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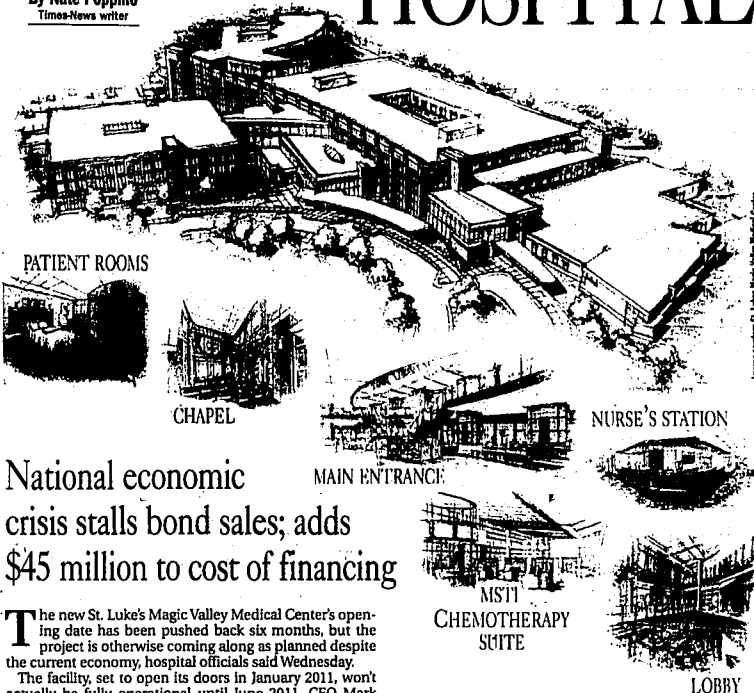
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## PUSHING BACK THE HOSPITAL

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer



### National economic crisis stalls bond sales; adds \$45 million to cost of financing

The new St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's opening date has been pushed back six months, but the project is otherwise coming along as planned despite the current economy, hospital officials said Wednesday.

The facility, set to open its doors in January 2011, won't actually be fully operational until June 2011, CEO Mark Schwartz said during a meeting with the *Times-News* editorial board. The delay was caused by a need to spread out some construction costs in a time of tough financing.

The main obstacle for the nonprofit has been the bond market. Schwartz said, St. Luke's Health System, the hospital's parent company, had intended to sell \$275 million in bonds this fall, but had to scale that plan back after the market took a dive. About \$125 million in bonds were finally sold about two weeks ago, he said, and the rest are being saved for sometime next year.

System-wide, St. Luke's currently has \$200 million in cash reserves, he said.

The interest rate on the bonds ended up at 7 percent, about a half-percent and a half higher than planned — costing the system an estimated \$45 million more in interest. But they were well-received, with more people wanting to buy them than actually could, said Alan

Horner, who recently shifted from the hospital's local board of directors to the St. Luke's System Board. The extra interest won't change the cost of the Twin Falls facility, Schwartz said.

Another project, a planned new site for St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, isn't far enough along to be harmed by bond issues, said spokeswoman Farley Davies. Officials are still finishing a financing study and selecting an architect, she said.

### Learn more about the hospital

Additional information:  
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## Return of big government

As economy dives, state jobs remain safe choice

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

As companies in Idaho and across the globe wrestle with employee layoffs in a struggling economy, there's at least one field that appears not only to be safe, but expanding.

The government.

There were 10,000 new government jobs in Idaho added between September 2007 and September 2008, including a net growth of 50 positions in south-central Idaho, according to recent statistics from the Idaho Department of Labor. The increase comes as the unemployment rate in Idaho increased from 2.7 percent to 5 percent, inching closer to the

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## Salmon advocates propose dam spills, higher flows

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

As a legal fight continues over how salmon should be managed in the Columbia River system, salmon advocates have asked a federal judge to institute temporary protections for the fish.

The National Wildlife Federation, other advocacy groups and the state of Oregon filed a motion Tuesday for a temporary injunction spilling more water over eight federal dams and raising overall flows for the Columbia and Snake rivers during the fish's migration season, which starts in April.

"The whole goal here is to push baty salmon through the river system as quickly as possible while leaving them in the river," Bill Sedivy, executive director of Idaho Rivers United, said on Wednesday.

According to a summary of the request, the dams would be directed to spill as much water as possible without violating the Clean Water Act, and would require federal agencies to do whatever necessary to meet targeted flow levels set by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries

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## At least 82 killed as gunmen rampage in India city

By Ramola Tahar Badam  
Associated Press writer

MUMBAI, India — Teams of gunmen stormed luxury hotels, a popular restaurant, hospitals and a crowded train station in coordinated attacks across India's financial capital Wednesday night, killing at least 82 people and taking Westerners hostage, police said. A group of suspected Muslim militants claimed responsibility.

Parts of the city remained under

siege as dawn approached Thursday, with police and gunmen exchanging occasional gunfire at two hotels and an unknown number of people still held hostage, said A.N. Roy, a top police official. Soldiers also took up positions across the city.

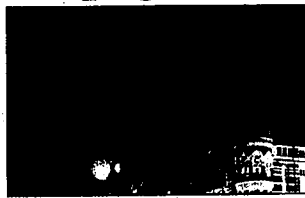
A raging fire and explosions struck the landmark Taj Mahal hotel shortly after midnight. Screams could be heard and black smoke billowed from the century-old edifice on Mumbai's water-

front. Firefighters sprayed water at the blaze and plucked people from windows and balconies with extension ladders.

The attackers specifically targeted Britons and Americans, witnesses said. Officials said at least 200 people were wounded.

The motive for the onslaught was not immediately clear, but Mumbai has frequently been targeted in terrorist attacks blamed

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# MORNING BRIEFING

## Thanksgiving Day brings closures around the valley

Many offices and facilities are closed today for Thanksgiving.

- City offices are closed today. Some city offices will be closed Friday, including in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Halley and Gooding.
- County offices are closed today. Most county offices will be open Friday, including in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Rupert, Halley and Gooding.

- State and federal offices are closed today; most will be open Friday.
- Post offices are closed today, but will open Friday.
- Local banks are closed today, but will open Friday.
- Twin Falls Public Library is closed today, but will open Friday.
- YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool is closed today; it will offer open swimming Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

- The College of Southern Idaho is closed today and Friday; the Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open on Friday.
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## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**Turkey Trot 5K fun run/walk**, with divisions for men and women, 7 a.m. registration and 8 a.m. race begins, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$25 registration fee, proceeds to CSI Student Rec Center, 732-6470 or at [srogers@csi.edu](mailto:srogers@csi.edu).

**The 3rd Annual Mini-Cassia Turkey Trot**, 5K fun run with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for men, women and children; door prizes, registration 8 to 9:30 a.m. and race at 9 a.m., West Minico Middle School, Paul, those with strollers and owners with well-trained dogs may participate, \$15 general and \$6 tot registration fee, [www.minicassiatrueyrot.com](http://www.minicassiatrueyrot.com).

### THANKSGIVING DINNERS

**Charlie's Café free Thanksgiving dinner**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 615 E. Main St., Burley, open to the public, any donations will be given to a local charity, 431-7445 or 678-0112.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl, [freewill@donations.com](mailto:freewill@donations.com), 543-4577.

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](mailto:sbrowne@magicvalley.com); by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

### Artist's rendering of finished hospital site



## Hospital

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Gooding County Memorial Hospital CEO Earl Fitzpatrick could not be reached for comment Wednesday on his hospital's new building, which is being financed through \$30.5 million in bonds. In October, he said the hospital is waiting until the market stabilizes before pricing the bonds.

Usually, a market dip wouldn't cause too many issues for a hospital, Schwartz said. By their nature, hospitals are usually more immune to economic downturns.

"People still get sick," he said. "They still need health care."

But this time, that's not the case, he said. The Twin Falls hospital, like the Magic Valley, is in better shape than some other parts of Idaho, he said. And unlike his counterparts in the Treasure Valley, he said his hospital hasn't seen any "drop in patient volume."

But the hard times will no doubt have some effect on this facility, he said. In January, when insurance deductibles reset, more patients may have to decide

between paying their bills and putting food on the table. More uninsured or nonpaying patients would mean more covered under the hospital's charity care policy and, in turn, more bad debt for the hospital that could affect its cash balance, he said.

St. Luke's is "always prudent" when it comes to its finances, Schwartz said, and is now taking an even closer look at its regular capital expenses to see what could be trimmed. Such expenses include facility upkeep and other costs.

"It's those things that are kind of needed, but can be put off another year," he said.

System-wide, some projects listed in St. Luke's 10-year development plan may be delayed, Schwartz said. But the new Twin Falls hospital is on track, he said, in part because of the pressures on the current facility from the area's growth.

With the delay, construction of the facility will now wrap up in the spring of 2011. Officials will need three months after that to fully transition staff and

equipment between the old and new buildings, he said.

The delay, Schwartz said, won't change St. Luke's contract leasing the current building from Twin Falls County. That contract ends in July 2011, he said, and allows for an extension of that time if one is needed.

No other changes are planned to the design or features of the \$220 million, 700,000-square-foot facility. Currently being built in stages, contractors are currently putting brick on the outside wall of the building's patient tower, Schwartz said, while steel girders are rising for the main diagnosis and treatment section.

The hospital's other Magic Valley projects, including a new physician's clinic at Addison Avenue and Carriage Lane, won't be affected by current trends, Schwartz said. Neither will a new clinic in Halley. Officials aren't sure yet how they'll choose to build a second medical office building on the northeast corner of the new Twin Falls hospital lot, and may lease it in a similar arrangement to the Addison clinic to spread out the cost.

## Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

- Before you stuff your face, get some exercise. The Turkey Trot 5K fun run/walk, with divisions for men and women, has a 7 a.m. registration and 8 a.m. race at the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls. It's \$25 with proceeds going to CSI Student Recreation Center.
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a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St. in Buhl. Freewill donations are accepted.

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](mailto:pam@magicvalley.com).

## Jobs

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national 6.1 percent average. In October, the Idaho rate increased to 5.4 percent. The statistics can be misleading. Many of the jobs come in education — particularly new charter schools, or from different agencies at various unprecedented growth, said Ian Roeser, a regional economist at the Department of Labor.

For the local data, the net growth of 50 government jobs comes from 270 new jobs in public education, against a loss of 220 government administration workers. The labor department's data, however, only categorizes south-central Idaho as Twin Falls and Jerome counties. The data does not include Mini-Cassia.

"It isn't the county commissioners or city councilmen adding a bunch of new jobs," said Roeser. "Typically you're still going to see an amount of growth in government continue to grow because of population growth."

The 10,000 new government jobs were for state and local government positions in Idaho, but not federal. The increase went from \$8,000 to \$18,000 in the 12-month period. There were about 3,400 new state positions and 6,000

at the local level.

In the Magic Valley, there were 270 more public education workers, in sectors that included the College of Southern Idaho and new teachers at charter schools, such as North Valley Academy in Gooding.

"We're seeing a lot more needs in the school districts than we're seeing charter schools, too," said Roeser.

Idaho — bucking a trend touted by business leaders in recent years — has not been immune to recent financial problems. In Twin Falls, layoffs recently issued layoffs and suspended production at one its Twin Falls plants.

While there are more employees in education, those listed under "government administration" — the staff to help you register your car, for example — slightly decreased in south-central Idaho.

When asked how to interpret the statistics, Twin Falls County Commissioner Chairman Tom Mikessell said a tight budget means jobs are only added when services require it.

"We do what we need to do," he said. "With that finite amount of money we meet the needs of the county that are up and down, back and forth."

But Roeser said not everything is rosy at the state level.

## Salmon

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Service's 1995 and 2000 salmon plans. Among other arguments, the groups say Idaho's high sockeye salmon returns to Redfish Lake this summer were caused in part by spill programs conducted in 2006, Sedivy said.

The filing is the latest step in a series of challenges from the groups to salmon recovery plans proposed by the federal government. NOAA Fisheries said the agency is in charge of the government recovery effort.

In a statement released Wednesday, officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said they had not yet fully reviewed the injunction, but still support NOAA Fisheries' latest recovery plan. They also argued that current projects being conducted with three states and seven American Indian tribes, as well as an overhaul of the river system, "have resulted in measurable and significant improvements in fish survival."

