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## New-home sales plunge to 12-year low

### Idaho and the West doing better

By Joannine Aversa  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The housing market plunged deeper into despair last month, with sales of new

homes plummeting to their lowest level in more than 12 years.

The slump worsened even more than most analysts expected, heightening fears that the country might be

thrust into a recession. New-home sales tumbled 9 percent in November from October to a seasonally adjusted annual sales pace of 647,000, the Commerce Department reported Friday. That was the worst sales pace since April 1995. "It was ugly," declared

Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research. "It is the one sector of the economy that doesn't show any signs of life. It doesn't look like there is any resuscitation in store for housing over the next year," he said. The housing picture turned out to be more grim

than most anticipated. Many economists were predicting sales to decline by 1.8 percent to a pace of 715,000. By region, sales fell in all parts of the country, except for the West. In the Twin Falls area, Please see HOMES, Page A3

### Skier survives avalanche, thanks to TV tips

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — An 11-year-old boy said a TV show about how to survive an avalanche helped him when he was buried by waves of snow at a ski resort.

"Create air pockets," Max Zilvitis told himself, recalling a show on the Discovery Channel.

That's about all he remembers from an avalanche that buried him for about 30 minutes Sunday and killed a 30-year-old Colorado man at The Canyons.

Max was blue and unconscious when found by rescuers, who used a probe to find him in several feet of snow. He regained consciousness Monday at Primary Children's Medical Center and went home Wednesday.

"It's really cool. It's kind of crazy that they know more about what happened to me than I did."

— Max Zilvitis

"I'm doing great." Max said Friday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Doctors kept Max's body temperature low, and started to minimize potential brain swelling, said his mother, Samantha Zilvitis.

He stayed on a respirator and was monitored as his body temperature slowly increased.

But when Max's body wasn't warming up as anticipated, doctors cut off medications and aggressively started to wake him up, father Brian Zilvitis said.

He immediately asked: "What happened to me? Where are my skis? Where's my pass? Where's my jacket?" his mother told the Deseret Morning News.

Max said he remembers sking down a run called North Face and hearing his father shout "avalanche," but not much more.

After his release from the hospital, he was

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## New Year's ball rolls home



Dave Woodhead carries the copper globe he uses as a New Year's Eve ball Friday afternoon to the silos on Fifth Avenue South in Twin Falls. He plans to drop the ball from the silos to help bring in the New Year.

### Woody's to drop ball again on New Year's Eve

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

In some ways, News Year's Eve in Twin Falls is much like the event in New York City.

New York's famed New Year's Eve ball is priceless Waterford Crystal hand-crafted by Irish artisans.

Twin Falls has a ball of its own, a pumpkin-size copper orb of unknown origin bought at auction by bar owner Dave Woodhead for 14 bucks.

New York's ball will be slowly lowered from a 77-foot-high flagpole on the roof of 1 Times Square as millions of intoxicated people watch in person and on televisions world-wide.

Twin Falls's copper ball will be dropped from an abandoned 100-foot-tall grain silo on 5th Avenue South as dozens of intoxicated people watch from a parking lot. Someone might bring a camcorder, though broadcast plans are iffy.

New York's ball was updated this year with megabright LED lights, making it the most luminescent version in a 100-year history.

Twin Falls' ball was also "updated" this year with several new dents and one deep, vicious scratch, making it the most battered and dinged it has been in its four-year history.

That's where the similarities end because, unlike the well-guarded Waterford crystal, our ball moves in



Dave Woodhead inspects his New Year's Eve ball Friday. The copper ball was taken from his basement earlier this year, but now, despite a few more dents and scratches than it had last year, the ball is ready for Monday night.

mysterious ways.

In September, Woodhead was enjoying the Hagerman Blues Festival when he met a friend with news.

"I've got the ball you drop on New Year's Eve," the friend told him. Impossible, he thought.

During the off-season the copper sphere resides in the basement of

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Hear about the losing and finding of the New Year's ball.

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Earning his spurs

Otter tries to build on first-year setbacks. Part one of a three-day Legislature preview.

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A year in sports

Month-by-month, play-by-play look at what happened this year in the sports world.

SPORTS



Life after peanuts

A Twin Falls family learns to cope with its kids' severe food allergies.

FAMILY LIFE

## Road kill woes

State takes a closer look at animal-vehicle collisions

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

It's a question that, surprisingly, comes up every year.

"If I hit a deer with my truck," someone inevitably asks the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, "can I take it home with me?"

The answer is no, which means hundreds of animals struck by vehicles are left to rot in Idaho's roadside ditches each year. Neither Fish and Game nor the Idaho Transportation Department routinely remove road kill.

"In many cases with a dead critter, we merely drag it into the barrow pit," said Randy Smith, a regional wildlife manager with Fish and Game's Magic Valley office. "Scavengers typically clean them up in short order."

State agencies also don't track how many animals are struck by vehicles each year, though that's changing, said Nathan Jerke, an ITD spokesman.

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Ceramics from the Bray: The Idaho Connection...

FAMILY

Saturday program: "Wildlife Traces," hands-on program...

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Magic Valley Military Support Group meeting, with guest speakers...

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you're 25, you say, 'I'd like to live here, but maybe someday in the future.' But if you're 45 or 55, the future is now." - Larry Swanson...

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Dave Woodhead talks about how he lost, then found, his New Year's ball.

Snowpack level chart with table showing % of avg. peak for various watersheds.

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD



A bicyclist rides down Third Street in downtown Moscow, Idaho, during a snow storm on Friday. A low pressure system moved through the Rockies, bringing some snow and rain to the region. (Story below.)

ILLINOIS

Winter storm moves into Midwest, Plains

CHICAGO - A winter storm hit the Great Lakes on Friday, blanketing the region with several inches of snow and disrupting holiday travel.

VERMONT

Town considers measure to have Bush, Cheney arrested

MONTPELIER - President Bush may soon have a new reason to avoid left-leaning Vermont: In one town, activists want him subject to arrest for war crimes.

IOWA

GOP ex-governors face questions about foreign policy credentials

PELLA - Turmoil in Pakistan has moved foreign policy to the forefront of the presidential campaign in the U.S., a potentially unwelcomed development for two Republican former governors with thin credentials on those affairs.

MISSISSIPPI

Shift comes in the wake of an internal report this year that found cases where families received incomplete or inaccurate information...

Under the new order, notification of wounds or illness no longer will be left to individual commands, where the job often fell to junior enlisted personnel.

IRAQ

Car bomb kills 14 in Baghdad; US troops kill 5 al-Qaida gunmen

BAGHDAD - A car bomb left at least 14 people dead in the capital on Friday, while U.S. troops chasing extremists in one of their last remaining bastions in central Iraq said they killed five al-Qaida gunmen.

S. AFRICA

Corruption charges filed against ruling party leader Zuma

JOHANNESBURG - Prosecutors filed corruption and other charges against ruling party leader Jacob Zuma on Friday, complicating his bid to become South Africa's next president.

IDAHO

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# Road

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Blaine County and ITD have partnered with Montana State University in a \$2.0 million study to find out how many animals are being killed along 26-miles of Idaho Highway 75, a stretch of roadway some suspect is road kill central.

The study could help elected officials and transportation experts better manage

roadways to keep drivers and animals safer.

Preliminary results of the study, which ends in March, show animals are struck in some areas more than others. For example, more elk have been killed at one point between reference post 118.5 and 119 than any other. More live elk are also spotted at that point than other reference posts, which may indicate it's a popular spot for animals to cross the road.

"This is a pretty substantial issue," Smith said.

Besides high insurance costs to drivers, animal-vehicle collisions dent the populations of struggling species, especially mule deer.

Fish and Game urges motorists to resist the temptation to harvest car-killed big game, and call their

regional Fish and Game office or sheriff's department to report the kill.

"An animal thumped by a car may look pretty good on the outside," Smith said. "But when you get to skinning it, you'll notice the meat isn't very good for eating."

ITD has its own advice: Pull your car off the road, drag the carcass off the highway and contact the police.

# Skier

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greeted with posters, balloons and streamers left by friends at his Park City home.

He said his fingers were numb and it's difficult to hold a pencil.

The family plans to visit The Canyons on Sunday to thank people who played a role in the rescue.

"It's really cool," Max told The Salt Lake Tribune. "It's kind of crazy that they knew more about what happened to me than I did."

The Utah Avalanche Center has logged 47 potentially deadly slides so far this

month — half of them since heavy snowfalls started last week.

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# Ball

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Woody's Bar, which Woodhead also owns.

Woodhead checked his basement a few days later. Sure enough, the ball was gone — stolen, Woodhead suspected, for its value as scrap metal.

Woodhead called up the friend, who'd found the ball in a ditch near the South Hills this summer. The well-traveled ball was returned to him last month.

"It was indeed our ball," Woodhead said. "I was simply astounded."

Chances are the ball rolled out the back of the thief's pickup and tumbled along the concrete before coming to rest in a barrow ditch. There it sat for who knows how long before Woodhead's friend made the discovery.

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# Woman, boyfriend charged in killing of 6 family members in Washington on Christmas Eve

By Donna Gordon Blankinship Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — After slaughtering their parents, Joseph McEnroe apologized to his girlfriends young niece and nephew before shooting both in the head to end a Christmas Eve massacre, prosecutors alleged Friday.

But even as they filed aggravated first-degree murder charges against McEnroe and Michele Anderson, prosecutors could not say what might have driven the couple in the violent killing spree.

"In the end, what motive could you find that would make sense of the senseless slaying of the Anderson family?" King County prosecutor Dan Satterberg said in announcing the charges.

Anderson and McEnroe, both 29, were each charged with six counts of aggravated first-degree murder.

Authorities say they have confessed. Conviction on aggravated first-degree murder in Washington is punishable only by death or life in prison without possibility of parole, and Satterberg said he would give "serious consideration" to the death penalty.

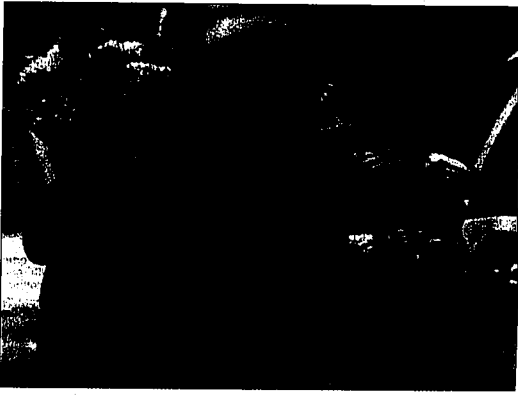
A telephone calls to public defender George Eppler, Anderson's attorney, and Devon Gibbs, McEnroe's lawyer, were not returned Friday.

According to court documents, Anderson said both of them shot her parents, brother and sister-in-law, while McEnroe killed the children. While long-standing bitterness and a perceived family debt might have been factors in the killings, the motive may never be known.

Court documents said McEnroe, a store clerk, and Anderson, who is unemployed, told detectives they armed themselves on Christmas Eve and went to the parents' home near Carnation, about 25 miles east of Seattle. There, they confronted Anderson's parents, Wayne Anderson, 60, in their living room.

Michele Anderson told detectives her brother, a carpenter, owed her money she had loaned to him years earlier, and that she was upset with her parents because they did not take her side, documents say. She also said her parents were pressuring her to start paying rent for staying in their property, where she lived in a trailer with McEnroe.

"Michele stated that she was tired of everybody stepping on her," she said in court papers. "She stated that she was upset with her parents and her brother and that if the problems did not get resolved on Dec. 24, then her intent was definitely to



Mary Anderson, center, daughter of Wayne and Judy Anderson, is comforted by King County Detective Robin Cleary, right, Thursday. At left, in red, is Ben Anderson, Mary's son. They were at the crime scene close to flowers and pick up her parent's dog.

kill everybody," Satterberg said. Michele Anderson fired once at her father's head but missed. McEnroe stepped in, leveled his gun and fatally shot Wayne Anderson in the head, documents said.

Judy Anderson heard the shots and ran from the back room where she had been wrapping gifts. She was shot by McEnroe, who apologized to her before shooting her again, this time in the head, the court documents said.

Satterberg said that the two dragged the bodies to a shed behind the house, used towels and carpets to sop up blood stains and awaited the arrival of Anderson's brother, Scott.

He was due for a Christmas Eve visit with his wife, Erica, and children Olivia, 6, and Nathan, 3.

Her brother and sister-in-law put up a brave struggle, according to the documents. Scott Anderson charged her when she pulled out the gun, and was shot up to four times, records say.

Michele then shot Erica Anderson twice, but she was able to crawl over the back of a couch to call 911, authorities said. McEnroe told detectives he tore the phone from Erica's hands and destroyed it.

Huddling with her children, Erica Anderson pleaded with McEnroe not to shoot her, saying: "You don't have to do this."

"Yes, we do," McEnroe was quoted as replying in the affidavit. He fired at her head, authorities said.

Satterberg said that McEnroe apologized to both of the children before he shot 6-year-old Olivia. He then turned to 3-year-old Nathan, who had picked up the batteries from the cordless phone his mother had used in her futile attempt to call for help, court documents said.

McEnroe then fired one last bullet through Nathan's head, according to the affidavit. When asked why he shot Erica, Olivia and Nathan, McEnroe told detectives three times: "I didn't want them to turn us in."

After the killings, McEnroe and Anderson first drove north toward Canada, then south toward Oregon arriving at neither destination, then decided to go back and pretend to discover the bodies, Satterberg said.

When they arrived Wednesday, investigators were already there. Detectives, curious that neither McEnroe nor Michele Anderson asked what had happened at the bustling

crime scene, began questioning them and they eventually confessed, according to the documents.

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# Alberdi's footprints are everywhere in the Valley's economy

**CHEERS:** If the definition of a good captain is surviving a typhoon with his ship upright, Vince Alberdi's 15 years running the Twin Falls Canal Company have been successful indeed.

More than half of Alberdi's years at the helm have been drought years, and the company is at the very center of the stormy debate over management of scarce Eastern Snake River Basin Aquifer resources. Nonetheless, the canal company — the most politically important of Idaho's canal companies — is in better shape than the organization Alberdi inherited.

He'll retire before the start of the 2008 irrigation season, recognized as a manager who fought hard for surface water users' rights and modernized an aging canal system. And by hook or by crook, he always delivered the water.

But beyond the ag community, Alberdi is also partly responsible for improving the overall quality of water in the Magic Valley.

If there's a list of the most influential south-central Idaho residents, Alberdi is in the top 10. His achievements won't be soon forgotten.

**JEERS:** To the Legislature, for its niggardly efforts toward trying to discourage young smokers.

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids says Idaho this year will spend less than 2 percent of its income from taxes on tobacco and the 1998 tobacco settlement on tobacco prevention.

States receive annual payments from tobacco companies under the 1998 court settlement.

The group reported that smokers cost Idaho about \$319 million a year in health care.



Tobacco-Free Kids says Idaho should be spending \$11 million, not the current \$1.4 million. That's the minimum recommended for Idaho by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention based on the take from tobacco taxes.

The state's tobacco tax money comes from 57 cents charged per pack.

Idaho puts most of future tobacco payments in an endowment, which is prudently fiscally. But the purpose of the tobacco tax is, in part, to

discourage tobacco use.

It's hard to believe the state could come up with more than \$1.4 million toward that end.

**CHEERS:** To state Rep. Sharon Block for her continuing efforts to win legislative support for drug-free scholarships.

The four-term Twin Falls Republican would reward students who pass random drug testing with as much as \$2,000 for college. This year's bill suggests starting with a pilot program at one large, one medium and one small school district.

The scholarship would be offered to CEE students and teens working through the state's drug courts — one program of each would also be in the pilot. And the testing would only cover juniors and seniors who volunteer in return for \$1,000 a year for

each year they were clean.

Previous versions of the legislation passed the House of Representatives in 2004 and 2006, but died in the Senate Education Committee amid concern ranging from how to provide equal access to the scholarships statewide to how colleges would ensure student eligibility.

Block's latest bill addresses some of those issues. We hope the Senate will give it an open-minded hearing, if the measure clears the House.

We agree with Block that rewarding students for following the law is in line with the way society works, including giving insurance rate breaks for good drivers.

But beyond that, any tangible incentive for youngsters on the cusp between building a future and falling into substance abuse has merit.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### School district must get itself out of trouble

Reply to the story about the bond issue, bond issue cost ambiguous, and certainly the entire planning, structuring and organizing of the school bond fell into that category.

Mr. Dobbs, those who pushed this "decorated" bond through to the public painted a pretty picture for the voters. Now it's their responsibility to dig deep, figure out a solution, work on a plan that stays within budget. Is that not what they are paid for by the voters?

Stop your whining and do your jobs. Stop coming to the voters with one hand on your forehead and the other palm side up reaching for more money. If local contractors are bidding too high, look elsewhere for resources. It's about meeting the needs of our young people and our teachers that really matters in this case.

MICKEY TANNER  
Twin Falls

### City should take over downtown decorations

In response to Al Kyle's letter on Dec. 13, "Downtown businesses should get into the Christmas spirit!"

Nothing against Shawn Barligar, I think he's done a lot for Twin Falls, but it's not Shawn's idea to "decorate" the meters with red bags. Was a decision of the downtown businesses many years ago to put bags over the meters to encourage shoppers to shop downtown without having to pay to park.

