seconds left in overtime to give No. 11 Pittsburgh a 65-64 victory over No. 6 Duke in a matchup of unbeatens, Thursday night.

Duke's Jon Scheyer took a running 3 and was able to grab the rebound and get off a final shot but it was another miss for the Blue Devils (10-1).

Fields, who finished with 21 points for the Panthers (11-0), hit all three of Pittsburgh's 3-pointers in the game. The second one he made was part of a 12-0 run that gave the Panthers a 50-49 lead with 5:27 to play in regulation, their first since 2-0.

Sam Young had 17 points for Pittsburgh, while freshman Delton Blair had 15 points and 20 rebounds and his energy on the boards was a big key for the Panthers in their comeback from a 13-point deficit four minutes into the second half.

Singler and Henderson both had 17 points for Duke, while DeMarcus Nelson added 14.

NO. 15 CLEMSON 90, PUERTO RICO-MAYAGUEZ 73
GUAYNABO, Puerto Rico — K.C. Rivers had 21 points and 11 rebounds to help the Tigers beat their Division II opponent.

Rivers, 9-for-12 from the floor, scored eight consecutive points in the second half to give the Tigers their biggest lead of the game, 78-51.

OKLAHOMA 72, NO. 18 OKLAHOMA 63
OKLAHOMA CITY — Longar Longar scored 16 points, including the go-



Pittsburgh's LeVance Fields celebrates with a teammate after hitting the winning shot to beat Duke 65-64 in overtime in Thursday's game at Madison Square Garden in New York.

ahead basket, and Oklahoma overcame a scintillating performance by Gonzaga's Jeremy Pargo to upset the No. 18 Bulldogs 72-68 Thursday night.

For a time, it appeared Pargo would win Gonzaga (9-3) to victory with the most impressive performance of his career but he ran dry with just enough time for Oklahoma (9-3) to rally.

Pargo, who scored a career-high 28 points, had two final chances to tie it. After Blake Griffin hit one of two free throws to give Oklahoma a 70-68 lead, Pargo charged under the basket and missed a layup underneath with 12 seconds left.

NO. 22 MIAMI 85, NORTH FLORIDA 63
CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Jack McClinen and Dwayne Collins each scored 13 points to lead the Hurricanes to their 11th straight win to start the season.

Miami is three shy of the

Hurricanes' previous best, to start the 2001-02 season.

Tom Hammonds scored 13 points for North Florida (1-9). For the Ospreys, it was their second consecutive defeat in the new game South Florida trip after losing at Florida Atlantic 70-64 on Tuesday.

ORAL ROBERTS 74, OKLAHOMA STATE 59
OKLAHOMA CITY —

Robert Jarvis scored 21 points to help Oral Roberts beat Oklahoma State 74-59 Thursday night and give Scott Sutton a win against older brother Sean in the first meeting between the two as head coaches.

The brothers, who had been on opposing staffs as assistants before, had been called to face each other and Sean Sutton called it a "favor" to get his younger brother's program a rare television appearance.

It turned into the second victory against a Big 12 opponent in the past two years of the Golden Eagles (7-4), who also pulled off an upset at third-ranked Kansas last season.

College of Southern Idaho coaching legend Eddie Sutton, their father, won 798 games at Creighton, Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma State. He watched under a curfew side across from the Cowboys' bench and cheered lightly when each was introduced.

He watched most of the game with his left elbow resting on a table, occasionally resting his chin in his hand. There was little drama after he was inducted into the All-College Classic Hall of Fame in half time.

— The Associated Press

North Carolina women wallop Western Kentucky

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Rashanda McCants had 19 points, rebounding from a bloody fall earlier in the week to lead No. 3 North Carolina to a 93-60 victory over Western Kentucky on Thursday night.

McCants caught an elbow in the forehead from teammate LaToya Pringle in Monday night's 82-58 win at nearby Coastal Carolina. McCants was face first on the court as trainers and doctors cleaned up the blood.

McCants had five points during a 14-6 first-half run that put North Carolina (12-1) ahead 31-20. She later added a jumper and a 3-pointer as the Tar Heels went on a 10-2 run to start the second half and grab a 53-30 lead.

NO. 4 MARYLAND 71, JAMES MADISON 65
HARRISONBURG, Va. —

Laura Harper scored 24 points and Maryland rallied to beat James Madison, ending the longest Division I home winning streak at 30 games.

The Terrapins (14-1) trailed by as many as 10 points in the second half but fought back behind Harper and Marissa Coleman, who finished with 19 points.

Tamera Young led James Madison (6-3) with 28 points.

It was a successful but frustrating homecoming for Maryland point guard Kristi Toliver, who got a big ovation from the near-capacity crowd. Toliver, who grew up in Harrisonburg, was held to eight points on 3-of-10 shooting. She came into the game averaging a team-high 17.5 points.

NO. 9 OKLAHOMA 121, CENTRAL ARKANSAS 48
NORMAN, Okla. —

Courtney Paris recorded her 71st consecutive double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds and Oklahoma tied its single-game scoring mark.

All but one of the 12 players suited up scored for Oklahoma (8-2), which hasn't lost since falling to Maryland and Tennessee in the Sooner's first two games of the season. Eight of them reached double figures, including freshman Jenny

Vining, who had 18 points.

GEORGE WASHINGTON 66, NO. 10 TEXAS A&M 65, 01
WASHINGTON — Sarah

Jo Lawrence scored a career-high 29 points, including a game-tying 3-pointer at the end of regulation, and George Washington upset Texas A&M.

Patrice Read scored 21 and had 10 rebounds for Texas A&M (9-2). Antella Parrish had 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Kimberly Beck scored 10 points for George Washington (9-3).

Lawrence hit a 3-pointer from the left corner with 4.3 seconds left in regulation to send the game to overtime tied at 60.

NO. 15 DEPAUL 102, NORTHWESTERN 64
EVANSTON, Ill. — Allie

Colley scored 31 points to lead DePaul past Northwestern.

Deirdre Naughton added 17 points, Natasha Williams had 12, and China Threat 10 led the Blue Demons off to their best start in team history, improve to 10-0. Williams also had nine rebounds.

NO. 23 MICHIGAN ST. 73, PROVIDENCE 35
PROVIDENCE, R.I. —

Brittney Thomas scored 15 points and Kallisha Keane added 14 to lead Michigan State to a rout of Providence.

The Spartans (8-3) played all but 5 minutes of the first half without 6-foot-9 center Alyssa DeLaan, who drew her second personal foul 3 minutes after the opening tip. DeLaan played 18 minutes and scored nine points.

NO. 25 OLD DOMINION 70, DELAWARE ST. 28
NORFOLK, Va. — Jessica

Canady had 12 points and 13 rebounds to help Old Dominion beat Delaware State.

Megan Pym added 12 points and 12 rebounds, and Tiffany Green had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Monarchs (7-3).

Brittany Washington led Delaware State (3-7) with seven points. The defending Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion Hornets shot 19.7 percent from the field.

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If you thought the PGA Tour was greedy for tacking on a few unofficial paydays at the end of the real season, get a load of college football's "silly season."

"I kicked off Thursday night with the Palmetto Bowl and scratches all the way to the HCS National Championship on Jan. 7. That's 72 games in all and somehow the folks at the Bowl Championship Series, their Chamber of Commerce pals and the college presidents who unlocked the door to all that postseason loot still have the chutzpah to say that each and every one is being played "for the kids."

"They tell us that all the kids who have been working hard in the classroom and on the practice field deserve a break — not just the ones on teams that would be going to a playoff.

"They tell us the kids are stressed out with exams as it is, and the last thing they want is for the season to spill over into next semester. They tell us in a few days in the sun spent soaking up the sights and playing one final game is their reward. That, and the Nintendo Wii those same kids will be digging out from the bottom of a gift bag even before their suitcases hit the bed.

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sponsors whose names are slapped on, wedged in or embedded in the "hacks" manes in every way imaginable. And if some of those bowls weren't being played in sun-drenched garden spots like Detroit, Toronto and Boise, Idaho.

And the talk about a playoff being tougher on academics might be the silliest excuse of all.

No less an old-school authority than Penn State coach Joe Paterno shot holes in that alibi a while back. "Whenever the talk turns to having some kind of a playoff, they say you can't miss classes and yet we've already got NCAA playoffs and everything else. I mean, who's kidding who?" he said. "They've got to try to figure out a way to get rid of it and the hypocrisy of money, money, money."

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story of this college football season has already been written.

It's about little Appalachian State, which beat Michigan to begin it and last week beat Delaware to notch its third straight 1-AA national championship. The bus the Mountaineers rode from their campus in Boone, N.C., to the championship game in Chattanooga broke down on the way back, but coach Jerry Moore didn't let it ruin the celebration.

Maybe that's because Moore knows a thing or two about adversity and how much sweat equity went into each and every one of those titles. He was hired at Appalachian State in 1989, survived some lean years and leaner budgets, and still managed to graduate kids and put a first-class product on the field almost every time.

And even with the bus breakdown, the Mountaineers made it back into the field for exams — and without enough cash, despite winning the whole thing, to cover the cost of the stadium expansion the school approved earlier this year. But all those obstacles were exactly what made the winning so sweet.

Remember that. By the time we get to the end of the New Year's Day marathon — an even dozen bowls kick off on Dec. 31 or Jan. 1 — you'll be watching

schools with athletic budgets that rival emerging nations but graduation rates that are meager at best.

Plus, some of the games will be shown on channels too few people got or they'll be shoehorned into time slots only a Tivo could love.

Fans of long-suffering Indiana will have to find a bar with the NFL Network to watch their Hoosiers kick off against Oklahoma State at the Insight Bowl — and trying that in any bar on New Year's Eve. And anybody who wants to catch Missouri playing Arkansas in the AT&T Cotton Bowl should forget going out on New Year's Eve altogether. That game kicks off at 11 a.m., EST, which is about the time most people on the West Coast will just be coming home.

Worst of all, at the end of the whole "silly season," we could still be left with a half-dozen two-leg teams jiggling their index fingers into the air — "We're No. 1!" — and a computer could wind up picking among them. If that doesn't sound like a scary somebody cooked up to make money, well...

But hey, at least the kids will be able to play "EA Sports Tiger Woods PGA Tour '08" on brand-new consoles.

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Papelbon's pooch eats World Series ball

BOSTON (AP) — The World Series ball is gone, and Jonathan Papelbon has an excuse: My dog ate it.

Fartcheird or not, that's what the Red Sox closer insists happened to the souvenir from the final out of Boston's sweep this year.

Really, Papelbon blamed it on his bulldog, Boss. "He plays with baseballs like they are his toys," Papelbon told the Hattiesburg (Miss.) American. "He jumped up one day on the counter and snatched it. He likes rawhide. He tore that thing to pieces. Nobody knows that. I'll keep what's left of it."

While the Red Sox have swept two of the past four World Series, they've had luck when it comes to preserving the ball that was caught for the final out. It took a prolonged negotiation before first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz agreed to donate the 2004 ball to the Hall of Fame.

Papelbon, who has a home in Hattiesburg, struck out Colorado pinch-hitter Seth Smith to finish off Game 4 on Oct. 28. Papelbon threw his glove high in the air while catcher Jason Varitek tucked the ball in his back pocket.

After the game, Varitek said he planned to give the prize to the team. A few days later, he said he'd given it to Papelbon. Instead, the relief pitcher said, Boss got hold of that doggone ball.

Papelbon told a similar tale to the New England Sports Network for a story that aired Nov. 30 — but with a slightly different ending. He told NESN he threw what was left of the ball in the trash.

"It's in the garbage in Florida somewhere," he said. "The fate of the last ball became an issue in 2004 when the Red Sox swept St. Louis in the World Series to end an 86-year championship drought.

Mientkiewicz, who caught a toss from pitcher Keith Foulke for the final out, kept the ball. The team wanted it back. Mientkiewicz eventually agreed to lend the ball to the Red Sox for a year, and then donated it to the Hall of Fame.

The Red Sox didn't sound particularly concerned with what happened to this latest souvenir.

"The 2004 ball is obviously very special to us because it was the club's first World Series win in 86 years," team spokesman John Blake said. "This ball was in the hands of one of the players and we take his word as to what happened to it, but it's a non-issue as far as the club's concerned."

The Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., has a bunch of Red Sox memorabilia from the 2007 World Series, including Papelbon's glove.



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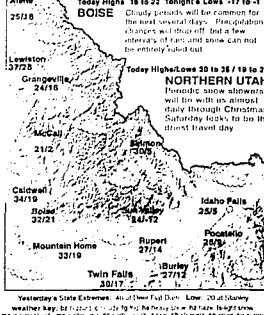
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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for major Canadian cities.

OSU player suspended from BCS title

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State backup cornerback Eugene Clifford will not play in the BCS national championship game against LSU after being suspended Thursday for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

Clifford, a freshman, and starting cornerback Donald Washington had both been suspended for the game on Jan. 7 in New Orleans. The school released a statement later stating Clifford would be suspended.



LSU defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey answers questions Monday during a news conference at LSU in Baton Rouge, La. The Tigers begin preparation for the Bowl Championship Series National Championship football game on Jan. 7, 2008, against Ohio State in New Orleans.

College bowl games highlight a sudden boom for New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — By the time LSU or Ohio State is crowned national champion in the Superdome, nearly \$500 million will have been injected into the New Orleans economy by a triple dose of bowl games.

Arena, said Carl. Through Thursday about 29,000 tickets had been sold for the New Orleans Bowl. "Attendance may be a down bit for Florida Atlantic because of the distance," said Billy Ferrante, executive director of the bowl.

Advertisement for Sawtooth National Forest. Includes text: 'Sawtooth National Forest', 'Fairfield Ranger District', 'Ketchum Ranger District', 'Mimidoka Ranger District', 'Sawtooth National Recreational Area, Supervisor's Office'. Features a large image of a mountain landscape.



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New climate change exhibit headed to Hagerman

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument will debut next month a new traveling exhibit on climate change.

The display, developed by NASA and the National Park

Service, will highlight how human activities affect climate change and the effects climate changes have on the environment.

Park Service officials expect it to arrive early next month, and admission to the exhibit will be free.

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mate change is happening, it has implications for all of us and there is much we can do

to deal with it," said Stephanie Martin, a Park Service employee at the Fossil Beds.

The exhibit will kick off other climate change-themed programs at the Fossil Beds that will continue throughout next year.