A call to NOAA Fisheries was not returned in time for

this report.

The salmon groups are currently fighting the government's latest proposal in court, and a hearing is planned for Jan. 16. The injunction request is not expected until after that, perhaps February, according to the summary.

Idaho irrigators and water users have been cautiously watching the case, concerned that salmon groups would require more water from Idaho's tight supply.

This injunction does not call for any new water to come from Idaho users, Sedivy said. Rather, he said it just calls for the federal government to change how it delivers water already promised through other agreements. Most effects to the state would likely be seen in Idaho Power Co.'s Hells Canyon dam complex, which would possibly have to shift some of its flows to earlier in the season, he said.

The injunction, Sedivy said, is only a "stop-gap" meant to preserve salmon until a final plan is worked out.

"It's not the solution," he

said, though he added it does provide a "road map" for the judge to protect the fish.

Despite the long history of the court case, Sedivy said the third stage is set for a compromise agreement — in part because of the incoming Obama administration and of the changes to Idaho's congressional delegation.

Federal officials have agreed this year that their plan is the needed compromise, after a number of tribes moved to back it following agreements providing them with funds for their own fish recovery projects. Some government officials have characterized the government as bribing the tribes, and Sedivy spoke of hopes to sit down and discuss the salmon issue with U.S. Sens. Jim Rich and Mike Crapo and Reps. Mike Simpson and Walt Minnick.

"We're thrilled" about Idaho's delegation, he said. "I think those guys see the status quo isn't working for anybody."

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## India

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on Islamic extremists, including a series of bombings in July 2006 that killed 187 people.

State home secretary Bipin Shrivastava said four suspects had been killed in two incidents when they tried to flee in cars, and Ray said two more were killed in the Taj Mahal. State Home Minister R.R. Patil said nine more were captured. They declined to provide any further details.

An Indian media report said a previously unknown group calling itself the Deccan Mujahideen had claimed responsibility for the attacks in e-mails to several media outlets. There was no

way to verify the claim. Police reported hostages being held at the Taj Mahal and Oberoi hotels, two of the best-known upscale destinations in this crowded but wealthy city.

Gunmen who burst into the Taj "were targeting foreigners. They kept shouting 'Who has U.S. or U.K. passports?'" said Ashok Patil, a British citizen who fled from the hotel.

Authorities believed seven to 15 foreigners were hostages at the Taj Mahal, but it was not immediately clear if the hostages at the Oberoi were Indians or foreigners, said Anand Ahmed, a top state official. It was also unclear where the hostages were in the Taj Mahal, which is divided into

an older wing, which was in flames, and a modern tower that was not on fire.

State Department deputy spokesman Robert Wood said U.S. officials were not aware of any American casualties, but were still checking. He said he could not address reports that Westerners might be among the hostages.

"The United States condemns this terrorist attack and we will continue to stand with the people of India in this time of tragedy," White House press secretary Anita Perkins said. "President Bush offers his condolences to the Indian people and the families of the innocent civilians killed and injured in the attacks."

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## IDAHO LOTTERY

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# MV charter schools get federal grants

By Ben Borkin  
Times-News writer

Federal dollars will help four Magic Valley charter schools to the tune of at least \$200,000 each.

The four charter schools are receiving a total of \$865,860 in federal aid through the U.S. Department of Education's Charter School Program grants. The grants, announced on Tuesday, are part of a \$3.4 million package going to 11 charter schools in Idaho.

The grants are aimed at helping the public charter schools with costs during their infancy in areas like curriculum, professional development, operation costs and textbooks.

The Southern Idaho Learning Center in Twin Falls is receiving a \$200,000 grant that will help the center's efforts to open a charter school in the community in the fall of 2009.

"It's huge," said Melody Lenkner, director of the center. "There's no way we could do this without the grant."

The center's charter school, when it opens, will be a middle school for students with learning disabilities. The school will open next year with up to 60 sixth-grade students and add seventh and eighth grades in subsequent years.

The grant will help with costs that include furnishings, curriculum, teacher training and consultants. The school is not yet accepting student applications.

Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition (ARTEC) Charter School, which works with school districts to provide technical programs throughout the Magic Valley, is getting \$200,000. The money will help with equipment costs for the programs, summer workshops for teachers and training for board members.

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Said Claire Major, the assistant director.

The school teaches courses that include electronics, diesel machinery, auto mechanics and construction.

"The programs are very expensive to operate," Major said.

North Valley Academy in Gooding is getting \$232,860, coming at a time when the school will expand next fall and add high school grades. Two-thirds of the grant will go toward helping with the high school costs, said Gayle DeMet, the head administrator of the school.

The grant will cover costs of teacher training, computers and textbooks, she said.

Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls is receiving \$233,000. That money will help with costs like teacher

training, desks and computer equipment.

"It's very helpful," said Renee Robbins, chair of the school's board.

Idaho has 31 charter

schools with 11,000 students statewide.

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KAREN BOSSICK/for the Times-News  
Former Olympic marathon runner Gabrielle Andersen-Scheits, of Ketchum, found herself practicing her double poling on the bike path through Hailey Tuesday, thanks to unseasonably warm weather that has melted the snow in the mountains.

## Want to ski Baldy? Take a hike

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

If you want to ski Bald Mountain today, you're going to have to climb the hill to do it.

Sun Valley will not open the slopes on Thanksgiving Day, nor will it open this weekend, thanks to temperatures in the high 40s that have curtailed snowmaking efforts.

"It'll be all right — we've been through this before," said Jack Silbach, Sun Valley's director of marketing.

"Last year we didn't open until the Saturday after Thanksgiving. In 1995 we didn't open until Dec. 9."

To compensate for the lack of skiing, Sun Valley is parading out a wealth of activities, including free guided hikes on a three-mile loop around its new White Clouds Golf Course.

Hans Muehleger, director of skiing, will lead the hikes, which leave at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. today through Saturday from the Sun Valley Lodge.

"It's definitely a beautiful hike with a beautiful view. We don't have wildflowers blooming right now, but people might see a fox or deer, and we'll provide them with an orientation of what to look for," said Muehleger, who helped build the hilltop trail, which offers views of Dollar and Trail Creek Summits. "We'll end with a tour of the new Sun Valley Club and those on the early morning tour can have lunch out there if they'd like."

Gabrielle Andersen-Scheits, a former Olympic marathon runner who has since taken up Nordic racing, had to content herself with double poling along the bike path that runs between Ketchum and Hailey Tuesday afternoon.

"I'm kind of bummed that there's no snow," she said. "Two weeks ago people were skiing a little bit of snow at Galena. Now this."

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## HEADED FOR THE TABLE



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A broad-breasted turkey shows his plumage at a farm north of Gooding last week. This Idaho tom, like many others, is destined for a Thanksgiving table and hungry stomachs today.

## Horizon kindergartners celebrate the feast

By Mary Hanson  
Times-News correspondent

Horizon Elementary School kindergartners in Jerome celebrated a Thanksgiving feast at their Jerome school Tuesday.

The yearly event is intended to introduce a variety of fruits into the students' diets. Prior to the feast, students read stories and studied the origins of the Thanksgiving holiday. Each made their own costumes and head gear.

Teachers Cindy Walter, Charly Williams, Jessica Wambke and Angela Chojnacki were joined by parent volunteers and helpers.

Horizon's student population is growing. Four morning class sessions and four afternoon sessions serve 160 kindergartners this year.

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MARY HANSON/For the Times-News

Horizon Elementary School kindergartners celebrate their Thanksgiving Feast Tuesday at the Jerome school.

## Minidoka Co. office Internet usage raises concerns

By Laurie Welch  
Times-News writer

Minidoka County elected officials say public workers are using company time and public computers to view inappropriate Web sites.

Commissioner Dan Stapelman at Monday's commission meeting said the county is still having some problems with employees looking at inappropriate sites. Stapelman said the sites employees visit is public record and could be reviewed by anyone.

"We don't want our employees looking at sites that

wouldn't look good on the front page of the paper," Stapelman said.

Minidoka County Information and Technology expert Janie Rutschke is working on a set of employee rules for Internet use.

Minidoka County Clerk Duane Smith said the issue of employees visiting inappropriate Internet sites came to the commissioners' attention about a year ago and Rutschke dealt with the issue by blocking the problem sites.

"We only have two or three sites blocked now, Facebook is one of them," Smith said.

Smith said most county employees have some access to the Internet at work and said he is not aware of anyone being disciplined for viewing unapproved sites at this time.

"Generally, discipline would be done at the department head level and we wouldn't necessarily even know about it," Smith said.

In other business, the commissioners nalled down a floating holiday issue that keeps popping up.

Commissioners voted to allow county employees to take one Friday of their choice off after Thanksgiving,

Christmas or New Years although county offices will remain open.

The issue was previously brought up during a January meeting but nothing was ever approved.

"I thought this was taken care of," said Commissioner Bob Moore. "These things keep coming back up. I thought we voted to make it permanent."

Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center Director Trent Bodily said the facility has 12 youth in custody, including one from Minidoka County, six from Cassia

County, four from the Department of Juvenile Corrections and one from Gooding.

Bodily said he currently has four staff attending the Idaho Police Officers Standards and Training Academy and two more who need to attend.

"Hopefully we will keep everyone on board so we don't have to go through that again," Bodily said.

Minidoka County Extension Educator Donna Gillespie said the city of Heyburn has completed the first part of its Horizon Program, which is going well.

Gillespie said 50 to 60 people in the community turned out to participate in the study circles, which fulfilled the first step in the program. If the community completes the 18-month program it will be eligible for a \$10,000 grant.

Gillespie also said extension youth sold 700 pies last week, decorated a tree for Rupert's Caring and Sharing Festival and made 120 hats on spring break that will be given away this holiday season.

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# Wyo. blasts feds in wolf comments

By Ben Henry  
Associated Press writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Wyoming says the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shouldn't try to force the state to rewrite its wolf-management law as a condition of ending federal protections for gray wolves in the state.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is taking public comments through Friday on its plan to end federal Endangered Species Act protections for wolves in the Northern Rockies. It's the latest move in a lengthy debate over management of the animals, which were reintroduced into Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho in the mid-1990s. The Service wants to have a new plan in place by the end of the year.

Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal's office this week submitted comments accusing the federal agency of "working to end wolf protections in Idaho and Montana while leaving them in place in Wyoming."

"In the strongest possible terms, the state urges the service to end its practice of allowing politics and public relations concerns to drive the decision-making process for the new delisting rule," wrote Ryan Lance, Freudenthal's deputy chief of staff.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy of Montana last month reinstated federal endangered species protections for gray wolves in the three states.

The Fish and Wildlife Service had removed federal protections for the wolves in March, but reversed itself in response to Molloy's ruling in a lawsuit filed by environmentalists. The environmentalists claimed wolves wouldn't be adequately protected under state oversight.

In his court order blocking the states from taking over wolf management, Molloy singled out Wyoming's wolf management plan for stinging criticism. Under the Wyoming plan, wolves would have been classified as predators that could be shot on sight in most of the state.

Wyoming has committed to keeping at least 15 breeding pairs of wolves and 150 individual wolves in the state, Lance said there's no doubt the state's current laws and regulations would allow the minimum required number

of wolves to survive.

"The state's current wolf management scheme allows the state to maintain its share of a recovered wolf population," Lance said. He added that there would be no legitimate biological reason to end federal oversight in the other two states but not in Wyoming.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission last month announced it was revising its wolf management regulations to try to satisfy federal concerns.

However, Richard A. Coleman, acting deputy regional director for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver, told the game department that Molloy had indicated the state needed to change its laws to ensure long-term conservation of wolves in the state.

In a letter to Wyoming Game and Fish earlier this month, Coleman said it seemed premature for Wyoming to revise its existing wolf management regulations because "legislative

# Pepcorn family challenges Mindoka County witness reimbursements

By Laurie Welch  
Times-News writer

Mindoka County Prosecutor Nicole Cannon informed county commissioners Monday that the family of James Pepcorn wants to meet with them to discuss some disallowed witness reimbursements.

"They were really upset about the characterization that they were making money on the thing," Cannon said.

The meeting will be held sometime in December.

