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### House, Bush reach economy deal; Senate OK needed

By Andrew Taylor and Julie Hirschfeld Davis  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — With unprecedented speed and cooperation, Congress and the White House forged a deal Thursday to begin rushing tax rebates of \$600 to \$1,200 to most tax filers by spring, hoping they will spend the money just as quickly and jolt the ailing economy to life.

Rebates would be even higher for families with children. The one-time tax

"The American people are not going to have a lot of patience for taking time."  
— Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson

rebates are at the center of a hard-won agreement to pump about \$150 billion into the economy this year and perhaps stave off the first recession since 2001.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Republican leader John Boehner and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson worked out the details in

negotiations that stretched into Wednesday night at the Capitol.

About two-thirds of the tax relief would go out in rebate checks to 117 million families beginning in May. Businesses would get \$50 billion in incentives to invest in new plants and equipment.

Individual taxpayers would

**Inside**  
World markets rally after Wall Street's comeback.

get up to \$600 in rebates, working couples \$1,200 and those with children an additional \$300 per child under the agreement. In a key concession to Democrats, 35 million families who make at least \$3,000 but don't pay, Please see **ECONOMY**, Page A4

**Rebates and refunds to fuel economy**  
Congressional leaders have reached a deal with the White House on an economic stimulus plan that would give most tax filers rebates of \$600 to \$1,200.

- WHAT'S IN**
- Tax rebates** Checks of at least \$300 for almost all earning a paycheck of at least \$2,000 in 2007. Families with children would receive an additional \$300 per child, while those paying income taxes could receive more. The full rebate would be limited to people earning below a certain income cap, likely \$75,000 or less for individuals and \$150,000 or less for couples.
  - Business tax write-offs** Spurring business investments with bonus depreciation and more generous expensing rules.
  - Housing rescue** Allowing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to buy loans larger than \$417,500.

- WHAT'S OUT**
- Permanent tax cuts** Republicans contended that their top priority would have to be left out.
  - Unemployment insurance** Democrats wanted to extend benefits past 26 weeks.
  - Food stamps** A boost for benefits.
  - Medicaid** Democrats gave up on including Medicaid payments to states.
  - Low-income heating subsidies** Democrats surrendered the right to include them.
  - Infrastructure spending** Spending on transportation or repair projects already under way or on the table.

SOURCES: U.S. Congress, White House

## Western states may get more latitude to kill wolves

By Matthew Brown  
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — A new federal rule would allow state game agencies to kill endangered gray wolves that prey on wildlife in the Northern Rockies.

An estimated 1,545 wolves in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana are scheduled to come off the endangered species list in coming weeks, which would allow public hunting of the predators for the first time in decades.

The rule released Thursday is a separate action that would give the three states more latitude to kill wolves even if their removal from the endangered list is delayed.

Opposition to the rule, which could go into effect in late February, came within hours of Thursday's announcement.

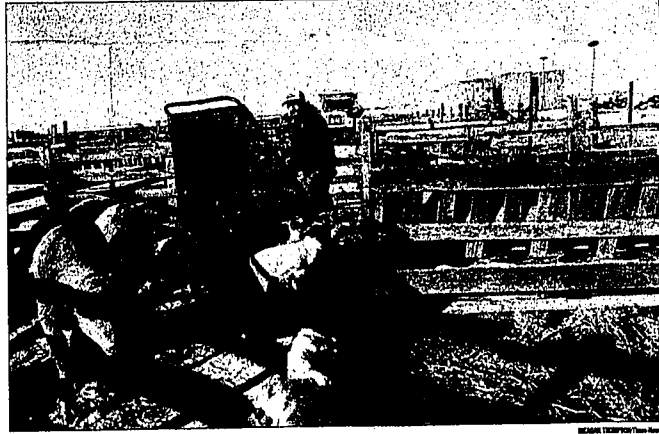
Environmental and animal rights groups characterized the federal proposal as cover for states eager to kill as many wolves as possible.

An attorney for the legal group Earthjustice, in Bozeman, Mont., pledged to file a court challenge as soon as the rule is published in the federal register next week.

The rule would empower state wildlife agencies to kill packs of wolves if they can prove the animals are having a "major impact" on big game herds such as elk, deer or moose.

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# Battle over Bighorns



A ranch hand for John Noh's sheep ranch south of Bull heads sheep into their stalls. John Noh is a fifth-generation sheep rancher in the Magic Valley, and for seven months out of the year his livelihood depends on the public lands where his sheep feed, he says. Public lands are also home to bighorn sheep, which wildlife officials are struggling to reintroduce in southern Idaho.

## State seeks solutions to domestic vs. wild sheep conflict

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

A political and wildlife crisis surrounding one of Idaho's iconic animals is brewing between state officials, environmentalists and the domestic sheep industry.

At odds are an industry established before the Oregon Trail and advocates

for bighorn sheep, a species pictured in American Indian rock wall paintings in Hells Canyon.

Environmentalists want to end domestic sheep grazing on public lands, where they say bighorns are dying off.

Sheep ranchers say their \$17 million-a-year industry, which has struggled since the 1960s, would collapse without

access to federal grazing areas.

"This could lead to massive closures of grazing lands across the state," said Laird Noh, a Kimberly sheep rancher and former legislator who once chaired the Senate's Resources and Environment Committee. "There could be no trespassing signs up all over."

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## Demand surges for state drug treatment

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

More than 1,000 struggling addicts who have asked for help are falling through the cracks.

Meanwhile competent counselors are unable to treat them because of a shortfall in government funding, according to a legislative budget analysis.

That's been the trend since last summer.

The problem was so dire last year that local treatment programs were forced to shed staff. Today, the waiting list in Idaho is 809 people long, including 103 names from the Magic Valley. Poor addicts who asked for government treatment face a waiting list that can last up to a year, local treatment counselors say.

"There is not even close to enough money for everybody," said Sherri Mellins, executive and clinical director of Summit

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## Town Hall meeting

A discussion on addiction will be held by Debbie Field, director of Idaho's Office of Drug Policy, Brent Reinke, director of Idaho Department of Correction, and 5th District Magistrate Mark Ingram.

When: 7 p.m., Jan. 31  
Where: The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.



## What about Bill?

By Nancy Benac  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It started with dismissive talk of a fairy tale, then deteriorated into more of a nightmare.

As he campaigns for his wife, Bill Clinton has

Former president's role as Hillary's defender-in-chief could hurt her chances for a spot in the oval office

## Inside

Kucinich drops out of race  
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with reporters himself at times, Bill Clinton, campaigning in South Carolina on

Wednesday, complained that Obama had put out a "hit job" on him. He didn't explain what that meant.

"Shame on you!" he scolded a reporter who asked about the ritual dynamics of the campaign in South

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## Elections 2008

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Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT A dance for all ages, featuring old western music played by Jesse Vaughn and David Bean, 7 to 10 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley, refreshments served, 878-8646.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS Hagerman Elementary Spelling Bee assembly, funds to go to extra learning assemblies, classroom materials and playground improvements, 2 p.m., elementary school multipurpose room, Hagerman, 837-4069.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS Jr. Toastmaster class/club meeting, an eight-week class to become ongoing club sponsored by Magic Valley Toastmasters for interested youth age 12-18, 4 p.m., Idaho Pizza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, no cost or obligation to buy food, 316-8534 or 736-2010.

EDUCATION Brown Bag Lecture Series, with Louie Attebery on "The Vardis Fisher I Knew," noon, Program Room, Twin Falls Public Library, bring lunch or pre-order "lunch to go," 734-2787.

EXHIBITS "Ceramics from the Bray: The Idaho Connection," with featured artists Donna Raney, Margaret Gregg, Jeannette Rakowski, David Peters, Kaila Jackson and Peter Rudd, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY Cabin Fever library cure, with stories, skits, music, bookmark craft, door prizes, games and refreshments, 5 to 7 p.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., go cost, 324-5427. Military Support Group meeting and potluck, table service and drinks provided, 8:30 p.m., Wendell City Hall (three blocks east of stoplight), guests welcome, 536-6159 or 536-6111.

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

HEALTH AND RECOVERY College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988. Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667. AF-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

MUSEUMS Faulkner Planetarium "Ice Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour" at 7 p.m. and "Lynday Skymyd: Fly On Free Bird" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

SAFETY Reservations for Jan. 29, 30 AARP Driver Safety Class, for all ages, no AARP membership required or driving insurance discount provided for participants age 55 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., United Methodist Church, 908 Maple, Buhl, \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-2629.

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

MORNING BRIEFING

Don't say ... Steve Crump



The summer of 1938 was a tough one for the newspaper business.

The Great Depression was 7 1/2 years old and the federal government had mismanaged economic recovery, creating what's known as the "Roosevelt Recession." The unemployment rate had jumped four percentage points since Christmas Day 1937, to 19 percent.

A few days before the Fourth of July, one of the editors at the San Francisco Chronicle decided to give a 22-year-old ex-sports-writer named Herb Caen his own column. It was a gossip column of sorts, except that Caen wrote about hotel dormans and fishermen, and cable car conductors almost as often as he featured San Francisco's high society.

Caen looked at the long lines of the jobless and the homeless outside the city's soup kitchens and worried about his own career choices, but things worked out OK: He wrote the column for the next 57 years.

Caen called his work an "item" column, and he separated those items with ellipses — three dots. His "three-dot journalism" came to describe short-page reporting at its most basic: Short nuggets about real people.

Starting today, the Times-News is going to steal Caen's idea. Twice a week — Tuesdays and Fridays — look to this space for news about your neighbors. Not big news — we won't tell you about indictments and police shootouts and the grim mechanics of public policy here. We're interested in the little stuff, the workaday business of living and dying, laughing and crying, working and playing in small-town Idaho.

Newspapers have neglected news like this for a long time, opting instead for reporting big events about well-known people. In so doing, we've gotten a little duller — and driven away readers who appreciate the town-crier function of journalism.

We won't repeat rumors and hearsay

In this column, but we will report what's happening to ordinary people — folks you'd meet at the grocery store.

It's stuff that doesn't qualify for the front page. We want to know about comings and goings, businesses that open and close, the plot of mornings, coffee conversations at places like the Depot Grill and the Manhattan Cafe. But here's the thing: This enterprise won't work without your help. Call me, email me, stop me on the street and tell me what you've heard and what you've seen, what you think and what you know. Tell me what's funny, what's poignant and what's sad. Tell me about your life.

My phone number is 735-3223 and my email is scrump@magicvalley.com. Herb and I will be waiting.

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

N. CAROLINA FAREWELL TO FASHION Marine indicted in killing, won't face death if he's caught in Mexico

JACKSONVILLE — A prosecutor offered a deal Thursday to Mexican authorities and a Marine wanted in the killing a 20-year-old pregnant colleague if he is arrested in Mexico, he won't face lethal injection in North Carolina.

The charges presented to me were either a possible life without parole sentence, or the defendant living in Mexico the rest of his life and never brought to trial," Onslow County District Attorney Dewey Hudson said in announcing an indictment charging Laurence, 21, with first-degree murder.

WASHINGTON Wolfowitz appointed to lead arms control panel

WASHINGTON — Former World Bank chief Paul Wolfowitz will head a high-level advisory panel on arms control and disarmament, the State Department said Thursday.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2008. There are 341 days left in the year. Today's highlight: On Jan. 25, 1850, Britain's Princess Victoria (the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert), married Crown Prince Frederick William (the future German Emperor and King of Prussia) at St. James's Palace. The ceremony's tradition-setting music, personally selected by the Princess Boff, included the "Bridal Chorus" from Richard Wagner's "Lohengrin" and the "Wedding March" by Felix Mendelssohn.

On this date: In 1787, Shay's Rebellion suffered a setback when fed-back riders farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shay failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes.

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.

NEW YORK

No extra charge: Shopper brings home tiny frog in lettuce



A model wears a creation by Italian fashion designer Valentino from his Haute Couture Spring/Summer 2008 collection, Wednesday in Paris. Celebrities, socialites and fashion editors bid adieu to Valentino, who showed his final collection Wednesday after 45 years in the business.

BRITAIN

Any Winhouse enters drug rehab program

LONDON — Amy Winhouse, beset by allegations of substance abuse, entered a rehabilitation facility Thursday to battle drug addiction. The announcement came just days after the 24-year-old singer was pictured in British tabloid the Sun inhaling fumes from a small pipe. Police have launched an inquiry into the matter. "Amy decided to enter the facility today after talks with her record label, management, family and doctors," Universal Music Group said in a statement. — The Associated Press

AND THREE WOMEN FOLLOWERS

and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 44 days arrived in the United States. Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II ended his historic journey to Cuba, American astronaut Andrew Thomas moved from the space shuttle Endeavour into the Russian space station Mir as the ref for David Wolf. The Denver Broncos won their first Super Bowl title in four tries, defeat-

ing the Green Bay Packers, 31-24.

Five years ago: NASA launched a spacecraft into orbit to measure all of the radiation streaming toward Earth from the sun. Serend Williams survived an error-filled match to beat older sister Venus 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4 to win the Australian Open for her fourth straight major championship. Marcus Allen was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on his first try. One year ago: Ford Motor Co. said it had lost a staggering \$12.7 billion in 2006, the worst loss in the company's 103-year history.

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# Sheep

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U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill closed grazing allotments in Hells Canyon and the Nez Perce National Forest last year after Hailey-based Western Watersheds Project sued.