The display is 8 feet wide and 10 feet tall, and accompa-

nies a brochure about climate change.

Officials are expected to release more information about the traveling exhibit before the end of the year.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Gravestone fundraiser gets more attention

The young girl who kicked off a fundraising effort to buy a headstone for a boy who was smothered last year has come a long way in just a day. Kynli Mahnke, 7, is now about \$60 short of funding a \$437 headstone for a 2-year-old boy killed Jan. 12 by a baby sitter.

On Wednesday, she was about halfway to her goal. Area residents have pledged to donate the remaining money needed for Mahnke's effort, said the girl's mom, Mindy Sauter. Additional donations will be placed in the Kynli Mahnke Kids' Headstone Fund at First Federal Bank, Sauter said. She wants to purchase headstones for kids who may get murdered in the future.

Donations can also be dropped off at Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls.

Jerome Rec District has board vacancy

The Jerome Recreation District seeks interested persons to fill a vacancy on the Jerome Rec. District board for subdistrict 4. The board is a policy-making board that is fiscally responsible for the district. Meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 a.m. The selected applicant will be appointed by the current board of directors, and shall serve until the first director election thereafter.

Interested persons must reside within the vacant subdistrict boundary and be a registered voter. Subdistrict 4 includes all city residences west of Lincoln and county property south of West Main/West Road and north of 200 South. Subdistrict boundary descriptions may be picked up at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln Street.

Letters of interest outlining why you would want to serve on the board should be submitted to the Jerome Recreation District offices on or before Jan. 11, 2008. The candidate will be selected at the district's regularly scheduled board meeting in January.

For information: Gary Warr, 324-3308.

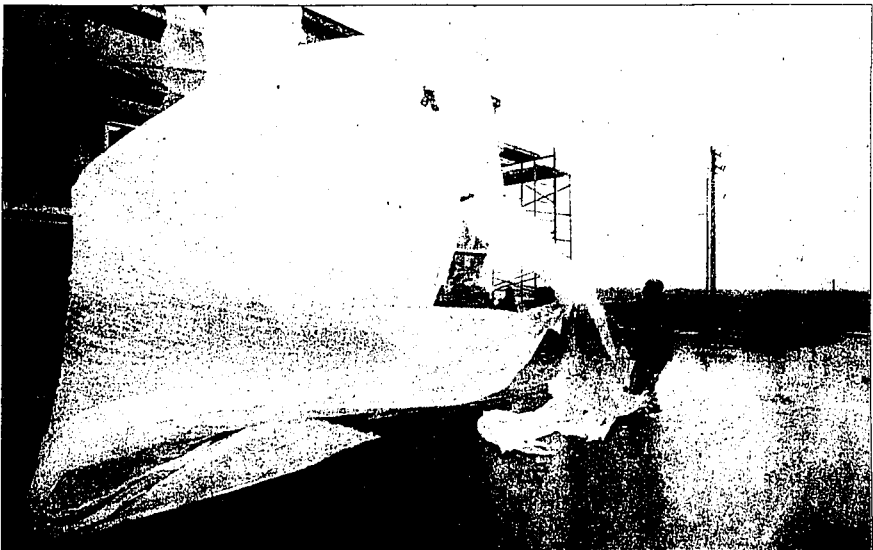
Twin Falls water line breaks along Washington Street

Twin Falls Water Department crews responded Thursday morning to Washington Street South where a 30-inch main water line broke. Flooding parts of the roadway from Orchard Drive and South Park.

Homes within the area experienced pressure problems, while other homes did not have water service while crews sought to repair the damaged line.

If you are a homeowner who is still experiencing water problems, call 735-7228.

FIGHTING THE WEATHER



Members of a construction crew remove plastic off of a building along Highway 30 near Kimberly Thursday morning as high winds with hail and snow move through the valley. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is mostly sunny skies with a high of 30.

Hodges appointed to magistrate bench

Lawyer has deep roots in Magic Valley

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Twin Falls lawyer Mick Hodges has been named the newest Cassia County magistrate judge, Magistrate Commission Chairman Barry Wood announced Thursday.

Hodges, a long-respected Twin Falls lawyer, beat out four other applicants for the position.

"Can you believe it?" Hodges asked Thursday at his Twin Falls office. "I'm just stunned. I'm delighted. I'm honored."

Hodges, 54, has practiced law since 1987. He served as a hearing panel chairman for the State Board of Medicine since January and has been an administrative hearing officer for the Idaho Department of Transportation and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare since 1994. He currently practices law in Twin Falls.

Hodges, a Rupert native, credits his experience for earning him the job.

"I've been around a long time," he said. "I've practiced just about every kind of law, and I think that mattered."

Hodges was chosen over Timothy Shane Darrington of Caldwell, Kent D. Jensen of Burley, Brent R. King of Boise and Kerry D. McMurray of Burley. He replaces Michael Crabtree, who was appointed to a district court bench in October.

Hodges is widely known in Magic Valley. He recently represented Janet Rasmussen, who was living with a her cat boardinghouse with 323 cats. Hodges was also active in a grass roots movement to block a coal-fired power plant from Magic Valley.

He said he'll approach his new position "with humility."

Hodges will serve an 18-month probation period and then face a county retention election. If voters approve, he'll serve a four-year term.

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The Goliath of groundwork

Elko firm sends 252,000-pound dozer to T.F.

By Hilary Johnson
Times-News correspondent

When the price of gold went to \$800 an ounce, the Cortez Gold Mine in Elko, Nev., decided to buy all new equipment. Now, the mine company's rebuilt 1996 Komatsu D475A Dozer is for sale through Ag-Industrial Equipment in Kimberly.

The 252,000-pound machine — which measures 18 feet from the ground to the top of the cab, is 45 feet long and has a 20.5 foot blade — is priced at \$295,000.

Dubbed Goliath, the bulldozer was completely disassembled and transported to Twin Falls to await sale.

"You have to tear it all the way down, because of the weight," said Jeff Hanchey, salesman at Ag-Industrial Equipment.

Regulations prevent prospective buyers from inspecting the bulldozer at the mine but Rick Reinsteln, owner of Ag-Industrial Equipment, just wanted it close to home.

"It makes it easier for us to



Brad Wheeler, left, and Jonas Johnson, both of Western States Equipment, finish assembling a 252,000-pound bulldozer Thursday.

demo it," he said.

When all was said and done, moving the bulldozer from Elko to Twin Falls cost about \$45,000 — "A lot of money," said Reinsteln.

It took three days to tear it down and two days plus four semi-trailer trucks for the transport.

Finally it required another four days to reassemble.

It will have to go to a permanent place, wherever it

goes," Hanchey said.

The bulldozer is not average farm equipment; it will possibly be used in another mine.

There are several prospective buyers from as far away as Canada, Russia and China.

"Those are the open bids right now," Hanchey said.

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Soldier, Magic Mountain ski resorts open Saturday

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Ski season is in full swing around the Magic Valley, as heavy snow on Thursday provided enough snowpack to open the remaining resorts in southern Idaho.

Magic Mountain Ski Resort, located in the South Hills of

the Sawtooth National Forest, will open Saturday with all lifts in full operation, including its tubing hill behind the lodge. The lifts will remain open through Jan. 6. It will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and Jan. 2 and 3.

Soldier Mountain Ski Area

in Fairfield will also open on Saturday. The resort will remain open through Jan. 6, 2008, with the exception of Christmas Day. After Jan. 6, the resort will resume its regular schedule of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Sunday.

Pomerelle Mountain Resort

in Albion opened on Thursday, and Sun Valley Resort has expanded lift runs since its initial opening date on Nov. 24.

Magic Mountain received 14 new inches of snow Thursday on top of seven inches already on the base.

"Last year we opened on

Dec. 18, so we're only three or four days behind," said resort co-owner Terry Miller. The resort will be in its second year of operating a tubing hill, this time with the lift operating closer to the lodge.

At Soldier Mountain, the resort reported 27 inches at the base on Thursday with 35

inches on the top. Resort officials said seven new inches had fallen by Thursday morning.

For Soldier Mountain information: www.soldiermountain.com or call 208-764-2526.

At Magic Mountain: www.magicmountainresort.com or call 736-7669.

Feds' proposal for Idaho roadless lands draws some criticism

By Todd Drork
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A government proposal for managing Idaho's 9.3 million acres of roadless land is drawing early criticism from conservationists who claim it disregards significantly from the goals laid out a year ago in a state plan. The U.S. Forest Service released a final Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Wednesday. It's the latest step in a contentious process to settle how Idaho's roadless backcountry, pristine national forests and other unattached lands will be managed and preserved or opened to logging, mining and other uses.

The document analyzes the environmental impacts of a series of recommendations submitted to the federal government last year by then-Gov. Jim Ivisch, now serving as Idaho's lieutenant governor. The Forest Service has also carried its proposed rules for managing Idaho's 281 distinct and diverse roadless areas.

Under the agency's proposal, about 608,000 acres would be managed as "general forest," a designation that would be open to logging, mining or road building and an amount higher than the 525,000 acres

recommended for development in the state plan. Those lands are currently protected under the 2001 Clinton-era roadless rule.

But the biggest sticking point, critics say, is the way the agency divides up the remaining 0.7 million acres of roadless land in Idaho, which is second to Alaska in having the most roadless national forest land.

The proposal calls for keeping 1.2 million acres protected, but puts another 5.2 million acres under a so-called "hackcountry" restoration designation.

Environmentalists say the wording that defines "hackcountry restoration" could swing the door wide open to logging and other uses because it allows temporary road building to protect public health and safety "in cases of significant risk or imminent threat of flood, fire or other catastrophic event."

Jonathan Oppenheimer, senior conservation associate with the Idaho Conservation League, says the proposal clearly steps away from the goals contained in the state plan a year ago.

"It appears a lot of Idaho's roadless lands would be managed to a higher level of allowance for development,"

Oppenheimer said. "The bottom line is we think the existing rules already allow for flexibility in responding to risk issues in Idaho's roadless backcountry."

The state's vast roadless areas now operate under rules proposed in 2001 by the Clinton administration, even though those rules have been — and continue to be — challenged in courts in several western states.

Idaho, under then-Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, was the first to challenge Clinton's plan. The Bush administration in 2005 issued a replacement rule giving states more control. In September 2006, a California federal judge reinstated the Bush edict, and Clinton's original rule was reinstated.

Still, Kempthorne accepted the Bush administration's participation offer and began a process, later assumed by Ivisch, of writing a state management plan for roadless lands.

The draft last year submitted those recommendations, which were accepted in December 2006 by the U.S. Agriculture Department, to let off the environmental review and rulemaking process.

The draft EIS issued this

week sets in motion a 90-day public comment period that will include several public meetings across the state. The proposed rule will be published in coming days in the Federal Register.

Ivisch, who has been working with federal officials in developing the rule, will attend several of those meetings, said David Hensley, legal counsel to Gov. E.L. "Butch" Otter. Hensley said Otter has also been involved in the process and endorses the proposal.

Hensley disagreed with critics who say the federal proposal rolls back the state's initial recommendations. "Part of that may be rhetoric," Hensley said Thursday. "I don't think everyone has had the benefit of seeing the rule to determine whether it's a departure."

"We've worked really hard since the state plan was submitted to capture the spirit and letter of what Gov. Ivisch proposed," Hensley said.

Although it's early in the public review process, early indications suggest support among mining and timber interests. An official with Intermountain Forest Association applauded the document as a "homegrown, Idaho-based solution."

North Side Center offers new classes

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center announces spring 2008 semester classes. Classes begin the week of Jan. 14.

English and sign language courses offered are Basic English and Writing, Developmental Composition, English Composition 2, Sign Language 1, Sign Language 2, and Sign Language 3. Social science offerings are Western Civilization 2, Introduction to International Relations, Principles of Macroeconomics, and the education course Families, Communities and Culture.

Mathematics, the course offerings are PreCalculus, Beginning Algebra, and Intermediate Algebra. Three science courses are available at the North Side Center: Human Anatomy and Physiology 1, General Microbiology, and Physical Geography.

Courses from the Fine Arts Department (this semester are Ceramics 1, Ceramics 2, Studio Art Ceramics, and Fundamentals of Oral Communication, along with the humanities core classes of Music Appreciation and Music.

The Over 60 and Getting Fit course is available at four sites on the North Side: Hagerman High School, Shoshone High School, the Jerome Recreation Center, and the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding.

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Offering on the North Side spring course offerings are Basic Reading, Reading Development, College Study Methods, and Personal Finance.

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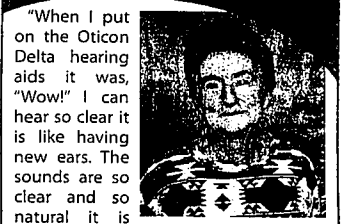
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Craig shows Risch around Capitol Hill

By Mary Ann Akers
and Paul Kane
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, appears to be keeping at least one promise: not to seek reelection. Craig — who famously announced he'd retire months ago after pleading guilty to disorderly conduct in a Minnesota airport restroom, then changed his mind — ushered his likely successor around the Capitol Tuesday. He introduced Idaho Lt. Gov. James E. Risch, R, to GOP senators and even to Democrats such as Sen.

Max Baucus, Mont. "Max, I want you to meet the next senator from Idaho," Craig told Baucus. "I'm sorry to disappoint you."

With another year in office to go, Craig said this week that he will start 2008 in California. He and his wife made lists of three places they wanted to visit, and both picked Pasadena, home of the Rose Bowl parade and the famous college football game. Craig told reporters he's not going to the "granddaddy" of bowl games, but is just going to watch the parade and see "where the floats are made."

Exxon Mobil court brief outlines Valdez argument

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. says a \$2.5 billion punitive damages verdict for one of the nation's worst oil spills contradicts 200 years of maritime law.

That is essentially its argument to go before the U.S. Supreme Court next year, according to a recent court brief the company filed.

The Exxon Valdez tanker hit a reef in Prince William Sound and spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil that marred more than 1,200 miles of coastline in Prince William Sound 18 years ago.

The company has held that it should not be responsible for the ship's captain, Joseph Hazelwood, who the company says violated clear company rules when the ship ran aground on March

23, 1989. In its brief, filed Monday, the company asserts:

- Punitive damages should not be "awarded against a ship owner based solely on the conduct of a ship's master."
- Punitive damages for spills such as the Exxon Valdez are "not available in federal maritime tort actions."
- Maritime law does not permit punitive damages.

