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ASTRONAUT APPROVED

Former astronaut Morgan praises Jerome turbine

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

A wind turbine stands at the entrance to Jerome Middle School, turning whenever breezy gusts blow through.

The turbine project, started by Jerome students last year, was dedicated on Wednesday with words of praise from former NASA astronaut Barbara Morgan. Morgan, NASA's former Teacher in Space, told the audience that the turbine project is a good way to get students and teachers involved in hands-on education efforts.

"This is the best kind of education," she said, adding that it's good when teachers can become creative. "That means the teachers have as much fun as the kids do."

The turbine's history began last year, when Katie Cutler, the coordinator of gifted and talented students, was talking with 13 junior high students about ideas for possible projects. Wind energy came up, a subject she wasn't familiar with.

Cutler and the students turned to the Internet for more information. A U.S. Department of Energy program, Wind for Schools, provided the school district with access to staff at Boise State University for advice and guidance in planning the turbine. Local contractors and businesses donated services and materials like concrete, electrical work and masonry.

"I can't tell you how much we appreciate the people we went to and asked for donations," Cutler said.

Jerome Superintendent Jim Cobble said the turbine will show students more about wind energy, potentially leading to students to pursue the field further.

"Hopefully, this project



A student at Jerome Middle School skips over a muddy patch in the parking lot near the wind turbine that was completed recently by several students.



Barbara Morgan, a former astronaut and educator from Boise, greets children from Jerome Middle School Wednesday during a special ceremony to celebrate the completion of a wind turbine in front of the new school. Hamilton Smith, 11, at far right, was one of several students who participated in the project.

Water versus power showdown

Canal companies appeal language in Milner Dam license

By Kate Poppo
Times-News writer

Two Magic Valley canal companies have appealed the terms of a water-right license for Milner Dam, arguing that it includes substantial changes from the permit the dam's power plant has operated under for about 15 years.

On Oct. 20, the Idaho Department of Water Resources approved a license for about 5,700 cubic feet per second of water for the North Side and Twin Falls canal companies to use at Milner.

IDWR hearing officer and former Idaho Chief Justice

Gerald Schroeder will hear the companies' appeal. IDWR Director Dave Tutthill said Wednesday. Schroeder will set a hearing date at a future point.

Perhaps the biggest issue, and the one Tutthill spent the most time explaining in his order, is the removal of language that kept the state from taking some of the water for recharging the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. It's a complex argument, and rests on the fact that the Snake River is essentially treated as two rivers above and below Milner Dam.

The state allows for the river to be completely diverted at Milner, replenishing itself downstream through springs providing water from the aquifer. No water-right holders above Milner can

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Update: Body in bale crushed to death

Garden City Police think they know who man is, but not releasing name

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

An unidentified man found Monday in a bale of recycled paper at a manufacturing plant in Twin Falls died from crushing injuries consistent with being compacted, Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg announced Wednesday.

Workers at Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. in Twin Falls called police Monday

morning saying they found the dead body in a large bale of recycled paper.

Authorities say the compacted bale of recycled paper the man was found in may have come from Boise Recycling.

Garden City Police think they know who the man is, but aren't releasing his name until they've completed fingerprinting and notified next of kin, said Garden City Police Det. Mike Babbett.

The man is believed to have been homeless, Caucasian, between the ages of 50 and 53, and the death "doesn't look suspicious at this time," Babbett said Wednesday.

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"I hope this isn't the fella. The guy they showed the picture of was a pretty nice guy. That would be a real tragedy."

— Henry Krewer, mission coordinator at Corpus Christi House in Boise which the man who was found in the bale is believed to have frequented

P&Z member resigns

New sign ordinance rattled Stroder, said T.E. Council ignored recommendations

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission member Karen Stroder resigned Wednesday, citing what she described as disregard for the commission's input by the Twin Falls City Council.

Stroder, who was appointed seven years ago, criticized the City Council for favoring the interest of business over that of citizens, particularly in the new sign code ordinance the council adopted Nov. 3. She singled out one council member — in an interview Stroder named

Councilman David E. Johnson — for apparently dismissing the commission's four hours of debate and supporting the 31-page sign code as drafted by a nine-member committee.

"... Despite the fact that (Johnson) said he had no disrespect for the Planning & Zoning Commission, he basically indicated that the (sign revision committee's) input was more important than the input from P&Z and stated that he intended to vote against their recommendations," wrote Stroder, who watched the council deliberations on public access television.

"Even the city's staff report indicated that the committee was 'a little stacked' in favor of a more lenient code, with six of the nine members being business owners."

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Costly herd BLM to decide what to do with wild horses

By Kate Poppo
Times-News writer

If you can't care for your horses, do you sell them off to the next person to come along, or do you put them down?

Prompted by a review of its recent performance, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management is expected to decide soon how to handle a vast surplus of captured wild horses, the care of which has consumed most of the agency's budget for managing the animals.

Federal law requires the BLM to manage wild horse and burro herds, removing animals from overpopulated areas. Though the agency is allowed to humanely put down the animals, it hasn't in the recent past because of concerns over public and congressional reactions to such a move, said Tom Gorey,



Wild horses, like this one which roams the high desert west of Hagerman, are growing in numbers and putting a strain on Bureau of Land Management funding. The BLM feeds the various herds that roam the Intermountain West.

a spokesman for the agency in Washington, D.C.

The agency is also allowed to sell off certain horses if

they are not adopted, but has not.

As a result, the agency is now "overwhelmed" by the

Can't afford your horses?

Officials suggest working with local horse groups to find them a new home rather than releasing them. Visit <http://www.wildhorseand-burns.blm.gov/> for more on wild horses and the BLM.

number of horses it's caring for, Gorey said Wednesday. About 30,000 horses are now kept in long-term pastures in the Midwest and short-term facilities elsewhere in the country, eating up nearly three-fourths of the \$37 million wild-horse budget.

The problem has been compounded by other factors, including a nationwide decrease in the number of

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MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"It's About Time!" "Tiger Indoor Marching Extravaganza," features the 88 members of marching unit in Broadway-style review (marching, dancing, comedy, flag work and wide range of music from movies to rock), 7 p.m., Jerome High School auditorium, \$7 general seating, \$15 seating includes \$10-value raffle ticket for uniquely constructed children's playhouse, (208) 329-0523.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Burley Area Action Team (BAAT), seeking monetary donations for Downtown Burley flower boat beautification project for spring and summer, (208) 678-0968, (208) 421-0030 or dellemis45@yahoo.com.

American Legion Bibles, 7:20 a.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1.195 Jiaci puts, 536-6358.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twin Falls Kiwanis weekly meeting and lunch, a volunteer organization serving the community and children, noon, Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., visitors welcome, trent.stimson2@scs.us.com.

Twin Falls Optimist Club, open to interested members of the community, noon, Mandarin House, 324-3333 or chris@southernidaho-freightline.com.

The Magic Valley Quilters Guild meeting, 1 p.m., Southside Electric, Deco, quilting of all levels of expertise welcome, 873-9577.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, 8 p.m., VFW Hall, 554 Hilland Ave., Burley, 679-1506.

EXHIBITS

David Robert Paintings Art Show, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Joan B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

GOVERNMENT

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

Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.

Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Lottery, 2301 Progressive Drive, (775) 755-2356.

Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.

Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road, 764-2333.

Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer, 432-5469.

Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main, 862-3313.

Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave., 734-9490.

Idaho City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4101.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary; 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Buhl old middle school gym, no cost, 732-6475.

Meal Education Workshop by Dr. Mary Holley, 9:30 a.m. presentation at RAC meeting, Health and Welfare building, Pole Line Road; no host brown bag lunch; and 1 to 4 p.m. session, United Way building, 421 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, no cost, seating limited, (208) 733-4922.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 chapters of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.

Senior Health Insurance Benefit Advisory (SHIBA), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Minidoka County Senior Center, 438-9107 for appointment.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave., Burley, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2971.

ShedSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

TOPS Weight Support Group Chapter No. 256, 5:15 p.m., Heyburn Elementary School lunch room, 1431 17th St., 732-6622.

Overseer's Anonymous, 6 p.m., 109 Seventh Ave. E., (red log building with cannon), Jerome, 324-5019.

Introduction to Massage and Complimentary Therapies, what they are and how can they help you, 7 p.m., 140 Hansen St. E., Ste. 9, Twin Falls, no cost, 539-6954.

ACTS Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road behind D & B Supply, Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Pinocchio, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

LIBRARY

Used Book Sale, many books (especially for children) by Friends of Burley Public Library, during library hours, Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.

Daycare Storytime, 10 a.m., for children of daycares and homeschooled, Jerome Public Library, (208) 324-5427.

Friends of the Library Afternoon Book Club, discussion of "Team of Rivals: the Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" by Doris Kearns, 1:30 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.

SPORTS

Equipment check-in, skis, snowboards, winter camping equipment, or other winter recreation clothing or gear for College of Southern Idaho Ski Club's 39th annual Ski Swap, 3 to 5 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center, CSI campus, Twin Falls, small commission deduction on all merchandise that sells, 732-6262.

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

Turbine

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will help students prepare for a career in that field," he said.

In an interview, Morgan said the turbine is a project that shows science to students in a realistic setting.

"Everybody gets to work together on real science, real research," said Morgan, now retired from NASA and teaching at Boise State University.

For organizations such as NASA, its space efforts depend on people who are knowledgeable in math and science, Morgan said.

"You have to have people

who really know the math and science to figure all that stuff out," she said, adding that the learning starts with young students excited about science.

Jonathan Blackburn, 14, now a ninth-grader, was involved in planning the project last year. He said research energy should be looked at in the future as another source of power. Blackburn likes science, though he doesn't know yet if his future career will involve wind energy.

"I might pop up," he said.

Morgan was selected as

the backup candidate for the NASA Teacher in Space Program in 1985 and trained with the Challenger crew at NASA's center in Houston. After the Challenger accident, she assumed the Teacher in Space duties, speaking to educational organizations from March 1986 to July 1986. In 1986, she returned to McCall-Donnelly Elementary School in McCall to teach, and continued working with NASA, completing her first space flight in 2007.

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Picks

Pat Marcantonio

Things to go and do today

• **Cinema in Espanol.** In other words, Latin American Film Night, Noche de Cine Latino, at 7 p.m. in room 106 of the Canyon Building at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The film is "Días de Santiago" centering on a young Peruvian man. It's free. A discussion follows.

• **Strike up the band.** "Armstrong's Tigers," Jerome High School's prize-winning

band, presents "Tiger Indoor Marching Extravaganza" at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium. The performance stars 88 students in a Broadway-style review with dancing, comedy, flag work and a range of music. Tickets are \$7 for general seating or \$15 which includes a raffle ticket to win a children's playhouse.

• **You got to know when to**

fold 'em. The Twin Falls Poker League holds Texas Hold'em tournaments at Kruezer's Night Life, 121 Fourth Ave. S. Doors open at 6 p.m. No entry fee. It's fun to play and watch.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at pam@magicvalley.com.

Water

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That means downstream users rely on the aquifer and what water comes back from the canals. As the aquifer has shrunk over the years, the Legislature and state water officials have made putting water back into it a priority, Tuthill argued — one not just suggested, but legally required.

At the same time, he wrote, the exemption in the permit for recharge projects also allowed the canal companies to make demands they shouldn't be able to on upstream water. So, to satisfy the state's recent priorities and remove the problem, he removed the language.

Tuthill's decision, however,

means that for the first time, the state can deduct some water from the Minner flows to go further upstream. That could harm the hydropower plant, reducing the power it can generate.

According to the petition, the canal companies are also questioning language allowing IDWR to review the water license when the hydropower project's FERC license expires in 2038, as well as an "annual diversion volume" limitation they argue was never previously mentioned.

Both the review language and the volume limitation are now standard in such water licenses, Tuthill said. He pointed to a court decision

from earlier this year that upheld his ability to change the license language from that of the permit.

Travis Thompson, a Twin Falls attorney who is representing the canal companies, said he had little comment to add at the moment, as appeal is in its early stages.

The license, Tuthill said, could have been issued since 1993 but hadn't been because of a backlog in licensing and the fact that it required more extensive legal analysis. It also depended on a review of the Swan Falls Agreement, a 24-year-old deal between Idaho Power and the state in which Idaho Power surrendered water rights for guarantees it would receive average daily minimum flows at its power plant along the falls.

Body

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Officials investigated about 20 recycling trash receptacle areas where the man may have been in Boise and Garden City, said Babbett.

Police also think the man

may have frequented Corpus Christi House, Inc. in Boise, where authorities flashed a picture of a man suspected to be the one from the bale.

Henry Kremer, mission coordinator at Corpus Christi House, confirmed the man in the picture was a familiar face.

"I hope this isn't the fellow,"

showed the picture of the man. "The guy they showed the picture of was a pretty nice guy. That would be a real tragedy."

After the man's autopsy Wednesday, Sonnenberg said his office could not determine the cause of death or the cause of the man's death.

The man's name may be released this afternoon, said Babbett.

Horses

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hore adoptions, Gorey said. Higher hay and transportation costs have dropped annual adoptions from 5,700 in 2005 to not even 4,000 in 2007, the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

"The situation is becoming worse, not better," Gorey said.

Now, a Government Accountability Office review of BLM actions has concluded the agency is not complying with federal requirements. No BLM decision on the matter is expected until sometime after its National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board video recommendations on Monday in Reno, Nev. But the GAO report, Gorey said, makes it clear that officials have to do something.

In the Magic Valley, various officials still say the situation has been complicated by the 2007 ban on slaughtering horses inside the U.S., coupled with the slowing economy. The combination, they say, leads people to either

provide inadequate care for their horses or abandon them on public and private lands.

Nationally, Gorey said the BLM has recorded "some small-scale abandonment," though no major upswings in cases. But locally, abandonment is rising, including a recent string in Owyhee County.

Sheriff Gary Aman said he's aware of 12 horses left in parts of the county over the last three weeks, up from just one this time last year. Byrnes, spokeswoman for the BLM's Boise District, said she's aware of six. Officials managed to find homes for the six, she said, but it wasn't easy — not even the state or groups such as the Humane Society can afford to take the animals.

The abandonments, she said, are a sign that people don't understand that herds of wild horses won't accept domestic-raised newcomers. "Those wild horses are they're predators," she said. It's not, as many people think, that their "little guy" will go and find a happy family.

The problem isn't consistent across the state. Twin Falls County Sheriff spokeswoman Lori Nebecker said the department is seeing more neglect cases instead. But the overall issue has gotten the attention of Gov. CL "Butch" Otter, who within the last week directed the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to work with the Idaho Horse Council on ways to encourage owners to keep their animals. Said Otter spokesman Jon Hanan, efforts could include forming owner cooperatives allowing them to buy food more cheaply, he said. ISDA Chief of Staff Pam Jucker said the department is looking into the matter.

The BLM will work on improving its program, including its counts. National officials have acknowledged that they undercount the wild horse population, and Twin Falls District spokeswoman Heather Thiel-Nelson said the tight budget has hampered efforts to count abandoned horses.

"It's all been hearsay," she said of comparing notes with counterparts in Oregon and California.

Stroder

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A city official confirmed the city received Stroder's e-mail and said there is now a vacancy.

The new ordinance is a comprehensive document designed to classify all types of signs that are — or could be — found in Twin Falls. The council deliberated for nearly two hours.

Johnson, who sat on the sign committee, acknowledged he "led the charge" to preserve its recommendations. But he noted the council only rejected six of the recommendations. Johnson's 14 amendments. He described himself as "liberal" on signs, but said council members on the committee — Greg Lanting and Don Hall — offered different views which he said they had not picked the sign committee.

"I don't think it's fair to say

we ram-ran everything through on behalf of business," Johnson said. "It would have been less than fair to not express my views and we did everything to do to preserve a fair and balanced code. It's business friendly and community friendly."

But Stroder said the sign code favors business, particularly since the committee included businessmen like Rex Lytle, whose company makes many local signs. She noted how no one on the commission was asked to participate, and Johnson's job — general manager for Con Paulos — made him unable to find the sign without thinking about his business.

"I just think that as a businessman he's going to look at (the code) from the perspective of the business community," she said in an interview.

But Johnson said he's a

how some businesses need signs, which must be regulated fairly. He said Stroder was a good commissioner and he respects her opinion but disagreed.

(The sign committee) probably had different information or maybe more information than in the few hours sessions by the P&Z," he said.

"I felt pretty strongly that because we did have a balanced committee, the council's recommendations ought to be listened to."

Stroder also wrote the council generally appears to have little regard for the planning and zoning commission.

"I can no longer be a part of a system that I see as broken," she wrote. "While some of these business people would say that the community could not exist without them, the same can be said for the city. The businesses could not exist without their support."

Hailey airport hopes to increase business

Airport has had perception that it's mostly for celebrities

HAILEY (AP) — The airport that serves the Sun Valley area needs to overcome a perception that it's mostly for celebrity jets if it wants business to increase, an airport official said.

Ron Fairfax, a pilot and member of the airport authority for Friedman

Memorial Airport in Hailey, said the field has a reputation for attracting large luxury jets — which other pilots call "big iron" — that bring the rich to the central Idaho resort.

That produces "an intimidation factor," he said last week at an airport authority meeting, the Idaho Mountain Express reported.

Fairfax said the perception has pilots of smaller planes concerned they could have to pay more to refuel their planes at the airport, and that if they landed they would have little room to maneuver.

Airport managers say gen-

eral aviation business in fuel sales and in landings and takeoffs at the airport was down about 26 percent in July, August and September, compared with the same period last year.

Airport Manager Rick Baird blamed some of the slowdown on the economy. But he said tower controllers had cost the airport some business by suggesting to pilots that training flights and touch-and-go landings be done at other airports. That caused those pilots to land and refuel elsewhere.

The airport gets a fair number of celebrity jets.

Each July, media and Web kingpins gather at the annual Allen & Co. conference, often causing delays in landings and takeoffs.

Len Hartig, also a member of the airport authority, said he and Baird would meet with Charles Mathiesen, a member of the Blaine County Pilots Association, to come up with recommendations to draw in more small plane pilots.

Eventually, plans call for moving the airport out of Hailey and to the south. The new location would have a longer runway and allow larger aircraft to land.

Group seeks to halt North Idaho bypass construction

SANDPOINT (AP) — A group in northern Idaho has asked a federal judge to halt construction of the U.S. Highway 95 bypass in Sandpoint.

The North Idaho Community Action Network on Monday filed a motion seeking an injunction in U.S. District Court.

"The whole purpose of this, really, is to just maintain the status quo while the case is heard," said Liz Sedler, executive director of NICAN. "The case will be fully briefed by the end of January, which is not that far away."

"The filing came less than two weeks after state officials broke ground on the Sand Creek Bypass, intended to route high-speed traffic away from downtown

Sandpoint. The \$100-million bypass is part of a series of huge construction projects in northern Idaho's lake country that are designed to improve traffic safety in the tourist region.

Officials say they are concerned the project will be a blight on Sandpoint's scenic waterfront, and contend the project violates the federal Clean Water Act.

The Idaho Transportation Department said they will fight the injunction.

"Until there is a stop order, we're going forward," Barbara Babic, action network spokeswoman for the Panhandle region, told the Bonner County Daily Bee.

Wyo. judge disputes D.C. judge's snowmobile order

By Matt Joyce
Associated Press writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A federal judge in Wyoming said a judge in Washington, D.C., was wrong to reject the government's snowmobile plan for Yellowstone National Park, but said he doesn't have the power to revoke or alter the decision.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer also ordered the National Park Service, while it's in the process of developing new winter snowmobile rules, to reinstate a 4-year-old temporary rule that would allow even more snowmobiles in the park this season.

"This will prevent businesses and tourists with the certainty that is needed in this confusing litigation," Brimmer wrote in a ruling issued Friday.

Brimmer's 21-page ruling criticized U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan of Washington, D.C., for hearing a case regarding Yellowstone's winter use plan instead of deferring to the court in Wyoming.

"The livelihood of many residents depends on the rules promulgated and effected by (the Park Service)," Brimmer said. "Justice would seem to require, therefore, that a court sitting in the same state that these parks are located be given the opportunity to decide a case of this magnitude."



A guide prepares to lead a group of snowmobilers inside Yellowstone National Park in Montana, in this undated photo.

In September, Sullivan threw out the Park Service's winter use plan after environmentalists sued over provisions that would have allowed 603 snowmobiles a day in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. Sullivan agreed with the plaintiffs that the plan would increase air

pollution, disturb wildlife and cause too much noise.

Brimmer is also presiding over a legal challenge to the snowmobile plan. In that case, the state of Wyoming

and others are seeking an order to allow more snowmobiles than the Park Service plan called for. Surrounding communities have been vocal in their support for snowmobiling as one of the winter tourism it generates.

Brimmer said in his ruling that the Park Service's winter use plan should have been upheld.

"The Court believes that the (Park Service) thoroughly reviewed and investigated the effects of the final rule on the environment of the parks," he said.

Since Sullivan threw out the winter plan, Yellowstone managers have been rushing to develop a temporary plan to keep the park open to snowmobiles this winter. The Park Service is now taking public comment on a proposal that would lower by 40 percent the snowmobiles allowed in the two parks.

The new proposal calls for a cap of 318 snowmobiles a day in Yellowstone and another 50 in Grand Teton to the south. Park administrators have said they expect it will be accepted by Dec. 15.

Spokesman AJ Nash said park managers were still reviewing Brimmer's ruling on Wednesday to determine its impact and whether the park would need to take any action in response.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

Monday-Wednesday arrangements: Arren Andrusimus; Jan. 23, Twin Falls; battery, recognition release; Jan. 13 pretrial; public defender appointed.

Arnell L. Wood, 18, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, leaving the scene; recognition release; Jan. 13 pretrial; public defender appointed. **Jesse E. Rey-Gutierrez, 23, Twin Falls;** resisting/obstructing an officer; \$1,000 bond; public defender appointed; Dec. 23 pretrial.

Jesse E. Rey-Gutierrez, 23, Twin Falls; unlawful possession of a firearm, burglary; Nov. 21 preliminary hearing; \$100,000 bond; public defender appointed. **Benjamin Vandecar, 30, Twin Falls;** possession of paraphernalia; Jan. 6 pretrial; public defender appointed. **Jessica A. Muro, 18, Blaine;** burglary; Nov. 21 preliminary hearing; \$5,000 bond; public defender appointed. **Jessica A. Smith, 47, Twin Falls;** DUI; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed; Nov. 21 preliminary hearing.

Lawrence Barnes, 28, Twin Falls; trafficking in methamphetamine; Nov. 21 preliminary hearing; \$50,000 bond; public defender appointed.

Thomas Lagunas, 57, Boise; DUI; Nov. 21 preliminary hearing; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed.



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OTHER VIEWS

UI shouldn't pay former officials to do nothing

Moscow-Pullman Daily News

They're not the kind of golden parachutes being handed out to corporate bigwigs, but some former University of Idaho and Washington State University administrators are landing rather softly after leaving their positions.

Former UI College of Engineering Dean Aicha Elshabini stepped down last month, leaving the college scrambling to find a replacement to lead it through the university's "re-prioritization" process.

For some reason, the UI has found it necessary to continue paying Elshabini her annual dean's salary of about \$230,831 for the next six months.

Her salary will be reduced to \$184,668 thereafter, but those of us outside the Administration Building are left to wonder why she deserves to continue being compensated for a job she is no longer doing.

In that way, her situation isn't much different than that of former Washington State University provost Steven Hoch, who was demoted last month following a run-in with a senior administrator.

Hoch is being paid \$245,000 a year as a faculty member in the history department simply because of some fine print in the job offer he received from the university.

That's about three times the annual salary paid to his new peers, and represents a serious waste of taxpayer money considering the return on the state's investment.

It's not as though Hoch or Elshabini would starve on straight faculty salaries in a region where the median income is nowhere near that of your average tenured professor.

Both universities are in the midst of hiring freezes and are seeking to cut programs and reduce spending as the nation dangles on the precipice of a prolonged recession.

We suggest they start looking at the top, because Elshabini and Hoch probably aren't the only ones being paid big bucks for work that isn't being performed.

Their view:

The Moscow-Pullman Daily News said the University of Idaho can't afford to hand out golden parachutes.

Deflating America's economic recovery

WASHINGTON — Until recently, the idea that deflation — the decline of most prices — was possible, let alone a potential economic danger, seemed outlandish. If anything, inflation was the threat. Led by rising oil and food prices, it was increasing in most countries. But in the past two months, deflation has suddenly become conceivable and, though still a long shot, it's much more menacing than most people realize. The most urgent economic task for Barack Obama and other leaders is to prevent the long shot from happening.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

A mild deflation — like a mild inflation — would be barely noticeable, and even pleasurable. Who doesn't like lower prices? But beyond a few percentage points, deflation can create economic havoc by forcing debtors to repay loans in more expensive money and causing consumers to postpone purchases. In the Great Depression, deflation reigned. Consumer prices fell about a quarter from 1929 to 1933. Spending collapsed. Supply swamped demand, driving prices down. By 1933, manufacturing output had dropped 39 percent and joblessness had reached 25 percent.