Cannon said the county was on solid ground not reimbursing the family for some of the expenses.

James Pepcorn, a Rupert resident and former Burley school teacher, was convicted Oct. 2 in a Twin Falls courtroom of one charge of rape, two level conduct charges along with a child sex abuse charge in two separate cases involving extended family members.

After the trial the witnesses submitted reimbursement

bills, some of which the commissioners deemed inadvisable.

Cannon said the county has picked up the tab for a \$4,500 bill to Twin Falls County where the trial was held and is liable for a \$5,010 hotel bill, but some of the other charges fell into question.

Court House ad Kila Jesse was assigned go through the charges, which included mileage from several witnesses who rode in the same vehicle to the trial, stayed in the hotel longer than was required and submitted receipts for meals consumed before they traveled to the trial.

Pepcorn is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 17 in Mindoka County and is being held in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center without bond. He faces a maximum possible punishment of three life sentences along with two 25-year sentences.

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# Cassia School Board hears presentations from high schools

By Damon Hutzker  
Times-News writer

It was like something out of 1950s television — teenagers talking about the virtue of respect and the value of their teachers.

At Tuesday night's board meeting, members of the student councils from Burley and Oakley high schools delivered presentations to the Cassia County School Board, as well as 13 audience members.

Other schools presented during last month's meeting.

Luis Novoa, the BHS student body vice president, praised the school's faculty and administration — especially Principal Jodie Mills, who was in the audience.

"Burley High School is like this huge galaxy full of stars — some bright, some not as bright and dull," he said.

But, Novoa emphasized, no matter how dull the star, the administration and faculty

attentively guide each student toward his or her full potential.

Of the many positive developments at BHS in the past year, Novoa mentioned the accomplishment of the school passing the Annual Yearly Progress goals required by the Department of Education under No Child Left Behind, the new athletic stadium, the community block party, Cabin Fever Day, Mr. BHS, homecoming, the

Christmas food drive, and the recent production of "West Side Story."

Regarding the food drive, Novoa said, "We don't want to isolate ourselves as a school — we want the whole community involved."

The production of "West Side Story" reflected the ethnic diversity at BHS, he said, adding, "We have our little cliques at Burley High School — but really, it's only at lunch."

Brian Babbitt and Caleb Greenwell, the respective Oakley High School student body president and vice president, mentioned the rigorous enforcement of rules at the school.


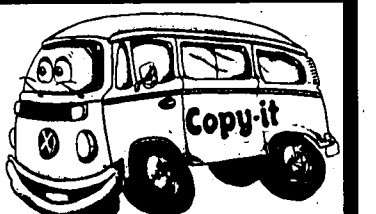
"A couple of kids need to learn respect," Greenwell said. They focused, however, on school organizations.

"We do a lot of sports. There's not much else to do... but that's a touchy subject," Greenwell said, referring to

the school's recent loss at state. Some of the Oakley High pursuits are unique, as least in name — such as SASS, an acronym that stands, somewhat redundantly, for "Secret Acts of Secret Service."

Babbitt singled out "Respect Groups" and the "Peanut Butter Drive," a project that raises food for the needy.

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Tax commission sets 2009 homeowner's exemption

Impact unknown until property values set

**By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer**

The Idaho State Tax Commission announced this week that it will increase the statewide homeowner's exemption. The maximum

will not know the impact on tax payments or government revenues until property values are determined in 2009. Idaho provides a partial property tax exemption to qualified homeowners for their primary dwelling and up to one acre of land. The law exempts 50 percent of the assessed value from taxation;

however, the exemption can't exceed a maximum value that changes each year based on the Idaho Housing Price Index. That index is published by the United States Office of Housing Enterprise Oversight. "The 2009 exemption amount of \$104,471 doesn't apply to any property tax bills

homeowners receive for 2008," said Alan Dorfrest, property tax policy supervisor for the Idaho State Tax Commission. "We won't know the effect it has until next year's property values and taxes are figured out."

Idaho's homeowner's exemption began in 1980, with a maximum of \$10,000. It remained at that level until 1983, when it was raised to \$50,000 by voter initiative. The 2006 Idaho Legislature raised the exemption to \$75,000 and tied future numbers to the Housing Price Index.

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Obama adds econ advisers, says 'help on the way'

**By Sara Kugler  
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Associated Press writers**

CHICAGO — President-elect Barack Obama pledged on Wednesday to have an economic plan ready for action on the nation's financial crisis on his first day in office. "Help is on the way," he declared.

He also said his Cabinet would "combine experience with fresh thinking" and pushed back against criticism that he was recycling former Clinton administration officials as he builds his new economic team.

In his first news conference on the economy in as many days, Obama announced he had chosen former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker to head a new White House panel to help create jobs and bring stability to the ailing financial system.

Volcker, 81, will head the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board. The board's top staff official will be Austin Goolsbee, a University of Chicago economist.

Volcker is a legendary central banker who raised interest rates and restricted the money supply to tame raging inflation in the 1980s. It was a painful prescription that helped send the economy into one of the



President-elect Barack Obama gestures as he speaks at a news conference in Chicago, Wednesday.

nation's worst recessions. "He pulls no punches," Obama said of Volcker. "He seems to be fairly opinionated."

Fifty-five days before his inauguration, Obama defended his selection of former Clinton officials to help run his administration. "The American people would be troubled if I selected a treasury secretary or a chairman of the National Economic Council at one of the most critical economic times in our history who had no experience in government whatsoever," Obama said.

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Whitney Beem stands a kiss from her four-month-old son as her other son searches for a toy. Beem visited her boys' daycare on a surprise visit Wednesday. "I work longer days so I can come over," said Beem, regional marketing director at Cooper Norman in Twin Falls. "I think I'm one of the more annoying moms because I'm always here."

CLOSING THE WAGE GAP

Idaho's working women getting better pay; disparity still prevalent among older working women

**By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer**

Idaho's working women have made progress closing the wage gap with men since the state economy launched its long expansion through the 1990s. But they still have a long way to go regardless of the industry they work in.

Information compiled from the Local Employment Dynamics program showed the average pay in 2007 for all working women in Idaho was 60 percent of the average for all men, up slightly from 55 percent in 1992.

The gap's economic impact is aggravated by Idaho's low average wage, but potential reasons for why it narrowed include the occupations women traditionally hold in various industries, a tendency for more women than men to work part time — possibly due to family obligations — and the trend of more and more women seeking post-secondary education.

Whitney Beem, regional marketing director for Cooper Norman, an accounting and business advising firm based in Twin Falls, has been organizing a local group for professional women in Twin Falls.



Whitney Beem and Alexis Daly, of First Federal, go over an ice-breaker game that Beem uses for presentations. The Twin Falls women are starting a grassroots organization they hope will help professional women advance in their careers and personal lives. "We just have different struggles," Beem said, adding that when the day is over for working women, it's usually followed by chores at home.

She said that one of the greatest challenges for women in the workplace is trying to balance family and a career.

"I don't really notice a difference in wages — it's more about finding a family friendly place to work," she said. "It can be a really difficult balance to have children and a career."

By age group over the past 15 years, older women workers generally gained more ground on men than younger women — suggesting that older women are receiving promotions and salary increases that they were not offered in the early 1990s.

Beem said that many women she speaks with in the Twin Falls area attribute the change to older women "who paved the way in the workplace for younger generations."

According to Idaho

Department of Labor, the Local Employment Dynamics program merges specific labor market information with census demographics to provide detailed statistics by age, sex, location and industry.

Not surprisingly, wages for men and women starting jobs after graduating from high school are relatively close, most likely because at the start of their working lives they generally compete for the same kinds of jobs. In 2007, women in their late teens and early 20s were being paid as much or more than their male counterparts in the financial, health care, administrative services and education sectors, the report said.

But the onslaught of male college graduates has an immediate impact on paychecks of workers in their mid-20s, and the disparity

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steadily increases between the average wage for men and women overall — and within specific industries.

The gap grows as employees get older, but the gap was not as great in 2007 as in 1992. That could reflect more women today both obtaining college degrees and moving into supervisory and management positions and deciding to work full time.

Government is the one sector that seems to buck the general trend with wages for men and women in a comparatively narrow band. Through all the age categories, women's average pay ranged from a low of 75 percent of men's in the middle years of a career — 35 to 54 — to 81 percent in their early 20s. Women 19 to 24 accounted for about half the government workers in that age group while women accounted for much less than half in the older age categories.

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**LIAR, LIAR, PANTS ON FIRE** If you want an honest answer from a colleague, try asking the question in a letter rather than e-mail.

A recent study at Lehigh University found that people feel more comfortable lying in electronic messages than other kinds of communication, like pen and paper.

"We've known from other research that people react differently in e-mail than they do face-to-face, but this shows that intentional deception online may be a behavioral norm," said Liuba Belkin, co-author of the study and an assistant professor of management at Rutgers University, who conducted the study with Belkin and Charles Naquin of DePaul University.

"There's a psychological barrier and this feeling that speaking in e-mail or pen-and-paper communications, the students reported the size of

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"There's an anonymity that people seem to think they have in e-mail," said Terri Kurtzberg, an associate professor of management and global business at Rutgers University, who conducted the study with Belkin and Charles Naquin of DePaul University.

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# Roads, skies to be less crowded over Thanksgiving

By Don Babwin  
Associated Press writer

**CHICAGO** — Despite plummeting gas prices and unusual last-minute holiday deals on airplane tickets, more Americans are expected to stick close to home this Thanksgiving.

In fact, the Automobile Association of America says the 41 million people expected to take trips at least 50 miles (80 kilometers) for Thanksgiving is about 600,000 less than traveled last Thanksgiving.

The reason, as a surly economist might say? It's the economy, stupid.

"The economy is in such bad shape. ... They're still really hesitant to take that trip," said Beth Mosher, spokeswoman for AAA Chicago.

In comparison, over the Independence Day (July 4) weekend when gas prices were far higher than the same weekend the previous year, the number of travelers dropped just 2.3 percent, she said. At that time, the economic news wasn't as dire as it is now.

For airlines, the lowered



Passengers wait in lines at United Airlines domestic terminal at San Francisco International Airport in San Francisco.

fares at a time when they usually can make them up can't combat the extra fees the struggling industry has

tacked on to everything from checked baggage to pillows to in-flight food. In Boston's Logan

International Airport, the crowds at check-in counters and security lines were uncharacteristically sparse.

Andres Rivasdeineira, 18, an international student at Bentley College, said he arrived for his flight to

Miami three hours early. But with few crowds to wade through, he had time to relax and eat breakfast with other Bentley students.

"It was less hectic than I expected," he said, although he added that his ticket was more expensive than usual.

Security lines at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport were also short. Spokesman John Kennedy predicted that Thanksgiving travel numbers will go up slightly to 1.67 million from 1.65 million last Thanksgiving holiday.

Graeme Wallace, chief technical officer for farecompare.com, a consumer airline ticket research Web site, said it may take until after the first of the year before airlines know if the recent fare reductions will put many more people on planes. He said in his recent experience, business flights have been crowded but leisure flights are often half empty.

"With the economy tanking, they're thinking, 'Do I want to spend \$400 for a 1,200 mile trip?'" Wallace said.

## Dragging economy sends steel prices down after record profits

By Daniel Lovering  
Associated Press writer

**PITTSBURGH** — Just weeks after posting record profits, steel makers including Ohio-based AK Steel are facing a harsh new reality: dwindling orders, production cuts, layoffs. And tougher times lay ahead, analysts say.

The steel industry had been riding high earlier this year, as surging demand from China and other countries, coupled with soaring prices for materials used in steel making, produced the most lucrative market for the metal in more than 60 years.

But the credit crisis and global economic slowdown have undercut customers in key markets — construction, automobiles and industrial equipment — sending prices tumbling and prompting steel companies to slash production, scale back shipment forecasts, delay expansion plans and lay off workers. Lower revenues and more layoffs loom in the months ahead, and production may not return to levels seen earlier in 2008 for more than two years, according to some analysts.

"The downturn has been dramatic, both in the speed and the magnitude," said Christopher Plummer, managing director of Metal Strategies Inc., a consulting firm in West Chester, Pa. "It's quite concerning and alarming."

