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'PILT'ed with money

Counties benefit
from bailout earmark

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

In a time of tight budgets, Idaho and other states just got a bit of good news.

For the first time since 1994, Idaho counties should receive their full entitled payments under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program, which compensates them for federal lands they can't collect property taxes on.

Nationally, about 1,850 county and other local governments will receive \$367.2 million total for the 2008 fiscal year under the program, according to a Friday press release from the U.S. Department of the Interior. In addition, the release stated, the PILT program is expected to be fully funded through 2012.

Previously, counties had received anywhere from 51 to 77 percent of what they could have. More than half of the year's funding was sent out in June.

Several south-central Idaho counties have ranked near the top in the past for PILT funding in the state, and that's not set to change. According to a state breakdown provided by the Idaho Association of Counties, Cassia and Blaine counties would receive the second- and third-highest funding amounts in the state, both more than \$1.7 million.

Twin Falls County would rank fourth with roughly \$1.46 million. The extra 2008 money was an earmark attached to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, commonly known as the federal bailout bill for banks affected by the lending crisis. According to the Interior release, it will be distributed to counties by the third week of November.

The money came as a pleasant surprise to county officials. Gooding County Commissioner Helen Edwards said Monday that the extra funds may help make up for an expected income shortfall from interest and property taxes. The county would get \$576,450 total this year.

"If there's a shortfall, it could well help us," she said. Blaine County Commissioner Larry Schoen said he

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PILT in your county

Here's what extra money south-central Idaho counties should get this year.

County	Extra payment	Total
Blaine	\$654,731	\$1,753,711
Cassia	\$53,809	\$142,486
Gooding	\$662,323	\$1,753,813
Jerome	\$217,695	\$576,450
Lincoln	\$22,227	\$220,384
Mindok	\$155,092	\$410,679
T.F.	\$551,877	\$1,461,358

A DAY TO DECIDE



Kristina Glascock, Twin Falls County clerk, reviews the results of a voting ballot test Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Young voters ready to exercise their voting rights

By Ben Bodin
Times-News writer

When President George W. Bush was seeking a second term in 2004, they were 14 years old.

When the polls open today, they'll be registered voters for the first time in their lives.

Eighteen-year-olds will exercise their right to vote today. They are a generation born when the first President George Bush was in office. In their lifetime, all the presidents in office have been either a Bush or a Clinton.

This time around, of course, it's a choice between John McCain and Barack Obama. For Chelsea Layne, a senior at Jerome High



• See video of county clerks testing voting machines Monday.

• A group of teenagers will work election night. Meet them in a video interview.

• And to check out sample ballots and more local and national election news, hit the Election 2008 button and go to local.

School, the choice is McCain because she likes his stronger pro-life stance and believes he'll do the best job



keeping the country safe from terrorism.

She has talked about voting with her parents.

Their opinion is, if you don't vote, you can't complain," Layne said.

As for the last election, Layne wasn't following politics as closely.

"I don't think I really cared in eighth grade," she said. Casey Anderson, also a senior in Jerome, said he's leaning toward McCain,

though he doesn't anticipate his vote being a tie-breaker.

"It doesn't seem like one vote's going to make much of a difference," he said.

Terry Waidley, who is teaching a government class at Jerome High School, said students will be watching election returns come in today as part of their studies.

The election has gained the attention of students

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Cassia Co. - 878-5240

Minidoka Co. - 436-7111

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Lincoln Co. - 886-7841

Gooding Co. - 934-4841

Blaine Co. - 788-5510

Camas Co. - 764-2242

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At long last: Decision time for a divided U.S.

By Ted Anthony
Associated Press writer

Finally. Rarely has an election been so anticipated. Rarely has a campaign gone on for so long and offered so many plot twists. And never in a generation have Americans and their talking heads expressed such certainty, such passion that the next president can change the national game so fundamentally and so entirely.

After months of the momentous and too much of the trivial, a day has arrived that will be extraordinary no matter what the political outcome. On Tuesday, as they select their next leader, this is what the deeply divided citizens of the American republic face:

• an economy that is sagging, perhaps even in free fall, and is setting off a chain reaction of fiscal ugliness around the globalized world even as it devours jobs and capital at home.

• a 5 1/2-year war in Iraq that has killed nearly 4,200 Americans and divided the two candidates, one of them a war hero, about how and when it should end.

• In a country that once took up arms against itself over slavery, an opportunity to install the first black president — a prospect that Democrats chose over nominating the first woman, and one that has reduced many Americans to tears of anticipation and brought others to new heights of suspicion.

• post-9/11 trepidations about terrorism at home and America's image in the world: What should its global role be — collaborative or imperious?

• an ocean of distaste, much of it bipartisan, at how the George W. Bush pres-

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Obama, McCain preach change.

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"Something has to change"

— Aaron Crider, 35, a restaurant worker in Columbus, Ohio

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Liquor law leaves local loophole

Despite change, liquor law can prohibit bars from serving liquor before polls close

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

If your candidate appears headed for an early loss today, you can finally have that shot of whiskey to forget it.

You'll just have to drink that shot at home, not at your local watering hole.

Idaho's liquor chief said Monday that when the Idaho Legislature agreed earlier this year to allow liquor stores to open on Election Day, it forgot to remove an option for cities and counties to enact a prohibition against bars and restaurants from serving liquor on the same day.

"Nobody noticed that — unusual, real unusual," said Dyke Nally, the superintendent of the Idaho State Liquor Dispensary. "I looked at that and thought, 'You've gotta be kidding me.'"

Early this year, the Legislature made the change at Nally's request to change a 1939 law that he and supporters

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Second person dies from I-84 crash

Times-News

BREAKING NEWS

You read this story first on [MagicalValley.com](http://magicalvalley.com).

Two people, one a Hammett resident, died in a one-vehicle crash Sunday night, Idaho State Police have reported.

The crash, on Interstate 84 about 12 miles east of Mountain Home, also left two adults with serious but non-life-threatening injuries, and two juveniles in

critical condition. ISP and Elmore County deputies responded to the crash at about 6:30 p.m. Rafael Rodriguez, 30, of Hammett, was traveling east in a 1999 Ford Explorer when she lost control of the vehicle around milepost 107. The

sport utility vehicle went into the median and rolled multiple times.

Rodriguez and her five passengers appear to not have been wearing seat belts and were all ejected from the SUV, ISP reported. Rodriguez and a male passenger both died at the scene. ISP was unable to provide the male's name Monday morning.

One of the injured adults

was taken by helicopter to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. The other was taken to Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home. Both of the juveniles were also taken to Saint Alphonsus.

Eastbound traffic was blocked for about 30 minutes while multiple helicopters were on the scene. ISP is continuing to investigate.

Idaho's early voters brave long Monday lines

By John Miller

Associated Press writer

BOISE — Voters across Idaho waited in long lines Monday at early polling stations, sometimes in the rain and often for more than an hour, concerned that lines could be much longer on Tuesday.

Idaho mirrors a national phenomenon, with about a third of the American electorate voting before Election Day, largely to avoid expected queues of voters drawn by races including the contest between Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and Republican John McCain. By Monday, more than 29 million people in 30 states had already voted.

With so many people turning out early, Secretary of State Ben Yasseri has predicted that 80 percent or more of all registered Idaho voters

will participate in the 2008 election, equalling numbers last seen here in 1992. In that year, residents were motivated by the tough race involving then-President George Bush, Ross Perot and eventual Democratic victor Bill Clinton.

"1992 was a great year," Yasseri said. "I think it this year will probably surpass it, myself. I think it's exciting times in the election world, seeing this kind of interest and turnout."

Absentee and early voting in Idaho began last month, Monday was the deadline. On Tuesday, people will have to vote at their own precincts.

In eastern Idaho's Bonneville County, a line of voters hundreds deep stretched out from the courthouse on Monday. Bobbie Jockumsen, the election supervisor in Idaho

Falls, said early and absentee voters there will easily hit a record. Despite Monday's rain, Jockumsen said early voting Tuesday will also likely exceed previous years.

"We're past records," she said. "It's like having a baby — we'll be glad after it's over."

The same goes for Blingham County just to the south, where more than 2,000 walk-ins — from 20,000 registered voters — had stopped by the courthouse in Blackfoot by 4 p.m. Monday. That might sound modest, said Clerk Sara Staub, but the number is a five-fold jump from only 400 walk-in voters who visited the early polling station before the May 27 primary.

"The word has certainly gotten out," Staub said. "I haven't seen a time today when there hasn't been a line."

In southwestern Idaho, the state's most populous region, Ada County created 17 new precincts to help better distribute voters and prevent Election Day logjams. That's after big crowds two years ago in communities including Meridian, a fast-growing bedroom suburb west of Boise, waited sometimes for more than three hours to enter the voting booths.

Even with more places to cast a ballot, voters who gathered Monday in lines more than 300 deep outside the Ada County Public Safety Building said they weren't taking any chances.

"We figure it's going to be worse tomorrow," said Janet Stone, a 64-year-old Boise resident who had been standing under an umbrella in light rain for 1 hour, 15 minutes and was just nearing the entry.

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flagging, and so is its capitalist counterpart, consumer confidence. The news is brimming with tips on how to spend less, stretch dollars, keep your job. People are grumpy. When probed about their grumpiness, they retort with variations of the same answer: "How, they grump, could you NOT be grumpy?"

"We're kind of at a standstill," says Caitlin Patches, a hairdresser in Denver.

And so the candidates have spent uncounted hours and dollars on what President Bush's father once disparagingly called "the vision thing."

Americans have always loved to tell stories about their society, the pieces of a grand narrative that has helped shape the identity of a nation founded upon ideas. So the road to the ballot box

the ballot touch screen, at least — has been dotted with cultural signposts used by the candidates to show us back to ourselves in the ways that flatter their candidates. No matter if the stories are real, as long as they feel authentic.

Obama and Sarah Palin painted themselves as mavericks and protectors of the modern version of Norman Rockwell. In their small-town "real America," people like Joe the Plumber — small businesses rather than corporations — form the backbone of a new kind of pastoral society that is, if not agrarian, at least deeply suspicious of the smelly doings of Washington insiderism. And they have invoked, in ways subtle and sledgehammer-like, the role of religion in guiding, and dictating, the conscience of the nation.

Obama and Joe Biden built a grand vision around reclaiming the gender side of American exceptionalism — sometimes so grand that it started to sound grandiose, even messianic. Far more overtly than McCain-Palin, they blamed the country's wrong direction on Bush administration policies and linked McCain, fairly or not, to a president whose popularity has been tanking for years.

Both camps have tapped this discontent with variations on a theme: change, particularly the economic kind. The shining city on the hill, they say, is desperately seeking urban renewal. Disgruntled Americans seem to agree. In a country accustomed to low voter turnout, apathy has not been a problem this year.

"It is the most uniformly

intense election I have ever been a part of," Biden told a crowd Monday even as McCain, the underdog in the polls for weeks, summoned his faithful for a last-minute surge of grass-roots intensity. "Volunteer," McCain said. "Knock on doors. Get your neighbors to the polls. I need your vote."

We've heard charges of socialism and guilt by association, accusations of incompetence and elitism and, that old chestnut, lying. We've been told what we need, what we should want, why we're smart and why the other guys are deluded and even unpatriotic. We've been aware in clichés and even, occasionally, the fresh breeze of new ideas. Through it all, the candidates and their constituents-in-waiting have wrestled to define the 21st-century

American experience.

"We are in a country in transition, trying to struggle with learning how to be a global partner as a super-power," says Ralph Cohen,

52, a registered independent in West Hartford, Conn. "The election is really a referendum on really how we want to connect to the rest of the world."

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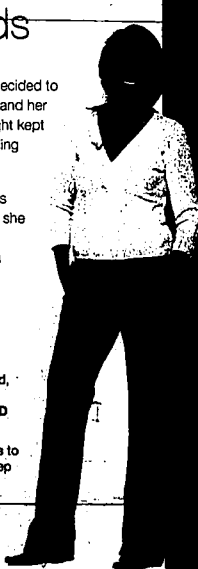
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Small print text at the bottom of the Fred Meyer advertisement.

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Guess it wasn't Mint to be ...

Bruce Willis' Mini Bar in Halley, the closest thing Idaho ever had to a celebrity nightclub, closed Oct. 18 after 14 years ...

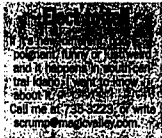
It hadn't been the old Mint for awhile, though ... not since Willis and Demi Moore, who at one point in the late 1990s owned much of Halley's Main Street, separated and eventually divorced ...

No one said why it was closing," Steve Hogan, who operates Chester and Jake's Seafood on the ground floor of the Mint, told the *Idaho Mountain Express* of Ketchum ... "We got the word last Thursday and ran (the club) through the weekend ... I suppose it was a business decision."

But back in the day ... Darryl Hannah, John Kennedy Jr., Brad Pitt, Steve Wynn, Tom Hanks and Jean-Claude Van Damme were habitués ...

In recent years, the Mint had been a karaoke venue on Thursday nights, played DJ music on Fridays and offered local band music on Saturday nights ... Movie stars, however, were nowhere to be found ...

WONDER WHATEVER happened to the candidates who woke up the morning after the last election looking for jobs? ... Jerry Brady, who lost the governorship to Butch Otter in 2006, is still the president of the Post Company, which publishes the *Post Register* in Idaho Falls ... Larry LaRoque, who lost the lieutenant governor's position to Jim Risch, is running against Risch again — this time for the U.S. Senate ... Jim Hansen, who couldn't



deny Congressman Mike Simpson a fifth term, is still overseeing a coalition of non-profit groups, United Vision for Idaho, in Boise ... Jackie Gross, a Twiggear, who lost the state controller's job to Donna Jones two years ago, is now a financial adviser for Merrill Lynch in Boise ... Howard Faux, a retired accountant in Sandpoint who took on state Treasurer Ron Crane, is still a retired accountant in Sandpoint ... Boise lawyer Bob Wallace, who lost to Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, continues to practice law in Boise ...

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Locally, Bill Cisholm — who challenged Tom Cannon for the District 23 Senate seat — is running again this year, this time against Cannon's appointed successor Bert Brackett ... Peter Rickards is once again taking on state Rep. Jim Patrick in District 23 ... Scott McClure of Jerome, who challenged state Rep. Bert Stevenson in District 26 two years ago, is now running against state Sen. Dean Cameron in District 26 ... All of the second-place finishers in 2006 were Democrats, but that's another story ...

Child-killer Duncan given life sentences

BOISE (AP) — Six life prison terms were added Monday to the death sentences of Joseph Edward Duncan III, with a judge telling the confessed child-killer that his horrific rampage of murdering four family members and abducting and sexually torturing a young brother and sister "exceeds the bounds of human understanding."

In August, a federal jury handed Duncan three binding death penalty sentences for the kidnapping, torture and murder of 9-year-old

Dylan Groene, who was snatched from his Coeur d'Alene home on May 16, 2005, with his sister Shasta and held for weeks at remote campsites in western Montana.

Duncan kidnapped the children after barging into their northern Idaho home and using a hammer to kill their 13-year-old brother, Shale Groene, their mother, Brenda Groene, and her fiancé, Mark McKenzie.

In a state court hearing Monday, Duncan was sentenced to three life terms for

those murders. He had previously been sentenced in state court in 2006 to three life terms on kidnapping charges for binding all three victims before they were huddled.

Shortly after the state hearing, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge sentenced Duncan to three additional

life terms, one for kidnapping Shasta Groene, the lone survivor of the Duncan's violence, and one each for sexually abusing Shasta and her brother.

"By any stretch of the imagination, your rampage ... exceeded the bounds of human understanding," Lodge told Duncan.

Plan would trim park snowmobile quota

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A new snowmobile plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks would cut by almost 40 percent the number of machines allowed into the parks daily.

Parks officials had proposed allowing up to 605 snowmobiles a day in the two parks, but U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan rejected that plan in September, agreeing with plaintiff environmental groups that it would increase air pollution, disturb wildlife and cause too

much noise.

Yellowstone winter use planner John Sacklin said the new cap of 318 daily snowmobiles in Yellowstone and 50 in Grand Teton would meet Sullivan's concerns while park administrators again try to hammer out a long-term plan for the machines. The cap would expire after three years.