It's this history that makes deflation terrifying. Obama and his fellow leaders should worry. Since mid-September, economic conditions have deteriorated badly. In October, General Motors' U.S. sales were down 45 percent from a year earlier. Toyota's 26 percent payroll employment dropped 240,000, the 10th straight month of decline. Abroad, signs of distress also abounded. In September, manufacturing orders in Germany fell 8 percent from August. Stock markets in developing countries have declined about a third since September.

By all odds, this signals a

recession that, though severe, fits within the post-World War II experience. It will suppress inflation, not trigger deflation. Remember: U.S. consumer prices in September were about 5 percent higher than a year earlier; in developing countries, inflation now averages about 9 percent. Remember, too, the economy has changed fundamentally since the 1930s. Then, factories and farms dominated. Goods quickly depressed prices of wheat, steel and meat. Now, our service economy feeds health care, entertainment and education. Their prices are less volatile.

Still, this crisis has repeatedly confounded "experts." A few months ago, it was widely believed that many poor countries had largely escaped the financial turmoil of rich countries. Their growth would cushion the downturns in the advanced world. No more. In 2007, China grew 11.9 percent and India 9.3 percent. The latest forecast from the International Monetary Fund cuts their growth in 2009 to 8.5 percent and 6.3 percent. Indeed, the IMF has tossed out forecasts made only a month ago. It now predicts harsher recessions for rich countries and slower growth for poor countries.

So, there's an outside possibility that we're on the doorstep of a more dangerous global downturn.

Something significant happened in mid-September, either caused by the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers or coincident with Trustee financial institutions evaporated. Credit spreads — the gap between commercial interest rates and rates on safe Treasury securities — exploded. Stock markets plunged. Economies everywhere lurched downward.

Prices for basic commodities, the feedstock of modern economies, attest to a major break. Since early summer, they'd drifted down from historical highs that were usually attributed to strong demand from China and India. Suddenly, prices nosedived. It wasn't just oil, now about \$60 a barrel, down from almost \$150. Copper fell from about \$8,900 a metric ton in June to \$3,800, aluminum from \$3,000 a ton to \$1,900. "I've never seen markets turn this quickly or violently," says economist John Matherole of IHS Global Insight.

In theory, lower commodity prices could be a boon. If the propensity to spend among consuming nations is greater than among producing nations, lower prices would promote a global recovery. But in practice, lower commodity prices might herald a broader deflation. We don't know.

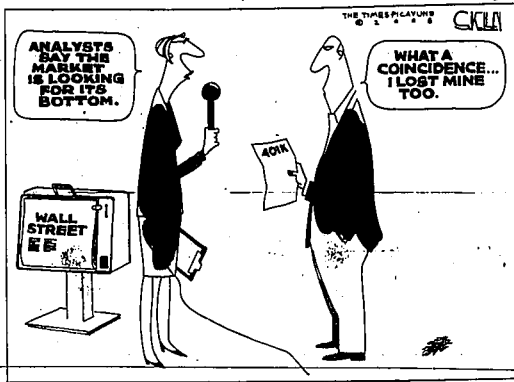
But we do know that a severe deflation could abort any recovery. Its harm would

operate through two channels, says economist Desmond Lachman of the American Enterprise Institute. First, debt: As prices fell and old debts stayed fixed, companies would have a harder time repaying; bankruptcies and unemployment would increase; banks would suffer more loan losses; the same process would happen to household debts if wages fell.

Second, deferred spending: If people believe prices will be lower next month, they may wait to buy if too many shoppers wait, the economy spirals downward.

The specter of deflation explains much of what many governments are doing. Government central banks — the Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank, the Bank of England — are cutting interest rates. But given the reluctance of many banks to lend and many households to borrow, the effect may be muted. A "stimulus package" of more spending increases and tax cuts would provide extra insurance against an economic free fall. The trick for Obama and other leaders is to ensure that such commitments are temporary — and don't worsen grim long-term budget outlooks.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obama may take us for one hell of a ride

Today I watched a portion of President-elect Barack Obama's first news conference and, quite frankly, I didn't recognize him. His demeanor had totally changed (at least in my opinion) from candidate to President-elect.

I guess if you knew for a fact that for at least the next four years your lawn care is free, you have a cell phone with unlimited hours and no roaming fees, you have someone to take care of the new puppy, the 747 is always full of gas and Joe the Plumber is on call 24-7 to fix any drips at your new White House, why wouldn't your demeanor "change"? From your pants to your belt, boys and girls, I think we are all in for one hell of a ride.

"Change" is certain;

progress is not.
DWAYNE WAGSTAFF
Twin Falls

Parents have to be there for kids when they fall

Parenting isn't getting any easier. It's shocking the amount of X-rated advertising that continues to bombard our homes by way of family television and the Internet. Early exposure to adult materials, etc., can lead to promiscuity and even sex addiction among our children without some safeguards. This is a parental responsibility.

Protecting and educating our children about the dangers of unsafe products around the house and garage like aerosol containers, gas cans and other items that can be inhaled to get high is another ongoing responsibility of parenting. Boundaries protect those we love.

Statistics show that one of

every six sophomores smokes marijuana and one of every four seniors smokes marijuana. It is the No. 1 drug used by teenagers. Kids begin using for acceptance, problems at home or school and peer pressure. They may become irritable, restless and anxious, while their grades suffer and they drop out of sports. If you think you have a child using marijuana or some other drug, find out. It's all about responsibility.

Kids will be less likely to drink if they have healthy things to fill their lives. A safe environment and a strong support structure will help them through the turbulent years of testing their wings until they can actually fly on their own. A parent has to be there for them when they fall. Labeling, judging and pushing them away won't help if you let them crash and be destroyed.

Believe in your kid until he

can believe in himself.
LOYD BAKWELL
Twin Falls

County (and taxpayers) treat prisoners just fine

Here's an answer to the gent's lackey in jail.

Did you think it was going to be a party hanging with your homies in the county crib? As a taxpayer taking care of you, I think you are being treated just fine. I hope you are telling everyone you know how bad things are in there; maybe that will be a deterrent. Your time there was not meant to be comfortable, and I would much prefer my tax dollars were going toward taking care of children and the elderly. When you get out, go off the pity pot, get a job and stop whatever it was you were doing to get you there in the first place.
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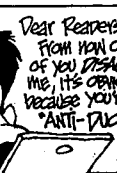
By Bruce Tinsley



Dear Readers,



HEY... I DIDN'T SIT THROUGH THE ENTIRE 2008 CAMPAIGN AND NOT LEARN ANYTHING...



We don't need 'D' or 'R' after politicians' names

The election's over; should political parties be over too? It is time to junk the D's and the R's after politicians' names, and all the baggage that comes with them.

How meaningful and relevant are candidates' political parties anymore? When a New England Republican can be more progressive than a Texas Democrat, when millions regard themselves as independents and occupy the takeout-menu middle on political issues, why do we need to belong to parties? Why red, white, blue, why even purple, when there's the big deluxe Crayola box to choose from? Barack Obama is in the Democratic Party but in some ways seems not to be of it. He built his own political operation and fundraising mechanisms, and so — unlike Bill Clinton, who constructed his political machine within the party framework — he left the Democratic edifice than



PATT MORRISON

he does to the support of an even bigger tent full of Americans. The voters' \$10 or \$20 donations gave them a much greater stake in Obama's candidacy than that D after his name. They had actual skin in this game.

The same is true of John McCain, the self-styled maverick who would have done better, as he well knew, without that scarlet "R" on his chest.

If we are postmodern and post-racial, is it time to be post-party, with a new candidate-by-candidate, issue-by-issue model that doesn't reach across the aisle but gets rid of the aisle altogether?

The country could, as it often does, follow

California. The reform governor, Hiram Johnson, was onto something in 1911 when he made all local offices nonpartisan and banned parties from endorsing in nonpartisan races. Both state parties were in the grip of the Southern Pacific Railroad — "The Octopus" of the I. Frank Norris novel — and Johnson's reforms gave voters ways around the party bosses, like the ballot initiative and nonpartisan local elections.

This puzzles newcomers and pundits who grew up with the great party patronage machines of cities in the East and the Midwest. That's not how we do things here in California. As the 2000 Democratic National Convention was ramping up in L.A., Gov. Gray Davis told my Los Angeles Times colleague, George Skelton, that Californians' attitude was to turn at best. "Go have your convention. We're going surfing."

"Republican" and "Democrat" are still weighty designations. State-level races aren't covered by Johnson's ban, and Sacramento politicians still live and die by those R's and D's. Even in local contests, voters realize that candidates probably have some party identity, but overall the party apparatus just isn't as powerful as it could be.

For example, California has repeatedly knocked down state party walls with open and crossover primary voting (until Republicans and Democrats united to close them back up again). An open system was in effect for a time after World War II. In 1948, republican congressional candidate Richard Nixon won the Democratic primary. A Democratic campaigner described him as "a fearless champion of ... Democratic principles." Two years earlier, GOP Gov. Earl Warren — the future Supreme Court justice — got re-elected in the primary

because he was on all the parties' ballots. It won with the Republicans, Democrats and Progressives — no general gubernatorial election necessary.

Before wall-to-wall news and the Internet, political parties were information conduits to voters. Now every voter can find a candidate's Web site and discover where he or she stands on everything from credit swap defaults to hunting wolves from helicopters. Without D's or R's after their names, candidates would have to take a stand on every matter of substance, and without that easy party-affiliation shorthand, voters would have to do their homework.

California voters take to this naturally. Nearly 20 percent register as "decline to state." And "Party of One," the title of Sacramento Bee columnist Dan Weintraub's

book about Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, is about right. There are years of daylight between the governor and some California Republicans, not to mention national party mavens. Schwarzenegger, who endorsed McCain, was merely polite about Sarah Palin. A party-free system hews closer to what the founders desired; James Madison in particular was mistrustful of parties, which he called "factions," referring in the Federalist Papers to "the mischief of factions."

So how about this bumper sticker? "Free the Capitol Hill 535." Like everything else about democracy, it'd be messy and imperfect — but better than the alternative.

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Don't force doctors to act against their beliefs

I am a pro-choice atheist. But I support a regulation by the Bush administration, recently promulgated, that would cut federal funding to nearly 600,000 hospitals, clinics, health plans, doctors' offices and other entities if they do not allow their employees to opt out of providing certain types of care — including abortion services — on grounds of conscience and personal belief.

Ask yourself: What are some of the bad things that have happened because people refused, on conscientious grounds, to do what the institutions in which they were embedded demanded? Now ask yourself: What are some of the bad things that have happened because people suppressed serious qualms and did what they were ordered to do?

The idea that we must respect individual conscience as a moral arbiter is a fundamental insight of the Protestant Reformation and of the American individualism of such figures as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. It is at the core of our traditions and our freedoms. This idea means nothing if we respect it when we agree with its results and not when we don't.

For example, many people who favor abortion rights defended the right of health-care providers to dispense abortion services when it was illegal to do so. Their argu-



CRISPIN SARTWELL

ment was that women had a right to control their own reproduction. It was, at least in some respects, an individualist and a conscientious argument. But if we respect the right of women to control their bodies, we ought to respect the rights of doctors to control their own actions. And if we respect the decision to perform abortions, we ought to respect the refusal to do so.

One measure of the decency and democracy inherent in an institution is the degree to which it can allow scope for individual conscience — the degree to which it allows people autonomy in fundamental matters. The extent to which an institution seeks to expunge individual conscience and moral autonomy is the extent to which it is totalitarian — and dangerous.

Thoreau, in "Civil Disobedience," said this: "Must the citizen ever for a moment, or in the least degree, resign his conscience to the legislator? Why has every man a conscience, then? I think that we should be men first, and subjects afterward."

And he argued that

although I am under no obligation to try to fix all injustices, I am under something like an absolute obligation to not push forward things that I regard as unjust, to not participate in things I regard as wrong or gratuitously harmful. Some doctors and nurses regard abortion in precisely this way, taught so by their religion or by their experiences. I don't happen to agree with them, but the objection is clear and principled, and it ought to be respected.

The idea that, in assuming some function — some career, for instance — I resign my conscience to the institution or to the state is perhaps the single most pernicious notion in human history. It is at the heart of the wars and genocides of this century and the last. It is the first — the only — defense in any crimes-against-humanity trial: I was just doing my job; I was just obeying orders.

Mobilizing a whole nation into a killing machine for war, the Holocaust, the spasm of ethnic cleansing, requires the idea of the supremacy of the

group and the institution over the individual. If history teaches us nothing else, it is that this attitude brings us face to face with the void, nudges us into the abyss.

What will make us all essentially evil and perhaps end life on Earth is the bland bureaucracy with its regulations, and the willingness of people to capitulate to it. Of course, people can refuse to participate by quitting, fleeing and so on. But a decent society would not require extraordinary moral heroism; it would respect people's fundamental moral commitments.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for all those who made market a success

Twin Falls Farmer's Market was a great success! With the start of fall comes the end of the Farmer's Market. As a vendor, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to visit us and buy our products. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with various crafts, food, artistic items and even doggie treats.

I feel the board did an excellent job of overseeing the success of the Farmer's Market. A special thanks to Diane and Charlie Stevens who have dedicated a lot of time and effort to make this summer so successful for all of us.

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Chesney wins CMA's Entertainer of the Year

By John Gerome
AP Entertainment writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kenny Chesney won his fourth entertainer of the year award — tying Garth Brooks for the most wins in the category — at Wednesday's CMA awards, a ceremony highlighted by a lavish performance by Taylor Swift, a surprise appearance by rapper Lil Wayne, and the return of one of country's biggest stars, Shania Twain.

"You look really good," Chesney remarked to Twain, who wore a sexy, low-cut dress as she presented Chesney with his award. Twain is one of country's best-selling artists, but has spent the last several years out of the spotlight. She hadn't been on the show in four years.

After winning the evening's top award, Chesney said: "As much as tonight is about awards, I really believe that being able to stand up here is more about great songs, more about the fans, more about being on stage every night in front of a lot of people that really make it happen for me and the band out there."

"This is my fourth time standing up here, and I'm really humbled and I really appreciate it," added Chesney.

The award — his third straight win in the category — helped Chesney avoid a shutout. He was the night's lead nominee with seven but did not pick up a trophy in the other categories.

George Strait won single and album of the year. Strait thanked the songwriters for "letting me sing such a beautiful song" after the poignant "I Saw God Today" won single of the year. He later won album of the year for "Truthadour."

"Everybody says they've got the greatest fans. Well, I've really got the greatest fans," Strait said in accepting the album award.

Also winning two awards was Jennifer Nettles of Sugarland. Sugarland won the award for duo of the year, and earlier, Nettles won song of the year for Sugarland's hit "Stay."

"It's just been a gift from the beginning and been a gift to write and I hope it's been a gift and touched your heart," she said in accepting the award.

Carrie Underwood, who co-hosted the show with Brad Paisley, won her third consecutive female vocalist award.

"I just want to say Mom, it's real hard to sing when you're in the second row crying," a teary-eyed Underwood told her mother during her speech. It came after her performance of her No. 1 hit "Just a Dream," about a woman who lost her loved one. The song was introduced by Leslie Ponder who lost her husband in Afghanistan.

The former "American Idol" champ also thanked country fans. "I got here in an unconventional way, and you guys didn't have to accept me at all."

Paisley, who won video of the year earlier, hugged Keith Urban and kissed the stomach of his pregnant wife, actress Kimberly Williams-Paisley, as he went up to collect his award.

Rascal Flatts won their sixth straight vocal group of the year award, beating out the Eagles, Emerson Drive, Lady Antebellum and Little Big Town for the honor.

"Thank you to all our fans who came out to see us all

year long," said Jay DeMarcus, who wore a jacket with a bright floral print. "I'm glad this happened early in the show because I've got to get mama's curtains back soon."

Lady Antebellum, a trio that is one of country music's most promising acts, won best new artist. As they picked up their award, their awe-struck guitarist, Dave Haywood, said: "It's not supposed to happen like this."

While the awards may have been the main point of the evening, it was the performances that dominated the show.

Kid Rock performed his hit "All Summer Long," and, perhaps in a nod to his hip-hop roots, brought out top-seller Lil Wayne on stage, though the rapper didn't utter a word — he just mimicked playing a guitar onstage. He may have been the first true rap act to perform at the CMAs.

Swift brought her hit "Love Story," which features characters named Romeo and Juliet, to life with an elaborate set which featured her wearing a medieval-looking purple gown with a castle backdrop. She later shed the gown to reveal a sweeping white dress.

Brooks & Dunn have said that "Cowgirls Don't Cry" was inspired by country great Reba McEntire, and she joined them on the song, an ode to a tough woman.



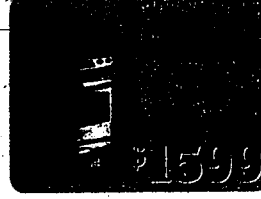
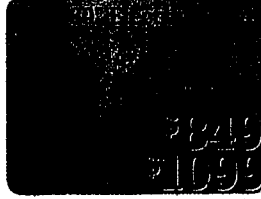
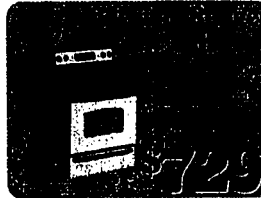
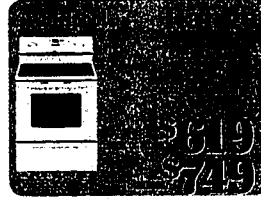
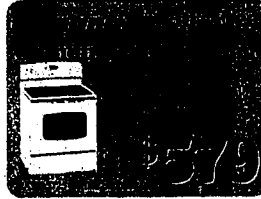
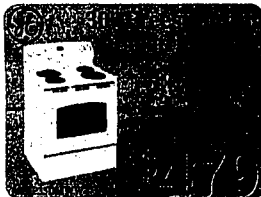
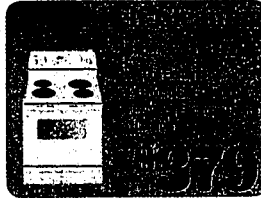
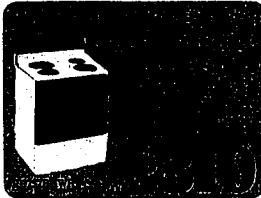
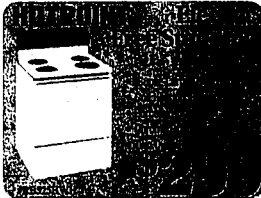
Kenny Chesney accepts the Entertainer of the Year award during the 42nd Annual CMA Awards show Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn.

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Dow Jones Industrials fall more than 410 points. See B2.

A bright spot in a difficult market

Enrollment rebounds in home buying classes

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Consumers are facing more rigid credit assessments "before" obtaining home loans, but officials say there is money to borrow and houses to buy.

College of Southern Idaho

Homebuyer Education Coordinator Penny Johnson said there was strong attendance in October's Finally Home program, sponsored by Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education and CSI Community Education.

"Students are still eager to take the class and there are

still opportunities for first-time home buyers," Johnson said. "Home prices have declined some and interest rates are also remaining low. Now is a great time to purchase a home."

Johnson expects enrollment for January's class to be robust, as well.

Along with steady enrollment, IHFA also received \$10,000 in grants from the Wells Fargo Foundation and the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation. In total, Wells Fargo has contributed \$50,000 to the program.

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Abandoned effort

Paulson says troubled assets will not be purchased

By Martin Cutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The government has abandoned the original centerpiece of its \$700 billion rescue effort for the financial system and will not use the money to purchase troubled bank assets.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Wednesday that the administration will continue to use \$250 billion of the program to purchase stock in banks as a way to bolster their balance sheets and encourage them to resume more normal lending. He also announced that the administration was looking at a major expansion of the program into the markets that provide support for credit card debt, auto loans and student loans.

Paulson said that 40 percent of U.S. consumer credit is provided through selling securities that are backed by pools of auto loans and other such debt. He said these markets need support.

"This market, which is vital for lending and growth, has for all practical purposes ground to a halt," Paulson said.

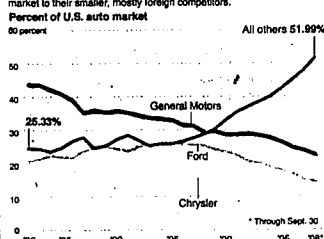
The administration decided that using billions of dollars to buy troubled assets of financial institutions at the current time was "not the most effective way" to use the



Paulson announced a major shift in the thrust of the \$700 billion financial-rescue program on Wednesday, at the same time joining several agencies in prodding banks to speed up the flow in the country's credit system.

Troubling times for the big three

The automobile industry is facing the worst sales in 25 years. The big three U.S. automakers lost the lion's share of today's shrinking market to their smaller, mostly foreign competitors.



SOURCE: Ward's AutoMarket

Paulson: Rescue package not for automakers

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson called autos a "critical industry" in this country on Wednesday but said the government's \$700 billion financial rescue program wasn't designed to help automakers.

Asked about Democratic congressional leaders' plan

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Businesses juggle employee issues at holiday time

SMALL TALK
Joyce M. Rosenberg

Managing employees during a bad economy is difficult, and managing them

through the holidays can also be a challenge. Small business owners may find that doing both is particularly rough this holiday season. The employee issues that tend to come up during the holidays, such as productivity dips and time off, can create more tension when business is down and the boss is hoping to get as much work done as possible. There's also the sad fact that layoffs often happen during the holiday season, and employees may be hoping for raises or bonuses that companies just can't afford.

Owners who are worried about receivables and cash flow understandably may not be feeling in a holiday mood. Human resources and management consultants say it's a good idea for owners to keep their nervousness to themselves — bad behavior can look even worse when it happens during the holidays.

"If they are experiencing anxiety, that's going to be replicated faster than they can imagine across their staff," said Lisa Aldisert, president of Pharos Alliance, a New York-based consulting firm. "Since every owner has some anxiety, they have to be additionally mindful and careful of their tone of voice, their facial expressions, their body language so that they're not saying one thing and meaning another."

Aldisert said employers who treat staffers with respect or who are unpleasant

stand to lose their most talented and valued workers.

"When the economy turns, those people are going to be the first ones out the door," she said. "If anything, this is a time when employers should do anything they can to express their appreciation and recognize the talent they want to have in the company going forward."

Owners can make a mistake out of fear or uncertainty, and it can register as a hostile act with workers. This certainly applies where layoffs, or the possibility of layoffs, are concerned.

Many HR professionals agree that it's a bad move to shock employees by abruptly telling them that they or their co-workers are being laid off — something that happens when a boss keeps putting off what's understandably an unpleasant task. It's hard enough for workers to deal with that kind of surprise at other times of the year, but during the holiday season, it will outrage everyone, including the staffers who still have jobs.

Most consultants advise owners to let the staff know the company's situation long before it gets to the crisis point, which might even help avert layoffs. Employees can help turn things around; they often have ideas about how to get the work done better and cheaper.

Oil near \$56 as global markets stumble

By Dick Lammers
Associated Press writer

SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota — Oil prices plunged below \$56 a barrel Wednesday as awful numbers from retailers and a dismal outlook from automakers lent yet more evidence that the U.S. and the rest of the globe will slash its energy use.

The Energy Department said it expects U.S. consumption of petroleum to drop more severely than any time since 1980 next year, with gasoline use dropping by another 3 percent. Its Energy Information Administration on Wednesday said 2009 petroleum consumption is projected to sink by a further 250,000 barrels per day, or 1.3 percent, more than twice the amount projected in its previous outlook.

Also on Wednesday, the International

Energy Agency said more than a trillion dollars in annual investments to find new fossil fuels will be needed for the next two decades to avoid an energy crisis that could choke the global economy.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery fell nearly 6 percent, or \$3.50, to settle at \$56.16 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest closing price since January 2007. Oil prices have plunged more than 60 percent in four months from record highs near \$150 in July.

"We're seeing a massive readjustment on a historic scale," said Phil Flynn, an analyst at Aaron Trading Corp. "We've never gone through anything quite like this."

The Bank of England warned that it expects inflation to fall below its target of 2 percent next year as the economy contracts, stoking expectations the Bank will

slash interest rates again to ward off the risk of deflation.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrials fell more than 300 points, and all the major indexes dropped more than 3 percent as the market retreated for a third straight session.

Trader and analyst Stephen Schork said oil price fluctuations after the announcement of a massive stimulus package in China earlier this week signaled a nervous market.