Now, the battle has turned to Magic Valley. In December, the Hailey group sent letters to U.S. Forest Service officials in Twin Falls and Burley, indicating lawsuits could be filed to block grazing in the South Hills and Jim Sage area near Cooley, home to two bands of bighorns.

The crisis sparked meetings of top state agency officials this fall after Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter ordered the state Department of Agriculture and Department of Fish and Game to intervene and to prevent lawsuits.

This week, agency officials said they were close to a final proposal, which Otter may see on Feb. 15.

The governor also formed a committee of environmentalists, industry leaders and state officials to find a long-term solution. After some contentious meetings that group is having a hard time finding common ground.

The environmental groups, especially, are unhappy with the progress, and they hint lawsuits are still an option.

Environmentalists allege that Idaho's 260,000 domestic sheep are decimating bighorns, which were reintroduced in the 1970s after populations fell to almost nothing. In 1990 the state had 6,500 bighorns. Now it has 3,500, wildlife officials say.

Some wildlife biologists suspect domestic sheep transmit a pneumonia-like disease to bighorns, which lack immunity. Bighorns often die a few days after contact with domestics.

Tim Schummer, who has researched bighorns for the U.S. Forest Service in Hells Canyon, cites the winter of 1993-94, when scientists spotted two herds of bighorns mixing with domestic sheep



Sheep rancher John Noh poses near a stall at his ranch south of Buhl. After they're finished here we take them to the desert, and from there they walk to the mountains, Noh says.

along the Snake River. Both bighorn herds experienced massive die-offs shortly thereafter.

The phenomenon is comparable to decimation of American Indians because of smallpox introduced by Europeans, said Jon Marvel, director of Western Watersheds. But even Marvel concedes that scientific field studies don't prove domestics infect bighorns.

Doesn't matter, says Marvel, adding that the probability that mingling is fatal is enough to separate the species.

In his federal rulings, Winnill agreed. The Forest Service, which initially opposed Western Watersheds' challenge, changed course after bighorns were seen near grazing areas.

For now, separating the species seems to be the favored solution. The state agency plan, which is not yet final, would create sheep-free zones where domestics and bighorns alike would be shot.

Idaho already kills a half-dozen bighorns a year that mingle with domestics, said

Jim Unsworth, Fish and Game's wildlife bureau chief and a member of the planning group.

"What we need right now is an interim plan," he said. "And separation is a management tool that seems to work."

That's the policy in Wyoming, where a similar working group in 2004 recommended the species should be kept apart pending further study.

Cassia County commissioners advocate a more dramatic form of separation. At the urging of sheep rancher Don Pickett the commission sent Otter a letter earlier this month urging removal of bighorns from the South Hills. Twin Falls County commissioners are considering a similar letter. Commissioner Tom Mikesell said Thursday.

Ranchers say domestic sheep have little to do with the problems of Idaho bighorns, especially in the South Hills.

"The sheep there just don't do well, even though there's been no known interaction with domestic sheep," said Noh, whose son John is on the governor's committee.

vote money to buy out the grazing rights of sheep ranchers. But families like the Nohs, who've ranched in southern Idaho for four generations, aren't likely to surrender their livelihood for a price.

Matt Christensen may be reached at 735-3243.



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# Wolf

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It also would allow hunting guides and others to kill wolves caught harassing dogs or stock animals on public land. Previously, only cattle or sheep ranchers whose animals were being harassed could legally shoot the predators.

State and federal officials said the number of wolves killed as a result could number in the dozens.

But critics contend officials in Wyoming and Idaho — spurred on by anti-wolf livestock interests — are gearing up to kill hundreds of the animals.

Those critics say that could knock down the animal's population in the region by more than half, undermining a decade-long restoration effort that has cost more than \$24 million.

"There's just no biological justification for killing that many wolves," said Suzanne Stone with Defenders of Wildlife. "It's politically driven."

The rule was crafted to meet the demands of

Wyoming lawmakers, who made it a condition of their acceptance of the federal plan to lift endangered species protections from wolves.

Officials from the state said they wanted to have a way to deal with wolves if delisting is blocked in court.

The lead federal biologist for wolf recovery on Thursday dismissed claims of an impending slaughter as unfounded.

"There's still going to be a lot of wolves in a lot of places," said Ed Bangs with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Any state-sponsored wolf removal program would have to be approved by Bangs' agency. And with big game populations generally thriving in the region, Bangs said it would be difficult for the states to prove wolves were having a major impact except in a handful of cases.

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# Drug

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Inc. in Twin Falls. "I've had people drop off the backlog because they have been on it so long."

But Idahoans who used to believe in incarceration are now favoring programs that focus on addiction treatment. As the \$2.7 million Idaho Meth Project advertising campaign begins and prisoners budge at great cost to taxpayers, treatment providers are forced to usher addicts into a long waiting list. The problem, state reports show, is that after 90 days of waiting for services, a large number of addicts drop off the list and regress into addiction.

"More people are being treated in incarceration, are asking to be treated and being told that they have to go on a waiting list," said Amy Holly-Priest, director of government contracts and public affairs at Business Psychology Associates, the agency that funds the public treatment funds.

Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, says the Idaho Legislature now understands the importance of funding prevention. But legislators are unlikely to dramatically change the problem in light of tight budget constraints.

"I'm scrambling around trying to find the dollars for this," the retired physician said. "I hopefully can come up with enough money to at least sustain our effort from the past couple of years. For every dollar you put in prevention, you save 10 dollars in treatment. All you have to do is

take one quick look at that and say, 'where should we be spending our money?'"

The addicts in line shouldn't hold their breath. With Access to Recovery, the state's \$21 million federal treatment grant expires in 2007, it's uncertain how much stack the state will pick up. But the funding for treatment on par with where it left off in 2007, the annual cost of the program is \$21 million, according to the Legislative Budget and Policy analyst that reviews the Health and Human Services area.

Federal government guidelines usually give a higher priority for treatment to addicts who are mothers, adolescents, intravenous drug users and drug court defendants. That has left poor male addicts who have yet to commit a serious crime languishing in the long waiting line. Although enough up money of its own funding, it will also decide which guidelines to keep for "special needs" addicts.

Government funding is only available for the extreme indigent up to have serious dependency issues. Otherwise, the semi-poor can enter the treatment centers on reduced costs. Adult men who qualify, but who have not committed a crime, are given the lowest priority on the list.


In fiscal year 2007, the Office of Drug Policy reports showed that 76 percent of all community-based substance abuse treatment funding was spent on addicts already convicted of a crime.

"I'm optimistic. I believe we are going to get better," Debbie Field, director of the Office of Drug Policy, said Thursday. On Monday she explained the need to adjust

funding to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. "Right now, they are looking at actual numbers for Idaho. I just gave the information this week to policymakers and I will gladly answer any questions they may have."

Field said 3,331 prisoners say meth was their drug of choice. And with prison space having run out, the Department of Correction is sending its overflow of inmates out of state at a

greater cost to taxpayers. "It's a funding problem. Not a capacity problem," said Debbie Thomas, outpatient program director for the Walker Center in Twin Falls. Business Psychology Associates, the agency that delegates treatment dollars, "can only spend their dollars at the rate the state gives it to them. There are seats to be filled but there is not the ability for people to pay for them right now."

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# Economy

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rebates.

The rebates would phase out gradually for individuals whose adjusted gross income exceeds \$75,000 and for couples with incomes above \$150,000.

Contributions to IRA and 401(k) retirement accounts and health savings accounts would also come toward the income limit.

"This package will lead to higher consumer spending and increased business investment," Bush said in hailing the agreement.

The bill will go straight to the House floor next week and on to the Senate, where some Democrats hope to add elements such as extending unemployment benefits for workers whose benefits have run out.

Indeed, many Democrats, such as Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, the liberal lion of the Senate, were deeply unhappy that Pelosi agreed to jettison that proposal in late-stage talks, as

well as plans to increase food stamp payments.

"I do not understand, and cannot accept, the resistance of President Bush and Republican leaders to including an extension of unemployment benefits for those who are without work through no fault of their own," Rangel said.

The administration signaled it's unlikely to welcome efforts to broaden the measure, and pressure was mounting in the Senate to accept the hard-won deal.

"The American people are not going to have a lot of patience for taking time," Paulson said.

If the Senate gives quick approval, the first rebate payments could begin going out in May and most people could have them by July, he said.

It has become increasingly clear that the economy is teetering on the edge of recession, if it hasn't already gone over that line.

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# Bill

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 Carolina. Clinton himself has repeatedly discussed the racial issue.

Leading Democrats supporting both Hillary Rodham Clinton and Obama have complained that things have gotten out of hand.

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, who endorsed Clinton, made a plea for "less acrimony" among the rivals.

Former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, who backs Obama, called for an end to the "backbiting" and said Clinton's conduct was "not presidential."

By Thursday, it was left to an ordinary voter to call for a time out.

At a morning campaign stop by Bill Clinton just outside Columbia, S.C., a Clinton supporter urged her campaign to "stop taking the bait from Obama" and stick to the issues.

The former president allowed that it was "pretty good advice. It's probably good advice for me, too," he said.

Hillary Clinton found herself defending her husband when she would rather have been talking about her plans for U.S. financial markets.

"We're in a very heated campaign, and people are coming out and saying all kinds of things," she said in an interview with the AP late Wednesday. "I'm out there every day making a positive case for my candidacy. I have a lot of wonderful people, including my husband, who are out there making the case for me."

Obama's wife, Michelle, got her licks in Thursday.

In an e-mail to supporters, she wrote that "another candidate's spouse has been getting an awful lot of attention" all kinds of things," she said in an interview with the AP late Wednesday. "I'm out there every day making a positive case for my candidacy. I have a lot of wonderful people, including my husband, who are out there making the case for me."

Both Barack Obama and Bill Clinton seemed to covet their rhetoric a bit, if not entirely.

Obama told voters, in Kingstree, S.C., that criticism directed at him should be taken as "a source of pride. It means I might win this thing." Still, he repeated that if the Clintons or others are making false assertions, he won't hesitate to respond aggressively.

Clinton, for his part, said that all the media attention about the Obama campaign has said about him, "I should be the last person to defend him. (But) if he wins this nomination, I'm going to do what I can to help him win."

Clinton's full-throated participation in the campaign seems at odds with earlier statements by his wife that, while she is proud of his record and values his advice, this is her show. "I'm going to the people on my own," she said in a September debate.

Stanley Renshaw, a political psychologist at the City University of New York who has written a book about Bill Clinton, said that while the former president's campaign efforts might have some helpful effects for his wife in the short term, "long term, he's a minus."

All of the attention on him, Renshaw said, "subtracts from something very important for Hillary Clinton, which is the idea that she is her own person, able to stand on her own two feet."

"It's another illustration of his own proclivity for putting everything out of center stage except himself, and unfortunately it's his wife who's running for president," Renshaw said.

After listening to a speech by the ex-president at historically black Claflin University on Thursday, student Stephanie Jones put it this way: "Bill's trying too hard. It doesn't bother me, but I don't think it helps their campaign."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who is neutral in the campaign, said he spoke recently to Bill Clinton about the negative tone of the race.

"It's enough to point out the differences in policy, but it is important that the exchanges be of a positive nature and free from distortion and misrepresentation," he said.

spoken with candidates, whom he did not name, about the campaign's rancorous tone and the harm it could pose to Democratic unity.

Obama hasn't hesitated to hit hard at Hillary Clinton. Early on, he served notice that he would "make sure that we take it to them just like they take it to us." As for the former president, Obama said this week that Clinton had "taken his advocacy on behalf of his wife to a level that I think is pretty troubling."



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., laughs with her husband, former President Bill Clinton, after being declared winner of the Nevada Caucus Jan. 19.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho's foster-care system needs help, and soon

To a 9-year-old, what's 19 months? It's 18 percent of his or her life, which is the length of time an Idaho foster child, on average, spends living in strangers' homes.

It shouldn't be that long, and it wouldn't be if the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare could keep social workers.

Turnover among caseworkers was almost 17 percent last year. Burnout in a high-stress job is a factor, but so is money: State employees with the skill set to be social workers can earn more in the private sector.

As a result, Health and Welfare is chronically under-staffed — so youngsters stay longer in foster care. "The bottom line when we have vacant positions is somebody else has to go to court, somebody else has to do the client management," Michelle Britton, administrator of the agency's Division of Family and Community Services, told the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee this week. "It gives caseworkers the impression they are overworked and stressed."

In the short term, Health and Welfare wants \$676,000 to hire 12 new full-time employees and is seeking \$1.4 million to cover its growing case load and to increase pay for foster care providers.

That would be a smart investment for the Legislature because the wheels are showing signs of coming off Idaho's foster-care system. Blame them. Addicted parents aren't capable of caring for themselves, much less their kids. So more children are entering foster care.

By 2011, the federal government will require that 90 percent of children be visited by a caseworker every month. Last year, only 51 percent of kids under the department's protection got monthly visits.

What's holding Idaho's foster care system together are the foster parents, some of whom take in as many as six children. And more of those foster kids have severe behavioral problems than in the past, Britton says.

The long-term solution, of course, is competitive pay and more manageable workload. People don't stay in jobs that make them miserable.

But in a state that absolutely depends on 1,000 or so foster households, there are bigger worries. If a significant number of foster parents leave the system, Idaho will face a full-blown crisis.