As for decorating downtown, there are many downtown businesses that have decorated their windows.

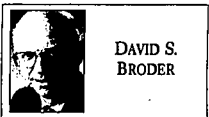
However, have you taken a good look at what we have to decorate? The trees in front of the businesses are big and ugly! Therefore, any decorations that we do to our storefronts cannot be seen.

Is it the responsibility of the businesses downtown to decorate the streets or is it the responsibility for it? The city decorates the park and other parts of the city. Why should downtown be any different? The downtown businesses pay dues, what do we get in return?

ANITA JESSER  
Twin Falls

# Americans aren't impressed with this Democratic-controlled Congress

**WASHINGTON** — After one year of Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, public approval ratings for Congress have sunk below their level when Republicans were still in control. A *Washington Post* poll earlier this month put the approval score at 32 percent, the disapproval at 60.

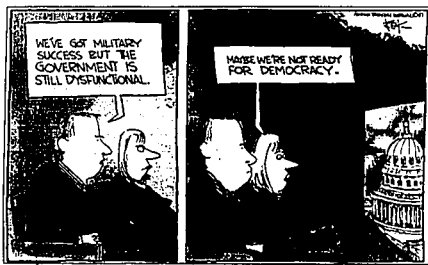


DAVID S. BRODER

In the last such survey during Republican control, congressional approval was 36 percent. So what are the Democrats to make of that? They could be using this interregnum before the start of their second year to evaluate their strategy and improve their standing. But if Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the House and leader of their new majority, is to be believed, they are, instead, going to brag about their achievements.

In a year-end "fact sheet," her office proclaimed that "The Democratic-led House is listening to the American people and providing the New Direction the people voted for in November. The House has passed a wide range of measures to make America safer, restore the American dream and restore accountability. We are proud of the progress made this session and recognize that more needs to be done."

While surveys by *The Washington*



*Post* and other news organizations show the public believes little or nothing of value has been accomplished in a year of bitter partisan wrangling on Capitol Hill. Pelosi claims that "the House has had a remarkable level of achievement over the first year, passing 130 key measures — with nearly 70 percent passing with significant bipartisan support."

That figure is achieved by setting the bar conveniently low — measuring as bipartisan any issue in which even 50 House Republicans broke ranks to vote with the Democrats. Thus, a party-line vote in which Democrats supported but most Republicans opposed criminal penalties for price-gouging on gasoline was converted, in Pelosi's accounting, into a "bipartisan" vote because it was backed by 56 Republicans.

There is more sleight of hand in her figures. Among the "key measures"

counted in the press release are voice votes to protect infants from unsafe cribs and high chairs, and to require drain covers on pools and spas. Such wins bulk up the statistics. Many other "victories" credited to the House were later undone by the Senate, including all the restrictions voted on the deployment of troops in Iraq.

And on 46 of the measures passed by the House, more than one-third of the total, the notation is added, "The president has threatened to veto," or has already vetoed the bill.

One would think that high level of institutional warfare would be of concern to the Democrats. But there is no suggestion in this recital that any adjustment to the nation's priorities may be required. If Pelosi is to be believed, the Democrats will keep challenging the Bush veto strategy for the remaining 12 months of his term

— and leave it up to him to make any compromises.

An honest assessment of the year would credit the Democrats with some achievements. They passed an overdue increase in the minimum wage, and wrote some useful ethics legislation. They finally took the first steps to increase the pressure on Detroit to improve auto mileage efficiency.

But much of the year's political energy was squandered on futile efforts to micromanage the strategy in Iraq, and in the end, the Democrats yielded every point to the president. That left their presidential candidates, arguing for measures in Iraq that have limited relevance to events on the ground — a potential weak point in the coming election.

The major Democratic presidential hopefuls advance their political careers rooted in Congress, and the vulnerabilities of that Congress will in time come home to roost with them. Today, Democrats take some comfort from the fact that their approval ratings in Congress look marginally better than the Republicans'. In the most recent *Post* poll, Democrats are at 40 percent approval; Republicans, at 32 percent. But more disapproval than approval of both parties.

That is another reason it behooves the Democrats to get real about their own record on Capitol Hill. It needs improvement. And in less than a year, the voters will deliver their own verdict.

David Broder is a columnist for *The Washington Post*. Write to him at davidbroder@washpost.com.

# The unnecessary death of Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto

The assassination of former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto might have been prevented had she and her husband heeded advice from friends. Former U.S. Ambassador Curt Wonsowicz told me he had recommended that Bhutto accept a team of retired U.S. Navy SEALs as her bodyguards. A similar team has effectively (so far) contributed to the protection of Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai. According to Wonsowicz, Bhutto deferred to her husband, who declined the offer, believing her adoring crowds and local security would be sufficient. It was a tragic misjudgment.

Benazir Bhutto was a strong woman. Women are strong in the things that matter most — courage and character — are a threat to weak men without such traits. Some men will go to any length to oppress such women, even invoking the "will of God" as the ultimate justification, when God wants to liberate women

thin skin deep. She had a way of moving between two worlds — East and West; Muslim and Christian — that also threatened fanatics whose mission in life was to kill, not build, and oppress, not liberate. She represented hope and a future separated from a culture that wants to drown people in the past, and this, too, was a threat to men with medieval minds. She was educated at Harvard and Oxford. To those indoctrinated in hate and fundamentalist religion, Bhutto was a threat to their ignorance, a pin light in a cave of intellectual darkness.

At the end of September she was in Washington for meetings with supporters and a few journalists. Sleeping tea with her was an experience I shall never forget. She knew the risks of returning to Pakistan, but accepted them because, "I love my country and my people." But something else we don't see much of today: patriots. There are many politicians who, for

reasons of ego and a need to satisfy their own selfishness, speak power, but hide their hunger with bows toward more noble objectives. Like all politicians, indeed like all humanity, Bhutto was flawed, but she was less flawed and more principled than many others in her country. Women with a husband and children don't jeopardize comfortable and relatively safe lifestyles for what awaited her in Pakistan. True heroism is to know the risks and to take them in spite of danger.

There were the usual statements of condemnation by world leaders. They mean nothing to religious fanatics who kill others and themselves in the process as Bhutto's murderer did. Pakistan is in a fight for its life, and one wonders whether President Pervez Musharraf, having made bargains with some of the Taliban devils and warlords, will be able to fight the terrorists the way they must be fought in order for democra-

cy to prevail. Pakistan will not prevail any other way.

What do Democratic candidates running for president offer as a policy for combating the terrorists? Just varying degrees of pulling out, quitting and surrendering to the credible plan for defeating terrorism elsewhere. Bhutto is a threat to them, too. Her example of bravery is also a challenge to another woman, Hillary Clinton, whose true convictions are yet to be discovered.

Leadership is more than biology. It takes a well-crafted ideology and goals beyond oneself. Bhutto had them in abundance. While her death is a great personal loss to her family and to reformers in Pakistan, it is also a loss to the world, which suffers from too few patriots and too few leaders who put others before their own careers and power.

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# Bush uses 'pocket veto' to reject defense policy bill

By Ben Feller  
Associated Press writer

CHAMFORD, Texas — President Bush on Friday used a "pocket veto" to reject a sweeping defense bill because he dislikes a provision that would expose the Iraq government to expensive lawsuits seeking damages from the Saddam Hussein era.

In a statement, Bush said the legislation "would imperil billions of dollars of Iraqi assets at a crucial juncture in that nation's reconstruction efforts."

The president's objections were focused on a provision deep within legislation that sets defense policy for the coming year and approves

\$696 billion in spending, including \$189 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Also in the legislation were provisions for veterans' benefits and tighter oversight of contractors and weapons programs.

The pocket veto means that troops will get a 3 percent raise but 1 instead of the 3.5 percent authorized by the bill.

Bush's decision to use a pocket veto, announced while vacationing at his Texas ranch, means the legislation will die at midnight Dec. 31. This tactic for killing a bill can be used only when Congress is not in session.

The House last week adjourned until Jan. 15, the Senate returns a week later

but has been holding brief, often 10-minute sessions every two or three days to prevent Bush from making a pocket veto.



Bush

accept any communications — such as veto messages — from the White House during the monthlong break.

A Democratic congressional aide pointed out that a pocket veto cannot be overridden by Congress and allows Bush to distance himself from the rejection of a major Pentagon bill in a time of war.

In a message to Congress, the president said he was sending the bill and his outline of objections to the House clerk "to avoid unnecessary litigation about the non-enactment of the bill that results from my withholding approval, and to leave no doubt that the bill is being vetoed."

Democratic congressional aides said they have not ruled out any legislative options, including dropping the language on lawsuits against Iraq and sending the rest of the bill back to Bush.

The sponsor of the contested provision, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said the provision would allow "American victims of terror to hold perpetrators accountable — plain and simple."

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky called on lawmakers to "move rapidly to fix this section" when Congress returns in January so that the underlying bill can be signed.

Democratic congressional leaders complained that

Bush's move was a last-minute stunt because he had never indicated his intention to veto the bill.

Bush aides said they had signaled concern about the controversial provision for weeks, although there had been no formal veto threat.

The disputed section of the bill would reshape Iraq's immunity to lawsuits, exposing the new government to litigation in U.S. courts stemming from treatment of Americans in Iraq during Saddam's reign. Even cases that had once been rejected could be refiled.

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Her daughter, Geraldine Weber, 36, wrote down the name of her husband, from whom she hopes to be divorced by next year.

# Shredding the past: People invited to Times-Square to destroy papers, mementos from 2007 in industrial-size machine

By Verena Dobnik  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Think of your most troubling souvenirs of 2007: a photo of an ex-boyfriend, a bad medical report, stocks of unpaid bills.

On Friday, the embarrassed and aggrieved fed them all into a giant shredder in Times Square, where a garbage truck waited to cart them off forever.

"I feel liberated!" exclaimed Khadija Jackson after showing a picture of her ex-fiance with his new girlfriend into the industrial-size machine.

The 23-year-old home health aide said she found the picture on his MySpace page

dest, a sledgehammer was provided.

Joe Costarella of Staten Island used it to demolish a tall garbage can from his kitchen with an opening too narrow to scrape his plate.

"My wife and I always argue about it," he said. "So she said, if I get her a new trash can, I can wreck this one."

Alan Manovitz, a psychiatrist at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, said such banishing rituals can be helpful.

"In every culture, people are able to confess and admit their regrets," he said. "And there's a point in time when you can forgive yourself and turn a new page."

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Jose Soegaard of Brooklyn drops personal documents including a photo of his ex-boyfriend into a giant paper shredder Friday at Times Square in New York.

### David Letterman and Craig Ferguson returning to the air, complete with writers, next week

By Frazier Moore  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — "Late Show with David Letterman" and "Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" will be back with their writers airing joke-filled new hours starting Wednesday, the show's production company Worldwide Pants, announced Friday.

An interim agreement between the Letterman-owned company and the Writers Guild of America will allow the full writing staffs for both shows to return to work, even as the Hollywood writers strike continues to shutter much TV and movie production. Both of those CBS late-night shows have been airing reruns since the strike began eight weeks ago.

"I am grateful to the WGA for granting us this agreement," Letterman said. "This is not a solution to the strike, which unfortunately continues to disrupt the lives of thousands. But I hope it will be seen as a step in the right direction."

The deal, which restores the two shows to business as usual, gives them an enormous advantage over their competition.

NBC's "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" as well as ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" had already announced they would

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resume Wednesday without benefit of their writing teams. Similarly, Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and "The Colbert Report" with Stephen Colbert planned to return writer-less on Monday, Jan. 7.

Resisting such an arrangement, Rob Burnett, president and CEO of Worldwide Pants, had actively sought an interim deal. Talks between studios and networks and the guild broke down Dec. 7, but the guild has been pursuing agreements with several small independent producers that would allow at least some members to return to work.

"We are appreciative that the leaders of the guild deal with us reasonably and in good faith," Burnett said.

Much speculation has been focused on how late-night shows will fill their time deprived of monologues, skits and other written material.

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## Studios say writers losses exceed amount sought in new contract

By Lynn Elber  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood studios said Friday that striking writers have now lost more in salary and benefits than they had hoped to gain by walking off the job.

In the message posted on its Web site and YouTube, the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers claimed losses by writers in the eight-week strike have exceeded \$151 million.

That's the price tag the Writers Guild of America put on the proposed 11-month deal with studios.

"The strike continues because the union's leaders are focused on jurisdictional issues that would expand their own power, at the expense of the new media issues that working writers care most about," the alliance said in a statement.

Compensation for work distributed via the Internet and other digital media has been central to the contract dispute. The guild also has called for unionization of writers working on reality shows and animation.

The union responded by saying the contract proposals by the big studios would cause writers even more economic harm in the future.

"To sidestep this fact, they erroneously claim we are focused on other issues," the guild said in a statement.

"The conglomerates are responsible for creating the economic havoc. They should put their energies into making a fair deal with writers rather than issuing misleading statements."

The strike that began Nov. 5 has also been costly for other industry workers. Production has been shut down on dozens of TV shows, with losses for crew members exceeding \$250 million, according to the alliance message.

The alliance Web site features a constantly updated ticker of the studios' estimate of writers' losses.

Talks broke down Dec. 7 after the union rejected an alliance demand that a half-dozen guild proposals be taken off the table, including jurisdiction over reality and animation writers.

While negotiations with the writers union are at a standstill, studios are preparing to begin contract talks with the Directors Guild of America, perhaps next month.

## As ads arrive on cell phones, privacy concerns grow with targeting opportunities

By Anick Jeddanan  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Your cell phone is a potential gold mine for marketers: It can reveal where you are, whom you call and even what music you like.

Considering the phone is usually no more than a few feet away, these are powerful clues for figuring out just the right moment to deliver the right ad campaign for the store just around the corner.

But first marketers will have to wrest the personal profiles from mobile carriers worried that annoyed subscribers might defect to rivals.

"It's proceed with caution," said Jarvis Coffin, chief executive of advertising distributor Burst Media Corp. "Are consumers going to be spooked by the idea that suddenly their phone goes beep and it's a Starbucks offer, and they are standing next to a Starbucks?"

Carriers are now guarding the data zealously, but many people believe it's only a matter of time — over the next year or two — before marketers can routinely target ads to a potential customer's location and actions.

Imagine getting pitches for rental cars and hotels the moment you land in San Francisco because an analysis of past calls suggests you tend to take weeklong trips there. Or if day trips to Boston are your thing, you might get an offer for cab service instead.

"My phone has a lot of very specific and detailed information about myself... information that isn't always going to be relevant when I'm at a number of PC browsers," said Rob Adler, chief executive for mobile Web company go2 Media Inc.

The research firm marketer estimates that U.S. spending in mobile ads, at about \$900 million in 2007, will grow more than fivefold to nearly \$4.8 billion in 2011. By contrast, paid search and other online spending will only double, to about \$12 billion in 2011.

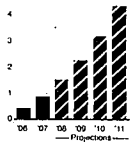
Mobile ads today are mostly blasted at the mass audience, with a few carriers offering limited targeting based on users' age, gender, ZIP code and

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### Moving targets

Spending on advertising for mobile devices is expected to grow to nearly \$4.8 billion by 2011. U.S. spending on mobile ads: \$2 billion



SOURCE: eMarketer, AP

other characteristics.

That should change. Ever since the Federal Communications Commission ruled in 1996 that wireless carriers must help 911 dispatchers identify a caller's location, technology companies and privacy advocates alike have been speculating about making phones' location information available to commercial services and advertisers.

"It's always been the next big thing around the corner the last 10 years, and now we really feel that it's," said Brian Levin, chief executive for Liberty Media Corp.'s Useful Networks Inc., a company that helps outside developers tap location information from cell carriers.

Americans are finally using cell phones for more than calling, joining European and Asian counterparts in embracing data services like



Rob Adler, CEO of go2 Media holds a cell phone displaying an example of the company's efforts to deliver advertising and content targeted to the interest and location of the user, Friday at go2 Media's office in Boston.

text messaging and ring tones.

Devices also are improving, and last summer's release of Apple Inc.'s iPhone unleashed an era of bigger screens and friendlier interfaces for mobile Web browsing.

Advertisers, meanwhile, are starting to experiment with mobile ads. With a boom in GPS devices and location services like maps and child tracking, it's only natural that advertisers, too, will want to take advantage of location information.

The phone's highly personal nature will mean more privacy red flags compared with what's collected when someone surfs the Internet from a regular computer.

Two industry trade groups — CTIA and the Mobile Marketing Association — have committed developing guidelines, including how to properly get a customer's permission and periodically remind them of any tracking.

Companies are also developing ways to share profiles with marketers while stripping out sensitive information like names.

On Sprint phones, all targeting to such attributes as age and ZIP code is done on Sprint Nextel Corp.'s end; advertisers give Sprint the ads for the company to place without having to share any data with anyone, spokeswoman Emmy Anderson says.

Meanwhile, an ad-delivery system from Ad Influx Inc. can be installed entirely on a carrier's own premises so that data remain under the carrier's control.

The wireless industry deserves credit for its caution, said Ari Schwartz, a privacy advocate with the Center for Democracy and Technology. He said advertising and technology companies are the ones having to first prove to wireless carriers "that they have put in a lot of thought about how to do it in a way that won't raise the creepiness factor."