John Anton, a steel economist with IHS Global Insight, said he expects U.S. steel production to fall next year, but that steel companies will be lucky to make about 65 percent as much as they did in 2008. Revenues could fall 35 to 40 percent, and pre-shutdown production levels may not return until 2011.

Layoffs and production cuts are inevitable, but as long as (steel companies) saved some of the huge profits they made in 2008 ... they should survive," he said.

The U.S. steel industry has been particularly hard hit by a decline in the number of new houses being built after mul-



The United States Steel Corp.'s Edgar Thomson Works in Braddock, Pa. Pittsburgh-based United States Steel Corp., which posted record profits for the three months ended in September, said it was laying off 675 workers in the U.S. and Canada due to weaker demand amid the economic downturn.

tiples years of excessive construction, Anton said. While little steel is used in new residences, they bring shopping centers, hospitals and schools — buildings made from larger amounts of the metal. "The real big drop in steel demand hasn't happened yet — that's the decline in non-residential construction," said Charles Bradford, an analyst with Bradford Research/Soleil Securities. "That's just beginning to show up."

Booming demand from

China, particularly construction, helped revive the steel industry after a severe downturn from 1998 through 2002 caused by the Asian economic meltdown and other financial crises, as well as a strong dollar that made U.S. produced steel more expensive on the world market.

### CORRECTION

The 6-yr. Doorbuster 18K over Sterling Silver Garnet with Diamond Heart Pendant style shown is not available due to vendor's inability to ship. A replacement style will be available. No rain checks will be issued. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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## Geithner already shaping economy

By Jeannine Aversa  
and Ellen Simon  
Associated Press writers

### Analysis

**WASHINGTON** — Virtually unknown outside financial circles, Timothy Geithner suddenly is the man at every crisis point in the economy.

As Barack Obama's pick to be treasury secretary, Geithner is serving as a chief economic adviser to the president-elect and will shape the new administration's strategy to cure the country's deep economic woes. But he already is helping lead the battle at the Federal Reserve — and with the Bush administration — to rescue the nation from the worst financial conflagration since the 1930s.

Geithner is a man wearing different hats.

He studies the administrations of two presidents, and intervenes in the economy on behalf of both. Through Geithner, Obama

has a historically unique opportunity to make an imprint before he is president.

Still, Geithner must tread gingerly.

"He needs to be careful and gauge his response," said Anthony Sabino, a professor of law and business at St. John's University. "He needs to be hands-on between now and the end of the Bush administration. But he can't squeeze. He needs to be involved, but he can't push too hard. It is a nuanced dance."

With the country believed to be sinking ever deeper into recession, Obama isn't wasting any time during the transition. He's assembled his economic team — led by Geithner — and is already working on crafting economic initiatives that some Democrats estimate at \$500 billion to \$700 billion to send

to Congress in January.

As president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Geithner has taken an activist, interventionist approach to battling the financial crisis. He supported the Fed's decision to financially back JPMorgan Chase's takeover of teetering Bear Stearns. He helped engineer a potential rescue of Lehman Brothers, although the efforts didn't gel and the company was forced into bankruptcy. He also was involved in the government's bailout of Insurer American International Group and Sunday's rescue of Citigroup.

And, he has figured prominently in the creation of a raft of innovative new programs to get banks to lend more freely, a crucial effort to break the nation's debilitating credit clog. One day after Geithner was tapped to be Obama's treasury secretary, the Fed announced two new programs to provide \$800 billion toward unlocking lending.

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# A cramped introduction

## Jerome County Sheriff-elect McFall, commissioners inspect overcrowded jail

By Mary Hanson  
Times-News correspondent

Jerome County Sheriff-elect Doug McFall joined county commissioners Diana Obenauer and Joe Davidson on Monday for a quarterly inspection of the Jerome County Jail.

McFall, who defeated then-Undersheriff Jocoyne Nunnally and Jerry Martinez in the November election, took his first official tour of the facility as the man who will take over for outgoing Sheriff Jim Weaver in January.

Obenauer and Davidson checked off dozens of requirements during the inspection, which included frequent dialogue with jail administrator Stephanie Halsey.

While the commissioners said they found the jail met requirements, they echoed recent concerns about the facility's lack of space. The jail's population of 47 inmates outnumbers its 36 beds, and some inmates slept on mattresses on the floor in shared cells. Some inmates, Obenauer said, are housed in a nearby annex or neighboring jails, including Coaling.

"The jail is secure," Obenauer said. "And, it is clean and well-organized, as we can see. The continuing problem is that we do not have enough space and that is not going to get better as Jerome grows."



Jerome County Commissioners Diana Obenauer and Joe Davidson take a detailed look at the kitchen during a Monday inspection of the Jerome County Jail.

McFall declined comment during the inspection, saying he wanted to wait until he was sworn in. County officials have said they want to break ground next year on a new jail, tentatively planned as a 165-bed which could house inmates from outside the county for a fee.

A short-lived escape attempt by a prisoner returning from court was also a subject of discussion. The prisoner was in restraints and made it only

a matter of feet before he was apprehended and returned to his cell. Obenauer said commissioners and jail personnel will discuss the matter further following the inspection, to see if there are any related areas that need to be strengthened or changed.

The commissioners noted that the current jail's lack of space may be costing the county money, as fresh food must be purchased almost daily, as the

jail lacks adequate space for food refrigeration for its inmate population.

The county jail employs seven full-time employees, including its administrator. As sheriff, McFall will oversee those employees as part of a 33-member workforce. The department has a \$1.42 million budget and the sheriff is paid \$51,044 annually.

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

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Food for fines at Jerome library

People with fines at the Jerome Public Library can bring in non-perishable food items through Dec. 19 and receive a 50-cent deduction in fine per item. All food gathered will be donated to the Jerome Food Bank.

The offer does not apply to lost or damaged materials. Those without fines are also encouraged to donate.

#### Long-term care wish lists wanted

Long-term care facilities are encouraged to gather residents' wish lists for inclusion in the Times-News Community sections.

Interested facilities can gather lists of three to five items or wishes per resident and e-mail them, along with each resident's name and the name of the facility, to front-door@magicvalley.com. The submission deadline is noon, Dec. 5. Lists will run Dec. 11-16.

#### Hazelton turns on Christmas lights

The city of Hazelton will hold a Turn the Lights On event from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at City Hall and the adjacent park. Lights will be

lit at 5:50 p.m.

The Lions Club will furnish hot chocolate, coffee and cookies and there will be a Christmas choir.

The event is being held to celebrate the cities compliance with an Idaho Power promotion encouraging all municipalities to save electricity by switching to LED Christmas lights. The company is reimbursing cities 30 cents for each light turned in after being replaced with new, energy efficient lights. The city of Hazelton turned in all the lights it owned and was the first city in the area to be 100 percent LED. Information: 829-4018.

#### Jerome shelter collecting dog beds

The Jerome Animal Shelter is holding a dog bed collection drive this Christmas season.

As winter approaches, the shelter continues to look for ways to make the dogs in the shelter warm and comfortable. The shelter already has some Kuranda dog beds which provide the dogs with a soft, dry place off the floor to sleep, but does not have enough.

The Kuranda Company is offering special discounts for Please see COMMUNITY, Page B5

### BROWNLEE EARNS AWARD



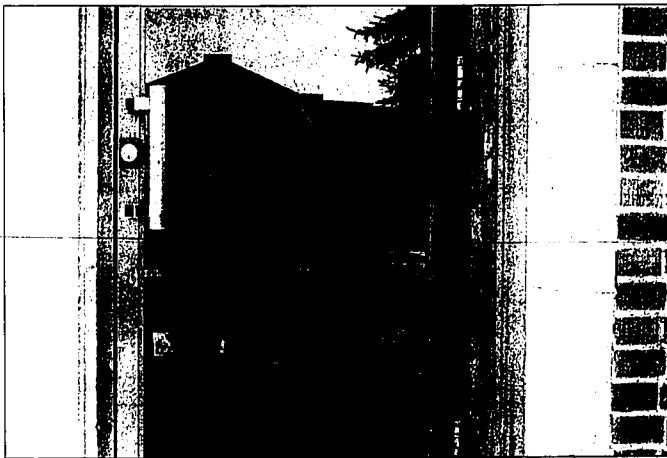
Sarah Brownlee of Richfield was one of 75 students nationwide to receive the Jack Keet Cooke Young Scholar Award. As a Jack Keet Cooke Young Scholar, Brownlee will receive academic advising along with financial support for carefully selected enrichment opportunities to help her develop her gifts and talents. The application process included student generated essays, interviews, references from teachers and many pages of information filed with the foundation. More than 1,100 students applied for the scholarship this year. Pictured from left, Senator Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, congratulates Brownlee on her accomplishment.

### SCHMIDT SELECTED AS PAGE



Democrat Senator Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, left, was in Richfield on Oct. 20 speaking at the senior citizens luncheon. Jaquet represents Lincoln County in the State Senate. Also during her visit, Jaquet invited Danielle Schmidt, right, a Richfield High School senior, to work as her page for the winter session. Schmidt will spend six weeks in Boise working as a senate page with other outstanding students from throughout the state.

### GETTING READY TO WED



The reflection of (left to right) Brennan Lyons, Christen Lean and Sammie McGregor is seen in the front entrance to the Jerome County Courthouse Monday. Lyons and Lean were seeking a marriage license at the multipurpose county building.

## Search for underlying cause as eye problem flares up again

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am having yet another bout of iritis, with accompanying pain and sensitivity to light. This always seems to happen when I am away from home and cannot see my own doctor. I have been treated with steroid eye drops in the past but wonder if there is anything you can recommend instead.

DEAR READER: Uveitis is



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Inflammation and swelling of the uvea, the layer of the eye between the retina and sclera.

ra. One of the most common forms is anterior uveitis, which involves the front portion of the eye and is limited to the iris — thus, the name iritis.

Most attacks are mild. Symptoms last from a few days to several weeks with treatment, and the bouts are prone to recurrence.

Common symptoms are pain, swelling, tearing and

photophobia (light sensitivity). Severe cases can include blurred vision. The condition can affect one or both eyes and is most common in young and middle-aged people. Upon examination, the pupil is constricted, the iris bulges, and the eye appears cloudy.

Steroid eye drops or ointments are often used to treat the inflammation. Severe

cases that recur regularly are best handled by a thorough search for the underlying cause. Without this information, I cannot specifically answer which treatment is best for you.

There are several other forms of uveitis that appear to be associated with Crohn's disease, systemic infection, toxoplasmosis, trauma, rheumatoid arthritis, autoim-

mune disorders and more. Return to your physician, who can take a complete history and determine whether the steroid drops are appropriate. Should you be suffering from an infection, treatment might include an antibiotic. Finding the underlying cause is the best approach.

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# Papoose Holiday Bazaar nears

The Papoose Club's 18th Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at Hemingway Elementary School, 111 Eighth St. W., Ketchum.

The bazaar includes more than 50 vendors from across the West that were selected by jury to feature their work at this year's show.

Items for sale include hand-blown glass, ceramic tableware and vases, clothing, jewelry, handbags, fiber arts, soy candles, gourd art, photog-

raphy, and holiday home design items. The Soup Cafe will sell baked goods and homemade soups.

The Papoose Club will also sell fresh wreaths and homemade holiday cookies by the dozen. A raffle with prizes from local businesses will be held and live holiday music will be performed by local musicians.

There will be free children's activities throughout the bazaar and a guest appearance by Santa at 1 p.m. Dec. 6.

Founded more than 50

years ago, the primary purpose of the Papoose Club is to promote and assist cultural, social, educational and athletic activities for the children of the Wood River Valley and to raise money to further these purposes. The Papoose Club is a 501-c non-profit and tax deductible donations are welcome.

Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting more information on becoming a member of the Papoose Club can call 726-6642.

## Community

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its beds through the donation program which sends the beds directly to the shelter in the donor's name. The beds are sturdy and long lasting and will provide a lasting gift for all dogs that come to the shelter.

Anyone wishing to donate a dog bed can visit [www.kuranda.com](http://www.kuranda.com) or call Kuranda at 800-494-7122. Donations can also be placed as a gift in the name of a friend or family member. Kuranda will mail a personalized gift card acknowledgement of each

donation. Prices for the discounted dog beds range from \$52 to \$64.

Information: Monica, 324-8189.