"It is important to remember that price is a function of the crowd's emotional input to a given fundamental event," he said in a research note. "Thus, those traders who thought it was a good idea to pay \$65 Sunday night were probably the same traders who had to sell (at) \$59 yesterday afternoon."



Gas prices at a filling station in Duxbury, Mass., appear on display.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	15.62	▼ .60	Dell Inc.	10.50	▼ .83	Idacorp	27.57	▲ .16
Lithia Mo.	3.08	▼ .20	Micron	3.10	▼ .63	Supervalu	12.61	▼ .83

Today in business

WASHINGTON — Labor Department releases weekly jobless claims.

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department releases trade balance for September.

WASHINGTON — Treasury releases federal budget for October.

WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac releases weekly mortgage rates.

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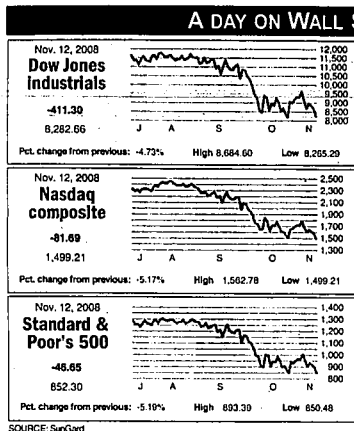
Live cattle	90.52	▼ 1.08	Dec. oil	56.16	▼ 3.17
Nov. gold	717.70	▼ 14.30	Nov. silver	9.48	▼ .33

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The Dow shed 411.30, or 4.73 percent, to 13,780.11. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was the lowest close for the Dow since its 5.27-year low of 8,452.00 reached on Oct. 27.

According to the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 index, Wednesday's paper losses amounted to about \$600 billion. By that measure, the stock market has shed \$9.1 trillion since the index's Oct. 9, 2007, peak.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 46.65, or 5.19 percent, to 852.80, and the Nasdaq composite index stumbled 51.69, or 5.17 percent, to 1,499.21.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 29.49, or 6.11 percent, to 452.80.

Declaring issues overwhelmed advances by more than 10 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.46 billion shares.

There was more pain at mid-morning, when Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said the government's \$700 billion financial rescue package would not purchase troubled assets from banks. He said that plan would have taken too much time, and that the Treasury instead will rely on buying stakes in banks and encouraging them to resume more normal lending.

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\$5,000 of the funds was dedicated to translating the course textbook into Spanish.

"Wells Fargo is committed to promoting the economic advancement of everyone in the communities we serve and creating home ownership opportunities," said Wells Fargo vice president and community development officer Jane Pavok.

He added that the courses provide information that prospective homeowners need to purchase their first house.

The funds will be used to cover operating expenses, such as reimbursement of training partners and the costs of printing

and distributing class material.

Finally Home classes are offered throughout Idaho. During the two, four-hour sessions, students are exposed to all the steps necessary in purchasing a home including topics like budget, credit issues, predatory lending and foreclosure.

While classroom attendance showed some shrinkage in October, Home Buyer Education Administrator Sue Pisaní said enrollment is projected to increase again.

The group projected that it would have 36 graduates from the online version of the program each month. Since April, that number was averaging over 100,

"The numbers did drop drastically in October but its coming back up," Pisaní said.

"People are buying homes and we are seeing that all over the state," Pisaní said.

Pisaní said 2,211 Idahoans completed the course last year, which ended on Sep. 30. Of those, 71 percent — or 1,563 graduates — purchased their first home during the same time frame.

The vote was his 1999 inception more than 19,500 Idahoans have graduated from the program.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

NATION
Best Buy cuts fiscal 2009 profit outlook

NEW YORK — Best Buy on Wednesday sharply cut its fiscal 2009 earnings outlook below analyst estimates amid what the electronics retailer called the toughest retail environment it has ever seen.

Richfield, Minn.-based Best Buy expects earnings per share between \$2.30 and \$2.90 for the fiscal year ending in February, down from a prior estimate between \$3.25 and \$3.40 per share.

The retailer forecast revenue between \$43.7 billion and \$45.4 billion, as well as a 1 percent decline in

same-store sales, or sales at stores open at least 14 months.

Analysts expect earnings of \$3.02 per share and sales of \$46.23 billion for fiscal 2009, according to a Thomson Reuters survey.

Macy's swings to \$44 million loss in 3rd quarter

NEW YORK — Macy's Inc. swung to a loss in the third quarter as sales dropped more than 7 percent amid a sharp slowdown in consumer spending.

The department store operator also said Wednesday it slashed its budget for 2009 capital expenditures by almost half

as it navigates the deteriorating economy.

Still, the Cincinnati-based chain reiterated its profit outlook, adding it would be at the lower end of the range if current sales trends continue. Macy's said it lost \$44 million, or 10 cents per share, in the quarter, after a profit of \$33 million, or 8 cents per share, a year earlier.

The company said sales fell to \$5.49 billion from \$5.9 billion a year earlier.

Anheuser-Busch shareholders approve sale to InBev

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Shareholders of Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. on

Wednesday approved the \$52 billion sale of the nation's largest brewer to Belgium-based InBev SA, a deal that is set to create the world's largest brewer.

The vote was the latest step necessary to form the company to be known as Anheuser-Busch InBev. The deal, reached in July, is expected to close by the end of the year.

The new company brings about the end of more than 150 years of family rule of the St. Louis-based company, though the newly combined company's North American headquarters will stay there. InBev said it will keep open all 12 of Anheuser-Busch's North American breweries.

Assets

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\$700 billion bailout package, he said.

The announcement marked a major shift for the administration which had talked only about purchasing troubled assets as it lobbied Congress to pass the massive bailout bill.

Paulson said the administration is exploring other options, including possibly injecting more capital into banks on a matching basis,

in which government funds would be supplied to banks that were able to raise money on their own.

A bailout money also should be used to support efforts to keep mortgage borrowers from losing their homes because of soaring default levels, he said.

A proposal to have part of the bailout funds used to guarantee mortgages that have been reworked to

reduce monthly payments for borrowers is an approach the administration continues to discuss.

Paulson did not announce that it would be adopted.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman Sheila Bair has pushed for that approach. Speaking of the first-ever summit of leaders of the Group of 20 major industrial and developing coun-

tries, Paulson said this weekend's meeting needs to focus first on how to repair the financial system as a way to bolster the global economy.

Paulson praised a new set of guidelines issued Wednesday by the Federal Reserve and other bank regulators, saying that they addressed a crucial issue. He said that banks making sure that banks continue to lend at adequate levels.

Rescue

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to rush financial aid to the industry, Paulson cautioned that "any solution has got to be leading to long-term viability" for auto companies.

The said Congress could be making funding more available to the auto industry as part of a \$25 billion loan program approved in September to develop fuel-efficient vehicles.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid are pushing for something more sweeping to help the industry, which is suffering under the weight of poor sales, tight credit and a spurring economy.

Paulson said Tuesday she was confident that lawmakers meeting next week in a lame duck session would consider "emergency and limited financial assistance" for the auto industry under the \$700 billion bailout measure that passed Congress in October. She urged the outgoing Bush administration to support a compromise.

"In order to prevent the failure of one or more of the major American automobile manufacturers ... Congress and the Bush administration must take immediate action," said Pelosi. D-Conn. Reid, D-Neu., said that Democrats were "determined to pass legislation that will save the jobs of millions" as

part of a postelection session.

"This will only get done if President Bush and Senate Republicans work with us in a bipartisan fashion, and I am confident they will do what is right for our economy," he said.

The Bush administration has concluded that the bailout bill that passed earlier does not allow loans to the auto industry.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said the companies had "made business decisions" over the years that have led to this situation, but we have gone as far as we can with the authority Congress has given in order to help industries." But she said the White House was open to helping the auto industry.

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Failure of auto industry could set off catastrophe

By Tom Krisher and Ken Thomas
Associated Press Writers

DETROIT — Advocates for the nation's automakers are warning that the collapse of the Big Three — or even just General Motors — could set off a catastrophic chain reaction in the economy, eliminating up to 3 million jobs and depriving governments of more than \$150 billion in tax revenue.

Industry supporters are offering such grim predictions as Congress weighs whether to bail out the nation's largest automakers, which are struggling to survive the steepest economic slide in decades.

"We've got to do this because the cost of inaction is so high to communities, to workers, to companies," said U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat from Ohio, home to a GM plant in a community that would be among the most devastated if the industry were to go under. He was among many lawmakers worried that an industry collapse would be devastating for everything from school districts to small businesses.

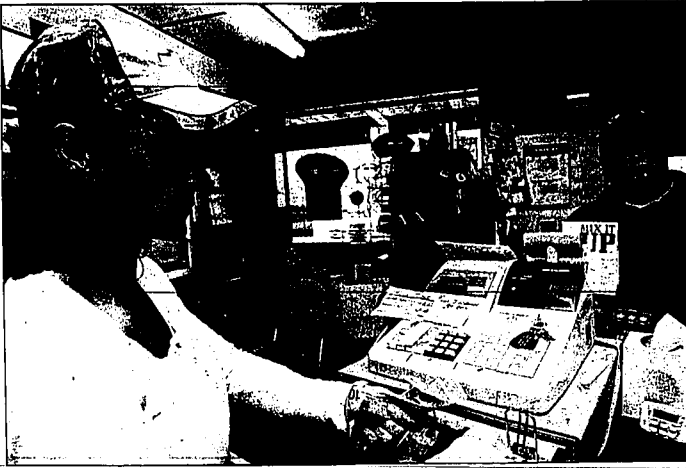
Even if just GM collapsed, the failure could bring down the other two companies — and even the U.S. operations of foreign automakers — as parts suppliers run out of money and shut down.

Concern about the automakers hit new heights Friday when GM and Ford reported they spent a combined \$14.6 billion more than they took in last quarter, GM said it could run out of money by the end of the year.

Ford said it could last through 2009, but only because it arranged a hefty credit line last year.

All this comes after tight credit and economic government, which in October reduced U.S. auto sales to their lowest level in 25 years — with no rebound in sight.

If the industry failed, among the hardest-hit communities would be Lordstown, Ohio, a village of



Joelien Spletzer, left, owner of Hook-N-Holler convenience store, gives change back to Kevin Lee, 21, Wednesday in Lordstown, Ohio. Spletzer, whose store is about a mile from the GM plant that makes the Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G6 compact cars, can't understand how Congress could quickly bail out Wall Street but balk at helping an industry that supports so many people. "I'm not talking about my little store on the corner," she said. "It will affect people in so many widespread ways it's unbelievable."

3,600 people about 50 miles east of Cleveland that has been home to a GM factory since 1966.

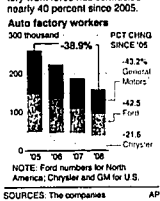
If the plant closed, Lordstown would lose up to 70 percent of its budget, a scary scenario that proponents of a multibillion dollar bailout say would be repeated across the industrial Midwest.

"If they went completely under, obviously it would financially devastate us," said Michael Chaffee, a school teacher and Lordstown's part-time mayor. "It would be catastrophic for our whole area."

Without GM and nearby parts factories, he said, Lordstown's \$4.2 million budget would take about a \$3 million hit that would almost certainly require layoffs of

Factory fall off

The big three automakers' factory work force has contracted nearly 40 percent since 2005.



police and drastic cuts in park programs.

A study by the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor estimated that the failure of Chrysler LLC, Ford Motor Co. and General

Motors Corp. would eliminate up to 3 million jobs, including those at parts suppliers and smaller businesses that rely on the automakers.

State, local and federal governments would lose more than \$150 billion in tax revenue over three years, the study said.

Next week, Congress plans to consider giving the auto industry part of the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout during a lame-duck session.

Opponents of the idea say government money will just delay the inevitable demise of companies that are on death's doorstep because of years of mismanagement and labor costs that are far higher than their global competitors.

"How is this money going to make a positive difference

in creating a new competitiveness?" asked Sen. Jeff Sessions, an Alabama Republican.

Sessions and others also fear that opening the treasury to automakers will invite more industries to plead for federal help.

"Once we cross the divide from financial institutions to individual corporations, truly, where would you draw the line?" said Sessions, who also opposed the Wall Street bailout.

Automakers say bankruptcy protection is not an option because people would be reluctant to make long-term car and truck purchases from companies that might not last the life of their vehicles.

But Sessions and others say Chapter 11 might be a better option than government

loans. Airlines, Sessions said, have reorganized through bankruptcy, and the auto industry could do the same, protected from creditors and lawsuits while companies work to become profitable.

"I would prefer they would go through a reorganization process, and sometime in that process, if targeted aid might be effective, we should consider it," he said. "It seems like the larger the amount of money that's being spent, the less attention anybody pays to how it's spent."

Automakers say they are poised to rebound because they have been restructuring for years — shedding jobs, consolidating engineering and design, and making plants more efficient. The Big Three have cut their combined U.S. hourly work force more than 40 percent since 2005, from 244,000 to about 139,000.

David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, said Detroit is losing money now because it has too many factories making more vehicles than the market is buying. As a result, it must discount with incentives to sell them.

But as factory cuts take effect, automakers will see more profit — about \$2,000 per vehicle — because they won't have excess cars and trucks and won't have to discount, Cole said. But that means consumers will probably pay more for cars in the future.

The increased profits, coupled with about \$1,000 per vehicle in savings from a cost-cutting contract with the United Auto Workers, will allow automakers to repay debt to existing creditors plus the government, Cole said.

"The earning potential of this industry has the potential of covering that debt surprisingly fast," he said.

Brown, the Ohio senator, said letting the industry selling vehicles also be a government security risk, eliminating companies that were essential in two world wars.

Office holiday parties are getting downsized

By Jennifer Peitz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In this brutal season of cutbacks, the office holiday party is getting downsized, too.

From America Express to MTV to the Fed, one city government, employees are cutting Christmas celebrations because of the gloomy economy. At some other workplaces, last year's catered affair is this season's potluck.

"It's grim," said Daniel Briones, president of the National Association of Catering Executives and catering director at the Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia. He called the drop-off in business the worst since 2001, when the holidays unfolded in the shadow of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

For some companies, this is about as appearances as much as money. No firm wants to be pilloried for plowing cash — in some cases, taxpayer dollars — into ice sculptures and raw bars while workers fear for their jobs and shareholders for their investments.

"Even if they can afford it, nobody wants to be seen as being profitable," said New York restaurant magnate Danny Meyer. He said some big financial firms have canceled big catered year-end parties, but there is new demand for smaller gatherings in his restaurants' back rooms.

Some workplace experts warn that canceling a party can sap morale. But some employees say they don't mind having a more modest celebration in tough times.

You don't want to be eating your steak and thinking that it could have been in your wallet instead," said Eric Bolech, 29, who works at a North Carolina business consulting firm.

One in five companies is scuttling or scaling down its year-end bash, according to the workplace consulting firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. Surveys by the catering executives group and the trade magazine Special Events found a majority of event planners are losing at least 10 percent of their corporate holiday business.

Larry Weaver, a Durham, N.C., comedian and booking agent who specializes in corporate events, said cancellations are nearing an unprecedented 20 percent.

"It's been devastating," Weaver said, noting that some of the entertainers he represents are losing the bulk of their income during the holiday season.

Finance, construction, media and other companies — not to mention governments that rely on them for tax revenue — say the somber financial outlook is forcing a no-frills holiday season.

"In the current economic environment, it really is a case of just being careful with spending," said Joanna Lambert, the credit-card giant, which recently announced plans to cut 10 percent of its 65,000 employees, has even canceled next year's party.

In Bend, a midsize city in the foothills of the Cascade mountains, city officials called off their \$20,000 employee holiday party amid three rounds of layoffs and other painful fallout from the real estate bust, spokesman Justin Finestone said.

At least one corporation is offering a valuable trade-off: Employees at Viacom Inc., where quarterly profits have plunged 37 percent, will get two extra paid days off instead of invitations to chic parties hosted by such divisions as MTV and Paramount Pictures.

Stores see 'seismic' shift as consumers clamp down

By Anne Vinocencio
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Americans have slammed their wallets shut since the financial meltdown, and the future is looking downright scary for stores across the country and the whole U.S. economy.

On Wednesday, Best Buy Co. slashed its earnings forecast and said the changes in consumer behavior have been nothing less than "seismic," creating "the most difficult climate" the company had seen in its 42-year history.

And Macy's Inc., which turned a profit in the third quarter of last year, swung to a loss this time, warning that the upcoming holiday season would be "a nail-biter" and slashed its budget for 2009 capital expenditures by almost half.

Shoppers from the well-heeled to the low-income have cut back as they worry about shrinking retirement funds and job security. The changes could tilt the economy into a deeper, more painful recession.

"We're definitely spending less. The first thing to go was the housekeeper and clothes spending," said Melanie Coyne of Dardenne Prairie, Mo., who is dining out less, using more coupons and taking her lunch to work. She's also "wearing what I have."

The downturn forecasts from retailers Wednesday came two days after Circuit City Stores Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection. It's also laying off thousands of workers and closing 20 percent of its stores.

Analysts believe consumers — who usually account for about 70 percent of economic activity — will no longer be the key driver of the economy, said Scott Hoyt, senior director of consumer economics at Moody's Economy.com.

"This is the end of the consumer-based economy," said Peter Schiff, who runs the investment firm Euro Pacific Capital Inc. in Darien, Conn. "Americans have been buying too much stuff, and now the epic shopping spree is over. It is a permanent



Shoppers leave a Macy's in New York City after their purchases Wednesday. Sales at Macy's Inc. dropped more than 7 percent, Chief Financial Officer Karen Hoguet told analysts Wednesday.

change." For years, consumers tapped into inflated home equity and used credit cards to finance their spending. Now those spigots are being shut off, and job losses are mounting.

Even when home prices recover and credit becomes more available, Hoyt notes, Americans will have learned something: "They can't count on asset appreciation to meet their long-term goals."

If consumer spending can't lead the economy out of its deepening funk, what can? Even receding gas prices in recent weeks haven't provided a boost to shoppers dealing with multiple economic worries.

"When you've got bills and you're only getting one income, it's hard," said Christine Ferguson, 63, a retired former day-care employee in Baltimore who rents an apartment and lives on her Social Security check. "With everything going up, every time you look at something it's going up, and your paycheck is not, you can't do it."

The recent data has been startling: For the third quarter, consumer spending fell 3.1 percent, the

worst performance in 28 years. Sales at established stores for October were the worst since at least 1969. The slump is continuing into November. Macy's says it expects a decline of at least 10 percent this month.

Even those with appetites for Prada and Gucci aren't immune. Among the hardest hit are luxury stores. Saks Inc. and Nordstrom Inc. reported same-store sales fell at least 10 percent. At Neiman Marcus Group Inc., the drop was nearly 27 percent.

Some stores make as much as 40 percent of their yearly profits during the holiday season, and the outlook for this year is looking even darker. For toy merchants, that figure is up to 50 percent. That could mean more bankruptcies in the new year.

Stores have been cutting prices far earlier than usual to try to draw shoppers in and save the season. Many have pushed up sales typically reserved for the day after Thanksgiving.

Dwayne Pratchett, a 39-year-old police officer from Milwaukee, said he's looking forward to watching prices drop. "I'll probably have a new laptop by the end of the year," he said. "I've noticed a lot of stores having big sales and I imagine the discounts are going to get better."

This year, many holiday shoppers will be waiting until the last minute to buy gifts. "It's not because they're procrastinating or looking to outsmart the stores, but because they simply don't have the money to spend."

Stephanie Seeb, 24, of Milwaukee said she learned how to save as she prepared for her wedding last year. "I've been saving since then. I've started buying generic groceries and shopping almost exclusively at Wal-Mart."

"We've stopped eating out and now we buy cheaper meals that last longer," said Seeb, a graphic designer. "That means a lot more spaghetti."

Raelene Winward Sears

WENDELL — Raelene Winward Sears, 72, of Wendell passed quietly away Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, at St. Luke's of Magic Valley, surrounded by her family.

She was born to Bertie W. and Elizabeth Winward of Clifton, Idaho. She attended Elementary School in Clifton, Idaho, before graduating from West Side High School in Dayton, Idaho, in May 1954. She married her husband L. Paul Sears on Nov. 10, 1954, in the Logan LDS Temple. Together they worked several jobs around the Cache Valley area while starting their family. They bought a small farm in the Clifton area and began milking cows, raising sugar beets and kids. In 1976 they sold the farm in Clifton to move to Bliss where they could ranch with their boys. Paul and Raelene settled in Wendell in 1993 where they loved to watch the sports teams.

She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she served in many positions, but the one she loved the most was nursery leader, where she served for the past 28 years. She loved little children and was loved by them.

She loved to help shape the lives of young children.

She is survived by her mother-in-law, Mary Sears of Preston; daughters, Karen (Bill) Collins of Boise; Pauline (Rich) Montes of Caldwell; Louise (Vince) Miller and Mary Elizabeth (Deon) Fincher of Las Vegas, Nev.; sons, Jeff (Dyan), Steve (Halley), and Brian (Marilee) Sears all of Wendell; Murray (Lisa) Sears of Clifton, Gordon (Myra) Sears of Washington, Utah; 37 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and numerous brothers and sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul, of 54 years; two children, Reed William and Charlene; a sister; and a daughter-in-law.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Wendell LDS Church.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Demary Funeral Service Wendell Chapel and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning before services at the church. Interment will be held at 4 p.m. on Nov. 15 at the Clifton Cemetery in Clifton, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers anyone wishing to, may donate to the Margo Sears Scholarship fund at the US Bank in Wendell.

Harold T. Stevens

BURLEY — Harold T. Stevens, 96, passed away Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, at his home in Burley. He was born on Feb. 26, 1922, in Ogden, Utah, to Tracy and Mary Hoppert Stevens.

He married Marie Edlert (Thud) Hammer in September 1957 and she preceded him in death in 1971. He then married Mabel Enda Caster on Jan. 8, 1979, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 2, 2007.

Harold spent most of his life

farm. He enjoyed playing the harmonica and accordion.

He is survived by his son, Clyde T. (Brenda) Stevens; and his daughter, Rosalinda Stevens; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, two wives, and one step-son, Lonny.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley.

The family would like to thank Judy Sperry, Harold's care giver for the past few years.



Noel Redding, left, Jimi Hendrix, center, and Mitch Mitchell, of the Jimi Hendrix Experience, pose in August 1967 at Heathrow airport in London.

AP Photo

Mitch Mitchell, drummer for Hendrix, found dead

By Mary Hudezt
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Mitch Mitchell, drummer for the legendary Jimi Hendrix Experience of the 1960s and the group's last surviving member, was found dead in his hotel room early Wednesday. He was 61.

Mitchell was a powerful force on the Hendrix band's 1967 debut album "Are You Experienced?" as well as the trio's albums "Electric Ladyland" and "Axis: Bold as Love." He had an explosive drumming style that can be heard in hard-charging songs such as "Fire" and "Manic Depression."

The Englishman had been drumming for the Experience Hendrix Tour, which performed Friday in Portland. It was the last stop on the West Coast part of the tour.

An employee at Portland's Benson Hotel called police after discovering Mitchell's body.

Erin Patrick, a deputy medical examiner, said Mitchell

apparently died of natural causes. An autopsy was planned.

"He was a wonderful man, a brilliant musician and a true friend," said Janie Hendrix, chief executive of the Experience Hendrix Tour, Mitchell's one great-granddaughter and Jimi Hendrix's stepdaughter. "His role in shaping the sound of the Jimi Hendrix Experience cannot be underestimated."

Bob Merlis, a spokesman for the tour, said Mitchell had stayed in Portland for a four-day vacation and planned to leave Wednesday.

"It was a devastating surprise," Merlis said. "Nobody dreamed like he did." Mitchell performed two weeks ago in Los Angeles, and the drummer appeared to be healthy and upbeat.

Merlis said the tour was designed to bring together veteran musicians who had known Hendrix and younger artists, such as Grammy-nominated winner Jonny Lang, who have been influenced by him.

Claude G. McKercher Jr.

BOISE — Claude G. McKercher Jr., 80, passed away Nov. 4, 2008, in Boise. Claude was born March 12, 1928, in Boise, Idaho.



He graduated from Boise High School in 1946. He served in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II. From 1947 to 1948 he was a Hospital Corpsman First Class. In 1948 he began working for the U.S. Postal Service in Boise as a substitute letter carrier. He later changed to a postal clerk. He married Margery McRoberts on Sept. 10, 1948. She died in 1970 and on May 11, 1971, he married Alene Logan Poznick.