Telecommunications companies face unique federal privacy regulations, requiring notice and permission to use

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## Life support to end Feb. 1 on once-mighty Netscape Web browser

By Anick Jeddanan  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Netscape Navigator, the world's first commercial Web browser and the hunch that the Internet boom, will be pulled off life support Feb. 1 after a 13-year run.

Its current caretakers, Time Warner Inc.'s AOL, decided to kill further development and technical support to focus on growing the company as an advertising business. Netscape's usage dwindled with Microsoft Corp.'s entry into the browser

business, and Netscape all but faded away following the birth of its open-source cousin, Firefox.

"While internal groups within AOL have invested a great deal of time and energy in attempting to revive Netscape Navigator, these efforts have not been successful in gaining market share from Microsoft's Internet Explorer," Netscape Director Tom Drapeau wrote in a blog entry Friday.

In recent years, Netscape has been little more than a repackaged version of the more popular Firefox, which

commands about 10 percent of the Web browser market, with almost all of the rest going to Internet Explorer.

People will still be able to download and use the Netscape browser indefinitely, but AOL will stop releasing security and other updates on Feb. 1. Drapeau recommended that the small pool of Netscape users download Firefox instead.

A separate Netscape Web portal, which has had several incarnations in recent years, will continue to operate.

The World Wide Web was but a few years old when in

April 1993 a team at the University of Illinois' National Center for Supercomputing Applications released Mosaic, the first Web browser to integrate images and sound with words. Before Mosaic, access to the Internet and the Web was largely limited to text, with any graphics displayed in separate windows.

Marc Andreessen and many of his university colleagues soon left to form a company tasked with commercializing the browser. The first version of Netscape came out in late 1994.

Netscape fed the gold-rush atmosphere with a landmark initial public offering of stock in August 1995. Netscape's stock carried a then-steep IPO price of \$28 per share, a price that doubled on opening day to give the startup a \$2 billion market value even though it had only \$20 million in sales.

But Netscape's success also drew the attention of Microsoft, which quickly won market share by giving away its Internet Explorer browser for free with its flagship Windows operating system. The bundling prompted

a Justice Department antitrust lawsuit and later a settlement with Microsoft.

Netscape eventually dropped fees for the software, but it was too late. Undone by IE, Netscape sold itself to AOL in a \$10 billion deal completed in early 1999.

Netscape spawned an open-source project called Mozilla, in which developers from around the world freely contribute to writing and testing the software. Mozilla released its standalone browser, Firefox, and Netscape was never able to regain its former footing.

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# Homicides at 40-year low in Chicago, NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — Chicago and New York are about to close out 2007 with the lowest number of homicides in more than 40 years, while cities such as Baltimore, Atlanta and Miami have seen killings go up because of what police say is a surge in guns and gang violence.

New York City reported 481 slayings as of Friday versus 596 for all of 2006. The city is on track to have the lowest number of killings since reliable record-keeping started in 1963.

Homicides in New York reached an all-time high of 2,245 in 1990, making the city the nation's murder capital. Since then, the numbers have plummeted, and experts attribute the decline in part to computerized tracking of crime trends and the practice of strategically flooding high-crime areas with police officers instead of spreading them evenly through the precincts.

Chicago is on track to have the lowest homicide toll since 1985, when police reported 395 killings. The city had logged 435 slayings through Dec. 26, in the early part of the decade, police often reported more than 600 a year.

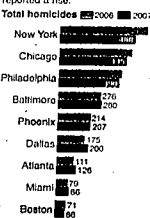
Chicago officials credit the improvement to their tough stance on gangs, guns and drugs.

"Those three ingredients, so to speak, are what we're focused on," said police spokeswoman Monique Bond. "That's really what leads to random violence."

Those factors were blamed for increases in murders in other cities. Atlanta had 126 homicides

## Homicides down in NYC, Chicago

The latest city figures show a significant decrease in homicides in New York and Chicago. Some cities in the South have reported a rise.



SOURCE: City police departments AP

as of Dec. 26, compared with 111 for the same period a year ago. Police attributed some of the increase to a New Orleans-based gang that moved into town after Hurricane Katrina.

Members of the International Robbing Crew are accused of killing at least seven people in Atlanta.

In Miami, authorities say the proliferation of assault weapons led to an increase in killings, from 56 in 2005 to 79 in 2006 and 86 so far in 2007.

"You just pull a trigger and 20 or 30 rounds come in a second, and in those 20 rounds you're sure to hit your intended target and some innocent bystanders, totally unlike a firearm that is just one bullet every time you pull the trigger," Miami Police spokesman Willie Moreno said.

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— Miami Police spokesman Willie Moreno, talking about the proliferation of assault weapons

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## Former CSI coach Sutton still looking for No. 799



San Francisco coach Eddie Sutton, bottom right, joins hands with his team in the locker room before their basketball game against Weber State on Friday in Ogden, Utah. Sutton, 71, came out of retirement to coach and have his shot at 800 victories.

The Associated Press

OGDEN, Utah — Eddie Sutton figures he'll get wins No. 799 and 800 soon enough. For now, though, the 71-year-old coach is happy to teach his new players the finer points of the game.

Sutton returned to coaching Friday night, but rather than recording win No. 799, the 71-year-old settled for loss No. 316.

Sutton, who retired from Oklahoma State following the 2005-06 season, replaced Jessie Evans as San Francisco's basketball coach. On Wednesday, the school announced that Evans was taking "a leave of absence" for the rest of the season. Sutton will lead the Dons (4-8) on an interim basis.

After leading 15-point lead in the second half, Weber State held on and came away with a 62-54 victory

over San Francisco.

"I was excited and I really enjoyed it," said Sutton. "I didn't enjoy the way the team was playing. I told the guys I'm not accustomed to losing games and getting behind in a game."

Weber State (5-7) got 13 points from reserve Steve Lantano and 12 from forward Davin Davis.

The Dons (4-8) fell behind 39-24 with 14:14 left to play, but rallied with an 18-9 run.

When USF's Christian Hernandez hit a 3-pointer with 4:12 remaining, it cut Weber State's lead to 49-46. The Wildcats hit six straight free throws in the final minute to preserve the win.

Sophomore forward Dior Lawhorn led the Dons with 19 points on 9-for-18 shooting. Guard Danny Cavis hit four 3-pointers and added 15 points.

"People ask me what do you miss about coaching?" Sutton said. "The

### Up to this point

Eddie Sutton was the College of Southern Idaho's first men's basketball coach, compiling an 84-14 record in three seasons (1966-69). He was inducted into the CSI Hall of Fame on Dec. 12, 2000. Sutton is the only coach in NCAA history to lead four different schools to the NCAA National Tournament. He stands at 798 career victories as an NCAA Division I head coach. Combined with victories at CSI and Tulsa Central High School, Sutton had won exactly 1,000 upon his retirement in 2006.

games aren't the thing I miss the most, I miss the teaching at practice sessions and watching the players mature and grow and get better."

## Jerome boys handle visiting Mountain Home Both sets of Tigers sluggish from break

By Diane Phiblin  
Times-News writer

JEROME — It was obvious that both Jerome and Mountain Home were having some trouble shaking off the holiday break as neither boys basketball team was able to put on much of a crowd-pleasing show during the first half of Friday's nonconference game in Jerome.

With his team trailing by a single point at the half-time, Jerome coach Joe Messick and his coaching staff must have said something profound at the break as the Tigers outscored Mountain Home 32-18 in the second half to wrap up a 13-point victory, 57-44.

"We played a very incluster first half," said Messick. "At half-time, we motivated the kids to play better. This was the first time we had faced a zone this year and we were able to make adjustments and make some switches. Mountain Home mixed things up."

Jerome senior Justin Stokes was on target in the first quarter, scoring eight of the nine Jerome points before ending the game with 14.

"My teammates aren't selfish and they were getting the ball to me," said Stokes.

Jerome hosts Wood River this Thursday and Stokes sounded anxious about getting back into Great Basin Conference West play. Jerome is 6-3 overall but 0-1 in its conference.

"We've been playing good," said Stokes. Jerome junior post Kevin Williams scored a team-high 16 points while sophomore guard Kameron Pearce tied Stokes with 14.

Mountain Home junior Kyle Kerfoot led both teams with 17 points, which included five 3-pointers. Senior post Jacob Posey followed with 12.

"We did some good things, just not for four quarters," said Mountain Home coach Tony Kerfoot. "The Jerome defense lightened up and we didn't execute. They played four quarters and we played a little over three."

**Jerome 57, Mountain Home 44**  
12 15 17 17  
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**MOUNTAIN HOME (4-0)**  
Kyle Kerfoot 0 0 2 2, Trevon Gordon 2 2 2 6, Mitch Barnes 2 2 7 7, Chris Matlock 0 2 2 2, Jacob Pearce 0 2 2 2, Josh 2 2 1 4.

**JEROME (6-7)**  
Justin Stokes 8 0 2 0, Zach Bigelow 1 0 2 2, Jarrod Stokes 6 0 4 4, Kameron Pearce 4 4 4 4, Luke Larson 2 0 0 7, Ryan Johnson 0 2 2 2, Jason Stokes 1 0 0 3, Kevin Williams 8 4 5 18. Totals 22 22 21 44.

**Score posted Mountain Home 6 (Kerfoot 0, Barnes 0, Stokes 0, Justin Stokes, Pearce, Kevin Stokes). Total fouls Mountain Home 12, Jerome 23. Fouled out Jerome, 10, Stokes. Technical fouls none.**

## Buhl wins big Balanced scoring vaults Indians to 4-4 for the season

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

BUHL — Most basketball teams take at least a half to shake off the rust from a lay-off of more than a week between games. It took Buhl High School's boys hoops squad all of five minutes.

The Indians closed the first quarter of Friday's game against Spring Creek, Nev., by starting a 17-2 run over five minutes and were scarcely threatened again as they cruised to a 64-41 win over the Spartans.

Buhl (4-4) still needed a big-time second-half effort from senior guard Patrick Osterkamp, who scored all 11 of his points in the final two periods, to make sure it would successfully defend its home floor after the Spartans cut the lead down to as few as six.

With help in the 1-3-1 half-court trap from junior Eric Sengvannpheng, Osterkamp scored the next six points. Buhl embarked on a 15-4 run and Spring Creek didn't come within 10 points of Buhl again.

"I think any time you can get a kid to step up like that, it helps us out," said Buhl coach Ryan Bowman. "Our kids did a really good job of sharing the wealth, and they all stepped up and hit key shots."

Said Osterkamp: "(Bowman) was pretty upset with our level of intensity. We started out with less intensity that they did, and that let them back in the game. It feels great that everyone stepped up. We've played basketball together for a long time and it's really starting to show."

Buhl forward Tony Cooper led all Indians scorers with 12 points but the stat of the night was the team's balance. All



Buhl forward Nick Hamilton and Spring Creek forward Brooks Brunsen leap for a rebound during the first half of play Friday night in Buhl.

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## High school hoops star plays with bodyguards in tow

By Mayra Dale  
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — A top high school basketball prospect is playing out the season under the watchful eye of bodyguards, amid fears of retaliation over a slaying near his violent hometown.

Tyrece Evans — a two-time state player of the year whose short list of colleges includes Memphis, Texas and Villanova — was driving when a cousin in the vehicle allegedly shot and killed a 19-year-old approaching on foot.

Evans, hearing gunshots, ducked down before speeding off to his mother's house, according to the statement he gave police weeks later.

Evans has not been charged, but his tie to the Nov. 25 slaying has marred his first year as a college-prepared prep career just

as he moves toward college and a possible future in the NBA.

Several bodyguards joined Evans on the bench during a holiday tournament this week at Widener University and huddled him to the locker room at the buzzer, while police stationed extra security officers in the crowd.

The commotion failed to rattle the muscular, 6-foot-6 guard, who had 30 points, four blocks and three steals Thursday despite slating out most of the second half of American Christian's 100-50 victory over Atlantic City.

"They're concerned that because of his celebrity, he might be a target. ... I hope that's an overreaction," said Brian McFongle, a criminal lawyer in Philadelphia hired to represent Evans. He calls his client a mere witness in the case, but knows that someone can be a dangerous

Evans, 18, has been raised by a protective cadre of older brothers in the small, impoverished city of Chester, a few miles south of Philadelphia. His father is deceased, and one brother has served as his legal guardian.

Evans entered American Christian in nearby Aston in seventh grade. A few years later, the school hired ambitious hoops coach Tony Bergeron, who has helped Evans achieve national prominence.

Evans earned kudos the past two years as The Associated Press player of the year for Class A, the state's smallest high schools. He went into his senior year averaging more than 33 points a game, inspiring talk that he would follow Chester product Jamber Nelson of the Orlando Magic to the NBA.

"With this kid, it's so refreshing to see a kid kind of climb his way out. It's the

exception not the rule," McFongle said.

The Sunday of the shooting seemed ordinary enough: American Christian had a game, after which Evans and teammate Dwayne Davis went to Evans' aunt's house in nearby Chester Township to watch an NFL game. At one point, his mother called to say she had made some pies, and Evans started his gold Ford Expedition.

Cousin Jamar Evans, a 16-year-old student at Chester High School, hopped in the front and another cousin got in the back. According to Tyrece Evans' police statement, they heard gunfire behind the vehicle, prompting his passengers to scream at him to take off. He said he next heard a second, closer shot and saw Jamar Evans putting a silver handgun into his sweat shirt pocket.

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Tyrece Evans, a guard with American Christian, takes a shot during the first half of their basketball game against Atlantic City in the Peta Nelson Classic at Widener University in Chester, Pa., on Thursday.





TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Trace of snow. In the afternoon snow may mix with freezing rain. Highs upper 30s.
Tonight: Black winds and additional light snow. Lows low 30s.
Tomorrow: A threat of snow continues. Highs low to middle 30s.

BURLEWRIGHT FORECAST

Today: Snow and winds of blowing snow will create hazardous travel conditions. Highs low 30s.
Tonight: Snow and blowing snow. Lows upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Wind and snow will continue to mess with travel. Highs low 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Pockets of dirty snow will be common through the first weekend of December. Motorists should be prepared for partially slick and snow covered roads.

Regional forecast map for Idaho showing weather conditions across various cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for snow, rain, and sun.

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Almanac data including Temperature & Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Moon Phases.

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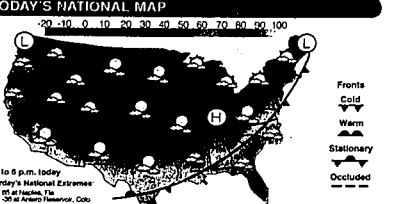
Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Shoshone.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for major US cities including Denver, Salt Lake City, and Phoenix.

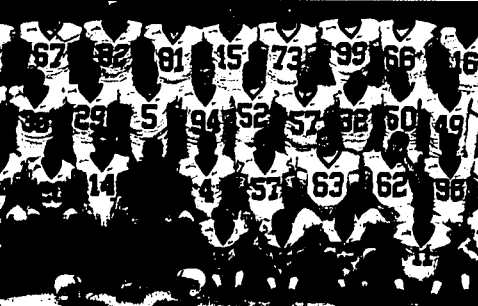
WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for major international cities including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.



BREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: 'I've been saying that his income is too high. You need to have a cap on what you can make in a year. It's not fair to have a cap on what you can make in a year.'

Canadian forecast table for major Canadian cities including Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.



Penn State coach Joe Paterno, seated front row, fourth from left, sits with his player for a team photo at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Friday.

Paterno will coach 500th when Penn State meets Texas A&M

SAN ANTONIO — Enough about milestones. Joe Paterno hasn't counted his games and he's not going to start now. Penn State (6-4) plays Texas A&M (7-5) on Saturday in the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Texas A&M apologizes over student's remarks about Paterno. SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas A&M apologized to Penn State after a student leader mocked Joe Paterno by telling a crowd that the 81-year-old coach needs to 'cuss'.

Capital One Bowl has star power with Florida, Tebow vs. Carr, Michigan

As good as Tim Tebow was this season, he couldn't get Florida into the BCS. That's too bad for the Gators, but great for the Capital One Bowl, which has a Heisman Trophy winner and a top matchup any game would love.

Advertisement for Capital One Bowl featuring RALPH D. RUSSO and listing various bowl games and matchups.

Meineke Bowl features sought-after coaches. CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jim Grohe nearly took the Arkansas job before deciding to stay at Wake Forest.

Central Florida's record-breaking Smith is Mississippi State's target. MEMPHIS, Tenn. — It's all about Kevin Smith. The Liberty Bowl offers plenty of story lines.

Large advertisement for Les Schwab tires, featuring a truck and promotional text for winter tires and services.



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## Police still searching for driver in hit-and-run

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

Steven Willis wasn't drunk when he bolted from the bar Sunday evening.

He was angry. Willis, 50, was a recovering drinker, who agreed to have a couple of drinks at the Pioneer Club following his mother-in-law's funeral.

But after he finished those two drinks, his estranged wife, Paula Willis, with whom he remained close, their biological children and Eileen French, his partner of 14 years, and her children, insisted they

go to another bar. "He was a little pissed at us," French recalls. "And what he did when he got pissed at us is he walked off. He walked until he had cooled off. He thought everybody was going to get drunker and he didn't want to get drunk."