The plaintiffs' attorneys have argued that the maritime law Exxon embraces no longer has current application. Rather, it was meant for ships leaving port and risk never being seen again by their crews for months. If not years. Technological advances mean communication is ongoing, they argue.

Man, 60, sues 8-year-old boy over Colorado ski slope collision

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — A 60-year-old man is taking an 8-year-old boy and his dad to court, claiming the third-grader caused a ski-slope collision that left the older man with a shoulder injury.

David J. Pfahler of Allentown, Pa., filed suit in Denver federal court claiming Scott Swinn of Vail, then 7, was skiing fast and recklessly when they ran into each other in January. Pfahler's suit says he suffered a torn shoulder tendon.

Scott's father, Robb Swinn, said he saw the crash and that Scott was skiing slowly and in control.

"It wasn't a violent collision or anything, Scott just kind of tapped his ski boots," he said this week. Scott's mother, Susan

Swinn, said her son weighs 40 pounds and couldn't have been going more than 10 mph.

"Who in the world uses a child?" she said. "It just boggles my mind every day." Pfahler's Denver attorney, Jim Glavin, declined to comment on the specifics of the case.

The suit seeks compensation for physical therapy, vacation in the nursing services provided by Pfahler's wife and other expenses.

It estimates the couple's losses at more than \$75,000.

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Phoenix store becomes center of immigration debate

By Chris Kahn
Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — Every weekend, the battle lines are redrawn outside an old furniture store in east Phoenix as the city confronts a generations-old problem with illegal immigration.

On one side of the street, Hispanics and civil rights activists come with hand-drawn banners and megaphones. Together, they announce their right to gather along the narrow sidewalk, and if they want, to ask for work without someone challenging their immigration status.

On the other side, businessmen, bikers in leather vests and others led up with illegal immigrants spread out holding American flags the size of bed sheets.

"We are not criminals!" shout the Hispanics.

"Go back to Mexico!" the businessmen and bikers reply. The frustrations from both sides spilled onto the sidewalk in front of Pruitt's furniture store. Pruitt's store is a building east of downtown Phoenix. Hispanic leaders, businessmen, civil libertarians, immigrant car vendors, white rioters, men in Santa Claus suits, angry truck-jacking motorists and many others have squared off on the sidewalk during the past several weeks.

Sensing Reza started bringing protesters here to pressure the store's owner to

stop paying off-duty Maricopa County sheriff's deputies to patrol his parking lot. Sheriff's deputies, some of whom are trained as immigration officers, are a special affront to the Hispanic community that surrounds the furniture store. Reza said the off-duty deputies have arrested and deported 65 illegal immigrants in the area so far.

"In essence, you have a private individual being able to implement U.S. immigration laws," Reza said. "That's very dangerous and it cannot be tolerated."

Reza said his group will continue to gather outside Pruitt's until the owner replaces the sheriff's deputies with private security guards, who do not have the power to deport people. If Pruitt's refuses, its customers will continue to be turned away by what he hopes will be a growing crowd of frustrated Hispanics.

"Maybe he can survive another year, but he's not going to be making money," Reza said. "It's going to be at the center of the immigration political movement nationwide. He can't be selling sofas."

Mayor Phil Gordon has tried to get the two sides together to talk about the issue, but neither side would agree.

"We really hoped that we could get this resolved before the holidays," Gordon

spokesman Scott Phelps said. "It's complex because everybody has rights. Pruitt's has a



Human rights activists and immigration advocates protest across the street from Pruitt's furniture store in Phoenix Dec. 8. Every weekend, the battle lines are redrawn outside this old furniture store in east Phoenix as the city confronts a generations-old problem with illegal immigration.

right to conduct business. People who want to protest and carry picket signs have a right to do that.

And Phoenix police find themselves down there in increasing numbers to make sure no rules are violated to make sure that the peace is preserved.

On a recent Saturday, protesters loaded the sidewalks and screamed at each other across the busy street. A few dozen police officers watched as cars whizzed by, some of

the drivers honking or slowing down to yell encouragement out the window.

A man from the Hispanic side crossed the street with a megaphone and stood amid the American flags as bikers cursed him and made obscene gestures to his face. "We love you, God bless you," the man said, pointing his megaphone into their faces.

Despite the original intent of Reza's protest, the dialogue on both sides quickly devolved into a general

debate over illegal immigration.

"They're trying to re-conquer us," said Rusty Childress, a Buick dealer who stood with the bikers. "They want their land back. That's all pretty silly, but they're pretty serious about it."

Childress, who founded the border security group United for a Sovereign America, said he will organize an "anti-rally" every time Reza shows up.

"We should be able to say who comes into our country,

who gets to stay, and who gets to go," Childress said. "Their opinion is that there's no such thing as an illegal human being. Well, their argument flies in the face of federal immigration law."

Inside Pruitt's, the staff set out plates of chocolate-chip cookies and brownies for the customers who crossed through the protest to come in and look at furniture.

"It's crazy, isn't it?" co-owner Mike Sensing said of the protesters outside.

Sensing said the dustup with Reza's group began more than a year ago, when a nearby hardware store hired police to show away day laborers looking for work. Sensing said the workers spilled out from the hardware store's parking lot and started accosting customers at Pruitt's and other nearby businesses.

Pruitt's hired off-duty police officers to patrol the area, a move that angered Reza's organization. Reza said no day laborers ever walked onto Pruitt's parking lot. And the police officers were stopping people simply because they looked Hispanic, he said.

Reza's group protested Pruitt's last year. But the protests stopped when Sensing agreed to stop hiring the off-duty police. In return, Sensing said Reza promised to help organize a work center in the area for the day laborers.

The work center never materialized, Sensing said, and so he turned to the deputies.

Utah prosecutors will drop murder charge in 1980 death

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — A cold case turned court Thursday as a prosecutor announced he will drop a murder charge against a man accused of strangling a woman in 1980, after tests cast doubt on the evidence.

The lab tests "do not exonerate or prove" that Edward Owens is innocent, but they "create tremendous difficulty in proving this case beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury," Davis County Attorney Troy Rawlings said.

Owens, 57, was charged in March after police said his DNA was under Karin Strom's fingernails. Trial was set for Jan. 8.

"Ed Owens remains one of the primary suspects," said Rawlings.

Strom, 25, was strangled in June 1980 at her home in Woods Cross, north of Salt Lake City. Owens knew her and had worked with her husband.

The prosecutor's one-page

statement does not explain what was found in the additional tests. But defense attorney Michael Studebaker said non-skin cells were discovered in samples taken from the victim's nails.

"It's important," he said. "If it's skin cells, the state can argue, 'Oh, my gosh, she was fighting off an attacker.' If it's not skin cells, it can lead to other issues. We've never disputed that Ed Owens' DNA was found on Ms. Strom," Studebaker said. "But DNA does not mean automatic murder."

CDC investigating SIDS deaths in N. Idaho

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Kootenai County coroner says three infants have died of unexplained causes in the past two months, and the Centers for Disease Control is investigating.

The babies were all four months old, coroner Dr. Robert West told the *Coeur d'Alene Press*. Two had recently been vaccinated, with one immunized about a week before death and the other about two days before dying. The third child had been immunized as well, but it was more than two weeks before death, West said.

CDC spokesman Curtis Allen confirmed the agency's investigation into the deaths, but said it was unlikely they were related to vaccines.

"The bottom line is that as far as we know there is no connection between the vaccines and the deaths,"

Allen said. "In many cases anything that will happen to a child between two, four, or six months is going to happen sometime near a vaccination. Any time there is a death of a child it's very, very unfortunate and we are reviewing it."

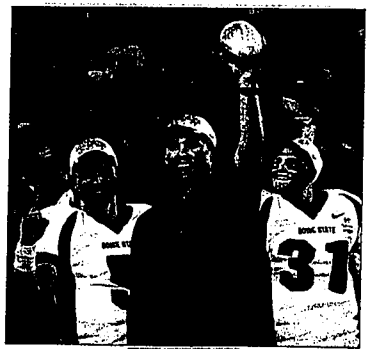
None of the children had

been vaccinated with vaccines recently recalled by manufacturer Merck and Co. after reports of a contamination risk.

The CDC is reviewing the medical records, including autopsy reports, to see if there is any link among the cases, Allen said.

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Hidden rooms in Iraq reveal torture by extremists, silence in village

By Bradley Brooks
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Blood-splatters on walls, chains hanging from a ceiling and swords on the killing floor — the artifacts left a disturbing tale of brutality inside a suspected al-Qaida in Iraq torture chamber. But there was yet another chilling fact outside the first-floor dungeon.

Villagers say they knew about the torment but were too intimidated by extremists to tell authorities until now.

Stories such as these — claims of intense abuses and the silence of frightened Iraqis — have emerged with increasing frequency and clarity recently as U.S.-led forces push deeper into former extremist strongholds and forge alliances with tribes seeking to reclaim their regions.

The reports and tips now pouring in build a harrowing



In this image released by the U.S. Army, Thursday, a soldier stands next to the site of an alleged torture chamber near Muqadiyah, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq on Dec. 9.

portrait of rule under al-Qaida and its backers: mass graves, ruthless punishments, self-styled Islamic courts ordering summary executions.

Such a lead brought soldiers earlier this month to the hidden room in Muqadiyah,

about 60 miles north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Thursday. Graffiti on the building proclaimed "Long Live the Islamic State" — a reference to the Islamic government, or caliphate, sought in Iraq by Sunni extremist

groups that include al-Qaida. Scrawled in white paint above a bed in the torture area was a Quranic phrase in Arabic normally used to welcome a guest. But the context suggested only sadistic mockery: "Come in, you are safe."

The floor was littered with food wrappers, plastic soda bottles and electric cables that snaked to a metal bed frame, presumably where detainees were shocked, according to the U.S. account of the discovery during a Dec. 8-11 mission.

The rooms "had chains, a bed — an iron bed that was still connected to a battery — knives and swords that were still covered in blood," said U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Mark B. Hertling, the top U.S. commander in northern Iraq.

Nearly were nine mass graves containing the remains of 26 people, he said. Villagers knew about the torture site, but did not tell

authorities as they were afraid of reprisals from the militants. A local policeman told The Associated Press. It spoke on condition of anonymity as he was still afraid of being targeted by extremists.

He said he thought the chamber had been used for a year. It was not the first such torture chamber discovered in Iraq. But it serves as a reminder of the extremist grip in parts of Iraq despite growing optimism as violence continues to fall.

And Diyala province —

where the grisly discovery was made — remains one of the most volatile regions as U.S. and Iraqi forces struggle to match the clear advances against extremists made in Baghdad and the western desert of Anbar.

The province is mixed between Sunnis and Shiites — often called a "little Iraq" and a remnant of Iraq before sectarian bloodletting partitioned many parts of the country along religious lines. Diyala's capital, Baquba, also is the self-proclaimed seat of the insurgents' caliphate.

Pentagon plans staff increase for Iraq weapons sales office

By Richard Lardner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is bolstering a badly understaffed office in Baghdad to speed the flow of warfighting gear to Iraqi forces and help keep the weapons from insurgents and off the black market.

The increase in staff from six to nearly 70 includes a two-star general who arrived in Iraq two weeks ago to manage the expanding team. Army Reserve Maj. Gen. George Smith replaces a colonel, evidence of the greater effort for the office

handling billions of dollars in arms sales.

The new push is intended to untie the bureaucratic knots blocking aircraft, armored vehicles, radios, and guns, from getting to Iraqi police and the military units that are taking more control over the country's security. Over the summer, Iraqi officials complained bitterly that the delays were forcing their troops to fight with inferior equipment.

As demands for more and better gear have escalated, so too have concerns over who is winding up with the supplies. Corruption within Iraq's govern-

ment has been well documented and tens of thousands of U.S.-supplied weapons have gone missing; terrorist groups allegedly have used some of the firepower.

In one case, Turkish officials complained to U.S. authorities that guns the Turks seized from a Kurdish militant group had markings matching those on weapons intended for Iraqi forces.

With the Iraqis will continue to receive weapons from a variety of sources, the goal is to emphasize the more regimented and transparent foreign military sales system that the United States uses with

other allies, Smith said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"Over the long haul, as security develops here in Iraq, they're going to be able to develop their economic power," said Smith. "I don't know that we can afford to be supporting over a terribly long period everything that a nation needs to provide for its own national defense. So it's entirely appropriate that they go in a direction of purchasing their own equipment."

But there are risks in pushing more weapons into a country with a government striving for stability.

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Bombings mar peaceful holiday of Eid al-Adha in Iraq

By Elena Beccatos
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — A suicide bombing northeast of the capital and a car bombing in Baghdad on Thursday shattered the calm of an otherwise unusually peaceful holiday period in Iraq. Authorities said 19 people were killed in the two attacks, including a U.S. soldier.

The suicide bomber struck in Kanaani, a Shiite-dominated town near the city of Baquba in Diyala province, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. He detonated his explosives as a U.S. patrol was about to enter a building where a city council meeting was to be held, the U.S. military said.

The U.S. military said one soldier and five civilians were killed, and that 10 more soldiers and one Iraqi were wounded. However, local police—and—the hospital morgue in Baquba said 13 people were killed at the scene. An official with the morgue, who asked not to be identified as he was not authorized to release the information, said one more person later died of his injuries, bringing the total to 14.

The discrepancy could not immediately be reconciled. It was unclear how many Iraqis were wounded in the attack. The assistant police chief in Kanaani, Capt. Waleed Mithib al-Karkhi, said they included three children and two women.

In Baghdad, a car bombing killed four people and wounded another nine outside a store selling liquor in the center of the city, police said.

Despite the bombings, this season has been markedly calmer than the same time last year, when at least 80 Iraqis were killed on the first day of Eid al-Adha, one of the most important holidays of the Islamic calendar.

So far this month, 536 Iraqis have died in war-related violence, compared to 2,309 last December, according to an Associated Press count.

Strong quake rattles northern New Zealand

By Ray Lilly
Associated Press writer

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A strong earthquake struck New Zealand on Thursday night, collapsing at least three older buildings in one coastal city on North Island, sparking small fires and forcing authorities to declare a state of emergency there.