### We want your community news

Do you have community news you would like to have published in the Times-News? New Jerome,

North Side, Mini-Cassia and Twin Falls Community sections?

E-mail the information and a photo, if you have one, to [frontdoor@magicvalley.com](mailto:frontdoor@magicvalley.com). Please put the word "community" in the subject line.

If you are announcing an upcoming event please send the information at least two weeks in advance.

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## GIRLS STATE PARTICIPANTS



The American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 30 of Gooding sent three girls to the Girls State Program in June. The program teaches young women responsible citizenship and love of God and country. Girls are selected in their junior year of high school and spend an intensive week of study on the functioning of their state and local governments. On Nov. 18 a dessert party was held at the post so the three girls could share their experiences and thank the community for being able to participate in the Girls State Program. The attendees from Gooding put on a Power Point slide show and the attendees from Bliss gave a talk on her experiences. Pictured from left are, Renee Howells, Gooding Girls State attendee; Ariel Berk, Bliss Girls State attendee; Stephanie Dickson, Gooding Girls State attendee; and Jane Koonce, president of American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 30.

Courtesy photo

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity in Jerome County 5th District Court included:

### MISDEMEANOR

#### ARRAIGNMENTS

Liselotte Bodner, driving without privileges, open container, failure to provide proof of insurance, exceed the max speed limit.

Edilser E. Cifuentes-Ramirez, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Manuel Henrique Couto, resisting/obstructing officers. Hollis Ann Donate, vicious dog at large.

Alejandro Garcia-Arteaga, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Amancia Gonzalez, willful concealment. Michael Alfred Gordon Jr., reckless driving.

Jose J. Gutierrez, minor consumption, resisting/obstructing officers. Jose Hernandez, vicious dog at large.

Logan R. Holstine, resisting/obstructing officers. Michael A. Loya, resisting/obstructing officers, minor consumption.

Isak W. Mack, drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, reckless driving, open container.

Santiago Madrigal, driving without privileges, exceed the max speed limit.

Shawn Michael Parker, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Peggy A. Ritchey, driving without privileges. Fabian Rivera-Zuniga, minor consumption.

Jose Alberto Silva, provide false information of an officer, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Jimmy D. Stone, property injury to crops. Kevan Paul Stone, reckless driving.

Cyrus A. Trevino, minor consumption, resisting/obstructing officers.

James C. Tucker, failure to give immediate notice of an accident. Juan A. Vargas, minor consumption, resisting/obstructing officers.

Delbert Dale Walker Jr., inattentive/careless driving. Jose Armondo Garcia, failure to

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

Carlos A. Garcia-Lopez, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Brendide Godoy, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Joshua D. Hogue, dog at large. Nereia A. Jones, driving on a divided highway/restricted access.

Eugene Walter Wright, dog at large.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ARRAIGNMENTS**

Diego Aguilar-Hurtado, driving under the influence, open container, exceed the max speed limit.

Ramiro Chabes Bautista, driving under the influence, driving without privileges.

James T. Cottle, driving under the influence. Alejandro DeJesus-Vasquez, driving under the influence, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.

Shelly M. Papke, driving under the influence.

Ronald Zarate-Quinto, driving under the influence.

### FELONY ARRAIGNMENTS

Dennis Antonio Carhuas, delivery of a controlled substance. Fernando Cruz-Huizar, possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence.

Jayson E. Fox, burglary, petit theft. Misdemeanor Sentencings

Richard D. Fehtenbacher, exceed allowable gross loads, plead guilty, \$464.50 fine.

Ernest L. Folsom, exceed allowable gross loads, plead guilty, \$572.50 fine.

Michael R. Kleinkopf, exceed allowable gross loads, plead guilty, \$572.50 fine.

Emmanuel Cruz Orozco, failure to purchase a driver's license, plead guilty, \$144.00 fine.

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## Dr. Gott

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**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I must inform you that twice recently you recognized that a dental consultation was needed, except you said orthodontist when the problem had nothing to do with moving teeth. These patients needed a good general dentist, not an orthodontist.

**DEAR READER:** I stubbed my toe. Twice!

The dental field is an extremely specialized one. For example, an endodontist specializes in matters concerning the pulp or inside of the tooth and would be consulted when that portion is infected or inflamed, or if a root canal is required.

A periodontist is trained in diagnosing, preventing and treating gum disease. One might be consulted for dental implants, or to perform cosmetic periodontal treatment.

A prosthodontist is trained to deal with missing teeth, restoration of natural teeth and restoration of the whole mouth. A specialist in this field would be consulted for dentures, implants and fixed bridges.

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Let's not forget the general dentist on the corner, the pediatric dentist and all the additional fields I haven't covered. There's an old expression that says "A doctor is a doctor is a doctor." In the field of dentistry, that saying just doesn't cut it. I'll be more careful in the future. Thanks for picking

me up on such an important issue.

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# George Chesbro dies, wrote offbeat detective novels

By Patricia Sullivan  
The Washington Post

George C. Chesbro, 68, a prolific writer who mixed science fiction and fantasy into classic private eye novels, many featuring a world-famous detective as the main character, died of congestive heart failure Nov. 18 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, N.Y.

Considered by fans to be one of the field's most widely read authors, Chesbro had 27 novels published and was one of the few critically successful crossover acts in modern crime writing. He was described by *Playboy* magazine as "Raymond Chandler meets Stephen King by way of Alice's looking glass."

Chesbro's best-known character "is definitely an offbeat detective that requires certain suspensions of perception and expectation," wrote Dick Adler in a 1993 *Chicago Tribune* review.

"Imagine a dwarf who honed his physical skills as a circus acrobat called Mongo the Magnificent and then, using his real name, Dr. Robert Fredericksen, became a world-famous criminologist," Adler wrote. "Add to that the fact that Mongo's world is filled with good and bad witches, satanists, warlocks and magicians of every shade as well as the normal run of murderers, swindlers and thieves."

The writing, nonstop and violent, can also be very funny.

Mongo played on a local softball team in his spare time and noted that he led the league in walks.

Chesbro, a special education teacher for 17 years, came up with the idea of a detective with a physical disability after musing on the popularity of television detectives who used a wheelchair (in "Ironside") and another who was blind (in "Longstreet").

JEROME — Keith R. Noffsinger, 32, of Jerome, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008. He was born March 22, 1976.

In Binghamton, N.Y., the son of Jack G. Noffsinger and Patricia A. Noffsinger. Keith was raised in Washington and attended Ocoosa High School in Westport, Wash. While in high school, he worked as a deck hand for various sport fishing boats in Westport.

After high school, he worked for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife for several years. He then worked for the Westport Shipyard as a finish fiberglass supervisor.

In 2004, Keith and his family relocated to Jerome, where he became a ball bondsman with Aardvark Bull Bonds and eventually became the owner. In February of 2008,

Keith joined the Idaho National Guard, where he trained as an infantryman. He loved NASCAR, fishing, hunting and camping with his family.

Keith was preceded in death by his father, Jack G. Noffsinger. He is survived by his spouse, Leslie of Jerome; their children, Michaela and Noah; two brothers, Kevin of Aberdeen, Wash., and Jeff of Westport, Wash.; and his mother, Patricia of Yelm, Wash. He is also survived by many, many friends and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his father.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, with a graveside service following at 1 p.m. in the Jerome Cemetery, 900 W. Ave. 1 in Jerome. Following the memorial service, a gathering for friends and family will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S. in Jerome.

RUPERT — Mervin Roundy Allen, age 93 years 1 month and 14 days, passed away Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008, in Rupert.

Mervin was born Oct. 9, 1915, in Benson, C a c h e C o u n t y, Utah, to William Berry and Rebecca May Roundy Allen. Mervin received his business education at Heneeger Business College. On Nov. 25, 1937, he was married to LaVerda Edith Marchant in the Salt Lake LDS temple. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years during World War II.

During his working years, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, culminating in his retirement as assistant postmaster in Rupert. Mervin and LaVerda home-stayed north of Acquia in 1955 and loved the land. He has been a lifetime member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many callings. He and LaVerda served two missions, one in Alabama and one in West Virginia. He also loved farming and fly-fishing and tending the gardens and flower beds around his home.

Mervin is survived by his

children, M. Bruce (Joan) Allen of Kaysville, Utah; 1. Grant (Nancy) Allen of Rupert; Donald E. Allen of Dallas, Texas; and Rozana (Ron) Egan of Rupert; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Ross R. Allen of Logan, Utah; and sister, Ann England of Salt Lake City, Utah. He was preceded in death by his wife, LaVerda Marchant; daughter, Lois Rae Allen; and sons, Timothy Kay Allen and David Shaun Allen.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward, Eighth and G St., with Bishop Richard Poteet of the Acquia 2nd Ward officiating. Burial will follow at 4 p.m. at Elysian Burial Gardens in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the Hansen Mortuary (Rupert Chapel), 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

The family would like to thank Dr. A. Lane Hansen, Autumn Haven Assisted Living, and Countryside Care and Rehab for their excellent care and caring staff members.

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## SERVICES

Melvin G. Heinze of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. In Burley; visitation from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Caroline Hilly Reeves Horst of Glens Ferry, memorial service at 3 p.m. Friday at the Hammett Community Church (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Rick V. Coates of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Carey Cemetery in Carey; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Margaret Alice Taylor Mabey "Peggy" of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the View LDS Church, 550 S. 500 E. of Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. In Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Paul Norman Conner of Klamath Falls, Ore., and formerly of Richfield, graveside service at 2 p.m. Sunday at Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens in Klamath Falls (Eternal Hills Funeral Home in Klamath Falls).

Mary Katherine Henderson of Wendell, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Wendell United Methodist Church (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

Pastor Vincent Duane Frank of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Paul Congregational Church, 121 N. Second W. In Paul; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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Molly Faye (Julian) Craft of Boise, memorial service Friday, Dec. 5, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; dinner follows at the United Methodist Church in Buhl (Acacia Chapel in Boise).

Donald Dwight Ramseyer of Twin Falls, family service at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Sunset Memorial Park; public memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Olive C. Hartley of Wendell, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Wendell United Methodist Church (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

# Judge OKs short-term financing for circus resort

By Matt Couras  
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — A bankruptcy judge has approved short-term financing Wednesday that will allow the exclusive Yellowstone Club to keep its doors open through the busy ski season.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Ralph Kirschler said he will let the club borrow money from another lender, even though current loan agent Credit Suisse opposed the plan.

CrossHarbor Capital of Boston, Mass., will lend the club \$20 million at 15 percent interest to allow it to pay hundreds of employees who run the lavish club's operations.

The Montana resort claims to be the extraordinarily rich and features a private hill, multimillion dollar homes and members such as Microsoft tycoon Bill Gates and Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt.

Club members paid substantial sums for the privilege of building expensive homes in the gated resort — but they do not own the club itself. Experts testified

the loans owned by members could plummet in value if the club operations and ski hill were shuttered during the bankruptcy.

The Yellowstone Club, owned by Edna Blissett, former wife of founder Tim Blissett, claims it has assets of \$780 million, much of it wrapped up in undeveloped real estate. Debts are \$400 million — including a \$307 million loan that Credit Suisse manages for a group of investors.

Credit Suisse opposed the CrossHarbor plan in part because it said the Boston company was looking to get even more control over the club. CrossHarbor in the past has tried to buy the club.

The Butte judge dismissed the concerns, writing in his order that "even if the true value of the debtors' assets is only half of what they claim, Credit Suisse is still oversecured."

Credit Suisse did not immediately have a comment Wednesday afternoon.

All sides hope to use the winter season to find new buyers through the bankruptcy case.

# Idaho universities poised to trim spending

BOISE (AP) — Officials at the University of Idaho and Boise State University are preparing to cut their budgets up to 5 percent in anticipation of reduced state spending due to dropping tax revenues.

The schools are expecting the C.L. "Butch" Otter to announce the decrease sometime after the Thanksgiving weekend.

Otter has already ordered all percent budget holdback statewide, saving \$2 million.

He has also warned he will likely ask agencies to cut an additional 1.5 percent to save \$4 million.

University of Idaho President Steven B. Daley-Laursen recently put out a memo stating he expects cuts up to 5 percent.