In April 1977 he moved to Buhl, Idaho, to become the Buhl Postmaster. He held that position until retirement from the Postal Service in 1983. He then served on the Buhl City Council from 1983 to 1985 and as Mayor of the City of Buhl from 1985 to 1989. He returned to Boise in 1988 and worked in the mail rooms for the former Idaho First National Bank and CIZM Hill. His final retirement was in 1993. Claude was a past president of the Idaho Federation of Postal Clerks, past president of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, past secretary of the Buhl Rotary Club, past Governor of Boise Moose Lodge #337, served as

a Junior Warden of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Buhl and was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Boise.

Claude loved fishing and golfing but above all he enjoyed time spent with family. He especially cherished time spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was so proud of them and their accomplishments.

Claude is survived by his wife, Alene of Boise; a daughter, Marilyn, Spragg of Portland, Ore.; son and daughter-in-law, David G. and Janice McKercher of Vicksburg, Miss.; stepchildren, Michael Poznick of Boise; Katherine Barnes of Boise; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude G. McKercher and son-in-law, Roger Spragg.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 2206 N. Cole Road, Boise. Burial will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise.

The family would like to thank Hillcrest Retirement and Assisted Living Care First Hospice and A Full Life Agency for all their help and support. Donations may be made to the Idaho Food Bank or a charity of your choice.

Fern Beulah Loveland

her long, healthy life to good habits and Christian living.

Fern took joy in sharing time with her family and visiting with her friends. She enjoyed her neighbors and always appreciated their help and consideration for her.

Fern is survived by her two children, Daryl Loveland and Renee Loveland; grandsons, Brian and Aaron Loveland; great-grandchildren, Justin and Jessica Loveland; and sister, Edna Moore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Loveland; a sister, Velma Vaughn and her parents.

A funeral service to honor and celebrate her life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, at the Nampa First Church of the Nazarene, 601 16th Ave. S., Nampa.

A private interment will follow at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Caldwell. Services are under the direction of the Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. S., Nampa, 466-3545.

The family suggests that memorial contributions can be made to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, 1232 22nd St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20037, or the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., 1501 N.W. 9th Ave./Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida 33136-1494.

Don Grubb

WEST MAGIC — Don Grubb, long time employee of Intermountain Gas Co. passed away Nov. 6, 2008, at Bridgeview Estates. He is survived by wife, Billie West; McKercher daughters, Michelle Shaver, Twin Falls; Denise Schultz, Gooding; son, Tom Spencer, Boise; granddaughters, one great-granddaughter; and sister, Linda Campbell, Jackpot, Nev. He was preceded in death

by his parents and one daughter.

Cremation is under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to West Magic Fire District, or the city of Twin Falls.

A remembrance of life will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at West Magic Resort.

Irene Stanger Rosen

BOISE — Irene Stanger Rosen, 72, of Boise formerly of Burley, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

Irene was born May 9, 1936, in Burley, Idaho, to Cecil and Mable Stanger and was raised in the Mini-Cassia area and Wendell. She married Donald L. Rosen. They lived in California and Jerome and were later divorced.

Irene worked as a clerk for Federal Government District 9. She has resided in California, Jerome, and Boise. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints and enjoyed being with her family and family gatherings.

Irene is survived by her sons, Scott S. Rosen of Montana, Timothy Rosen of Boise, and Durk Rosen of Boise; brother, Jay Cecil Stanger; and sister, Lola Garner.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A graveside service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at Pleasantview Cemetery in Burley with a viewing from 12 to 12:45 p.m. at Hansen Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main in Burley.

SERVICES

Koby Owen Jones of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo; visitation 11 a.m. until noon today at the Russmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Helen Boyd Gibson of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Grace Community Church, 100 N. Meridian in Rupert; visitation one hour prior to the service at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Charlene Bally Dean of Gooding, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. (Demary Funeral Service; Gooding Chapel).

Ruth Ann Boyle of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Hagerman United Methodist Church, 2707 E. Salmon; gathering for family and friends after the service at the Hagerman Senior Center, 140 Lake St. (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Herald Mickey Quigley of Taylorsville, Utah, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Memorial Mortuary, 5850 S. 900 E. in Murray, Utah; visitation one hour prior to the service Thursday at the mortuary.

Robert "Bob" Dean Gibson of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Wendell LDS Stake Center; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demary's Wendell Chapel and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Steve S. Pilash, of Park Ridge, Ill. and formerly of Mackay, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mount McCabe Cemetery in Mackay (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Robert C. Jones of Camford, open house from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday at Bob's residence, 1103 E. 3400 N. in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Ruth E. Petersen Myers of Nampa, graveside service at 1

p.m. Friday, at Richfield Cemetery in Richfield under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

Polly C. Cunningham of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Pleasantview Cemetery in Burley; visitation at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Russmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Lillian "Bobbie" Allis of Keokuk, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church on Sun Valley Road; vigil service at 7 p.m. Friday at the church; visitation from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Wood River Funeral Chapel in Irrefield.

Effie M. Fisher of Gooding, graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. (Demary Funeral Service; Gooding Chapel).

Genevieve Rose Wright of Nampa, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home (Zeyer Funeral Home in Nampa; 467-7300).

Dr. Walter E. Gish of Twin Falls and Terra Linda, Calif., celebration of life from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at Gross Field Airport, 451 Airport Road in Novato, Calif.

Dwight Lewis Kinschey of Spokane, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Heritage Funeral Home, 508 N. Government Way in Spokane, Wash.

Vernon Orin Thompson of Council, graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Cemetery; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

John Kennedy of Homedale and formerly of Kimberly, open house celebration of life from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at his son Ray's home, 6748 Ustick Road in Nampa.

DEATH NOTICES

Ralph E. Garside

TWIN FALLS — Ralph E. Garside, 86, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth, Mortuary of Jerome.

William "Bill" Ling

William "Bill" Ling, 91, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, at Heritage Woodstone assisted living. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Henry A. Reid

JEROME — Henry A. Reid, 80, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel.

50 E. 100 S., Jerome; visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, and Saturday one hour prior to the services at the church.

Sam Skinner

AMSTERDAM — Sam Skinner, 76, of Amsterdam, Idaho, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Dorothy Mae Conradi

IDAHIO FALLS — Dorothy Mae Conradi, 88, died Nov. 11, 2008, at Rosetta Assisted Living Center in Idaho Falls.

Private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements being handled by Buck-Miller-Hamm Funeral Home in Idaho Falls.

Mary Lou Erdmann

Buhl — Mary Lou Erdmann, 63, of Buhl, passed away Nov. 11, 2008, after a 3½ year courageous battle with cancer.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Frank Erdmann; children, Scott Erdmann, Merrill (Marvin) Waymire, Jodi (Rick) Andrews; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; father, Francis; mother, Virginia; stepmother, Frances; brothers, Michael, Robert (Kathy),

Gary (Dianne), Jerry (Penny); brother-in-law, Dennis (Jeannie); sister-in-law, Darlene; mother-in-law, DeLores; nieces, nephews and many friends.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Calvary Assembly of God Church 110 Fruitland Ave. N. (Truck Route) in Buhl.

In lieu of flowers, donations toward medical expenses are appreciated.

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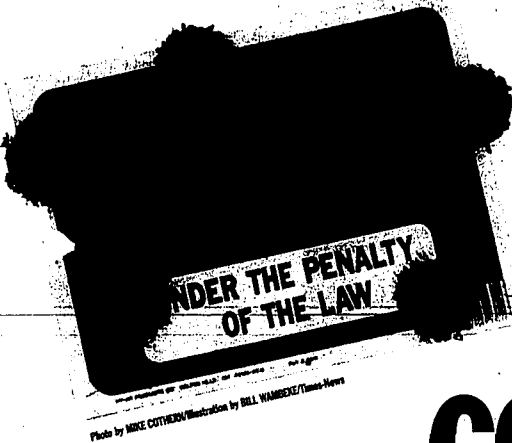
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Cause for concern?

Access becoming an issue for some hunters as landowners hope to keep undesirable activities off their property

"I'm troubled by the trend where the average citizen without deep pockets cannot hunt many private lands."

— Mike McIntosh, avid hunter and member of Sportsman Fish and Wildlife

By Mike Coethern
Times-News correspondent

Once upon a time in feudal Europe, calling oneself a hunter depended on royal lineage. The nobility who possessed the entire landscape also owned the game — anyone not part of the exclusive elite hunted at their own risk.

As a result, in 1683 William Penn included in his Charter for Common-wealth these colonial rights: "the liberty to fowl and hunt upon the land." Court rulings since then have shaped the model that the public's wildlife be held in trust by each state, which would then be responsible for its management. Reaching these animals' habitat, either on private property or the public land beyond it, has become increasingly difficult, however. More landowners simply post their property, weary of a certain

hunting sector whose activities are less than desirable. In addition, the tight agriculture economy has pushed many producers to turn toward fee hunting as a means to supplement income. The number of hunting clubs continues to increase, where either individuals form a collective that purchases land outright or contract for the exclusive hunting rights from willing landowners. Anti-hunt-

ing groups buy habitat, intent on protecting animals.

Even in a western state like Idaho, where the ratio of public versus private acreage is two to one, hunting access is a concern. Mike McIntosh, avid hunter and member of Sportsman Fish and Wildlife, worries about the future.

"I'm troubled by the trend where the average citizen without deep pockets cannot hunt many private lands," he said.

Nearly all state governments have developed programs to address the issue by establishing relationships with landowners in order to keep private property open to hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game partners with the National Shooting Sports Foundation in a program called "Access Yes." Cash payments are provided to enrolled property owners with the

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Have an illuminating camping experience

Black Diamond Equipment LTD is among the most vaunted of outdoors companies, an outfit with a legendary founder, Yvon Chouinard, and innovations that span from ice screws to avalanche-survival breathing apparatuses.

And now this month the company has released a camping lantern.

Sounds pedestrian, I know. But the Orbit is a neat accoutrement for backpacking trips or hut-to-hut ski excursions. It's a new take on the lantern category, with a build that's got a solid, expeditionary feel.

At \$29.95, Black Diamond (www.bdel.com) calls the Orbit a "pocket-sized, collapsible backcountry mini lantern." Push down and the lantern compacts to a 4-inch-high cylinder that goes small and unnoticed in a pack.

When you want light, pull up the plastic "globe" component to create a 5.5-inch standing lantern that shines an umbrella of glow from a single L.E.D., granting enough illumination to prepare dinner, organize gear, read or play checkers



THE GEAR JUNKIE
Stephen Regenold



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The tour will go on, but with limited numbers

Boulder Mountain Tour will still take place, but with only 800 competitors

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

The recent cancellation of the Winter Games of Idaho won't affect the 34th Wells Fargo Boulder Mountain Tour scheduled Feb. 7 north of Sun Valley.

Though the tour has been held in conjunction with the Winter Games the past several years, it is a separate entity, said Andy Munter, the tour's treasurer. And Wells Fargo is still on board as one of the major sponsors despite the economic downturn.

The tour — part of the American Ski Marathon Series — has attracted up to 1,000 competitive and amateur racers. This year, however, organizers are limiting the number of competitors to 800 — the number they fig-



Photo by KAREN BOSSICK

The Boulder Mountain Tour attracts hundreds of skiers from as far away as Germany, Sweden and Japan.

ure can best be accommodated in terms of transportation and other race details.

It's still a lot of people — it remains one of the biggest cross-country ski races in the United States," said Munter. "And, while we may see fewer people from great distances, I expect it will get a lot of interest. A lot of people get more excited about cross-country skiing when the economy is down and they're looking for an inexpensive way to recreate."

Organizers canceled the Winter Games of Idaho this year after 19 years because sponsorships have dropped off due to the poor economy. The Games, which offer ski team kids and others a chance to compete for medals in alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, figure skating, ice hockey and snowboarding, may be back in 2010,

said the games board president Dave Christiansen. A spokeswoman for the Sun Valley Figure Skating Club, which hosted the skating competition for the Winter Games last year, said the club is sad that the event was cancelled due to lack of funding.

"It was a great concept and provided funding for many

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Teetering on extinction

Agreement brings ray of hope to Kootenai's white sturgeon

By Myers Reece
Flathead Beacon

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — The Kootenai River white sturgeon is one of the most intriguing, and some would say bizarre, fish in North America, with a history that extends beyond multiple ice ages.

The extinction of the dinosaurs couldn't take it out, but the 20th century nearly did.

Now, following a landmark agreement in September between six groups with a stake in the Kootenai River's future and in the well-being of its unique white sturgeon population, the 21st century has brought a ray of light for a prehistoric fish on the brink of extinction.

The settlement, filed in U.S. District Court in Missoula, follows years of lawsuits and bureaucratic wrangling involving a number of groups from Idaho and Montana, Canada and the U.S. federal government. The six entities named in the settlement were the Bonneville Power Administration, the Center for Biological Diversity, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state of Montana, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho.

At the heart of the negotiations is Libby Dam, located on the Kootenai River less than 20 miles upstream from Libby. It forms Lake Kootenai and is operated by the Corps of Engineers. The settlement essentially maps out what dam operators can and should do to ensure the recovery of the downstream white sturgeon by clarifying portions of a FWS biological opinion. The agreement calls for a habitat restoration plan as well.

Also, the state of Montana, as part of the settlement, will grant a variance in dissolved gas standards for the Kootenai River if necessary. Previously, state officials had repeatedly resisted allowing a test spill from the dam's spillways to see what effect it would have on improving sturgeon habitat. Officials argued that spillway gas levels in the river higher than is allowed by state standards.

Biologists think the agreement is a major turning point in the fate of the Kootenai sturgeon. "The settlement is a big step forward for us," Kootenai's unique sturgeon

There's no fish like the sturgeon in the world, and there's no sturgeon like the Kootenai River white sturgeon, a naturally landlocked



Tim Kiser, left, and Seth Richards, right, both fisheries technicians with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, place a young sturgeon into a water stretcher after they caught it on a set line on the Kootenai River near Bonners Ferry on March 7, 2006. The white sturgeon, the largest freshwater fish in North America, has not successfully reproduced in the Kootenai since Libby Dam was completed in Montana in 1974. A landmark agreement in September between six groups with a stake in the Kootenai River's future and in the well-being of its unique white sturgeon population, the 21st century has brought a ray of light for a prehistoric fish on the brink of extinction.

bottom feeder that has long been revered by the Kootenai Indians. There are more than 20 species of sturgeon in the world, including the Caspian Sea beluga variety, long coveted for its roe to be made into caviar. The Kootenai sturgeon were separated from other populations of white sturgeon at the end of the last ice age when the retreat of glaciers formed a waterfall at Bonnington Falls, British Columbia, thus cutting off their historic path to the Pacific Ocean.

Sturgeon can live to be more than 100 years old. By comparison, the typical lifespan of trout is fewer than 10 years. The Kootenai white sturgeon's cousins on the Pacific coast can grow to more than 1,500 pounds and 15 feet. The Kootenai sturgeon, on the other hand, tops out closer to nine feet and 300 pounds, which is still massive for a freshwater fish.

White sturgeon are opportunistic bottom feeders that eat about whatever comes their way, using "a mouth that's like a vacuum cleaner," according to Sue Ireland, the Kootenai Tribe's Fish and Wildlife director. They eat a variety of fish, including kokanee salmon, as well as insects, crustaceans and plants.

But over the years, vital nutrients such as phosphorus have been depleted in the Kootenai River, as have their traditional spawning grounds near Bonners Ferry, Idaho. The Kootenai sturgeon population has been dissipating at a clip of nearly 10 percent per year. Fishing, pollution, development and agriculture have all contributed to the decline, but the foremost culprit, biologists say, is Libby Dam.

Libby Dam

Libby Dam, completed in 1974, is more than 400 feet tall and 3,000 feet long. It produces electricity, which is sold by the Bonneville Power Administration. The dam also forms recreational opportunities along and on Lake Kootenai. While a feat of construction, Libby Dam dramatically altered the habitat downstream, includ-

ing nutrient flows and, most notably, the makeup of the riverbed.

Over time, the change in water flows and temperatures covered much of the rocky bottom with silt and sand, which suffocates sturgeon eggs after they're laid. Successful spawning in the wild has been virtually nonexistent since.

Today a small number of white sturgeon spawn in a short stretch of river downstream of Bonners Ferry, Ireland said. It's not clear whether the sturgeon spawned upstream in Montana before the dam or not, but she said the Kootenai Tribal Sturgeon Hatchery has been planting thousands of juvenile sturgeon in Montana, as well as Idaho, with the hopes of future spawning. White sturgeon officially occupy the river all the way up to Kootenai Falls in Montana.

Greenwald points out that the sturgeon aren't alone in their decline in the Kootenai River system, noting that burbot, bull trout and rainbow trout are also in trouble, which he says "is a tragedy."

"It's indicative of the decline of the river overall," Greenwald added. "It's a fairly bleak situation."

Conservation, litigation and settlement

For all practical purposes, the Kootenai sturgeon was nearly extinct in 1979 when Montana banned sturgeon fishing and Idaho followed soon after. But the big push began in 1991 with the completion of the Kootenai hatchery, which has eased sturgeon's status. The tribe's Fish and Wildlife program has also been instrumental in researching habitat conditions.

The juvenile fish are tagged and biologists monitor their movement and survival rates, which Ireland said are 60 percent through the first year and 90 percent thereafter. None of the released fish, however, have reached the mature spawning age of 25 to 30 years old, so Ireland said it's impossible to know how many of those fish will be able to spawn in the wild, which is the ultimate goal.

The Kootenai Tribe, along with operating the hatchery, is in charge of carrying out a habitat restoration plan and will have a master plan completed by the end of the year.

"White sturgeon have a cultural and a spiritual significance for the tribe," Ireland said. "They are revered for their longevity."

Much of the past decade has been marked by squabbles between environmental groups, such as the Center for Biological Diversity, and the Corps and FWS. Initial debate centered around a critical habitat designation and the adequacy of measures taken by the Corps to stay true to that designation, with Greenwald contending that the Corps "dragged its feet" and was "incredibly inept." When discussion turned to releasing substantially more water from the dam via spillways, Montana and the Kootenai Tribe also intervened, on opposite sides, to protect their interests.

As it stands, the Corps will continue its efforts to maintain consistent water temperatures and find appropriate water flows through 2009. If those efforts are deemed insufficient by the various groups, the Corps may be authorized to release water in its spillways. Meanwhile, the Kootenai Tribe will work on its habitat restoration plan.

Greg Hoffman, a fisheries biologist for the Corps, said by using better technology and learning from past efforts, the Corps has figured out how to maintain consistent water temperatures over the past few years. The consistency, he said, is an encouraging sign for the future of sturgeon recovery.

"We've really got a handle on that consistent temperature, which really kind of emulates what happened pre-dam," Hoffman said. "Just trying to copy what Mother Nature did prior to the dam."

With the historic agreement, Ireland marvels at how far recovery efforts have come. "It's grown from a small, low-capital project to a central project for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife," Ireland said.

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

Twin Falls Optimist Club hosts annual turkey shoot

The Twin Falls Optimist Club will host the 23rd Annual Wayne-Kinney Memorial Turkey Shoot on Sunday.

The first shoot begins at 11 a.m.

The event, held at the Twin Falls Gun Club, 230 Federation Rd., will include food, prizes and drawings for two Savage Model Stevens 512 Gold Wing 12-, 20-, or 40-gauge shotguns, donated by Red's Trading Post in Twin Falls.

Red's will give away raffle tickets for the drawing for every gun purchased at the event, or tickets may be purchased for \$5 at the event.

You don't have to be present to win.

Cost to participate in the shoot is \$10 for one ticket, \$30 for a Guarantee Card, which includes five shots and guarantees the participant a frozen turkey, ham or steaks.

For more information: Dennis at 733-1013.

Jerome Gun Club to hold Sunday shoot

The Jerome Gun Club will hold a sporting clays shoot on Sunday. This is a 100-target event.

If you have never shot sporting clays at the club, your first 50 targets are free. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$14 for those under 18. There is a \$3 charge for non-members.

Sign-up time is 9 a.m. and shooting begins at 10 a.m.

The club is located 11 miles north of the junction of Highway 93 and Interstate 84 at road marker 64. The next schedule shoot is Dec. 6.

For more information: Kenny at 733-6045.

Snowbird opens for ski season

SAIT LAKE CITY — Utah's Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort opened the ski season last Friday.

It's the second-earliest startup ever in the resort's 38-year history.

Snowbird President Bob Bonar says this week's winter storm provided enough snow in Little Cottonwood Canyon to open.

Snowbird has already gotten more than 3 feet of snow this month. Last season Snowbird got 611 inches of snow and was open from Nov. 30 to June 22.

The aerial tram and two lifts — Gadsword and Mid-Gad — are slated to open.

Oregon ski areas hope for early start to ski season

MEDFORD, Ore. — A snowstorm that hit Southern Oregon last week has raised hopes that the Mount Ashland ski area

could open on Thanksgiving weekend for the first time since 1999.

The ski area's marketing director Rick Saul says it's also possible ski season could begin on Mount Ashland the weekend before Thanksgiving.

About 5 inches of snow fell on the mountain Wednesday, adding to a 9-inch base already on the ground.

Mount Ashland typically needs 30 to 36 inches of snow to cover brush and rocks on some ski trails.

The Mount Bachelor ski area reported a 22-inch base and 25 inches of snow at mid-mountain Wednesday. That has shortened its opening day for Nov. 21.

Fish and Game seeks information on poached deer

KIMBERLY — During the last two weeks, Fish and Game officers have investigated several wasted deer in the Indian Springs area, south of Kimberly.

Investigators revealed that mature male deer bucks are being killed and only their head and antlers are being removed.

The entire bodies of the animals were left to waste. Thanks to information provided by the public, Fish and Game has been able to locate the wasted animals and develop several leads.

Anyone with information should call Citizens' Against Poaching Hotline at 1-800-632-5999 or the Magic Valley Regional Office at 208-324-4359. Callers may remain anonymous and a reward may be issued for information leading to a conviction.

Survey: Fewer rainbow trout in Snake River

IDAHO FALLS — Idaho fish biologists are reporting a decline in rainbow trout in one of the state's prized trout streams.

A fall survey along a stretch of the South Fork of the Snake River shows a 30 percent drop in rainbows and rainbow-cutthroat trout hybrids compared to a year ago.

The survey yielded 933 rainbows and hybrids per river mile. Numbers for other species were down slightly. The survey reported 1,766 brown trout, cutthroats and 720 brown trout per river mile.

Dan Garren, fisheries manager for Idaho Fish and Game, says fluctuations are common but within the margins of normal. The change suits fishery managers, who are trying to limit rainbows because they spawn with cutthroats.

Garren attributes the drop in rainbows to lower winter flows, higher spring flows and fishing regulations designed to target rainbows.

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Teachers invited to Trout in the Classroom workshop

Times-News

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has just the thing for teachers looking for an exciting, hands-on way to engage students in activities related to fish, water and science.

IDFG will host a WILD about Trout in the Classroom workshop in Lewiston designed for teachers who

want to raise trout, from eggs to fry, in a classroom aquarium.

The workshop, 4 to 9 p.m. Nov. 21 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 22, will be held at the Fish and Game center, 3316 16th St., Lewiston. Cost is \$20, which includes the curriculum and supplemental materials. College credit is available for an additional fee. Participants will receive the

revised Trout in the Classroom Curriculum geared for grades 4-12. The curriculum was developed specifically for Idaho teachers, focusing on the state's fish and environmental concerns while meeting Idaho's content standards. Care of trout, aquarium maintenance, trout biology, stream ecology as well as other activities will be covered.

Both new and experienced Trout in the Classroom teachers are encouraged to attend.

For more information: Jon Bruns, 208-733-5010 or by e-mail at jbruns@idfg.idaho.gov.

A registration form and more information can be found by clicking the education link on the Fish and Game Web site: <http://ifshandgame.idaho.gov>.

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skating events around the state," Andrea Nelson said. "It had many fans and the figure skating event, while sparsely attended at the higher levels, was pretty popular for the younger kids competing in basic skills."

"Many of our local skaters began their competition experience with the Winter Games because traveling to other competitions is expensive and our own summer competition is a very large, competitive, four-day affair

that draws kids from all over. It provided a nice 'first environment' because it generally began and ended in one day with smaller groupings and more opportunities to medal."

The 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games is still under way, said the Games spokeswoman Justine Spallo.

Those games are expected to bring a few thousand Special Olympics athletes from across the world to Sun Valley, Boise and McCall in February 2009.

Karen Bossick may be reached at 208-758-2111.

Access

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"condition" that the lands remain available for hunting and other outdoor pursuits. The Fish and Game Web site reports, that 95 lease agreements are presently in place, opening nearly 450,000 private acres at \$782,000, or about \$1.74 an acre per year, and 400,000 public acres.