And a lot more kids will find themselves a lot worse off.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Newspaper readers deserve balanced reporting

Over a three-week period, I reviewed articles by syndicated columnists on the op-ed page for political bias. A few were apologetic and were not counted. On the editorial side, 18 were to the left and eight were to the right. On the political cartoon side, 12 were to the left and three to the right. Some of the cartoons on the left side were extremely derogatory and lacked any degree of civility. I like political satire as much as the next person, but the extremism negated the subject matter. You should not be collecting money to send such hate to our schools.

A very poor job of selecting op-ed articles unless you are deliberately presenting only one side of the political spectrum. If your reporting is all going to be to the left, please identify your bias on the op-ed page.

Steve Crump needs a lesson in state government or his bias is showing. He wrote in an article on Jan. 6 that the Idaho state governor could give away our tax dollars to anyone's client, whoever that might be. Taking and spending authority, except possibly personal staff, rests with the Legislature. If Mr. Crump has a concrete example, please print it.

Also please keep your bias out of the news headlines. An article on Jan. 14 about wildfire aid infers Gov. Otter was involved in or had ownership in the land receiving wildfire aid. The article finally got around to stating that Gov. Otter was in no way involved and did not own the land. All that I can assume is that you hope a reader will see the headline and form a negative opinion.

Between your op-ed page and the Associated Press, a reader doesn't have a chance of enjoying balanced reporting.

DARRELL HAMPTON Twin Falls

We need reasonable voices who favor nuke power

Thank you, Adrian Arr, for your letter to the editor that rebuts some of the whacked-out, un-informed statements printed here by the anti-nuke environmentalists.

As one who spent 40 years at Argonne National Lab developing the breeder reactor and fuel reprocessing, etc. I can say you are spot on.

We need more voices like yours to help educate people. Come on, Marty, Paul and the rest of you guys, let's hear from you! I don't think you'll get your bones crushed.

May I also suggest that certain Jerome County commissioners take an enlightening trip to the Idaho National Laboratory.

JOHN SILVA Twin Falls

Bush disregards basic rules of fiscal propriety

Idahoans, your future was hijacked even while some of you voted for people like Hill Sall.

Economist Jim Cramer appeared on "Hardball" on Jan. 19 palpatingly disgusted with the president's "incentive" plan, noting that buying the kids new sneakers won't save our economy. Especially since mortgage insurance companies have only a number of weeks before they admit they don't have the resources to cover the \$450 billion in mortgages they insure.

"You'll not be able to open the stock market," Cramer said, astounded that nobody in Washington is talking about it.

Bushies had better start practicing their talking points right now.

Columbia professor Joseph Stiglitz wrote in December's Vanity Fair: "The damage done to the American economy does not make front-page headlines every day, but the repercussions will be felt beyond the lifetime of anyone reading this page."

He continued, "I can hear an irritated counterblast already. The president has not driven the United States into a recession during his almost seven years in office. Unemployment stands at a respectable 4.6 percent. Well, fine. But the other side of the ledger groans with distress: a tax code that has become hideously biased in favor of the rich, a national debt that will have grown 70 percent by the time this president leaves Washington, a swelling cascade of mortgage defaults, a record near-\$850 billion trade deficit, oil prices that are high, or there they have been even.

In breathtaking disregard for the most basic rules of fiscal propriety, the administration continued to cut taxes even as it undertook expensive new spending programs and embarked on a financially ruinous "war of choice."

Media is pushing the idea that the economy has replaced the war in Iraq as the No. 1 concern of Americans. Seems to me they're irreversibly connected.

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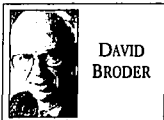
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It's make-or-break for Obama in S.C.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina has become a must-win state for Barack Obama.

Whatever the outcome of Saturday's Democratic presidential primary here, the Illinois senator has the money and the organization to compete in the nearly two dozen states voting on Feb. 5.

But as his first and only victory in Iowa on Jan. 3 slips further into history, his strategists concede that Obama badly needs to demonstrate broad enough support to slow Hillary Clinton's progress toward the nomination.



DAVID BRODER

Having trailed her in popular votes in both New Hampshire and Nevada, where he was favored, Obama finds himself more in need of help than he perhaps expected from the voters here.

This state offers him many advantages he will not enjoy anywhere else in the competition moves to California, New York, New Jersey and other delegate-rich states next month.

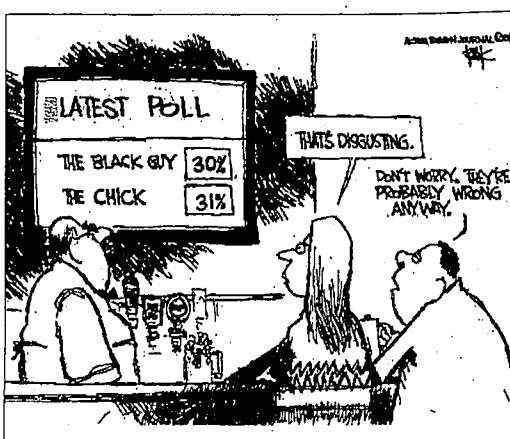
The African-American vote is a larger percentage of the Democratic electorate here — perhaps half the total — than in any of those states, and even Clinton supporters credit Obama with having the best field organization on the ground. Clinton has switched her South Carolina leadership several times, while Obama has had steady and impressive local management.

This is also the state where John Edwards won in 2004 — and perhaps the last place where the native son can be expected to siphon off a significant number of white votes this year, simplifying the math for an Obama victory in a state where racial polarization often prevails.

For all these reasons, anything other than an Obama show on Saturday night could represent a significant setback to his long-term prospects, while Clinton has built-in alibis for a possible loss.

The stakes may explain why tensions became so obvious during the Monday night debate in Myrtle Beach, S.C., with Clinton and Obama accusing each other of distorting the record and falsifying their own voting histories.

His exchanges were personal and angry. He referred to her as a corporate lawyer



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who had served as a director for Wal-Mart, a company with an anti-union reputation. She shut back that he had been a lawyer for a reputed Chicago slumlord. Any thought that these two might someday team up as a Democratic ticket vanished into the night.

Edwards seemed stunned by the ferocity of the other two, but took advantage of the situation by flinging some punches of his own on both. He sided with Clinton on health care but reinforced Obama's contentions on campaign finance, special interests and Social Security, only to switch and join Clinton in questioning why Obama had voted "present" so often in the Illinois Legislature.

No one came out unscathed, but Edwards probably fared best, raising the possibility that he could split the white vote with Clinton and, ironically, there-

by help Obama.

But all that is down the road from South Carolina. For now, Clinton and her husband, the former president, have gotten inside Obama's bend and faded his composure. Obama seemed unusually defensive in his speech here Sunday evening, launching the final burst of campaigning in the state.

He deviated from his standard "time for a change" and invocation of hope to deliver a point-by-point rebuttal to the arguments that have come from the Clinton campaign since they recognized his threat in Iowa.

He flipped Clinton by name for her hypocrisy in supporting a bankruptcy bill and then saying she hoped it would not become law. That, he said, is the kind of doubletalk his critics would like him to learn — but he said he scorned.

He accused her also of distorting his position on Social

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Security by describing his support for raising the ceiling on payroll taxes above the current \$102,000 a year as "a trillion-dollar tax increase." He said that it would hit only the top 4 percent of earners.

And he also sought to dispense of complaints from both Clinton and Edwards about his favorable comments to a Nevada newspaper about Ronald Reagan — disclaiming any idea that he embraced Reagan's economic or social policy and arguing that he wanted only to emulate Reagan's ability to win support from voters aligned with the other party.

While he was on his defensive spidee, Obama also urged people to ignore "crazy" rumors that he was a Muslim, not a Christian, or ever failed to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or take his oath to uphold the Constitution.

Many of those same points came up again in the Monday night debate, where the audience seemed sympathetic to Obama's answers. He has to hope that he is not misreading the South Carolina electorate, because a rejection here would be bad news indeed for what looms ahead.

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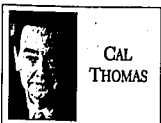
# A time for optimism, not government meddling

Recessions happen. The stock market rises and falls. The question ought not be about how the market is doing today, but about its net gain over the years. Investing is about long-term economic commitment, not short-term gratification.

During the slugfest that was the Democratic debate in South Carolina Monday night, Sen. Hillary Clinton proposed a "quick fix" that would damage the economy at least as badly as Richard Nixon's wage and price controls, or efforts by the government to reverse the Great Depression, which arguably was caused in large part by government intervention in and manipulation of a free-market economy.

Sen. Clinton said as president she would "have a moratorium on home foreclosures for 90 days to try to help families work it out so that they don't lose their homes." She would also "have an interest rate freeze for five years, because these adjustable-rate mortgages, if they keep going up, the problem will just get compounded. And we need more transparency in the market."

Then, in a version of George McGovern's guaranteed minimum income proposal that helped sink his



CAL THOMAS

1972 presidential candidacy, Clinton said, "I think we need to give people about \$650. If they qualify — which will be millions of people — to help pay their energy bills this winter." Why not instead accept payments offered by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez? Former Rep. Joe Kennedy regularly testifies in TV commercials to Chavez's concern for America's poor. Chavez is offering discounted heating oil courtesy of Cigo, which is owned by the Venezuelan government.

In an interview with *The New York Times*, Clinton said as president she would inject government more into the economy and rely less on market forces. She specifically mentioned increasing inequality and economic excesses, such as executive-pay packages, which she termed "offensive" and "wrong."

What is offensive and wrong is her notion that government is better than free markets at producing wealth and spurring economic

On Oct. 9, 2002, the Dow Jones Industrial Averages closed at 7,286.27. On Oct. 9, 2007 it closed at an all-time high of 14,164.53. Those who were invested in 2002 have made a lot of money. Those who buy now and stay invested will make money.

growth, when just the opposite is true. The best way to rejoin "excessive" executive pay is far stockholders to do it, not the federal government. And Sen. Clinton's proposed \$650 gift to those who "qualify" is no better than the Bush administration's proposed cash handout to everyone. That money will most likely be spent on products made in China, further enriching a nation that is pursuing policies not in America's interests.

As *Wall Street Journal* editor Paul Gigot writes in an introduction to the "2008 Index of Economic Freedom: The Link Between Economic Opportunity and Prosperity" (co-produced by The Heritage Foundation), "The U.S. political debate is moving in a negative direction as 'fairness' and income redistribution replace growth as the policy lodestar and pro-

posals for tax increases proliferate."

Markets do best when government nimbly leaves them alone, but Sen. Clinton, who along with her husband has made — and Bill still makes — millions off their notoriety and the selling of his presidency are set for life, so what do they care? They can pretend to care for "the little guy" even while taking steps that harm everyone but themselves and their rich friends.

Income redistribution is socialism no matter what other label is attached to it. There is a Commandment (the Eighth) against stealing, but when government does it, it is called taxation. The results are the same. The person out of whose pocket the money comes no longer has access to what he has earned and the person for government that takes the money

often wastes it on things of which the earner would not approve.


The economy is adjusting because of greed, mortgages people couldn't afford and should never have been given and because adjustments are normal in a capitalist system.

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made a lot of money. Those who buy now and stay invested will make money. Now is the time for optimism, not meddling by the federal government. What this economy needs is more freedom for the individual and less manipulation by over-taking, over-spending and over-regulating government.

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## Still hard choices, no easy answers about abortion

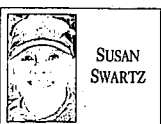
Dr. Susan Wicklund hadn't seen the movie "Juno" when we talked, so I urged her to watch it because she's an expert on unwanted pregnancy.

The popular film about a pregnant 16-year-old named Juno who decides to have the baby and allow a childless couple to adopt it is something a pro-choice believer just might find encouraging.

Not just because the girl is charming and her parents fiercely supportive, her maybe-boyfriend quietly caring and the adopting parents realistically imperfect.

But because the whole story takes place in a pro-choice world, where the decision to have sex was the girl's as much as the boy's and the options for handling her pregnancy were hers to choose: first, to have an abortion, then to change her mind to favor adoption and then to come up with a final resolution.

Meanwhile, no one made her feel sinful for having sex or shameful for going to high school with a big belly or immature for deciding she was not ready to be a mother. Plus there were refreshingly few hypocrites in her world, at least not as many as you usually see in the heated dialogue over sex and kids and pregnancy and abortion.



SUSAN SWARTZ

"Juno" was anti-abortion or pro-adoption, but I didn't see it that way. I thought it was simply about choice — which is what I told Dr. Wicklund, who has spent more than 20 years advocating for women's reproductive options.

Would that her abortion patients could live in a world like young Juno's, where they could be open about their pregnancy and get as much support for their decision. Many of Wicklund's patients live in a lonely and secret world, where their choice as to what's best for their health and family conflicts with what others would have them do.

Her new book, "This Common Secret," is based on her experience that abortion remains largely unadmitted because unwanted pregnancy is still considered a woman's shame and everybody else's business.

"Even in our society where everything seems so sexual," said Wicklund, "there's a belief that a woman is not supposed to have sex until

she marries and then only to have babies. If you do it any other way, people judge you."

At current rates almost 40 percent of American women have an abortion during their child-bearing years, said Wicklund, a Montana doctor who works in rural clinics throughout the Western states. It's a procedure more common than a tonsillectomy or wisdom tooth extraction. Yet, Wicklund points out, "We don't talk about it. People act like no one they ever knew had an abortion."