Last year, an average of 294 snowmobiles a day entered Yellowstone. But the peak daily use was much higher — 557 one day last December.

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EDITORIAL

Ben Ysursa,
county clerks
transform how
Idaho votes

However today's election in Idaho turns out, the real winner will be Ben Ysursa. The 59-year-old secretary of state, along with the Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks, has been the catalyst for revolutionizing the way we vote.

They've done that by making it easy.

Idahoans could mark their ballots at their kitchen tables this year, if they chose. They could vote from Timbuktu, if they wished. Or they could walk into a county clerk's office weeks before Election Day and cast ballots.

Partly as a consequence, Ysursa predicted last week that 80 percent of Idaho's registered voters will weigh in on this year's election. That's a record.

Technology has made that possible, but it wouldn't have happened without pressure from — and hard work by — Ysursa and the clerks association.

Ysursa, a Republican serving his second term, worked for former Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa for 28 years as deputy and then chief deputy. He developed a passion for improving voter participation.

In 2004, a record 612,000 Idahoans voted. In 2007, Ysursa thwarted a legal attempt by some fellow Republicans to close GOP primary elections to Democrats and independents.

Using unconventional means to improve voter turnout is sometimes a hard sell with Idaho's majority Republicans, who are wary of voter fraud. But Ysursa's professional integrity is so respected across the political spectrum that few doubt the elections over which he presides will be honest.

It's a cliché, of course, that if you fail to vote you'll have no right to complain about what the government does. But this year, if you don't vote you'll also be lonely.

Our view:
For today's mass exercise in democracy in Idaho, you can thank Secretary of State Ben Ysursa and the Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks.

In California, a line in the sand on same-sex marriage

While the battle over same-sex marriage has been all but invisible in the presidential race this year, it is raging like a wind-whipped wildfire in California.

Conservative religious leaders from across the country have poured time, talent and millions of dollars into the state in support of Proposition 8, which would ban same-sex marriage. They are hoping to reverse a California Supreme Court ruling in May that gave same-sex couples permission to marry, resulting in thousands of same-sex weddings.

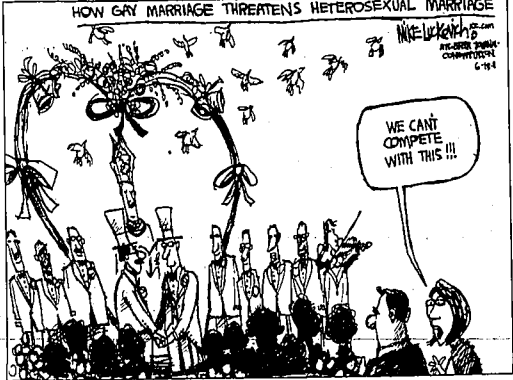


Laurie Goodstein

Similar marriage amendments are on the ballot today in Arizona and Florida. But religious conservatives have cast the campaign in California as the decisive last stand, warning in stunningly apocalyptic terms of dire consequences to the entire nation if Proposition 8 does not pass.

California, they say, sets cultural trends for the rest of the country and even the world. If same-sex marriage is allowed to become entrenched there, they warn, there will be no going back.

"This vote on whether we stop the gay-marriage juggernaut in California is Armageddon," said Charles W. Colson, the founder of Prison Fellowship Ministries and an eminent evangelical voice, speaking to pastors in a video promoting Proposition 8. "We lose this, we are going to lose in a lot of other ways, including freedom of religion."



Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, a conservative Christian lobby based in Washington, said in an interview, "It's more important than the presidential election."

"We've picked bad presidents before, and we've survived as a nation," said Perkins, who has made two

trips to California in the last six weeks. "But we will not survive if we lose the institution of marriage."

In television advertisements, rallies, highway billboards, sermons and phone banks, supporters of Proposition 8 are warning that if it does not pass, churches that refuse to marry same-sex couples will be sued and lose their tax-exempt status. Ministers will be jailed if they preach against homosexuality. Parents will have no right to prevent their children from being taught in school about same-sex marriage.

The "No on 8" forces, which include many liberal religious leaders, dismiss

these claims as scare tactics and without basis in legal precedent.

"The idea that we would be forced as clergy to perform a marriage that was against our conscience, or that a church would lose its tax exempt status, is ridiculous," said the Rev. Karen Sapiro, the minister of Claremont Presbyterian Church in Southern California. "If you look dispassionately at the record, there are a lot of churches with policies that are at odds with civil law."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerned about speeders on city roads

I live on the corner of Sunrise and Poplar Avenue, and my concern is the speed of traffic on our road.

While I am playing and riding my bike outside, I watch the cars speed right by me. I feel that we should have more stop signs in our neighborhood to slow the traffic down to prevent any accidents.

I would hate to see anybody get hurt because of this issue.

CODY WATKINS
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Cody Watkins, 12, is in Boy Scout Troop 65; he wrote this letter as a requirement for his Communications merit badge.)

Pleased about Lincoln statue restoration, move

It's refreshing to read that devoted curators will be refurbishing the Boise Ave. Lincoln statue and transporting it from its obscure, foliage hidden area at the State Veterans Home to a more prominent spot in time to celebrate our Great Emancipator's 200th birthday.

This move follows the spirit of Washington D.C.'s Lincoln Memorial, in the sense that our ancestors deliberately installed that monument in a remote area of the National Mall. Although this tied in symbolically with the remote nature of Lincoln's personality, people wishing to honor our founding Republican did not accept his inaccessibility and have made the pilgrimage to that isolated area so much that it has now become a "destination monument" and one of the most romantic spots to visit in Washington.

For more about what our historic sites get right or wrong, check out James W. Loewen's groundbreaking, "Lies Across America." Dr. Loewen also authored the American Book Award-winner, "Lies My Teacher Told Me."

From the book: "More than any other marker or monument on the American landscape, it continues to speak of later times, even of our time. Its fascinating history offers suggestions as to why some historic sites 'work' while others do not."

Foot markers in Lincoln's image will also soon adorn the dollar coin. This will place him on three denominations

at once: the five, the penny and the dollar. As this makes six dollars and one cent, some Lincoln fans will probably start playing 601 in lotteries; however, others say now is a bad time. It makes no sense to gamble away our nation's money and our founding Republican would turn over in his wheeled grave if he saw how badly things have added up here.

JIM BANHOLZER
Hailey

Pet peeves about local newspaper

Thank you, Tom Griggs, for inspiring me to finally write a "letter to the editor." I, too, have noticed a decline in news (both local and world-wide) and an increase in "feature" articles on the first page.

I also have two pet peeves to share:

1) Often an event is advertised and there is no address given. "What, where and when" should be prominent information. While older timers may know where these events are to take place, there are many newcomers who do not.

2) Television schedules are sorely lacking. Why can't there be an accurate sched-

ule printed in the daily paper?

There are many good features about the Times-News. I appreciate the variety of syndicated columnists in the editorial section. Local sports are well covered, the comics are great!

And, no, Tom Griggs, at 64 you are not "old and maybe out of touch and over the hill."

CAROL HANLIN
Twin Falls

Questioning the honesty of business owner

It's always interesting to me to see how far people will go to lie about anything.

With the ridiculous price of gas in Idaho, a certain business owner who has 14-plus stations says his profit margin is razor thin! I guess he thinks we are all stupid or something. I was in that very same business, and I know he isn't being exactly honest. If there wasn't a good profit he wouldn't be in business. He is simply part of the big business machine that keeps the price high so he can make more and more, as is usual amongst greedy people in the Magic Valley.

KEVIN COON
Twin Falls

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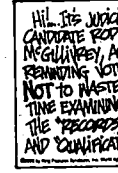
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Spend the next stimulus on infrastructure

Government spending is growing at an astounding pace. Congress and the president have thrown hundreds of billions into stimulus packages, domestic programs, military spending and other initiatives. Total federal spending is growing at a 13.8 percent annual rate.

Has all this money done anything to actually stimulate private economic activity? Not that you'd notice. Consumption is cratering. The U.S. economy just experienced the sharpest real drop in consumer spending since 1974.

The lesson here is that we have a right to be skeptical of so-called stimulus packages. The Federal Reserve can effectively stimulate the economy. There are certain automatic government programs, like unemployment insurance, which also do it. But the history of the past century suggests that politically designed, ad hoc stimulus packages rarely work.

Often they get the timing wrong: they come too late to do any good. Often they get the pressure points wrong: the economy is simply too complicated for lawmakers to know where to apply the stimulus patch. Almost always, they get psychology wrong. When you give people a chunk of



DAVID BROOKS

money in the midst of economic turmoil, they save it.

Nevertheless, economists continue to propose new stimulus ideas with unshakable confidence and over the next six months, the government will almost certainly pass more gigantic programs. Republican economists are talking of plans larger than \$100 billion, and Democratic ones are hatching plans in the \$300 billion range.

Bad policy ideas are coming in profusion. There are plans to build out automakers. There are plans to issue more rebate checks. Barack Obama is proposing one-time tax credits for small businesses that are hiring. This is an ineffectual play that would shower federal money on those few firms that would be hiring anyway while doing nothing for companies in struggling sectors.

These and other plans amount to an economic sugar rush. And yet the political climate being what it is, something big is going to happen.

In times like these, the best a sensible leader can do is to take the short-term panic and channel into a program that is good on its own merits even if it does nothing to stimulate the economy over the next year. That's why I'm hoping the next president takes the general resolve to spend gobs of money, and channels it into a National Mobility Project, a long-term investment in the country's infrastructure.

Major highway projects take about 13 years from initiation to completion — too long to counteract any recession. But at least they create a legacy that can improve the economic environment for decades to come.

A major infrastructure initiative would create jobs for the less-educated workers who have been hit hardest by the transition to an information economy. It would allow the U.S. to return to the fundamentals. There is a

real danger that the U.S. is going to leap from one over-consuming era to another, from one finance-led bubble to another. Focusing on infrastructure would at least get us thinking about the real economy, asking hard questions about what will increase real productivity, helping people who are expanding companies rather than hedge funds.

Moreover, an infrastructure resurgence is desperately needed. Americans now spend 3.5 billion hours a year stuck in traffic, a figure expected to double by 2020. The U.S. population is projected to increase by 50 percent over the next 42 years. American residential patterns have radically changed. Workplaces have decentralized. Commuting patterns are no longer radial,

from suburban residences to central cities. Now they are complex weaves across broad megalopolises. Yet the infrastructure system hasn't adapted.

The smart thing to do is to announce a short-term infrastructure initiative to accelerate all those repair projects that can be done within a few years. Then, begin a long-term National Mobility Project.

Create a base-closings-like commission to organize federal priorities. Streamline the regulations that can now delay project approval by five years. Explore the new ideas that are burgeoning in the transportation world — congestion pricing, smart highways, new rail and airplane technologies. When you look into this sector, you see we are on the

cusp of another transportation revolution.

A mobility project would dovetail with the energy initiatives both presidential candidates have offered. It would benefit from broad political support from liberals and business groups alike. It would rebalance this economy, so there is more productive wealth to go along with Wall Street wizardry.

Smart investors are going to take advantage of the current panic to make money. A smart president could take advantage of it to build something that will last for decades and decades to come.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to him at dubooks@nytimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't lump all teen drivers into one category

I have a response to the letter that was placed in the Oct. 11 letters about teens being too young to start driving. I do not agree to this.

You have the good teens who obey the laws of the road and you have the other ones that just don't care about anything. If you really want these teens to be responsible drivers, show them the real consequences of driving uncontrollably, show them some pictures of a bad wreck caused by careless driving.

If they start driving at the age they are now, they gain the experience of the road. The driving classes should be taught in a longer period of time and more driving time with the parents. Teens do stupid things, and I think that anyone with a head on their shoulders can remember when they were teens.

I was a responsible driver and I still am, but that was my choice. When you are a teen, you think you are invincible, but life does not work that way.

Different approaches to this subject will solve the problem. As far as teens street racing, I have seen grown adults race up and down the roads.

THAYNE CALLEGOS
Heyburn

QUOTABLE

'There are going to be a whole bunch of people who are distraught and who won't know what to do — no matter which side wins.'

— Chris Ivey, a Pittsburgh filmmaker and Barack Obama supporter, forecasting how voters will feel Wednesday morning



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Obama, McCain preach change

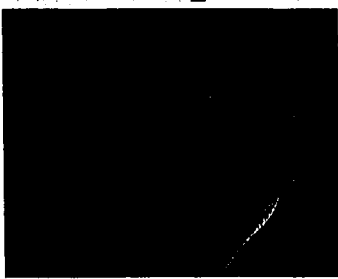
Candidates reach end of marathon campaigns

By Beth Foxy and David Esposito
Associated Press writers

TAMPA, Fla. — Barack Obama radiated confidence and John McCain displayed the grit of an underdog Monday as the presidential rivals reached for the finish line of a two-year marathon with a burst of campaigning across battlegrounds from the Atlantic Coast to Arizona.

"We are one day away from change in America," said Obama, a Democratic challenger to become the first black president — a dream not nearly as distant on election eve as it once was.

McCain, too, promised to turn the page of the era of George W. Bush, and he warned about his opponent's intentions. "Sen. Obama is in the far left lane" of politics, he said. "He's more liberal than a guy who calls himself a Socialist and that's not easy."



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., sheds tears Monday as he talks about his grandmother, Madelyn Payne Dunham, at a rally in Charlotte, N.C. Obama's grandmother, who helped raise him, died peacefully in her sleep, Obama announced Monday. She was 86.

Republican running mate Sarah Palin was even more pointed as she campaigned in Ohio. "Now is not the time to experiment with socialism," she said. "Our opponent's plan is just for bigger government."

Late-season attacks aside, Obama led in virtually all the pre-election polls in a race

where economic concerns dominated and the war in Iraq was pushed — however temporarily — into the background.

While the overall number of early votes was unknown, statistics showed more than 29 million ballots cast in 30 states and suggested an advantage for Obama.

Democrats voted in larger numbers than Republicans in North Carolina, Colorado, Florida and Iowa, all of which went for President Bush in 2004.

Democrats also anticipated gains in the House and in the Senate, although Republicans battled to hold their losses to a minimum.

By their near-non-stop attention to states that voted Republican in 2004, both Obama and McCain acknowledged the Democrats' advantage in the presidential race.

The two rivals both began their days in Florida, a traditionally Republican state with 27 electoral votes where polls make it close.

Obama drew 9,000 or so at a rally in Jacksonville, while across the state, a crowd estimated at roughly 1,000 turned out for McCain.

The frontrunner also choked up on the campaign's final day as he told a crowd in North Carolina of the death of his grandmother from cancer, Madelyn Payne Dunham was 86.

"She died peacefully in her sleep with my sister at her side," he said.

Report clears Palin in Troopergate probe

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Gov. Sarah Palin violated no ethics laws when she fired her public safety commissioner Monday.

"There is no probable cause to believe that the governor, or any other state official, violated the Alaska Executive Ethics Act in connection with these matters," the report says.

"Gov. Palin is pleased that the independent investigator for the Personnel Board has concluded that she acted properly in the reassignment of Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monagan," her attorney, Thomas Van Flein, said in a statement.

An earlier, separate investi-

gation by the Legislature found that Palin had abused her office.

Monagan said he felt pressure from Palin, her husband and her staff to fire a state trooper who had gone through a nasty divorce from Palin's sister. Palin denied the claim, and said Monagan was fired last July because she wanted the department to head in a new direction.

Monagan told The Associated Press on Monday that he was "perplexed and disappointed" by the report. It was prepared by Timothy Penunyas, an independent investigator for the Alaska Personnel Board.

"It conflicts with the first investigation and then casts doubts on both of them. So, it

doesn't really resolve anything," he said. "If it did, then I could walk away. It does seem to fly in the face of circumstantial evidence."

A separate legislative investigation recently concluded that Palin, the Republican vice presidential nominee, abused her office by allowing her husband and staffers to pressure Monagan to fire the trooper.

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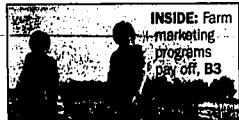
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FUEL REPORT

The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in south-central Idaho fell below \$3.00 for the first time in more than a year.