Only 10 minor injuries

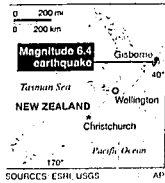
were reported in the port city of Gisborne, which was hit hardest by the quake and suffered the most property damage, although it was felt all over the country, officials said.

The magnitude 6.4 quake, which struck at 8:55 p.m. (2:55 a.m. EST) was centered in the Hikurangi undersea trench off North Island, 25 miles below the surface, and about 30 miles southeast of

Gisborne, the GNS Science geological agency reported.

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded the quake at magnitude 6.6.

Police cordoned off a large part of Gisborne's central business district until engineers could inspect damaged buildings and ensure they were safe to enter, said senior police Sgt. Moira Brown as dusk broke Friday. "We have got a lot of damage and are still assessing the situation," police Inspector Wanda Shepherd said. "Some roofs have collapsed. We are still trying to ascertain the amount of damage." The central city area had been "locked down" because of the damage, he said. Power lines were down in some areas, and the quake had left a huge hole in one of Gisborne's main roads, he added.



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Aruba prosecutor: Holloway suspect referred to teen's death on Internet

By Margaret Wever
Associated Press writer

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — A main suspect in the disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway wrote in a chat session that she was not a key clue for investigators, but one that fell short of assuring a conviction in court, Aruba's chief prosecutor said Thursday.

The prosecutor Frans Mos insisted his office has done its best to learn what happened to Holloway, an 18-year-old who went missing in May 30, 2005 and is believed to be dead.

Mos said he has done all he can to bring those responsible to justice.

"Given our sincere commitment to solving this case, we exhausted our toolbox," he said at a news conference.

The Aruban prosecutors say they cannot prove a crime was committed without a body.

Mos said he understands the frustration of Holloway's family, which has criticized Aruban law enforcement and their decision this week to dismiss the case against the three main suspects.

Attorney General Nico Jong said the case against the three could be reopened if additional evidence surfaces.

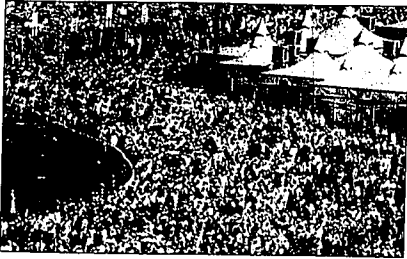
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Muslims pilgrims walk to perform ritual 'stoning of the devil' in Mina, in Saudi Arabia, Thursday. Thousands of Muslim pilgrims threw pebbles at stone pillar representing the devil in third day of Hajj carrying out a cleansing ritual at a site just outside the holy city of Mecca that has been the scene of disasters in previous years.



Performing the hajj is the Muslim faithful's ultimate dream

By Scheherazade Faramazi
Associated Press writer

MINA, Saudi Arabia — The 60-year-old Egyptian farmer spent years scraping together \$1.1 billion to bring his wife and son here to perform Islam's hajj pilgrimage. They have slept for days in tiny one-person tents near the hajj's sacred sites and

walked for miles from ritual to ritual — despite his wife's bad knees.

But Mohammed Abdelsalam Ali said they were not going to let the hardship ruin their journey to answer God's calling.

"It's hard, but it's also beautiful," Ali said Thursday, sitting in his small plastic tent on the roadside

at Mina, the ancient spot in the desert outside Mecca where for the second day more than 3 million pilgrims stoned symbols of the devil.

For many Muslims, performing the hajj is a lifelong dream, a chance to fulfill a requirement of their faith and win forgiveness for their sins.

The rituals at Mina commemorate Abraham's stoning of Satan, who is said to have appeared three times to the prophet to tempt him. It is symbolized by three "pillars" — long stone walls called the Jamarat — which pilgrims pelt with pebbles.

On Wednesday, the ritual's first day, pilgrims threw seven stones at the largest one. On Thursday and again on Friday, they pelt all three with seven stones each.

Millions filed past the walls Thursday along a huge "platform" built so that pilgrims on the ground floor and above can perform the ritual at once. They vigorously hurled pebbles at the pillars, chanting "God is Great" with each throw — and sometimes hitting the pilgrims in front of them.

Afterward, most walked away quietly — a far cry from their aggressive approach to the pillars. They had the devil pilgrims crushed, having crushed the devil and his temptations with pebbles the size of chickpeas.

Nizar Mohammed, an Afghan bent with age and wearing a turban and shawl, wearing a kamiz — loose pants and a tunic — rested on the side of the ramp after hurling his stones.

"I feel very good. I am in good hands," he said. Over the years, the stoning ritual has been one of the most dangerous of the hajj with stampedes that have killed scores. A crush of pilgrims in 2004 killed 244 people, and the following year more than 360 were killed with stampedes that have killed scores. A crush of pilgrims in 2004 killed 244 people, and the following year more than 360 were killed with stampedes that have killed scores.

After that accident, Saudi officials tore down the platform, built a new one by Jamarat and built a new one with more entrances and exits, and they plan to expand it to a total of five levels in coming years.

Saudi King Abdullah held his traditional banquet reception Thursday for Muslim leaders performing the hajj, including Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki.

"If we strive in this direction, our differences will diminish — the distances between us will shrink and together we will make a world full of understanding and peace, where progress will be a fruit for all of us to enjoy," he said.

Friday is the last day of the three-day Muslim Eid al-Adha, ending five days of hajj rituals.

Pilgrims return to Mecca to perform the "farewell" circling of the Kaaba — a cube-shaped stone structure draped in black cloth that Muslims around the world face during the five daily prayers. Tradition says the Kaaba, known as God's House, was built by Adam and rebuilt by Abraham and the descendants of Noah.

The pilgrims also walk back and forth seven times between the hills of Safa and Marwa, re-enacting the search by Abraham's wife Hagar for water for her infant son Ismael in the desert. After her seventh run, the spring known as Zamzam sprang miraculously under Ismael's feet. The majority of pilgrims come to the hajj on organized tours, staying in large, relatively well-kept tent compounds organized by the Saudi government.

But hundreds of thousands of poorer pilgrims, like Ali, come on their own, sleeping in the open or in makeshift tents. Having saved every penny to make the journey, they are intent to fight all odds to complete the rituals.

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Queen Elizabeth II now oldest British monarch

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II became Britain's oldest-ever monarch Thursday, reaching a new milestone in a job she has held for more than a half century — one that comes with luxurious accommodations, long hours and little chance of retirement.

Elizabeth, 91, passed the mark set by her great-grandmother Queen Victoria. Her son, Prince Charles, closed in on the title of longest-waiting heir to the throne.

Victoria was born on May 24, 1819 and lived for 81 years and 243 days, Buckingham Palace, calculating longevity down to the hour, said Elizabeth moved past her predecessor at about 5 p.m. (noon EST).

Palace officials said there would be no special events to mark the occasion, and

the queen had no public appearances scheduled Thursday. She spent the day reading quietly at home on royal papers.

Royal historian Robert Lacey said the milestone would likely bring the queen "some quiet satisfaction."

"She is a modest person, never one for blowing her own trumpet, and I think that is one of the reasons for her success and longevity," Lacey said.

Elizabeth, who took the throne in 1952, is one of only five kings or queens since the 1066 Norman Conquest to reign for more than half a century. Currently the fourth longest-reigning English monarch, she would overtake King Henry III on March 5, and King George III in 2012.

On Sept. 9, 2015 she would pass Queen Victoria, who ruled for almost 64 years, as the longest-reigning British monarch.

Elizabeth can already claim to have been active longer than Victoria, who retreated from public life for more than a decade after the death of her husband, Prince Albert, in 1861.

Lacey said the queen could take credit for steering the monarchy through choppy waters in the late 20th century, when public approval plummeted after the divorces of three of Elizabeth's four children and the death of Charles's ex-wife Princess Diana.

"Ten years ago the monarchy was in a very perilous state," Lacey said. Its survival "is down to the steadiness of the queen."

The queen's landmark means her oldest son is approaching his own record — the longest wait by an heir to the throne. Victoria's son became King Edward VII in 1901, aged just over 59 years and two months. Prince Charles turned 59 five weeks

ago on Nov. 14.

Anti-monarchist group Republic urged the queen to mark the milestone by giving up her job. Spokesman Graham Smith said her retirement would allow Britain to debate reforming its constitution to create a new head of state.

"Elizabeth Windsor is now 81, well past the normal age for retirement," Smith said.

"Over the next few years Queen Elizabeth will be expected to be raised about her continuing ability to perform her official duties. It would be in her interests and those of the country if she stepped down in favor of her son."

Buckingham Palace has long said that the queen has no intention of abdicating in favor of her son.

She may have many years left in the job. Her mother, the Queen Mother Elizabeth, died in 2002 at the age of 101.

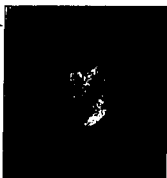


Britain's Queen Elizabeth II waves to guests, patients and staff at the Midway HIV Centre in Kampala, on the first day of her state visit to Uganda, on Nov. 22.

Thieves make off with paintings by Picasso and Portinari in Brazil

By Stan Lehman
Associated Press writer

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Armed with nothing more than a crow bar and a car jack, it took thieves just three minutes to steal paintings by Pablo Picasso and Candido Portinari, worth millions of dollars, from Brazil's premier modern art museum.



Authorities said they hit the Sao Paulo Museum of Art just before dawn Thursday — a time when the city's busiest avenue is deserted and the guards inside were going through their shift change.

In this image released by the Sao Paulo Museum of Art is an undated photograph of Pablo Picasso's painting 'Portrait of Suzanne Bloch.' This was one of two paintings stolen from the museum Thursday.

Jumping over a glass partition, they climbed an open concrete staircase leading up into the entrance of the two-story modernist building, which hovers over a large plaza on stilts of steel.

For a short time, they could have been seen from blocks away. But the thieves worked quickly. A few jobs of the crowbar, and they were able to slip a common car jack under the metal security gate. A few more cranks and they squeezed inside.

were in different rooms," said the lead police investigator, Marcos Gomes de Moura.

Picasso painted "Portrait of Suzanne Bloch," in 1904 during his Blue Period. It is among the most valuable pieces in the collection, museum spokesman Eduardo Cosmano said.

"The prices paid for such works would be incalculable, enough to give you vertigo," said curator Miriam Abram of the Bellas Artes Museum of Bilbao, Spain.

The alarm never rang, and by 6:12 a.m., they were making their escape.

"It was a professional job; it was something they studied because the paintings

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Study: Foster care better for kids' brains than orphanages

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Toddlers rescued from orphanages and placed in good foster homes score dramatically higher on IQ tests years later than children who were left behind, concludes a one-of-its-kind project in Romania that has profound implications for child welfare around the globe.

The boost meant the difference between borderline retardation and average

intelligence for youngsters.

Most important, children removed from orphanages before age 2 had the biggest improvement — key new evidence of a sensitive period for brain development, according to the U.S. team that conducted the research.

"What we're really talking about is the importance of getting kids out of bad environments and put into good environments," said Dr. Charles Nelson III of Harvard Medical School, who led the study being

published Friday in the journal Science.

The research is credited with influencing child-care changes in Romania, and UNICEF has begun using the data to push numerous countries that still depend on state-run orphanages to start shifting to foster care-like systems.

"The research provides concrete scientific evidence on the long-term impacts of the deprivation of quality care for children," UNICEF child protection specialist Aaron Greenberg said. "The

interesting part about this is the one-on-one caring of a young child impacts ... cognitive and intellectual development."

That orphanages are not optimal for child development comes as no surprise. Earlier studies have found that thousands of children adopted during the 1980s from Soviet orphanages in Eastern Europe, China and elsewhere continued to face serious developmental problems even after moving to affluent new homes with doting parents.

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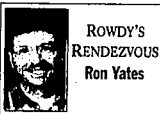
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Thankfully, in our group it was I alone who possessed the testosterone. One more male and we all would have surely died. This, as you may have guessed, was a test of how to work with others more so than a real survival test. I please you with my pate and write your answers down. You have one minute. Using five simple words that ensure your survival will be easier: attitude, shelter, water, fire, and food (in this order). Look at your list again. Do you want to change an item's importance?

We compared answers and persuaded each other to accept our choice and explained why. Survival quickly became secondary to proving that we were right about our choices.

Sara and Tess had us eating cactus, chewing salt tablets and walking out during the night. After all it was only 60 miles. Gaily we used the gun to shoot coyotes, but not eat them. Amy, to her credit, planned to signal rescuers with the mirror while also using it to start a fire. I kept my mouth shut until a consensus had been reached for each item and then assertively suggested a realistic alternative. This worked, but only once.

As you may have assessed, the elements were the least of our problems. My fellow humans and their opinions stood squarely in the way of survival. These five survival priorities will give you a starting point. Most people simply don't have years of experience.

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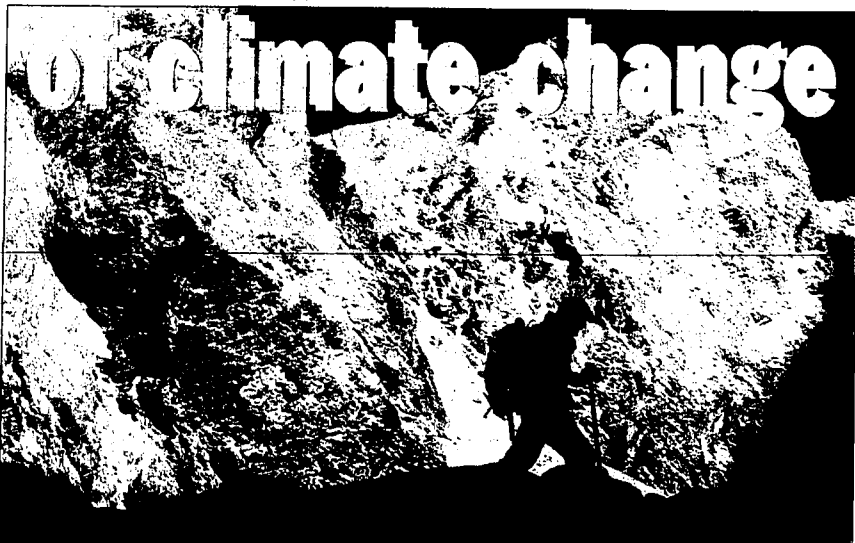
Within hours or even minutes after the onset of survival stress, the attitude you take, and the decisions that result from it, may mean the difference between life and death. Accept the present situation and deal with each moment as it comes.