Wicklund had an abortion in her 20s when she was a student and single mother. As a pediatrician she chose to focus on safe and legal abortions, a rare and deadly specialty. Because of death threats by abortion protesters, she often carries a gun and wears a bulletproof vest. Now in her 50s, she might have logically hoped that over time, abortion doctors could have stopped worrying about being on someone's hit list. Likewise she might have expected a decrease in sexually transmitted diseases and teen pregnancies which, government figures show, are on the rise.

But then Wicklund said she never would have imagined that in 2008 the government's approach to sex education would be to preach

abstinence only.

Back to the movie "Juno." That's another good reason to see it. In terms of sex ed, there's a pretty strong message about birth control, Juno and her boyfriend forgo-

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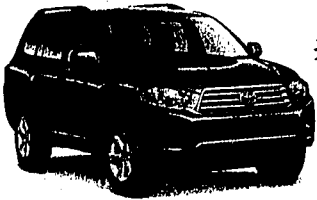
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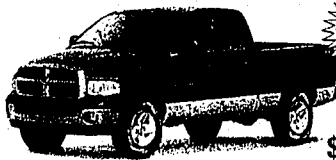
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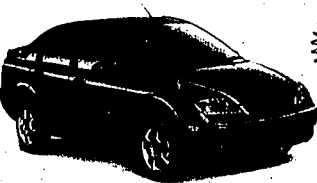
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District IV Girls Basketball Tournament Schedules. Includes Class 5A, Class 4A (1.5 seeds), Class 3A (1.5 seeds), Class 2A (1 seed), and Class 1A (1 seed) schedules.

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Gooding grapplers sweep tri-match, best host Kimberly

The Gooding Senators wrestling team took a pre-dual final win over Sawtooth Central on the Bulldogs' home mat Thursday...



Kimberly's Matt Palmer is pinned by Gooding's Matt Palmer during the tri-match.

Shoshone (7-9, 4-5) got 10 points from Josh Olsen and Ben of Nell Valencia and Jared Fitzgerald...

power Valley, as the Vikings finished the regular season at 16-4. Katie Hall led scorers with 16 points for the Vikings...

Gooding 46, Kimberly 30. Gooding 46, Kimberly 30. Gooding 46, Kimberly 30.

MINICO JV DOMINATES VALLEY TRI-MATCH. The Minico Spartans junior varsity wrestling team put the hurt on Valley and Grace on Thursday...

Boys basketball. COMMUNITY SCHOOL 51, SHOSHONE 42. Shoshone hung with the visiting Community School Outdoors on its home floor for three quarters...

Girls basketball. VALLEY 51, GOODING 42. On senior night in Gooding, the Senators fell 51-42 to Class 2A...

Wendell 55, Buhl 16. Wendell used balanced scoring to waltz past Buhl in a 55-16 nonconference win Thursday...

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL TV SCHEDULE EXTREME SPORTS 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL ... CSI at Snow College, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL ... Magic Valley Christian at Camas County, 6 p.m.

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Canseco sought money from Ordonez to keep name clear in book

NEW YORK — Jose Canseco offered to keep Magglio Ordonez "clear" in his upcoming book if the Detroit Tigers outfielder invested in a movie project promoted by Canseco, The New York Times reported Wednesday night.

"Absolutely not," Canseco was quoted as saying. Canseco said he unsuccessfully attempted to reach Ordonez. Canseco refused to say whether he would implicate Ordonez with performance-enhancing drug use in the book.

Scott Bors, Ordonez's agent, filed a complaint with the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Bors' employ and said Ordonez would be "clear" if the outfielder invested in the book.

Ordonez decided not to go forward with a complaint, so the FBI didn't open a formal investigation, the newspaper said. Ordonez spoke to Tigers president Dave Dombrowski, who contacted MLB.

Ordonez was quoted as saying, "I don't want any problems. He is probably desperate for money. I don't understand why he is trying to put people down."

Ordonez, teammates with Canseco on the 2001 Chicago White Sox, said Canseco didn't speak on condition of anonymity, said the Major League Baseball referred the matter to the FBI.

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## Otter to unveil animal locator program

Program voluntary but necessary, officials say

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

Idaho will officially join the ranks of Nebraska and Oklahoma today with the launching of Locate in 48.

ter connect farmers and producers to the global marketplace.

"The Locate in 48 program is to be able to identify premises that house livestock. The database will allow a better response time for eliminating or eradicating a disease," said Bill Barton, bureau chief for Idaho State Department of Agriculture Animal Health.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter will today hold a press conference to announce the new campaign — its goal is to create a database that will allow 48 hours to trace possibility

"I believe premises identification is necessary to protect livestock producers and our industry in the event of a disease outbreak."

— Judy Woodie, past president of Idaho Cattle Association

infected animals if a disease outbreak were to occur.

"We are very excited to introduce Idaho's Locate in 48 campaign to the state," Celia Gould, director of the ISDA, said in a press release. "We believe that this information will help educate and encourage Idahoans to register their livestock premises and preserve the future of farming and ranching for generations to come."

According to the program's Web site, released to the public today, several state animal associations are on board, including the Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Dairyman's Association, Idaho Horse Council, Idaho Sheep Commission and Idaho Park Producers Association.

"I believe premises identification is necessary to protect livestock producers and our industry in the event of a disease outbreak," Judy Woodie, past president of ICA, is quoted on the site. Animal industries have reason to worry about

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## Kezele, AmEx settle suit

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — A lawsuit between a Twin Falls city councilman and a credit card company was settled Tuesday in 5th District Court.

Judge Randy Stoker signed an order to dismiss with prejudice the suit between Will Kezele and an attorney for American Express after both sides agreed to terms. To dismiss with prejudice means the charges cannot be refiled.

In November 2006, American Express sued Kezele in Bingham County for failure to pay \$27,003.45 in credit card debt from 2004 and 2005. The case was later moved to Twin Falls County. Kezele, who was sworn in as a Twin Falls City Councilman Jan. 7, described the matter as one of confusion and miscommunication within American Express. He said the debt was just one of several he was paying from a past business venture. In November, he provided documents to the Times-News that showed an earlier deal with American Express that was settled.

On Thursday, Kezele said he was pleased the matter was resolved. He noted that it was not a personal credit card.

"This whole thing happened because of an internal glitch at American Express, between them and some third party," he said. "I want to make sure that the constituents of this city know I did not misrepresent this situation, that I was not, in any way, not fair or honest in my business dealings, (and) that what was transpired here was not as it looks on the surface."

After a Jan. 2 Times-News story about the lawsuit Kezele provided documents to the Times-News that show the following chronology:

On April 12, 2006, Kezele mailed a check for \$14,650 to American Express — 55 percent of the \$27,000 owed. The amount was recommended by an AmEx representative and a supervisor," according to a letter Kezele wrote to the

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# Adding an entrance

CSI considering plans to shift some parking spaces

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho is gearing up for a new entrance on campus as the school begins to expand across North College Road with a new science building.

The new entrance, planned off North College Road in front of the softball diamond, would carve out between 12 to 54 existing parking spaces, according to five plans presented Tuesday night to the board of trustees.

"This is all part of a long-term plan for growth at CSI," said Bill Barton, bureau chief for Idaho State Department of Agriculture Animal Health.

"This is just forward thinking for campus development over the next several years," said CSI President Jerry Beck.

Even with the loss of some spaces, others will be added nearby. Across a grassy island from the new entrance site there's a gravel area that will be paved with state money for 150 spaces, said Randy Dill, physical plant manager at CSI.

That will mean a net parking space increase, Beck said.

The new entrance timeline and bid schedule could be ready in 30 days, said Beck. But the hope is to have both the entrance and gravel lot projects under way by summer.

"When we talk about taking away spaces, that's a sensitive issue, and we want to make sure we're doing the right thing," Beck said.

Total cost isn't clear, because the entrance project hasn't been officially drafted yet by architects and it hasn't gone out to bid. "We're just in the beginning stages and trying to get a



College of Southern Idaho sophomore Mike Mercer walks through a parking lot at school Thursday. Mercer said he rides to school with friends and parking is not an issue, while Whitnee Beck says 'It irritates me when people don't park right, they need some yellow lines... and people drive kind of crazy.'

feel for what they (board members) want and then we'll take it to an engineer," said Dill.

Funding for the entrance would come out of the school's general fund, Beck said. Before the entryway plans were generated, the board asked that new entrance be symmetrical to one by the Herrett Center. But if a mirror image entrance is installed by the softball field, more than 50 spaces would get eaten up, said CSI Spokesman Doug Maughan.

"For a college that's already a little short on parking spaces at certain times of the day or week, that would be a bitter pill to swallow," Maughan said.

The plans are all slight variations of each other and fewer spaces would be lost with less symmetry to the Herrett Center entrance. A half-circle connected by the entrances at the Herrett Center and the softball diamond would loop around the new 70,000-square-foot, \$22 million state funded health sci-

ence building. Ground is set to break on that facility in June or July, with a 2009 completion date. Questions linger about how main campus will be connected with the new science building across North College Road.

Ideas on that issue are swirling at CSI — like possibly a pedestrian walkway over the road, or maybe a tunnel under the road.

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## Animal, vet drug fee gains approval

### ISDA introduces two other plans in House

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee on Thursday approved unanimously legislation that would charge \$100 per company that manufacture animal and veterinary drugs used in Idaho.

The proposal would apply to companies that sell drugs or similar products in Idaho that must be registered or licensed with the state. The money would be filtered to the agency's livestock diseases control and tuberculosis indemnity account.

The same committee last year narrowly defeated a similar pitch, worried there'd be more regulations just so the Idaho State Department of Agriculture could raise money.

On Thursday, four agriculture lobbying groups testified in favor of the bill, and no one opposed it. Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, said that the bill addressed his previous concerns of compounding — the concept that drugs imported into Idaho could be mixed.

Officials say the fees will raise about \$200,000 but that Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has promised to support matching funds from the general fund if the bill becomes law. The ISDA said the money is to make up for the declining revenue from brand inspections as the agency's cost of serv-

ices continues to increase.

"Like it or not, costs for ISDA are increasing and we need to find a way to fund those costs," said Bob Naerbut, executive director for the Idaho Dairyman's Association.

Vicki Smith of the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association, which opposed last year's bill, said the organization had taken a neutral stance. An online survey of its members found 37 of 53 members were supportive of the bill, Smith said.

"The issues are dissolving," she said. In related news, the House Agricultural Affairs agreed to review two proposals from the ISDA — both of which drew skepticism from lawmakers.

One proposal would amend the state's definition of a commodity dealer by increasing the amount of a commodity someone buys from producers from \$10,000 to \$25,000, and would increase the required net worth of a class 1 commodity dealer from \$50,000 to \$200,000. A second proposal would amend public warehouses for commodity dealers. It would require for dealers operating in public warehouses to conform to the new minimum financial requirements. Lawmakers voiced skepticism about both proposals — the first for potential harm to small businesses, and the latter for fear of increased legal problems.



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## Attebery to discuss Vardis Fisher at Brown Bag lecture series today

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

When you think of Idaho writers, Ernest Hemingway usually comes to mind. Unknown to many is one of the Gem State's greatest contributors to American literature and one of the state's most prolific writers: Vardis Fisher.

Fisher, who was born in 1895, spent his childhood in the Swan Valley (near the Palisades Reservoir). After college, Fisher returned to Idaho, eventually settling into isolation along the Malad River in the Hagerman Valley until his death in 1968.

Fisher is probably best known for writing "Mountain Man," the novel that inspired Sydney Pollack's film, "Jeremiah Johnson," starring Robert Redford. Many Idahoans don't know that Fisher's 1939 novel, "Children of God," earned the Harper Prize for fiction. The novel traces the beginnings of Mormonism from New

England through 1890. His other works include, "The Testament of Man" series and "The Mothers," a remarkable read about the Donner Party. During the upcoming Brown Bag Lecture Series event at the Twin Falls Public Library, Idaho native Louie Attebery will share his presentation, "The Vardis Fisher I Knew."

"Most people are familiar with the movie but didn't realize the author behind it was from Idaho," said Stacy Madsen, executive director of the Magic Valley Arts Council, which is sponsoring the lectures. "With Louie Attebery being from Idaho and the ties to a writer from the Magic Valley we thought it was a wonderful connection."

"Fisher was a profound lover of the state, while not blind to its deficiencies," Attebery said. "I know of him long before actually getting to know him."

Attebery, a 1950 graduate of the College of Idaho, returned in 1961 as an assistant professor and said the school was lucky enough to have Fisher during a six-week, writer-in-residence program.

During the lecture Attebery will make clear Fisher's role in

### 'The Vardis Fisher I Knew'

- Magic Valley Arts Council hosts Brown Bag Lecture, today at noon.
- Twin Falls Public Library program room, 201 Fourth Ave. E.
- The cost is free. A sack lunch may be reserved for \$6.50.
- Call Carolyn White at the Magic Valley Arts Council, 734-2787.

the declaration of independence of Western writers as they sought to free their work from the domination of Eastern publishers.

"Fisher was somewhat of a character," Attebery said.

The presentation will give you a better understanding of Fisher — both the man and the writer — or confirm your admiration for him, Attebery said. After his 37-year tenure with the college, Attebery has also had several works published, including "A Billion the Hard Way," a biography on one of Idaho's wealthiest residents, J.R. Simplot, which was released in 2000.

Blair Koch may be reached at 316-2607.