The average price for gas in the region was \$2.78 as of Monday. The average price for a gallon of diesel was \$3.39. Regional prices remain higher than national and state averages. According to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report, the average price for gas in Idaho was \$2.62 and the national average was \$2.41.

A spate of four economic reports pushed oil and gasoline prices down even further on the Nymex — analysts say lower prices will trickle down to consumers.

Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Addison's 66, Phillips 66, 240 Addison Ave. W.: \$2.61
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$2.47
- Burley: Maverik Country Store, 1209 E. Main St.: \$2.65

Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Kimberly Sinclair, 1990 Kimberly Road: \$3.27
 - Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$3.19
 - Heyburn: Love's Travel Stop, 260 Centennial Drive: \$3.19
- *Price quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at anytime.

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

Block	Close	Change
Average price	\$1.663	-.119
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.685	-.132
Butter		
Average price	\$1.719	-.029
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	\$3.93	-.005
Class III milk		
Average price	\$17.06	+.78
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$13.62	-.183

Feed

Corn (Per 100 pounds)	Low	High
Daily Feed Supply	\$8.00	—
Land O'Lakes	\$8.50	+.50
Rangen	\$8.50	-.50

Barley (Per 100 pounds)

Rangen	\$7.80	-.30
Ogden	\$7.40	-.25
Pocatello	\$7.40	+.25
Burley	\$6.50	—

Hay (Mid/Ton)

Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low \$215	High \$245
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$200	High \$200
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$165	High \$175

Small grain

Soft white wheat	Ask	N/A
Rangen	—	N/A
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$4.97	N/A
Ogden	\$4.97	N/A
Pocatello	\$3.85	-.40
Burley	\$3.84	N/A

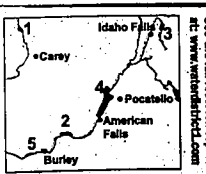
Livestock

Lambs and hogs	Low	High
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Fat lambs	Low \$84	High \$89
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Meltdown worsens world food crisis

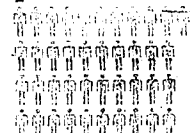
Hunger Rising

Food and Agriculture Organization figures show that more people are going hungry as food prices increase, especially in those countries that import food.

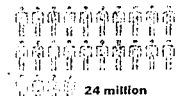
923 million people were seriously undernourished in 2007, up from 848 million in 2003-05.

The additional hunger, was widespread Number of additional undernourished since 2003-05 study:

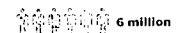
Asia/Pacific 41 million



Sub-Saharan Africa



Latin America/Caribbean



Near East/North Africa



The cost of imported food increased

Import cost of food in 2007: percentage increase from 2006

World \$812 billion +29%

Developing countries \$253 billion +33%

Less-developed countries \$17 billion +23%

SOURCE: Food and Agriculture Organization, research by Robert E. Thompson

THE WASHINGTON POST

Farming and other aid groups bemoan lack of response

By Ariana Emajing Cha and Stephanie McCrummen
The Washington Post

SHANGHAI, China — As shock waves from the credit crisis began to spread around the world last month, China scrambled to protect itself. Among the most extreme measures it took was to impose new export taxes to keep critical supplies such as grains and fertilizer from leaving the country.

About 5,700 miles away in Nairobi, farmer Stephen Muchiri is suffering the consequences. It's planting season now, but he can afford to sow amaranthus and haricot beans on only half of the 10 acres he owns because the cost of the fertilizer he needs has shot up nearly \$50 a bag in a matter of weeks. Muchiri said nearly everyone he knows is cutting back on planting, which means even less food for a continent where the supply has already been weakened by drought, political unrest and rising prices.

While the world's attention has

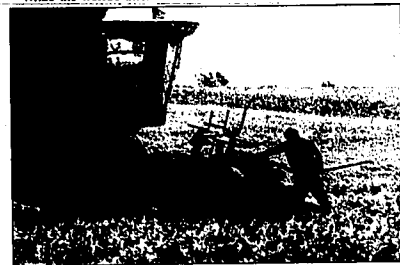
been focused on rescuing investment banks and stock markets from collapse, the global food crisis has worsened, a casualty of the growing financial turmoil.

Oxfam, the Britain-based aid group, estimates that economic chaos this year has pulled the incomes of an additional 119 million people below the poverty line. Richer countries from the United States to the Persian Gulf are busy helping themselves and have been slow to lend a hand.

The contrast between the rapid-fire reaction by Western authorities to the financial crisis and their comparatively modest response to soaring food prices earlier this year has triggered anger among aid and farming groups.

"The amount of money used for the bailouts in the U.S. and Europe — people here are saying that money is enough to feed the poor in Africa for the next three years," said Muchiri, head of the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation.

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A combine driver stops to clear corn stalks from the blades on the combine while harvesting corn crops near Auburn, Ill.

Feedlot owners oppose beef country of origin labeling law

By Shannon Dineley
Associated Press writer

PASCO, Wash. — Cody Easterday estimates that some 25 percent of the cattle at his 30,000-head feedlot come from Canada, with maybe a few cattle from Mexico in the pens.

But weeks after the government began requiring producers to label beef with the country the animals came from, Easterday estimates he's already getting lower prices for that foreign beef — as much as \$50 per head. It's just one reason he's using the U.S. Department of Agriculture to rewrite the beef labeling provision in what could be one of several attempts to overturn a law long sought by consumer and farm groups.

"It's a flawed law that's going to cost the industry hundreds of millions of

dollars," Easterday said. The new law, required by the 2008 Farm Bill, went into effect Sept. 30. It requires grocery stores to identify the "country of origin" for meat, produce and certain nuts. Retailers have six months to fully comply before the USDA will begin enforcement.

Meat packers and retailers have long opposed the rules, saying they would be expensive and burdensome.

In the lawsuit filed last month in U.S. District Court, Easterday Ranches Inc. contends that labeling will increase record keeping and operating costs and deter meat packers from buying Canadian-born cattle from Easterday's feedlot.

The Agriculture Department declined to comment, citing the

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Cattle turn to the watering trough at the Easterday Ranches Inc. feedlot in Pasco, Wash. Easterday Ranches has filed suit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture, seeking a rewrite of a law that requires beef to be labeled by its country of origin.

Judge: Return Canadian wheat tariffs

Wheat commission defends decision

By Blake Nicholson
Associated Press writer

BISMARCK, N.D. — An international trade judge says the U.S. Commerce Department must return some import tariffs collected on Canadian spring wheat during the 2½ years they were in place.

The Winnipeg, Manitoba-based Canadian Wheat Board, which controls wheat exports from Canada's western provinces, called the decision a victory for Canadian farmers, even though a spokeswoman said the amount involved is less than \$100,000.

"This case was not fundamentally about the money — it was about the principle and precedent and money that might theoretically be involved in the future," spokeswoman Maureen Fitzhenry said.

The North Dakota Wheat Commission, which was not a defendant in the case, said the ruling does not change its position that the Wheat Board trades unfairly in the world wheat market.

The tariffs were approved in the fall of 2003 because of a trade complaint filed by the North Dakota Wheat Commission against Canada a year earlier. The commission said Canada was dumping wheat on the U.S. market at less than the cost of production, to gain market share.

The U.S. International Trade Commission initially ruled in favor of the North Dakota group. In October 2005, it reversed course and concluded U.S. farmers were not being harmed by Canadian wheat sales south of the border. A North American Free Trade Agreement panel affirmed that decision, and the tariffs ended in February 2006.

Fitzhenry said about \$500,000 in tariffs were paid. A small portion went to the North Dakota Wheat Commission as an injured party in the trade case and some of the money was deposited with the Commerce Department.

U.S. Court of International Trade Judge Richard Eaton in New York ruled that the U.S. has no right to keep the deposited duties.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The government, raising cash to pay for the array of financial rescues, said Tuesday it plans to borrow \$550 billion in the next three months of this year, even if that's just a down payment.

Treasury Department

2009, making the next president will confront an ocean of red ink.

The Committee for a Responsible Budget estimates all the government economic and rescue programs will cost the \$168 billion in stimulus checks issued earlier this year,

dent, new economic reports brought more bad news.

The widely watched Commerce Department's manufacturing gauge of manufacturing activity plunged in October to its lowest level since the country's economic downturn in the 1981-82 downturn.

And automakers turned in

percent at Honda Motor Co. and 23 percent at Toyota Motor Corp. The Commerce Department's manufacturing spending Monday showed a 0.2 percent decline in September, the third drop in a row.

"We are now deep in the belly of the recession beast,"

aid Bernard Baumohl, managing director of the Economic Outlook Group.

The government's report last week that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, had shrunk 4.2 percent in the July-to-September period.


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THE DIY CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIRST PLACE:

Bud and Tiffany Jensen,
Rupert

Transformed their dated house
into sleek, modern home

The motivation: When the Jensens finished college and moved back to Bud's hometown of Rupert, the high school sweethearts started looking for a home in their price range. They found a three-bedroom house built in 1957 — and it showed.

"It was really outdated," Tiffany said. One bedroom had teal walls and clashing grass-green carpet — an assault on the eyes. Another's maroon paint darkened the whole room. The claustrophobia-inducing kitchen had retro, pastel appliances and bland white cabinets with a U-shaped counter that closed off the cooking space.

Tiffany was ready to dismiss the property, but Bud saw past the interior design disaster and realized the home's potential. They started working on the house the same day they finalized the purchase.

"It was, like, 8 at night and we started ripping out wallpaper," Tiffany said.

The workload: The metamorphosis required several projects. In the kitchen, they added concrete countertops, which they poured themselves. New cabinets extended to the ceiling, providing more storage space than their predecessors. The couple cut a leg off the U-shaped kitchen counter and repurposed the section as an island, freeing the flow. Recessed lighting proved to be the most difficult project, Bud said, but the challenge paid off.

Every room saw at least one change. Some projects were small: One bedroom got a new coat of paint and serves as a nursery for their 2-year-old son, Bodey. A bathroom lost its swag lighting and ugly linoleum and gained modern lights and new flooring. Other undertakings involved tearing down walls.

The couple did almost every project themselves. They went to professionals only to install their heating and air conditioning system, lay carpet and put up blinds.

The bill: So far, the Jensens have spent \$27,816.95 on remodeling their home — a fraction of what they would have doled out for professional contractors. A third of that went to the kitchen.

Bang for the buck: Before-and-after pictures seem to depict two different homes. Tasteful blue-and-white paint replaces hideous gold-and-red paisley wallpaper. Modern tile took the place of '70s-style linoleum in the bathroom. Almost every surface, from windowsills to shelves, is painted to coordinate.

The kitchen saw the most dramatic change. Knocking out the divider between the kitchen and dining room opened up the living area. Sleek, modern appliances replaced the pink oven and blue refrigerator, and inset lighting adds sophistication.

The timeline: The Jensens started working in November 2007 and are still wrapping up some finishing touches on their house. A few more corners need to be painted and some closets redone, but they're not actively working on it like they were.

What's next: Not much.

"I'm probably set for a while now," Bud said. Eventually, they would like to add a work space and corner desk next to the kitchen, but they're in no hurry after so many major projects. The Jensens left one bedroom unfinished on purpose. They hope to turn it into another nursery soon, Tiffany said, and are waiting to see what color they should paint it.

"We're hoping for pink," she said, smiling.

— Melissa Davlin

Competition to be south-central Idaho's champion do-it-yourselfer was as tough as a 12-inch cross beam.

But six winners emerged, with remodeling victories neatly finished and photographed. Two weeks ago, you read about the three honorable mentions. Last

week, we presented the third- and second-place winners. And today, the 2008 champion.

We judged this entirely subjective contest on quick work, cost control and the coolness factor, favoring projects that simply made homes better places to live.



Photo courtesy of BUD JENSEN
Before: Wretched wallpaper darkens a hallway.



Tiffany and Bud Jensen stand in the hallway that leads to bedrooms and master bathroom. The couple replaced dated carpets that came with the home. They kept and painted the original cabinets. Tiffany added a creative touch to a frame that previously showcased a giant corkboard. It now wraps around photos of her son, and Tiffany painted the shelf and frame black to complement the picture frames.



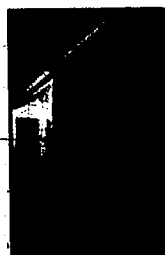
Tiffany and Bud Jensen pose in the kitchen they remodeled with a little help from friends and family. They knocked out the load-bearing wall between the dining room and kitchen to create open space, and placed an extra beam in the ceiling.



Photo courtesy of BUD JENSEN
Before: A crowded kitchen with dated appliances.



Tiffany Jensen was lead painter in this remodeling effort. Here, she leans against an island newly separated from the old, U-shaped counter configuration.



At the edge of the living room, the Jensens spared a little nook that came with the house. Tiffany uses it to keep games and books.



The remodeled kitchen features a new sink and faucet surrounded by concrete countertops.



The large dining room is open to both the kitchen and living room. Bud Jensen added detail molding to the living room ceiling because he saw it in a magazine and liked it — and to create a feeling of separation between the two rooms.

Reasons to treat yourself to a new refrigerator

DEAR JIM: My 17-year-old refrigerator still works. I am remodeling my kitchen and I heard I should get a new, more efficient one. What style and size of refrigerator/freezer is most efficient and functional? — Jerry L.

DEAR JERRY: New refrigerator/freezers are much more energy efficient than a 17-year-old model. Energy Star-qualified models are 20 percent more efficient than the most recent federal energy efficiency standards.

This means a new super-efficient model may use less than half as much electricity as your old one. This also reduces the amount of heat given to the kitchen during summer.

The energy savings from a more efficient compressor and insulation should pay back the cost of a new model over its lifetime. A new refrigerator is about 16 years old. We had a recent power outage due to like, and my food warmed within eight hours and had to be trashed. My neighbor has a new model, and the insulation



SENSIBLE HOME
James
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kept food in his refrigerator safely below 40 degrees for the same time period.

When selecting a new refrigerator, the size is the most important factor affecting its electricity usage. Select as small a model as will meet your requirements.

You can base the size requirements on your existing refrigerator size and how full it typically is, not on the few holiday occasions when you are making dinner for the entire extended family.

Don't buy one which will be consistently too small and then perhaps plan to buy another small backup one or keep your old one running in the basement or garage. This will use much more electricity than just buying a larger one initially. Features such as



This French-door, bottom-freezer refrigerator has a through-the-door ice and water dispenser.

split shelves which crank up and down and pullout shelves can increase the usable interior space with a

smaller size.

A top freezer style is most energy efficient because the cool air naturally drops from

the freezer to cool the refrigerator section. Top freezer models also tend to have the most interior space, so they are ideal if space is limited in your kitchen.

You can figure on about 80 percent of advertised interior volume as actual usable space.

French door models with the freezer below are becoming popular. These offer the convenience of greater access to items in the refrigerator portion with the two doors opened. Some have two separate freezer drawers below with one specifically for large items. The only drawbacks are one must bend down to access the freezer, and they are less efficient than top freezer models.

For efficiency and interior brightness, some of the LED lighting models now use better lighting. This produces an easy-on-the-eyes white light and lasts almost forever. Select models with fewer through-the-door features, such as ice/water dispensers,

because they take up space otherwise used for insulation.

DEAR JIM: The roof on my house is getting dark discolored areas. I tried to clean it once, but the dark spots came back. What can I clean it with so it stays cleaner longer, and what type of applicator is best? — Dennis E.

DEAR DENNIS: Just washing off the roof is not enough to stop the stains from reforming. Using a mixture of 25 percent bleach works well to clean the areas, but bleach is hard on landscaping and building materials.

Saver Systems (www.saversystems.com) makes special non-bleach roof cleaners and stain blockers which are environmentally safe. Use one of their hose-end spray applicators and roller-style rinsing tool to clean the roof.

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Home-made hypertufa can be practical, attractive

By Jennifer Forker
For The Associated Press

For a personal touch in the garden, try making a hypertufa trough. It requires a little elbow grease, but the effort yields a hardy container, practical and attractive, that can weather sub-freezing temperatures.