Shelter

Regardless of the weather, we all seek this instinctively. Make it your first priority before you panic. Get out of the rain, snow, wind, sun, cold or heat first. If you are injured, treat a medical condition and seek shelter simultaneously. Shelter is the most basic-need. Stand under a pine tree when snow is falling. Wear a hat. Flip the sun-visor down to block the sun's glare. Move your body to a natural shelter or create

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Skiing in the age of climate change



Alex Kittrell gets a little mileage on the snow, skiing beneath the vertical walls of Duncaen Ridge.

Photo by MATT LEMMON/Photo by The Times-News

Trio contemplates future on peaks of Pioneers

By Matt Leidecker
Times-News correspondent

When you live in a ski town, you do a lot of waiting for the snow to fall.

After a few early season storms that left the valleys wet with rain, the high peaks of the Pioneers were coated with a light blanket of white. It didn't last long. More than a week of warm sunny weather in early November made quick work of the white stuff. With little prospect of skiing in the near future, a scramble up the south ridge of Cobb Peak seemed a good alternative.

After several hours of climbing knife-edge ridges to the summit, our threesome enjoyed a sunny and calm lunch looking out over the mountains of central Idaho.

Was this November?

On the descent, we worked our way down intermittent patches of sun-baked, spring-like snow. More often, however, we descended slopes saturated with melt-water that sprouted green shoots stretching towards the sun. It was a beautiful day in the mountains, but I couldn't shake the fact that it felt more like late May than early November.

"You know, 2007 is the first year that global warming has really seemed to take hold in the public consciousness," said a friend and fellow ski guide, "and so far this winter

we have already had several rain events," he lamented.

I couldn't have agreed more. Though it was only Thanksgiving, the warm storms, meager snow-pack, and dry forecast certainly made me wonder what the future of skiing in Idaho's mountains would be like under the influence of human-caused climate change.

It seems that the debate is over.

It is vital to match this uncertain time of shifting weather patterns with a shifting attitude. Though the conditions were far from perfect, the winter's slow start did provide several advantages.

Scientific consensus agrees that human activity is indeed impacting the climate of our planet. There are predictions of average global temperature increase for the next 20 to 50 years. Dire warnings of sea-level rise give pause for thought. What, however, does climate change mean for me locally? How is it going to affect me, my family, and the community in which I work and play?

On the local level, climate change seems to be more about shifting patterns than a blanket increase in planetary temperature. Do the frequent winter rain events I have noticed in the last five years represent a shift towards warmer winter storms? Is the winter weather pattern that drops a large percentage of our annual moisture going to move north? Or south?

Despite the uncertainty, we still have to live our lives. So when I was

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Alex Kittrell negotiates a narrow gully while skiing in the Pioneers.

PICK OF THE WEEK:

Hagerman fossil beds offer diverse, plentiful fossil spectra

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

This may not be your typical outdoors destination, but for those interested in the science aspect of the great outdoors, Idaho doesn't offer much better than the Hagerman Fossil Beds. From Buhl, head northwest out of town on U.S. Highway 30 toward Hagerman, making a left just before crossing the Snake River into Gooding County. Continue 2.5 miles

along this road to the monument's entrance. There you will find a pair of helpful visitor signs indicating Emigrant Trail on the left side of the road, and detailing the history of the Hagerman Horse and the Fossil Beds themselves.

The actual visitor center itself is located further north along U.S. 30 in the town of Hagerman, across from Hagerman High School. Though there are many different fossil sites in the state, Hagerman's offers

arguably one of the most diverse and plentiful fossil spectra from the Pliocene Epoch, which spans roughly 1.8 to 5.3 million years ago.

The most well-known of these fossils is the Hagerman Horse, which some scientists believe closely resembled the modern-day zebra and whose remains can be seen in the bluffs carved out by the Snake River.

Congress established the over 4,000-acre area as a national monument in 1988

In order to study and preserve the fossils as best as possible.

Of course, if the more traditional outdoor activity of hiking is more your cup of tea, the 6-mile round-trip Emigrant Trail near the monument's entrance is sure to offer some challenges and rewards.

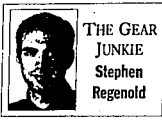
But that's another story for another week.

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Getting there
From Buhl, take U.S. Highway 30 toward Hagerman, turning left just before crossing the Snake River. Continue 2.5 miles to the monument's entrance.
Entry fee: none.
Other information: Visitor Center is actually in Hagerman, across from the high school.

Top picks for gear of the year

From marathons and mountain climbs to kayak trips through the jungle of Quintana Roo, 2007 proved to be another epic year for the Gear Junkie. But without the right apparel and equipment, these adventures would not have been possible — or at least not quite as fun. Here are 10 top products that helped make it happen, available in various sizes, colors, and finishes. Prices are as listed.



THE GEAR JUNKIE
Stephen Regenold

never have to use it. But if you do need it — as I did on a recent mountain bike adventure — the 36-inch by 84-inch emergency sleeping bag works in temps down to 50 degrees. \$33. www.outventuremedicals.com

Inov-8 Race Pro 12

Dubbed an "elite light-weight hydration pack," the Race Pro 12 was made for trail running, mountain biking, adventure racing and similar pursuits. I ran with this 12-liter pack loaded during multiple races last season, and it stayed solid and comfortable. The kicker is its horizontal hydration bladder, which minimizes bouncing while on the run. \$105. www.inov-8.com

entrance into the single-speed scene? The low-price (but high quality) Paddy Wagon is strong, simple and fast enough for city riding. Bonus: The rear wheel fits to convert the bike to a fixed-gear configuration. \$649. www.konaworld.com



Polar RS800G3 Multisport Training System

Undeniably expensive, but undeniably cool, the RS800G3 system includes a watch, a heart-rate strap, a GPS unit, and software to analyze workout results. With GPS, the system measures your total miles traveled on an outing and provides real-time speed in a miles-per-hour readout on the watch face. \$499.95. www.polarusa.com

Big Agnes Dream Island Sleeping Bag

If you can't be in a bed, the Dream Island is your second best choice. This double-wide couples model measures more than 50 inches wide and lofts high with 4.5 pounds of insulating fill. A mud sleeve lets you mate it with an air mattress, creating a platform of comfort heretofore reserved for the bedroom. \$239. www.dreamisland.com

Island bag; \$140 (limmer air mattress); www.bigagnes.com

Ibex Qu T shirt

Among the most pricey T-shirts on the market, the merino wool Qu T is worth the cost for the right consumer. The shirt looks nice, breathes well, insulates well, wicks sweat and never stinks. It can go days without a wash, as wool is naturally antibacterial, making it great for travel. \$65. www.ibexhweat.com



Salomon S-Lab XA Pro 3

Take one of Salomon's best shoes, trim its weight by 15 percent, add an integrated gaiter and you have the S-Lab XA Pro 3, a trail runner made for racers and backcountry wanderers banking on speed. Its breathable mesh uppers, a cincher lacing system, and a somewhat flat-footed feel that keeps the shoe from rolling make for footwear stable on all type of lumpy and variable terrain. \$140. www.salomonusa.com

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Newton Running Gravity Shoes

On runs ranging from my nightly neighborhood tramps to the 26.2-mile Twin Cities Marathon, Newton Running's Gravity shoes kept me upright, forward and feeling fast. What makes them so special? The shoes' rubber lugs — called "actuators" — extend a quarter-inch from the sole, promoting a more efficient and natural running technique. \$175. www.newtonrunning.com

Atomic Snoop Daddy ski

On one long day last winter I put more than 15,000 vertical feet on these skis in the Utah backcountry. The Snoop Daddy — fit handles, skins with 125-mm tips and 111-mm tails — took to the powder bowls, trees, chutes and in-bounds lew and moguls all with equal aplomb. \$855. www.atomicsnow.com

Adventure Medical Kits Thermo-Lite 2 Bivvy

This 69-ounce bivvy bag is essentially an improvement on the decades-old concept of the Space Blanket. Put one in your pack and hope you

Kahtoola Inc. FLIGHTSystem

If moving fast over packed snow is your goal, the FLIGHTSystem is the product for you: The two-part footwear system is comprised of the FLIGHTboot and the FLIGHTsock snowshoes. Add your trail-running shoes — which slip inside the FLIGHTboot shell — and you're ready to go. \$334. www.kahtoola.com

Kona Paddy Wagon

Want a quick and legit

Fish and Game seeks bids for 2008 Access Yes!

Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game

BYRONI — "The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is looking for landowners interested in providing access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities in the Magic Valley Region."

Access Yes! is in its fifth year and continues to gain popularity with both landowners and sportsmen. The program compensates private landowners who provide public access to or through their property.

"Compensation can come in the form of direct monetary payments, habitat improvement projects, and access development projects, but other types of compensation or assistance are considered," said Brad Johnson, Idaho Sportsmen Coordinator for the Idaho Fish and Game. "The program also provides signs to landowners to help inform the public about access opportunities."

The program operates on a competitive bid process. Bids are reviewed by a local Sportsmen's Review Committee and recommended properties for funding based on criteria such as diversity of use, the number of acres, hunting opportunities available, and bid price.

The number of properties enrolled is limited by the availability of program funds.

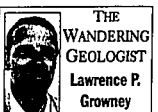
"Landowners do not give up control of their land," Lowe said. "The program is designed to allow landowners to stipulate access conditions (e.g. foot, horse or vehicle access) and manage the types of activities that sportsmen can participate in on their property. We can design any type of program the landowner wants. Annual contracts are the most common, but multi-year bids are welcomed."

In 2007, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game enrolled a total of 43 landowners in Access Yes! in the Magic Valley Region providing public access to 193,550 private acres at an average cost of \$1.09 per acre. These properties also provided access to 351,810 acres of public land. Enrollment this year was up from 37 landowners and 107,000 acres in 2006.

Fish and Game is currently accepting bids for enrollment in 2008. Interested landowners need to submit bids before Feb. 15. For bid applications or call Brad Lowe at 200-324-4359 or go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/flwfs/hunplanner/accessyesgw.asp>.

Fossils are where you find them

My articles usually focus on a specific feature or location, but today's article is a little different. It's one that is widespread throughout Idaho and; therefore, is more general in tone.



Running across a well-preserved dunesite skeleton would certainly be a highlight to any fossil hunter. In Idaho, that isn't very likely to happen. We just don't have the right elements in our specific setting. However, anyone familiar with Hagerman Fossil Beds knows that fossils do occur in our area, and the possibility of recognizing one is a distinct possibility.

But just what is a fossil? Most people tend to associate fossils with the preserved remains of large animals. But a fossil is anything that has been preserved, whether it is an animal, a plant, or a trace of something as inconspicuous as a preserved leaf rain-print pattern in a piece of sediment.

So this brings me to the point of where one finds fossils. Clearly to create a fossil, you need a hard body. The only exception to this is the rare case where lava or ash surrounds a large tree, burning the tree away but leaving a cylindrical hole in its place. But if you're looking for a fossil to place in the museum or on your display stand, then a sedimentary environment is needed.

Trace fossils and petrified wood are much more abundant than bones. The reason is obvious plants need soil and water to survive. Therefore, when a plant dies or falls to the ground, it is more likely to be quickly buried and sealed from the atmosphere by a layer of sediment. Animals, on the other hand, prefer drier conditions. When an animal dies, its carcass may be scavenged and the bones scattered and left lying high and dry on the ground where they decompose quickly.

I would offer that the most promising locations to hunt for the fossilized remains of animals in the southern Idaho are around old lake deposits containing a mix of sand, silt and clay layers. The large area west of Hagerman Fossil

Beds and south of Highway 76 is one such target area. Look for exposed hillsides that have clear bedding, then examine the contacts at the base of sand layers. Another place to look for fossils are the walls of an incised stream where exposures are good and the stratigraphy is clear. Well-bedded sedimentary deposits also may contain fossil impressions including claims and snails.

Free-standing petrified wood, while associated with sedimentary deposits, is not considered altered, nonwelded ash flow units where silica from the decomposing ash has preserved the wood. These areas are widespread throughout the southern part of the State, but are usually very restricted in size. I have found wood along the south side of Canyon Creek, in northern Nevada, and along the Owyhee Front, all associated with altered ash deposits in a sedimentary environment.

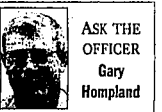
Fossilized bones should not be collected but left in place. Notify the local land authority if something significant is found so that it may be preserved for all to enjoy. It is advisable to check with the local land authority and acquaint yourself with any applicable regulations regarding the collection of preserved material. If your intent is to collect anything more than a small hand sample of material, And always remember to respect private property.

Wolf meetings exist to discuss management methods

Question: I have read several articles in a couple newspapers about the Department's meetings to discuss wolf management. I am unsure of how these meetings are managed. What's the gist of the meetings?

Answer: Sometimes our public open house meetings become a forum for special interest groups to grandstand their views. However, the intent of these meetings was to discuss strategies and methods for wolf management not to debate whether we should or shouldn't have wolves or whether we hope or shouldn't allow harvest.

Those issues were settled long ago when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved the Idaho Wolf Management Plan that was developed and adopted by the Idaho legislature. Idaho has a manage-



ment plan. That plan says wolves are here to stay and will be managed. The tools include hunting. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to begin delisting wolves from the Endangered Species Act on Feb. 29, 2008. After the record of decision is recorded in the Federal Register the process requires a 30 day public comment period. The Department has been offering several special interest groups intend to file a law suit to

prevent delisting. We are hopeful if this occurs the courts will allow the Idaho management plan to be implemented while the parties to the law suit argue their cases in federal court.

The Department's open house meetings were designed to inform the public of our management approach, to point out several ideas gathered from Idaho citizens about how they want to manage wolf populations and what strategies they favor. The results of the meetings and the input provided by citizens will take some time to digest. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission will rely on Department expense and this public input to develop management plans. This will include discussions of hunt-

ing seasons in areas with human conflict, harvest quotas, and hunting methods. If anyone would still like to provide written inputs that we will accept them to the Department at the address below. Please make sure they include their name and mailing address or email address so Department staff can coordinate with them in future mailings.

If you have any further questions you may call the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at 224-4350 or e-mail via the Fish and Game website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Gary Hompland is a Regional Conservation Officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Officials say avalanche danger extreme in Idaho backcountry

BOISE (AP) — State officials say recent weather changes have created extreme avalanche conditions in many parts of Idaho's backcountry.