Willis never had time to cool off. One block short of his destination, his nephew's home on Blue Lakes Boulevard South, an unidentified driver slammed into him, tearing his body from his shoes, and killing him instantly, police told his family.

The driver left the scene, and is being sought by police. "We have not some leads," said Idaho State Police Sgt. Kent Oliver. "And so far we haven't had anything concrete pan out for us."

Detectives have not yet found the suspect vehicle, a large dark sedan with possible front-end damage.

Regret had already kicked in for family members when Willis left the bar. Pairing up in different cars, the two families scoured the streets looking for him, while French's daughter reached him on his cell phone.

At 6:51 p.m., 20 minutes after he walked west from the bar on Kimberly Road, French's daughter was "on the phone with him when it happened — trying to find him," French said. "She heard a loud noise. And the phone went dead. She actually came running up to me, screaming that he had hung up on her."

The anger was replaced with a different feeling when Willis' son and French's daughter reached the spot

where he died, where Park Avenue intersects Blue Lakes. As if in a dream, French was walking toward the body when a large police officer "tackled me," she said, and guided her from the scene. French had already seen Willis' arms and legs protruding from under a blanket. "You could see his hand, his legs and feet," French recalls. But not enough of a body to identify him — so little, in fact, that French held out doubt that it was truly him.

Why would he just step into the path of a moving car?

More importantly she wondered how could someone kill somebody else and just drive away? How could they even know he was dead, rather than injured and in need of help?

"I prayed, until I saw him in the easel, it wasn't real," she said.

The two families sat together at Willis' funeral Friday morning at White Mortuary. The families had always spent holidays together. On Friday, they grieved together as well.

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Willis

## SNOWY MORNING CHORE



Eleanor Stammerjohn removes snow from her car Friday morning in Twin Falls. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is a high of 37 with a chance of snow.

## White-knuckle driving

Weather causes slide offs, crashes

By Cass Friedman  
Times-News writer

More than 31 accidents, some involving multiple car collisions, dotted the Magic Valley on Friday thanks to morning snowfall.

Idaho State Police reported that William Nelson, 79, of Twin Falls, was flown by air ambulance to a hospital with head and spine injuries after a rollover crash on I-84 near the Ada County/Elmore County line. He was being kept Friday night for observation.

Nelson lost control of his Ford pickup on the snow- and ice-covered road and went through the median, according to an ISP news release. His vehicle overturned and came to rest in the left hand lane on the eastbound side. He was waiting a seat belt.

By 4 p.m. Friday, Twin Falls police recorded 10 non-injury accidents, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office recorded three and South Idaho Regional Communications Center had its hands full with 18 snow-related accidents.

The symphony of chaos brought on by slick road conditions was hardly reflected in the 31 accident total. There was at least one documented case of a hit-and-run in Twin Falls. And police say that other accidents may not have been reported to them.

"Sometimes people claim that they didn't see or feel anything — and the crashes are minor," said Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts. "The buzz clogging up lines at the regional emergency dispatch center reminded senior dispatcher Taylor Humfiker of something like a DMV obstacle course."

"People are learning how to drive today," Humfiker said, citing one rollover and many more slide-offs, including a car that rolled off Interstate 84 and sent a driver to the hospital in Mindokota County, another car that slid into a fence, and yet another that ran

into a power pole.

The number of reported wrecks continued to rise well through morning as snow continued to fall.

Dispersed in Elmore County did not provide a record of the total number of crashes but said there had been "a ton of accidents" throughout the morning.

One Twin Falls resident, who apparently escaped the snowfall this week and could not be contacted Friday, will soon learn that his parked car's side-mirror was knocked off by a pickup.

After receiving a hit-and-run report, police found a message left by the driver of the pickup in the absent resident's mailbox.

"It gave a play-by-play of how it happened," Stotts said. "Sorry, I hit your car." But didn't leave any far as phone number or name.

The police blotter was filled with more reports of drivers pulling off the road immediately and resolving their bump-ins on the spot.

Not all accidents need to be reported to police, Stotts said. Anyone who damages someone else's property — regardless of its estimated value — must by law report it to the victim, if not to the police. When two or more cars are involved in a crash, the incident must be reported to police if damage to any car exceeds \$1,500.

"Anything under \$1,500 per vehicle is not considered a reportable accident," Stotts said. "If they can exchange info, just the damage to them, they have fulfilled the basic requirements under Idaho code."

The problem is, it's difficult to assess the true damage to a car at the scene.

Idaho Transportation Department cautions that when roads are slippery drivers should slow down and avoid using cruise control.

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## Salaries for state officials up from last year

By Boby Z. Russell  
Spokane Spokesman-Review

BOISE — Idaho's highest-paid state employee is Boise State University head football coach Chris Petersen, who now makes nearly seven times as much as Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

And Petersen's not the only one out-earning the governor. According to a new state report, a record 284 Idaho state employees now pull in more than the state's top executive, up from 213 last year. Otter's annual salary of \$106,727 is just below the amount paid to every district judge in the state, not to mention higher-paid workers like college presidents, top professors, Otter's chief of staff, several agency heads and physicians employed by the state Department of Health and Welfare.

Otter sees no problem with that, however. "There are specific and sound after-talent skills, educational specialties or market forces associated with each of those higher salaries," he said Wednesday. "But

... much also is expected from those to whom Idaho taxpayers grant so much."

— Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter

much also is expected from those to whom Idaho taxpayers grant so much. One of my jobs as governor is to remind all state employees of that truth."

Petersen also was the state's highest-paid employee last year at \$400,000, but that was before his BSU Broncos won the Fiesta Bowl and his pay soared to \$725,109. The figure includes both state and private funds.

"It says something about the impact of football, and winning a major bowl game," said BSU political scientist emeritus Jim Weatherly.

But Weatherly said the report may be as much an indication that Idaho underpays its governor as that it highly values a top football coach. "It's not a popular thing to advocate salary increases for elected officials, but the governor's pay is low," he said.

Last May, a survey of governors' salaries by Stateline.org ranked Otter's pay 35th among the 50 states, and well below the national average of \$124,398. Idaho's governor also receives a \$4,500 monthly housing allowance, since Idaho is one of six states with no official governor's residence. That will change, however, when the state finishes renovating the hilltop home donated by potato magnate J.R. Simplot — Otter's ex-father-in-law — to become a future governor's mansion.

Idaho's state controllers office prepares a report for legislators each year on state employee pay, including the breakdown on how many are paid more than the governor. That figure dropped to a low of 81 in 2001, but has steadily climbed since then.

The state's five top-paid employees this year all work for universities, with the presidents of the University of Idaho (\$291,911), BSU (\$282,463) and Idaho State University (\$273,000) joining Petersen and BSU head basketball coach Don Graham (\$265,012) on the list.

## Funeral home donates headstone for murdered toddler

First-grader's fundraising effort brings in \$400

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

In the end, it was a local funeral home that donated the headstone for a boy killed almost a year ago in Twin Falls.

"That was only after a 7-year-old girl, Kynli Mahanke, began a fundraising effort for a first-grade Christmas project at Xavier Charter School."

She collected about \$400 for the cause — just enough to buy a headstone, said her mother, Mindy Sauer. "I was sad he couldn't have one (headstone)," Mahanke

said about the boy, who had attended the same day care center that she had.

Ashlyn Roger Lynn, 2, was smothered to death Jan. 12 by 22-year-old Elizabeth Miller. Miller, who had been babysitting the boy at her home in town, was charged with second-degree murder and sentenced in late November to 10 years in prison, with two years fixed before she's eligible for parole.

"With her mom's help, Mahanke pieced donation jars, tiki, month-at-business-around town. But the money raised won't pay for Lynn's

gravestone. That's because Jared Clinger — the new owner of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory in Twin Falls — donated a headstone.

"I drove to Xavier school and told the teacher we'd be more than happy to buy that stone," said Clinger. "The last thing in the world a 7-year-old needs to think about is headstones and murdered children. I thought we should do something to help, and being in the funeral industry, I thought we should step up to that."

The funeral home's former

director, Mike Parke, said headstones have a significant purpose.

"Every child should have a headstone, whether they lived an hour or 16 years. Someone should recognize they were here," said Parke. "They didn't get a chance to leave their mark on the world."

Mahanke's efforts also prompted an outpouring of calls and promises of donations from around the Northwest.

The dollars and change that Mahanke collected were put into an account at First Federal Bank in Twin Falls, for any other child in need of a headstone, Sauer said. The fund is called "gravestone

fundraiser," a bank official said Friday.

But there is already a service available for families of murdered victims that will fund funeral expenses up to \$5,000.

The state has a crime victim compensation program run through the Idaho Industrial Commission. It uses criminal restitution, fines, judgments and grants, but not taxpayer money. "We want folks to know the (service) does exist," Parke, who said he has a terminal liver condition.

But the funeral home is not making a claim to the Idaho Industrial Commission for Lynn's headstone.

community responsibility," Parke said. "Not making the family fill out the paperwork and re-live the nature of the situation."

Sauer said she's spoken with the boy's family, which is "appreciative."

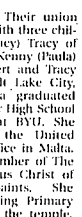
His mom, Joy Lynn, didn't return a call Friday for comment, but his maternal grandmother, Janet Hochstrasser, has said Mahanke's efforts were "overwhelming."

Lynn's mother, Will Lynn, was in prison when the child was killed, and couldn't be reached Friday for comment.

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### Fontella Harper Tracy

MALTA — Fontella Harper Tracy, age 81, of Malta, passed away Dec. 28, 2007. She was born April 27, 1926, in Malta, to Rawlins I. Harper and Thera Elson. She resided in Malta for most of her life. A t u m n Haven until her passing. She married LaVere Tracy. Their union was blessed with three children. Bud (Lucy) Tracy of Eugene, Ore., Kenny (Paula) Tracy of Rupert, and Tracy Hamby of Salt Lake City. (Ruth) Fontella graduated from Itali River High School and college at BYU. She retired from the United States Post Office in Malta. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed teaching Primary and attending the temple. Fontella was a fabulous cook and seamstress, and a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She loved watching her grandchildren participate in sports.



Fontella is survived by nine grandchildren, Candi (Kevin) McFadden, Ron (Jenni) Schartz, Bert (Ryann) Schartz, Jess Tracy, Christie (Lade) Tracy, James (Brent) Peterson, Brad (Larsha) Hamby and Shane

(Rachel) Hamby; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Kay (Vicki) Harper and Jay (Janet) Harper; sisters, Beth (Ed) Gagon and Roberta (Ike) Christensen; and other extended family. Neveoy (Mary) Tracy, Bryce (Sharon) Tracy, Golden Barnes, Rachel Hann and Maythel Show. She was preceded in death by her husband, I. LaVere Tracy; parents, Rawlins I. and Thera Elson Harper; brother, Douglas Harper; and son-in-law, Jerry Hamby.

The family would like to thank Annissa Rocha and all the caregivers at Autumn Haven, Dr. Lyle Hansen and the nursing staff at Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

The funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Malta LDS 2nd Ward Chapel with Bishop Max Jones officiating. A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Hansen Mortuary (Rupert Church) 714 Sixth St. Services will conclude with burial at Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Autumn Haven, 624 Christian Way, Rupert, ID 83350.

### Harlie Gene Waters

BUIH. — Harlie Gene Waters passed away Dec. 26, 2007, at Snake River Tubing in Buhl.



Harlie was born June 24, 1928, in Malta, Idaho, son of Clyde and Ethel Waters. He married Betty Schumacher on Dec. 16, 1949, in Malta, Mont. In 1971, he moved to near Mont., where he and his son, Larry, farmed and later moved to Lewistown, Mont., where he retired. After that, wild a lot of traveling and finally in 1994, moved to Deming, N.M., for his health. Then we moved to Glendale, Ariz. In 2004, we moved to Twin Falls and then in 2005 to Flies to be closer to family. Harlie loved his family, traveling, his yard work and his many roses in Ariz.; he also enjoyed snowmobiling and collecting Sausages. He is survived by Betty, his wife; one son, Larry (Belinda) of Helena, Mont.;

### Jane Douglass Rogerson

Jane Douglass Rogerson of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully on Christmas evening 2007 after spending a wonderful day with loved ones on the family farm.



Jane was born in Ithaca, N.Y., on May 16, 1922. Jane's family moved to Twin Falls several years later, where she began her Idaho life as a junior high student. Jane married Don Rogerson, her junior year of college at the University of Idaho, where she resided in the Kappa Kappa Gamma house. They began their life together on their farm near Idaho. They also owned a cabin and the famous bar, "Slaves," with the McDonalds for many years. The three families and their friends shared many memories and times together in Ketchum, Idaho. Raising two children on a farm with open-irrigation canals and large animals seemed daunting to a young mother, but she always encouraged her children to take risks. Fear was not her constant companion. Later in life, they spent many wonderful years traveling to sunny Arizona with the trucking gang and then would drive further south to Mexico to enjoy the beach and their many

friends who "RVED" with them. Upon the passing of her husband, Jane spent time traveling around her family and her many friends, whether at the Jazz Festival in Sun Valley or at her son's or daughter's family backyard gatherings. Jane was an active member of the Eden Bridge club for more than 50 years and hardly missed a meeting of Harmony Club, a service organization of women who welcomed her as a young bride when she first moved to the farm. Jane always looked forward to her annual Twin Falls High School class reunion that she held every summer where she enjoyed the company of lifelong friends. She kept in constant contact with family and friends by her passion of letter writing, a lot of it.

Jane is survived by her son, Bob (Karen) Rogerson; her daughter, Ellie (Tom) Patterson; her grandchildren, Andy, Katie and Jennifer Rogerson; her brother, Jim Douglas; and sister, Bobbie Jean Sherwood.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 310 Park in Hazelton. The family suggests memorial be made to Valley Presbyterian Church, 310 Park, Hazelton, ID 83338. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

### Lee Ray Thurber

Lee Ray Thurber, age 75, of Champaign, Ill., passed away at 9:42 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at Faith United Methodist Church, 1719 S. Prospect Ave. in Champaign, Ill. The Rev. Wesley Wilkey will officiate. Burial will be at Grandview Memorial Gardens in Champaign. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2007, at Morgan Memorial Home, 1300 Regency Drive W. in Savoy, Ill. Mr. Thurber was born July 15, 1932, in Fairfield, Idaho, a son of Albert H. and Edith McLenora Thurber. He married Marilyn Irene Lewis on June 11, 1960, in Salt Lake

City, Utah. She preceded him in death on Aug. 16, 2003. Survivors include two sons, Mark Thurber of Sadorus, Ill., and Kevin Thurber of Seattle, Wash.; two grandchildren, Cory Thurber and Shannon Thurber, both of Sadorus, Ill.; and one brother, Don Thurber of Vale, Ore.

Mr. Thurber served in the U.S. Army from September 1953 to September 1955 and worked as a civil engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Thurber was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Champaign and a Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League for many years. He was an avid reader and enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Memorial contributions may be made to benefit Parkinson's Research through Frowena Government Medical Center, Dubuque or to Faith United Methodist Church. Edith; children, Joyce (Ken) Reed of Brenda, Ariz., Wayne (Barb) Jensen of Sedro Woolley, Wash., and Beverly (Craig) DeHarrpport of Moran; grandchildren, Jewell (Mike) Hissam of Douglas, Wyo., Leonard (Becky) Chubb of Crawford, Neb., Bob (Jennifer) Chubb of Lander, Wyo., and Peggy (Steve) Dombart of Arcadia, Calif.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Dee (John) Flowers of Norman, Wash., Lee (Mel) Johnson of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Nellie (Mike) Jensen; and brother, Paul (Bev) Jensen of Winton, Calif. Harlie was preceded in death by his wife, Loree; one grandchild, Mike Jensen; and three brothers, Harley, Walter and James.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at the Church of the Nazarene, 123 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

### John Richard Forbes

John Richard Forbes, 77, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at the Twin Falls City Center.

John was born in Port Chester, N.Y., on Nov. 18, 1930. He worked for the Idaho State Police and Doris (Brace) Forbes. He attended schools in Port Chester, N.Y., and after graduating from high school, John attended New York University until he entered the military. He served in the Army for two years. After returning home, he graduated from Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., in 1957 with a BBA degree.

John married Janice (Joan) A. Forbes of Webster, Mass., in 1958. John began his career as an accountant for Price-Waterhouse Co. in Hartford, Conn., and then joined Upperware Co. in 1959. He became vice president of Financial Services at Upperware headquarters in Florida.

He left Upperware to join Scott World Florist as a director of administration. John re-joined Upperware in 1975 and was installed as plant manager at the Upperware manufacturing plant in Idaho. After a plant closure, he was general manager of Austin's Express, then became director of plant facilities at the College of Southern Idaho. He ended his career as a Realtor with Gem State Realty for more than nine years. Throughout these years, he had true respect and respect for those he worked with.

Always a community-minded man, John was active in the Jerome Rotary, was past president of Jerome Chamber of Commerce, past president of St. Benedict's Hospital Foundation, and founding member and past president of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation. John was also past treasurer of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and a member of the Idaho

Employers Council, Boise Art Museum, Jerome Historical Society, Magic Valley Arts Council and Blue Lakes County Club.