The first hypertufa were born of desperation and resourcefulness. About 20 years ago, according to Ernie Whitford of Colorado Springs, Colo., who has taught classes since 1991 on making the troughs.

A porous limestone called tufa had for centuries been carved out and used as troughs and sinks, including in the garden to protect and showcase tiny, fragile alpine plants. When the old stone troughs became difficult to find, some ardent British plant foragers hit on a method of mixing their own cement planters, or "hypertufas."

While the recipe has been modified and improved, the purpose of hypertufa troughs today remains the same. Besides alpine varieties, many plants, from annuals to perennials, also thrive in them.

Whitford's hypertufa recipe stems from decades of use and tweaking, and involves only five ingredients, plus water.

There are similar recipes on the Internet, such as those offered by Claudia Brownlie, of Spring Hill, Tenn., at TheArtisticGarden.com. Also, the Backyard Farmer, a Nebraska Educational Television show that's been airing for 56 years, has a three-minute hypertufa trough-making video posted at <http://byf.unl.edu>. It also can be found on YouTube.com.

It takes an hour or two to build a trough, then at least a week to let the vessel cure before finishing and planting.

Kelly Grummons, co-owner of Timberline Gardens in Arvada, Colo., says there's

Hypertufa troughs the Ernie Whitford way

Materials for Day One:

- Dust mask
- Rubber or Latex gloves
- 2-gallon bucket and/or 5-gal. tub bucket
- Large trash bag (such as 33-gallon size)
- Plastic mold, preferably with rounded corners, such as a kitty litter pan, bowl-shaped plastic pots, etc.
- Portable cement mixing tray
- Wheelbarrow (or cement mixer, which may be rented at a home-improvement store)
- Shovel or concrete trowel
- Water

Materials for Day Two (one week later):

- Small piece of landscape liner or paper coffee filters
- Commercial potting soil mix
- 1 to 3 small rocks (for decoration)
- Clean, crushed rock (for decoration)
- Plants, such as alpine (think in odd numbers: 3 or 5 plants)
- Wire brush
- Keyhole saw or electric drill
- Propane torch
- Water

Dry ingredients:

- 1 part Portland cement (2-gallon-bucket increments)
- 1 part perlite (2-gallon-bucket increments)
- 1 part sphagnum peat moss (2-gallon-bucket increments), sieved for finer quality
- 1 cup of cement coloring powder per 2-gallon bucket of dry cement
- 1/8 to 1/4 ounce of Fibermesh per 2-gallon bucket of dry mix (about one, big handful). Available at cement supply stores.

Note: To control the color, start no limit to what can be planted in a hypertufa trough, but he generally recommends succulents, such as sedums.

Succulents "can be left outside in most areas," he says, and are available in virtually every climate.

Gardeners in wetter climates may need to plant fragile succulents in planters and hypertufa troughs.

with white Portland cement and add color in 1-cup increments. Red coloring will result in a reddish-brown trough; black coloring will create light gray; and yellow coloring will result in a natural, tan color.

DIRECTIONS:

Day One: Making the trough

1. Wearing a dust mask, measure the dry ingredients (omit the Fibermesh for now) into the wheelbarrow and mix thoroughly.
2. Transfer your dry mixture to the cement mixing tray. Add Fibermesh and enough water to barely wet the mixture as you mix it thoroughly. (It should be on the dry side when you're done — about the consistency of cottage cheese.) This is your hypertufa mix.
3. Pick a mold and line the inside with the large trash bag, making sure the plastic hangs well beyond the outside of the mold (you'll need to wrap the mold in this plastic when finished).
4. Wearing gloves, pack the hypertufa mix in tightly, building up the sides of the trough first, up to the top of the mold, and squaring off the top. Pack in the bottom of the trough next. Both trough walls and bottom need to be packed 1 1/2 inches thick. Be sure to pack the mix hard to remove any air bubbles that could crack your trough later.
5. At this point, you can create a drainage hole in the bottom of the trough (two or three holes, if the trough is large), or you can drill the hole later.
6. Cover the trough with the overhanging plastic bag and

let it dry, without touching it, for at least one week. (You want it to dry slowly to avoid cracking.)

Day Two: Finishing the trough and planting

1. At least one week later, turn over the mold and remove the plastic liner. Carve drainage holes in the trough bottom with a keyhole saw or a drill with a 3/4-inch bit. (Carve your initials and/or date into it, if you'd like.)
2. Brush the trough all over with the wire brush to improve its texture.
3. Remove the Fibermesh "cat hair" with a propane torch, quickly running the torch over the trough to melt the Fibermesh. Don't linger: The flame is so hot that any damp pockets left in the trough could crack.
4. When you're ready to plant, cover the drainage holes with either landscape fabric or paper coffee filters. Don't use gravel for drainage; it'll only add weight and take up valuable space.
5. Fill the trough with potting soil, preferably mounding it 1 or 2 inches above the edges.
6. The creative fun: Position your plants and rocks as you like. Bury about a third of each rock in the soil. Dig a small hole for each plant, and plant them.
7. Top dress with clean, crushed rock for an alpine look. That also helps keep the plants from drying out and the soil from eroding. Add any other decorations. Water gently to avoid erosion. Enjoy. Baste. Take photos.

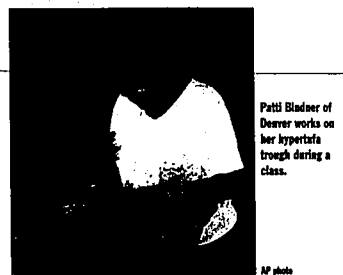
includes the plant species commonly known as "hens and chicks."

Whitford sometimes grows herbs in his troughs, but he generally sticks to alpine plants. Among his favorites are the mat-forming saxifrage, such as Encrusted Saxifrage, and a low-growing, flowering phlox, such as Spiny Phlox.

While crafting a trough, do



Jim Brown of Roxborough Park, Colo., works on his hypertufa trough during a class sponsored by the Rocky Mountain chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society on July 26 in Littleton, Colo.



Patti Bladner of Denver works on her hypertufa trough during a class.

Idaho's only Frank Lloyd Wright building celebrated in book award

Times-News

A book about a Magic Valley house, Idaho's only Frank Lloyd Wright building, won Idaho Book of the Year honors from the Idaho Literary Association.

In "At Nature's Edge," author Henry Whiting recounts the discovery and restoration of the artist studio designed and built for western painter Archie Teater and his artist wife, Pat.

Whiting is an architectural writer who lives and works in the restored and updated Teater studio overlooking the

Snake River near Bliss. In addition to describing the evolution and its architectural restoration, Whiting's book is a memoir of his own artistic journey. Purchasing and restoring the studio led Whiting to revisit his family roots, and to develop a relationship that resulted in his marriage to artist Lynn Fawcett Whiting.

The ILA Book Award Committee selected "At Nature's Edge: Frank Lloyd Wright's Artist Studio" from a field of dozens of literary works.

"This book rose to the top

very quickly," ILA Book Award chairwoman Ruth Funabiki said. "It is a beautiful work, published by the University of Utah Press, and it celebrates one of Idaho's artistic treasures."

Recognized with an Honorable Mention was Ron Carlson's novel "Five Sides," also set in southern Idaho's Snake River country.

"It's a powerful and absorbing book," Funabiki. "Committee members loved the way Carlson's descriptions brought the landscape to life, along with the characters."

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Cleaning up October's storm damage

By Terri McAffee
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The storm that hit Mini-Cassia in mid-October buried the landscape in 14 to 30 inches of wet snow. Area gardens were crushed beneath the snow load, and an avalanche of debris was left behind.

JoAnn Robbins, University of Idaho extension educator for Jerome County and the adviser and instructor for the Master Gardener program in Magic Valley and Mini-Cassia, said gardeners should inspect their yards for damage and clean it up before winter arrives in earnest.

"Anything at this point that is broken is dead," she said. Broken branches should be taken back to the bark collar, a thickened ring where the branch attaches to a main trunk, or trimmed back to another limb.

Robbins reminded gardeners to use the three-cut method of removing a heavy limb. The first cut is made on the bottom of the branch about eight inches from the

trunk and an inch deep. This cut is to keep the bark from ripping down the limb and trunk of the tree when the limb breaks away. The next cut is made on the outside of the first one, and the limb is removed cutting downward. The last cut is made at the bark collar at the trunk. The collar is the natural barrier that prevents disease from entering the tree's vascular system.

Many trees in the area have not dropped their leaves yet as a result of the October storm.

"Normally, in the fall the abscission zone reacts to colder weather," Robbins said. "The cells in this layer die off, which cuts off water and nutrients from reaching the leaf. That is why leaves change colors."

This year the process was interrupted by abnormally cold weather and snow. If the leaves were beginning to turn they probably followed through the normal process. But on trees that had not changed color, the leaves continue to hang.

There is nothing gardeners can do to right the process. But they should be aware that those old leaves will increase the snow load if another heavy, wet snow falls.

Gardeners should not use a broom or a stick to knock the snow load off heavily laden branches after cold weather sets in. The limbs and branches are brittle and may snap under the sudden release of the load.

Robbins reassured gardeners: "The leaves will wear themselves out and eventually fall."

The storm caught many roses in the last flush of bloom and bent the canes to the ground. Earlene Petersen, a member of the Magic Valley Rose Society and a Master Gardener, suggested removing part of the long canes to keep them from whipping in Idaho winds.

Robbins suggested trimming the canes to about three feet and standing them back up by tying them loosely together for the winter.

Magic Valley gardeners normally leave as much

wood on the rosebush as possible, since cold and drying winds exact their own toll on roses locally. Trimming too low will open the rose to frost damage.

Gardeners should check on the windward side of the plant to see if any heaving occurred which might indicate broken feeder roots. Pull the rose upright and pack down the area.

Many gardeners do not mulch their roses for the winter. If you do, remember that mulching is to keep the ground frozen rather than to keep it from freezing. Freezing and thawing cause heaving which breaks off the smaller feeder roots.

Perennials and grasses were also buried.

"If they are still green, they are synthesizing and sending carbohydrates to the roots," Robbins said. Don't cut your perennials back until the weather has killed them.

Terri McAffee may be reached at cmc-pall@pmi.org or 208-436-9191.



Leaves still hanging on Mini-Cassia trees are due to the mid-October snowstorm. Some of the leaves will hang on through winter. Eventually they will wear out and drop by spring.

Craftsman details grace cozy Wheatfield

Tapered columns atop stone veneer-covered bases give a Craftsman flavor to the ranch-style Wheatfield, a small home with a large feel. Other Craftsman details include a low-pitched roof, multipaned window uppers, and wide eave overhangs. These are especially appreciated by families that enjoy installing bird-feeding stations close to windows, for ease of watching.

The sense of spaciousness is most noticeable in the vaulted entry and expansive rear gathering area. Its vaulted living room and dining room flow together, then on to the kitchen, where a flat ceiling and an eating bar mark the boundary.

A clean-burning gas fireplace nestles neatly into the corner of the living room furthest from the richly windowed rear wall. Wide sliding glass doors in the dining area offer easy access to a good-sized patio, and in the kitchen a window fronts the sink. A person working at the island can keep an eye on back yard activities, or simply enjoy observing seasonal changes.

Kitchen counters and cabinetry are abundantly supplied, spanning sections of four sides. The walk-in pantry is exceptionally large for a home this size, filling one entire corner. A built-in desk with shelving above sits at the juncture of kitchen, entry hall, and dining room. This makes a perfect location for a phone, shared computer, cookbook storage, and organizing the myriad tasks that go into running a household.

An arched opening off the Wheatfield's entry leads to two bedrooms and a bathroom. The owners' suite is well-isolated from these rooms, down a hallway off of the living room. It has a roomy walk-in closet and a private bathroom with dual vanity, plus separately enclosed toilet and shower. The nearby den could serve as a home office.

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Home decor for teens

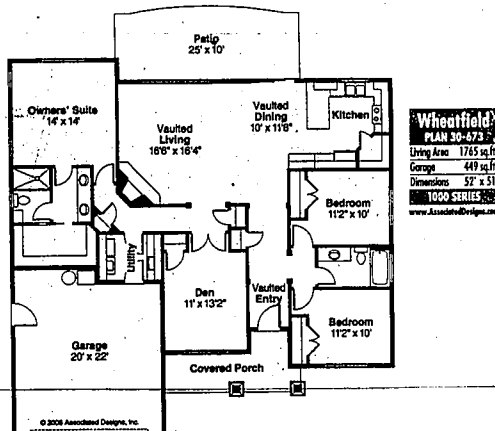
By Kathleen Hom
The Washington Post

There are some immediate and fun ways to perk up a room for teens. Designers we consulted have recommended some proven stand-bys:

- Bean bag chairs covered in fabric are comfortable and encourage kids to lounge around. They're available in a range of colors and styles and can be purchased at every-day neighborhood stores, including Target, or specialty online shops.

- Teens prefer color rather than neutrals, which they think are "boring." Consult teens on what color they'd prefer; be aware that color doesn't mean primary colors or bright neons but usually a more sophisticated, mature range.

- They're also keen on a place for self-expression, meaning an area to post messages to friends, hang photos or art. This can be a simple bulletin board or a rotating art exhibit. If you're willing to put in a little more effort, you can transform one corner into a magnetic wall, chalkboard wall or mural with some paint. Bonus: creating an area specifically devoted to this activity can dissuade teens from carving into furniture and leaving their permanent impression.



Raspberries: Good time to start over

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q. Five years ago, I planted a red raspberry bush in the sunniest part of my garden. It grew well but never had more than a dozen or so berries, which always dried up before they matured. I planted some divisions of this bush in a shadier part of the garden, but I'm having the same problem with the fruit. Should I give up on raspberries?

A. I suspect your raspberry bushes have a virus that is affecting the fruit crop. Pull them out and plant new, virus-free stock in another location next spring.

Raspberries are not bushes, technically, but canes. Brambles grow new canes each year that live only two years, a behavior not seen in true shrubs. Varieties fall into two basic categories. The first, called floricanes, fruit in the summer on year-old canes. This makes the pruning regimen complicated.

The second type, primocanes, fruit in the fall on new canes. This means that a bramble patch can be moved to the ground in winter without affecting next year's crop. In addition, they avoid the risk of summer fruit's shriveling in the heat. Larger, sweeter berries tend to grow in cooler conditions.

Raspberries are best grown in a row at least three feet wide and as long as your appetite for raspberries and the space you have. They can function in the landscape as

a low hedge.

Prepare the soil to a depth of at least a foot. Incorporate a two-inch layer of compost or rotted manure, and add lime if the pH of your soil is below 5.5. A soaker hose will allow easy watering as the patch grows.

Plant your raspberries two feet apart. After you have watered the plants thoroughly, add to the soil a few inches of leaves, good quality mulch or wood chips. The plants may produce a few fruits in their first autumn.

Rig a simple trellis system, with wires placed 18 and 36 inches from the ground, to which you can tie the canes.

Raspberries produce a dense thicket of shoots wherever their roots go. Keeping them in bounds is a major chore that becomes more difficult with time. In addition to mowing down all the canes each winter, you will have to cut off many of the sprouts that appear in spring so that individual canes are no less than six inches apart, or the canes will crowd them-

selves out.

If you grow blackberries or black raspberries nearby, or if wild hammers grow near your garden, they may transmit viruses to your raspberries, resulting in a decline in fruit quality and production over time. If that happens, simply kill your existing raspberries, order new virus-free plants and start over in another location.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

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Dietrich lauded for academic achievement

School district earns Additional Yearly Progress Award

By Mary Hanson

Times-News correspondent

Representatives from the Idaho State Board of Education were in Dietrich Wednesday to present the Dietrich School District with the Additional Yearly Progress Award.

The award is given to schools which make adequate yearly progress under No Child Left Behind Act requirements for two consecutive years or more and achieved an increase of 10 percent or more in proficiency in 2008. Only 15 schools — out of a possible 652 — in the state met these requirements.

In an award ceremony, State Board of Education

Spokesman Mark Browning and board member Ken Edmunds presented the award to Dietrich School District Superintendent Neal Hollingshead and Principal Thad Bizzgers.