The annual mountain recreation coordinator for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, says snow packs are unstable right now due to dramatic shifts in weather conditions all over the state.

In many areas, he says the base layer of snow has leaved over from rains. And in the past two days, those ice slabs have been capped with several inches of snow, creating the perfect composition for avalanches.

The department has recorded more than 20 avalanches across the state in the last five years. More than half involved snowmobilers.

Mars at opposition: 2003 vs. 2007

On Aug. 27, 2003, Mars got closer to Earth than it has in many millennia. Even though it's not nearly as close this time, it may put on a better show in telescope eyepieces.

Next Monday, Mars will be at opposition, meaning it lies directly in line of sunset, reaches its highest point around midnight, and sets around sunrise. It won't be this close to Earth again until 2016. Compared to the historically close opposition of Mars in 2003, it will be 20 million miles further away, and appear 37 percent smaller in a telescope.

So what to recommend this year's opposition over 2003's? Both celestial oppositions in opposition and near the closest point to the Sun in its elliptical orbit like 2003's always occur in the month of August. Because the Sun travels high across the daytime sky in summertime, the opposition point follows a low nighttime path. Also, Mars's orbit doesn't lie exactly in the plane of the solar system (the ecliptic), and sits more than six degrees below the ecliptic at the perihelion point.

Sky Calendar through Thursday:

- Planets:**
One hour before sunrise:
Venus: SE, low
Saturn: SW, high
Mars: SE, low
One hour after sunset:
Mars: ENE, very low
Moon: Full moon Sunday, 8:16 p.m.
Evening: Clear to Mars Sunday
Other facts: Winter solstice today, 11:08 p.m. Longest night of the year, 12.4 hours (57 minutes).

Mars had been straight up. This year, with Mars at opposition in winter, the opposition point soars high overhead since the sun arcs so low. And Mars is currently over three degrees above the ecliptic, placing it 74 degrees above the horizon at its apex. Views through telescopes will pierce through just four percent more atmosphere than if Mars were at the zenith (which it never achieves from our latitude). In effect, we'll be seeing Mars through half the turbulence, dust, moisture, etc. that lives in the atmosphere, and the views might be noticeably sharper than in 2003.

Next week: Earth's closest approach to the Sun for 2008.
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Your outdoor tales or photos for the Times-Herald. We accept the following photos of big game/fish catches and anecdotal accounts (please keep to two pages maximum) of hunting, fishing, boating, etc. and send them to: Photo Submissions, should be addressed to: Outdoor Editor David Beshare, dbeshare@magvalley.com or P.O. Box 5248, Twin Falls, ID 83422. Photos may be used in the Times-Herald at 25¢ per photo.

Backpack powder bonus

All muzzleloaders not created equal

By Rob Morris
Times-News correspondent

My introduction to muzzleloader hunting took place more than 16 years ago at the suggestion of a friend.

"Look at the advantages," he quipped. "Most of the hunts are later, when there is tracking snow and it's easier to take care of the meat, there are fewer hunters and they're (Idaho Department of Fish & Game) given us some really nice hunts!"

All it took was one hunt and I was hooked. I purchased a muzzleloader the next week and was actually prefer to hunt big game more than for just these reasons.

Maybe you've been thinking of purchasing a primitive weapon to broaden your hunting experience or perhaps you have one on your Christmas list. Before Santa Claus takes your order and puts the elves to work, here are some things to consider.

Caliber

Under current law, deer, pronghorn and mountain lion are taken with nothing less than a .45 caliber muzzleloader, while elk, moose, bighorn sheep and black bear with nothing less than a .50 caliber. The most common calibers are the .50, .54 and occasionally the .58 caliber; most hunters opt for the .50 or .54. Only rifles or muskets (a musket has no rifling, just a smooth bore) can be used with rifles and revolvers are not legal.

Traditional vs. ultra-modern

Not all muzzleloaders are created equal. Many brands of muzzleloader have more than a few modern accommodations: Internal ignition systems that use 209 shotgun primers to ignite the powder charge, scoped sighting systems, and use of pelletized,

pre-formed powder charges. Currently, in the state of Idaho, a muzzleloader must have an internal rotating hammer that strikes an exposed flint, percussion or musket cap; 209 shotgun primers, pelletized powder charges and rifle scopes are not legal in Idaho for muzzleloader only hunts.

Additionally, there is the issue of the projectile. Many of the ultra-modern models are designed to shoot jacketed, air-pistol ball or other specialized bullets inside sabots. Meaning shot in French, a sabot is nothing more than a plastic cup; the bullet then fits inside the cup as the entire apparatus is loaded over the powder charge.

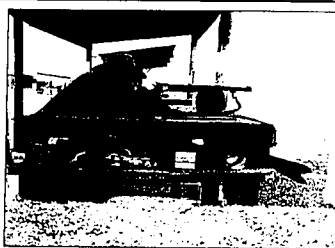
In muzzleloader hunts, only lead projectiles (round balls or lead-only conical bullets) are legal. To add to the confusion, such ultra-modern muzzleloaders and their accompanying pelletized powder charges, sabots and scopes are legal in short-range weapon areas hunts.

It seems as if the muzzleloader technology is somewhat self-limiting and you're left with the rappings will extend the muzzleloaders range, they do not transform the muzzleloader into a modern centerfire rifle. So, what to tell Santa and his elves?

Currently, if you own a muzzleloader with an external rotating hammer, that strikes an exposed, lead ignition system (not a 209 shotgun primer) you possess a legal weapon to hunt in any muzzleloader unit as well as in a short-range weapon hunt. There is only one more item to consider.

Lets' all do the twist

Twist is a measure of the spin your barrel will impart to your projectile, the faster the twist of the barrel, the better your muzzleloader will shoot



The author sights in his muzzleloader.

Conroy photo

heavier, conical bullets. A fast twist is usually defined as in the 20s: 1 in 20, 1 in 24, or 1 in 20. Some muzzleloaders, such as the Lyman Great Plains rifle, are meant to shoot a patched round ball only and have a slow twist, such as 1 in 66.

Round-ball only muzzleloaders are marketed by the "authentic" crowd; those who try to duplicate the conditions of the Mountain Men: explorers such as Kit Carson, Jim Bridger, Hugh Glass and others.

They eschew modern shortcuts and try to be true to the spirit of the early explorers. If you want to join their lot and accuracy suffers. A fast twist will stabilize conical bullets that are used on bigger game such as elk; for this reason alone, is why I favor them.

Many hunters are not able to duplicate the accuracy with a conical that they achieve with a patched round ball; the cloth patch that surrounds the ball sets as a gas seal and equalizes pressures.

It's possible to get the same gas seal with a conical by using an Ox-Yoke Wording Wad (available at most sporting goods stores) corresponding to your caliber. Many a round ball shooter has been

converted to conicals by using these small compressed wood disks, reducing their group size by half.

Just as your centerfire rifle has its preferences for certain bullet combinations, your muzzleloader will too. Spend some time at the rifle range trying a variety of bullet types, weights with various powder charges. Your owner's manual for your rifle will have some suggested loads and bullet combinations. If you know any muzzleloader hunter, ask them what they suggest for loads, bullets, etc.

Even though real men never need directions, be sure to read the cleaning section of your manual, as the care and feeding of a muzzleloader is nothing like a centerfire.

F&G commission meeting

Just when thought it was safe to go shopping, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game commissioners are meeting January 16 through the 18th to consider the current muzzleloader regulations.

According to Gary Hompland, Magic Valley Regional Conservation Officer. "The comments that have been received so far are that muzzleloader hunters are o.k. with the restrictions on sabots; the in-line issue might be another matter."

If you have an opinion or comment, you can submit them online at <http://livelines.fishandgame.idaho.gov/consipn> or send them to Idaho Department of Fish & Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707. **attn: Brad Compton. Alternatively you can fax comments to 208-334-2148 or 334-2114. attn: Muzzleloader Comments.**



Alex Mittell finds a turn of two nearly perfect wind buff as he descends to the valley floor.

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National Laboratory noted how even optimistic climate models predict a 30 to 70 percent decline in western snow-packs by the latter half of this century. In a region of the country that depends on nature's high-alpine snowfall for much of its water (and skiing), that is an alarming forecast.

"There's a two-thirds chance there will be a disaster," Clu said, "and that's in the best scenario."

My partner Alex and I enjoy another clear, sunny day on an Idaho peak. We both agreed that whatever changes climate change threw our way, we didn't want to give up exploring or skiing in the mountains. It seemed clear, however, that a shifting attitude towards skiing was not going to be the only requirement.

As individuals in the local and global community, we need to shift our attitude when it comes to consumption and our standard of living. Is it necessary to buy a new pair of skis every season? Does the road trip to Salt Lake, Grand Targhee, or Canada have to happen on a regular basis or should we explore the mountains closer to home?

There is a lot of discussion today about reducing our carbon footprint. It begins at an individual level and requires an attitude shift towards living smaller and being happier with less. If not by choice now, it may be out of necessity in the future.

As I buckled my twelve-year-old skis and stepped into six boots and skis I accepted the consequences inherent in skiing down the sides of these peaks. I doubt I would have enjoyed the day any more with my new skis than my old ones. I even take pride in the fact that the "new" skis waiting in my shed are, in fact, a used pair I picked up from the shop where I tune skis.

Despite the lack of snow, we were happy to be here, skiing down the mountains in our backyard. As we look toward the future, I hope to share a similar experience in a dozen or so years with my daughter.

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Scenario: Use the parachute and don't use a solar still that will produce drinkable water from the earth and any plant material (moisture in foliage), urine or unfilled water you can add. This works with a greenhouse effect from moisture in the earth evaporating and condensing onto the nylon and dripping into a container.

Shelter will calm your emotions. You will be calmer by confidence or laughing at the weather. Adrenaline will subside and you will be able to think. You are alive. You are in a position to think clearly and begin to summon help.

Scenario: The only suggestion I made that stuck with my group was this. We stay with the plane's wreckage. It probably will offer some form of shelter. It may have a working transponder that emits a radio signal for help. Airplanes fly between two points on a map, and rescuers look in that area first. First, we must avoid the heat. Sit (do not exert) in the shade of the wreckage or make a shelter with the parachute. Parachute canopies are made and can be spotted from the air. Keep your body temperature close to normal by wearing the top-coat for insulation against the heat.

Water

The human body is 45 to 75 percent water depending on the amount of body fat. Virtually every body function requires water. Think you don't need it? Try this at home: after dinner do not drink anything. The next morning you'll be a little glassy. Your body will actually feel your body absorb it and want more. You have been without water for only 12 hours and in a cozy environment. An average adult needs two to three quarts a day. Lack of water will eventually affect your ability to think.

Survival guide

"Outsmart Outback" is available for under \$5 by calling (888) 399-9111. It will also be available after Jan. 10 at www.outsmartout.com.

My picks and why

1-2. Top-coat/Parachute (Shelter); 3-4. Water and salt tablets; 5-6. Sodium in blood, may occur with heavy perspiration); 5-6. Mirror/Flashlight (Signaling); 7. Knife (Construction tool); 8. Gun (Signaling); 9-10. Map/Compass (Determine location & convince others to stay put).

It's better to contemplate a survival scenario and never be in one than to find yourself needing basic survival skills and be clueless. Help yourself by answering your own questions and taking the time to read survival/first-aid book. One guide, "Outsmart Outback," is a super 72-page booklet. Thin as a pencil and shirt-pocket-sized. It fits easily into your purse, glove box, or day-pack. Idaho Fish and Game has distributed 140,000 copies, nearly 10,000 per year; in their hunter safety/education program.

I spoke with Ron Dawson of Ontario, Ore., who authored this booklet. Dawson has a love of the outdoors and a passion for teaching others to be safe therein. Dawson enlisted the guidance of knowledgeable emergency medical treatment personnel to formulate treatment and received input from experienced hunter safety instructors. Dawson, who has 40 years of survival experience, found

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re recalled one of many survival trips into remote country.

"On one trip into Canada's Northwest Territories, we were privileged to observe the Eskimos whaling along the North American Banks of the Arctic Ocean," he said.

"Here, using 'umiaks' (primitive Eskimo boats consisting of hides stretched over wooden frames) and using barbed spears as harpoons, we witnessed survival as a way of life."

During another survival trip - involving five male and five female students in the Three Sisters Mountains (near Bend, Ore.), Dawson recalled how differently men and women react in survival situations. "After almost two days without food, the men were more than a little disheartened," he said. "The ladies plugged along, building a fire and cooking up a soup-lean beef consisting of salsamander tails, pine needles, and water. When the first whisp of smoke appeared, five pairs of male feet slowly gravitated toward the fire that the ladies had built."

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ANSWER: The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 requires that in order to be able to declare bankruptcy, an individual must first obtain credit counseling credit "briefing" from a non-profit credit counseling agency approved for that purpose. Because there are no approved local agencies, credit counseling may be obtained by telephone or online. Debtors are also required to complete a course in "personal financial management" in order to obtain a discharge. Whether the counseling and financial management requirements actually benefit debtors is an open question. By the time debtors reach their 40s, they are usually well past the prime when credit counseling can help much. For my readers who recognize that they are in trouble financially, but wish to avoid a bankruptcy if possible, I suggest they call Consumer Credit Management Services at (208) 733-2227. Consumer Credit has provided credit counseling and debt management services on an approved local basis in Twin Falls for around 40 years and has helped many people with their debts.

Free Consultation
734-8367
Email: bankruptcy@ccm.com
212 2nd Ave. West, Suite 200
P.O. Box 226, Twin Falls

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BUSINESS

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RV industry gains attention as profits grow

More families buying RVs to avoid costly vacations

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

Despite the rising cost of fuel and lingering credit worries, the recreational vehicle industry is reporting increased profits as consumers continue to buy up the big ticket items.

Although industry experts were gauging growth based on industry-wide sales, it was made clear Thursday morning when motor home manufacturer Winnebago

Industries Inc. reported that its profit rose about 26 percent in the first quarter.

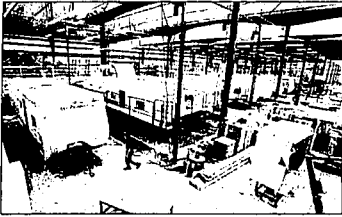
The manufacturer said more customers were buying more profitable high-end motor homes and the company spent less on promotions.