As a member of St. Edward's Church, John served as parish council member and in his own mind deeply and had a great concern for his priest, deacons, and church community.

Those whom he leaves to whom he will always be beloved are: six children and five grand-children: son John F. Forbes, wife Gerianne, and grandchildren Christina and Grace Forbes; daughter Sarah E. Snapp, husband Steven, and grandchildren Daniel Snapp and Rachel Snapp; daughters, Priscilla J. Forbes and Elizabeth G. McKinstry; Elizabeth Scott, granddaughter; Janine; sons Michael A. Forbes and Adam D. Forbes.

John was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Catherine G. Will of New York.

A rosary prayer service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at St. Edward's the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 State Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Deacon Jim Herrett reciting. The funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with Father Victor Chubb officiating. A Solemn Inurnment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Memorials can be given to St. Edward's Church and the College of Southern Idaho Foundation. Donations may be given to Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Patrice Greenwell Workman of Idaho Falls and formerly of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the LDS Church in Challis (Jones and Casey Funeral Home in Salmon).

Richard, "Rick" Dale Hundley of Kimberly, celebration of life service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

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### DEATH NOTICES

#### Melanie D. Judy

ALMO — Melanie Darrington Judy, 44, of Maricopa, Ariz., and formerly of Idaho, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at the University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Almo LDS Church; visitation one hour before the service (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

#### Jacqueline E. Robinson

Jacqueline "Jackie" E. Robinson, 74, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007 in McCall.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

#### Pauline W. Armstrong

RUPERT — Pauline Warr Armstrong, 68, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at her daughter's home in Rupert.

### SERVICES

Phyllis Kaye Fullmer Colonna of Brownsburg, Ind., and formerly of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Tommy "Tom" Preston Asher of Albion, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Albion LDS Church, 889 S. Main St. in Albion; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Fred J. Walmsley of Hagerman, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Wayne W. Belpap of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 10th St.; visitation from 9 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Nathale Fox of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Episcopal Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Hyrum Thomas Newman of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS Stake Center, 25 N. Tiger Drive; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

MarLee Carter Vaughn of Rupert, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 100 W. 26 S. (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Patrice Greenwell Workman of Idaho Falls and formerly of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the LDS Church in Challis (Jones and Casey Funeral Home in Salmon).

Richard, "Rick" Dale Hundley of Kimberly, celebration of life service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Rupert LDS 3rd and 10th Ward Church, 526 S. 7th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

#### Rueben E. Ketterling

RUPERT — Rueben Elmer Ketterling, 82, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at the Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home.

The funeral with military rites will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

#### I. Mildred Soran

Ina Mildred Soran, 82, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at her home.

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

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Leonard Vern Owens of Burley, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at Parkside Magpie Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the mortuary.

Nile Zetland Mitchell of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Shirley A. Kinyon of Castleford, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Monday at the Beck Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Seventy First Funeral Chapel, 502 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Dale K. Felman of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Jackpot Community Church (Parkes Magpie Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Lawrence "Bud" Freese of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

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Ellen M. Harnar

BUILT — Ellen M. Harnar, 71, of Buhl, went to be with her Heavenly Father on her favorite day of the year, Dec. 25, 2007.

She was born July 18, 1936, in Glen Ullin, N.D., to Bernard Michael and Cecelia Marie Wetzstein. She moved to Buhl in the early 1940s, where she attended school. She met and married Walter "J. Dub" Harnar and worked various jobs as well as being a wife and mother to their four children. In the years following her retirement, she took great joy in working in her flower garden.



She is survived by her children, Mike (Karen) Harnar of Battle Mountain, Nev., Roger (Sandy) Harnar of Buhl, Judy Harnar of John Day, Ore., and Jack (Tina) Harnar of Buhl; grandchildren, Jason,

Chelsea, Shaden, Tim, Ben, Alex, Brandon, Adam, Calle, Karan, Kaleb, Justin and Ashley; great-grandchildren, Derrick, Echo, Whisper, Leslie, Jacob, Cadence, Halle, Taito, Liam, Cameron, Bissa and Tristan "T-Dub" brothers; Bernice and Bill Wetzstein; sisters, Laurabell, Judy, Betty, Marlene and Theresa. She was preceded in death by her parents and two infants.

Ellen had a true love for the Lord, and she is celebrating her new life in heaven with him.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests remembrances in her name be made to the Buhl QRU, Idaho Home Health and Hospice or the Buhl Senior Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Buhl Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Home Arts
Rugs - Braided
First and Second: Rosemary Matthews;
Rugs - Crocheted
First and Second: Deloris Mills Rugs - Latch Hooked
Second: Martha McCoy
Rugs - Other
First: Carolyn Pearce;
Rugs - Rosemary Matthews;
Rugs - Best of Class
First: Rosemary Matthews

Quilts
Applique, Fused
First: Carmen Vecera
Applique, Hand
First: Deana Steet;
Second: Nancy Ruschle
Applique, Machine
First: Deanna Gransic;
Second: Mackinsie Edmiston
Cotton, Pleated
First: Pat Wagner;
Second: Carmen Vecera
Cotton, Quilted
First: Judy Salvador;
Second: Matilda Machacek
Cross Stitch
First: Linette Gregg;
Second: Mabel Fletcher
Hand Quilted
Economic Quilt or Comforter
Second: Judy Salvador
Embroidered
First: Deloris Womack;
Second: Mabel Fletcher
Hand Quilted
First: Peggy Schroeder;
Second: Lana Meade
Machine Made
First: Freda Nicholson;
Second: Stephanie Vandiest
Machine, Quilted by Exhibitor
First: Sonya Denton;
Second: Traci Wynn
Machine Quilted Not by Exhibitor
First: Anne Kimmitt;
Second: Becky Berman
Miniature Quilt
First: Judy Salvador;
Second: Peggy Jardine
Paper Pieced
First and Second: Janet Mink
Quilted Wall Hanging, 4' X 6'
First: Stephanie Vandiest;
Second: Nancy Ruschle
Rag
First: Mary Ann Warren;
Second: Deloris Mills
Tie-Dye
First: Linette Gregg
Trash to Treasure Sampler
First: Christi Thornsberry
Most Unusual
First: Naomi Ames
Other
First: Judy Salvador;
Second: Deloris Mills

Best of Class
First: Pat Wagner
Alghans
Crochet, Double
First: Deloris Mills
Crochet, Fancy Design
First: Kate Danuser;
Second: Martha McCoy
Crochet, Multi-Color
First: Carolyn Pearce;
Second: Martha McCoy
Crochet, Single
First: Kate Danuser
Grammy Square
First: Deloris Mills;
Second: Helen Meyers
Original Design
First: Kate Danuser
Ripple
First: Dianne Weaver;
Second: Elaine Burns
Other
Second: Edie Barkley
Best of Class
First: Kate Danuser
Bedspreads - Original
First: Naomi Ames;
Second: Linette Gregg
Bedspreads - Quilted
First: Maxine Metzler
Bedspreads - Other
First: Nancy Tevs
Best of Class
First: Naomi Ames
Bedroom Linens
Pillowcases, Embroidery
First: Elaine Burns;
Second: Wilma Covey
Best of Class
First: Elaine Burns

Linens and Furnishings
Centerpiece, Crochet, Over 14"
First: Wilma Covey;
Second: Dorothy M. Amero
Dolly, Beaded
First: Maxine Metzler
Dolly, Colored, Over 14"
First: Wilma Covey;
Second: Betty Mahan
Dolly, Colored, Under 14"
First: Wilma Covey;
Second: Helen May
Dolly, Crochet, Off-White Under 14"
First: Elizabeth Williams;
Second: Helen Meyers
Dolly, Crochet, White, Over 14"
First: Lana Meade;
Second: Wilma Covey
Dolly, Crochet, White, Under 14"
First: Lana Meade;
Second: Wilma Covey
Place Mats
First: Carolyn Pearce
Tablecloth
First: Martha McCoy;
Second: Carolyn Pearce
Table Runner
First: Peggy Fawcett;
Second: Viola Hiett
Ten Towels, Complete
First: Wilma Covey;
Second: Mary Ann Warren
Other
First: Pat Thornsberry;
Second: Barbara Bower
Best of Class
First: Elizabeth Williams

Homemade Sewing
Dress, 2 to 6 Years Old
First: Melaine Wetzstein;
Second: Rochelle Younger
Jacket, Children
First: Darlene Annon
Jacket, Lined
First: Darlene Annon
Jacket, Woman's Unlined
First: Peggy Fawcett
Blouse, Girls or Woman's Casual
First: Nancy Tevs
Coats, Woman's
First: Jean Schultz
Shirt, Girl's Woman's
First: Darlene Annon
Slacks
First: Nancy Tevs
Apron
First and Second: Rochelle Younger
Machine Embroidery
First: Renea Kelly
Made Over Article
First: Fran Adams;
Second: Peggy Fawcett
Quilted
First: Jean Schultz;
Second: Mary Ann Warren
Other
First: Barbara Ute
Blouse, Girl's/Woman's Dressy
First: Jean Schultz
Best of Class
First: Melaine Wetzstein

Infants
Alghan, Crochet, Double
First: Kate Danuser;
Second: Barbara Bower
Alghan, Crochet, Fancy
First: Barbara Bower;
Second: Rochelle Younger
Alghan, Knitted
First: Antoinette Ayers
Alghan, Other
First: Edie Barkley;
Second: Orlota Hopkins
Beaded
First: Suzanne Miller;
Second: Wilma Covey
Dress, Kid or Crochet
First: Heather Jensen;
Second: Wilma Covey
Quilt, Applique
First: Maxine Metzler;
Second: Nicole Culler
Quilt, Pleated

First: Judy Salvador;
Second: Nicole Culler
Other
First: Tamara Huseman;
Second: Elaine Burns
Best of Class
First: Maxine Metzler
Crochet Articles - Cap or Hat
First: Suzanne Miller
Crochet Articles - Doll
First: Danna Galvan;
Second: Orlota Hopkins
Crochet Articles - Slippers
First and Second: Wilma Covey
Crochet Articles - Miscellaneous Crochet
First and Second: Joan Baker
Crochet Articles - Best of Class
First: Joan Baker
Knitted Article
Cap or Hat
First: Dorothy M. Amero;
Second: Jane Andrew
Falling
First and Second: Sandy Harnay
Purse
First and Second: Christi Pyles
Scarves
First and Second: Pyles Joan Slippers
First: Priscilla Parsons;
Second: Sandy Harnay
Stole
First: Loraine Molyneux
Sweater, Cardigan, Woman's
First: Sandy Harnay;
Second: Christi Pyles
Sweater, Child's
First: Jane Andrew;
Second: Priscilla Parsons
Sweater, Slipover
Second: Lana Meade
Toy
First: Christi Pyles
Vest
Second: Orlota Hopkins
Miscellaneous Knit
First: Jane Andrew;
Second: Christi Pyles
Best of Class
First: Jane Andrew

Weaving
Alghans
Suzette Miller
Clothing
First and Second: Gloria Hann
Ponchos or Capes
First and Second: Gloria Hann
Stole
First and Second: Gloria Hann
Best of Class
First: Marian Hulet
Pillows - Embroidery
First: Lisa Spooner;
Second: Melaine Wetzstein
Pillows - Tamata
First: Joan Brown
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Senior center in Gooding receives grant

GOODING — The Gooding County Senior Citizen's Center has received a grant of \$2,000 from the Curtis Turner Memorial Fund and the Southwestern Region Greatest Need Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation for new chairs and a contribution toward a new range for the kitchen.

The Senior Center serves 150 to 200 meals per week at the Center, 308 Senior Ave., and delivers about 90 meals home-delivery recipients. It also serves breakfast to about 200 people the first Saturday of each month. All ages are welcome.

With this much use, the chairs are badly worn and falling apart and in need of replacement. The folks at the Center are thankful for this generous gift of being able to replace the worn chairs.

The range has been in use for almost 30 years, is

also needing to be replaced. Some contributions have been made and the remaining money for the chair purchase will be placed in that fund. Both these projects should be completed shortly after the New Year.

"The grant will make it possible for the Center to accomplish this goal," said manager Lynne Corbett. "The Idaho Community Foundation deserves special thanks for helping us with this."

People interested in learning more about the Gooding Senior Center may call 934-5504. The Idaho Community Foundation is a statewide nonprofit organization comprised of more than 370 individual funds, pooled together for efficient management. Total assets approach \$70 million. Since its inception in 1988, ICF has made charitable distributions totaling more than \$31 million.

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Ismael Carbero-Rodriguez, 30, Buhl; one count failure to stop/leave the scene of an accident; costs waived; 30 days in jail, credit for time served; 180 days in jail to purchase/invalid driver's license; 30 days in jail, credit for time served.
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Boris Vin, 32, Twin Falls; transportation of minoriferous tires without proof of ownership; dismissed by prosecutor.
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Twin Falls city
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS
Derek A. Wilkins, 38, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; second offense; \$1,500 fine with \$750 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 280 suspended; credit for 49 days served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation; one count driving without privilege; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; 180 days in jail with 120 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation.

Jeffery J. Hoy, 37, Brighton, Colo.; one count driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for one day served; one count failure to notify upon starting unscheduled vehicle; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 30 days in jail with 29 suspended; credit for one day served; 12 months probation.
MIDSEAMNEOR SENTENCINGS
Bradley E. Taylor, 28, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 177 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol.

Jeanie M. Braun, 23, Shoshone; reckless driving; amended to 180 days probation; no driving; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation.

Randy J. Holler Jr., 19, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 335

suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation.
Justin C. Hightower, 27, Kimberly; driving without privileges; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for one day served; one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
Tigre D. Martinez, 37, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; restitution to Cheryl.

James R. Gortem, 22, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 335 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation; one count driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 335 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation.

Marla Juarez, 30, Rupert; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; restitution to Winco.
Rosalina B. Haro, 38, Burley; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; restitution to Winco.
Francisco J. Vilas-Vazquez, 21, Buhl; one count driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 87 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months proba-

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Fernando Garcia, 34, Kimberly; driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
MIDSEAMNEOR SENTENCINGS
Lay M. Harris, 21, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for one day served; one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
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# Idaho nuke foes pitch initiative to stop proposed plants

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Two nuclear energy foes pitched an initiative Friday that seeks to keep nuclear power plants out of Idaho by giving the state's voters a final approval of such projects and by prohibiting any construction until the federal government approves a place to put the waste.

The initiative comes as two companies, a billionaire investor, Warren Buffett's MidAmerican Energy Co. utility, and Alternate Energy Holdings, a small Virginia-based company, separately announce ongoing building a nuclear plant here.

and small businessman in southwestern Idaho where MidAmerican is scrutinizing a site near the Payette and Snake rivers, opposes nuclear power because she fears an accident such as the 1986 calamity in Chernobyl, Ukraine. A nuclear power plant could affect the whole state, so the whole state should be able to vote on it, she said.

"This isn't as safe as a lot of people would like you to believe," Hasse told reporters in Boise on Friday.

She and Twin Falls nuclear foe Peter Rickards submitted the initiative to Idaho Secretary of State Ben Sistrup with the 20 signatures required for initial approval.

The proposed measure also would mandate voter approval for coal-fired power plants, such as one proposed in 2006 near Twin Falls by a Southern California utility. It now goes to the Idaho attorney general for a nonbinding legal review.

To get the initiative on the November 2008 ballot, Hasse's group would have to collect 45,000 signatures of registered voters before April 30, just four months away, according to Sistrup's office.

Meanwhile, MidAmerican Nuclear Energy Co. has been scrutinizing a 3,200-acre site in Payette County near Idaho's border to Oregon, investigating its suitability based on the landscape's seismic and volcanic features.

At a Dec. 20 meeting in Payette, MidAmerican officials told 400 people who attended that the company could make a decision whether to proceed as early as next fall.


First, though, it wants to continue to study the area — and talk to residents to ease their concerns over the project.

"Their opinions are important. We respect them," Bill Fehrman, president of

MidAmerican Nuclear, said Friday. "We're following a very comprehensive due-diligence plan."

MidAmerican had originally considered sites around the region, Fehrman said, but eventually settled on Payette County for more intensive

review because of its proximity to the utility's customers in Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada. Its scenic location, which could help attract employees; and the state's pro-nuclear legacy stemming from the Idaho National Laboratory.



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## ID officers confront children holding toy guns

CHUBBUCK (AP) — Four children playing with two toy guns in the dark outside an apartment building were held at gunpoint by police before officers realized the replica assault rifles weren't real.

Two Chubbuck police officers responded about 10 p.m. Wednesday after a woman called authorities and reported that she took her two real guns, resulting in what police Lt. Bill Gulberson described as a "lose-lose" situation for the children and police.

Police cited the mother of one of the children, Loreen Tendoy, with obstructing and delaying justice. Tendoy told the Idaho State Journal she reacted emotionally when police confronted the children, including her 13-year-old son, Iye Iteon, his 11-year-old stepbrother, and two female cousins.

Iteon said police shouted, "Freeze!" and took the toy guns. "We were trying to explain to them that they were toys and they said, 'Shut up!' Iteon said.