To emphasize the effort of the entire school, Hollingshead asked all students, teachers and administrators for the kindergarten through 12 school to stand as he congratulated them for their hard work and improvements.

"What makes the recognition so satisfying is that word, 'additional' in the award," Hollingshead said. "The goal is to hold gains and continue our total school effort each year."

AYP is a federal requirement within the No Child Left Behind Act program requiring various subgroups of students to demonstrate a minimum 10 percent improvement in the math and language categories of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test which is taken each year.

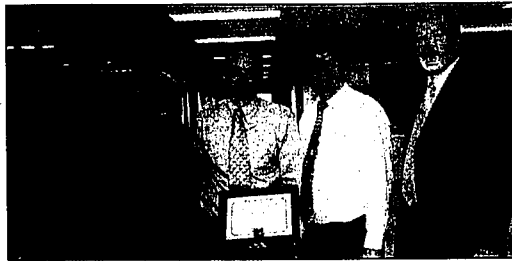
Idaho State Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, a retired teacher, spoke to those attending Dietrich's awards assembly.

"This accomplishment is a group effort and all teachers and students can be very proud of this," she said.

Pence also gave credit to parents and families for their efforts.

In a phone interview after the ceremony, Pence was asked if she had any qualms about No Child Left Behind.

"I do have some reservations, in its present form, but I know there is a lot of attention being given to these areas right now at the federal level," she said.



Left to right, State Board of Education Spokesman Mark Browning, State Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, Principal Thad Bizzgers, Dietrich School District Superintendent Neal Hollingshead and State Board of Education member Ken Edmunds gathered Wednesday to celebrate Dietrich's Additional Yearly Progress Award.

MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

...There's work to be done with the No Child Left Behind Act, but it is heartening to see such improvement in these areas right now at the federal level, she said.

together so successfully."

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Gooding students + teachers = state math award

By Mary Hanson

Times-News correspondent

Gooding High School has earned an Exceptional Yearly Growth Award in mathematics for 2008 from the Idaho State Board of Education. The board gives three different awards to schools with exceptional performance on the Idaho Student Achievement Test as a part of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Fifty-eight Idaho schools were honored with the Exceptional Growth Award which recognizes schools that have shown growth of 20 percent or more on the ISAT and attained Adequate Yearly Progress goals.

Gooding High School's growth was a gain of 26.71 percent over the previous year's ISAT testing of sophomores and grade math students.

Margo Healy, director of assessment and accountability for the State Board of Education wrote in a congratulatory letter that if Gooding High School achieves that kind of improvement next year, it will exceed its Adequate Yearly Progress goal and be



Gooding High School math department teachers, left to right, are Kris Arkosh, Principal Eric Raine, Joel Caldwell and Sally Toone. Gooding High School was recognized by the Idaho State Board of Education for students' progress in math.

out of school improvement status in math.

High school principal Eric Raine said, "Three years ago we changed our schedule. Our teachers have spent a lot of time aligning the curriculum so that the math departments in elementary, middle and high school will know exactly what each grade is teaching. We have worked especially hard at the middle and high school levels."

Raine said last year's sophomore class was the first to be tested under the new schedule.

Joel Caldwell, a math teacher at Gooding High School since 1969, Sally Toone, 30 years as a math teacher, and Kris Arkosh, math tutor and part-time teacher, make up the high school math department.

They say they are thrilled with this improvement, but it hasn't been easy for students or teachers.

"We are working diligently," Toone stated. "We now have a study hall to help math students and we have established more tutoring. It is good to be a teacher when you know everyone is putting forth a great effort so that it allows students to be successful."

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GOODING CENTENNIAL Gooding's house of books

By Coy Jones

For the Times-News

The Gooding Library opened its doors for the first time on Feb. 17, 1910, in the Commercial Club rooms located on the second floor on North Main Street.

The "Traveling Library" in Boise loaned 50 books to Gooding and citizens of the community were invited to take advantage of this new availability of books. Commercial Club Secretary G.W. Rohrbough acted as the librarian for a period of three months according to an unpublished, unsigned document with the title "Our Library" now in the possession of the Gooding County Historical Society.

The report continues, "R.W. Spangler conceived the idea that more people would use the library if it was located in the place of business, the Herald Office, located on Idaho Street."

On June 2, 1910, the Gooding Library packed its books and vacated the Commercial Club rooms for a more easily accessible location on the ground floor. Myrtle Powell was chosen to be its first official librarian.

The library was open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There were no library fees and the books were furnished by the state.

New books from the Gooding rotating schedule. The second shipment arrived Oct. 1, 1910, which was replaced by another a few months later. A list of books in the library was published in the *Herald* newspaper of Gooding. The *Herald* asked, in an article dated July 7, 1910, that people donate books to the library.

Ben Patterson was first to answer the call — only two hours after the newspaper was released — donating the first six books to the library. Immediate donations totaled 114 books and an assortment of magazines donated by Rohrbough.

On Sept. 29, 1910, Gooding

Learn more

For more information about Gooding's Centennial, visit www.GCHSgooding.blogspot.com.

Library moved once more. This time to the public school building and was located in the superintendent's office on the second floor. The library was open to the public from 4 to 5 p.m. during the week. On Oct. 6, 1910, a complete listing of the books owned by the library was published, totaling 358.

A library association was formed with the purpose of expanding the Gooding library by adding more books and magazines. Administrators included President Robert W. Spangler, Vice President Lyman G. Taylor and Secretary/Treasurer Myrtle Powell. Members of the library board were Mrs. R.W. Spangler, Mrs. H.D. Wood and D.G. LeFevre. The association petitioned Sears and Roebuck and Montgomery and Ward to donate books to the Gooding library. Myrtle Powell responded with a donation of 200 volumes. Montgomery and Ward donated 100 volumes. At the time, the library expanded its offerings to 658 volumes.

As the library grew, it moved — in the fall of 1911 to the Thompson Furniture Store, where it remained for four years. Its next move took place in October 1915 when the library moved upstairs in the court house and stayed there until a permanent location could be constructed. The library was located in the council room and open to the public every evening except Saturday. In 1913, the operation of the library was assumed by the City of Gooding. It is through the efforts of the various individuals — some mentioned in this report — and those of today that credit can be given for the longstanding reputation that the library has today.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Basque dinner held Friday

The Gooding Basque Association will hold a First Friday Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Gooding Basque Center located at 285 Euskadi Lane (located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 26 and Idaho Highway 46, behind Family Dollar in Gooding).

The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$6 for children. Menu includes lamb chops, pork loin, Basque rice, Basque bread, home-

made soups, salad and various desserts.

For more information: Julie at 308-5051.

Carnohan on Lenoir-Rhyne University honor roll

HICKORY, N.C. — Lenoir-Rhyne University recently inducted new members into Alpha Lambda Delta, National Honor Society for First Year Students.

Alpha Lambda Delta is an honor society for students who have main-

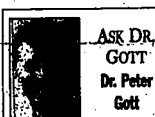
tained a 3.5 or higher grade point average and are in the top 20 percent of their class during their first year of higher education. Inductees from the Magic Valley include Lucas Paul Carnohan of Gooding.

Established in 1891, Lenoir-Rhyne University is a private, educational university located in Hickory, N.C. It is affiliated with the N.C. Synod of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America and is open to students from all religious backgrounds.

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Blood clots in lungs more serious than cancer in kidney

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently went on a trip that involved traveling 1,100 miles. During that time, I developed a blood clot in my right leg that moved into the bottom of both lungs. Because of this, I had several tests done. One was a CT scan, and, during this, they incidentally found what appeared to be a tumor on one of my kidneys. I was given the anticoagulant



Coumadin to start immediately and told to check out the kidney problem when I

got home. When I returned home, I saw my physician, who was concerned about my kidney at first. I asked for a referral to a specialist, who ordered another CT scan. Again, it showed I had a mass on my kidney. I was told that it was under 4 centimeters, so it was caught quite early. My urologist doesn't want to do anything about the kid-

ney right now despite the fact that he feels it is cancer. He says it may have been there a long time and that these things are usually slow-growing. He appears to be more concerned with the blood clots in my lungs. I am scheduled for a follow-up CT scan in 90 days and am looking at surgery sometime this fall.

My concern is that if this is

cancer, waiting is just giving it a chance to spread. I would like to have the cancer dealt with right now. My daughter is a registered nurse and agrees with my urologist, so I am not sure what to think. Can you help? Does the urologist's approach seem right to you?

DEAR READER: I am not a urologist, but I agree with him.

The blood clots in your lungs are your more serious problem. They are more likely to cause immediate problems or even death should they move.

Your kidney tumor, on the other hand, was found incidentally; therefore, I assume it was not causing any symptoms. Without the blood-clot

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CSI North Side offers courses

The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering two courses.

Introduction to Computers. Participants will be given an overview of hardware, Windows, word processing, spreadsheets, and the Internet. This course, instructed by Jerry Allen, will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 10 to Dec. 8, at Wendell High School. No previous computer experience is needed to enroll. The fee is \$104 plus book for this one-credit course; those age 60 and over pay only \$9. If you are not interested in credit, you may audit the course at the same cost.

I've Been Framed! This class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 13 to 20, at Phil's Framing, 102 5th Ave. E. in Gooding. The course fee is \$42 and space is limited.

Instructor Phil Bowler of Phil's Framing will teach how to choose a mat for framing based on the colors of the project, how to cut the mat and the window that displays the art. To register visit the North Side Center at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding or 934-8678.

Gooding bridge results released

Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results for:

Oct. 24:
Section A: 1. Riley Burton and Shirley Tschannen, 2. Barbara Burk and Henry Robinson, 3. Sue Skinner and Edna Pierson 4. Max Thompson and Kathy Rooney.

Section B: 1. Jodi Faulkner and Reuben Tschackofsky 2. Don and Bard.
Oct. 31:
Section A: 1. Henry Robinson and Barbara Burk 2. (tie) Susan Faulkner and Mary Steele, Jodi Faulkner and Sue Skinner.

Section B: 1. Mary Steele and Susan Faulkner, 2. Don and Lorna Bard.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For partnership information or directions: Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

Aol wins district's speech contest

Michelle Aol, a sophomore from Shoshone High School, won first place at the Wood River Soil Conservation District's Annual Speech Contest held recently.

Aol also received third place honors at the Soil Conservation's Division meeting that was held in Burley Oct. 30. She was one of six participants from the Magic Valley to compete and received \$50 and a plaque.



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Dr. Gott

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Testing, you probably would not have even known you had a kidney tumor until it grew or spread, causing symptoms. You are lucky that it was caught early.

Follow your urologist's advice. Stay on the Coumadin.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a physician and noticed a potentially serious error in the units of vitamin D recommended in a recent col-

umn. You used milligrams of D, whereas I am sure you meant international units (IU). This could have serious implications if anyone were able to get their hands on 800 milligrams. Please print a correction in your column.

DEAR READER: I would like to thank you for pointing out my error. I did, indeed, mean to use international units rather than milligrams.

I apologize for any confusion this may have caused my readers. Vitamin D, while necessary to life, can be

dangerous in high doses. I urge everyone to discuss all medications, prescription, herbal, OTC or otherwise, with his or her physician before use to ensure the proper dosage and make sure it will not interact with any other medications.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

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Jesinger appointed to volunteerism commission

Wood River Valley volunteer Clady Jesinger has been appointed by Gov. C.L. Butch to serve Idaho as a member of the governor's commission on service and volunteerism.

Jesinger was nominated as one of 19 commissioners throughout Idaho by Wendy Inagaki, D-Ketchum, the Idaho House Minority Leader. Inagaki worked with Jesinger during the Castle Rock Fire, when Jesinger served as the Castle Rock Fire Volunteer Coordinator.

Serve Idaho's mission is to encourage volunteerism and community service throughout the state. Its staff and commissioners promote collaborative efforts among public, private and nonprofit, state and local agencies to advance community service programs and activities throughout the state.

Serve Idaho administers Idaho's AmeriCorps programs, Idaho's Promise, the Alliance for Youth and the Governor's Brightest Star Awards. In addition, the commission hosts the annual Serve Idaho Conference on Service and Volunteerism and is currently working to develop a plan for Emergency Volunteer Reception Centers.

Jesinger, who joined the Wood River Valley community 24 years ago, is employed by the U.S. Senate and serves as the Executive Director of the Congressional Award Council of Idaho. Through the U.S. Congressional Award Program, she promotes volunteerism, fitness and development of life skills among youth in the state.



Clady Jesinger is pictured with her son, Lt. Joseph DiFrancesco.

An active community volunteer, Jesinger has received numerous awards for her service including the National Inspiration Award from the U.S. Congressional Award Foundation, the United States Presidents Lifetime Volunteer Service Award, the Ketchum-Sun Valley Chamber of

Commerce Volunteer of the Year Award, the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit and Eagle Mentor Pin from Sun Valley's Connor Wade; Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Thanks Badge; Congressional Award Council of Idaho's 2006 Advisor of the Year; and was recognized as a Governor's

Brightest Star in 2008.

Jesinger is on Steering Committee of Wagon Days; the Executive Board and Executive Council of the Snake River Council, Boy Scouts of America; assists with the annual Sun Valley Jazz Festival; is the coordinator of chaparral for the U.S. Congressional Award Week-long Program in Washington, D.C., is a member of the LEPC; assists the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council with Council Special events and is the past Chairwoman of Association No. 3 and Founder/past Chairwoman of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

An active school volunteer, Jesinger was the Green Team Parent at Wood River Middle School, three time co-chair of the annual Community Service Days, and fundraiser for school's productions of "The Boys from Syracuse," "The Crucible," "Pirates of Penzance" and "Hamlet."

Jesinger has traveled the nation training adult mentors to work with youth and teaching youth leadership skills. She has served on the Board of the Trailing of the Sheep Festival, The Ketchum-Sun Valley Ski and Heritage Museum and the Sawtooth Botanical Garden.

Jesinger is married to retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Richard Jesinger and is the proud mother of West Point graduate Lt. Joseph DiFrancesco, who is training to fly Apache helicopters in Alabama and Amy DiFrancesco, a national Coca Cola scholar and sophomore at Rice University.

Unsung Heroes ceremony is Saturday

Community awards ceremony

WHEN: 11:45 a.m. Saturday
WHERE: In the auditorium at the Community Campus in Halley

Role Model: Shari Kunz. Outstanding Youth Mentor: Jill Bailey and Barge Levy, co-recipients, Silver Creek Alternative School.

Outstanding Commitment to Diversity by a Youth: Danielle Wilkerson, Wood River High School student.

Outstanding Commitment to Diversity by an Adult: Penny Thayer.

Outstanding Youth Neighbor Award: Jose Ruiz.

Outstanding Adult Neighbor Award: Kathryn Graves.

Youth Zone Award: Blaine County Recreation District's Aquatic Center, Prevention/Healthy Choices Award: D.D. McCarthy, Wood River High School student.

The award presentations will be held from 11:45 a.m. to noon in the auditorium at the Community Campus in Halley.

Information: Erin Pfaffel, 727-8734 or visit www.stlukesonline.org/healthycommunity.

The second annual Unsung Hero Community Awards will be presented Saturday as part of St. Luke's Center for Community Health's annual fall conference "Creating a Healthy Community," in partnership with the Community Drug Coalition.

Nominations for the awards came from Blaine County Teen Advisory Council and the Community Drug Coalition, with the selections being made by the St. Luke's Fall Conference Planning Committee.

The Unsung Hero Awards are given in nine different categories in an effort to recognize the everyday heroes that contribute to the health of our community.

The nine award categories are: Outstanding Youth Peer Role Model, Outstanding Adult Peer Role Model, Outstanding Youth Mentor, Outstanding Commitment to Diversity by a Youth, Outstanding Commitment to Diversity by an Adult, Outstanding Youth Neighbor Award, Outstanding Adult Neighbor Award, Youth Zone Award, and the Prevention/Healthy Choices Award.

Winners in the various categories are as follows:

Outstanding Youth Peer Role Model: Lucy Velazquez, Wood River High School student.

Outstanding Adult Peer

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity in Gooding County 5th District Court included:

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Jeremiah S. Carter: Battery, disturbing the peace, pled guilty, \$375.50 fines.