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# Idaho Medicaid director asks lawmakers to approve \$1.4B budget

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — Idaho's Medicaid director asked lawmakers on Thursday to approve a \$1.4 billion budget, with just under one-third of that amount to come out of state coffers.

Medical assistance services — as Medicaid and similar programs are called — make up the second-largest portion of Idaho's budget, after the support given to the public school system. And with 186,000 enrollees in Medicaid, most of them children and many with chronic illnesses or severe disabilities, perhaps it's no wonder.

"This remains the strictest program in terms of eligibility," Leslie Clement

told members of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

Medicaid is a state and federally funded program that provides health care for the poor and disabled.

Concerned with the ever-growing costs of Medicaid, lawmakers two years ago launched a pilot project dividing Medicaid recipients into three groups, with three health care plans tailored to their needs. The basic plan — for generally healthy working-age adults, and kids — is the largest group, with 75 percent of Medicaid enrollees. It also accounts for just 25 percent of Medicaid bills.

The other two groups, however, are more expensive. The enhanced plan is for those with significant



physical or mental disabilities. The coordinated plan is for low-income elderly recipients who are also enrolled in Medicare, the government's insurance plan for senior citizens.

So far, the program has been a success, Clement said. Now more than 12,000 Medicaid participants are paying small monthly premiums for the benefits. Several hundred more participants have signed up for smoking cessation programs or weight loss bene-

fits, Clement said. The average monthly cost for kids and adults in the basic plan is about \$235, Clement told lawmakers. The average cost for the enhanced or coordinated plans is much higher, at more than \$1,400 a month.

Each year the costs continue to grow. State officials anticipate enrolling nearly 7,500 more recipients in Medicaid during the 2009 fiscal year, a roughly 4 percent increase over the previous year. The cost of caring for those enrollees is also expected to inflate by more than \$50 million next year, with more than \$15 million of that coming out of the state budget and the rest from the federal government.

## OPTIMIST HOLIDAY DINNER



The Twin Falls Optimist Club enjoyed their annual Dennis Corrad Memorial Christmas party for the East End Head Start on Dec. 14. For the last 15 years the club has made holiday dinner for Head Start children and their families. The club's helpers also get the fun of helping Santa give the students and their siblings gifts they picked out the week before. Pictured, back row, Wayne Bohm; Teresa Cisalik; Kent Mallory; Jenny Evertson; Jerome members, Rick Ames and Angie Bridge; middle row, Chris Mahler; Marian Winterholer; Julie Mahler; Jerome member, Julie Sladeflan; Don Bohm; and front row, Sandy Flora and Donna Bohm.

## BIRTHDAY TRADITION



For 45 years, Catherine Lang has been making and giving homemade fudge to Wayne Goetz on his birthday. This tradition started when Wayne joined the Navy in 1961. The first fudge arrived on Dec. 8, 1962. From left, Catherine Lang, 85, of Twin Falls, and Wayne Goetz, Kimberly,

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Rupert Elementary School announces Citizens of the Week for the week of Dec. 14. From left, front, Alex, Aude, Luke, Casey, Isabel; center, Maritha, Anabel, Jessica, Jasmine, Kayla, Beyonce; and back, Trenton, Gabriella, Armando, Garrett and Briana.

## Scouts meet Saturday

Snake River Council of Boy Scouts of America's Annual University of Scouting, Merit Badge Pass Wagon and Cub Scout Pass Wagon will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Burley Junior High School, 700 W. 10th St., Burley.

All Scouters are welcome to attend and learn skills and resources to mentor youth in BSA packs, troops, teams and crews. Adult classes include magic, climbing/rappelling, Dutch oven cooking, primitive skills, crafts, scrapbooks, Geocaching, wood carving, leather crafts and program development.

Boy Scouts are invited to join the fun this year. Ten merit badges (all required for Eagle) will be offered.

For more information: Boy Scouts of America Snake River Council office, 733-2167.

## Suit

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company. He provided a copy of the check to the Times-News.

Kerzelle says he issued a stop-payment order on the check, based on the recommendation of American Express, so that the company could clarify a situation with the third party collection agency. Kerzelle also provided a bank statement for the company Preferred Benefits from May 2006 that shows First Federal bank stopped

payment on a check on May 23.

"It was settled and I'm pleased we finally got it to the point where it could be settled," he said Thursday. "The other side has requested there be confidentiality in how it was resolved. As much as I would like to explain to the community the facts of the situation so they would have a better understanding of the situation, I'm going to honor the confidentiality of that agreement."

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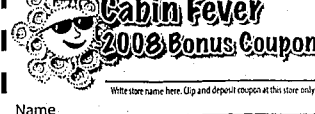
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# Luna: \$4M plan to bolster math scores an 'investment'

BOISE (AP) — Teaching Idaho students to be better at math at an earlier age is turning into one of those scary math word problems for some state lawmakers, who say it adds up to more than that state can afford.



8,600 instructors teach it from kindergarten through 12th grade.

It adds up to "very expensive," according to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's budget advisers. Otter's budget director, Wayne Harmon, last week told the budget committee that the math initiative is one of the most expensive proposals this year, and would have to be paid for annually.

"It is expensive," Luna told the Idaho State Journal of the proposal. "I have made it to lawmakers. That in my opinion it is an investment into getting children better prepared for the math they will need when they get to middle school and to high school. I think we will spend less money on remediation once we have the math initiative."

Rep. Bob Nanni, R-Coeur d'Alene, chairs the House Education Committee and supports Luna's idea.

Last year, lawmakers approved a plan that requires Idaho high school students in 2013 to take three math classes rather than just two before they can graduate. Lawmakers said they were concerned the state was producing students unprepared for college or the work place.

# California Supreme Court rules employers can fire workers for medical marijuana use

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Employers can fire workers who use medical marijuana even if it was legally recommended by a doctor, the California Supreme Court ruled Thursday, dealing the state another setback in its standoff with federal law enforcement.

The high court upheld a small Sacramento telecommunications company's firing of a man who flunked a company-ordered drug test. Gary Ross held a medical marijuana card authorizing him to use the drug to treat a back injury sustained while serving in the Air Force.

The company, Ringlingwire Inc., argued that it rightfully fired Ross because all marijuana use is illegal under federal law, which does not recognize the medical marijuana laws in California and 11 other states.

The justices upheld that argument in a 5-2 decision. "No state law could completely legalize marijuana for medical purposes because the drug remains illegal under federal law," Justice Kathryn Werdegar wrote for the majority.

The U.S. Supreme Court declared in 2005 that state medicinal marijuana laws don't protect users from prosecution. The Drug Enforcement Administration and other federal agencies have been actively shutting down major medical marijuana dispensaries throughout California over the last two years and charging their operators with felony distribution charges. Ringlingwire said it fired Ross because it feared it could be the target of a federal raid, among other reasons. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and the Western Electrical Contractors Association Inc. had joined Ringlingwire's case, arguing that companies could lose federal contracts and grants if they allowed employees to smoke pot. The American Medical Association advocated keeping marijuana classified as a tightly controlled and dangerous drug that should not be legalized until more research is done.

# N. Idaho student arrested after police find weapons in car

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Police in northern Idaho have arrested an 18-year-old high school student who they say had three stolen, high-powered rifles and a loaded shotgun in his car in a school parking lot.

Brian Gilmore, 18, was arrested about 11 a.m. Wednesday in the parking lot of Lake City High School after police said his mother called them to say her son had been behaving erratically and might have weapons.

Gilmore was being held in the Kootenai County jail, awaiting his initial appearance in 1st District Court.

"In my heart, we averted some tragedy," Coeur d'Alene Police Chief Wayne Longo told *The Spokesman-Review*.

After receiving the tip, police stationed officers at Lake City High School, which Gilmore attended until the spring of 2006, and at Coeur d'Alene High, his current school.

Police said both schools were searched early Wednesday, but that Gilmore didn't arrive at Lake City until about 10:30 a.m. in his black 1988 Pontiac Grand Prix, where he was spotted by surveillance cameras.

Police Officer Damon Jones, patrolling the lot, detained Gilmore as the student walked toward the school unarmed.

Gilmore was arrested, Longo said, after a search of the vehicle found the loaded shotgun on the front seat and the three unloaded rifles in the trunk, which also held ammunition.

The school was locked down for about 20 minutes while Gilmore was taken into custody, said Principal John Brunley.

Longo said investigators were trying to determine why Gilmore went to his former high school. Police said the rifles found in Gilmore's car may have been stolen from a relative's home, along with ammunition and \$275.

Police said Gilmore's mother told them her son left the home Wednesday morning dressed in camouflage clothing, but didn't say where he was going.

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# Border Patrol targets immigrant-smuggling 800 miles from border

By Alicia A. Caldwell  
Associated Press writer

PEARL, Miss. — Detective Nick McLendon, on stakeout duty along a dark stretch of eastbound Interstate 20, noticed a red Chevy Suburban with heavily tinted windows and no light over its rear Texas license plate. The missing light gave him all the excuse he needed to pull the SUV over.



A Border Patrol agent watches as illegal immigrants file into a holding facility for processing prior to being deported, in Pearl, Miss., on Jan. 17.

Packed into the Suburban, he discovered, were 14 illegal immigrants, two suspected smugglers, and a spiral notebook on the front seat, listing the passengers and their destinations in Spanish — “Artero Ramirez to Nuy Arser; David Luna to Nueva York; Marcelina and Jasmin to Carolina del Norte; Jose Aguilar to Alabama; Josefine Ortega to Chicago; Gustavo Ribera to Florida.”

McLendon, a Pearl detective, has begun intercepting illegal immigrants and smugglers along stretches of highway deep in the U.S. interior, where those who have slipped into the country usually have little chance of getting caught. “They think they’re pretty much home free once they get up here,” said Bill Dotz, the assistant chief patrol agent in charge of the Border Patrol’s Gulfport, Miss., station. But Operation Uniforce, as the

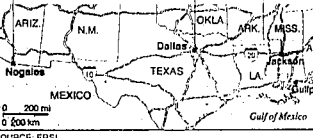
two-week crackdown began Jan. 13 is called, “is pretty much a shocker for the smuggling organizations.” More than 300 immigrants and suspected smugglers had been arrested as of Tuesday, more than a week into the operation. Interstate 20 has become a major corridor for immigrant smugglers. It peels off from I-10 in West Texas and runs across the South, passing through Atlanta and linking

## Crackdown moves away from border

More than 300 immigrants and suspected smugglers had been arrested by federal agents as of Tuesday in a crackdown that targets smuggling organizations shilling deeper into the U.S.

An Operation Uniforce stakeout along I-20 in Jackson, Miss.

Jan. 16: Agents with 14 illegal immigrants, two suspected smugglers. Jan. 17: Agent getting stopped by convict; stopped by convict; found list of passenger's eastern destinations. for an oil change.



up with other major highways, including I-95, which leads to Miami to the south and Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston to the north. About 400 Border Patrol and customs agents normally work at or close to the border but have been temporarily assigned to the crackdown. They and local law officers have spread out along several miles of I-20 and some of its

connecting highways, parking their vehicles out in the open in the median or by the side of the road.”

## Gates: U.S. would send troops to Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is willing to send a small number of U.S. combat troops to Pakistan to help fight the insurgency there if Pakistani authorities ask for such help, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday. “We remain really willing and able to assist the Pakistanis and to partner with them to provide additional training, to conduct joint operations, should they desire to do so,” Gates told at news conference.

Gates said the Pakistani government has not requested any additional assistance in the weeks since al-Qaida and affiliated extremists have intensified their fighting inside Pakistan. And he stressed that the United States would respect the Pakistani judgment on the utility of American military assistance. “We’re not aware of any proposals that the Pakistanis have made to us at this point,” he said. “This is clearly an evolving issue. And what we have tried to communicate to the Pakistanis and essentially what we are saying here is we are prepared to look at a range of cooperation with them in a number of different areas, but at this point it’s their nickel, and we await proposals or suggestions from them.”

Gates made his remarks in response to questions from reporters at a regularly scheduled news conference in which he also declined to say whether U.S. combat troops have previously crossed the border from Afghanistan into Pakistan to conduct combat operations.

## At food banks, a pinch of scarcity

By Susannah Rosenblatt  
Los Angeles Times

To Gladys Jacques’ relief, a grocery bag filled with chicken, bread and canned corn or string beans arrives on her doorstep once a month, delivered by church volunteers.

Retired, the 76-year-old registered nurse lives alone in South Los Angeles on a small Social Security income, hindered by diabetes and a stroke that makes it hard for her to walk. So the monthly deliveries from Bethel AME Church’s food pantry help Jacques get by when times are tight.

“I eat anything they give me,” Jacques said of the periodic restocking of her shelves. But those who run food banks say they are struggling. The supply of donated food is at its lowest level in recent memory, largely because of a steep decline in government surpluses. Many who work in the field are concerned that low-income people like Jacques may go hungry — a worry they say is heightened by a growing number of households, particularly those with children, who report that they do not always

know where their next meal is coming from. “The state of food banks, I think, in America — and in Los Angeles in particular — is really in dismal shape,” said I.D. Eric Schockman, president of Mazon, a Los Angeles nonprofit group that funds hunger relief agencies in the U.S. and abroad. “Our emergency food system has really been unraveled over the last few years.”

Advocates like Schockman and food bank operators nationwide say they are scrambling to find new sources of nutritional food. Their hopes are pinned in large part to a nearly \$300-billion farm bill scheduled to go before President Bush next month that could nearly double federal money available to supplement a dwindling supply of surplus food.