Gulberson said that police couldn't determine in the dark whether the children held M4 assault rifles or plastic imitations. He said he understood Tendoy's reaction, but also noted several shootings around the country, including a 19-year-old who killed eight people and himself at a mall in Omaha, Neb., on Dec. 5, and the Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo., in 1999 where two student gunmen killed 12 classmates and a teacher before killing themselves.

"Our biggest concern is public safety and the kids' safety," Gulberson said. "We're no different than Omaha. We're no different from Littleton, Colo. Times have changed: Our officers have to deal with that. Hopefully, in the end, we can prevent this from happening again."

## 55 Idaho inmates sidetracked during move from Texas prison

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Fifty-five Idaho inmates who were moved out of a troubled Texas prison on Thursday have been forced by a Texas court order to make a temporary stop before going to their final destination, a lockup near the Mexican border.

More than 500 Idaho prisoners are in Texas and Oklahoma due to overcrowding at home. The prisoners being moved are bound for the Val Verde Correctional Facility in Del Rio, Texas, after more than a year at the Dickens State Correctional Center in Spur, Texas, where one Idaho inmate killed himself in March.

Because a Texas county official has yet to approve the contract to house Idaho prisoners at Val Verde, they have first been sent 100 miles away to the Bill Clayton Detention Center in Littlefield, Texas.

There, they will sleep in groups of up to 10 men on makeshift cots in day rooms until resolution of the contract allows them to complete the final 250-mile leg of their journey to Val Verde sometime in early January.

The inmates "were a bit dubious and questionable about that," said Randy Blades, the warden in Boise who oversees Idaho's out-of-state prisoners. "That's one reason why his agency has sent two officers to make sure the move runs smoothly, Blades said.

Both the Dickens and Val Verde prisons are run by private operator GEO Group Inc., based in Boca Raton, Florida.

Pablo Paez, a spokesman for GEO, didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

GEO no longer has the contract to manage the Dickens facility after Tuesday. Because Idaho recently rejected an offer from the new company that will run Dickens, GEO on Thursday had to move the Idaho inmates to temporary quarters in Littlefield.

Though Idaho officials thought details of the move to Val Verde had been resolved, Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke said he learned only last week that a

Texas county judge wanted a lawyer to look at the contract one last time.

This is just the latest uprooting of Idaho inmates since they were first shipped out of state in 2005. Since then, they have bounced from prison to prison in Minnesota and Texas amid allegations of abusive treatment. There also has been the criminal conviction of at least one Texas guard for passing contraband to inmates; at least two escapes; and the death of Scot Noble Payne, a convicted sex offender who slashed his throat last March.

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# S.F. Zoo could face penalties, charges in tiger attack

By Jordan Robertson  
Associated Press writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The deadly tiger escape at the San Francisco Zoo could prove to be a costly blow to an institution that has come under fire repeatedly in just the past few years over the deaths of two elephants and the mauling of a zookeeper.

The zoo could face heavy fines from regulators. It could be stripped of its exhibitor license. Its accreditation could be at risk. It could be hit with a huge lawsuit by the victims or their families. It could even face criminal charges, depending on what the investigation finds.

"All this legal action is likely to impact the financial viability of the zoo," said Iory Little, a professor at the University of California's Hastings College of the Law. "Whether the zoo can stay open is a big question."

It is becoming increasingly clear that the 350-pound Siberian tiger that killed a teenager and severely mauled two other visitors in a Christmas Day rampage climbed over a wall that at 12½ feet was about 4 feet below the recommended minimum for U.S. zoos.

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which typically accredits zoos every five years and set the height standard, has released statements this week in support of the zoo.

"The San Francisco Zoo is a great zoo, it's an accredited AZA member in good standing, and it has our support during this difficult time," AZA President and CEO Jim Maddy said in a statement.

The organization, however, has declined to renew the zoo's accreditation before. In January 2005, the zoo lost its accreditation after a three-day inspection found a number of operational and maintenance problems. The zoo eventually received full accreditation in March 2006 after the AZA found the problems had been corrected.

San Francisco Zoo Director Manuel Mollinedo said the AZA never noted any deficiencies with the wall around the tiger enclosure.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which is responsible for enforcing the Animal Welfare Act, also could impose penalties, including fines, suspension or revoke the zoo's exhibitor license. If it is found that the zoo violated federal regulations on animal enclosures, Mollinedo said Thursday inspectors from the department had visited the zoo.

San Francisco Zoo officials said Friday night they plan to reopen the zoo on Jan. 3.

Legal experts say lawsuits are likely. Already, the zoo is facing a lawsuit by zookeeper Lori Komejan, who was attacked last year when she fed the same tiger involved in the deadly escape. The animal mauled her arm.

In October, Komejan sued the city of San Francisco, seeking compensation for lost wages, medical expenses and emotional distress. She accused the city, which owns the zoo property, of "housing the tigers with reckless disregard for the safety of animal handlers and members of the general public."

The California Division of Occupational Health and Safety issued a report that found the zoo at fault for Komejan's injuries. The report said zoo officials knew the big-cat exhibit posed a hazard because the animals could reach under the cage bars. The agency fined the zoo \$18,000 and ordered safety improvements.

The zoo added customized steel mesh over the bars, built in a feeding chute and increased the distance between the public and the cats.

Komejan's attorney, Michael Mandel, said he sees parallels between Komejan's case and the Christmas Day rampage, when the tiger killed 17-year-old Carlos Sousa Jr. and mauled his friends Paul Dhalwal, 19, and Kulbir Dhalwal.

"In both cases, there were certainly insufficient safeguards to protect both employees and the public,"

Mandel said.

In the latest attack, Mandel said: "I find it hard to accept the fact that they weren't even aware that the wall didn't meet the standard set by the association. They're not even aware of their own deficiencies."

Three years ago, two elephants died at the zoo, prompting it to remove its remaining elephants to an animal sanctuary. Animal activists complained about

conditions at the zoo, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed tough requirements that forced the zoo to extensively refurbish habitats for other animals.

Among the lawsuits that the zoo could face would be those filed by the victims and their families, even if investigators find that the Sousa and his friends had provoked the tiger or ignored warnings not to taunt the animals, Little said.



Tatiana, a female Siberian tiger that killed one person and injured two others on Tuesday, is seen at the San Francisco Zoo in December 2006. The animal was killed after the attack.

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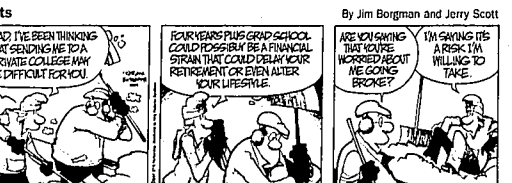
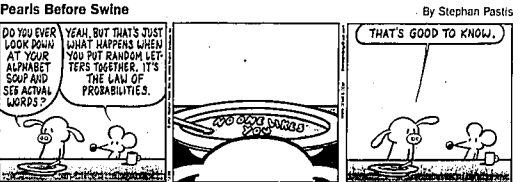
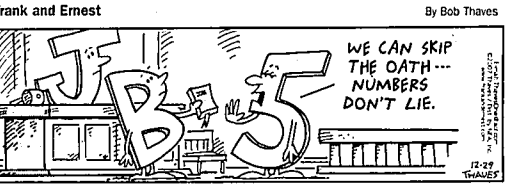
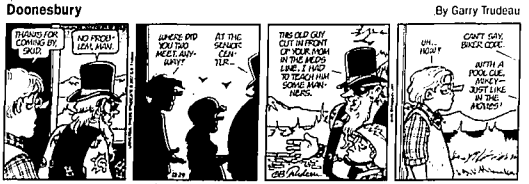
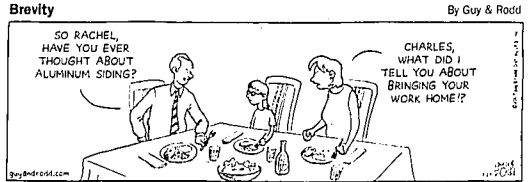
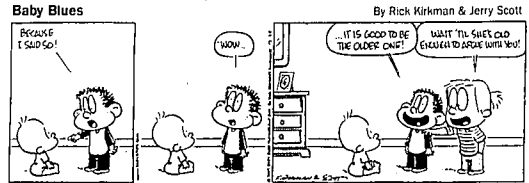
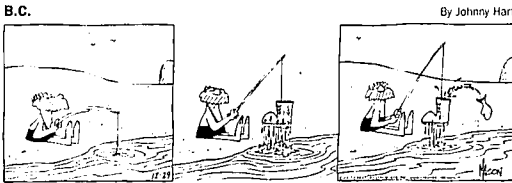
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IF DEC. 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have been given a valuable opportunity to concentrate on the things closest to your heart. As the next few months unfold, you will be blessed by proof that these closest to you have your best interests in mind. You may have a golden opportunity to launch treasured plans in the next four weeks or the answer to a fervent prayer.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take compliments with a grain of salt. A person who falls at your feet may intend to steal your shoes. The expiration date could come and go before you can use up a bulk purchase you think is a bargain.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Promises are always kept. Don't be overly impressed by assurances or surface agreement. Others may secretly resent your audacity when you forge ahead with your current enthusiasms.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Contemplative observations could be construed as criticism. You can view the truth clearly, but it may be best to keep silent. Those you deal with today might be insincere

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about agreement.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Turn criticism to your advantage. You will find that the old saying that you can never be too thin or too rich is a good creed for this evening.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may be suffering from post-holiday blues. A temporary lack of funds might make you regret charitable donations. Console yourself with the thought that you will have extra deductions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** The best things in life are free. If you try to acquire the "best things" today, however, they will be very expensive. You will be happier if you avoid extravagant displays of affection.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Hold off on purchases of jewelry, home furnishings or clothing. Defer to someone else if good taste is required. You may be forced into a corner and agree to something just to be polite.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Good taste has left the

building. You might want to emulate a friend by purchasing an extravagant item while it is on sale, but what suits someone else won't necessarily suit you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Too much of a good thing is too much. A tendency to say the wrong thing at the wrong time could put you in an awkward position. Don't make promises and don't make excuses.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stalwart pragmatism might keep you out of hot water. Someone may make a promise with no intention of keeping it, merely to avoid conflict. It is a good thing you are skeptical.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You may think you are right when you are wrong. Don't jump on the bandwagon of popular public opinion. It is better to reserve judgment and be cautious than to commit yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Maintain a professional demeanor. Accentuating family values and sentimentality may not be appropriate. Act with discretion even if others assure you that it is OK to let your hair down.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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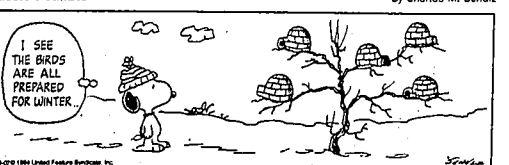
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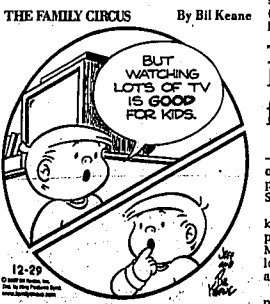
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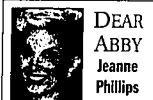


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



# Don't touch or feed assistance dog without asking permission



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was having lunch in a restaurant recently. Seated next to us was a family who had an assistance dog for their teenage son. I was appalled when someone from another table approached the dog, began talking baby talk to it (while ignoring the people) and dropped a scrap of meat on the floor in front of the dog's nose.

The dog ignored the "treat," and the mother calmly asked the person to please stop distracting their assistance dog while it was working. I was dazzled by her presence in the face of such rudeness and thoughtlessness.

Abby, people need to know how to behave around assistance dogs so they don't endanger the person with a disability or the dog:

(1) Always speak to the person first. Do not make distracting noises to the dog.  
(2) Always ask before you pet. Do not touch the service dog without first asking for and receiving permission. Petting should be minimal and cease as soon as the person gives the dog a command.  
(3) Never feed or offer food to a working dog. It distracts him and lures him away from his important job as an assistance dog.

(4) Do not let your dog initiate contact with a working dog while it's on duty.

(5) Do not ask personal questions about the person's disability or otherwise intrude on his/her privacy.

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) ensures people with assistance dogs have access to public places and businesses. Please welcome them into your establishment.

—KARYL CARMIGNANI, CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE

DEAR ABBY: It's amazing how many animal lovers do not grasp the fact that when they see an assistance dog out in public that the animal is WORKING. Although I want to reach out and touch it, it is not more correct than it would be to pet a dog that works in law enforcement. Thank you for your informative letter. I hope readers will learn from it because many of your comments apply to animals in general.

DEAR ABBY: I have a hereditary trait for low vision that is not correctible with glasses. The fact that I cannot

see well is not obvious to most people. All my life people have been judgmental and become offended and stay mad forever when I don't recognize them from across the room or street, or remember them after I haven't seen them for a while.

As a professional, I have tried many exercises in recognizing people who don't have an outstanding physical trait to remember them by. Also (for example), women change their hairstyle or color often, and I can't discern facial features very well.

I just want to remind people that some of us have such problems you don't know about, and we are not unfriendly or rude or have bad manners. Please give people the benefit of the doubt. Sometimes there are things about someone you don't know. Please stop being so judgmental and count your blessings.

—LEGALLY BLIND

DEAR L.B.: You have less a vision problem than you have a communication problem. Remaining silent about your disability is like trying to struggle down past a roster. People already know something is wrong. They think it's your personality. The sooner you set them straight and let them know it's your vision, the sooner your problem will resolve itself.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 2007. There are two days left in the year.

### Today's highlight:

On Dec. 29, 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

### On this date:

In 1170, Thomas Becket, the archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered in Falaise, N.C. in England by knights loyal to King Henry II.

In 1800, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1851, the first American Young Men's Christian Association was organized in Boston.

In 1916, Grigory Rasputin, the so-called "Mad Monk" who had wielded great

influence with Czar Nicholas II, was murdered by a group of Russian noblemen in St. Petersburg.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as the Second Great Fire of London.

In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were married in Las Vegas.

In 1957, the Detroit Lions defeated the Cleveland Browns, 59-14, to win the NFL Championship at Briggs Stadium in Detroit.

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

In 1989, playwright Vaclav Havel was elected president of Czechoslovakia by the country's Federal Assembly, becoming the first non-Communist to attain the post in more than four decades.

Ten years ago: Hong Kong began killing 1.4 million chickens to stem the spread of a mysterious bird flu that

had already killed four people.

Five years ago: Secretary of State Colin Powell, making the rounds of the Sunday TV talk shows, said there was still time to find a diplomatic resolution to the impasse in development of nuclear weapons, and that the situation hadn't yet reached the crisis stage.

One year ago: Ward reached the United States of Iraq in the execution of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein (because of the time difference, it was the morning of Dec. 30 in Iraq when the hanging took place). In a statement, President Bush called Saddam's execution a milestone on Iraq's road to democracy. Gerald R. Ford's flag-draped casket was carried into a church in Palm Desert, Calif., for a public viewing that marked the start of six days of mourning for the former president. More than 400 people died when a crowded Indonesian ferry sank in the Java Sea.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Clarence Swensen is 80. Actress Inge Swenson is 75. ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 73. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 70. Actor Jon Voight is 69. Country singer Ed Bruce is 68. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 66. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 61. Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. is 61. Actor Ted Danson is 60. Actor Jon Polito is 57. Singer/actress Yvonne Ellman is 56. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 48. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 48. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 46. Rock singer Dexter

Holland is 46. Offspring is 42. Actor/comedian Mastro Clark is 41. Actor Jason Mewes is 41. Movie director Andy Wachowski is 40. Actress Jennifer Ehle is 39. Rock singer-musician Glen Phillips is 37. Actor Kevin Weisman is 37. Actor Jude Law is 35. Actor Mekhi Phifer is 33. Actor Shawn Hatosy is 32. Actor Diego Luna is 28. Country singer Jessica Andrews is 24.

## THOUGHT

"Sin cannot be undone, only forgiven."

— Igor Stravinsky, Russian-born composer (1882-1971)

## Man says MP3 player he bought daughter for Christmas was preloaded with porn

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A father gave his 10-year-old daughter a Christmas present that would make Santa blush.

Now Darryl Hill wants to know why an MP3 video player he bought at a Walmart in Sparta was preloaded with pornography and explicit songs.

Hill bought three of the players as Christmas presents for his children. He said one of the devices had

apparently been returned to the store from a previous owner who loaded sex clips and songs with lyrics about using drugs.

Within 10 minutes, my daughter was crying," Hill said Thursday. "I wish I could take the thoughts and images out of her head."

Hill questioned why Walmart Stores Inc. would sell such merchandise as new which she said violates its own policies.

A company spokesman said he e-mailed WSMV-TV of Nashville that stores are not supposed to return opened packages to the sales floor and that the matter was under investigation.

Hill said he declined Walmart's offer to replace the MP3 player. He said he has already bought his daughter a new one and is hanging onto the controversial one until he talks to a lawyer.



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# Reasons and resolutions this holiday season

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

For many on winter vacation, the pursuit of happiness begins with the daily ski report.

Others look for mountain-top experiences right in their own backyard. Whether ascending a physical summit or climbing toward a less literal goal, this season is about more than gifts.

Eight-year-old Collin Glass, a student at Agape Christian School in Twin Falls, views his vacation as a time to play and an opportunity to spend more time with his dogs, Stewart and Bear. His classmate, Rush Ronald Robbins, wants to spend time at home "playing with my friends."