"We are awaiting word, which may come from the governor this Tuesday, as to whether that expected percentage will increase," Daley-Laursen said in a memo posted on the school's Web site. "We believe it may possibly be as much as 5 percent."

Several weeks ago, Boise State University officials

told staff to prepare budgets to reflect a 5 percent cut. That's a reduction of \$4.3 million.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of Legislature's budget committee, said the schools are acting prudently in planning for the worst.

"I know the governor is doing a good job in trying to minimize the holdbacks and look at ways we can balance our budget," Cameron said. "Even though I have said agencies need to be prepared, I also don't want citizens to panic. Our state is in better shape than most."

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, co-chairwoman of the budget panel, has said a 2.5 percent holdback probably wouldn't be a large enough cut.

However, more than \$300 million has been set aside by Idaho lawmakers to offer some short-term stability.

"It does take several years to get through these challenges," said Sen. Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls. "We recognize the value of the money we set aside, but that we should not exhaust it quickly."

## DEATH NOTICES

### Miura C. St. Clair

Miura Christine St. Clair, infant daughter of Jeremy and Julie St. Clair of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise.

A private family burial will be held at a later date (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

### Michael D. Taylor

SHOSHONE — Michael D. Taylor, 55 of Shoshone, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, in Kimberly.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

To view or submit obits online

## Mervin Roundy Allen



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### TWIN FALLS FOUR CAST

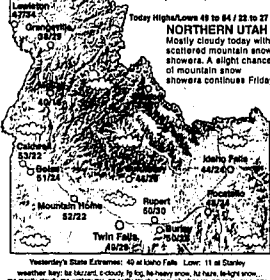
Today: Mostly cloudy and dry with light northerly winds. High 45 to 50.  
Tonight: Skies remain mostly cloudy and winds light. Overnight lows 25 to 30.  
Tomorrow: Temperatures slip a few degrees. Partly cloudy with highs around 45.

### BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and dry with light easterly winds. High near 50.  
Tonight: Skies remain mostly cloudy with light winds that will shift to the west. Overnight lows 25 to 30.  
Tomorrow: Temperatures slip a few degrees. Partly cloudy with highs 45 to 50.

### IDAHO'S FORECAST

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
Partly cloudy and mainly dry today. Friday will be partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers. Weekend conditions will remain cool with a small chance of snow showers, mainly Saturday.  
Today: High 37 to 45. Tonight's Lows: 18 to 24.  
**BOISE**  
Mostly cloudy today and tonight. Partly cloudy and a touch cooler Friday. The weekend will remain partly cloudy and dry with seasonally cool temperatures.  
Today: High 40 to 48. Tonight's Lows: 18 to 27.



**REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
"Only thing that separates successful people from the rest is the way they work very, very hard."  
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### TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FOUR CAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 49 Low 29	High 49 Low 29	High 49 Low 29	High 49 Low 29	High 49 Low 29	High 49 Low 29

### ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today's High: 49 Today's Low: 29 Record High: 64 in 1988 Record Low: -4 in 1988	Today's Precip: 0.00" Normal Precip: 1.00" Record High: 5.00" Record Low: 0.00"	Today's Humidity: 81% Today's Minimum: 52% A winter year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	Today's Pressure: 30.05 in. 6 pm barometer: 30.05 in.	Today's Sunrise: 7:44 AM Today's Sunset: 5:08 PM Friday: 7:44 AM Saturday: 7:44 AM Sunday: 7:44 AM

### Moon Phases



### Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Moonrise: 8:01 AM Moonset: 5:24 PM	Moonrise: 8:01 AM Moonset: 5:24 PM	Moonrise: 8:01 AM Moonset: 5:24 PM	Moonrise: 8:01 AM Moonset: 5:24 PM	Moonrise: 8:01 AM Moonset: 5:24 PM	Moonrise: 8:01 AM Moonset: 5:24 PM

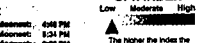
### REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Idaho Falls	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Boise	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Blackfoot	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Camas	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Chubbuck	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Coeur d'Alene	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Driggs	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Elgin	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Emmett	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
French Falls	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Hammond	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Jerome	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Laurel	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Malheur	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Mountain View	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Moscow	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Myrtle Beach	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Payson	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Shoshone	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Starke	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Twin Falls	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Valley View	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Victory	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Wendell	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Wilder	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40
Wyndover	40-50	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40	30-40

### NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Atlanta	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
Boston	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Chicago	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Denver	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Houston	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
Los Angeles	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
Miami	70-80	70-80	70-80	70-80	70-80	70-80
Minneapolis	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
New York	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Phoenix	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
Portland	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
San Francisco	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
Seattle	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
St. Louis	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Tampa	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
Washington, DC	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50

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### WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Amsterdam	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Berlin	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Brussels	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Geneva	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Hong Kong	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
London	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Los Angeles	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
Madrid	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Moscow	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
New York	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Paris	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
San Francisco	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
Seattle	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
St. Louis	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50
Tampa	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70	60-70
Washington, DC	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50	40-50

### TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



## Ketchum gun sculpture lands in county's cross hairs

KETCHUM (AP) — A sculpture depicting two giant military assault rifles erected on private land near the tourist town of Ketchum has landed in the cross hairs of local officials.

The 20-foot-tall, gun-metal-black rifles pointing skyward are connected by a rope. On the rope are various military uniforms from around the world.

Sculptor Bob Kantor calls the work "Line of Hope 2."

But Blaine County officials say the sculpture violates the county's 100-foot setback from Highway 75. They want it moved, or to get assurances from Kantor that the sculpture will not be permanent.

"If he can show us the art is beyond the 100-foot setback he could keep it up as long as he needs to, but it needs to honor the setback," said Megan Stelmach, the county's code compliance officer. "The content of the art is not the issue. It's about where the structure is."

County officials say the sculpture has generated complaints from citizens. It is located along the highway, which connects an airport about 15 miles south with Sun Valley Resort's Bald Mountain, one of the nation's premier ski destinations.

Kantor's attorney, Ed Lawson, questioned why officials were zeroing in on

Kantor's sculpture while ignoring over violations, which he did not identify.

"My client does not wish to make this into a controversial proceeding," he wrote to the county in a letter quoted by the Idaho Mountain Express. "Rather, he is simply concerned with the lack of definitions in the ordinance and its application to stifle speech on his own property."

In recent weeks, county officials say they have been working on a resolution that could include granting Kantor a six-month extension. The county has not yet issued a citation, but zoning ordinance violations do carry a financial penalty.

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# Plumes spewing from Saturn moon may contain water



Geyser-like eruptions of ice particles and water vapor shoot out from the south pole of Saturn's moon, Enceladus, in this October 2007 image.

NASA/AP file photo

By Seth Borenstein  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Astronomers looking at the spectacular supersonic plumes of gas and dust shooting off one of Saturn's moons say there are strong hints of liquid water, a key building block of life.

Their research, appearing in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*, adds to the growing push to explore further the moon Enceladus, as one of the solar system's most compelling places for potential life.

Using images from NASA's Cassini probe, astronomers had already figured that the mysterious plumes shooting from Enceladus' icy terrain contain water vapor. New calculations suggesting the gas and dust spew at speeds faster-than-sound make the case for liquid, said study lead author Candice Hansen of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in California. Her team calculated the plumes travel more than 1,360 mph.

Reaching that speed "is hard to do without liquids," Hansen said. While her paper offers more evidence building on what others have found, she added that her research is not the final proof of liquid water on Enceladus (pronounced en-SELL-ah-dus).

Other planetary scientists, such as Andrew Ingersoll at the California Institute of Technology, said the research is good, but that it is possible to achieve such speeds with ice particles and at cooler

temperatures. So Hansen hasn't proven her case yet, he and other scientists said. Carolyn Porco, the head of the Cassini camera team and an astronomer who didn't take part in Hansen's research, said "the evidence in my mind is building on liquid water." That moon, one of 60 circling Saturn, "has become the go-to

place" for exploration in the outer planets, she said. Europa, a moon of Jupiter, may have a liquid ocean beneath its frozen surface. But Enceladus, thought responsible for producing one of Saturn's rings, is more accessible, Hansen said. "Enceladus is sort of helpfully spewing out its innards," she said.



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## Brain scans show root of memory glitch in aged

By Malcolm Ritter  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Brain scans of older people in a noisy lab machine give biological backing to the idea that distraction hampers memory with aging, researchers reported Wednesday.

The finding bolsters a theory about one reason why memory weakens with age: older people have more trouble remembering some things because they're more easily distracted when they try to learn them.

The memory exercise reported in the latest issue of the *Journal of Neuroscience* dealt with recognizing faces, but the findings apply to the more general task of trying to remember something a person sees or hears, said lead author Dale Stevens.

Stevens, a postdoctoral researcher at Harvard University, did the work while at the Rotman Research Institute at Baycrest, which is affiliated with the University of Toronto.

Older people who have to learn something should do all they can to focus on that task and eliminate potential distractions, he advised.

The study compared 10 healthy people in their 60s and 70s to a dozen younger volunteers, ages 22 to 36. Their brains were scanned while they looked at photographs of people they did not know. As each photograph was displayed for one second, the volunteers were asked if they'd seen it before in the study.

In all they saw 180 different faces, of which 120 showed up a second time. The older participants failed to recognize a face they'd already seen 43 percent of the time, compared to 26 percent for the younger volunteers.

Researchers went back to see what was going on in the brains of the volunteers when they first saw a face that they later failed to recognize. Why didn't those faces get planted in memory?

In both groups, a brain area called the hippocampus, which is involved in memory, was less active when a face failed to stick in the memory than when it did. That was no surprise. More interestingly, the older group also showed heightened activity in certain other brain areas while the younger volunteers did not.

auditory cortex, which plays a role in analyzing sound, and several areas involved in directing attention, Stevens said.

So what was going on? The brain-scanning machine was noisy, with lots of knocking, buzzing and banging like a jackhammer, Stevens said. Even with the earplugs the volunteers wore, "it's a little distracting," he said.

The brain activity in the older volunteers shows that the noise was more distracting to them than to the younger participants, and reveals the brain circuits

involved, researchers concluded.

The study could not address when a person's brain starts to act up this way. But Cheryl Grady of the Rotman Institute, another author, said she suspects it may begin between ages 40 and 60.

Dr. Barry Gordon, a neurology professor and memory expert at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, called the work "an appreciable advance." A next step could be seeing whether older people will do better on a memory test if

they're warned about the distraction problem, said Gordon, who wasn't involved in the new study.

In any case, he said, "if you want to remember something, it's more important if you're older than younger not to be listening to your iPod."

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# NY subway terror threat emerges on busy travel day

By Devin Barrett and Tom Hays  
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — Police bolstered security in subways and trains Wednesday after the government warned that al-Qaida suicide bombers were contemplating an attack on New York's mass-transit systems during the holiday season.

An internal memo obtained by The Associated Press says the FBI has received a "plausible but unsubstantiated" report that al-Qaida terrorists in late September may have discussed attacking the subway system.

The internal bulletin says al-Qaida terrorists "in late September may have discussed targeting transit systems in and around New York City. These discussions reportedly involved the use of suicide bombers or explosives placed on subway/passenger rail systems," according to the document.

"We have no specific details to confirm that this plot has developed beyond aspirational planning, but we are issuing this warning out of concern that such an attack could possibly be conducted during the forthcoming holiday season," according to the memo.

day season," according to the warning dated Tuesday.

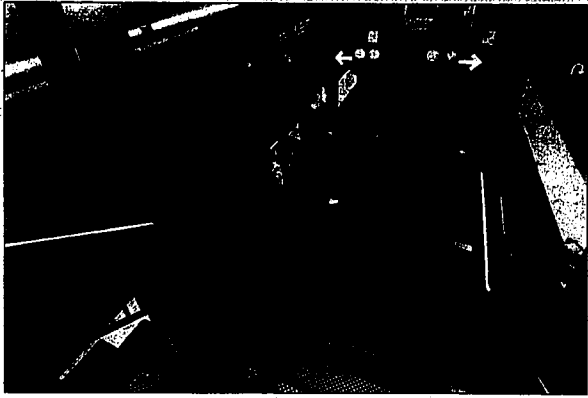
A person briefed on the matter, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the intelligence-gathering work, said the threat may also be directed at the passenger rail lines running through New York, such as Amtrak and the Long Island Rail Road, which are particularly busy with Thanksgiving holiday travelers.