In California, the drop has been precipitous. Since 2002, donations of cheese, canned corn and beans, all longtime food bank staples, have been cut by more than half, from nearly 100 million pounds a year to 40 million. The difference, say officials from the California Association of Food Banks, translates into 44.7 million

fewer meals for hungry people around the state.

And although food pantries aren’t shutting their doors, some are having to scale back hours or offer less.

A combination of factors have pushed food banks, the massive warehouses that stock the food pantries at churches and other organizations, to the breaking point. Chief among them is a sharp drop in surplus commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. With brisk overseas trade and farm prices strong in recent years, the government hasn’t had to buy as much surplus peaches, or as much surplus asparagus, chicken or other goods, which would then be distributed to food banks across the country.

Food banks receive about one-fifth of their inventory from the federal government, said Kate Houston, deputy undersecretary for the USDA’s Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. Under agricultural policies designed to support farmers, the federal government bought \$319 million worth of these extra commodities in 2007; that number shrank to \$67 million five years later, she said.

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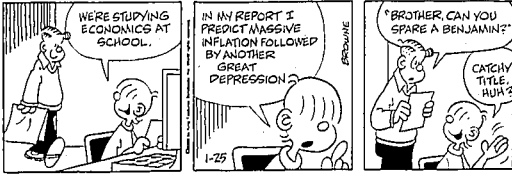
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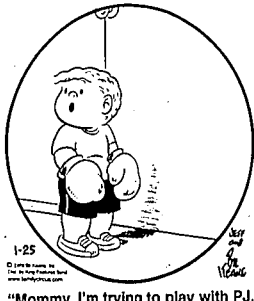
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# Teen's affection for mom's boyfriend raises eyebrows

DEAR ABBY: Our divorced daughter has been dating "Brian," a man she met online, for a little over a year. My husband and I are concerned about the behavior of our 13-year-old granddaughter, "Lollita," toward him. Lollita is naive in many ways and unaware of the pitfalls she may encounter. She's constantly sitting on Brian's lap, hugging him, or talking to him in very close proximity.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

We feel that our daughter should have a talk with Lollita and explain that a "young woman" who is rapidly developing should not act this way with a man who is not her father. Failing that, we feel that, as the adult, Brian should discourage it—which we haven't seen him do.

DEAR FEELING UNEASY: It would be interesting to know how involved in your granddaughters' lives their father has been. If the answer is "Not very," then it's possible that Lollita is trying to elicit from Brian the kind of affection she has craved from her dad. She may not realize that boundaries are being crossed unless it's explained to her. Because what you saw amused you, I concern you should certainly mention it to your daughter, and urge her to have "that talk" with Lollita.

On a trip to the beach a few months ago, their "play" in the ocean looked more like a couple than a girl with a potential stepdad. Our daughter also has an 8-year-old girl to whom Brian does not show the same kind of attention. I don't want to make unwarranted accusations about something that may be entirely innocent. It could seriously jeopardize our relationship with our daughter. Do we have a valid concern, or are we just two Puritanical old fogies? — FEELING UNEASY IN FLORIDA

It concerns me that Brian does not treat both of your granddaughters equally. He may be flattered by the attention he receives from Lollita. Or, he could be flirting with her with an eye to molesting her. Not knowing Brian or his background, I can't predict what might or might not happen. Has it occurred to you to Google him or check the state sex offender Web site? If you haven't, your daughter should.

DEAR ABBY: I have a feeling that my girlfriend of one year, "Wanda," may be trying to

manipulate our relationship in a way that I don't get to spend time with my friends, my ex and our kids. When I try to spend time with them, Wanda either gets sick or some terrible situation happens.

She has told me many times that she is a jealous person. I have backed off spending time with all the other people in my life, and now she's hanging out with her girlfriends, saying that because I work nights—and she works days—that she "can't just sit at home." She also says that when I'm off I should want to spend all my free time with her.

I was thinking about asking her to marry me, but now I feel cold feet approaching. What should I do? — BEEN HERE BEFORE IN MISSOURI

DEAR BEEN HERE BEFORE: You appear to be a young man with good intentions—including your sixth, jealousy and an attempt to manipulate are often signs of insecurity. Trying to quell your girlfriend's insecurity by isolating yourself won't make her less jealous because jealousy and insecurity are insatiable. (Unless your girlfriend is willing to accept that she has a problem and get some counseling, my advice is to pay attention to those cold feet and keep walking.)

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Journalist-author Edwin Newman is 89. Actor Gregg Palmer is 81. The former president of Georgia, Edward Shevardnadze, is 80. Actor Dean Jones is 77. Country singer Claude Gray is 76. The former president of the Philippines, Corason Aquino, is 75. Blues singer Rita James is 70. Movie director Tobe Hooper is 65.

Actress Jenifer Lewis is 51. Actress Dinah Manoff is 50. Country musician Mikee Burch (River Road) is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kina is 39. Actress China Kattner is 37. Actress Ana Ortiz is 37. Musician Matt Odmark (Jars of Clay) is 34. Actress Mita Klehner is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alicia Keys is 27.

## THOUGHT

"The price of justice is eternal publicity."

— Arnold Bennett, English poet, author and critic (1867-1931)

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"Mommy, I'm trying to play with PJ, but he won't come out of his room."

# Text messages reveal Detroit mayor's affair with aide

By Corey Williams  
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick bristled in the witness chair last year when asked whether he had an affair with a top aide. No, the mayor confidently told jurors, the two were never romantically involved. But a trove of 14,000 text messages that emerged this week tell a different story: The mayor and his chief of staff carried on a flirty, sometimes sexually explicit dialogue about where to meet and how to conceal their numerous trysts.

Now the mayor's indiscretion has landed him in a

Clinton-style scandal that could cost him his job and his license and even bring perjury charges.

"I think the mayor needs to take responsibility for the situation," City Councilwoman Sheila Cockrel said Thursday. In politics, she said, "you operate in a fishbowl."

The Detroit Free Press did not explain exactly how it obtained the messages, which were sent or received in 2002-03 from Chief of Staff

Christine Beatty's city-issued pager. The newspaper said it cross-referenced the messages with the mayor's private calendar and credit card records to verify events in some of the notes.

The mayor's denial came last summer during testimony in a lawsuit filed by two police officers who alleged they were fired for investigating claims from two former bodyguards that the mayor used his security unit to cover up extramarital affairs.

Mike Stefani, a lawyer for the officers, asked Beatty if she and Kilpatrick were "either romantically or intimately involved" during the period covered by the case.

"No," she replied, rolling her eyes. While still on the witness stand, the mayor later went on the offensive about the allegations, defending his reputation and that of Beatty.

"I think it was pretty demoralizing to her — you have to know her — but it's demoralizing to me as well," he testified. "My mother is a congresswoman. There have always been strong women around me. My aunt is a state legislator. I think it's absurd to assert that every woman that works with a man is a whore."

Late Wednesday, Kilpatrick issued a statement that was more subdued.

"These five- and six-year-

old text messages reflect a very difficult period in my personal life," he said. "It is profoundly embarrassing to have these extremely private messages now displayed in such a public manner."

On Thursday, mayoral spokesman James Canning said in a statement that Kilpatrick and his family were returning from Florida on Thursday evening and plan to continue their private time for the next several days.

Last summer's lawsuit ended with the jury awarding \$6.5 million to the two officers. The mayor seemed flabbergasted at the verdict and denied the allegations against him.



Presidential hopeful Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, smiles with his wife Elizabeth during a rally Jan. 9 in Cleveland.

## Democrat Kucinich abandoning second bid for White House

By Joe Milicia  
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — Democrat Dennis Kucinich is abandoning his second, long-shot bid for the White House as he faces a tough fight to hold onto his other job — U.S. congressman.

In an interview Thursday with Cleveland's Plain Dealer, the six-term House member said he was quitting the race and would make a formal announcement today. "I will be announcing that I'm transitioning out of the presidential campaign," Kucinich said. "I'm making that announcement tomorrow about a new direction."

Kucinich has received little support in his presidential bid; he got 1 percent of the vote in the New Hampshire primary and was shut out in the Iowa caucuses. He did have a devoted following.

Kucinich, 61, is facing four challengers in the Democratic congressional primary March 4, and earlier this week he made an urgent appeal on his Web site for funds for his re-election. Rival Joe Cimperman has been critical of Kucinich for focusing too much time outside of his district while campaigning for president.

His decision comes a month after the death of his youngest brother, Perry Kucinich.

Kucinich said he will not endorse another Democrat in the primary.

Kucinich brought the same sense of idealism to his second run for president as he did in his first bid. He said he was dropping the race again because the Democratic Party wasn't pushing hard enough to end the Iraq war.

Once dubbed the "boy mayor" of Cleveland, he made an unpopular decision to attempt to sell all publicly owned utility that pushed the city into default and drove him from office.

After the city's financial troubles, the mayor faced death threats, and was forced to wear a bulletproof vest when he threw out the first ball at a Cleveland Indians game. He barely survived a recall vote.

But he lost his bid for re-election as mayor of Cleveland in 1979 to Republican George Voinovich, who went on to become governor and then U.S. senator. His life and his political career were derailed. Kucinich spent more than a decade trying to get back into politics — traveling around the country and then working as a teacher, consultant and television news reporter.

In 1994, Kucinich was elected state senator and he then won a seat in Congress in 1996. His once turbulent stand against the sale of the municipal electric system was praised as courageous. In 1998, the Cleveland City Council issued him a commendation for having the foresight to refuse to sell it.

During his time in Congress, Kucinich has been one of the most outspoken liberals, opposing international trade agreements like the North America Free Trade Agreement and marching with protesters in Seattle during a meeting of the World Trade Organization.

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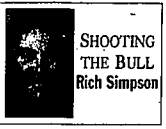
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## Shooters: Heard what's good for 2008?

In a nutshell: "Some things old, some things new, some are stainless, some are fused." Today's firearms manufacturers seem to be taking their cue from successful sports and military organizations by implementing the philosophy that "the best defense is a good offense." Once again, gun makers have responded to unrelenting pressures from governmental agencies, classification suit lawyers, and special interest groups opposed to private ownership of firearms by releasing a gaggle of what might be called "special niche" firearms.



SHOOTING THE BULL  
Rich Simpson

These are either new models or variations on existing models designed to appeal to select buyer markets. You can choose from fire-breathing cartridges capable of dropping the biggest of big game across vast windy canyons or mild-mannered rounds ideal for sniping sad poodles from your turnip patch. You can purchase these versatile cartridges chambered in firearms constructed of lightweight space age materials capable of withstanding the stresses that Mother Nature can dish out or in more traditional designs crafted of blued steel and walnut. Truly, gun hobbyists have never had it so good. In today's column, I will review two of the most notable rifle products being released this year by the sister companies, Winchester and Browning. Subsequent articles will highlight new shotguns, handguns, scope, and mounting offerings from other manufacturers. So why don't you plop yourself down in your easy chair, prop your feet up, and take this armchair stroll down New Rifle Road with me. You may be surprised to discover what irresistible temptations they've put together to torment us with in 2008.

The biggest news this year is the return of the "Billerman's Rifle" — the Winchester Model 70. Winchester of this fine bolt action — along with its siblings, the classic Model 94 lever action and economical Model 1300 series pump shotguns, came to a grinding halt when U.S. Repeating Arms Company silenced the machinery and closed the doors of its New Haven, Conn., facility in March of 2006. Its parent company, Fabrique Nationale of Herstal, Belgium (FNH) blamed poor labor relations, diminishing quality, and profit loss for the plant closure. Gun fanciers sighed a collective sigh, and then grinned slyly as the market value of the two classic rifle models shot through the ceiling overnight. Today the Model 70 is back — and with a vengeance. As you read this, "new" Model 70s are being slipped into those familiar red Winchester boxes at FNH's plant in Columbia, S.C. Crafted to the same exacting standards as FN machine guns issued to U.S. combat troops, today's M70 is more precise than any of its vaunted predecessors. Notable features include a rugged forged-steel receiver, Mosin-style control rod controlled-feed claw extractor,

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# An icy adventure

## Tips for ice fishing around the Valley



Staci Paulson of Twin Falls drills a hole through the ice at Dierkes Lake before fishing last week.

By Rob Morris  
Times-News correspondent

It was an afternoon of mid-winter, weekend discontent: both dogs and their master were unable to hunt. Nitro, the waterfowl specialist, was recovering from a recent surgery while Toss, the hybrid setter, was nursing two torn pads from a recent arduous chukkar hunt. Worse yet, said chukkar hunt aggravated an old, nagging back injury that made it difficult for their master to tolerate the impulsive force of walking over rugged terrain.

It was then I saw the sign advertising no-nugs on sale. A few minutes and dollars later, I was armed with an ice-auger, an ice-fishing rod, bait, ice-fishing lures and plan: find a frozen lake, go ice-fishing, and hopefully, catch some fish.

I had ice fished before, while liv-

ing in Eastern Washington, just north of Potholes Reservoir. While the big reservoir rarely freezes, many smaller reservoirs and ponds just below Potholes reservoir did safely freeze, and offered excellent fishing. My buddy and I would return with buckets of tasty yellow perch and the occasional trout for our efforts. More often than not, our indicator for quitting fishing was how many fish we wanted to fillet, not when they stopped biting.