The Forest-City-based company reported a profit of \$10 million, or 34 cents a share, in the three months ended Dec. 1, up from \$7.9 million, or 25 cents a share, a year ago.

But high-end motor homes are not the only recreational vehicle that is showing sales growth.

According to the RV

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Production of travel trailers at Jayco Inc.'s newest manufacturing facility earlier this year. Jayco Inc., which manufactures recreational low- and mid-priced trailers in Twin Falls recently expanded its manufacturing facilities to keep up with growing demand for the trailers.

Social Security warns of local scam

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

The Social Security Administration in Twin Falls is warning residents of south-central Idaho about a scam that involves an unknown caller who poses as an employee for Social Security Administration.

Distine Schuster, acting district manager of the Social Security Administration in Twin Falls, said the unknown caller has already tried to manipulate a Bull resident into releasing her bank account information.

She said the caller identified himself as the Social Security Administration, which was calling about a tax refund of \$1,000 per month for three months.

The caller alleged that he needed to verify the person's bank account information so the refund could be deposit-

ed accordingly," Schuster said. "But the local resident, suspicious of the call, acted wisely. She insisted that he caller give her his phone number so she could call him back -- and the caller hung up."

She said scam artists pretending to be Social Security Administration employees have used a variety of methods to try and convince people to release their personal information.

She said residents should never provide their social security number or other personal information to anyone over the telephone unless the resident initiates the contact.

To verify if someone is a representative of the Social Security Administration, call the Social Security office at 1-800-772-1213, or 1-800-325-0778 for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Part of the big picture

How big economic trends affect a typical family

By Neil Irwin The Washington Post

The chatter about the economy tends to focus on the big picture: How much did gross domestic product rise? How many jobs were created? What's the price of oil?

But most people have never bought a barrel of oil, need only one job to be happy and couldn't tell GDP from NFL. So how do the macroeconomic data behind all that chatter actually affect your family?

To find out, we dissected the average financial situation of American households. We took government data

on how much money all Americans are making, how much they spend, what they own and what they owe — and divided it by the number of households.

You can think of the result as the average financial statement of an average American household. When a company releases its earnings, it produces an income statement; how much it made and spent, how much was left over. And a balance sheet — information about the assets and liabilities the company had on hand.

We've broken down the American family's finances the same way, and it's useful to understand how the two sets of data interrelate. Think of savings — what a family makes minus what it spends — as the equivalent of a company's profit. Savings (or profit) ends up somewhere on the family's (or

company's) balance sheet, increasing net worth.

We've annotated the numbers to show how the uncertain economy could affect your household's financial statement and vice versa. Economists worry that the housing downturn and credit crisis will cause a recession. This financial statement shows how that might happen, but also how it might be avoided: If the job market stays strong and incomes keep rising, consumers could keep spending money. Or they might reduce their savings rate or borrow more to keep buying.

The chart shows how the decisions every family makes will determine whether the U.S. economy falls into recession in the coming months — or glides through another threat, barely scathed.

Financial Statement of the Average American Household

INCOME (annual figure)	\$55,094
Wages and salaries	35,500
Employer contributions for: Employee pension and Insurance, Social Security and Medicare	8,813
Proprietors' income	4,105
Rental income	9,337
Personal interest income	10,055
Personal dividend income	6,937
Government social benefits	14,774
Other transfer receipts	241
Net Social Security/Medicare withholdings	-8,571
INCOME BEFORE TAXES	\$101,185
LESS personal income taxes	-12,844
Total Disposable household income	\$88,341
CONSUMPTION (annual figure)	
Motor vehicles and parts	\$3,772
Furniture and household equipment	3,599
Other durable goods	1,040
Food	11,567
Clothing and shoes	2,206
Gasoline and oil	2,940
Food and coal	705
Other nondurable goods	6,898
Housing	12,710
Electricity and gas for the home	1,548
Other household operation expenses	2,034
Transportation	3,121
Medical care	14,613
Recreation	3,490
Other services	11,927
TOTAL Household consumption expense	\$84,262
SAVINGS (annual figure less household consumption)	\$4,079
ASSETS	\$180,995
Real estate	34,444
Durable goods	31,825
Savings deposits	49,770
Check and currency deposits	769
Money market funds	10,840
Bonds (Treasury, corporate, foreign and U.S. backed)	12,340
Corporate stocks	42,432
Mutual fund shares	44,905
Life insurance reserves	10,294
Pension fund reserves	110,590
Equity in noncorporate businesses	69,394
Other	2,980
Total household assets	\$605,532
LIABILITIES	\$48,733
Home mortgages	21,476
Consumer credit	2,070
Loans (bank and other advances)	2,167
Commercial mortgages	6,567
Other	6,567
Total household liabilities	\$322,003
TOTAL NET WORTH (Assets less liabilities)	\$483,519

WAGES AND SALARIES: This year has been so-so on the jobs and pay front, with 1.4 million new jobs and wage growth of 3.8 percent for non-supervisory workers. (Inflation was 4.3 percent.) With the widening credit crisis, businesses are now less confident about their demand for workers. If you're a worker, you may have less to spend — and it's more careful you'd have to either curtail spending, dip into savings or take on more credit card debt.

PERSONAL INTEREST INCOME: When the Federal Reserve cuts interest rates, it is meant to stimulate the economy. And it does. But it also tends to lower income for people who rely on interest received on their savings to pay the bills. The average interest rate on a one-year certificate of deposit in the Washington area was 4.69 percent last week, down from 4.02 percent a year ago, squeezing many retirees who rely on interest income to live.

HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION

Cars, furniture, household equipment: A new Honda or dining table or washing machine — these are among the big-ticket expenses people are quickest to put back on when they're worried about the economy or other expense risks. Consumers often can delay these purchases by a few months when their money is tight. Or, if they feel confident, they can make their purchases with borrowed money.

Food: With the rise of China's economy and much of the world's corn food increasingly devoted to ethanol, food prices have been rising sharply lately. In the past year, the price of ground beef is up 36 percent, milk up 21 percent, and eggs up 36 percent. But a guy's gotta eat. So higher food prices tend to squeeze out other purchases.

Gasoline and oil: Here's the big one. Prices at the pump are up 3.3 percent in the past year. If you're like most people, you will probably spend less on other things as gas prices rise.

HOUSEHOLD ASSETS

Real estate: This is the biggest asset of most households — and one that's rising in value in much of the country. Home prices are down 5.5 percent in the past year, according to the Case-Shiller index, which could make people feel less wealthy. Even though lower home values directly affect only those people who are trying to sell their homes, the knowledge that they are less valuable could make everyone spend less.

Savings deposits: Americans keep a vast portion of their assets in simple bank accounts, eschewing investments with higher returns but greater risk. With the Fed lowering interest rates, these deposits will return less, possibly reinforcing an urge to shift to the belt.

Check and currency deposits: This includes whatever is in your checking account, the 18 bucks in your wallet and the 42 cents between the cushions of your couch. If you look into this account and see it's smaller than you'd like, you're more likely to hold off on that new plasma screen TV.

Corporate stocks: The stock market is down about 6 percent from its all-time high in October. If it keeps dropping, it could be another hit to people's sense of their wealth.

HOUSEHOLD LIABILITIES

Home mortgages: Mortgage debt has climbed in recent years. With home prices dropping, many families have lower (or even negative) net worth. Nothing like seeing your biggest investment fall to make you curb your material appetites.

Consumer credit: Fed rate cuts should make this kind of borrowing cheaper, a source of stimulus to the economy. But banks are becoming more cautious about lending, which could counteract the lower rates. This includes credit cards and a little misleading — it even includes balances that people plan to pay off every month.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

CSI to hold class for first-time homebuyers

First-time homebuyers are invited to attend two low-cost information sessions called "Finally Home," a program that teaches people how to buy their first home. The next classes will be held

from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 22 and 29 in room 276 of the Taylor building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The program, which is funded by federal grants and state and local partnerships, educates first-time homebuyers about home shopping, realtor selection,

insurance, down payment, closing costs, and other aspects of getting into their first home.

Those who complete the two-evening course may qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down payment and closing cost assistance, and other

special lender programs. The cost for both classes is \$10 per person, which includes the manual. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. For information or to sign up, contact Penny Johnson at CSI at 732-6287 or at pjohnson@csi.edu.

IdaMortgage offers fixed-rate home loans

Idaho Housing and Finance Association is offering eligible borrowers fixed-rate mortgages in order to escape adjustable-rate loans. The loans will be made

available through the association's IdaMortgage Program.

For more information, visit www.idahomortgage.com and click on the "Contact Participating Lender or Mortgage Brokers" button. —from staff reports

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Cong Agra	24.08	▼ .71	Dell Inc.	24.89	▲ .53	Idacorp	35.09	▲ .45
Lithia Mo.	14.30	▼ .35	Micron	7.92	▲ .08	Supervalu	37.35	▲ .49

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	92.38	▼ .15	Feb. Oil	91.06	▼ .18
Jan. gold	800.1	▼ 2.2	Dec. Silver	14.196	▲ .123

MUTUAL FUNDS

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COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of commodity futures prices for various metals and grains.

CHEESE

Text regarding cheese prices and market conditions.

POTATOES

Text regarding potato prices and market conditions.

LIVESTOCK

Text regarding livestock prices and market conditions.

BEANS

Text regarding bean prices and market conditions.

GRAINS

Text regarding grain prices and market conditions.

METALS/MONEY

Text regarding metal and money market prices.

MARKET SUMMARY

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NYSE

Text regarding NYSE market performance.

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Text regarding stocks of local interest.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Text explaining how to read the market report.

RVs

Continued from page D4. Consumer Group, a non-profit group that monitors the recreation vehicle industry, sales are also increasing in low- to mid-priced RVs. Jayco Inc., which manufactures recreational, low- and mid-priced trailers in Twin Falls, recently expanded its manufacturing facilities to keep up with growing demand for the trailers. Industry analysts say most of the consumers are 55 years and older, but say the average is declining. The younger demographic might be due to the same cost increases that many people expected would be damaging to the RV industry. Higher fuel prices seem to be causing more families with children to avoid lengthy vacations that include costly lodging and entertainment expenses. According to the RV Consumer Group, more families are buying low- to mid-priced RVs, considering \$50,000 or less — in order to take advantage of a more cost-friendly vacation in the outdoors. Dave Yoder, general manager of Jayco Inc., told the Times-News in a recent interview that one of the main reasons why Jayco expanded its operations in Idaho was to bring it closer to its market base. "I think there are more people looking to the outdoors for a family vacation, and that is something that Idaho has plenty of," he said. Jayco plans to increase its production from 19 units per year to 23 units by February. In order to meet demand. Thor Industries — the parent company of Dutchman Recreation, which manufactures recreational trailers in Burley — has also posted profit growth during 2007. The recreational vehicle industry has faced a difficult market in the past few years, but fuel prices and interest rates climbed. However, Winnebago CEO Bruce Hertzke said he was pleased with the industry. He included higher sales of Class A motor homes, a turnaround from recent quarters in which consumers had been buying lower cost and lower profit smaller units. The company said the industry continues to see softness in motor home sales and the seasonally slow second quarter is likely to reflect that. President Bob Olson said in a statement that industry surveys indicate sales down 8.9 percent for October and 5.2 percent for the calendar year through October 2007, compared to last year. "Consumer confidence remains weak and we believe it will take some time for the recent interest rate cuts to have a positive impact on our market," he said. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

BANKRUPTCY

South-central Idaho CHAPTER 7, NONBUSINESS, UNDER \$50,000 Laura Frances Alrson, also known as Laura Alrson, 1160 Echo Hill Drive, Halley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 07-40974. Sandy Nicolay, also known as Sandra Norris, 212 Monroe, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 07-40978. Cristobal Vaca Paz, C-7, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 07-41009. Kody Watson and Britney Watson, 519 Burton Ave., No. 18, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 07-41013. Amanda J. Rucker, also known as Amanda Joyce Rucker, 114 Fourth Ave. W., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 07-41039. Marla L. Gomez-Rodriguez, 211 Woodside Blvd., No. E2, Halley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 07-41005. Paulo A. Santos, also known as Paul Santos, and Stephanie J. Santos, also known as Stephanie J. Weston, 328 Second Ave., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 07-41012. Marthe Jillian West, also known as Jillian West, Marthe J. West, Marthe West, 6083, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 07-41039.

CHAPTER 7, NONBUSINESS, UNDER \$50,000

Continuation of bankruptcy listings for Chapter 7, Nonbusiness, Under \$50,000.

CHAPTER 11, BUSINESS

Continuation of bankruptcy listings for Chapter 11, Business.

CHAPTER 12, INDIVIDUAL DEBTORS

Continuation of bankruptcy listings for Chapter 12, Individual Debtors.

CHAPTER 13, INDIVIDUAL DEBTORS

Continuation of bankruptcy listings for Chapter 13, Individual Debtors.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

YOUR PRICES ARE OUTRAGEOUS! DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING CHEAPER?

PERHAPS YOU WOULD FARE BETTER IN OUR PRE-OWNED LOT.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

DOOP! DOOP! OUT! OUT! OUT!

HERE COMES THE ANNUAL PRIZE FOR AN OUTRAGEOUS CHRISTMAS TREE.

YOU KNOW.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

GREAT. AFTER TAXES, OUR CHRISTMAS BONUS IS 10 DUCKS.

I HEAR THE BOSS GIVES HIMSELF A \$5,000 BONUS.

THIS PLACE BITES!

MY DREAM IS TO SOMEDAY BE A BUSINESS WIFE WHO KICKS HER HUSBAND'S BUTT FOR NOT SAVING THIS PLACE BITES!

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

OH MAN, EVERY TIME.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

YOUR STAFF MEETING WILL TAKE AN HOUR OF MY LIFE THAT I WILL NEVER GET BACK.

IF YOU LET ME SKIP THE MEETING, I WILL AGREE TO DIE AN HOUR EARLIER TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE.

HE AGREED?

YES, AND I'M GOING TO USE THAT EXTRA HOUR OF DEADNESS TO HAUNT HIM.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

I THINK I COULDN'T HELP. I KNOW IT'S YOUR MIND AS 'TIL YOU GET TO THE POINT OF NO RETURN. HUMAN.

YOU'RE CLAIMING DIVINE INSPIRATION BUT GOD'S COOKING THE BOOKS FOR POST-POSTS.

WHAS DOES IT END?