4. Land-owner Sportsman coordinator, indicates that the process begins with applications being evaluated by a sportsman review board. "Those who are accepted into the program are required to post Access Yes! signage on the property and allow these locations to be identified on the Department's Web site."

The landowners can stipulate requirements or restrictions, such as the need to contact them or the type of travel mode allowed.

Hunters and others benefiting from the program find it popular. Lowe notes that hunters surveyed at this fall's Magic Valley check stations showed that 71 percent were familiar with the program — 27 percent even hunted Access Yes! properties.

Other means to help make private lands available to the public are limited to the state. Independent land trusts such as the Nature Conservancy acquire, transfer, or protect key landscapes.

Accessing info

Access Yes! information can be found at fishandgame.idaho.gov through the "Hunting" page. Sportsmen can find enrolled land from a map or list of property names, while landowners can find program and application details.

The 2009 Farm Bill directs the USDA to offer incentives to farmers and ranchers for opening Conservation Reserve Program lands to the public.

Of course, all these programs depend on fees, taxes and donations to buy this access — funding that in the future might be tight. In addition, when the access issue sometimes becomes polarized in terms of private property rights versus public wildlife, concurrence is sometimes difficult.

The amount of accessible private land resulting from formal programs is evidence that the efforts made can benefit both sportsmen and landowners. But the need to retain that access will be forever present.

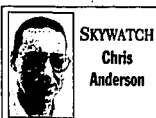
McIntosh offers his philosophy: "Those of us who have had the pleasure of recreating in Idaho outdoors have a responsibility to protect and preserve it — not only that land we enjoy, but the access to it for future generations."

Clouds can display 'mother of pearl' colors

Avid star gazers develop the habit of looking carefully at the sky, night and day, and thus tend to notice things that most overlook.

Last month I was blowing out my sprinklers as a storm front rolled in.

The sun was hidden behind the edge of a thick cumulus cloud. Just above it was a much thinner cirrus cloud, brightly lit and glowing with pearly pastel colors. Unlike a rainbow — formed when raindrops reflect (like a mirror) and refract (like a prism) sunlight — iridescence results from light's properties as an electromagnetic wave. Oil on water forms rainbow colors as light waves reflecting from the top and bottom surfaces of the oil film recombine to



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

enhance some colors (when the crests of two waves coincide) and darken others (when crests and troughs coincide). So, the different colors in an oil slick are visible evidence of tiny variations in the oil's thickness, comparable to the wavelength of visible light, mere ten-thousandths of an inch. Iridescence results when light strikes tiny water droplets in a thin cloud. If the droplets are about as wide as an oil slick is thick, then each edge of the

Sky calendar through Thursday:

Planets
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One hour after sunset: Venus; SW, very low
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droplet acts like a source of light. Waves from opposite sides of the droplet interact like those from each surface of the oil layer, producing the same colors. Unlike a rainbow, iridescent colors are pastels, because the angle at which each wave pair is reinforced or canceled out depends on the color.

In effect, each drop sends different-sized patterns of light and dark for each color. What reaches the eye is a blend of waves from many drops, forming distinctly "unrainbowish" colors like pink and lavender.

Sometimes, iridescence is seen as a "corona," alternating rings of pastel color, closely surrounding the sun or moon. The latter is more commonly seen, because it's uncomfortable to look so close to the sun.

Next week: Changing an asteroid's orbit.

Chris Anderson manages the College of Southern Idaho's Centennial Observatory in Twin Falls. He can be reached at 208-732-6663 or anderson@csi.edu.

Yellowstone winter use plan comment due Nov. 19

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Public comments are due Nov. 19 on a new plan that would cut the number of snowmobiles allowed in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks by almost 40 percent.

The deadline gives the public 15 days to submit comments. Park administrators said they expect the plan to be adopted by Dec. 15, in time for this winter season.

The new plan calls for a

cap of 318 snowmachines a day in Yellowstone and another 50 in Grand Teton to the south. The cap would expire after three years. Park administrators will work during that time on a long-term winter use plan.

Parks officials had proposed allowing up to 605 snowmobiles a day in the two parks, but a federal judge rejected that plan, saying it would increase air pollution, disturb wildlife and cause too much noise.

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put you hope to save. Black Diamond cites the Orbit as having between 10 and 25 hours of battery life.

This varies on battery type and brightness setting. Hooks on top of the unit let you attach it inside a tent or outdoors on a tree branch. Three small rubber feet on the base serve to stabilize the light when the lantern is set on a table.

In my tests, the Orbit performed as promised, illuminating a 10-person tent I employed while car camp-

ing in September. Outdoors, it easily lit up a picnic table when hung a couple feet above.

One design flaw: When you compact the unit to put it away, the L.E.D. does not automatically turn off, though you cannot see any illumination coming from the unit. I accidentally collapsed the light more than once and stashed it away thinking the L.E.D. was off — unknowingly draining battery power.

But this same collapsible

design can also save battery life. Once shut, the case hides the on/off switch to guard from accidental operation while in a pocket or pack.

Remember to turn it off when finished, and the Orbit should be a reliable source of light for reading, cooking or preparing for the day to come on most any type of adventure.

Stephen Regenold writes a daily blog on outdoors gear at www.gearjunkie.com.

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Trumping taggers

Jerome Graffiti Busters rally against vandalism

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

Fed up with graffiti, a group of Jerome citizens is fighting back a few paint rollers at a time.

Citizens noticed an increase in graffiti across town and Jerome police noted what appeared to be imported gang tags as occurrences of graffiti increased over the past two years.

Patrick Wilson, school resource officer with the city police, was challenged to bring volunteers together and see what could be done. Graffiti Busters formed about a year ago as volunteers began what are called "paint-outs."

"Business, schools, churches, students, scouts, professional people, elected leaders — I was surprised at all the different people who came to paint out graffiti or donate supplies," Wilson said.

Wilson said the object of painting out graffiti is to get it covered quickly.

"Studies have shown the faster the better," he said. "If you keep painting over quickly, the graffiti in a location slows and often the perpetrators will get discouraged."

City police want to know about new graffiti as soon as it pops up so they can begin investigating and hopefully quickly apprehend the culprits. Wilson said

Help fight graffiti

Jerome city officials are offering up to \$1,500 in reward money for information leading to the prosecution of the individuals creating graffiti in the city. To offer information, call 324-1911. You can also help the Graffiti Busters battle taggers in Jerome by learning more at the Jerome Public Library or by calling Officer Patrick Wilson at 324-4328. Alternatively, visit www.ci.jerome.id.us and click the "Graffiti Buster" link.



Jerome Police Officer Isaac Gonzalez talks about graffiti in a Jerome alley. In this case, vandals painted on most structures for a city block.

one or two taggers can do a lot of financial damage. "It's easy for one person to do \$1,000 dollars worth of damage," he said. "At \$1,000 or more a person can be charged with a felony."

That's why city officials are offering a reward of up to \$1,500 for information leading to the prosecution of those creating graffiti in Jerome.

Members Bernadette Gomes and Zane Austin said Graffiti Busters is working to strengthen penalties for graffiti offenders. Gomes said they want the law to require graffiti painters to pay restitu-

tion and to hold parents of juvenile offenders more responsible for their children's actions.

Graffiti Busters will accept donations of supplies and volunteer painters. Wilson said they are currently working on acquiring a van to store ladders, paint and supplies in.

With the van the group will be able to store everything in one place and drive it to paint-out sites.

Mary Hanson may be reached at mhansonmb@aol.com.

Jerome Public Library holds gaming day

Jerome Public Library will join hundreds of libraries throughout the country for the inaugural celebration of National Gaming Day at Your Library from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the library. Like many other libraries across the country, Jerome Public will offer a special gaming event suitable for all ages.

During National Gaming Day, libraries will provide a social gaming experience not found elsewhere in the community. The Jerome Library will be participating in a national Super Smash Bros. Brawl tournament, Dance, Dance Revolution and Rock Band national high score events, and an attempt to establish a record for the largest number of people playing the board game Pictionary at the same time.

"Libraries are becoming a popular third place — the place you want to be other than home or work or school. They are continuously offering new formats and innovative programs and services that educate, entertain and expand interaction with their users,"

said Tina Cherry, project coordinator of Jerome Public Library. "Gaming is yet another example of how libraries are becoming more than just educational resources for the communities that they serve. They are also places where users of all ages are welcome to have fun together."

Imagination Station has donated several board games, which will be set up throughout the library. Central RTO is providing the use of three 42-inch TVs for video gaming. Tournament video and enthusiastic local gamers are providing most of the consoles and gaming equipment, making the video games available to all players. In addition, participants can play Dungeons and Dragons and Magic: The Gathering.

National Gaming Day at Your Library is a national initiative supported by the American Library Association, and 2008 sponsors Verizon, Hasbro, Top Trumps, and Wizards of the Coast.

Information: 324-5427 or visit www.jerome.id.il.org/gaming.

Jerome, Gooding students honored

Jerome and Gooding students were recognized as Youth Appreciation Recipients by the Jerome Optimist Club and Jerome Rotary Club on Nov. 5 in Jerome.

Seventy-six students were nominated by teachers, peers, community members, and others. Students were nominated for their efforts within the school and in the community.

Judge Tom Borresen, a member of both the Optimist and Rotary clubs, presented each child with a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$10 gift card from Wal-Mart, funded by both the Jerome Optimist and Jerome Rotary clubs. Chairwoman Sheri Mitchell, who has been chairing this event for 10 years, and Borresen were also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Jerome Optimist President Scott Brandebourg for being the voice of Youth Appreciation for their efforts in making the event so successful.

Recipients include: Summit Elementary School, Jerome: Abigail Craig, Alana Farnsworth, Zaina Huante, Riley Johnson, Sierra Mickael, Juan Rios, Cristian Vega, Denisha Mortensen, Yuri Hernandez, Nick McDonald, Marie Tolman, Clayton Miller,

Nohely Torres, Jack Burton, Hannah Colvin, Logan Geist, Emily Chojnacky, Andrew Alvarez, Natalie Cortez, Michael Humbach, Keith Myers, Maria Jacobo, Jose Conrado, Lillian Carolina Diaz, Cassandra Gonzalez, Suyuki Laurian, Kaela McClure, Callin Nicholson, Zoe Pierce, Edward Escobedo, Nancy Tacza, Makenzie Kohler, Karen Estrada, Alex Clegg, Cheyenne McDonnell, Keri Harker, Makenzie Jerke, Emily Garnett, Rosalee Garcia, Dylan Wilkins, Isabella Birnie, Emily Bragg, Zjoli Butler, Maddie Farnsworth, Joseph Lothspeich, Sara McDowell, Abel Navarete, Nathaniel Nordquist, Jenna McCully, Lyric Nance.

Jerome Middle School: Eleanor Ramos, Alondra Becerra, Trevor Brandebourg, Rachael Wilkinson.

Jerome High School: Liz Carranza, Jeremy Robinson, Mellisa Long, Megan Hinton, Lizbeth Jauregui, Allison Bruckner, Jason Borba, Cameron Stauffer, Kris Bos, John Gardner, Cody McCoy, Brett Mitchell, Matthew Groshans, Taryn Larsen, Ashley Morrell, Sara Valdez, Sergio Mendoza, Jeremy Kyle.

Gooding: Tyler Lofgren, James Andrus, Drew Young, Brad Whitesell.

Hailey chamber moves into new digs

By Karen Bessick
Times-News correspondent

The Hailey Chamber of Commerce literally moved out of the closet this week and into new digs on Main Street. It is a move that officials hope will enable it to better promote the town to tourists.

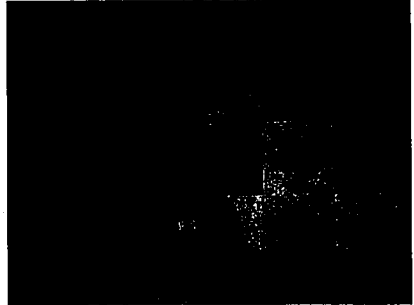
"Before, we literally worked out of a large converted closet at the Community Campus that was half the size of this room," Executive Director Jim Spinelli said, looking around his new conference room. "And people were frustrated because they'd come into town and couldn't find us. There's no telling how many opportunities we missed to promote the town, as a result."

The chamber's new site is a white clapboard house at 309 S. Main St. that formerly served the U.S. Forest Service and St. Luke's Center for Community Health.

In addition to office space, it offers a large greeting room where tourists can peruse travel brochures and business owners can check out business books from the chamber's new library.

Outside is a courtyard that Spinelli envisions using for ice sculptures during winter, art sculptures during summer and a gathering place for such events like Business After Hours.

"It puts the chamber on Main Street Hailey, which is a definite



Anna Svigdal and Jim Spinelli are still moving in computers and other office furnishings, but have successfully located room for a quilt made of T-shirts promoting prominent Hailey events.

plus," said Hailey Mayor Rick Davis. "It gives the chamber some much needed exposure."

The chamber has its hands full preparing for a regional cheerleading competition that is expected to bring more than 550 girls and their families to town the weekend of Dec. 13. It also landed the Miss Idaho Senior America Contest the weekend of May 2.

"It should be quite fascinating," said Anna Svigdal, the chamber's assistant executive director. "The delegates must be 80 or better and a resident of Idaho six months or more. We expect it to bring in 400 people or so."

The chamber's main order of business is to support the 550

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Niagara County, N.Y., keeps medications out of the water

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you stated that "outdated medications can be discarded easily by flushing them down the toilet."

We in Niagara County, N.Y., are currently working on the Pharmaceutical Waste Collection Program because, in part, an Associated Press article in the spring of 2008 reported



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on a five-month inquiry into the drinking water of 62 metropolitan areas and 51

smaller cities. They found that the drinking water of at least 24 American cities contains trace amounts of a wide array of pharmaceuticals and their byproducts. These include antibiotics, heart medications, psychiatric drugs, hormones such as those in birth control pills and others.

Municipal drinking-water supplies are regulated exten-

sively by the Environmental Protection Agency, which sets limits on certain contaminants, but there are no federal regulations handed down that include pharmaceuticals. The 24 cities that detected pharmaceuticals through voluntary testing efforts are under no obligation to report them or treat for them. About half the utilities surveyed do not nor-

mally test for pharmaceuticals.

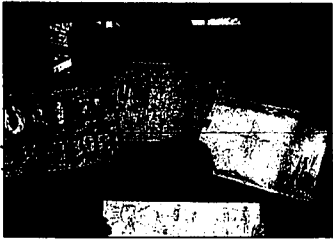
Environmentalists have been watching the feminization of fish increase and hypothesize the presence of hormones flushed into watersheds as a possible explanation.

According to research done by the Kaiser Family Foundation in 2006, the average number of prescrip-

tions for each person increased from 7.9 in 1994 to 12.5 in 2005. Many older or chronically ill Americans have many more. Often, after the death of a parent or loved one, surviving family members are left with large amounts of powerful and potentially dangerous narcotics. Accidental overdose

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POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Courtesy photos

Kindergarten winners in the Mountain View Elementary School Carnival Poster Contest were, from left, back row, Marco Larios, Ezekiel Castaneda and Ivan Harper; front row, Austin Cranney, first place. Not pictured are Katelyn Phillips and Samuel Phillips.



Second-grade winners in the Mountain View Elementary School Carnival Poster Contest were, from left, back row, Savannah Harschberger, Natalia Castaneda and Kyla Hodes; front row, Joel Orban and Demetrios Jazarez. Castaneda finished first.



First-grade winners in the Mountain View Elementary School Carnival Poster Contest were, from left, back row, Jessica Gee, Katelyn Koorad and Matthew Evans; front row, Andrea Harbado, Nicole Anderson and Dakota McCreary. Gee finished first.



Third grade winners in the Mountain View Elementary School Carnival Poster Contest were, from left, back row, Keisha Chapman, Kayden Day and Nicholas Green; front row, Kiera Weeks, Yarik Shockay and Sydney Pising. First place.

Minidoka Memorial holds health fair

Minidoka Memorial Hospital held its Annual Health Fair on Oct. 4 at Minico High School.

The hospital hosts the event as a way to provide affordable health care options for the community. Each year, Minidoka Memorial Hospital sets up an early-morning blood draw Monday through Friday each week for about five weeks prior to the health fair to allow people to fast and come in and get their blood drawn at a discounted price.

People are then invited to come to the health fair and pick up their results and if they choose, visit with a



Courtesy photo

Pictured is Rosalinda Delisique at the health fair showing a visitor one of the many healthy Mexican cookbooks available at the nutrition booth hosted by Lori Johnson.

medical professional from the hospital regarding their

results and any questions they have.

If people can not attend the event, the hospital will mail their results to their home, and results are sent directly to their physicians if they choose to as well.

This year there were around 20 different booths set up at the fair for people to visit and get any questions they might have regarding different care available in Mini-Cassia. Providers from different health care agencies, dentist offices, as well as nutritional booths were just a few participating.

Thomas Management Cuisine provided a affordable healthy breakfast to anyone visiting the event.

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Licensed businesses that exist in the town of 8,500 people, which lies 11 miles down the highway from Sun Valley Ski Resort.

To that end, Spinelli just began promoting Hailey as a vacation place in towns such as Twin Falls, Pocatello, American Falls, Idaho Falls and Blackfoot.

"We're saying 'We want you in Hailey and, if you're not going to stay here, we want you up north in

"Ketchum or Sun Valley," Spinelli said. "And, if you're not going to be there, at least stay in Idaho. Keep the money in Idaho."

The city of Hailey also recently charged the chamber with creating a new event every other year that will be a money producer for area businesses.

Spinelli says he is considering a Spudfest that could include a Mr. Potato Head contest and mashed potato relay since no other Idaho town has produced a "full-on" event revolving around Idaho's prized tuber. He is

also considering an event that might combine modern jazz with a Taste of the Valley format.

That's in addition to promoting Hailey's Springfest, Hometown Holidays Parade, Winter Wonderland and its annual Fourth of July event. The latter attracted more than 7,000 people last summer, up from a high of 4,500 in previous years.

Spinelli wants to double the number of food vendors, grow the carnival and continue to add events like the Hailey Bicycle Critterium to the July Fourth weekend.

The chamber fielded 733 e-mails and 117 phone calls during the month of August, Spidell said.

"Someone from Brazil called, saying he'd gotten a job at Albertsons and wanted to know what he should bring clothes-wise. Others call and say, 'If I were to spend a day in Hailey, what would I do?'"

"I tell them about our cross-country skiing, our downhill ski area, the theater up the street, the nice restaurants and shops, the hiking ... It's not a hard sell."

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the misuse of prescription medications has become a significant problem. Prescription narcotic abuse has become epidemic among adolescents. The source of those medications is typically their parents' bathroom cabinets.

On June 7, 2008, the City of Rochester Water Bureau had a goal to collect 10,000 pills for the EPA Great Lakes 2008 Earth Day Challenge. The event was an overwhelming success, with 80,000 pills being collected. When combined with the 46,000 pills collected at a previous event, the final result is that the Rochester area collected

126,000 pills! That is 126,000 pills that have been kept out of the hands of adolescents and out of our ground water, drinking water and soil.

It is my hope that you will print this letter to encourage public officials to hold pharmaceutical waste collections.

DEAR READER: Shortly after I wrote the column, I received a truckload of letters telling me my error, some polite, others harsher. When I received your letter, I was very impressed with the information you pro-

vided. Not only were you polite and informative, you also provided me with an opportunity to promote an excellent program. Your county appears to have done an amazing job collecting over 125,000 pills.

I have printed your letter in its entirety in the hopes that other counties and states around the country will use your program as an

example. It not only keeps pills out of the soil and water, it also, as you pointed out, keeps them out of the hands of our youth. Thank you for writing.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they can send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Jerome library holds food drive

The Jerome Public Library is holding a food bank drive Monday through Dec. 23 at the library, 100 First Ave. E.

All patrons are asked to bring in their food-bank donations during library hours. In addition, for each can of food donated, the library will deduct 50 cents off of any late fees owed.

Information: Laura Burnett or Edie Walte, 324-5427.

Wish volunteers, families invited to party

The Wishng Star Foundation is celebrating its 25th year of granting wishes to children across Idaho and Eastern Washington.

The Magic Valley Chapter will hold a special party for all wish families and volunteers from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in Twin Falls.

Lunch will be covered by Maudie's Pizza and La Casita. There will be fun activities for the whole family.

Wish families and volunteers can call Ailie Vargas at 410-0702 to RSVP and for event location.

Anyone wanting more information regarding the Wishng Star Foundation may visit www.wishingstar.org.

Woodmen hold Heroes at Home benefit

Members of the Twin Falls Modern Woodmen of America camp are sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit Idaho Heroes at Home now through Dec. 6 with a grand prize drawing to be held Dec. 6.

Plans for the fundraiser include a raffle for a 48-inch LCD TV. Tickets will be sold at each Modern Woodmen camp activity in November and December.

Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. All money raised through ticket sales will be matched by Modern Woodmen's home office, up to \$2,500, through the fraternal benefit society's matching fund program and will be used to repair active-duty soldiers' homes. It will also be used to remodel a soldier's home if he or she is disabled on duty.

Information: Terry H. Downs at 316-2244.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity in Jerome County 5th District Court included:

MISDEMEANOR ARRAIGNMENTS

Esmeralda Avina, curfew violation.

Shirley Carpenetti, inattentive/careless driving.

April Dawn Davee, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Melessa D. Felcorburg, failure to abate nuisances.

Maria Guadalupe Ferreira, curfew violations.

Jose Garcia, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Marilyn C. Garcia, failure to abate nuisances.

Claudio A. Gutierrez-Rios, driving without privileges.

Emma Virginia Hansen, driving without privileges.

Erik Llanes-Campos, inattentive/careless driving, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Sonia L. Lopez, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Juan C. Lopez-Campos, driving without privileges, failure to purchase a driver's license.

Kenneth Jerome Maxwell, open container, possession of a controlled substance, exceed max speed limit.

Kenneth Jerome Maxwell, bail jumping.

Raisha Tsatsakis Morris, driving without privileges.

Leidi Laura Ochoa, driving without privileges.

Hope Nanette Reynolds, driving without privileges.

Lindsey D. Schofield, possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, injury to a child.

Nicholas Frazer Spencer, driving without privileges.

Maria Del Refugio Valencia, driving without privileges.

William T. Walters, sexual battery of a minor child 16/17 years of age.

Patrick Ona Whitehawk, driving without privileges, failure to use a safety restraint.

Debra Kay Caster, dog at large, failure to license dog.

Maria Morales, failure to purchase a driver's license.

Alfredo Munoz-Garcia, dog at large.

Darce Paul Pay, dog at large.

Alfred Saldaña-Gonzalez, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance, unlawful drive on highways lined for traffic.

Jamie Ray Taylor, dog at large.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ARRAIGNMENTS

Scott William Briggs, driving under the influence, injury to a child.

Rafael Delgado-Mares, driving under the influence, open container, failure to purchase a driver's license.

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General urges Obama to keep up with missile defense

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Air Force general who runs the Pentagon's missile defense projects said Wednesday that American interests would be "severely hurt" if President-elect Obama decided to halt plans developed by the Bush administration "to install missile interceptors in Eastern Europe."

1st Gen. Henry A. Obering III, director of the Missile Defense Agency, told a group of reporters that he is awaiting word from Obama's transition team on their interest in receiving briefings.

During the campaign, Obama was not explicit about his intentions—with regard to missile defense. The program has tended to draw less support from Democrats over the years.

But Obama expressed particular skepticism about the technical capability of U.S. missile defenses. He said that if elected his administration would work with NATO allies to develop anti-missile technologies.

Obering, who is leaving his post next week after more than four years in charge, said in the interview that his office has pulled together information for a presentation to the Obama team, if asked.

"What we have discovered is that a lot of the folks that have not been in this administration seem to be dated, in terms of the program," he said. "They are kind of calibrated back in the 2000 time frame and we have come a hell of a long way since 2000. Our primary objective is going to be just, frankly, educating them on what we have accomplished, what we have been able to do and why we have confidence in what we are doing."

Asked whether he meant that Obama or his advisers had an outdated view of missile defense, Obering said he was speaking more generally about people who have not closely followed developments in this highly technical field.

A key question for the new president will be whether to proceed with the Bush administration's plans to install 10 missile interceptors in Poland and a missile-tracking radar in the Czech Republic. That system is on track to be ready for use by 2014, Obering said.

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Study: Same-sex heart transplants have better odds of survival

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Turns out men and women really are different at heart: New research finds that heart transplant patients have better odds of survival and a lower risk of rejection if they get organs from donors of the same sex.