While time for recreation is paramount for these boys, Mona Lovelless, their second-grade teacher, hopes her students will keep in mind the reason for the season.

"In a Christian school, the main focus is Christ," Lovelless said.

And in the preschool classroom at 181 Morrison St., that "reason for the season" is spelled out in bold print. Posted on a large bulletin board are the words: "Happy Birthday Jesus."

That's only half of the story, every child's resolve makes up the other half.

On colorful posters scattered around the board and made to catch the attention of 4- and 5-year-olds, simple resolutions are a matter of child's play: "Listen," "Share," "Help Others," "Take Turns," "Put Things Away."

And, "Eat Politely." Substitute teacher Tanya McGrew would have it no

**"It's about Jesus — that's what Christmas is about."**

— 5-year-old Ashton Sparrow

other way.

For the coming year, McGrew sees the very act of making resolutions as an important step in making positive, lifelong changes. At 51, the mother of five said that setting everyday goals is a necessary ingredient in raising a family. But with each new year, the act of voicing long-term resolutions remains a valuable tool.

And for 2008, her goals are firm: "Exercise more. Help others. Read my Bible more." Where helping others is concerned, Agape director Julie May agrees. A long-standing goal for

May has been: "To give of myself to help someone else." But this year, that resolve has taken on a new meaning.

May, 57, lost two children when they were infants, and that was only the beginning of her motherhood sorrows. When her only remaining child lost most of his sight 15 years ago during a solar eclipse, she was left to watch the difficulties the 12-year-old had to face. This year, her son received two cornea transplants.

Following his second operation, he told his mother: "Now I can (really) see

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Jeragan Thornton opens a Christmas present during a gift exchange held in teacher Mona Lovelless' class at the Agape Christian School on a recent Thursday afternoon in Twin Falls. Though the students exchanged presents, they also understand Christmas is about more than what's beneath the wrapping paper.



Jeragan Thornton, left, looks at classmate Jasmine Segovia in astonishment as they unwrap a present during a gift exchange at Agape Christian School in Twin Falls. Even though gifts were exchanged in Mona Lovelless' class, the students recognize that receiving material items is not at the heart of the season.

## Is your resolution?

Some resolutions have been achieved, although many resolutions go unachieved and are often broken fairly shortly after the holidays, they are set.

Years resolutions in the holidays, maintaining fitness of

Year's resolution is weight loss. A student may make a resolution to stay focused in class or to complete all of his or her assignments. Resolutions to eat sensibly or increase exercise are also quite common.

Other examples include resolutions to become more assertive, or to become more economically or environmentally responsible. People may act sinfully during the Christmas fasting period of Lent, though the motive behind this holiday is more of sacrifice than of responsibility.

— Source: WJL/pedia

# God and riches: Senate probe shines light on televangelists' 'prosperity gospel'

By Eric Gorski  
Associated Press writer

The message flickered into Cindy Fleenor's living room each night: Be faithful in how you live and how you give, and the television preachers said, and God will shower you with material riches.

And so the 53-year-old accountant from the Tampa, Fla., area pledged \$500 a year to Joyce Meyer, the evangelist whose frank talk about recovery from childhood sexual abuse was so inspirational. She wrote checks to flamboyant faith healer Benny Hinn and a local preacher-made-god, Paul White.

Only the blessings didn't come. Fleenor ended up borrowing money from friends

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— David Edwin Harrell Jr., a Roberts biographer

and payday loan companies just to buy groceries. At first she believed the explanation given on television: Her faith wasn't strong enough.

"I wanted to believe God wanted to do something great with me, like he was doing with them," she said. "I'm angry and bitter about it. Right now, I don't watch any one on TV hardly."

All three of the groups Fleenor supported are

among six major Christian television ministries under scrutiny by a senator who is asking questions about the evangelists' lavish spending and possible abuses of their tax-exempt status.

The probe by Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, the ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, has brought new scrutiny to the underlying belief that brings in millions of dollars and fills

churches from Atlanta to Los Angeles — the "Gospel of Prosperity," or the notion that God wants to bless the faithful with earthly riches.

All six ministries under investigation preach the prosperity gospel to varying degrees.

Proponents call it a biblically sound message of hope. Others say it is a distortion.



Televangelists Gloria Copeland and Kenneth Copeland lay hands on Oral Roberts during the International Charismatic Bible Ministries conference at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., in 2003.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Family History Library offers classes

The Family History Library is offering an all-day class series on researching and finding your Danish ancestors from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 19 in the classroom on the first lower level of the library, west of Temple Square in downtown Salt Lake City. Admission is free.

Topics include "Foundations to Research," "Church Records," "Census Records" and "Probate

Records." To view a class schedule and a series poster go to [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

Parking is available for a fee at the northwest corner of West Temple and North Temple streets.

To register, e-mail [FHLCClass@lds.org](mailto:FHLCClass@lds.org) or call (801) 240-4950.

## Temple Square hosts First Night Festivities

First Night Festivities on Temple Square will begin at 6 p.m. Monday with free entertainment for all ages in

the Assembly Hall and the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City. Prelude music starts at 5:30 p.m. First Night buttons or tickets are not needed.

Groups performing at the Assembly Hall include Swiss Chorus, Edelweiss, One Clear Voice, On the Air, My Sisters, Western Shadows, Salt City Brass and The Cadillacs, A Capella.

At the Joseph Smith Building, performances include the Steve and Pat Evans Family. The Other Three Tenors, Lalajaytz, Beehive Statesmen Chorus,

Harmonix. The Sizzling Strings, Mama's Boys, Katie Hill, The Accords, Wasatch and District Pipe Band, and Allie's Touch of Polynasia. Information: (801) 240-3323.

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# MISSIONARY

Elder John D. Preston was called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Manchester New Hampshire area.



Preston is the son of Tim and L. E. Preston of Burley and is in the Burley 11th Ward. He is a 2007 graduate of Burley High School, is an

Eagle Scout and earned a Duty to God Award through Scouting. He has been living in Trowa, Utah, with his brothers and attending Brigham Young University since June.

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# Riches

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that makes evangelists rich and preys on the vulnerable. They say it has evolved from "It's all right to make money" to "It's all right for the pastor to drive a Bentley, live in a oceanside home and travel by private jet."

"More and more people are desperate and grasping at straws and want something that will alleviate their economic or financial crisis," said Michael Palmer, dean of the divinity school at Regent University, founded by Pat Robertson.

"It's a growing problem."

The modern-day prosperity movement can largely be traced back to evangelist Oral Roberts' teachings. Roberts' disciples have spread his theology and vocabulary (Roberts and other evangelists, such as Meyer, call their donors "partners.") And several popular prosperity preachers, including some now under investigation, have served on the Oral Roberts University board.

Grassley is asking the ministers for financial records on salaries, spending practices, private jets and other perks. The investigation, coupled with a financial scandal at ORU that forced out Roberts' son and heir, Richard, has some wondering whether the prosperity gospel is facing a day of reckoning.

While few expect the movement to disappear, the scrutiny could force greater financial transparency and oversight in the movement known for secrecy.

Most scholars trace the origins of prosperity theology to E.W. Kenyon, an evangelical pastor from the first half of the 20th century.

But it wasn't until the post-war era — and a pair of evangelists from Tulsa, Okla. — that "health and wealth" theology became a fixture in Pentecostal and charis-



Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, left, speaks at the Iowa State Republican Party Convention in Des Moines in 2006. Six major Christian television ministries are under scrutiny by Grassley, including Bishop Edna Long, center, of the New Birth Ministries Baptist Church in Lithonia, Ga., and evangelist Benny Hinn, right. Grassley is asking questions about the evangelists' spending and possible abuses of their tax-exempt status.

matic churches. Oral Roberts and Kenneth Hagin — and later, Kenneth Copeland — trained tens of thousands of evangelists with a message that resonated with an emerging middle class, said David Edwin Harrell Jr., a Roberts biographer. Copeland is among those now being investigated.

"What Oral did was develop a theology that made it OK to prosper," Harrell said. "He let Pentecostals be faithful to the old-time truths their grandparents embraced and be part of the modern world where they could have good jobs and make money."

The teachings took on various names — "Name It and Claim It," "Word of Faith," the prosperity gospel.

Prosperity preachers say that it isn't all about money — that God's blessings extend to health, relationships and being well-off enough to help others.

That you by his poverty might become rich."

Critics acknowledge the idea that God wants to bless his followers has a Biblical basis, but say prosperity preachers take "versus out of context. The prosperity crowd also fails to acknowledge biblical accounts that show God doesn't always reward faithful believers, Palmer said.

The Book of Job is a case study in piety unrewarded, and a chapter in the Book of Hebrews includes a litany of believers who were tortured and martyred, Palmer said.

Yet the prosperity gospel continues to draw crowds, particularly lower- and middle-income people who, critics say, have the greatest motivation and the most to lose. The prosperity message is spreading to black churches, attracting elderly people with disposable incomes, and reaching huge churches in Africa and other developing parts of the world.

One of the teaching's attractions is that it doesn't dwell on traditional Christian themes of heaven and hell but on answering pressing concerns

of the here and now, said Brian McLaren, a liberal evangelical author and pastor.

But the prosperity gospel, McLaren said, not only preys on the hope of the vulnerable, it puts too much emphasis on individual success and happiness.

"We've pretty much ignored what the Bible says about systematic injustice," he said.

The checks and balances central to Christian denominations are largely lacking in prosperity churches. One of the pastors in the Grassley probe, Bishop Edna Long of suburban Atlanta, has written that God told him to get rid of the "ungodly governmental structure" of a deacon board.

Some ministers hold up their own wealth as evidence that including a prosperity Atlanta-area pastor Creflo Dollar, who is fighting Grassley's inquiry, owns a Rolls Royce and multimillion-dollar homes and travels in a church-owned Learjet.

# Season

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your face," May said.

But the price for that miracle of sight was high.

"Someone had to die so my son could see."

May said, and her resolution was coming into focus. It is to be more attentive to those who are suffering.

"And I pray I'll always see the good in other people," she said.

The Rev. Myron Glantz, retired minister of Grace Baptist Church, said making New Year's resolutions is not something to be taken lightly.

Throughout his 45-year ministry, his encouragement to parishioners came with the warning that when making resolutions "there's a price to pay."

The trend toward making resolutions is "kind of a spur-of-the-moment" decision, he said.

And that can be dangerous.

Making an unreasonable resolution invites failure, he said. This he warns: "Be sure of your commitment to follow through."

And he practices what he preaches.

After a recent bout with a serious illness, his personal resolve is "life, itself ... to experience fully what God has given to me ... and be thankful."

And what does 5-year-old Ashton Sparrow at Agape have to say about the season?

"It's about Jesus — that's what Christmas is about."

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# What's new in the up-above book department

By Susan Campbell The Hardford Courant

To close out the year in the world of writing about religion, how about a book about the Nativity? Or one on why religions seem bound to violence? Or a book about a woman in the Bible whom history has treated shabbily, Queen Jezebel?

Recent religion books have no shortage in diversity of subject matter. One is *Geza Vermes*, a respected Bible scholar, specializing in Judaism during the time of Jesus. In his latest work, "The Nativity: History and Legend" (Doubleday, \$19.99, 172 pp.), Vermes turns his trained eye to the story of the birth of Jesus, perhaps the pivotal tale of Christianity.

Stripping away the legends and myths from the Nativity, Vermes casts his net far to explain (and, in some cases, debunk) what some believers hold true — even while he maintains respect for the core story. According to Vermes, Mary, the mother of Jesus, could hardly have been a virgin her entire life, as the Bible specifically, talks about her, and husband Joseph enjoying relations after the arrival of their first-born. And the actual birth most likely occurred in the spring, roughly four years later than we think.

Or politician attempted to tell us what our country's founders had in mind in regard to the role of religion in our democracy, we would be very rich indeed. "The Founders on Religion: A Book of Quotations," edited by James H. Hutson (Princeton University Press, \$14.95, 288 pp.) might go a long way toward settling disputes.

Hutson, chief of the manuscript division at the Library of Congress, is a former faculty member of the history departments at both Yale University and the College of William and Mary, takes us straight to the sources, with some surprising results. In easy-to-reference form, it shows the founders loved their country but were quite capable of thinking outside the pew. Some examples:

Thomas Jefferson was not tied to book-church-and-verse. In one 1813 excerpt, he suggests people focus only on the words of Jesus. Benjamin Rush, a Pennsylvania doctor who signed the Constitution, said he thought the Apostle Paul himself would rise from the grave and tell evangelists involved in matters of state to desist. John Adams, in 1765, wrote: "I always considered the settlement of America with Reverence and Wonder; as the Opening of a grand scene ..."

Curse: The Roots of Violence in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam" (Doubleday, \$24.95, 272 pp.). He begins his inquiry with the story of Abraham and Isaac and shows how that comes brass with human sacrifice sets precedent for all three religions. He makes a compelling argument that human sacrifice didn't stop with God's encouraging and then thwarting Abraham's sacrifice of his son. It continues today with millenium and fundamentalism that would ignore and even destroy those outside the boundaries of its faith.

Orthodox Rabbi Brad Hirschfeld writes of a balance act to faith in "You Don't Have to Be Wrong For Me to Be Right: Finding Faith Without Fanaticism" (Harmony, \$24.95, 288 pp.). As a theologian, Hirschfeld, now president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, left his family's upscale Chicago home to settle in Hebrew on the troubled West Bank. He led tours through Jerusalem, armed with a Bible in one hand and a gun in the other. He knew with assurance that the land belonged to the Jews and he dedicated his early life to making that a reality. A group of Jewish settlers was attacked and in chasing down an assailant, three settlers fired into a school and killed two Palestinian children. Their leader, a rabbi, was shot. Hirschfeld asked, that collat-

eral damage was a problem, but not the main one.

faking back the land for his ancestors was an admirable act, writes Hirschfeld. "But even the best things have limitations. A lesson that I learned in Hebrew was that the best things can become the most seductive — and deadly. The deaths of those children cracked me open."

"Basic Teachings of the Buddha," by Glenn Walls (Modum Library, \$14.95, 288 pp.) is a compilation of 16 dialogues from the thousands of surviving "sutras" — or scriptural narrative — that make up Buddhist thought.

Walls, an associate professor of religion at University of Georgia, has carefully chosen the writings so that the book is a good introduction for a serious student or a nice addition to a scholar's library.

These churches.

But the churches are diverse in emphasis, size and demographics. They are not, as one might assume, necessarily one-size-fits-all religions, but the Poe Ballantyne is not your average religious person. He's among the country's best essayists and the reason is obvious here. The title comes from a trip Ballantyne takes to play the horses at Churchill Downs. A rumination on his past bad life contains this gem: "Men are not mere flesh, for flesh without spirit cannot move, laugh, drink, abstain, forgive, or consider the end of me. Flesh without spirit (see me!) simply goes bad, simply stinks."

At 499 pages, contrarian Christopher Hitchens' "The Portable Atheist: Essential Readings for the Nonbeliever" (Da Capo Press, \$19.95) would be sufficient fodder for anyone uncomfort-

able with the notion of a creator. Read her Joseph Conrad, Salman Rushdie, Penn Jillette and Mark Twain, the latter a religious leader's aversion to cultural change in regard to slavery. I've written the religious establishment "fought a strong and stubborn fight, and then did what it always does, joined the procession — at it all ended."

And, finally, it's time to reconsider Queen Jezebel. In "Jezebel: The Untold Story of the Bible's Harlot Queen," (Doubleday, \$24.95, 272 pp.), Lesley Hazleton shows us why so much of what we know of this "harlot" — so called because of her religion, not her sexual practices — is wrong. Jezebel was a powerful, pragmatic ruler, deeply loyal to her husband, King Ahab, and able to survive as a leader for 30 years in a ruthless age that devoured the weak. Translating oral Hebrew scriptures, Hazleton, a journalist and a former psychologist, traces the queen's life from her early years in the Phoenician city-state of Tyre, to her marriage at age 15 to the king of Israel, to her coming to grips with a culture that worshipped one god. And then there is her final scene, where she is thrown out a window and eaten by dogs. By the time Jezebel's life ends, Hazleton has convinced the reader that this is a truly sad loss, an also to tolerance that was also the end of the Israelites' freedom.

# Pastor from Nigeria who built megachurch in Ukraine expanding reach into United States

By Rachel Zoll  
Associated Press writer

Nearly every week, new visitors arrive. They want to see the megachurch that was built in the unlikeliest of places by the unlikeliest of men.

The Embassy of the Blessed Kingdom of God for All Nations was founded 13 years ago by a Nigerian immigrant, Sunday Adelaia, in Kiev, Ukraine. In a predominantly Orthodox Christian country where racism is pervasive, Adelaia created a Pentecostal church with 30,000 members.

But the church aims to be far more than a curiosity. Like the pastors who travel to Kiev to see him, Adelaia believes God's Embassy can be a model worldwide.

The next step in his bid for global reach is the U.S.

"America is fast becoming a mission ground again," Adelaia said in a phone interview from Sacramento, Calif., during his latest trip through the country. "We are surprised that the Americans who preached to us, the passion they had is almost already gone."