Chance Allen McLeod, burglary, petit theft, \$375.50 fines, 90 days jail, 88 days suspended, 2 days credited, \$375.50 fines.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS
Nikole Ray Nelson, driving under the influence, guilty, balance due, \$575.50.
John Bart Williams, driving under the influence, 40 years old, failure to purchase drivers license; failed to stop, left scene, excessive blood alcohol to custody, \$1,326.50 partial fines.

FELONY SENTENCINGS
Thomas Michael Meredith, sexual abuse of child under 16, battery, pled guilty, 180 days jail, suspended, 3 days credited, \$610.50 balance due.

FELONY DISMISSALS
Emily Gardner Icke, grand theft, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.
Candido Bay'On, prevent and intimate violence, dismissed by court, estimated fees \$247.50.

Recent activity from Minidoka County 5th District Court included:

FELONY SENTENCINGS
Joshua Alan Smith, 32, rape, \$288.50 costs, \$8,418.70 restitution, 7 years probation, 3-15 years prison, must comply with Idaho DNA and genetic marker Database Act of 1996 and register as a sex offender, no contact order, rape, dismissed by prosecutor; probation violation, retained jurisdiction.

Brian Douglas Larsen, 21, aggravated battery, \$97.50 costs,

\$782.05 restitution, 3 years probation, 2-10 years prison, retained jurisdiction; probation violation, retained jurisdiction; probation violation, guilty, 415 days time credited.

FELONY ACQUITTAL
Scott Waymet Jones, 46, aggravated assault, acquittal; domestic violence (misdemeanor), guilty.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Espirito Morales Flores, 68, theft by receiving or possessing stolen property (felony) amended to petit theft, \$300 fine, \$253.50 costs, \$30 restitution, 12 months probation, 6 months jail, 6 months 24 days suspended; contempt of court, criminal, 16 days jail, 8 days time credited, to serve 16 days of jail time for fines and fees.

Brogan Wayne Baumgartner, 18, possession of alcohol by a minor, \$150 fine, \$72.50 costs, 6 months probation; contempt of court, dismissed by court.
Norman E. Young, 30, driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$87.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 4 months probation, 10 days jail, 8 suspended, 1 day time credited, 1 day McWork in lieu of jail, open container of alcohol by driver, \$25 fine, \$72.50 costs; contempt of court, dismissed by court.

Alonso Arroyo, 28, driving without privileges amended to driving without privileges (second offense), \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$122.50 costs, drivers license suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 160 suspended, 6 days time credited; contempt of court, dismissed by court.
Shanna Kathryn Wilkerson, 31, leaving the scene of an accident amended to failure to give immediate notice of accident, 12 months probation, 90 days suspended jail; driving without privileges, \$1,000 fine, \$800

suspended, \$91.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 18 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, 4 days McWork in lieu of jail, 30 days of previously suspended jail converted to discretionary probation violation, guilty; probation violation, dismissed by prosecutor.
Cesar Avila-Gomez, 28, driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$210.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 171 suspended, 9 days time credited; failure to maintain liability insurance, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs, 30 days suspended jail; probation violation, 10 days jail, probation revoked and reinstated; contempt of court, dismissed by court.

Noemi Ramirez Mendoza, 25, drivers license violation, \$200 fine, \$75.50 costs, 6 months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, 2 days McWork in lieu of jail; probation violation, 1 day jail; contempt of court, dismissed by court.

Daniel William Lee Higley, 19, assault, \$200 fine, \$332.50 costs, 12 months probation, 30 days suspended jail; trespassing, dismissed by prosecutor; contempt of court, dismissed by court.
Shannon Christine Dofz, 32, driving without privileges amended to drivers license violation, \$68.50 fine, \$110.50 costs, 12 months probation; contempt of court, dismissed by court.

Shannon Christine Dofz, 32, drivers license violation, \$100 fine, \$50.50 suspended, \$40.50 costs, contempt of court, 1 day jail, 1 day time credited; contempt of court, dismissed by court.
Jose Carlos Olivas, 54, fraud, insufficient funds check, deferred prosecution, \$108.12 restitution.
Kenny D. Koepnick, 49, assault, dismissed by prosecutor; battery amended to disturbing the peace, \$200 fine, \$75.50

costs, 12 months probation, 90 days suspended jail.
Cory Dewayne Warren, 37, petit theft, \$110.50 costs, 24 months probation, 120 days jail, 119 suspended, 1 day time credited, 160 hours community service.
Jacob Chris Shockey, 25, driving without privileges, drivers license violation, \$68.50 fine, \$75.50 costs; failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed by prosecutor.

Manuel G. Ramirez, 18, drivers license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.
Donald J. Kamp, 82, leaving the scene of an accident, \$50 fine, \$75.50 costs.
Alonso Perez-Centeno, 25, drivers license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
Louis M. Bequette Jr., 35, inattentive/careless driving, dismissed by prosecutor; contempt of court, criminal, dismissed by prosecutor, \$300 forfeited bonds.
Humberto Arevalo Lugo, 31, reckless driving, dismissed by prosecutor, \$432 forfeited bonds.
Ramon Javier Delgado, 49, assault, dismissed by prosecutor.

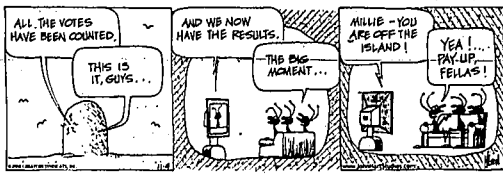
Jarrod L. Shipley, 32, inattentive or careless driving, dismissed by prosecutor.
Michael Guilfohm, 46, driving without permission, dismissed by prosecutor, \$327 forfeited bonds.
Patrick G. Bonetti, 46, reckless driving, \$150 bond forfeiture, case dismissed.
Adrian J. Toolson, 17, speeding (infraction) amended to driving offense, \$150 bond forfeiture, case dismissed.
Jose Romero Mendoza, 32, driving without privileges, dismissed by prosecutor.
James Robert Lewis, 62, unlawful transportation of forest products; dismissed by prosecutor.

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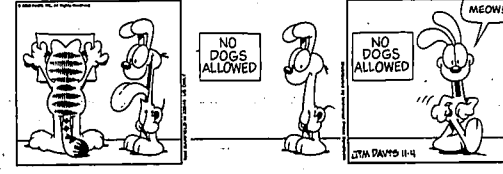
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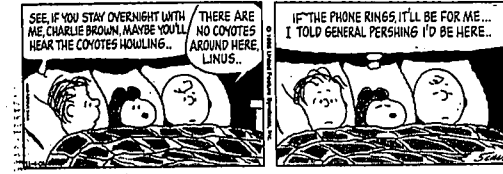
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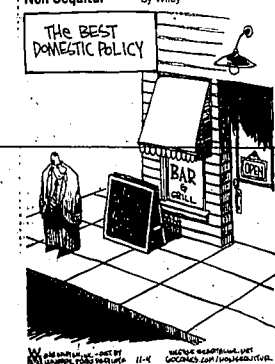
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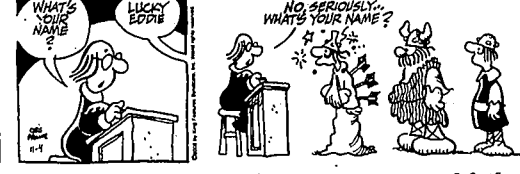
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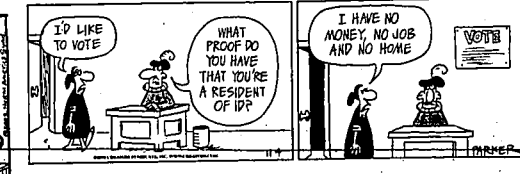
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CSI MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON PREVIEW

One team, one dream

Young CSI squad aims to reload for another NJCAA title run under first-year coach Gosar

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

The shirts read, "One team, one dream."

When the team donning those shirts is the College of Southern Idaho, the "one dream" is readily understood.

Hutch.

No matter that there's a first-year head coach, two new assistant coaches and a roster

filled with new faces.

The Golden Eagles' No. 1 goal never waivers — there's either a trip to

Hutchinson, Kan., to

claim a NJCAA cham-

ionship or a feeling

of disappointment.

"I like our group of guys," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. "I like their chemistry. I love how they pull for each and work hard and get along."

But this isn't last year's sopho-

more-laden squad, and there will be some growing pains for Gosar's team. That fact was magnified by a series of injuries during fall practice. This year's trio of sophomores — forwards Daquon Montreal (foot) and Jay Watkins (ankle) and guard Jason West (various ailments) — all missed time in the past month along with many of the 12 freshman players on the roster.

"The youth, the injuries, it's going to take us a while to really understand," said Gosar. "They've got us ranked eighth in the country — I don't think we're eighth in the country right now. I think potentially we have the talent, but right now, we're not there."

When experience and conditioning catch up to talent, CSI should be tough to top. The three sophomores will likely join freshmen Jamelle Barrett and Aziz Ndiaye in the starting lineup. Barrett has been slowed by a pulled quad muscle of late, but gives the team a speedy point guard that can push the ball up the floor and create shots for his teammates.

Ndiaye, a 7-foot center from Dakar, Senegal, has made great strides since arriving in Twin Falls this summer and could be a dominating rebounder for the Golden Eagles.

Last year's team, which sent nine



First-year College Southern of Southern Idaho head coach Steve Gosar, center, talks to team members during a recent practice.



College of Southern Idaho sophomore Daquon Montreal passes during a recent practice. Montreal is a Preseason NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American.

players to the NCAA Division I level, featured a regular rotation of 10 or more players. That number will likely be smaller this year, Gosar said. With primary players seeing more minutes, CSI has decided not to press on missed shots as it did a year ago.

Still, "we want to try to dictate the

A look at the SWAC

Here's a brief look at this year's Southwestern Athletic Conference teams in the Times-News' predicted order of finish. Each team's 2007-08 SWAC record is in parentheses. First-year CSI coach Steve Gosar said the SWAC has the "most parity seen in the league in a long time. It's going to make for a really interesting conference season. A lot of drama."

1. **CSI (15-1):** Lots of new faces for the Golden Eagles, but the talent is good enough for a repeat conference title.

2. **Salt Lake CC (12-3):** The Bruins lose SWAC Player of the Year DaVelle Jackson and all-conference performers Brian Green, Papa Samba Gulsse and Vassy Banny from last year's NJCAA runner-up squad. But 18th-year head coach Norm Parrish returns Wendell High graduate Kael Pope at center and should have another talented, disciplined lineup.

3. **Eastern Utah (9-7):** The SWAC's other Golden Eagles feature eight sophomores, including first-team preseason NJCAA All-American Darlington Hobson. Hobson, a first-team all-SWAC performer a year ago, averaged 18.4 points and 8.3 rebounds as a freshman.

4. **Snow (5-10):** The Badgers return second-team preseason NJCAA All-American Ryan Patterson and his 14.4 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. Ryan Brimley, an honorable mention SWAC pick is also back as Snow looks to move up the SWAC pack.

5. **North Idaho (5-10):** The Cardinals lose all three of their all-SWAC performers, but have added some size in freshmen Guy-Marc Michel (7-foot-1) and Michel Swita (7-0). If guard play is solid, North Idaho could rise in the standings.

6. **Colorado Northwestern CC (3-14):** The Spartans won't have last year's top scorer Condo Bennett this winter, but coach Stephen Garnett is moving CNCC in the right direction and the team should improve on last year's one SWAC win.

speed of the game and be the aggressor," Gosar said.

Among those who'll likely be the first off the bench are 6-1 freshman Cheyne (pronounced Shane) Martin and 6-5 swingman Carrick Felix.

Martin is a sharpshooter, while Felix

is a long, versatile player that'll join West in providing athleticism on the perimeter.

"I think we're starting to see guys play well together," said Gosar.

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Tough road tests lie ahead for 8-0 Titans

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans now get to see how their undefeated record plays on the road.

Off to an 8-0 start for the first time in franchise history, the Titans hit the road for five of their final eight games, starting Sunday with a trip to Chicago. Then they are at Jacksonville, a two-game stretch that is their longest away from home this season.

Tennessee pops back home to host the New York Jets on Nov. 23, followed by a visit to Detroit on Thanksgiving.

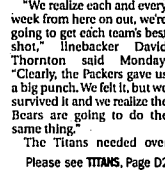
And the Titans understand that the road only gets tougher as long as they remain the NFL's last unbeaten team.

"We realize each and every week from here on out, we're going to get each team's best shot," linebacker David Thornton said Monday.

"Clearly, the Packers gave us a big punch. We felt it, but we survived it and we realize the Bears are going to do the same thing."

The Titans needed over

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Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Santonio Holmes (10) leaps for a touchdown against Washington Redskins cornerback Carlos Rogers (22) Monday during the fourth quarter of their game in Landover, Md. The Steelers won 23-6.

2008 District IV volleyball all-star match

Where: 6 p.m., Wednesday
Where: East Gymnasium
Twin Falls High School
Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 senior citizens and students; no IHSA cards

Order of matches:

North West vs. North East

South West vs. South East

North West vs. South

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Steelers' D, Leftwich lead Steelers' 23-6 victory

The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Byron Leftwich led two touchdown drives after Ben Roethlisberger reinjured his throwing shoulder and the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Washington Redskins 23-6 on Monday night.

The Steelers' top-rated defense had seven sacks, allowed only 221 yards and became the first team this season to intercept Jason Campbell.

Leftwich went 7-of-10 for 129 yards and a touchdown as the Steelers (6-2) beat an NFC East team for the first time in three attempts this season.

Roethlisberger was 5-of-17 for 50 yards and an interception before leaving the game at half-time, again hindered by the slightly separated shoulder that has bothered him since the second week of the season.

Leftwich's 50-yard completion to Nate Washington set up a 1-yard TD run by Willie Parker, who was back from a four-week layoff with a knee injury. He also had a 5-yard scoring pass to Santonio Holmes, who returned from a one-game benching over a charge for a marijuana-related offense. Roethlisberger celebrated that touchdown on the sideline by high-fiving his teammates — with his left hand.

The Steelers held Clinton

Portis to 51 yards rushing, ending his streak of five straight games with at least 120 yards.

Washington (6-3) came close to scoring a touchdown only once — when Campbell threw incomplete to eligible lineman Lorenzo Alexander on fourth-and-goal at the 1 in the fourth quarter. Campbell, who finished 24-of-43 for 206 yards, thought he had scored on a scramble on the previous play, but a replay challenge showed he was down just before the goal line.

While the Steelers remain atop the AFC North, the Redskins lost ground in the NFC East to the New York Giants. Washington enters its bye week needing to tweak an offense that has put together promising drives all season but has often stalled during the end zone.

The game was the first hosted by Washington on the eve of a presidential election since 1984, and there was no mistaking the combination of football and election fever. One fan alternately waved a white towel with Barack Obama's image in the left hand and an all-burgundy Redskins towel in the right hand. Sports-themed interviews with Obama and John McCain were broadcast by ESPN during halftime.

The Redskins also used the special occasion to wear bur-



AP photo

gundy jerseys and pants together for the first time in franchise history. A more noticeable color, however, was the yellow from the sea of Terrible Towels waved by Steelers fans who managed to secure tickets by the boatload for the lower bowl of the stadium. In a bizarre sight, visiting Pittsburgh players were waving to the fans all around them to make a noise crowd during defensive stands.

Neither team managed 100 yards in a first half that included

seven sacks and a combined 13-

of-32 performance by Roethlisberger and Campbell.

The Redskins did convert on third down until Campbell hit tight end Chris Cooley for a 12-yard gain late in the third quarter.

Campbell's streak without an interception reached 271 attempts — 249 this season — before cornerback Dashon Townsend grabbed a pass tipped by Portis late in the third quarter.

2008-09 CSI MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jason West

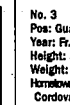
No. 1
Pos: Guard
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-4
Weight: 180
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nev.



Gosar says: "He's extremely athletic. He's a guy that can go get an offensive rebound from the perimeter. He's a guy that can get into the paint and get his shot off among all those vets. He's so long he can be disruptive to a team's offensive plan."