OH, YOU MEAN THE HUGO AWARDS? I RECEIVED IT.

NO, NOTHING. I MEAN THE HUGO AWARDS. I RECEIVED IT.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

DISTY'S SWEETIE'S HUSBAND'S DEAR!

IMPRESS YER GUESTS WITH NEW AND EXOTIC FOODS.

It's called a "Turducken" and leave th' rest up to you.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

AND IF THE PRES ARE DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING, WHY NOT TAKE THEM OUT OF THE COUNTRY? PLEASE?

SURE!

SNIFFIFF MUMPHUFF

I COULD SMELL A PLEASANT SWEETNESS ON ALL THE WAY FROM THE WORKSHOP!

HEY! DON'T TOUCH THOSE! YOURS. KIDDING. YOURS. KIDDING.

WELL, FOR ONE, THEY'RE FAR TOO TASTY.

ANOTHER REASON WHY GOD MADE ICE CREAM.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

FOCUS, ERNIE! WE'VE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN YOUR FINGERS GETTING WRINKLED!

Luan By Greg Evans

...WHAT THAT?

I BLAND, JUST GINN SANTA SOME APPRECIATION.

C'MON, WE'VE GOT FOOD TO DELIVER.

YOU WAS SHAKING SANTA... OR ME?

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

MALLARD'S GIFT-IDEA FOR PICKY PEOPLE #24

It's Always the right size... Doesn't need one battery... No, it's not 'love,' a smile, or 'a hug'... But a big roll of TP!

YOU WANT HAVE.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

DAD? YOU KILLED ZEBRAS? HE CALLED KFC. HE REALIZED KEENAN ABOUT LOVE, AND PEACE. AND BRUDERHOOD.

HE REALIZED THAT AFTER HE KNOCKED ME INTO THE BARBERSHOP BECAUSE I WAS TOO FAT, THAT, OF COURSE, DIDN'T STOP HIM FROM EATING PART OF MY LEFT LEG.

Way to bring down mood, Stumpy.

Pickles By Brian Crane

THESE OLD BOOTS ARE A LOT LIKE ME.

THEY'RE NOT MUCH TO LOOK AT, BUT THEY'RE COMFORTABLE AND THEY DON'T REQUIRE MUCH UPKEEP.

THERE'S NOTHING FANCY ABOUT THEM AND THEY DON'T PUT ON AIRS.

AND YET THERE'S A DEFINITE AIR ABOUT THEM.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

HUMPE!

HA.

FORGET IT, JIMBO!

C'MON ROSE YOU HAVEN'T EVEN GIVEN IT A CHANCE!

PURPLEY WILL NEVER REPLACE MATTLETOE!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

VIGIL. I FOUND THIS PIECE OF SEASHELL ON THE BEACHCONE AND I MADE IT INTO A NECKLACE FOR YOU.

NO EVERY TIME YOU WEAR IT YOU'LL THINK OF ME.

JERK! THIS IS POSSIBLY THE CHEAPEST ONE I'VE EVER RECEIVED!

AND DEFINITELY THE CHEAPEST ONE I'VE EVER CAPTURED THE LIGHT!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

THAT'S WHERE GARDEN-UPS GO TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET FOR CHRISTMAS!

Strange Brew By John Deering

SCOREBOARD

WHEELS

ONE FOR THE ROAD

Stick with reliable friends, Taurus

IF DEC. 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your creative ideas can add to the festivities this week. With powerful Pluto in your part of the zodiac this year, you may feel like a butterfly that emerges from a chrysalis as you learn to fly free of old biases. Since you will feel more in touch with your ambitions, it is a good year to start something important such as a new business or an educational project.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Misunderstandings can cause mistakes. You may have second thoughts about giving a present that is already sitting under the tree. Don't too much for something plan an exchange, as your doubts are unfounded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pair up with the right person. Your most reliable friends and companions could seem somewhat lackluster or boring. You might end up having regrets if you hook up with someone new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Give it the old college try. You are easily distracted by upcoming vacation plans or incoming guests and risk scuttling your energies unwisely. Do the best you can do under the circumstances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take the gloves off. If you are unhappy about something, be direct instead of lipgating around the issue. Any misunderstandings that occur now could be caused by pretending to be agreeable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take credit for coming to the rescue. You are a whiz when an emergency lets you demonstrate a deft touch. Make sure you aren't cornered into paying too much for something of dubious value.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relationships could be sidetracked at a way station. Things might not go just as you planned on the road to happiness. Wait out this brief period while unrealistic expectations create an impasse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Last-minute shoppers are left with the dregs. If you still have some gifts to purchase, wait until tomorrow as your good taste is not being served. It could be that you are in a

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much of a rush.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make things clear. You can't expect people to respect boundaries if they don't know where they are. Secret resentment can poison the atmosphere.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might not make headway but you can keep from backsliding. Remain on firm footing with your friends even if someone seems mysterious.

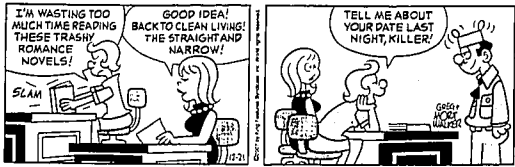
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Purchases made today could prove disappointing. Be cautious about forming new ties or alliances this evening. The Tin Tin who appears in your life might be a Scrooge in disguise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dreams are just an avenue leading to wish fulfillment. The new person who pops into your life may only symbolize what you really want and need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Read the tea leaves of trends. It is a good idea to take a second look at a fad before you buy into it. New hookups may be here today and gone tomorrow if you have an opportunity to flirt.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansam, & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Supermarket Santa keeps girl's holiday hopes alive

DEAR ABBY: While my daughter and I were at the supermarket, we ran into Santa at the deli. You said I can't imagine my daughter's surprise — not to mention my own.



to you, too — and to my readers as well.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Phil" books an annual trip every year for a classy, laid-back group of 12 friends. We may him by check and eventually receive flight schedules, hotel reservations, etc.

There he was, with his perfect howling ball head and full white beard. He had a jolly big belly, rosy cheeks, even small square wire-framed glasses. He wasn't dressed in his traditional holiday outfit; he was casually dressed.

would be nothing. I missed out on so many wonderful things in my childhood.

Like many parents, I want my kids to have the childhood I didn't have. I studied hard, got a good education, had a successful career and married. We have two beautiful daughters, 9 and 11. We're rich, but we're comfortable and don't want for much.

My daughter, who is 8, had started having serious doubts about Santa last year, but she sure does believe now. She ran up to him and said, "I knew it! I knew you were real! I knew you were here! Where's your reindeer?"

Every Christmas, my children and I go to the mall and visit the Orphan Tree. Each of them chooses an orphan and buys him or her whatever is on his/her list. I explain to them that when they're younger that sometimes even Santa needs a helping hand. I also point out how fortunate they are — and when you are fortunate, you must give something back.

The man winked at me, looked down at my daughter and said, "Sweetheart, they're at the North Pole. I'm in the area checking things out before Christmas." Then he asked her if she had been a good girl. When she said yes, he advised her to write him a letter. It was wonderful.

To you and your readers: Whether you choose to believe or not — I wish you happy holidays.

I know some people don't believe, and I know some feel it is technically lying to children, and not everyone shares the same religious beliefs. I respect their right to celebrate the holidays in their own way.

— STILLA BELIEVER IN OHIO

I grew up poor. I know when Christmas morning came in 1951, I would be older than the year before on Christmas Day — there

DEAR SANTA A BELIEVER: It is a wise parent who not only enjoys the holiday season, but also uses it as a teaching moment for his or her children. The true spirit of giving to others. Happy holidays

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2007. There are 10 days left in the year.

launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

Today's highlight:

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as Secretary-General.

On Dec. 21, 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered tanker Argo Merchant broke apart near Hawaii, leaking an estimated week after running aground, spilling 7 1/2 million gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

On this date:

In 1967, in New York, three white teenagers (let's call them Howard Beach section of Queens were convicted of manslaughter in the death of a black man who was chased onto a highway, where he was struck by a car; a fourth defendant was acquitted.

In 1894, British statesman Benoit Disraeli was born in London.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pan Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

In 1937, the first feature-length animated cartoon in Technicolor, Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, accompanied by his wife, Hillary, visited Bosnia to spread holiday cheer — and to carry the news that he wanted U.S. troops to remain there indefinitely as the region recovered from its devastating war.

In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident.

Five years ago: A military helicopter crashed in Afghanistan killed seven German peacekeepers who were on board and two children on the ground; a U.S. soldier was killed in combat. President Bush received a small-pox vaccination, fulfilling a promise he'd made when he ordered inoculations for about a half million U.S. troops.

In 1946, the state of Erie, or Ireland (formerly the Irish Free State), passed an act declaring itself a republic.

One year ago: At Camp Pendleton, Calif., four Marines were charged with murder in the killings of 24 Iraqi civilians in Haditha; four Marine officers were accused of failures in investigating and reporting the deaths. (Charges were later dropped against two of the Marines accused of murder, and two of the officers accused of dereliction of duty.) Final results showed charges of fratricide against conservative president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, winning nationwide elections for local councils.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

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THOUGHT

"It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them." — Pierre Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais, French author and dramatist (1732-1799)

Man discovers co-worker is his birth mother

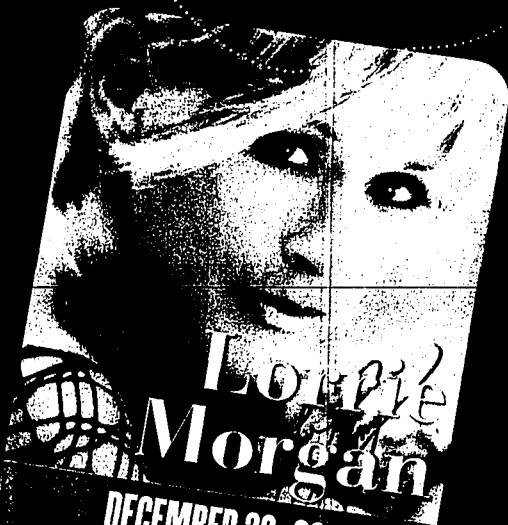
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Steve Flaig's long search for his birth mother ended at an incredible place: the checkout line of the home-improvement store where he works. Flaig had met Christine Tallady after she started working at Lowe's several months ago, but it was only recently that the 22-year-old delivery driver figured out she was the woman who had given him up for adoption. It took him a few weeks, and some help from the adoption agency, to give her the news. "I would walk by her, look at her from a distance, not knowing how to approach her," Flaig told The Grand Rapids Press for a story published Wednesday. "You don't come stocked with information on how to deal with this."

Internet searches turned up nothing. He didn't make the connection after meeting his birth mother because he didn't know her last name. In October, Flaig looked at the paperwork again and realized he had been spelling Tallady's surname wrong. His soon came up with a home address around the corner from where he was raised, and less than a mile from the Lowe's in Plainfield Township, just outside Grand Rapids. When he mentioned it to his boss, she said, "You mean Chris Tallady, who works here?" "It was like, there's no possible way," Flaig said.

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2008 LINCOLN MARK LT PICKUP TRUCK Functional Luxury!

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By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

The Lincoln Mark LT combines the functionality of a full-size pickup truck with the elegance and refinement of a luxury sedan. The Mark LT is based on the sophisticated Ford F-150 pickup chassis and available in two or shift-on-the-fly four-wheel drive configurations.

The Mark LT adds SIRIUS satellite radio as standard equipment for the 2008 model year. In addition, a new available Rearview Camera System provides enhanced visibility at the rear of the cargo box.

Power for the Lincoln truck is generated by a 5.4L Triton V8 engine joined to a 4R75E four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive. In addition to the standard 5.5-foot cargo box, a longer 6.5-foot cargo box is an available option. The long cargo box version rides on a longer wheelbase, with a longer overall length. The increase in cargo bed length adds 10 cubic feet of cargo capacity.

On the road, the Mark LT is responsive and driver friendly with impeccable road manners. The Lincoln pickup is built on a stable **Hybrid Reinforced** frame that forms a closed "box" section



as opposed to the traditional "C" frame rail design. The result is increased stiffness and a stronger foundation for body and suspension components for above average handling and a quiet, composed ride.

Suspension hardware for the Lincoln Mark LT consists of coil-on-shock, long-spindle double wishbone with a cast aluminum lower control arm in front and

a traditional Hotchkiss-type, independent live setup at the rear. The rear suspension also includes wide three-inch leaf springs and outboard shock absorbers for maximum benefit in directional control, wheel travel and ground clearance.

Inside the cabin, Lincoln engineers paid close attention to the needs, wants and desires of the

luxury truck audience. The passenger compartment is roomy, with plenty of room for driver and passengers front and rear. Oversized cupholders in the center console hold large cups. Two dash mounted power points support small electrical appliances such as laptop computers and cell phones. A power point located at the rear of the center console makes power available to rear

seat passengers. Convenient storage in the center console is designed to hold a great quantity of items.

The Mark LT also features comfortable armrests front and rear for added comfort and convenience. The rear seat is a 60/40 split that features a seat cushion that folds up and out of the way -- allowing for the ideal combination of passengers and/or secure cargo carrying.

2008 Lincoln Mark LT Pickup Truck by the Numbers

PRICING
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Lincoln Mark LT pickup truck starts at \$38,340 for two-wheel drive and from \$41,440 for 4WD. Destination charges add \$925.

WHEELBASE:
138.5; overall length: 223.8; width: 78.9; height: 73.5 (2WD), 76.0 (4WD). Long cargo box

WHEELBASE:
150.5; overall length: 235.8; width: 78.9; height: 73.5 (2WD), 76.0 (4WD) -- all vehicle measurements are in inches.

ENGINE:
300 hp at 5,000 rpm and 365 lb-ft of torque at 3,750 rpm.

TRANSMISSION:
four-speed automatic with overdrive.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 city/18 hwy.

PAYLOAD CAPACITY:
1,650 lbs.

TOWING CAPACITY:
9,000 lbs.

SAFETY FEATURES

Dual front airbags, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, automatic power door locks, remote keyless entry, fog lights, automatic headlamp control and traction control. Optional safety equipment includes: power adjustable pedals, navigation system, rear parking sensors, rear view monitor, first aid kit, limited slip rear axle and remote control engine start.

WARRANTY

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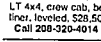
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-9.

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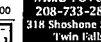
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