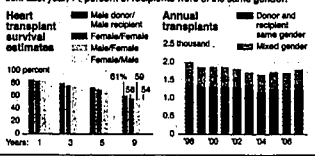
Size may be part of the explanation. Men's hearts are bigger than women's and have greater pumping capacity, and men who get men's hearts fare better. But doctors think differences in hormones or immune systems between the sexes may also play a role.

The study was paid for by the federal government and led by Dr. Eric Weiss, a cardiac surgery researcher at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He presented his findings Wednesday at an American Heart Association conference.

Unfortunately for many patients, the findings won't make much of a difference. About 2,700 Americans are waiting for a heart, and only 2,200 heart transplants are done each year — some of

Matching donors improve survival odds

Survival rates increase if heart transplants are from donors of the same sex. Last year, 71 percent of recipients were of the same gender.



SOURCE: United Network for Organ Sharing

them second operations for people whose first transplant failed, according to UNOS, the National Network for Organ Sharing, which manages the nation's transplant system.

The average wait for a heart is 108 days for women and 119 for men. Three-fourths of heart transplants are done in men, so by necessity, many must receive organs from the opposite sex. Smaller earlier studies have found hints that gender differences may play a role in other types of transplants, such as lungs or kidneys, but this is the largest by far to find an effect.

Weiss used UNOS records

on 18,240 heart transplants between 1998 and 2007. Among the recipients 77 percent of the men and 51 percent of the women were of the same gender as their donors.

The best results were seen in male-to-male transplants. The worst were in men who received hearts from women.

When the donor was bigger than the recipient, the sex difference did not affect survival. But when the donor was smaller, people did not fare as well.

"The organ may not have the strength to supply blood to the body," Weiss explained.

But the donor's gender

made a difference even after size was taken into account, he found.

Matching donor and recipient by gender led to:

- a 13 percent lower risk of organ rejection in the first year;
- a 14 percent lower risk of rejection throughout the study, which had an average follow-up of more than three years;
- a 24 percent drop in the risk of dying in the first 30 days after transplant;
- and a 20 percent lower risk of dying after one year.

Why the difference? Doctors are not certain. But Dr. Mary Johnson of the University of Wisconsin-Madison said women who have been pregnant generally have slightly worse outcomes from transplants because their immune systems have been "revved up" from carrying foreign genes from their partners through the fetus.

As for the findings, "It's a huge data set — I don't think we can disregard it," but the issue needs more study, said Johnson, who heads a UNOS panel that sets policies for heart transplants.

W.Va. man beats health insurer in court over \$40

POINT PLEASANT, W.Va. (AP) — A \$40 medical bill might seem small but a West Virginia man says his five-year battle over paying it was a matter of principle. Sam Juniper says his health benefits weren't supposed to change after he retired in 2000 from M&G Polymers.

But he received a \$40 bill in 2002 after the company's new provider, Aetna Insurance, refused to cover the cost of some blood work.

He challenged that in Mason County court in 2003 and won every decision all the way to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va. The appeals court ruled in his favor on Oct. 10.

Lawyer Mark Underwood handled Juniper's case for free and says all bills like this add up over time.

Juniper says he's still waiting for his \$40 refund check, which he plans to frame and hang on his wall.

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Disgraced pastor Haggard: I was abused as child

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Disgraced evangelical pastor Ted Haggard says he was sexually abused as a child and later the experience "started to rage in my mind and in my heart" when he was caught up in a sex scandal involving a male prostitute.

Haggard made the remarks in two recent sermons in Morrison, Ill., ABC's "Good Morning America" reported Wednesday.

Haggard said one of his father's employees "had a sexual experience with me" when Haggard was 7, according to audio recordings of the sermons posted on the ABC News Web site.

Haggard said he later became "a conservative Republican, loving the word of God, an evangelical, born-again, spirit-filled, charismatic, all those things."

"But some of the things that were buried in the depths of the sea from when I was in the second grade started to rage in my mind and in my heart," he said.

In 2006, Haggard was fired as pastor of the 14,000-member New Life Church in Colorado Springs when a former male-prostitute alleged they had a cash-for-sex

relationship. The man also said he saw Haggard use methamphetamine. Haggard also stepped down as president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

He has said some of the allegations were exaggerated but he has never offered specifics.

Haggard, who is starting an insurance agency in Colorado Springs, did not immediately return a phone message left by The Associated Press.

Haggard previously had confessed to undisclosed "sexual immorality," and on the new audio he said: "I really did sin."

Haggard said his family suffered severely for his actions.

"My wife — all my sin and shame fell on her. People treated her as if she had fallen," he said. "And my children — they all went through carrying my shame. And I am so sorry that I did that to my family."

Haggard said he became suicidal but eventually emerged with a stronger Christian faith and marriage than he'd ever had.

Haggard said church leaders missed an opportunity to use his scandal to "communicate the gospel worldwide through secular media."

"We consistently blow it" when those opportunities arise, he said.

"A congressman in trouble, that's the time. A family member gets himself in horrible trouble, that's the time. A preacher gets himself in awful trouble, that's the time," he said, his voice rising to a near-shout.

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Palin leaves door open for possible Senate run

By Ann Sanner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin said Wednesday she would consider serving in the Senate if God gave her the opportunity and Alaskans wanted her to take the job. The state's senior senator, Republican Ted Stevens, fell narrowly behind as the count resumed in his re-election bid.

Stevens, who has been in the Senate for 40 years, led by just over 3,000 votes when the Election Day count ended last week. He dropped three votes behind his Democratic challenger, Anchorage Mayor Mark



Palin

Begich, late Wednesday as Alaska election officials counted 44,000 of an estimated 90,000 absentee and provisional ballots. Even if he is re-elected, Stevens could be ousted by the Senate for his conviction on seven felony counts of failing to report more than \$250,000 in gifts, mostly renovations, on his home. If Stevens loses his seat, Palin could run for it in a special

election. She also could challenge incumbent GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski in 2010. Palin, who was the GOP vice presidential nominee, has two years left on her term as governor. She told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on Wednesday that she wants to serve her constituents the best she can. "At this point it is as governor," she said. "Now if something shifted dramatically and if it were, if it

were acknowledged up there that I could be put to better use for my state in the U.S. Senate, I would certainly consider that but that would take a special election and everything else," she said. "I am not one to appoint myself or a member of my family to take the place of any vacancy." Pressed in a separate interview with CNN's Larry King about whether she would serve out her term as governor, Palin said, "I will do what the people of Alaska want me to do."

She added, however, "If they call an audible on me, and if they say they want me in another position, I'm going to do it. My life is in God's hands. If he's got doors open for me, that I believe are in our state's best interest, the nation's best interest, I'm going to go through those doors."

Governors say GOP's future rests with them

By Brendan Farrington
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Republican governors, down and out after the party's devastating Election Day losses, said Wednesday that the future of the GOP rests with their ranks and not Washington politicians.

"Republican governors are the only people who can propose and implement Republican policies," said Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour. "For America to see that Republican policies work, they're going to see it in states with Republican governors. That's always the way it is when you're the minority and the other party has the 'White House.'"

Republicans are doing some soul-searching after losing the White House and seeing their numbers decrease in the Senate and House. Many in the GOP are looking to their governors, who gathered in Florida for a

three-day meeting, for a fresh direction for the party and the best prospects for winning the presidency in 2012.

Barbour, a former chairman of the Republican Party who has worked as a lawyer and lobbyist, has been mentioned as a possible presidential candidate in four years. He said Wednesday that the party needs to focus on the 36 governors seats up for election in 2010.

"Any Republican who's thinking past 2010 doesn't have his eye on the ball," Barbour said.

Still, fueling the 2012 speculation was the attendance at the gathering of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, this year's GOP vice presidential nominee who has been sending the clearest signals yet that she would be interested in running for the top job. Palin has a news conference today and is scheduled to participate in a panel discussion titled, "Looking Towards the Future: The GOP in Transition."

The first truly 'wired' president

Obama's Web site is projected on a wall Aug. 22 at Distributive Network's Washington office. The company was responsible for sending text messages to Democratic Party workers during the election campaign.

Obama to pioneer Web outreach from Oval Office

By Beth Foley
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Transition officials call it Obama 2.0 — an ambitious effort to transform the president-elect's vast Web operation into a modern new tool to accomplish his goals in the White House.

If it works, the new president could have an unprecedented ability to appeal for help from millions of Americans who already favor his ideas, bypassing the news media to pressure Congress.

"He's built the largest network anyone has ever seen in politics, and congressional Republicans are clueless about the communications shift that has happened," Democratic strategist Joe Trippi proclaims. The results, he says, "will be amazing to watch."

Republicans say they'll be watching for White House Web outreach that appears overly political.

"Hopefully, Obama will be a president for all Americans, not just the political supporters on his mail list," said Republican National Committee spokesman Alex Conant.

Obama's people know they'll have to extend their reach.

During his 21-month campaign,

Obama built a list of 3.1 million contributors and over 10 million supporters who helped power his victories over Democratic rival Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republican John McCain. In addition to helping raise a staggering \$650 million, the campaign's Web effort reinforced his message and themes, responded to political attacks and created volunteer social networks that served as the basis for his field operation.

Obama's team is determining how best to convert his army of online activists into a viral lobbying and communications machine. Staffers are reluctant to discuss specifics, but Obama clearly is poised to become the first truly "wired" president of the digital age.

For legal and privacy reasons, Obama's campaign list must be kept separate from White House operations. Aides are figuring out if that list should be run through the Democratic National Committee or as a freestanding political entity that will eventually become his 2012 re-election committee.

But transition officials have already begun a new digital outreach effort, based on the campaign model, aimed at supporters and others interested in being connected to the activities of the

Obama White House.

The transition operation has a new Web site, www.change.gov, designed for anyone who wants to post a message of congratulations, offer suggestions for the new administration or apply for a government job. People are invited to submit their names and e-mail addresses, with the goal of creating a new list for the president-elect to tap when he wants to communicate directly about a program he's promoting or seek help urging members of Congress to support legislation he's proposed.

"Just imagine what happens when a congressman comes back to his district and 500 people are lined up for his town hall meeting because they got an e-mail from Obama urging them to attend," said Thomas Gensmer, managing partner of Blue State Digital which designed Obama's campaign Web site and change.gov.

Gensmer said to be most effective, Obama needs to make clear that his Web outreach efforts aren't directed only at Democratic Democrats.

"If you're looking to build a community as president, the net needs to be cast a little broader," Gensmer said. "If you want to bring Republicans along, use the Web to say, 'Work with me. Help me cut through the partisan rancor.'"

After California loss, gays get right to wed in Connecticut

By Stephanie Reitz
Associated Press writer

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Same-sex couples exchanged vows Wednesday for the first time in Connecticut amid cheers and tears of joy, while gay activists planned protests across the country over the vote that took away their right to marry in California.

Surrounded by red roses and smiles, Jody Mock and Elizabeth Kerrigan, who led the lawsuit that that overturned the state law, emerged from West Hartford's town hall to the cheers of about 150 people and waved their marriage license high.

"We feel very fortunate to live in the state of Connecticut, where marriage equality is valued, and hopefully other states will also do what is fair," Kerrigan said.

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on Oct. 10 that same-sex couples have the right to wed rather than accept a 2005 civil union law designed to give them the same rights as married couples. A lower-court judge entered a final order permitting same-sex marriage Wednesday morning. Massachusetts is the only other state that allows gay marriages.

Gay marriage advocates said they were planning nationwide demonstrations this weekend in more than 175 cities and outside the U.S. Capitol. A Seattle blogger was trying to organize the same-sex marriage outside statehouses and city halls in every state Saturday.

In New York City, several hundred demonstrators gathered Wednesday outside a Mormon Temple to protest the church's endorsement of a free and democratic election, Otterson said.



Robbie Levine-Ritterman waves her marriage license at City Hall in New Haven, Conn., Wednesday with her partner Barbara Levine-Ritterman, in background. The two were among the first gay couples to receive marriage licenses after a New Haven judge cleared the way for gay marriage in the state.

held signs asking "Did you cast a ballot or a stone?" while other signs read "Love not Hate."

"I'm fed up and disgusted with religious institutions taking political stances and calling them moral when it's nothing but politics," said Dennis Williams, 36, of New York. "Meanwhile they enjoy tax-free status while trying to deny the rights that should be mine at the state and federal level."

Michael Otterson, a spokesman for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said while citizens have the right to vote, he was "fuzzed" and "disturbed" by the gathering given that the majority of California's voters had approved the amendment.

"This was a very broad-based coalition that defended traditional marriage in a free and democratic election," Otterson said.

Paranoia more common than thought, experts say

By Maria Cheng
Associated Press writer

LONDON — If you think they're out to get you, you're not alone.

Paranoia, once assumed to afflict only schizophrenics, may be a lot more common than previously thought.

According to British psychologist Daniel Freeman, nearly one in four Londoners regularly have paranoid thoughts. Freeman is a paranoia expert at the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College and author of a book on the subject.

Experts say there is a wide spectrum of paranoia, from the dangerous delusions that drive schizophrenics to violence, to the irrational fears many people have daily. "I was now starting to discover that madness is human and that we need to look at normal people to understand it," said Dr. Jim van Os, a professor of psychiatry at Maastricht University in the Netherlands. Van Os was not connected to Freeman's studies.

Paranoia is defined as the

"People walk around with odd thoughts all the time. The question is if that translates into real behavior."

— David Penn, professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina

exaggerated or unfounded fear that others are trying to hurt you. That includes thoughts that other people are trying to upset or annoy you, for example, by staring, laughing, or making unfriendly gestures.

Surveys of several thousands of people in Britain, the United States and elsewhere have found that rates of paranoia are slowly rising, although researchers' estimates of how many of us have paranoid thoughts varies widely, from 5 percent to 50 percent.

A British survey of more than 8,500 adults found that 21 percent of people thought there had been times when others were acting against them. Another survey of about 1,000 adults in New York found that nearly 11 percent thought other people

were following or spying on them.

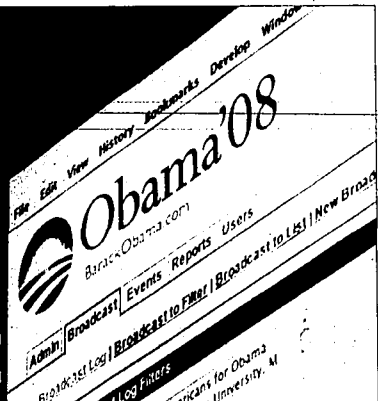
Dennis Combs, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Tyler, has been studying paranoia for about a decade. When he first started conducting paranoia studies, mostly in college students, he found that about 5 percent of them had paranoid thoughts. In recent years, that has tripled to about 15 percent, he said.

In a small experiment in London, Freeman concluded that a quarter of people riding the subway in the capital probably have regular thoughts that qualify as paranoia. In the study, 200 randomly selected people (those with a history of mental problems were excluded) took a virtual reality train ride. They recorded their reactions to computerized passengers

programmed to be neutral. More than 40 percent of study participants had at least some paranoid thoughts. Some felt intimidated by the computer passengers, claiming they were aggressive, had made obscene gestures, or tried to start a fight.

Freeman said that in big cities, many ambiguous events can lead to paranoid thoughts. Because we constantly make snap judgments based on limited information, like which street to take or whether or not strangers are dangerous, the decision-making process is prone to error.

Van Os said Freeman's virtual reality experiment was solid as confirmed previous research. Experts say not everyone with paranoid thoughts needs professional help. It all depends on how disturbing the thoughts are and if they disrupt your life. "People walk around with odd thoughts all the time," said David Penn, a professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina. "The question is if that translates into real behavior."



AP Photo

Germany: Marrow transplant may have cured AIDS

By Patrick McGroarty
Associated Press writer

BERLIN — An American man who suffered from AIDS appears to have been cured of the disease 20 months after receiving a targeted bone marrow transplant, according to a report in the medical journal *Lancet*, his doctors said Wednesday.

While researchers — and the doctors themselves — caution that the case might be no more than a fluke, others say it may inspire a new interest in gene therapy to fight the disease that

claims 2 million lives each year. The virus has infected 33 million people worldwide.

Dr. Gero Huetter said his 42-year-old patient, an American living in Berlin who was not identified, had been infected with the AIDS virus for more than a decade. But 20 months after undergoing a transplant of genetically



Huetter

selected bone marrow, he no longer shows signs of carrying the virus. "We waited every day for a bad reading," Huetter said.

It has not come. Researchers at Berlin's Charite hospital and medical school say tests on his bone marrow, blood and other organ tissues have all been clean.

However, Dr. Andrew Badley, director of the HIV and immunology research lab at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said those tests have probably not been

extensive enough.

"A lot more scrutiny from a lot of different biological samples would be required to say it's not present," Badley said.

This isn't the first time marrow transplants have been attempted for treating AIDS or HIV infection. In 1999, an article in the journal *Medical Hypotheses* reviewed the results of 32 attempts reported between 1982 and 1996. In two cases, HIV was apparently eradicated, the review reported.

Huetter's patient was

under treatment at Charite for both AIDS and leukemia, which developed unrelated to HIV.

As Huetter — who is a hematologist, not an HIV specialist — prepared to treat the patient's leukemia with a bone marrow transplant, he recalled that some people carry a genetic mutation that seems to make them resistant to HIV infection.

If the mutation, called Delta 32, is inherited from both parents, it prevents HIV from attaching itself to cells

by blocking CCR5, a receptor that acts as a kind of gateway.

"I read it in 1996, coincidentally," Huetter, told reporters at the medical school. "I remembered it and thought it might work."

Roughly one in 1,000 Europeans and Americans have inherited the mutation from both parents, and Huetter set out to find one such person among donors that matched the patient's marrow type. Out of a pool of 80 suitable donors, the 61st person tested carried the proper mutation.

Europe's ugly fruits and veggies get a green thumbs-up

By Constant Brand
Associated Press writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium — There's hope again for homely, hazelnuts, misshapen mushrooms and grotesque garlic. Not to mention those onions that are unsightly enough to bring tears to your eyes.

The European Union on Wednesday chopped 100 pages of rules and regulations that open the way next summer to allow the sale of fruits and vegetables that may be crooked, bent or twisted — but otherwise good enough to eat.

So those beastly Brussels sprouts are no longer on the curb.

This marks the new dawn for the curly cucumber and the knobly carrot, EU Agriculture Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel said. "We simply don't need to regulate this in these days of high food prices and general economic difficulties, consumers should be able to choose from the widest range of products possible."

The EU ban, imposed more than 20 years ago to ensure uniform shapes and sizes for fruits and vegetables, has triggered much ridicule. The tabloid media have long used it to highlight bureaucrats' desire to regulate every nook and cranny of Europeans' lives.

"This is good news for producers and consumers. It may just perhaps even nail once and for all the myth that the EU regulates everything in sight," said Alyn Smith, a Scottish member of the European Parliament.

The European Commission ended marketing standards requiring 26 fruit and vegetables to be sold without any odd curves.

They are: apricots, artichokes, asparagus, avocados, beans, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, cherries, zucchini, cucumbers, cultivated mushrooms, eggplants, garlic, hazelnuts in shell, headed cabbage, leeks, melons, onions, peas, plums, ribbed celery, spinach, walnuts in shell, watermelons and chicory.

"Pretty-food" standards remain in effect for apples, raspberries, citrus fruit, kiwi, lettuce, pears, peaches, nectarines, sweet peppers, table grapes and tomatoes — but governments may allow "uglier" versions to be sold if they wish.

Under the ban, unappetizing fruit and vegetables often ended up in food processors or was discarded. EU officials said the ban was outdated and a red tape nightmare.

"I'm tempted toward whimsy on welcoming this decision," said Alyn Smith, a Scottish member of the European Parliament.

EU officials said the ban was resisted by Italy, Spain, France and Hungary, which felt it may scare away consumers.

But proponents of the less-than-perfect produce prevailed.



A wounded Iraqi man shields his face with a bloodstained hand as he arrives at a hospital for treatment after a parked car bomb exploded in a bustling section of downtown Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday.

After Iraq blasts, 'fears and concerns have come back'

By Ruben Salzman, Usama Rada
and Tim Scam
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD — The explosion rocked the busy square Wednesday as morning commuters were wailing down breakfast and shopkeepers were opening for business. The death toll, four, was relatively small.

But the psychological toll from the blast on Saadoun Street and from a string of attacks this week in Baghdad was more serious. Survivors knocked to the ground Wednesday found themselves on pavement splashed with blood and littered with glass. They were surrounded by dead, wounded and the dead that came with realizing their nightmare was not over, even if overall violence in Iraq is down.

"Our fears and concerns have come back after this series of explosions. This one especially frightened us a lot," said Ziad Shalal Shuraihi, a vendor on the busy street. "We are now afraid of any carton left near

the roadside, any nylon bag, any car left near us."

It's no wonder. By nightfall, Iraqi police said 23 people were dead in attacks across Baghdad. Since Monday, according to police statistics, roadside bombs, car bombs and suicide bombers wearing explosive belts have killed 58 people in the capital. Deaths elsewhere included two Christian women who police said were killed by unidentified gunmen in the northern city of Mosul, where Christians say they have been caught in the middle of a war for power between Kurds and Sunni Arabs.

Also in Mosul, an Iraqi soldier shot to death two U.S. soldiers and wounded six others before American troops returning fire killed him. The motive for the shooting was unclear.

U.S. military officials said this week's violence, coming after a downward trend in attacks, does not mean insurgents are staging a comeback, and they disputed the casualty figures provided by Iraqi sources.

Baghdad and its environs continue to experience an average of four attacks a day on security forces and civilians, compared with more than 20 a day about a year ago, Brig. Gen. William G. Hensley, deputy commander of U.S. forces in Baghdad, said Monday after bombers killed 31 people in northeastern Baghdad's Kasra district.

"We're in the post-Ramadan, pre-provincial election, post-U.S. election season," he said, attempting to explain how developments here and abroad could provoke insurgents to step up violence.

Violence traditionally picks up after the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which began in early September and ended in early October. Iraq's provincial elections, to be held this winter, have rival groups jockeying for positions of power. And a perceived power vacuum in the White House until President-elect Barack Obama takes office Jan. 20 could encourage some groups to rev up violence.

Devotees flock to 'Buddha reincarnation' in Nepal

By Binay Gambacharya
Associated Press writer

RAJANPUR, Nepal — The teenage boy revered by many as a reincarnation of Buddha sat silently in the jungle as he blessed his devotees Wednesday with a light tap on the head, which they consider the touch of the divine.

His face was still, his long hair spilled over his white robe, and he never said a word.

The followers of Ram Bahadur Bamjan, 18, believe he has been meditating without food and water since he was first spotted in the jungles of southern Nepal in 2005, when believers say he spent months without moving, sitting with his eyes closed beneath a tree.

Bamjan re-emerged this week to meet his followers, who have come by the thousands to see him in the jungles of Rajanpur, about 100 miles south of Katmandu. "I got a chance to see God today," Bishnu Maya Khadka, a housewife, said after receiving Bamjan's blessing Wednesday. "They say he is Buddha, but for me he is just God."

Bamjan was expected to address his followers on Nov. 18 and then retreat again into the jungle for meditation.

tion, said Kamal Tamang, a Buddhist priest.

Bamjan received the pilgrims from atop a podium covered in yellow cloth and placed before a massive tree. He looked healthy and strong and showed no signs of starvation or dehydration. Buddhism, which has about 325 million followers, mostly in Asia, teaches that every soul is reincarnated after death in another bodily form.

But several Buddhist scholars have been skeptical of the claims that Bamjan is a reincarnation of Siddhartha Gautama, who was born in southwestern Nepal roughly 2,500 years ago and became revered as the Buddha, or Enlightened One.

"Being Buddha means the last birth and the highest level that can be achieved. There can be no reincarnation of Buddha, even though Buddhists believe in life after death," said Rakesh, a Buddhist scholar — in Katmandu who goes by only one name.

"Meditating without food does not prove that he is the reincarnation of Buddha," said Min Bahadur Shukya of the Nagendra Institute of Exact Methods, a Buddhist research center in Katmandu. "There is much study needed to be done."



Ram Bahadur Bamjan, center in white, believed to be the reincarnation of Buddha, is surrounded by Buddhist monks in Nigadhi town, about 100 miles south of Katmandu, Nepal, Wednesday.

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Bronco trio makes secondary primary

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — The secondary is often the last line of defense. But for the 2008 Boise State Broncos, the secondary is primary to the success of a defense that has aided a 9-0 season.

"I honestly think the strength of our defense is our DB's," senior safety Ellis Powers said. "We're physical in the run and we're great in the pass. We've got the best of both worlds back there."

Powers is probably a little biased since he is a starter in that secondary, but the proof

is in the pounding. Powers (57), sophomore Jeron Johnson (60) and true freshman George Iloka (36) are all in the top six in total tackles for BSU this season.