A federal law enforcement official said there's no indication that anyone involved in the planning is in the United States. That official also spoke on condition of anonymity because it involved intelligence-gathering.

While law enforcement stepped up patrols around subways and trains, many commuters around the city were unfazed by the news and had not even heard of the threat.

"If you get scared that means they win," commuter Omar Sims said on the platform of the subway below Rockefeller Center. "There's always been terror warnings. I can't change my life because of that."

The Big Apple's tightly



A New York police officer walks down stairs to a subway platform in midtown New York Wednesday. Federal authorities are warning law enforcement personnel of a possible terror plot against the New York City subway and train systems during the holiday season, and police are beefing up security in preparation.

AP Photo

packed passenger trains and subway cars have long been a source of concern for police officers — and a tempting target for would-be terrorists — but there is often disagreement as to how seriously authorities should take specific intelligence reports.

The city has more than 450 subway stations that handle millions of commuters every day.

Another aborted al-Qaida plot to destroy the Brooklyn Bridge in 2003, and a plot to bomb underwater train tunnels to flood lower Manhattan, which was broken up in 2006 by several arrests overseas.

Three years ago, authorities weighed reports that bombers might try to use

another aborted al-Qaida plot to destroy the Brooklyn Bridge in 2003, and a plot to bomb underwater train tunnels to flood lower Manhattan, which was broken up in 2006 by several arrests overseas.

baby strollers to bring explosives into city trains. Many security officials later concluded that was a false alarm. NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said they have received an unsubstantiated report and as a result have "deployed" additional resources in the mass transit system.

# FDA finds traces of melamine in U.S. infant formula

By Maritza Mendoza and Justin Pritchard  
Associated Press writers

Traces of the industrial chemical melamine have been detected in samples of top-selling U.S. infant formula, but federal regulators insist the products are safe.

The Food and Drug Administration said last month it was unable to identify any melamine exposure

level as safe for infants, but a top official said it would be a "dangerous overreaction" for parents to stop feeding infant formula to babies who depend on it.

"The levels that we are detecting are extremely low," said Dr. Stephen Sundlof, director of the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. "They should not be changing the diet. If they've been feeding a particular product, they should continue to feed that product. That's in the best interest of the baby."

Consumers Union said Wednesday that the FDA advice is of small comfort to parents and caregivers. "It is very disturbing to us that no recall has been requested," said Jean Halloran, the group's director of Food Policy Initiatives. "The FDA originally said there was no

safe level for these contaminants in infant formula. So this formula is contaminated."

Halloran said she urged the FDA to immediately make public all of the results of its tests for melamine contamination in food, even those with levels below what would trigger agency action.

Melamine is the chemical found in Chinese infant formula — in far larger concentrations — that has been blamed for killing at least three babies and making at least 50,000 others ill.

Previously undisclosed tests, obtained by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act, show that the FDA has detected melamine in a sample of one popular formula and the presence of cyanuric acid, a chemical

relative of melamine, in the formula of a second manufacturer.

Separately, a third major formula maker told AP that in-house tests had detected trace levels of melamine in its infant formula.

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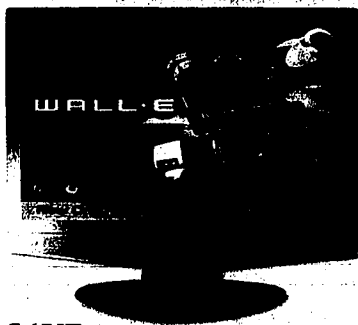
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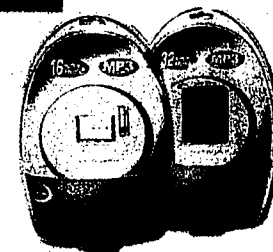


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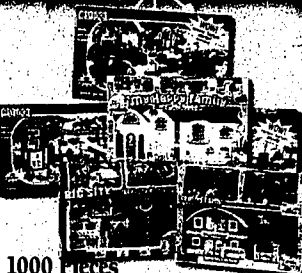
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# Web searches revealed in missing Florida girl case

By Mark Wangma  
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Someone performed Internet searches for "neck breakers" and "household weapons" on the home computer of a Florida mother charged with killing her missing 3-year-old daughter, according to court documents released Wednesday.

The Orange County State Attorney's office released

almost 800 pages of discovery documents in the case of 22-year-old Casey Anthony, who has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder and other charges in the June disappearance of her daughter Caylee.

On March 17, someone used the Anthony's home computer to do Google searches for peroxide, shovels, acetone, alcohol and how to make chloroform. Traces of chloroform, which is used

to induce unconsciousness, were found in the trunk of Casey Anthony's car during forensic testing by a Tennessee lab.

Cell phone records include text messages in which Casey calls herself "the worst mother," and calls Caylee a "little snitch," according to the documents.

Caylee has not been seen since June, but she wasn't reported missing until a month later. The child's

grandmother first called authorities in July to say she hadn't seen Caylee for a month and her daughter's car smelled like death.

Anthony told authorities she had left her daughter with a baby sitter in June and the two were gone when she returned from work. She says she spent the next month trying to find her daughter and didn't call authorities because she was scared. Investigators say they have

poked several holes in her story.

Todd Black, a spokesman for Casey Anthony's attorney Jose Baez, said the standard procedure for defense attorneys was to review discovery documents for a few days before commenting.

Later Wednesday, Circuit Judge Stan Strickland denied a prosecutor's request for a wide-ranging gag order. Strickland ruled the state did not prove that national TV

appearances by Baez and other comments in the media would sufficiently prejudice the jury pool.

"Even with a gag order the public and media attention would continue unabated," Strickland wrote in his opinion.

Strickland said attorneys on both sides already are bound to a Florida Bar statute prohibiting comments that are false or would otherwise taint the jury pool.

## FTC rescinds guidance for cigarette ads

By Kevin Freking  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday rescinded guidance it issued 42 years ago that has allowed tobacco companies to make claims about tar and nicotine levels based on testing by a machine.

The cigarette industry uses a test known as the Cambridge Filter Method to support any factual statements about tar and nicotine content in cigarette smoke. But the commission said the test method is flawed. It also said that the resulting marketing touting tar and nicotine levels could cause consumers to believe that lighter cigarettes were safer.

As a result, future advertising that lists tar levels for cigarettes won't be able to use terms such as "by FTC method."

"Our action today ensures that tobacco companies may not wrap their misleading tar and nicotine ratings in a cloak of government sponsorship," said Commissioner Jon Leibowitz. "Simply put, the FTC will not be a smoke screen for tobacco companies' shameful marketing practices."

The commission rescinded the guidance by a 4-0 vote.

Under the current system, cigarettes with a tar rate above 15 milligrams per cigarette are commonly referred to by the industry as "full flavor." Cigarettes with a tar rating of less than 15 milligrams are referred to as "low" or "light." Cigarettes with a tar rate below 6 are described as "ultra low" or "ultra light."

The National Cancer Institute found that changes in cigarette design reduced the amount of tar and nicotine measured by smoking machines using the Cambridge Filter Method. However, there was no evidence those changes reduced disease for smokers. The machine doesn't take into account the way smokers adjust their behavior, such as taking more or deeper puffs to maintain nicotine levels.

## Mom guilty of lesser charges in cyber-bully trial

By Greg Rising  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — A Missouri mother-in-law was convicted Wednesday of only three minor offenses for her role in a mean-spirited Internet hoax that apparently drove a 13-year-old girl to suicide.

The federal jury could not reach a verdict on the main charge against 39-year-old Lori Drew — conspiracy — and rejected three other felony counts of accessing computers without authorization to inflict emotional harm.

Instead, the panel found Drew guilty of three misdemeanor offenses of accessing computers without authorization. Each count is punishable by up to a year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Drew could have gotten 20 years if convicted of the four original charges.

U.S. District Judge George Wu declared a mistrial on the conspiracy count. There was no immediate word

on whether prosecutors would retry her.

"I don't have any satisfaction in the jury's decision," said Drew's lawyer, Dean Steward. "I don't think these charges should have ever been brought."

Tina Meier, the mother of the dead girl, said Drew deserves the maximum of three years behind bars.

"For me it's never been about vengeance," she said. "This is about justice."

Prosecutors said Drew and two others created a fictitious 16-year-old boy on MySpace and sent flirtatious messages from him to teenage neighbor Megan Meier. The "boy" then dumped Megan in 2006, saying, "The world would be a better place without you." Megan promptly hanged herself with a belt in her bedroom closet.

Prosecutors said Drew wanted to humiliate Megan for saying mean things about Drew's teenage daughter. They said Drew knew Megan suffered from depression and was emotionally fragile.



Lori Drew, right, and her daughter Sarah Drew arrive at federal court Wednesday in Los Angeles. AP photo

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# China postpones EU summit over Dalai Lama visit

By John Leicester  
Associated Press writer

PARIS — China took the extraordinary step Wednesday of indefinitely postponing a summit with the European Union in retaliation for plans by French President Nicolas Sarkozy and other European officials to meet with the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet, the Dalai Lama.

The Chinese decision, announced by the would-be summit host France, was a dramatic example of the lengths to which Beijing will go to try to internationally isolate the Dalai Lama, a 1989 Nobel Peace Prize winner who wants greater autonomy for his Himalayan homeland that China insists is part of its territory.

Pulling out of the summit also suggests that continuing criticism on Tibet and a call in the Dalai Lama are bigger priorities for China's communist leaders than working with the EU and nations like France on solutions to the global financial crisis. The diplomatic snub may also be intended as a warning to the incoming U.S. administration of President-elect Barack Obama to tread carefully on the prickly question of Tibet.

The Dalai Lama will visit the Czech Republic, Belgium and Poland from Saturday, his spokesman Tenzin Tashi said. China's ire seems mostly directed at Sarkozy's plans to meet the Tibetan leader at a ceremony in Gdansk, Poland, to honor Lech Walesa, the Polish founder of the Solidarity pro-democracy movement that helped bring down communism.

# Ex-ambassador blames Georgia for summer war with Russia

By Matt Siegel  
Associated Press writer

TBILISI, Georgia — Before this summer's Georgia-Russia war, President Mikhail Saakashvili was itching to do battle and authorities mislabeled messages from the United States as encouragement to use force, Georgia's former ambassador to Russia said Wednesday.

But Russia also takes a share of the blame because it was trying to inflame Saakashvili's itch, Erosi Kismariashvili says.

His statements at a news conference added new intensity to a growing debate about what and who bear the onus for starting the five-day war that saw Russia drive deep into Georgian territory, caused devastating damage to Georgia's military, and aggravated already troubled Russia-US relations.

Georgia launched a massive artillery barrage Aug. 7 on the capital of the separatist region of South Ossetia, which was backed by Moscow and patrolled by Russian peacekeeping forces. Russian forces poured into the region, drove Georgian forces out and went on to take control of substantial swaths of northern and western Georgia.

The war ended with Russian forces firmly in control of South Ossetia and another separatist region, Abkhazia. Moscow has recognized both regions as independent.

Georgian leaders have said they launched the Aug. 7 attack after separatists shelled Georgian villages and Russian forces invaded from the north. Russia denies that, saying it sent troops to protect civilians and Russian peacekeepers from the Georgian onslaught.



A stranded Western tourist listens to a supporter of the People's Alliance for Democracy, Wednesday at Suvarnabhumi airport in Bangkok, Thailand. Thousands of tourists were stranded Tuesday night when members of the protest group evicted the airport, causing it to shut down. AP photo

# Thai gov't, protesters reject army's peace plan

By Chris Blake and  
Ambika Anuja  
Associated Press writers

BANGKOK, Thailand — A call by Thailand's powerful army commander to end the country's deepening political crisis was rebuffed Wednesday, as the prime minister rejected his suggestion to step down, and protesters refused to end their occupation of the country's main airport.

Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat justified his stance saying he came to power through elections and has a job to protect democracy for the people of Thailand. He spoke from the northern city of Chiang Mai, a stronghold of government supporters.