While almost every species of game fish in North America has been caught through the ice, cold and cool water species are the fish that respond best to ice fishing. Cool water species in our area include: yellow perch, walleye, smallmouth bass and tiger-musky while cold water species are trout and their relatives. Most ice anglers target the big two: yellow perch and trout.

Yellow perch bite quite readily through the ice and are fairly easy to catch. When perch are on the bite, it doesn't seem to matter what is presented to them: be it an earthworm, mealy worm, salmon eggs or small lures, they will strike. There are times even perch turn finicky and many perch anglers break out their secret weapon, a perch eye.

While cleaning their catch of perch, anglers remove the eyes and store them in a small jar or plastic bag, then use them as bait for their next outing. Placing a perch eye on a micro-jig, small spoon or even a bare hook can often put perch on the bite when nothing else will produce.

Trout also bite well through the ice, but seem a bit more picky as to what baits they will strike and when. Common baits are worms,

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## BIG GAME



Hammett resident Ed Nezer captured this recent photo of an elk in winter landscape while on a snowmobiling trip near Featherville. Information on sending in your submissions is on D2.

# Helpful hints for taking shots during ski days

As the winter progresses I have been thinking a lot about skiing photography. Great skiing shots are certainly hard to come by, and they take a lot of trial and error to get it right. This week's image was taken during a spring break on Bald Mountain during the 2007 season. I like it because it captures the essence of skiing on a stormy powder day.

Taking skiing photos has proven to be very challenging for me, especially if the goals of the day are not focused specifically on photography. Here are a few tips that make my day of skiing and photography go a bit smoother.

**Gear** Keep it simple. I generally ski with a single camera and lens. Nobody really wants to wait around for the photographer, especially on a powder day. Keep the camera accessible — i.e., not in your pack. I have two options: a photo vest with attachment points on the chest for my camera case or the standard shoulder strap. I wear the camera beneath my skiing shell and rarely zip the case shut. Setting up for a shot is a



VISUAL BLISS  
Matt Leidecker

simple matter of opening my jacket and reaching in for my camera, which is always left on and ready. A backpack waist strap keeps the powder from coming in from beneath, and helps contain your "baby" attached to your chest.

**Exposure:** The changing light on a powder day can be difficult to capture accurately. While the raw digital format allows more latitude to correct exposure in Photoshop, getting it right with the first click saves time and money. For photos in overcast, lower light situations I find that overexposing the image by 1 to 1.5 stops is required. Also, pay attention to the percentage of white snow in the overall composition as a shot with lots of trees and/or rocks will require different settings that a single skier in a field of

white powder. Expect to adjust your exposure compensation several times with the changing light.

**Communication:** If your ski partners are willing to work with you to create images, do your best to communicate your photographic goals clearly to them. Pick out specific landmarks that everyone agrees on to direct them into your composition. Make sure they understand the difference between turning for the camera and turning for fun. Generally a longer, exaggerated turn across the fall line — skier's chest facing the photographer — will make a better ski photo.

**Know when to quit:** Don't turn every run into a photo shoot. Break it up, and give everyone a chance to enjoy the powder day.

They will be more willing to work with you for the best shots if they have some time to enjoy the skiing. This also gives you a break to enjoy your turns as well.

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Daney 'Trie' Walton enjoys the storm on College South Slopes.

MATT LEIDECKER for The Times-News







# D4 BUSINESS

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## Finding an entity

Business owners need to select the appropriate entity for their business plans

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

One of the most costly mistakes that a business owner can make is setting up their business under the wrong entity structure. Owners of businesses both large and small have the option of setting up their

business under one of five different entity structures, which include sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability companies, C corporations and S corporations. However, the entity that a business owner selects will depend on what the owner's plans and needs are for their business.

"There are non-tax as well as tax issues that need to be considered when a business chooses a specific entity," said Scott Plew, CPA and partner with Twin Falls-based accounting and advising firm Cooper Norman. "Some of the non-tax issues that really should be considered

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### What's the best structure for your business?

#### Sole Proprietorship

An extension of an individual who has decided not to carry on his or her business activity inside a defined separate legal and tax entity.

**Advantages** - It is relatively easy to start and close, and easier to maintain than other entities.

**Disadvantages** - Non-perpetual business structure, not set-up to transition; Unlimited personal liability.

#### Partnerships (Pass through entity)

An association of a group or individuals working together in a business or professional practice.

**Advantages** - Simple to set up and allows for special allocations of profit and losses to partners;

The partnership income is taxed at the partner level and not at the partnership level.

**Disadvantages** - General partners have unlimited liability, limited partners liability is limited to their investment, unless they are actively involved in management; Restrictions in transferring interests; If there is more than a 50% change in ownership in a year, the partnership typically ceases to exist.

#### Limited Liability Companies (LLC) (Pass through entity)

One of the more popular entities because it has the positive characteristics of a partnership and a corporation.

**Advantages** - Limited personal liability similar to a corporation; Flexible income tax reporting options - can be taxed as either corporation, partnership, or a disregarded entity (sole proprietorship).

**Disadvantages** - Restrictions in transferring interests; Typically, earnings that pass through to an active member are subject to self-employment taxes.

#### C Corporation (Regular Corporation) - (Non-pass through entity)

A legal entity owned by shareholder(s) that can have multiple classes of stock; income taxes are paid at the corporate level.

**Advantages** - Limited personal liability, even if shareholders participate in management; Continuity of business unlimited, fringe benefits provided to shareholders are typically deductible; Can use a fiscal year end for tax reporting purposes; Transfer of ownership is relatively easy.

**Disadvantages** - Double taxation, meaning the income taxes are paid at a corporate level, then taxes are paid at an individual level on dividends to shareholders.

#### S Corporation (Subchapter S Corporation) - (Pass through entity)

A legal entity similar to a regular corporation except the income taxes are paid at the shareholder level instead of at the corporate level.

**Advantages** - Limited liability, even if shareholders participate in management; Continuity of business unlimited; Typically no double taxation; Transfer of ownership is relatively easy.

**Disadvantages** - Have to pay income tax on your share of taxable income whether or not the business distribute any of the profits to the stockholders (this is the same for any pass through entity).

Source: Cooper Norman, CPA

Every business situation is unique. The information provided does not reflect all legal and tax issues which may affect your selection of an entity for your business.

## Local business puts organization in least likely place: Garage

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

We've all heard that time is money; but what about space? American's are falling in love with their garage and the same holds true at Terry and Cathy Reinke's Twin Falls home. Their three-car garage is no longer just a place to park their vehicles. The Reinke's garage is part

storage unit, part entertainment center and sometimes a cat is even tucked into it.

"We love our garage," said Terry Reinke. "We got a (Nintendo) Wii and put a television out here. (We) had company over and the time was spent going back and forth between the garage and kitchen."

But before Premier Garage of Twin Falls, installed custom

cabinetry in the Reinke's garage they had one costly problem — no organizational space.

"About a year ago we moved from Gooding to Twin and had a lot of stuff in here," Reinke said. "It's true that the guys who put the cabinets in had a hard time measuring because of all the stuff."

Calvin Connell, co-owner of Premier Garage explains the

hidden costs of a messy garage.

"The garage is typically the single largest unfurnished room in the house and when its full of clutter you have no idea what kind of stuff you already have," he said. "Plus, it makes you feel good when the last thing you're leaving in the morning... is an organized system. It makes you feel good

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## Sales of existing single-family homes drop in 2007

Sales decline 12.7 percent in T.F.

Times-News staff and wire reports

Sales of existing homes declined 20 percent in Twin Falls in December, ending a difficult year for home sales.

According to a report by the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors, sales of existing homes slipped from 574 units sold in 2006 to 850 units in 2007 — a decrease of more than 12 percent.

The average price of a home increased more than 10 percent from about \$152,000 to more than \$168,000.

Real estate agents attributed the decline to fewer people moving into Idaho from other states.

A decline in housing markets throughout other parts of the nation, combined with tighter lending requirements, has prevented many homeowners from escaping their existing mortgages in favor of more affordable one in states like Idaho.

However, some homeowners currently living in south-central Idaho are also opting out of buying new homes.

Sales of existing homes across the nation fell in December, closing out a horrible year for housing in which sales of single-family homes plunged by the largest amount in 25 years. The median home price dropped for the entire year, the first time that has occurred in four decades.

The National Association of Realtors reported that sales of single-family homes and condominiums dropped by 2.2 percent in December to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.89 million units.

For the year, sales of single-family homes were down by 13 percent, the biggest drop since a 17.7 percent plunge in 1982. The median price for a single-family home dropped 1.8 percent to \$217,000.

#### Home sales

Sales of existing homes in millions of units. Seasonally adjusted annual rate 7 million



SOURCE: National Association of Realtors

## World markets rally after Wall Street's comeback a day earlier

By D'Arcy Doran  
Associated Press writer

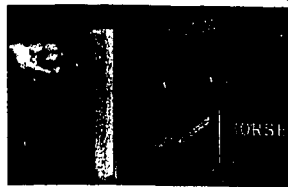
LONDON — European markets surged Thursday as a stunning comeback on Wall Street a day earlier heartened investors worried about the U.S. economic outlook.

Markets in Britain, Germany, and France followed most Asian markets higher Thursday, helping erase losses from their steep slide earlier this week that was driven by fears of a recession in the U.S., a vital export market.

The U.K.'s FTSE 100 index rose 4.3 percent to 5,841.0, while Germany's DAX index climbed 5.1 percent to 6,785.2. France's CAC-40 index was 4.5 percent higher at 4,845.0, as traders were unfazed by news of massive fraud at Societe Generale, the country's second-largest bank.

British banks and insurance firms surged on Thursday morning to drive the best one-day performance since Aug. 17 last year behind gains from U.S. financial companies and hopes that U.K. regulators will step in to rescue bond insurers.

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A display shows the level of the German stock index (DAX) at the stock exchange in Frankfurt, Germany, Thursday. European markets surged Thursday as a stunning comeback on Wall Street overnight heartened investors over concerns about the U.S. economy.

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	21.47	▲ .16	Dell Inc.	21.09	▲ .97	Idacorp	32.43	▼ .77
Lithia Mo.	13.73	▲ .67	Micron	6.99	▲ .29	Supervalu	29.50	▼ .20

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Live cattle	91.13	▲ .68	March Oil	89.41	▲ 2.42
Feb. gold	905.8	▲ 22.7	March Silver	16.43	▲ .46

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IRAQ

Al-Qaida may be making last stand in Mosul

BAGHDAD — The abandoned apartment block known as the Pepsi building, vaulted in seconds, leaving a 30-foot-deep blast crater and a ring of destruction for a quarter mile in every direction through a shabby district in Mosul.

In Mosul on Thursday — even before the final death count was tallied — came more bloodshed: A suicide bomber killed a police chief and two other officers as they toured the devastation from the previous day. Residents with insurgent sympathies hunted for their members before the attack.

Two deadly days have underscored what some U.S. military commanders fear is ahead for the northern city: that al-Qaida in Iraq could be a threat to the stability of the region.

The blast occurred in the Zanjipli neighborhood, a poverty-ridden district on the west bank of the Tigris River. Residents reportedly blamed al-Qaida as a forceful against Kurdish influence in the city and the ineffective provincial government.

The Pepsi building — given the local nickname because it was near a soft drink bottling plant — blew apart shortly before dusk Wednesday after an Iraqi army squadron arrived to check a tip that it was an insurgent hideout and bomb factory.

Inexplicably, no soldiers were among the 36 killed or 231 wounded in the explosion.

Speculation has touched on whether insurgents could have detonated the cache in the basement early or by accident — knowing that it was certain to kill many residents and possibly bring a public backlash in the neighborhood, where most men work as porters or walk the narrow alleys hawkking cooking gas cylinders by banging them with metal pipes to draw attention.

GAZA STRIP

Egyptians say border will return to normal

HAHAI — Egyptian border guards waddling clubs and electric prods directed throngs of Palestinians as they crossed into Egypt for a second day Thursday, but made little attempt to block the flow from Gaza.

Still, Egyptian officials warned the Gazans' brief bliss of freedom, shopping and visiting relatives will soon come to an end with the re-sealing of the border.

For the second day in a row, scores of Israeli citizens and played out at the Gaza-Egypt border. Guards channelled crowds through a handful of openings, where Palestinians pushed, shouted, and jostled their way into Egypt, bringing a glut of cows, chickens, fertilizer, food and truckloads of cement.

In what looked like a first step toward restoring a border, Egyptian security forces tamed huck Palestinians who attempted to travel deeper into Egypt — though they did nothing to stem the flow of Egyptian goods making their way to the frontier region to replenish rapidly depleting stocks.

Dozens of Hamas militants crossed in black stretchers on the Gaza side of the border, in front of the fallen wall, checking people's bags and packages for weapons, drugs and other prohibited items as they re-entered Gaza.

KENYA

Kenyan presidential foes meet in goodwill gesture

NAIROBI — The two presidential rivals at the center of Kenya's bitter election dispute met Thursday and shook hands, offering a potential breakthrough in the violent political standoff that has crippled this East African nation.

In their first meeting since the disputed Dec. 27 presidential poll, Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga met with former U.N. Secretary

General Kofi Annan for about an hour. Afterwards, they emerged from the presidential office, smiling broadly and vowing to work together.

Images of the men shaking hands drew shouts of joy and applause from onlookers. Hoping to ease the public's anxiety, the government temporarily lifted its emergency ban on live television so broadcasters could air footage of the event.