Powers is more of a strong safety, often playing closer to the line, covering underneath routes, tight ends and coming up in run support. He is second on the team with seven tackles for a loss. Johnson plays much of a free safety role, watching — and twice intercepting — the deep balls, but also coming up to stop plays on the edge.

Iloka has three picks and has recently played as a nickel

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back, a position usually given to an extra cornerback. But Iloka's speed and length are too much to keep him off the field.

"I think I'm a little bit more of a ranger, just getting to my spots," Iloka said. "You've got to be able to do it all."

With lockdown corners on

the edge in Kyle Wilson and Brandyn Thompson, who lead the team with four interceptions apiece, the safeties can roam a little more than usual and pile up the tackles. Together they are No. 2 in the country in defensive pass efficiency (93.63) and in scoring defense (10.33 ppg). They are in the top 20 in every NCAA defensive category.

Johnson and Powers have a competition going this season, each vying to lead the team in tackles.

"It helps motivate you to make more plays," Johnson

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Boise State defenders Brandyn Thompson (13) and Ellis Powers (18) bring down Utah State receiver Marshall Ocasim (11) last Saturday in Boise. Powers is among the team's leaders in tackles.
AP Photo

THE TIME IS NOW



Boise basketball players Alexia Clark, above, senior Chelsea Retzlir, below left, and Sara Federico, below right, practice Friday at the Twin Falls High School gym.



Bruin girls aim to continue domination of region

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Their time is now. "We'll step up to the plate, too," senior Katelyn Field said.

Second-season head coach Nancy Jones has a few returning players from last season such as Field, Chelsea Retzlir, Sara Federico and Jazlyn Nielsen. They may not have been the marquee names, but still contributed to the Bruins' success just the same.

"It gives us a new opportunity to form new relationships and form a new team chemistry," Retzlir said. "I think that way — with a lot of younger players on the team this year — we have a lot more to build upon."

The season opens this weekend against Skyview in Nampa, where those returners and junior varsity call-ups will be tested for the first time.

One area to rebuild is senior leadership.



Hoops previews

This is the first in a series of previews on girls high school basketball. Check back, beginning Monday for previews on area 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A teams.

Coaches are asked to e-mail rosters, schedules and completed questionnaires to sports@magicvalley.com or fax them to 734-5538.

"I see some seniors already stepping up to be leaders," Jones said. "And that's what we're going to need. Leadership

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Picking up the pieces of promise unrealized at CSI

Three days after the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team was eliminated from the Region 18 Tournament in five games by eventual champion North Idaho College, the wounds were still raw for all to see.

"I'm sad. I'm mad. I'm frustrated. I'm empty," CSI head coach Heidi Carlsner said at Monday's weekly booster luncheon. Carlsner struggled to make it through her portion of the meeting without falling into tears.

But those tears didn't stem solely from the disappointment of such a shocking defeat. They were also borne of the weighty expectation that comes with being a coach or player at the College of Southern Idaho.

The 2008 CSI volleyball team, deserving of it, is the first Golden Eagle squad since 1992 that was eligible to qualify for the NJCAA Division I national



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tournament and failed to do so. With the most national championships in the tournament's history and the longest NCAAA winning streak in town, getting to the national tournament is the bare minimum at CSI, like it or not.

By the standards of CSI volleyball, this 30-6 season was a failure. But Carlsner knows that, and that's why she struggles to come to terms with the end of a season which, going by CSI's almost immeasurable talent, should still be in progress.

That Carlsner and her team appreciate the high

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Maddon, Piniella win Manager of Year awards

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Joe Maddon had a good reason for interrupting his honeymoon.

About an hour after he landed in Rome, the newly married Maddon easily won the American League Manager of the Year award Wednesday for guiding Tampa Bay from baseball's basement to the World Series in one astonishing season.

Lou Piniella took the NL honor after leading the Chicago Cubs to the league's best record.

Maddon, who succeeded Piniella as Tampa Bay manager in 2006, was a runaway winner in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He received all but one of the 28 first-place votes — the other went to Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire.

It was a nice wedding gift for Maddon and his wife, Jaye, who got married last weekend. But it meant that one of the first things he did in Italy was get on the phone for a conference call with reporters.

"Jaye is very understanding of the whole situation. We knew this was a possibility," Maddon said. "Truly a remarkable season in so many different ways."

Piniella beat out Charlie Manuel of the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies to earn his third Manager of the Year award and first in the NL. The fiery skipper also won in 1995 and 2001 with Seattle.

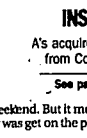
This time, he got 15 of 32 first-place votes and totaled 103 points to 67 for Manuel, lined first on eight ballots. Florida's Fredi Gonzalez finished third with five first-place votes and 48 points.

"I'm thrilled and I'm honored. I know there were a lot of managers in the National League who had good seasons," Piniella said from his home in Tampa, Fla.

The 65-year-old manager earned a \$100,000 bonus for winning, which he plans to donate to the team's charity partner, McCormick Foundation's Cubs Care.



Maddon



Piniella

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Wizards get first win, beating Jazz

WASHINGTON — Led, as usual, by All-Star forwards Carlos Butler and Antonio Jamison, and with a boost from rookie JaVale McGee, the Washington Wizards avoided the first 0-6 start in franchise history by beating the Utah Jazz 95-87 on Wednesday night.

With their teammates hopping on the sideline to cheer baskets down the stretch as though this was a playoff game, Butler and Jamison scored 15 consecutive points during part of the fourth quarter. The spurt was capped by Jamison's 3-point shot that put Washington ahead 91-82 with 2 minutes left.

Butler finished with 27 points and nine rebounds, while Jamison had 21 points and eight rebounds. They combined for 20 points in the final period.

First-round draft pick McGee, a 7-footer who left Nevada after his sophomore season, set personal NBA bests with 13 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks.

Carlos Boozer led Northwest Division-leading Utah with 20 points. In his second game of the season, Jazz point guard Deron Williams had eight points, seven assists and six rebounds.

The Jazz came in with a 6-1 record. But there was this: Utah was playing for the second consecutive night, while Washington had been idle since Saturday.

CELTICS 103, HAWKS 102
BOSTON — Paul Pierce hit a fallaway jumper with 0.5 seconds left, scoring 34 points in all on Wednesday night as the Boston Celtics



Washington Wizards forward Carlos Butler (38) stops Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer (5) during the third quarter Wednesday in Washington. The Wizards won 95-87.

AP photo

overcame a 16-point, second-quarter deficit to beat Atlanta 103-102, and sent the Hawks to their first loss of the season.

Joe Johnson scored 28 for Atlanta (6-1), finding open Marvin Williams for the go-ahead 3-point jumper with 2 seconds left. But Pierce answered at the other end and the Celtics beat Atlanta in Boston for the eighth straight time, including all four in their first-round playoff series last spring when they took advantage of the home-court advantage to oust the Hawks in seven games.

TRAIL BLAZERS 104, HEAT 96
MIAMI — Rudy Fernandez scored 25 points, including a clutch 3-point jumper as the Trail Blazers defeated the Miami Heat 104-96 on Wednesday night.

Celtics 103, Hawks 102
BOSTON — Paul Pierce hit a fallaway jumper with 0.5 seconds left, scoring 34 points in all on Wednesday night as the Boston Celtics

Aldridge added 14 for the Trail Blazers. Oden, the 2007 No. 1 overall pick who missed all of last season and sprained his right foot in this season's opener, finished with three points and two rebounds in 16 minutes in his first action since sustaining his right foot in Portland's season-opener.

MAGIC 109, THUNDER 92
OKLAHOMA CITY — Dwight Howard recorded his first career triple-double with 30 points, 19 rebounds and 10 blocks and the Magic beat the Thunder.

Howard had a double-double and matched his previous career-best of seven blocks in the first half then scored the first eight first nine points before halftime to stretch the lead to 32.

Oklahoma City, playing without reigning rookie of the year Kevin Durant, got as close as 14 points in the opening minute of the fourth quarter. Durant was sidelined

with a sore left ankle.

KNICKS 132, GRIZZLIES 103
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Wilson Chandler scored a career-high 27 points, missing only one of his 12 shots, and the Knicks made a franchise-record 19 3-pointers in a win over the Grizzlies. Jamal Crawford added 25 points and eight assists for the Knicks, who shot 59 percent from the field and were 19-0-34 from outside the arc. Nate Robinson scored 21, hitting all eight of his 10 shots, while Zach Randolph had 18 points and 10 rebounds.

PACERS 98, NETS 87
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — T.J. Ford had 18 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, and the Pacers won their third straight game with a victory over the Nets.

Marquis Daniels and Jeff Foster added 16 points apiece as the Pacers beat the Nets for the second time in three games. Vince Carter scored 28 points and Jarvis Hayes added 15 for the Nets, who lost their third straight game with point guard Devin Harris sidelined with a sprained ankle and New Jersey turned the ball over 18 times leading to 25 points for Indiana.

76ERS 106, RAPTORS 96
TORONTO — Elton Brand scored a career-high 21 points. Andre Miller and Andre Iguodala each had 16, and the 76ers snapped a three-game losing streak by beating the Raptors.

Willie Green scored 17 points and Murrese Speights had 12 for the 76ers, who won

for the first time in four road games this season.

Brand, who has scored just 31 total points in Philadelphia's past three games, eclipsed his previous high of 24, set in an Oct. 31 victory over New York.

LAKERS 93, HORNETS 86
NEW ORLEANS — Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher each scored 20 points, and the Lakers improved to 7-0 with a win over the Hornets.

The Lakers never trailed and won by as much as 23 before nervously holding on against a team that is expected to be one of their chief rivals for Western Conference supremacy.

Bryant drained a clutch 3-point shot while tightly guarded by James Posey with 1:08 left to make it 86-80, and the Lakers held on from there.

BUCKS 82, SPURS 78
MILWAUKEE — Richard Jefferson scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half. Andrew Bogut grabbed 17 rebounds and the Bucks held on after a big run to beat Tim Duncan and the Spurs.

The Bucks, without Michael Redd for the fifth straight game because of a sprained right ankle, used a 21-2 run straddling the third and fourth quarters to take control in a game that featured two struggling offenses without some of their biggest stars.

But Duncan, who had 24 points, scored 14 of the Spurs' 19 points in the fourth quarter in a rally that fell just short when he missed a 5-footer that would've tied it with 5 seconds to play.

—The Associated Press

Idaho High School Girls Basketball

Media Poll

Preseason rankings

Class 5A

Team (First)	Points
1. Coeur d'Alene (7)	48
2. Velluve (5)	32
3. Centennial (1)	29
4. Post Falls	22
5. Lake City	9

Class 4A

Team (First)	Points
1. Skyview (1)	32
2. Bishop Kelly (3)	30
3. Middleton (4)	29
4. Bonnellville (1)	24
5. Jerome (1)	12

Class 3A

Team (First)	Points
1. Sugar-Salem (3)	37
2. Shelley (5)	33
3. Fruitland (1)	27
4. Bear Lake (1)	26
5. Kimberly	16

Class 2A

Team (First)	Points
1. Grandview (9)	49
2. Soda Springs	44
3. Caldwell (3)	33
4. New Plymouth (1)	15
5. Declo	9

Others receiving votes:

Parma, West Side, Melba.

Class 1A Division I

Team (First)	Points
1. Genesee (7)	41
2. Rath River	28
3. Lapwai (2)	27
4. Kendrick	23
5. Hagaman	10

Others receiving votes:

Cascade, Challis (1), Tri Valley, Lakeside, Shoshone.

Class 1A Division II

Team (First)	Points
1. Garden Valley (9)	48
2. Richland (1)	30
3. Rockland	20
4. Carey	15
5. Mackay	10

Others receiving votes:

Kootenai District, North Gem, Greenleaf Friends, Clark Fork.

POLL VOTERS

Ryan Collingwood, Morning News
Ryan Howe, Times-Standard
Mark Jones, Newsday Journal
Paul Kingsbury, IdahoSports.com
Zach Kye, Post Register
Greg Lee, Spokesman-Review
Will Love, Idaho Press-Tribune
Heidi Nelson, Coeur d'Alene Press
Dan Thompson, Idaho State Journal
Jesse Zentz, Idaho Statesman

Oakland As acquire Matt Holliday from Colorado

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Matt Holliday hardly could have expected to land with the low-budget Oakland Athletics.

"As the completed their trade with the Colorado Rockies for the star outfielder Wednesday, securing the big bat Oakland sought for the middle of its order.

"Originally, it was a little bit of a surprise considering I've never been traded before," Holliday said. "I spent my first 11 years of professional baseball in the Rockies organization. Any time you make a change there's a bit of an unknown."

Toronto received right-handed reliever Huston Street, lefty starter Greg Smith and promising outfielder Carlos Gonzalez from the AS.

The clubs reached a tentative agreement Monday, but had to wait for the results of physicals and other details to be worked out.

"The long-term model for our organization to be successful has always been built around the team dynamic," Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd said in a statement. "The three men we acquired from Oakland are exactly what we need."

Oakland GM Billy Beane and O'Dowd speak regularly and had discussed Holliday



Holliday

since just after the season ended.

"We landed one of the biggest hitters out there," AS manager Ben Goren said. "He's definitely a piece of the offense you can build around."

This is a major move by an AS team that began rebuilding last winter and is more accustomed to losing star players than acquiring them.

"We wanted a right-handed bat and we got one," Oakland outfielder Jack Cust said. "It's usually the other way around — giving away a bigger-name guy for guys who aren't as established. It's definitely exciting going into the season."

Holliday, a two-time All-Star and runner-up for the 2007 NL MVP award, is due to

make \$13.5 million next season and then will be eligible to become a free agent. Whether he stays in Oakland past the 2009 season or even next year's All-Star break, nobody knows.

"I'm not worried about that," Holliday said. "I've had 128 homers and 483 RBIs in five big league seasons. His best year was 2007, when he won the NL batting title with a .340 average. He also had 36 homers and a league-best 137 RBIs in helping the Rockies reach the World Series. He finished second to Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins for NL MVP."

Beane said he's still focused on boosting the AS farm system from the bottom on up, and acquiring talented prospects only helps to pull off deals like this one. He's unsure whether Holliday will be able to keep Holliday long-term.

"I'm not Pollyannaish enough to believe you acquire one player and go from 75 to 95 wins," Beane said. "We'll focus on the whole year. Matt's a premium player. I guess we'll sort of cross that bridge when we get to it."

Goren spoke to Holliday by phone just after the deal became official.

"He is going to help us tremendously," Goren said. "That's how I know he's a future star. He has the numbers, but I talked to him and you can tell the kind of person he is. It's a great fit."

BSU

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said. "Whenever you have some healthy competition going on, you're going to work harder. That's all it is, a little friendly competition."

Powers is the only defensive back not to grab an interception this season, but last week he recovered a fumble for a touchdown against Utah State — the only defensive score this season.

BSU's Johnson said it didn't count. "Nah, he didn't even know he scored," Johnson joked. "He'll get an interception, I'll keep playing like he's playing."

This week things might change for the secondary.

CSI

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standard was as evident Monday as it was Friday. Australian international Jessica Peacock stood in stunned silence just outside the CSI locker room, perched against the door-way. Freshman middle blocker Torrey Hulsey sat slumped in the hallway, leaning against the cinder-block wall and staring into nothing with an expression as stunned as it was blank.

Freshman setter Laticia Lehman didn't cry, as assistant coach Erin Mellinger did, but her glum, somber expression said it all. Croatian setter Jelena Savic,

Idaho runs a more traditional offense, away from the spread offense sweeping college football. Hence, BSU may go back to the 4-3 defense typically used away from the nickel package that has been stalwart in an unbeaten season. This week look to see three linebackers in the game more frequently than in weeks past.

"I don't think the linebackers will play hard, but we have 11 players out there and having five of them being DB's, it gives us a little extra edge," Powers said. "We're just working hard and making good things happen when we happen to be out there together."

who during the match gave no reason to believe she was actually playing with a second-degree ankle sprain. She shrugged and offered the slightest hint of a wistful smile.

And Cartisier, just as she did on Monday, struggled to make it through explaining what just happened. No one knew exactly what had gone so wrong, just that they had badly missed the target.

Maybe it was an overconfident squad that knew it was among the best in the country and forgot to prepare for North Idaho for a second time in six days. Maybe it was that gym in Salt Lake

City, which lately seems to have some sort of hex over the Bulldogs. Maybe the Golden Eagles just simply weren't good enough.

But whatever the reason, there are pieces to be picked up, and lessons to be learned. Cartisier knows it, and at least some of her players know it.

"Next year, it's going to be totally different," Peacock said after the loss, carrying a tone of defiance in her voice that belied her remarkable outward composure.

Said Cartisier: "We'll just recommit bigger, better and stronger and move on from

the ground, they'll blow right by you."

That hasn't happened a lot this season. The Broncos make their tackles. Force offenses to the point of frustration. These safeties force frustration.

And it doesn't seem to matter who wins the contest between Powers and Johnson, because the Broncos are undefeated and in the end, that's all that matters.

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City. That's the way it has to be approached for players who are good, no matter the next year won't be any easier. Especially not while spending the next nine months contending with the hollow-ness of unfulfilled expectation.

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Bruins

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positions that we lost with graduation. I can already see a few surfacing."

This squad should be quick up and down the floor like last year, according to Retmier, who added that it will compensate for a general lack of team size.

"I think they're gonna be quick," Jones said. "That's how I coach. I don't like to walk the ball up the floor. If we have to do it, we will. I discipline them to do that if we have to slow the game down. But we like to push the ball and push the tempo — see if other teams are conditioned as we are."

Federico and Fjeld will play at guard with JV call-ups Mallory Lund and Brianna Bishop, who also plays on the wing, rotating off the bench. Luckily for the Bruins, Fjeld is 100 percent following a thumb ligament tear in her throwing/shooting hand during the 2008 softball season. At post, the Bruins are loaded with five players, including Retmier and Nielsen.

On defense, Retmier said the team intensity is better and that drills run in practice have gone well so far. Man defense

2008-09 Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team

Bruins girls basketball team

No.	Name	Pos.	Year
1	24/4 Crista Flores	G	12
2	10/10 Joelle Jordan	P	9
3	22/22 Alexis Clark	F	10
4	22/22 Kristy Jurek	G	10
5	12/12 Sandra Federico	G	12
6	30/30 Katelyn Field	G	12
7	30/30 Katelyn Nielsen	P	10
8	30/30 Taylor Williams	P	11
9	42/42 Chelsea Retmier	P	12
10	44/44 Erica Costa	P	12
11	50/50 Beth Sargent	P	12

Head coach: Heidi Jones, second season. Assistant coaches: Leah Holloway, Trudy Weaver, Tiffany Jordan.

is, of course, key. "It seemed like last year, we always had somebody that was a step slow," Jones said. "These girls work really well as a unit."

This new unit will travel to Nampa to face the Bulldogs Saturday, following Friday's game at Skyview. The home opener is Wednesday against Postletole.

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Redskins: It takes a 'community' to replace Portis

ASHBURN, Va. — Clinton Portis' sudden absence from the Washington Redskins practice field Wednesday, making his chances of playing in Sunday's NFC East game against the Dallas Cowboys appear more and more remote.

If the words uttered by his backups are any indication, Redskins fans need not worry.

Shaun Alexander, Ladell Betts, Rock Cartwright and Mike Sellers all touted their confidence as quality fill-ins should Portis' sprained left knee keep the NFL's second-leading rusher out of a game that will be pivotal for Washington's playoff chances.

At the end of the day, if Clinton can go, Alexander said, "I'll be ready."

Trying to keep a zone on it all was coach Jim Zorn, who is making contingencies based

on balky knees. Portis sprained an MCL in the loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers before the bye, and Betts was limited in Wednesday's practice while attempting to return from a more severe left knee sprain that has caused him to miss three games.

"If Clinton can't go, it's going to be a community position," Zorn said.

"If Ladell is near 100 percent, I would feature Ladell. If Ladell's not 100 percent, I think I would feature Shaun Alexander... and then Rock Cartwright would be a bigger factor as well."

HALL ADDRESSES OWEN'S BARBS

DeAngelo Hall didn't exactly return Terrell Owens' trash

talk, but the Washington cornerback did have a message for his old adversary: "He'd better worry about this defense."

Hall on Wednesday responded to comments the Cowboys receiver made Tuesday at a book signing in New York. Asked about the possibility of facing Hall in Sunday night's game against the Redskins, Owens said with a smile: "At the rate he's playing, I'm looking forward to a big day."

Hall and Owens have a history. Owens was fined \$35,000 by the NFL in December 2006 for spitting in Hall's face during a game against the Falcons.

"You know, we've definitely

hooked up a couple of times," Hall said Wednesday. "I guess the better of one time; he got the better of me one time, but it's competition. If he's worried about me, he'd better worry about this defense. It would be necessary. Anybody could be on him at any given time."

BUCS ACTIVATE CADILLAC

WILLIAMS FORM MIP LIST

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay's Gerald "Cadillac" Williams took on a new role in practice Wednesday: emulating Adrian Peterson.

The Buccaneers hope the next step for the fourth-year

"We're trying to simulate as much real football activity as we can, and he's responding tremendously," coach Jon Gruden said Wednesday after Williams participated in his first practice since being activated from the physically unable to perform list.

VIKINGS' GORDON REAPES FOR SURGERY ON ANKLE

Minnesota Vikings cornerback Charles Gordon is in Charlotte, N.C., preparing for surgery on his broken left ankle.

Coach Brad Childress said Wednesday it will take about five months before the defensive back and punt returner is back to full speed.

Gordon suffered the gruesome injury on Sunday when a Packers defender rolled up on his ankle during a punt return. But Childress expects

Gordon to be able to resume his career once he completes rehabilitation.

LIONS TO START CUZZEPER AGAIN

The Lions (9-9) are going to start Daunte Culpepper for the second straight week.

Coach Rod Marinelli confirmed his plans Wednesday, saying Culpepper would be the No. 1 quarterback at the Carolina Panthers.

Culpepper was 5-of-10 for 104 yards in his Detroit debut against the Jacksonville Jaguars. He signed a two-year deal last week, ending his brief retirement after making 111 interceptions the previous two seasons for Oakland and Miami. A knee injury stunted his stellar career three years ago in Minnesota.

— The Associated Press

Jets a challenge to Pats

By Dave Cokilberg
Associated Press Writer

First the New York Jets traded for Brett Favre. Then Tom Brady was injured in the first quarter of the season's first game, evening out the AFC East.

Now the Jets can take the lead in a division dominated by the Patriots for most of this decade if they win Thursday night in New England.

The Patriots are favored by three, the home-field spread, which means the teams are rated even.

Why shouldn't they be?

While Matt Cassel has developed nicely at quarterback, he's hardly Brady. Meanwhile, Favre has learned more about the receivers and running backs; nose tackle Kiki Jenkins has made the Jets difficult to run against; and a young secondary has been forcing turnovers.

Still, New York is a hard team to figure.

The Jets lost 19-10 in their second-week meeting at the Meadowlands. Cassel's first start and a game in which the Jets played very conservatively. And they lost in Oakland a month ago, something no self-respecting NFL team should do.

Beyond that, Bill Belichick still seems to be able to plug in backups and backups to backups and do it all this week's hero in a 20-10 win over Buffalo was BenJarvus Green-Ellis, sixth on the depth chart at running back at the start of the season and relegated to the practice squad at the beginning of the year.

"Mr. Humility. That's what we love about him," fullback Heath Evans says. "He fits in so well here. It's a guy that just comes to work. So smart. For a young guy, you rarely see these days."

Backups or not, it's hard to imagine the Patriots losing an important game at home.

PATRIOTS, 20-16



New York Jets quarterback Brett Favre, left, is sacked by New England Patriots defender Richard Seymour Sept. 14 in East Rutherford, N.J. The Jets and Patriots square off again tonight in a showdown for the AFC East lead.