Daequan Montreal

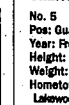
No. 2
Pos: Forward
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-10
Weight: 220
Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y.



Gosar says: "Daequan is an unbelievable leader. ... He knows what it takes to win at this level. He can finish inside and he's really worked on his outside game. He's going to be a guy we look to for leadership and to score the ball."

Jamelle Barrett

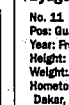
No. 3
Pos: Guard
Year: Fr.
Height: 5-10
Weight: 185
Hometown: Randolph Cordova, Calif.



Gosar says: "Jamelle's a great creator. He's got an unbelievable first step. He really can get by guys and create. ... He's hard to guard. He can score it, but he's a heck of a passer too. Fun to coach, too. He's a hell of a competitor."

Charles Odum

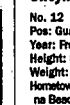
No. 5
Pos: Guard
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-3
Weight: 195
Hometown: Lakewood, Calif.



Gosar says: "He could be a special defender on the ball, like we've not had. He's got the strength and quickness. He can stay with the ball, but he can absorb contact. ... He just needs to learn to take care of the ball a little bit better."

Byago Diour

No. 11
Pos: Guard
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-3
Weight: 180
Hometown: Dakar, Senegal



Gosar says: "Like Jason West, he's long and athletic. He wants to score that ball as quickly as possible and hasn't a shot he didn't like. ... As his understanding of English comes along, so will his decision-making. Good ball defender. Very athletic."

Cheyne Martin

No. 12
Pos: Guard
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-4
Weight: 180
Hometown: Laguna Beach, Calif.



Gosar says: "Cheyne will be one of the top five shooters in this league. He really shoots the ball and has a lot of confidence. He'll really give us an outside complement to Daequan (Montreal) and Ariz (Ndiaye) and Romario (Souza) inside."

Paul Becklens

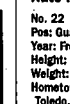
No. 13
Pos: Guard
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-1
Weight: 175
Hometown: Boston, Mass.



Gosar says: "Paul's a true point guard. ... He's come in and worked his butt off. I think he'll really be able to come in and help us the second half of the year. He shoots the ball really well, so he can play the point and maybe some (shooting guard)."

Jay Watkins

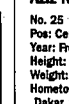
No. 15
Pos: Forward
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-7
Weight: 200
Hometown: Memphis, Tenn.



Gosar says: "We're looking for Jay to be a go-to guy for us like Daequan. ... I think he'll bring us some and some leadership on the court. ... It's a mismatch at his position. ... He's really worked on his jumper and it's getting better."

Nate Miles

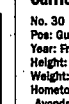
No. 22
Pos: Guard
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-7
Weight: 170
Hometown: Toledo, Ohio



Gosar says: "It's going to be a while before we see him on the court. He won't be eligible until February. But he can score it in a lot of ways. He's very smooth and can really shoot the ball. One of the best shooters I've ever been around."

Aziz Ndiaye

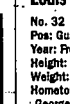
No. 25
Pos: Center
Year: Freshman
Height: 7-0
Weight: 240
Hometown: Dakar, Senegal



Gosar says: "He's really coming along. Heck of a competitor. Sometimes he's too hard on himself because he wants to be that great player today. ... Great passer. He's had an unbelievable summer and fall and runs the court as well as any big man I've coached."

Carrick Felix

No. 30
Pos: Guard
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-5
Weight: 190
Hometown: Avondale, Ariz.



Gosar says: "He's really long and athletic. He came in this summer pretty thin out of high school, but he's put on some muscle and size and that will really help him go get rebounds and finish with contact. ... I like how he brings it every day to practice."

Louis Garrett

No. 32
Pos: Guard
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-5
Weight: 190
Hometown: St. George, Utah



Gosar says: "He's just getting back from injury and understanding what we're doing. ... He's long enough and athletic enough that he can really help us at the 2 and 3 spots this year. ... He's a smart kid. I think he can help us with his outside shooting."

Michael Falvo

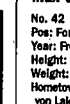
No. 33
Pos: Guard
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-4
Weight: 190
Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah



Gosar says: "Mike's going to redshirt for us this year. He's going to work on getting stronger. I think Mike's still growing, but he's got a great frame. He's going to work on his body, his athleticism and his game this year."

Romario Souza

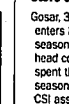
No. 34
Pos: C/F
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-7
Weight: 240
Hometown: Vila Rica, Brazil



Gosar says: "Romario has made as big of an improvement as anyone on our team in the last two months. ... He's a big kid that can shoot the ball from the outside. ... As he gets to be a better athlete, he'll be able to impact the game more."

Max Carrier

No. 42
Pos: Forward
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-6
Weight: 210
Hometown: Canyon Lake, Calif.



Gosar says: "Max brings great energy and attitude and effort every day. ... He brings it every single day. ... He's a guy that has a chance every single time to get an offensive rebound because he goes to the glass every time."

Steve Gosar • Head coach

Gosar, 37, enters his first season as CSI's head coach. He spent three seasons as a CSI assistant under Barrett Peery before taking the head job May 5, 2008, when Peery accepted an assistant coaching job at the University of Utah. Prior to coming to Twin Falls, he was an assistant at Portland State and served as a graduate assistant at the University of Wyoming where he also played collegiately and earned a bachelor's degree in molecular biology. A native of Pineland, Wyo., Gosar is married to Lu and they have a son named Jake.

Russ Beck • Asst. coach

Beck joins CSI as an assistant coach after serving in a similar position at Salt Lake Community College. Beck has also coached at Southern Utah University and Dixie State College. He earned an associates degree at Dixie State College and a bachelors in interpersonal communication and journalism at Southern Utah University. Beck served a mission for the LDS church in the Independence Missouri Mission. He is married to Charity and they have two daughters, Lelani and Briana.

Josh Dees • Asst. coach

Dees is in his first season with CSI after working as a graduate assistant at Colorado State last year. He played college basketball at the University of Wyoming and Western Carolina. He graduated from Western Carolina with a bachelor's degree in political science/pre-law in 2007. He is the son of Benny Dees, who was Gosar's head coach at the University of Wyoming. Benny Dees coached at New Orleans, Virginia Commonwealth and Western Carolina.

"I like our group of guys. I like their chemistry. I love how they pull for each and work hard and get along."

— First-year CSI head coach Steve Gosar

Dream

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The team's dream took a few hits during fall practice. Quinton Watkins (6-3 guard) left the team for personal reasons, Lacey Haddock (6-1 guard) was dismissed from school for "a violation of team rules" and Jonathan Williams quit the team after becoming "unhappy with his role on the team," according to Gosar.

But CSI did add Nate Miles, a 6-7 guard that was expelled from the University of Connecticut in early October. While he won't be eligible until February, Miles gives the Golden Eagles an explosive scorer and a player who could be a first-round NBA draft pick in the near future.

"He's an incredible offensive challenge for defenses," said Gosar. "Hopefully he can give us a shot in the arm down the stretch."

Before they get to the stretch run, even Seismic West Athletic Conference play, which begins Jan. 9, CSI will face a challenging non-conference slate.

"Our schedule is as hard as it's been," said Gosar. "We probably made it too hard. But by the same token, I wanted to challenge our guys. I wanted them to be prepared for league."

The Golden Eagles will face Central Florida and its 6-4 freshman forward Ricardo Ratliffe, a player CSI recruited, during the season-opening K&T Steel Tournament this weekend. There's also a home matchup against pre-season No. 2 Midland (Texas) College on Nov. 22 as part of the Gordon Paving Invitational.

While 13 of the team's 15 nonconference games are at CSI Gymnasium, Gosar said the trip to Liberal, Kan., for the Seward Tournament will really test his team.

"I want us to play through adversity," said Gosar. "I know we'll get rattled, but I think we'll help us prepare for

CSI Men's Basketball 2008-09 Schedule

Date	Opponent	All times MST	Time
Nov. 6	K&T Steel Tournament		
Nov. 7	Central Arizona	7:30 p.m.	
Nov. 8	Northwest Wyoming	7:30 p.m.	
	Central Florida	7:30 p.m.	
Nov. 20	Gordon Paving Invitational		
Nov. 21	Western Wyoming	7:30 p.m.	
Nov. 22	Santa Rosa	7:30 p.m.	
	Midland	7:30 p.m.	
Nov. 28	Wolverton Challenge		
Nov. 29	Phoenix College	8 p.m.	
	Chemeketa College	8 p.m.	
Dec. 5	Boise Office Equipment Tournament		
Dec. 6	Salish Kootenai College	8 p.m.	
Dec. 7	Harcum College	8 p.m.	
Dec. 13	Seaward Tournament	TBA	
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Jan. 1	Treasure Valley CC	7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 2	Westchester College	7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 3	Shenise West Athletic Conference schedule		
Jan. 9	Colorado Northwestern CC	7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 10	Eastern Utah	5 p.m.	
Jan. 17	North Idaho	5 p.m.	
Jan. 22	Snow College	7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 24	Salt Lake CC	5 p.m.	
Jan. 30	North Idaho	8:30 p.m.	
Jan. 31	Eastern Utah	7:30 p.m.	
Feb. 6	Eastern Utah	5 p.m.	
Feb. 7	Snow College	7:30 p.m.	
Feb. 14	Snow College	5 p.m.	
Feb. 20	Salt Lake CC	7:30 p.m.	
Feb. 21	Salt Lake CC	5 p.m.	
Feb. 27	Colorado Northwestern CC	7:30 p.m.	
Feb. 28	Colorado Northwestern CC	5 p.m.	
March 5-7	Region 18 Tournament	TBA	
March 10	BI-Region vs. Region 1	TBA	
March 18-22	NCAA Championships	TBA	

when we go to Salt Lake and CEU and Snow."

The early season trials by fire could help forge another championship-caliber CSI unit. In SWAC play, Gosar said "there's not going to be a night off" for the Golden Eagles with Salt Lake Community College and Eastern Utah looking solid, while Snow, North Idaho and Colorado Northwestern should all be improved.

While the 2008-09 Eagles are short on experience, they've got a lot more chemistry than last year's group.

"That was our downfall last year," said Montreal, who is getting recruiting attention from the likes of

Gonzaga, St. John's and Oral Roberts.

A NCAA Honorable Mention Preseason All-American, Montreal likes the team he is called upon to lead.

"We're going to run the floor," he said. "We're a lot faster (than last year). We've got a lot of athletes out here. We're going to take care of business."

That business begins Thursday as the Golden Eagles open their campaign against Central Arizona in a 7:30 p.m. tipoff.

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'Bama, Saban downplay top ranking, other factors

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — A No. 1 ranking. A grudge match. A title shot.

To Alabama coach Nick Saban, those aren't things to celebrate. They're "external factors," potential distractions that can sway a team before it reaches its ultimate goals.

Maybe that's why much of the Crimson Tide's public reaction Monday to the program's first regular-season No. 1 ranking in 28 years — a span that covered eight coaches — ranged from indifference to chagrin.

"Being ranked No. 1 is all right, I guess," talkback Glen Coffee sighed, "but it brings more problems than anything."

So maybe it's a positive for

the Tide that most of the questions Saban fielded Monday were about his return to face No. 15 LSU on Saturday in his former stomping grounds. Talk of No. 1 was relegated to No. 2.

Alabama (9-0, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) can clinch the Western Division title and secure a spot in the league championship game for the first time since 1999 with a win over Saban's old team.

The No. 1 ranking came after Texas Tech knocked off Texas on a closing seconds touchdown. The Longhorns had earlier jumped the Tide with a win over then-No. 1 Oklahoma.

Safety Rashad Johnson, at least, is enthusiastic about

Alabama holding the top spot in the regular season for the first time since a nine-week stretch during the 1980 season. The Tide finished the 1982 season with a national championship, but didn't top the rankings until the final poll.

"I definitely was rooting for Texas Tech," Johnson said. "I think they're a good team. Just like Texas is a good team."

"But you always want to be the No. 1 team in the nation. That's something as a kid growing up you always go, I want to play for a program that's No. 1. What better place to do it than here? And give these fans and this state something to cheer about, and something they deserve."

Titans

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time before downing Green Bay 19-16 on Sunday six days after the rout of the Indianapolis Colts, but they had taken strong advantage of a schedule keeping them at home for five games so far.

The New York Giants (7-1) and Carolina Panthers (6-2) are the NFL's only other teams to go 5-0 at home this season.

Tennessee had consecutive road games in October, but a bye week broke up the trips to Baltimore and Kansas City.

Coach Jeff Fisher said his Titans are comfortable away from home.

"They understand how to play on the road and how to take a professional approach. I'm not concerned about it. Obviously, five out of our next eight are on the road, so we've got a big challenge ahead of us from that standpoint, and it'll be a couple weeks before we come back. But we're

going to play two good teams, starting with this one in Chicago," he said.

Under Fisher, the Titans have been very good on the road. Only the New England Patriots (63-44) are better on the road since 1995. Tennessee is tied with Indianapolis and Green Bay with a 58-49 record for second in that time. Fisher is 47-2 when taking a lead into the fourth quarter, trailing only Vince Lombardi who was 38-1-1.

This team has won five straight on the road as part of an NFL-best 11-game winning streak in the regular season, which matches the franchise record set by the 1993 Houston Oilers.

Fisher was drafted out of college by the Chicago Bears in the seventh round in 1981, and he played 49 games for the team as a defensive back and returned until an ankle injury ended his career in 1985 — when he earned a Super Bowl ring.

He was in his first full year as coach of the then-Oilers in 1995 the last time he coached a regular-season game in Chicago, a 35-32 loss. His Titans were a 2000 exhibition game in Chicago in 2000, 34-28.

"It'll just be another game for us," Fisher said.

That doesn't mean the Titans are satisfied. They gave up a season-high 39 yards to the Packers, 57 more than they had allowed in any game this season. Six Packers had plays gaining 12 or more yards, with Donald Driver breaking loose for a 44-yarder and Greg Jennings going for 52.



Pistons undefeated as Iverson joins

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Richard Hamilton scored 19 points and the Detroit Pistons concluded a wild day by beating the Charlotte Bobcats 101-83 Monday night, ensuring Allen Iverson will join an unbeaten team.

Playing short-handed hours after acquiring Iverson in a blockbuster deal with Denver, the balanced Pistons toyed with former coach Larry Brown's new team, improving to 3-0 and perhaps showing Iverson that he'll have plenty of scoring options when he takes over at point guard.

Rasheed Wallace added 15 points and four other players scored in double figures. Rodney Stuckey replaced the departed Chauncey Billups and had nine points and three assists filling in at the point for Detroit, which shot 50 percent.

76ERS 125, KINGS 91

PHILADELPHIA — Thaddeus Young scored 18 points, Lou Williams had 17 and Philadelphia routed winless Sacramento.

Willie Green scored 16 points and Elton Brand had

15 for the Sixers, who were up 20 points at halftime and were able to stretch the lead in the second half instead of blowing it like they did Saturday at Atlanta.

Jason Thompson scored 17 points and Spencer Hawes had 15 for the Kings (0-4), who can't wait to head home after a dreary season-opening road trip. The Kings start a four-game homestand on Wednesday against Memphis.

MAGIC 96, BULLS 93

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 22 points and 15 rebounds, and Orlando held off Chicago after Andres Nocioni's missed 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Rashard Lewis finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds as the Magic wiped out an early nine-point Bulls lead and led by as many as 17.

Drew Gooden led Chicago with 21 points. Nocioni added 20 and Ben Gordon 17.

GRIZZLIES 90, WARRIORS 79

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Marc Gasol had 27 points and 16 rebounds to help Memphis beat Golden State.

Gasol went 9-for-11 from

the field and the free throw line for Memphis, which ended a seven-game skid in the series against Golden State. The rookie also blocked three shots.

Andris Biedrins had 16 points and 22 rebounds for Golden State. Stephen Jackson finished with 17 points and Corey Maggette scored 13 despite sitting out the second quarter with an injury.

CAVALIERS 100, MAVERICKS 81

DALLAS — LeBron James snapped a third-quarter tie with a flying rebound-layup, then Mo Williams broke things open early in the fourth, sending the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 100-81 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night.