"I felt such relief to see them shaking hands," said Gladys Mumo, 32, standing outside the presidential compound in Nairobi. "We want peace. Our children aren't going to school because of this fracas. As a mother, I see things moving in the right direction."

Annun, who arrived in Kenya earlier this week to mediate talks, joined Kibaki and Odinga in calling upon Kenyans to maintain peace and be patient while negotiations continue. Although the initial meeting marked a turning point in Kenya's political crisis, experts cautioned that tough issues must still be resolved in the coming days and weeks.

ITALY

Premier resigns after losing confidence vote

ROME — Italian Premier Romano Prodi resigned Thursday night after his government lost a risky Senate confidence vote.

The center-left government fell four votes short of the 160 needed for victory. The vote was 161-156.

Elected in April 2006, Prodi has had a shaky government from nearly the start. But it lurched toward collapse after a small Christian Democrat party, whose votes were vital to a coalition majority in the Senate, yanked its support earlier this week in the latest squabbling among his allies.

Calling early elections or asking a politician to try to form another government are among President Giorgio Napolitano's options as head of state.

MEXICO

Mexico City starts women-only bus service

MEXICO CITY — Groping and verbal harassment is an exasperating reality for women using public transportation in this sprawling capital, where 22 million passengers cram onto subways and buses each day. Some men treat women so badly that the subway system has long had ladies-only cars during rush hour, with police segregating the sexes on the platforms. But that hasn't helped women forced to rely on packed buses, by far the city's most-used form of public transportation — until this week.

Acting on complaints from women's groups, the city rolled out "ladies only" buses, complete with pink signs in the windshields to wave off the men.

As word spread about the buses, the women seem delighted, while some men forced to wait a few minutes longer have shown their anger. On Thursday, passengers on one of the ladies-only buses spent most of their trip down the capital's tree-lined Reforma Avenue chatting or putting on makeup, instead of fighting off unwanted male attention.

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## 2008 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER HYBRID CROSSOVER Impressively Advanced!

Read/Worthy  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

It has the equivalent power of a V8 engine, can carry up to seven passengers, is available in two- or four-wheel drive and gets better gas mileage than many compact sedans. What is it? Based on the completely redesigned Highlander crossover, the all-new Highlander Hybrid is significantly larger, roomier and more powerful than the vehicle it replaced. Additionally, it is noticeably quieter, smarter and more spacious with versatility and ride comfort.

Available in Base and Limited trim levels, the Highlander Hybrid crossover is powered by Toyota's advanced Hybrid Synergy Drive system's 3.3L V6 gasoline engine and high-torque electric drive motor-generator which was upgraded in both power and economy.

With two automatic modes for the Hybrid System Indicator, "normal" and "acceleration," the Highlander Hybrid allows the driver to maintain a constant speed and/or acceleration level that assists in achieving maximum fuel economy. Torque for the Highlander Hybrid is transferred to the pavement through an electronically controlled continuously variable transmission (CVT) with a planetary gear unit for gear reduction and power splitting via a four-wheel drive with intelligence (4WD-i) system.

On the road, the Highlander Hybrid is smooth and sure - it is hard to realize that it is a hybrid. The 4WD system operates seamlessly with the hybrid powertrain - even better than



many regular gasoline powered 4WD SUVs.

The Highlander Hybrid features Toyota's Star Safety System that includes enhanced vehicle stability control, traction control, anti-lock brake system with electronic brake-force distribution and brake assist. The Highlander Hybrid was designed to enhance the Star Safety System with the addition of Toyota's first application of its Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management (VDIM) system,

which goes beyond conventional traction and stability controls that simply react to challenging conditions. Instead, VDIM anticipates vehicle instability in virtually any direction and makes stabilizing corrections.

VDIM also interfaces with the hybrid system, allowing it to modify vehicle power when needed, and a new electronic power steering system to optimize steering assist for each situation. The system constantly calculates vehicle motion based

on signals from a yaw rate and deceleration sensor, wheel speed sensor and steering angle sensor.

Using these inputs, VDIM controls all of the vehicle's dynamic handling systems and can employ them collectively and seamlessly, allowing it to quickly detect the onset of instability and correct it. The ability to operate "proactively" means that corrections to vehicle attitude are typically faster, more accurate and more subtle than a traditional system.

Inside the cabin, simple elegance reigns supreme. The wood-like trim found on the Limited adds sophistication, while seating throughout the cabin's comfortable and very supportive. Analog displays, controls and switches are large and easy to use. Storage and storage are dispersed throughout the cabin for maximum convenience. An optional third-row seat adds to passenger carrying capabilities.

### 2008 Toyota Highlander Hybrid crossover by the Numbers

**PRICING:**  
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Toyota Highlander Hybrid starts from \$32,700 for the well-equipped base model and \$39,950 for the Limited. Destination charges add \$685.

**WHEELBASE:**  
109.3" overall length: 188.4" width; 75.2" height; 68.1" - all vehicle measurements are in inches.

**ENGINE:**  
gasoline: 3.3L V6, - 209 hp at 5,600 rpm and 212 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm; electric: Motor Generator 2 (MG2)(front wheels) - 167 hp (123 kW) at 4,500 rpm and 247 lbs-ft of torque at 0-4,500 rpm; Motor Generator Rear (MGR)(rear wheels) - 68 hp (50 kW) at 4,010, 120 rpm and 96 lbs-ft of torque at 0-610 rpm.

**TRANSMISSION:**  
electronically controlled continuously variable automatic.

**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:**  
27 city/25 hwy.

**CARGO CAPACITY:**  
94.1 cu. ft.

**PAYLOAD CAPACITY:**  
1,642 lbs.

**TOWING CAPACITY:**  
3,500 lbs.

**SAFETY FEATURES:**  
Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, head curtain airbags, side-impact door beams, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, remote keyless entry, tire pressure monitor and full-size spare tire, Limited adds fog lights, automatic headlamps, daytime running lights and an alarm system. Optional safety features include a first aid kit, navigation system and engine immobilizer.

**WARRANTY:**  
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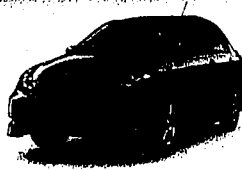
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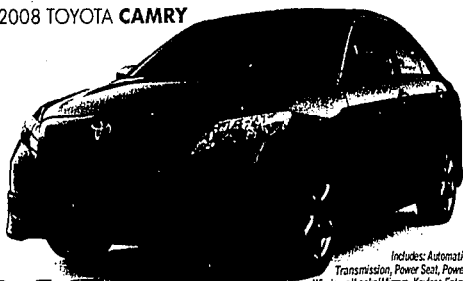


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IN THE INTEREST OF ISAAC BOWEN AND JOSHUA BOWEN
Case No. CV 2007-1395

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You, the biological father of Isaac Bowen and Joshua Bowen, are hereby directed to appear personally before the court for an Adjudicatory Hearing at the Jerome County Judicial Annex, 233 West Main, Jerome, Idaho on the 7th day of February 2008, at 1:45 P.M.

You hereby declare that service of such summons upon you, as the parent(s), guardian(s), or custodian(s), of the respective children as set forth in the petition for judgment of the court upon you and does subject you to the provisions of the Child Protection Act...

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Trustee's Sale No. 02-FHF-52046 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, Trustee, will sell at Public Auction, on May 2, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. of said day, in the LOBBY OF ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW, 1411 FALLS AVENUE EAST, SUITE 1015, TWIN FALLS, ID, said public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, including the following described real and personal property (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Property")...

PROPERTY AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due on 1/28/04: \$200,247.00. Delinquent Payments from July 27, 2007 to 1/18/08: \$792.92. Delinquent Credit: \$0.00. TOTAL: \$4,181.92. ALL DELINQUENCIES ARE NOW DUE, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee fees, attorney's fees, and other disbursements needed to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$75,351.08, together with interest accrued at 6.25% per annum from 02/28/07, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the sale of this property to be made to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale in any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a writ of habeas corpus to the court on or before 12/24/2007. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By: Amy L. Bowie, Assistant Trustee, 6510 Canyon Blvd., Suite 1224/2607, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 610 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550. Sales Information: http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 86308

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned or taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government, you have the right to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise these citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 10:30 o'clock A.M. on April 3, 2008, in the Office of First American Title Company, 200 Main Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Company, Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Twin Falls County, Idaho, and deeded as follows: to Lots 22 and 23 in Block 18 of Catalina Town-site, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 2 of Plats, Page 26.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 735-2515. According to the Trustee's records, the street address is 224 Elm Street, Camford, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty of title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Reginald Cantu, Yerga and Desiree A. Nayler, husband and wife, as Grantors, to First American Title Company, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Robert L. Mayers, recorded as Instrument No. 2007-028436, all records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. This advertisement, which this sale is to be made is the failure to:

(1) make the monthly installment of \$220.00 due for the 16th day of August, 2008, and a late fee of \$22.00 due for the 16th day of each and every month thereafter. The above Grantor(s) is named to comply with Section 45-1506(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The principal balance is \$18,000.00, together with interest accrued through to November 26, 2007 is \$8,477.24. Interest continues to accrue until delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED this 29th day of November, 2007. DANIEL J. ENGLISH, Trust Officer

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT

The CSI Office on Aging is accepting letters of intent from legally incorporated organizations with a demonstrated history in the delivery of human services who are interested in providing the following services: Congregate Nutrition Services: Hot or other appropriate meals that meet 1/3 recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for older adults 60 years (60 years of age or older), served in a group setting, for, senior citizens center, church or school.

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Twin Falls and surrounding area

Interested parties may submit a letter of intent to receive a request by proposal packet concerning these services. The services are to be provided for the period from date of contract grant through December 31, 2011. Request of Proposal must be submitted on the form prescribed by the CSI Office on Aging. Contact the Contracts Manager, CSI Office on Aging, 2011, Highway 200 Southside Idaho, PO Box 1238, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238, phone 208-736-2122. Deadline for submitting letters of intent is February 22, 2008.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KOOTENAI

Case No. CV 07-2182
SUMMONS
MARJORIE DICKINSON,
Plaintiff,

vs.
CARLIN BAY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., an Idaho non-profit corporation, and JOHN L. DOES 1-99 (whose true names are unknown),
Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT HAS ORDERED JUDICIAL SALE. YOU MUST RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: BRYCE HATCH, 3141 Willow Court, Twin Falls, ID 83301. You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above-designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you.

If you fail to respond to the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff(s) in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include: 1. The title and number of this case; 2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim; 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney; 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court. This is the 4th day of September, 2007. DANIEL J. ENGLISH, CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By: Ladaia L. Smith Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 10:00 o'clock A.M. on April 3, 2008, in the Office of First American Title Company, 200 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Company, Inc., successor by merger to First American Title Co., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Twin Falls County, Idaho, and described as follows: to-wit: Lot 5 in Block 1 of Alta Vista Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof, recorded in Book 7 of Plats, Page 49, records of said County, EXCEPT THEREFOR; that part bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the NE corner of said Lot 5, thence running S 21°18' E. for a distance of 87.55 feet along the Eastern side of said Lot 5; thence running S 64°34' W. for 80.33 feet to the corner which is common to Lots 5, 6 and 20 of said Block 1; thence running Northerly and Westerly boundary of said Lot 5 for 118.5 feet, more or less, to the NW corner of said Lot 5; thence S 89°57' E. along the Northern boundary of said Lot 5 for 45 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 735-2515. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 2149 Alta Vista Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Robert DaCamp and Lynn DeCamp, husband and wife, as Grantors, to First American Title Co., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Robert Moyers and Kathi Moyers, recorded as Instrument No. 2003-025445, all records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. This advertisement, which this sale is to be made is the failure to:

(1) make the monthly installment of \$660.00 due for April 29th, 2008 through November 29, 2007. (2) comply with Paragraph A.2. of said Deed of Trust, to provide, maintain and deliver to Beneficiary fire insurance satisfactory to and with fees payable to Beneficiary. (3) comply with Paragraph A.4. of said Deed of Trust, to pay at least ten days before delinquency all taxes and assessments affecting said property.

The above Grantor(s) is named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The principal balance is \$52,197.00, together with interest through on 12/06/07, per annum. Accrued interest as of November 29, 2007 is \$30,101.51. Interest continues to accrue. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED the 29th day of November, 2007. DANIEL J. ENGLISH, Trust Officer By: Ladaia L. Smith Deputy Clerk

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101 Lost and Found

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FOUND housing aid, at basketball ball game, Twin Falls Christian School. Call 208-324-5109

110 HOME/HEALTH CARE

BONDED CAREGIVER with references. 12 yrs old. Family misc. work. Reward: \$1000

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CONSTRUCTION C-N-R Construction is looking for reliable personnel. Please e-mail resume to cnr@earthlink.net

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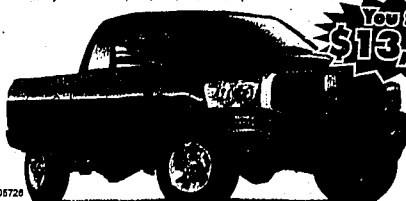
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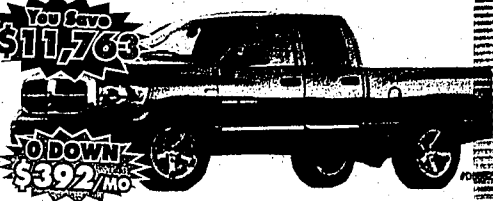
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