Adelaia is among a stream of pastors from Africa and other countries starting hundreds of churches in the U.S. Their congregations back home are bursting with worshippers as Christianity advances through the developing world. The clogmen of American churches as floundering — focused more



Pastor Sunday Adelaia visits and prays with children before a service in Sacramento, Calif., on Nov. 18.

on money than God and filled with stale preaching and sinfulness.

"We hope to save the country that brought them the faith. When the values are eroding, you have the largest number of abortions, divorce and school shootings. These things are very sad," Adelaia said. "As America goes, so goes the world. We shouldn't allow the Christian influence to diminish in this country."

His goals may seem unrealistic, but researchers who study global religion are already calling this the "African century" of Christianity. African churches — with their zeal and

resourcefulness — are poised to become a force not just in America but around the world.

Adelaia trains mission workers in Ukraine and, through them, he says he has already started more than 600 churches in dozens of nations. In the past few years, he has been traveling around the U.S., building ties with pastors, especially leaders from the Pentecostal and charismatic traditions, known for spirited worship and speaking in tongues. "At present, he doesn't have great influence" in the U.S., said Tony Carnes, who studies African churches in the

New York area and beyond. "This current trip is a sustained effort to bring Adelaia to the greater church audience."

God's Embassy claims 20 churches in America, built mainly through Ukrainian and Russian-speaking immigrants and their U.S.-born children and friends. Last year, he started History Makers Bible School in New Jersey and says 200 or so pastors from around the country attend the weekend classes.

The Kiev megachurch funnels about \$200,000 each year to its American offshoots, which serve an estimated 5,000 people, Adelaia said in sharp contrast to



Pastor Sunday Adelaia prays before delivering his sermon at a service in Sacramento, Calif., on Nov. 18.

## On the Web:

Sunday Adelaia:  
<http://www.godembassy.org/en/embassy.php>

other African-led churches in the U.S., Adelaia says his American congregations, usually called God's Embassy, are overwhelmingly white.

The pastor's big push comes in January when he joins a conference of American and overseas pastors and business leaders in Atlanta to improve leadership in churches. Shortly after, he plans to release his book and workbook called "Church Shift," to help U.S. pastors learn his strategies for reaching nonbelievers.

"I'm not bringing cultural particularities of Africa or Ukraine here," Adelaia said. "I'm using biblical principles to make headway."

Adelaia, 40, certainly sounds like many conservative Christians in the U.S.

He says secular Americans are discouraging Christians

from sharing their beliefs. "You want to give minorities the freedom to talk, but you want to make the majority quiet," he said.

Social ills — from teen pregnancy to government corruption — can be solved through the values that Christianity teaches, he said with love, purity, fear of God and honesty, the pastor said.

He considers Muslim threats one of the biggest threats facing the world. In Nigeria, which Adelaia left as a young adult to study in the Soviet Union, the population is nearly evenly split between Muslims and Christians, and violence between the two groups is common.

Despite the deep involvement of Christian conservatives in American public life, he also believes American churches should do more to influence government policy.

His Kiev megachurch played key roles in get-out-the-vote efforts and protests meant to strengthen Ukraine's young democracy. He says too many American Christians are focused more on career than creating a ministry for God.

"We're not saying we should go back to the medieval age when the Christian church used to be the government. That was a mistake of the medieval time in Europe," Adelaia said. "We're only saying anybody who has a value system shouldn't be ashamed of it."

"If we don't engage the culture," he said, "the culture is going to overrun the church."

# Once considered myth, former Mormon's writings are published

By Jennifer Dobner  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Once upon a time, the McEllin collection was nothing more than Mormon mythology, a random set of writings and documents from an influential 19th century church apostle who was close to founder Joseph Smith but fell away.

The papers of William E. McEllin, however, are not a myth. His letters, sermon-like essays and journals have been published for the first time in a 570-page book that starts this month by Signature Books.

The originals are at the University of Utah's Marriott Library and in the archives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"It provides the opportunity for a snapshot into early LDS history," said Stan Larson, one of the book's editors and curator of manuscripts at the library.

McEllin joined the church in 1831, just after its creation. He quickly rose in Smith's regard and was an original member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, the second-most-powerful group of Mormon men.

But McEllin left the church in 1836 — some claim after Joseph Smith's home and stealing important church papers — and was excommunicated in 1839.

Despite attempts to bring him back to the fold, McEllin wrote in 1854 letters to apostle Orson Pratt that "aside from the principles you learned in the first three years of Joseph Smith's public ministry, I know of no principles or practices of the people now, which they have learned since, that I believe or admire."

McEllin's struggle with Smith and a changing church, not Mormonology, said book co-editor Sam Passy, director of the Utah County Library and Regional History Center in Vernal, Utah.

"He bought into Mormonism as it was preached by Joseph Smith in the early 1830s and as it changed he really didn't," Passy said. "A train was in motion and he couldn't stay on it anymore. He had certain boundaries in his faith."

and confidant John Traugber, who inherited the story of Smith's "first vision," the visit by God and Jesus Christ to a young, prayerful Smith in a grove of trees that led to the church's founding in New York state.

Nor was McEllin familiar with the angel Moroni, who led Smith to buried gold plates that became the foundational text, the Book of Mormon, or the story that John the Baptist had appeared to Smith on the banks of Pennsylvania's Susquehanna River.

Some still wonder whether Smith was adding to the church story as he saw fit, or McEllin was so embittered that his recollections were intended to undermine the church.

"We're never going to find the answer," said Larson, who admits to having his own suspicions.

It was those contradictions that Mark Hofmann exploited when he first circulated rumors about the collection in 1985.

Hofmann, who claimed to

have discovered McEllin's works in Texas, said it contained bombshells that would unravel the worldwide church.

It turned out that Hofmann was a forger who never had the collection, nor knew what it contained. But his lies generated interest. He promised a sale to more than one collector, including the Mormon church, and borrowed tens of thousands of dollars from a Salt Lake City bank for his alleged purchase.

"It was a big deal," said Brent Ashworth, a Utah collector who unwittingly bought other forgeries from Hofmann.

"People wanted it because it was going to be controversial and interesting. I don't know if anybody on either side thought it would damage the church, but I think they thought it would be fascinating, entertaining and probably valuable," Ashworth said.

Deadlines to repay the \$105,000 loan and deliver the papers passed and Hofmann's desperation rose.

To deflect the attention of bankers and buyers, he built pipe bombs, killing two people and wounding himself. In 1987, Hofmann pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder and

remains in the Utah State Prison.

After the bombings, much of the collection was found in the Texas basement of Ois Traugber, son of John Traugber. Another set of

journals scripted while a faithful McEllin served a church mission were discovered in the church archives, where they had been stored since 1908.

The McEllin collection

falls short of discrediting a church that claims some 13 million members.

"There was nothing there that hadn't been said already by other apostates," Passy said. "No big bombshells."

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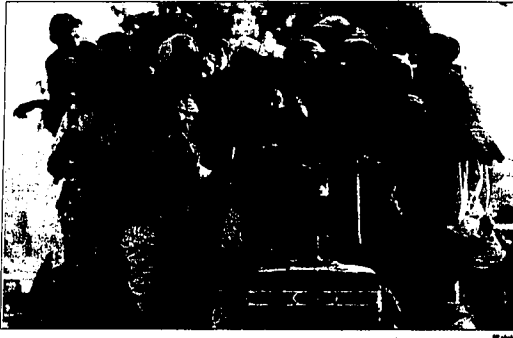
By Munir Ahmed  
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's government asserted Friday that al-Qaida was behind the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, and offered the transcript from a phone tap as proof. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered in the funeral as the army tried to quell rioting across the nation that left 27 dead.

President Pervez Musharraf's government also said Bhutto was not killed by gunshots or shrapnel as originally claimed. Instead, it said her skull was shattered by the force of a suicide bomb blast that slammed her against a lever in her car's sunroof.

The new explanations were part of a rapidly evolving political crisis triggered by the death of Bhutto. Musharraf's most powerful foe in the elections. The rioting by Bhutto's furious supporters raised concerns of this nuclear-armed nation, plagued by chaos and the growing threat from militant militants even before the killing, was in danger of spinning out of control.

Pentagon officials said



Supporters of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto arrive for the funeral of their leader at Bhutto's family mausoleum in Garhi Khuda Baksh near Larkana, Pakistan, on Friday.

Friday they have seen nothing to give them any worries about the security of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal.

While many grieving Pakistanis turned to violence, hundreds of thousands paid their last respects to the popu-

lar opposition leader as she was placed beside her father in a marble mausoleum in the Bhutto ancestral village in southern Sindh province. "I don't know what will happen to the country now," said mourner Nazakat Soomro, 32.

The government said it would hunt down those responsible for her death in the lawless tribal areas along the Afghan border where Osama bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders are thought to be hiding.

"They will definitely be brought to justice," Interior Ministry spokesman Javed Iqbal Cheema said.

The government released a transcript Friday of a purported conversation between militant leader Baitullah Mehsud and another militant.

"It was a spectacular job. They were very brave boys who killed her," Mehsud said, according to the transcript. The government did not release an audiotape.

Cheema described Mehsud as an al-Qaida leader who was also behind most other recent terror attacks in Pakistan, including the Karachi bomb blast in October against Bhutto that killed more than 140 people.

Mehsud is thought to be the commander of pro-Taliban forces in the tribal region of South Waziristan, where al-Qaida fighters are also active. In the transcript, Mehsud gives his location as Makin, a town in South Waziristan.

This fall, he was quoted in a Pakistani newspaper as saying that he would welcome Bhutto's return from exile with suicide bombers. Mehsud later denied that in state-

ments to local television and newspaper reporters.

Cheema announced the formation of two inquiries into Bhutto's death, one to be carried out by a high court judge and another by security forces. Bhutto was assassinated Thursday evening after a rally in the garrison city of Rawalpindi near Islamabad. Twenty other people also died in the attack.

On Thursday, authorities had said Bhutto died from bullet wounds fired by a young man who then blew himself up. A surgeon who treated her, however, said Friday she died from the impact of shrapnel on her skull. But later Friday, Cheema said those accounts were mistaken. He said all three shots missed her as she greeted supporters through the sunroof of her vehicle, which was bulletproof and bombproof. He also denied that shrapnel caused her death, saying Bhutto was killed when she tried to duck back into the vehicle, and that she was struck from the blast knocked her head into a lever attached to the sunroof, fracturing her skull.

## Guantanamo Bay terror convict from Australia freed from prison after 9 months

ADHLAIDE, Australia (AP) — An Australian who fought with the Taliban and later pleaded guilty to supporting terrorism was freed from prison Saturday, after completing a sentence imposed in a U.S.

He was freed from a military prison in Afghanistan at Guantanamo Bay. Hicks, who was captured in Afghanistan in December 2001, served more than five years at Guantanamo prison before pleading guilty to providing material support to al-Qaida. He was sent to Australia in March to serve his sentence.

The 32-year-old former kangaroo skinner was released Saturday morning from South Australia's state Yatala prison. He was met by his father and lawyer and driven away in a civilian car with a police escort.

Dozens of reporters and around 200 supporters gathered to catch a glimpse of the confessed Taliban gunman, who was taken to a secret location.

Hicks did not stop to comment. But Hicks' father, Terry, and lawyer David McLeod later read a short statement in which Hicks thanked his family, friends and legal advocates.

In the statement, Hicks said he recognized "the huge debt of gratitude" he owed his supporters for helping to secure his release.

"I will not forget or let you down," he said.

Hicks refused to speak to the media directly for fear of being sent back to Guantanamo Bay.

Under his plea deal, Hicks agreed to remain silent about his time in custody and treatment and also forfeited any right to appeal his conviction. He agreed not to speak with the news media for a year from his sentencing date.

"It is my intention to honor this agreement as I don't want to do anything that might result in my return there," Hicks said in the statement.

Terry Hicks told reporters on Friday that his son would apologize for any wrongdoing he committed while in Afghanistan, but the statement contained no such apology. Asked about the omission, Terry Hicks said his son had served his time and had nothing to be sorry about.

During his incarceration at Guantanamo Bay, Hicks became somewhat of a cause celebre in Australia. There many activists and outspoken politicians criticized former Prime Minister

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By Jamey Keaten  
Associated Press writer

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A Parisian smokes a cigarette outside a shop in Paris, France Thursday. With the new year on Tuesday, France will start enforcing the most far-reaching phase of a new smoking ban in public places — this time at restaurants, bars, hotels, casinos, discos and cafes.

"Smoking seems insane now — we have to adapt."

The Health Ministry says one in two regular smokers here dies of smoking-related illness, and about 5,000 non-smokers die each year of passive smoking. About a quarter of France's 60 million people are smokers.

The ban will likely mean more unsightly cigarette butts on sidewalks and in gutters. British American Tobacco's French arm on Wednesday began a pilot program in and near Paris of putting ashtrays outside bars where tobacco products are sold.

Countries like Italy, Spain, Belgium, Britain and Ireland already have smoking bans. But it's tough to imagine the style-conscious French bundling up in blankets to smoke on city restaurant terraces, like some Londoners have.

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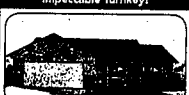
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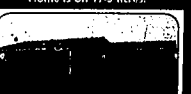
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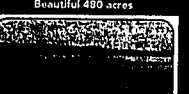
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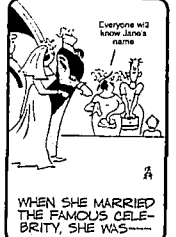
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By Henry Arnold and Mike Aragon



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2007 FISCAL YEAR FINANCE REPORT**

Beginning Fund Balance	3,667,908
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Highway User Revenue	2,606,021
Property Taxes	2,845,235
Wind Energy Tax	4,777
Sales Tax and Inventory Replacement Tax	282,091
Other Local Receipts	57,744
Agricultural Exemption Replacement Tax	28,644
Interest Income	193,193
Forest Revenue	8,748
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	6,025,463
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Road Maintenance	1,875,447
Road Construction	912,481
Equipment	1,069,188
General Expense and Administration	905,828
Commissioners Salaries	14,100
Payments to Non-Highway Accounts	727,317
Plant	70,859
Bridge Maintenance	21,432
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	5,600,631
Ending Fund Balance	-4,093,740

**TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT  
TWIN FALLS, IDAHO  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	70,859
Investments	14,282
Due From Other Governments	3,562,321
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	3,647,442
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$96,668
Deferred Compensation	7,000
Contracts and Benefits Payable	50,328
Deferred Revenue	71,548
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$225,544
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	
Unassigned	70,859
Unassigned - General Fund	2,066,991
Designated - Building Construction	2,026,749
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	4,093,740
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	\$4,319,282

Karen Dalton, Secretary-Treasurer  
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**101 Lost and Found**

FOUND Black Lab, male, no collar, found at CSI on 12/26. Call 208-368-7142

FOUND dog, blonde in Bull. Found on December 22. Call 208-841-7300

FOUND Near Moander Point in Twin Falls. Digital Camera call to describe 734-3676

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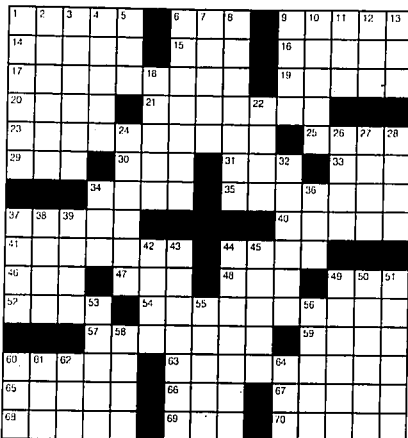
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Bobby Wolff

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Which I with sword will open."  
— William Shakespeare

From time to time we can find technical pearls by watching the Vugraph at the major national tournaments. Here is a deal from the Israel-Italy match in the European championship in Warsaw, showing how tough the battle between the declarer and the defenders can be.

David Birman, deciding on passivity, hit on the lead of the club seven against three no-trump. When East played the jack, declarer, Alfredo Versace, ducked. East accurately shifted to the diamond three. West was allowed to score his nine and went back to clubs.

Dummy's king won the trick, and no declarer carefully played the diamond eight — unblocking for a possible finesse later — to the jack, queen and king.

Birman now found yet another good exit card — the heart queen — keeping the club 10 for later. But declarer took the trick in dummy with the ace and guessed well to cross to his hand with the heart king.

Versace, judging the position to perfection, now cashed the club ace and played a small spade. Birman ducked, and dummy's king won the trick. No declarer cashed two heart tricks, squeezing West. That player saw that his last chance to beat the contract was to find the spade jack in partner's hand and so discarded the spade ace and queen. Had he not done this, he would have been thrown in with a spade to lead diamonds into declarer's tenace at the death.

However, Versace had the key jack for his ninth trick.

<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
AKQ94		105	
K10		7543	
K1095		J3	
1073		QJ985	
<b>SOUTH</b>		<b>NORTH</b>	
J73		K62	
K9		AQ72	
A62			

Vulnerable: Both  
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The bidding:  
1 South West North East  
1 Pass 1 Pass  
1NT Pass 2NT Pass  
3NT All pass

Opening lead: Club seven

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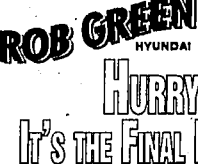

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