- Baltimore (plus 6½) at New York Giants**
Joe Flacco is a remarkable rookie, but he hasn't seen a defense like New York's yet. **GIANTS, 23-14**
- Tennessee (minus 3) at Jacksonville**
A blowout win in Detroit doesn't mean the Jaguars are ready for Tennessee. **TITANS, 17-12**
- San Diego (plus 3½) at Pittsburgh**
The Chargers are not the team people thought they were. **STEELERS, 23-16**
- Cleveland (plus 4) at Buffalo (Monday night)**
The Bills are sliding. Brady Quinn's first win. **BROWNS, 24-13**
- Denver (plus 5) at Atlanta**
The Falcons improve to 5-0 at home. **FALCONS, 31-13**
- Chicago (off) at Green Bay**
Rex Grossman or Kyle Orton at QB for the Bears? That's why the game is off the board. **PACKERS, 20-10**
- Minnesota (plus 4) at Tampa Bay**
Adrian Peterson won't run for 152 yards against the Bucs. **BUCS, 17-14**
- Detroit (plus 14) at Carolina**
The Lions really could be heading for 0-16. **PANTHERS, 38-3**
- Houston (plus 8½) at Indianapolis**
It's hard to see the Colts losing to the Patriots aren't good for Tennessee. They should have lost the meeting in Houston. **COLTS, 31-21**
- St. Louis (plus 6) at San Francisco**
Mike Singletary's kids tried hard Monday night. He gets his first win here against the once-again awful Rams. **49ERS, 28-16**
- Arizona (minus 3) at Seattle**
The Seahawks aren't good anywhere. **CARDINALS, 29-24**
- Oakland (plus 10½) at Miami**
Mayke Al Davis, who once coached Bill Parcells in a college all-star game, should have hired the tuna to run his franchise. **DOLPHINS, 20-5**
- Philadelphia (minus 5) at Cincinnati**
The Eagles could probably win the AFC North. **EAGLES, 31-10**
- New Orleans (minus 5) at Kansas City**
The young Chiefs are competitive. **CHIEFS, 20-19**

LAST WEEK: 5-9 (spread); 8-6 (straight up)
SEASON: 71-70-3 (spread); 85-59 (straight up)

Beware schedule lacking big games

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

It's weeks such as these when the college football season can get turned upside down.

Only one game on the schedule matches ranked teams — South Carolina at Florida. Another game serves as a good reminder of how drastically the national championship race can change when it's least expected.

Southern California visits Stanford on Saturday, 13 months after the Cardinal ended the Trojan 35-game home winning streak as a 41-point underdog.

USC was No. 2 in the country when it committed five turnovers and gave up the winning touchdown pass on fourth downs with 49 seconds left to Stanford. In a 2007 season filled with memorable upsets, Stanford's stunner ranked among the most surprising.

An improved Stanford team, in its second season under coach Jim Harbaugh, is only a 23-point underdog as it goes for two straight against USC. The Trojans (9-1) can't afford another loss if they want to stay in the hunt for a national title.

Several other teams with much on the line face tightly regarded opposition Saturday.

Mississippi State, which has won two straight against Alabama, faces the top-ranked Crimson Tide as a 20-point underdog.

Utah tries to stay unbeaten and keep its hopes of reaching the BCS alive at San Diego State. The Aztecs are a 28½-point underdog.

Indiana, 34½-point underdog, can do severe damage to Penn State's Rose Bowl hopes if the Hoosiers can pull off a Stanford-like upset.

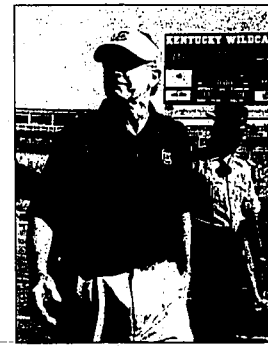
And the one game matching ranked teams doesn't figure to be all that close either. Florida is a 21-point favorite over South Carolina and former Georgia coach Steve Spurrier.

The picks:

- (plus 20) at No. 1 Alabama
Tide won't be Croomed by Bulldogs again. **ALABAMA 27-6.**
- No. 24 South Carolina (plus 21) at No. 3 Florida
Gamecocks have No. 1 D in SEC; Gators have No. 1 offense in Florida 37-13.
- No. 4 Texas (minus 13½) at Kansas
Jayhawks are 0-6 against Texas in Big 12 play. **TEXAS 48-28.**
- No. 6 Southern California (minus 23) at Stanford
Trojans have allowed 23 points in six game winning streak. **USC 34-6.**
- Indiana (plus 34½) at No. 7 Penn State
Hoosiers' porous D should give boost to Nittany Lions offense. **PENN STATE 49-20.**
- No. 8 Utah (minus 28½) at San Diego State
Utes tune up for big game against BYU. **UTAH 44-13.**
- No. 9 Boise State (minus 34½) at Idaho
Broncos averaged 59 points in last four games vs. Vandals. **BOISE STATE 59-14.**
- No. 10 Ohio State (minus 10) at Illinois
Illini beat Buckeyes in Columbus last year. **OHIO STATE 37-17.**
- No. 14 Oklahoma State (minus 16½) at Colorado
Buffaloes have won 11 of last 13 against Cowboys. **OKLA. HOMER STATE 34-24.**

- No. 12 Missouri (minus 20½) at Iowa State
Tigers can clinch Big 12 North with win, Kansas loss. **MIS-SOURI 44-17.**
- No. 13 Georgia (minus 8) at Auburn
Tigers need one more win to be bowl eligible. **GEORGIA 28-14.**
- No. 16 BYU (minus 4) at Air Force
Cougars have won three straight against Falcons. **AIR FORCE 28-24.**
- No. 17 North Carolina (minus 2½) at Maryland
Tar Heels victory would help sort out muddy ACC races. **MARYLAND 27-21.**
- Troy (plus 19½) at No. 19 LSU
Postponed by Hurricane Ike in September. **LSU 35-20.**
- Boston College (plus 7) at No. 20 Florida State
Home team has lost three straight in series. **FLORIDA STATE 28-17.**
- California (plus 3) at No. 23 Oregon State
Beavers' Jacquizz Rodgers set Pac-10 freshman rushing record. **OREGON ST 30-24.**
- No. 25 Tulsa (minus 5) at Houston
Cougars could tie Tulsa for first in CUSA West. **HOUSTON 48-42.**

LAST WEEK: 15-5 (straight); 11-9 (vs. points).
SEASON: 161-47 (straight); 101-92 (vs. points).



South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier and the No. 24 Gamecocks are 21-point underdogs this week, trying to win at Florida this coming weekend for the first time ever and gain some national attention for a program still well under the radar.

Notre Dame AD: Program going in right direction under Weis

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Charlie Weis has the backing of his boss, who insists Notre Dame Football is heading in the right direction despite the team's inability to beat its best opponents.

"He's our head coach and I look forward to him being the head coach for a long time," athletic director Jack Swarbrick said Wednesday.

Notre Dame Web site editors have been deluged with people posting messages calling for Weis firing, and newspaper columnists have been questioning whether he is capable of making the Fighting Irish national title contenders again.

Notre Dame lost for the third time in four games Saturday, falling to Boston

College 17-0. The Fighting Irish have beaten only one team without a losing record, Stanford (6-5).

"I love the passion and I love that people care that much, but there's no factual predicate for any sort of discussion today. We're doing great," said Swarbrick, a Notre Dame graduate who was named athletic director in July. "You have to let the whole season play itself out and compare it to the season before."

BCA: NOT MUCH MINORITIES ENDED IN FOOTBALL

INDIANAPOLIS

Minorities are getting more interviews but still aren't getting enough college football jobs, according to the Black

Coaches and Administrators. Almost one-third of the college football interviewees last year were minorities, said a study released Wednesday by the group, but only four were hired for 31 head coach openings in NCAA Division I football.

The recent firings of Ty Williams at Washington and Ron Prince at Kansas State — both effective at the end of the season — left the Bowl Subdivision, the NCAA's top subdivision, with only four black head coaches, plus one Latino and one Pacific Islander.

"In the world of college football, the facts and statistics reflect an unmistakable bias and a systemic problem that has yet to be fixed. My

deep concern is, 'Why are the college football hiring practices of this year?'" said PCA executive director Floyd Keith, who did not have an answer to his question.

MUMME DIDN'T SIGN CONTRACT

EXTENSION LAST YEAR

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — New Mexico State coach Hal Mumme never signed a one-year contract extension the university offered last year, athletics director McKinley Boston disclosed Wednesday.

The deal proposed after last season would have stretched the coach's contract through the 2010 season, Boston said Mumme declined the offer.

"I offered him an extension and he chose not to sign it. I

Miami, VaTech matchup

MIAMI (AP) — If Miami receiver Keyene Farquharson had his way, the Hurricanes' game against Virginia Tech wouldn't be a prime-time Thursday night effort.

He just doesn't enjoy the national spotlight.

He just doesn't want to wait around all day for kickoff (5:30 p.m. ESPN).

"It's going to be kind of like the 'Rumble in the Jungle,'" Farquharson said. "Did you ever see the documentary about that Muhammad Ali couldn't even contain himself? He wanted George Foreman from the minute they got to Africa. That's how it's going to be. We can't wait."

OK, comparing this game between the Hurricanes (9-3, 3-2) and the Hokies (6-3, 3-2) to one of the most famed heavyweight championship fights of all time is, well, quite a reach. It's more like an elimination bout in the Atlantic Coast Conference, since the winner will stay atop the Coastal Division and remain in the Orange Bowl chase, while the loser will almost certainly be out of the championship picture.

chase not to make it public information," Boston told the Las Cruces Sun-News.

— The Associated Press

Baby Blues



By Mort Walker



By Scott Adams



By Lynn Johnston



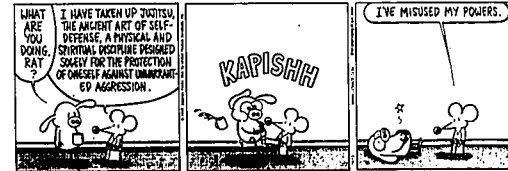
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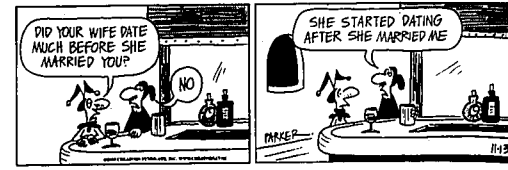


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By Hank Ketchum



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WHEREAS, Section 17.32.020(D) of the Jerome Municipal Code contains provisions regarding the placement of political signs and permitted dates; and
WHEREAS, it has been determined that the definition of "political sign" and the limitations of the placement of political signs and permitted dates may be unreasonable or in violation of law; and
WHEREAS, the City has determined that it would be in the best interests of the citizens of Jerome to repeal these two (2) sections of the Jerome Municipal Code in order that the issues involving the placement of political signs and permitted dates may be studied in depth and a suitable replacement ordinance proposed.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1, Section 17.32.020(C) of the Jerome Municipal Code is hereby repealed.
Section 2, Section 17.32.020(D) of the Jerome Municipal Code is hereby repealed.
Section 3, This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.
PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 4th day of November, 2008.
SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 6th day of November, 2008.
CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO
Mayor: JERRY L. HARRIS
Charles Correll, Mayor
ATTEST:
Kathy Conie, City Clerk

PUBLISH: November 13, 2008

JEROME CITY
CITY OF JEROME
NOTICE OF CITY PLANNING & ZONING
PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, the 11th day of December, 2008, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held before the Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission to consider a rezoning application for a residential use (R-1) in the home located on Lot 8, B.R. 6, Bremer Subdivision, NE, Section 17, Township 6, Range 19 in the Jerome community known as 715 East Ave.D.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND, and shall have an opportunity to be heard.
Dated this 3rd day of November, 2008.
Paul Thompson, Planning and Zoning Secretary

PUBLISH: Thursday, November 13th, 2008

JEROME COUNTY
NOTICE
The American Falls Reservoir District Board of Directors declare that the following persons, who are the owners of the property, have been appointed as Directors of the District for the term beginning January 12, 2009, there having been no other written nominations for office of Director received by the District.

The Secretary of the District has delivered Certificates of Election to Clarence Schroeder, John Beckers, and Terry Kramer as in accordance with Idaho Code 43-201 (A).
Dabbe Falkenberg, Secretary
American Falls Reservoir District
PUBLISH: November 13, 2008

GOODING COUNTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING

Case No. CV2008-0000586
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
RETA MAE ENGLEMAN
Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Patricia Waugh has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative at the address indicated below, or the law office of Brown, James & Swenson, 130 Fourth Avenue West, Gooding, Idaho 83330, or filed with the Clerk of the District Court.

DATED this 11th day of November, 2008.
Patricia Waugh
2008 South 10th Street, Gooding, ID 83330
Personal Representative
PUBLISH: November 13, 20 and 27, 2008

MINIDOKA COUNTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA

Case No. CV 2008-00412-M
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
KATHRYN SMITH
Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Public Administrator of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Laura Twiss, Public Administrator at PO Box 368, Rupert, Idaho or to the Minidoka County Recorder's Office at 100 Main Street, P.O. Box 100, Rupert, Idaho 83350 and filed with the Clerk of the District Court.
DATED this 31st day of October, 2008.
Laura Twiss
Public Administrator
PUBLISH: November 6, 13 and 20, 2008

MINIDOKA COUNTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA

Case No. CV 2008-812
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
RICHARD DALE MAGGARD
Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to S. Arjyn Maggard, Personal Representative at P.O. Box 5, Rupert, Idaho 83350 and filed with the Clerk of the District Court.
DATED this 17th day of October, 2008.
S. Arjyn Maggard
Personal Representative
PUBLISH: November 13, 20 and 27, 2008

CASSIA COUNTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASSIA

Case No. CV 2008-812
NOTICE OF HEARING
TENNILLE J. GUTHRIE
Plaintiff,
vs.
JEROLD RAY GUTHRIE
Defendant.
TO: Tennille J. Guthrie, Plaintiff:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, the 12th day of December, 2008, at 1:30 o'clock PM of said day, or as soon thereafter as the court may direct, the above named court, Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho, the above named plaintiff will call up for disposition his Rule 75 Motion in the Court of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Cassia.
Hearing: Restraining Order; and/or Authorizing Child Support Services to Disclose Plaintiffs Information.
Counsel requested oral argument on this motion.
DATED this 24th day of October, 2008.
MAY, SUDWIKES & BROWNING, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
518 Hansen Street
PO Box 1846
Twain Falls, ID 83303
PUBLISH: October 30, Nov 6, 13 and 20, 2008

LINCOLN COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
November 24th 2008 at 9:30 am
LINCOLN COUNTY COURT HOUSE
1111 WEST B STREET
Down stairs in Commissioners Room

PURSUANT TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING.

3:00pm Robert Ross is applying for a rezoning on 6.41 acres in Richfield to either R2 or A5 zoning the property is located at 1122 E 800N next to Cowboy subdivision. It has been sent from the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission to the recommended rezoning to approve A5 Zoning.
ANY FURTHER LEGALS OR DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE SEEN AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY PAZ OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE. TESTIMONY IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES UNLESS APPROVAL OF MORE TIME BY COMMISSIONER. IF THERE ARE ANY PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE NOTICED MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE PAZ ADMINISTRATOR TO FACILITATE THE MEETING.
TESTIMONY: (208)866-8808
PUBLISH: November 13 and 20, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Case No. CV 08-217
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(LC 153-801)
In the Matter of the Estate of
CAROL ANN DEWEY-SMITH,
Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 27th day of October, 2008.
Lance J. Limbocker
400 Pacific V. Shoemaker
550 W. Bancroft St., Suite 900
Boise, ID 83702, ST.
PUBLISH: November 6, 13 and 20, 2008

LINCOLN COUNTY
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IDAHO
Code 45-1508 Today's date: October 15, 2008
File No: 7261-25432; Sale date and time (local time): February 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM Sale location: Inside the North entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1111 West B Street, Shoshone, ID 83352 Property address: 1328 East 1200 North Richfield, Idaho 83353 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 967 Bellevue, WA 98005 (425) 586-1900. Dues of information: Original grantor: William S. Mortensen, a married man Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Company, LLC recording: April 15, 2004 Recorder's Instrument Number: 176503 County: Lincoln Sum proceeding on the obligation: as of October 15, 2008: \$96,625.14 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment will be necessary after we receive your payment. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described below. The property address is identified in compliance with IC 10-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 7 of Deseret View Subdivision #1, Lincoln County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now on file in the office of the Recorder of said County. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described in the plat and which can be reviewed at www.northwest-trustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or endorsement of kind. (T5# 7261-25432) 1002.100782-FE#1

PUBLISH: November 6, 13 and 20, 2008

CASSIA COUNTY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that two Applications for Transfer have been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights within Cassia County by CASSIA CREEK FARMS LLC, P.O. Box 588, DANVILLE CA 94526. Application No. 72670 proposes to dry up 124 acres of a water right currently devoted for irrigation purposes and convert a total of 1.74 cfs and 394.3 acre feet to stock water and 82.1 acre feet for 40 acres of irrigation within a sub-irrigation of 40 acres. It also proposes a proposed dairy site. Four new wells will be drilled. The approximate location of the proposed dairy site is 1.35 miles north of Malta, on the south side of Yale Road, between 0.5 and 1.5 miles east of the Interstate. Application No. 74518 proposes to create a permitted place of use of 5,223.5 acres, limited to 4,128.8 acre feet of water rights, currently diverting a total of 71.38 cfs and 16,419.9 acre feet from 14 existing wells. One additional existing well will be used and up to six new wells will be drilled for a total of 21 wells. Location is approximately 13.5 miles north of Malta, on the south side of Yale Road, between 0.5 and 1.5 miles east of the Interstate. For specific details regarding the application, please contact IDWR Southern Regional Office at 208-736-3033 or visit the website for the Department at www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRF-Flng.asp. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Protests against approval must be filed with IDWR, Southern Region, 1341 Fillmore St., Suite 200, Twin Falls, ID 83301 with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each protest filed on or before November 24, 2008. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
David R. Tuttle, Jr., Director
Published in the Times News on 11/6 & 11/13/08.

LINCOLN COUNTY
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale Notice: The Trustee is hereby given that, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 3/23/2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the property described below. The property address is identified in compliance with IC 10-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 7 of Deseret View Subdivision #1, Lincoln County, Idaho, as the same is platted in the official plat thereof, now on file in the office of the Recorder of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the property. The property is, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address is 123 North Benary, Shoshone, ID 83352, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Juvenal Reyes and Gabriela Reyes, husband and wife, as Grantors, and First American Title Insurance Company, LLC, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 1/26/2004, recorded 1/30/2004, under Instrument No. 178171, Mortgage records of Lincoln County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee. The above Grantors, as named, to comply with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, are not presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due the payments on the Note dated 1/26/2004, failure to pay the monthly payment which became due on 8/1/2008 and all subsequent monthly payments. The sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the Note and the Mortgage. All delinquencies are now due, together with late charges and attorney's fees, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security of the loan. The principal balance of \$136,397.41, together with interest thereon at 12.375% per annum from 7/1/2004 to 8/1/2008, is due. The balance due is \$157,222. (08/01/08 through 10/22/08) Late Charge: \$100.45 Beneficiary Advances: \$179.58 Superior's costs: \$20.00 Total: \$25,517.89. All delinquencies are now due, together with late charges and attorney's fees, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security of the loan. 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Woman giving men fake phone number is no lady

DEAR ABBY: I am a licensed psychologist and the director of a small counseling center at a liberal arts college. Part of my duties include answering emergency calls from students who are in crisis.

A local coed apparently has been regularly giving out my cell phone number to young men she meets in bars whom she says she wants to reject on the spot. Abby, you wouldn't believe the calls and text messages I receive at all hours of the day and night. I hear a lot in my line of work, yet some of these calls have made me blush!

Not only is this an inconvenience for me, but it would create a difficult situation for someone in a real crisis who can't get through to me because my phone is tied up with these phone calls and text messages.

Jadies, young and old alike: Please be honest. If you are not interested in the man — say so! You don't have to annihilate him, just say that you enjoyed meeting him but the "spark" isn't there, and wish him luck in his dating future. Please do not give him someone else's number. That's a coward's way out, and it is extremely unbecoming. And, at the very least, you are creating an inconvenience for someone else. I

IF NOVEMBER 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: What you consider to be of the utmost importance in the secret chambers of your mind may undergo a radical change in the year ahead. Because you adapt easily to swiftly changing conditions, you will be able to keep your head above water. Even so, you should avoid initiating unnecessary changes between now and mid-February. If some things vanish from your life, don't try to restore them. The cosmos may abruptly alter situations over which you have no control, but in the end it will be for your own good. In February you are likely to be exceedingly popular, so that is the time to make headway with career or romance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stay on track. You could temporarily lose your sense of purpose and be confused about what is really of importance. A significant person in your life might have the key that restores your confidence.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Stay positive. Any vague sense of dissatisfaction you dwell upon can act as a catalyst to undermine your efforts. Today's full moon may bring relationships and joint finances back into sharp focus.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Talk is cheap. Right now you may be overloaded by abundant information,



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

— PHONE CALL FIELDER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PHONE CALL FIELDER:

One would think that a person who is old enough to be looking for a good time in an establishment that serves liquor would also be mature enough to charmingly discourage unwanted attention. However, because the situation you have described happens frequently, I am printing your letter. I agree that giving someone a wrong phone number is cowardly. I have heard from many men who have told me that if a woman isn't interested, she should be direct about it. Believe it or not, the honesty will be appreciated.

DEAR ABBY: Thanksgiving will be here soon, and I hope you will help me spread a timely message. Each year the media cheapens the holiday by referring to it as Turkey Day instead of Thanksgiving. Please remind your

readers that the name Turkey Day is both inaccurate and inappropriate. While I think turkeys are charming and entertaining, our family does not gather on the fourth Thursday of November to celebrate the intelligence and majesty of these remarkable birds. Instead, we try to carry on the tradition of the Pilgrims who were thankful for their bounteous blessings after surviving their first winter in the New World.

I believe the expression "Happy Turkey Day" contributes to the dumbing down of America, and that we are falling further and further away from the real meaning behind the holiday with each passing year.

Please help to remind your readers to use the correct name for this important holiday, and let's all have a Happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for the opportunity to vent.

— MARK M.
IN TAMPA, FLA.
DEAR MARK M.: I agree that it's important not to forget the true meaning of our national holidays. But perhaps the reason so many members of the media — and others — refer to Thanksgiving as "turkey day" is because it's the time we allow ourselves to "gobble, gobble, gobble."

need not be ashamed of possessing an embarrassment of riches. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** The less said, the better. Some advice you receive may not have your best interests at heart — or a fully reliable source of information might be inaccurate. Today's full moon illuminates areas of confusion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It is better to ask for no advice than to accept bad advice. Today's full moon may give you clues as to which of your ingrained habits are causing you to lose ground at work or with your health.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Watch the bottom line. It might be that the line seems a bit vague, foggy or uncatchable now, but within a few days you can find things around. Your sincere friendliness can overcome an impasse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hide your true feelings. Although you can't persuade anyone to go along with your ideas under the current cosmic conditions, you might be able to collect valuable information. Start nothing of importance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Face up to your fears and frustrations. You cannot hide from the world. It is too tempting to shrink from criticism or to escape challenges by calling in sick or making excuses.

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tion, but you will need to painstakingly sort through it to find the valuable bits. You have a tendency to generalize the specific facts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might erroneously think you have a choice between molding circumstances and being molded by them. The truth is that you may be imagining that things are worse, or better, than they really are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Remain independent, as others may not be as dependable as usual. This is one of those days when you must make your own way without relying upon other people's help or advice. Take gossip with a grain of salt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Speak no evil. This isn't a good time to make a presentation, write an important letter, or to have a heart-to-heart chat. You may be briefly be disoriented with a partner or mystified by his or her actions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put things in perspective. You may have been born with a silver spoon in your mouth, but that makes it tough to speak succinctly. You

TODAY IN HISTORY

struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public city and state buses.

In 1971, the U.S. space probe Mariner 9 went into orbit around Mars.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee Cinnabar plutonium plant near Crescent, Okla., died in a car crash while on her way to meet a reporter.

In 1977, the comic strip "Li'l Abner" by Al Capp appeared in newspapers for the last time.

In 1985, some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a volcanic mudslide buried the city.

Ten years ago — President Clinton agreed to pay Paula Jones \$450,000 to drop her sexual harassment lawsuit, with no apology or admission of guilt, ending the four-year legal battle that had

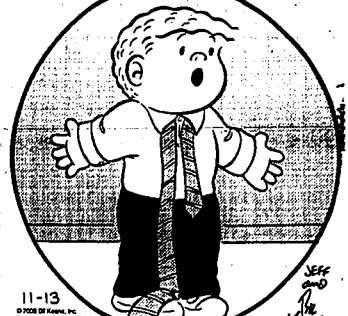
spurred the impeachment proceedings against him.

Five years ago: Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who had refused to remove his granite Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse, was thrown off the bench by a judicial ethics panel for having "placed himself above the law." Eric Gagne of the Los Angeles Eagle won the National League Cy Young Award.

One year ago: Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto demanded the resignation of U.S.-backed President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, dashing Western hopes the two would form an alliance to confront strengthening Islamic extremists. French rail workers went on a nine-day strike over President Nicolas Sarkozy's bid to strip away labor protections. CC Sabathia won the AL Cy Young Award to become the first Cleveland pitcher in 35 years to earn the honor.

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By Bill Keane



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