James was only 8-of-20, but scored 20 points and took over when his team needed it. Cleveland let a 16-point lead fitter into a tie at 63, then Daniel Gibson missed a jumper from the corner, only to see James zoom in, grab the rebound and bank it in, all in one motion. He followed with a three-point play and a pair of free throws.

—The Associated Press



Detroit Pistons' Richard Hamilton, left, drives to the basket as Charlotte Bobcats' Jason Richardson, right, and Jared Dudley defend Monday during the first half of their game in Charlotte, N.C.

Nuggets, Pistons swap Iverson for Billups, McDyess

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Pistons shook the NBA in a big way Monday — landing former MVP Allen Iverson from the Denver Nuggets.

The Pistons gave up All-Star point guard and former NBA finals MVP Chauncey Billups, top reserve Antonio McDyess and project Chet Samba.

"We just felt it was one right time to change our roster," Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars told The Associated Press. "Iverson gives us a dimension that we haven't had here and we really think it's going to help us."

Iverson is in the final year of his contract, making \$20.8 million this season. He could debut with the Pistons on Wednesday night in Toronto. He was very excited about the trade, said Iverson's agent, Leon Rose, told the AP.

Billups is in the second season of a four-year contract worth a guaranteed \$46 million with a \$14 million team option for a fifth year. The Pistons kept McDyess, the free-agent market by giving him a \$13.5 million, two-year contract extension, and they would love to have him back if the cost-cutting Nuggets buy out his contract.

"Two teams had one common problem, or challenge," Nuggets executive Mark Warkentin said. "I think the Pistons looked at (Rodney) Stuckey and saw him as the point guard of tomorrow, and you have an All-Star in the Chauncey who was in his way."

"We're just thrilled with the way J.R. (Smith) is progressing and he had a Hall of Famer in front of him. You understand the motivation of both teams."

The blockbuster deal comes two games into the season for Detroit. The Pistons have been a model of consistency in recent years, but they were determined to transform their core following a third straight exit from the Eastern Conference finals last spring.

The Pistons play Monday night at Charlotte, where the Bobcats are coached by Larry Brown. The Hall of Fame coach helped Billups and the Pistons to the 2004 NBA title and guided the Iverson-led Philadelphia 76ers to a spot in the finals in 2001.

"Trading Marilyn Monroe for Jane Russell. That's not bad," Brown said. "Joe knows what he's doing, and I'm happy Chauncey's going back to Denver and his family is there."

Billups was born in Denver and played in college at Colorado. McDyess also will be enjoying a homecoming of sorts, having been a Nugget



Denver Nuggets guard Allen Iverson walks off the court after colliding with a player from the Los Angeles Lakers Saturday in Denver.

from 1995-97 and 1998-02.

The addition of Billups might please Nuggets fans who have watched the once free-spending franchise trade defensive standout Marcus Camby to the Los Angeles Clippers in the offseason and recently decline to extend Linsley Kiehl's contract.

Iverson brings considerable star power to Detroit. The 20th-leading scorer in NBA history was the league MVP in 2001 — four years after being the Rookie of the Year — and is a nine-time All-Star. He has averaged nearly 28 points for his career and has led the NBA in steals three times, tying a league record.

Philadelphia drafted him No. 1 overall in 1995 out of Georgetown and he spent 11½ seasons with the franchise, leading it to the NBA finals in 2001. He was traded Dec. 19, 2006, to the Nuggets and helped them reach the playoffs twice.

Detroit, which tried to deal for the 33-year-old Iverson at least once before, added a superstar it lacked with Iverson and salary-cap space for next summer by shedding Billups' contract.

Billups is 32 and has bounced around the league after Boston drafted him No. 3 overall in 1997. He then found an NBA home in Detroit and becoming a three-time All-Star, and a two-time All-Defensive player. He was on rosters in Boston, Denver, Orlando and Minnesota in his first four seasons.

Detroit signed him as a free agent in 2002 and he led the franchise to six straight conference finals appearances, the NBA's longest such stretch since the Los Angeles Lakers

dominant run in the 1980s. He was at his best in the 2004 NBA finals when he helped the Pistons win their third title under Brown.

"It's kind of hard for me because of that core group," Brown said. "Every time I look out and don't see Ben (Wallace) there I get a strange feeling. Now not to see Chauncey and Dyess, it's going to be different."

"But Allen is really special. If they want excitement and building they're going to get it because every time he steps on the court he's going to try to win the game. And I don't think you would ever consider giving up Chauncey and Dyess unless you were getting something you thought was pretty special."

Billups struggled in each of the past three conference finals, with the Pistons eliminated in Game 6 each year. He has averaged nearly 15 points and 5½ assists for his career.

McDyess revived his career with the Pistons, playing 321 games over four seasons after career-threatening knee operations. The 2006 Olympian and 2001 All-Star has averaged 13.4 points and 7.7 rebounds for his career. Like Billups, the 34-year-old McDyess is one of the league's most popular players among peers.

Detroit acquired the 7-foot-1 Samba for Maurice Evans from the Lakers during the 2006 draft. The 24-year-old center played in just four NBA games last season, spending much of his year in the NBA Development League, where he led the league with four blocks a game.

Hansbrough unanimous for preseason AP All-America

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press writer

It's no surprise Tyler Hansbrough made The Associated Press' preseason All-America team — this is his record third straight year as its leading vote-getter. For the first time, however, the North Carolina forward was a unanimous selection.

Joining Hansbrough on the team Monday were UCLA guard Darren Collison, also a repeat from last year's preseason team, Davidson guard Stephen Curry, Notre Dame forward Luke Harangody and Oklahoma forward Blake Griffin.

Hansbrough, a 6-foot-9 senior and the reigning national player of the year, was placed on all 72 ballots by the same media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. Hansbrough missed being a unanimous pick last season by one vote, and he fell seven votes short as a sophomore.

The preseason team was first selected before the 1986-87 season. The last unanimous pick was Duke guard Jason Williams in 2001-02, and the last repeat selection was Michigan State guard Mateen Cleaves in 1999-00.

Hansbrough averaged 22.6 points and 10.6 rebounds in leading the Tar Heels to a school-record 36 wins and the Final Four last season. He will miss about two weeks of practice after being diagnosed last week with a stress reaction in his right shin.

"Of course, we are all disappointed for Tyler and our team, but everybody on the roster has a chance to do a little more and play a little better to help make up for the loss of the national player of the year," coach Roy Williams said. "Tyler Williams said he has played in all 108 games in his first three seasons and he did not miss a practice his first two years and only one as a junior."

"To no one's surprise Tyler didn't rest on his previous accomplishments," Williams said. "He worked hard in the offseason to become an even better player. He has grown so much as a person and a player throughout his career and it has been a joy

AP Preseason All-America Team

The Associated Press' 2008-09 preseason All-America team, with school, height, year and votes from a 72-member national media panel (key 2007-08 statistics in parentheses):
Tyler Hansbrough, North Carolina, 6-9, senior, 72 votes (22.6 ppg, 10.2 rpg)
Stephen Curry, Davidson, 6-2, junior, 68 (25.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg)
Luke Harangody, Notre Dame, 6-6, junior, 58 (20.4 ppg, 4.8 rpg)
Darren Collison, UCLA, 6-1, senior, 49 (14.5 ppg, 3.8 rpg)
Blake Griffin, Oklahoma, 6-10, sophomore, 45 (14.7 ppg, 9.1 rpg)

Others receiving votes (alphabetical): A.J. Abrams, Texas; DeJuan Blair, Pittsburgh; Jon Brockman, Washington; Chase Budinger, Arizona; Earl Clark, Louisville; Sherron Collins, Kansas; James Holden, Arizona State; Jue Holsley, UCLA; Lester Hudson, Tennessee-Martin; Derrick James, Texas; Ty Lawson, North Carolina; Patrick Mills, Saint Mary's; Carl Lerum, Fargo; Chandler Patrick Patterson, Kentucky; A.J. Price, Connecticut; Yreke Rice, Boston College; Tyler Smith, Tennessee; Hassan Whiteside, Connecticut; Sam Young, Pittsburgh.

Hansbrough was a second-team All-America after his sophomore season and was a unanimous pick after last season. He is the first national player of the year to return to school since Shaquille O'Neal at LSU in 1991.

"To no one's surprise Tyler didn't rest on his previous accomplishments," Williams said. "He worked hard in the offseason to become an even better player. He has grown so much as a person and a player throughout his career and it has been a joy

to watch."

Curry, who led Davidson's surprising run to the regional finals of last season's NCAA tournament, was second in the voting with 66. Curry averaged 32 points and was 23-of-51 from 3-point range during the tournament run despite seeing defenses aimed at stopping the slender guard. He averaged 25.9 points for the season and his contribution to the team should change some this season with the graduation of point guard Jason Richards, who led the nation in assists.

The 6-8 Harangody, who was named on 58 ballots, was the Big East player of the year last season after averaging 20.4 points and 10.6 rebounds. His inside presence added to the Fighting Irish to average 79 points, tied for the No. 1 spot in the conference.

Collison, a third-team All-America selection after leading the Bruins to a third straight Final Four appearance last season, received 46 votes. The 6-1 senior averaged 14.5 points and 3.8 assists last season, and he will combine with Josh Shipp to give UCLA one of the nation's top backcourts this season.

Griffin, who received 45 votes, surprised many when he decided to return to the Sooners for his sophomore season. The 6-10, 250-pound Griffin averaged 14.7 points and 9.1 rebounds last season in leading Oklahoma through a rough Big 12 schedule and into the NCAA tournament.

Arizona State sophomore James Harden, with 25, was the only other player named on more than nine ballots.

Last year's preseason team was Hansbrough, Collison, Roy Hibbert of Georgetown, Chris Lofton of Tennessee and Drew Neitzel of Michigan State. Hibbert was a second-team selection after the season and Lofton was on the third team.

By Dustin Lapray

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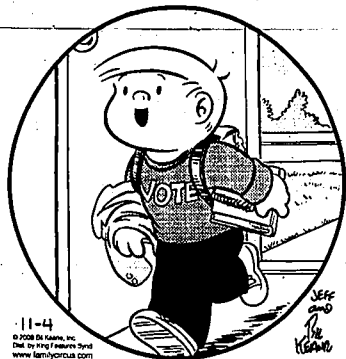
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New mother's boredom may be sign of serious issue

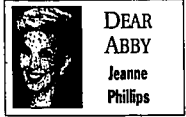
DEAR ABBY: I am 28 years old, married for four years and have an 8-month-old son. For years I knew I wanted children and that I wanted to be a stay-at-home mother for as long as possible. I am taking a year or two off from work as a teacher to stay home with my son.

My problem is I find playing with my son tedious, boring and frustrating. I don't mind caring for his needs, such as cleaning and feeding, but the actual playtime — the part that is supposed to be fun, stimulating and so important to his emotional, physical and social growth — bores me out of my mind.

I spend each day waiting for my son to nap so I can read, go online or watch TV. I count the hours until my husband gets home so I can hand him the baby. I am seriously upset that my husband and I are wrong with me as a mother, especially because I have suffered from depression in the past. Is this a dirty little secret that many mothers keep?

— NEW MOM IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR NEW MOM: No, it is not, and you are right to be concerned. For your sake as well as your son's, it is important that you discuss your feelings with your OB-GYN to make sure you are not suffering from postpartum depression, which is treatable.



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips

You should also consider joining a playgroup, so you will have the company of other mothers. It will give you a healthier perspective than escaping by reading, watching TV or going online.

DEAR ABBY: Have you heard of middle child syndrome? You know, when you are the middle child and your parents seem to spoil and love your older and younger siblings but not you? I'm a 16-year-old girl who has this problem.

I have an older brother and younger sister. My parents love and spoil them but not me. Please don't tell me it's my age or because I'm a girl, because this has been going on ever since I can remember.

— MIDDLE CHILD IN HACKENSACK, N.J.

DEAR MIDDLE CHILD: I have heard of middle child syndrome. And there are cases where the oldest child — or the baby — is favored, but it does not happen in every family.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Bob Dylan knew that the times they are a-changin'. But even the most famous troubadour of these times can't predict whether things will stay the same. It is wise to be prepared for unforeseen contingencies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Resistance is futile. Those fictional space creatures would have you believe that you are outnumbered and outmaneuvered. In real life, you have no ideas or the back burner and wait for better timing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The tables are turned. You might find that the most predictable situations give you a sudden shock or that people frown on what seems politically correct. Delay making major plans, decisions or changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do what you do best. You won't get credit or kudos for experimenting with new techniques if past responsibilities haven't been attended to with care. This isn't the time to present alternative methods or to espouse new causes.

However, I do not think the phenomenon of parents playing favorites is as common as you would like to believe. Each child is loved for different reasons, but all are valued because every child is unique.

Because you feel you have been overlooked, perhaps it's time to turn your frustration into an effort to excel at something. That way, you will find recognition and validation from both your family and from sources outside it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 12-year-old boy who's friends with a girl I'll call "Jenny." She is beautiful, and I want to ask her to the school dance, but there's a problem. My best friend, "Matthew," also likes her.

Truthfully, I think I have a better shot at getting her to go with me because I know she doesn't like Matthew. But if she goes to the dance with me, my friendship with Matthew will be wrecked. What do I do?

— J.D. IN FLORIDA

DEAR J.D.: It's a school dance — why not go? That's what you can ask anyone you want to dance, and if Jenny likes you better than Matthew, she may choose to spend more time with you than with him.

IF NOVEMBER 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You will find that a comfortable rat is the best place to be during the next several months. By repeating the steps that have brought you success in the past, you can continue to enjoy success. This may not seem exciting, but sometimes safety and security are comforting. If you hope to make important changes, wait until next March when you will have an opportunity to break new ground successfully.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Only fools rush in where angels dare to tread. Although you are not in danger of beginning a fresh misunderstanding, you might be tempted to continue to stir an existing pot. Be as nice as possible to everyone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hang on to your hat. The winds of change may create extra work or responsibilities for you during the next month. A shift in political or reshuffling of duties is possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A word to the wise: This may be a great time to get a second opinion, ask for professional guidance or hold a meeting with peers in a similar situation. Sharing plans and thoughts can be beneficial.

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 4, the 309th day of 2008. There are 57 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 4, 1979, the Iran hostage crisis began as militants stormed the United States Embassy in Tehran, seizing its occupants. For some of the hostages, it was the start of 444 days of captivity.

In 1894, Democrat Grover Cleveland was elected to his first term as president, defeating Republican James G. Blaine.

In 1922, the entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered in Egypt.

In 1924, Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming was elected the nation's first female governor to serve out the remaining term of her late husband, William H. Ross.

In 1942, during World War II, Axis forces retreated from El Alamein in North Africa in a major victory for British forces commanded by Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery.

In 1952, Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president, defeating

TODAY IN HISTORY

Democrat Al Stevenson.

In 1956, Soviet troops moved in to crush the Hungarian Revolution.

In 1980, Ronald Reagan won the White House as he defeated President Carter by a strong margin.

In 1988, in a ceremony at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, President Reagan signed a measure providing for U.S. participation in an anti-genocide treaty signed by President Truman in 1948.

In 1991, Ronald Reagan opened his presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif., with a dedication attended by President Bush and former Presidents Carter, Ford and Nixon — the first ever gathering of five past and present U.S. chief executives.

In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a right-wing Israeli minutes after attending a festive peace rally.

Ten years ago in the wake of disappointing election results in

which House Republicans saw their majority trimmed, GOP lawmakers talked of quickly wrapping up the session to avoid a showdown against President Clinton and raised the prospect of challenges to Speaker Newt Gingrich or other party leaders.

Five years ago firefighters in San Diego County contained the company's billions of dollars in California's wildfires. Following a conservative outcry over a made-for-TV movie about former President Ronald Reagan, CBS scrapped plans to televise "The Reagans," sending it off to the

Shuttle cable network instead. One year ago, King Tutankhamen's face was unveiled for the first time to the public more than 3,000 years after the pharaoh was buried in his Egyptian tomb. Clitup Group Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Charles Prince, beset by the company's billions of dollars in losses from investing in bad debt, resigned. Paula Radcliffe outlasted Gete Wam to win her second New York City Marathon in 2:23.09.

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