His rejection of Army Gen. Anupong Paochinda's plan seemed to put him on a collision course with the military although the general has said he would not launch a coup. The anti-government People's Alliance for Democracy insisted it would continue its airport occupation and other protest activities until Somchai resigns. It rejected the general's proposal for new elections, pushing instead for the appointment of a temporary government.

As the deadlock continued, political violence spread Wednesday to Chiang Mai, where government supporters attacked a radio station aligned with the protesters. Separately, there were unconfirmed reports that one man was killed and several people assaulted in an attack on the city's local airport.

However, it was the occupation of the international Suvarnabhumi Airport, just outside the capital Bangkok, that put the world on notice of the turmoil that has reduced Thailand to a dysfunctional nation.

European Union and Britain's Foreign Office both issued statements of concern about the political situation.

Thousands of travelers were stranded in Bangkok when members of the alliance swarmed the airport Tuesday night, forcing a halt to nearly all outgoing flights. Several thousands passengers were bused to city hotels Wednesday to await developments, but many other passengers spent a second night at the airport after a day of behind-the-scenes negotiations. All flights have been suspended until further notice.

Among those stranded were Americans trying to get home for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday.

Cheryl Turner, 63, of Scottsdale, Arizona, had asked neighbors to pull an 18-pound turkey from her freezer a day ahead of time to defrost so she could cook it for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

"My turkey is sitting in the sink at home," she said.

Some travelers took the inconvenience in stride.

"It's really horrible to be delayed and I'm missing my friend and things, but the local people have given us food, offered us drinks, and the airport's actually quite a nice place at the moment," said Andy Du Bois-Barclay, an English traveler.

Protesters were also occupying late Wednesday the passenger terminal at the older and smaller Don Mueang airport, which appeared to effectively cut off civilian aviation services to the Thai capital.

The protest alliance accuses Somchai of acting as the puppet for former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted in a September 2006 military coup after being accused of corruption and abuse of power. Thaksin is in exile, a fugitive from a conviction for violating a conflict of interest law. Somchai is Thaksin's brother-in-law.

PAD, as the protest alliance is known, launched its current campaign on Aug. 26, with a failed attempt to take over a government television station, after which they stormed the grounds of the prime minister's office, which they continue to use as their stronghold.

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# Into the fog, out in the sun



Times-News photographer Justin Jackson tears through the mud during a ride in the Cottrell Mountains.

ANDREW WEEKS/Times-News

## Trail riding the Cottrell Mountains

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

The rain stopped, but the wind never did.

At first we wondered if it'd be the other way around. The sky, painted a metallic gray, emitted raindrops that fell on the pickup's windshield, causing us to use its wipers incessantly.

We were on the road, a four-wheeler in the pickup's bed and a UTV in the trailer behind, heading to trails in the Cottrell Mountains on our first ATV expedition.

Scanning the mountain range to our left as we traveled southeast on Highway 77, passing the turnoff for the Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort, we saw low-rolling clouds envelope the hillsides and we knew it would be a wet ride.

Luckily, we came prepared.

trying to do the same to our feet, even though they were insulated in all-weather boots.

But we didn't come to the mountains to complain about the weather or our being cold. Riding on mud-soaked trails was, in fact, one of the things we were excited about doing.

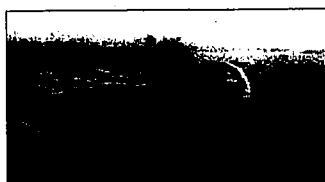
I envisioned mud clinging to our helmets, gloves and coats as a token to our intrepidity as we fulfilled our obligations as professional journalists on an outdoors beat.

We weren't disappointed: We walked away dirty.

It wasn't only a wet ride. The wind was biting, and even while we unloaded the machines from the pickup and trailer, our hands had turned cold. The mud was

Ever since Editor Jim Wright told me to spend one day out of the office

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JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Mike Jackson pulls out a ramp to unload a Yamaha Rhino in the Cottrell Mountains.



Mike Jackson of Barley steers his Yamaha Rhino onto the trail as Andrew Weeks follows behind on a Honda Rancher during an off-road trip in the Cottrell Mountains southeast of Declo, Nov. 13.

JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

## Getting there

'heads off to your left, where the Cottrell Mountains lie.

## Be prepared

gloves, all-weather boots, and a scarf for extra protection against the wind. And don't forget your first aid kit ... just in case.

From Interstate 84, take exit 216 for State Highway 25 toward Albion/Declo. Then turn right onto State Highway 77 until you pass the turnoff for Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort. Keep going several miles and watch for trail

If you visit the mountains this time of year, be sure to dress in layers. This will help you to stay warm and will allow you to peel off clothing, as needed.

Helmets, full-face or with goggles, are important, as are

## At Magicvalley.com:

See video of Outdoors Editor Andrew Weeks and staff photographer Justin Jackson's ride in the Cottrell Mountains.

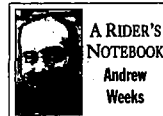


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Times-News Outdoors Editor Andrew Weeks cruises along the trail in the Cottrell Mountains southeast of Declo.

## Kimberly race track an asset to community

I received an invitation earlier this month to attend an awards banquet hosted by Rock Creek Race Track owners Denis and Bobbie Sandrock. At the bottom of the invitation was a personalized note from Bobbie. "We're small, but we're fun," she had written.



A RIDER'S  
NOTEBOOK  
Andrew  
Weeks

The banquet was to honor the Kimberly track's many sponsors, volunteers and Kart racers. Each was given prizes and/or trophies and a warm "thank you" by the Sandrocks.

What struck me when I attended this gathering was the friendship amongst the different group members. When I walked away about 90 minutes later, I better realized the important role the Sandrocks play in providing Magic Valley families good, wholesome fun.

Wanting to provide a venue for local Kart and motorcycle enthusiasts, the Sandrocks built a 1-mile supercross track, a 1-mile motocross track, and a 1/8-mile Kart track and has hosted a number of local and state events every year since the tracks opened in 2001.

I've had the chance to attend at least a couple of these events, and have heard from the racers who compete there most good things about the venue. While it's true that some have said the motocross track doesn't compare to other, more competitive tracks in the region, or that they wished the jumps were changed up more frequently, most racers seem to appreciate what the local track offers.

The good things the track provides for motorheads of the Magic Valley and beyond far outweigh any of its shortcomings.

For \$5 to \$15, respectively, the motocross and supercross tracks are open for public use, while the oval track provides a venue for local Kart racers. His aim all along, Denis said, was to keep an inexpensive and fun, family facility.

"That's what it's for, for families," he told the Times-News in June. "We don't allow alcohol use during practices or at races. We try to keep it family-oriented as much as we can."

One racer, Mike Bagley of Twin Falls, previously told the Times-News the track was his favorite.

"It's longer than some others and has more jumps," he said. The only downfall he could think of, Bagley said, is that there's a lot of wind that blows through the area. "You have to compensate (on the track) for the wind," Bagley said. "The weather definitely plays a factor in racing."

But wind or no wind, Bagley faithfully attends motocross practice every Tuesday during the summer. "I can't even describe it," he said of motocross and the friendships he's made while racing at Rock Creek. "It's really something else."

And parents have said it helps occupy their kids'

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# All about respect

## ATV club members learn about Care and Share program

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

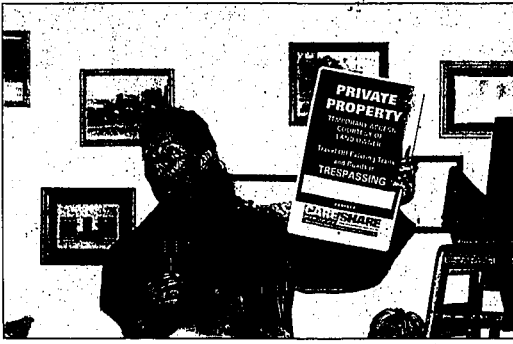
Not even a year old, the Magic Valley ATV Riders already has some 300 members. And that number increases monthly.

The group of ATV enthusiasts — with women riders outnumbering their male counterparts — met Nov. 12 at Idaho Pizza in Twin Falls for their monthly get together.

"Anybody with a love for the sport is welcome," said club President Stan Mai. "We've got members from across the valley and together we just want to promote, enjoy and protect responsible ATV activities."

The evening's guest speakers — with that mission. Gretchen Hyde, executive director of the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission, discussed the Care and Share program and Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Ilogerson, discussed public lands usage and sharing from a rancher's point of view. He also discussed how the group could help shape legislation.

Care and Share was initiated to prevent and reduce conflicts on public and private lands between ranchers and the many outdoor recreation users sharing the same space. The program, created in



Gretchen Hyde, executive director of the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission, discusses the Care and Share program during a recent Magic Valley ATV Riders meeting. Here she holds a sign that ranchers can use to notify other land users about whether particular gates should be open or closed.

2004, focuses on educating recreationists about issues ranging from the authorized and historic use of public and private lands for livestock grazing to guard-dog usage for protecting sheep from predators.

One of the big issues Hyde discussed was the importance of closing gates to keep cattle from roaming.

"Gates are management tools," Hyde said. "In my experience, the No. 1 complaint from grazers is gates."

She presented new signs the rangeland resource commission will be encouraging ranchers to use. The bright blue and white signs will indicate if gates are meant to be closed and will provide a space for contact information

in the event a problem on the range arises, Hyde said. "Although she said riders should err on the side of caution and close open gates they come across, the signs, if used, will help everyone manage the land."

"I would like to see signs of every gate so you can help the best way you can," Hyde said. Brackett said he liked see-

### Want to join?

For more information about the Magic Valley ATV Riders: Richard Borah at 208-734-4983 or [www.mvaltrv.org](http://www.mvaltrv.org).

ing the open communication between riders, ranchers, land managers and other users. In addition to reiterating the importance of closing gates he also brought up another easy way recreationists can chip in when they're on the range.

"Keep it in mind to take an extra garbage bag," Brackett said. "Not only should every one take out their own trash but if you come across someone else's trash and garbage, take it out too."

Mai, who has 30 years of riding experience, said he and other club members want to spread the message about responsible land use and sharing.

"It's all about responsibility and respect. We ride a lot of BLM and rangeland and we all need to learn how the other sees us," Mai said. "These speakers are doing just that, and it's something we need to hear and learn from. This is great."

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## OUTDOORS BRIEFS

### Nature Center bird seed sale to benefit education

The Morrison Knudsen Nature Center will host its third annual bird seed sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, December 6.

Assorted types of locally-preferred bird seed will be available in small to large bags. Bird and related gift items, books and pocket bird guides also will be available. In festive holiday packaging, Nature Center staff will be available to help with seed selection and for education.

In keeping with the Idaho Department of Agriculture efforts to stop the spread of noxious weeds, this year's sale features safe, noxious weed-free seed. All of the products sold at this year's sale have been carefully selected to minimize the potential for spreading unwanted weeds.

Proceeds from the event will help fund educational programs at the MK Nature Center. For more information regarding this event contact Cass Melnessner at 208-287-2901 or email at [cmelnessner@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:cmelnessner@idfg.idaho.gov).

### Game and Fish mystified by theft of fish traps

GREEN RIVER, Wyo. — Officials with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department say they're mystified by the theft of traps that were being used to study illegally introduced fish in Flamingo Gorge Reservoir. The traps were intended to catch burbot, which began appearing in the lake several years ago.

Green River Fisheries Supervisor Robb Keith says five fish traps have been either cut loose or stolen this year. Keith says data from the research will be critical to managing and controlling the alien species.

Officials are asking those responsible to return the gear to either the Wyoming Game and Fish Department or the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and say no questions will be asked. — Staff and wire reports

Share your hunting, fishing or other outdoors photos or stories with Outdoors Editor Andrew Weeks.

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# REAL TOUGH TRUCKS

## Mountain Home event tests drivers' skills, wows crowd

By Sandra Bosteder  
Times-News correspondent

Tough-truck competitions provide tons of fun for the whole family. Kids and adults delight in watching mud splatter up and over hoods and out from under monstrous tires.

It's a thrill rooting for smaller underdogs as they soar over jumps in obstacle courses and rear up while attempting to pull 7,000 pounds on a weighted sled. It's scary, but exciting as trucks crawl over behemoth boulders, some rolling off on their sides while others go end-over-end.

Safety is critical, however, and no drivers were injured at the recent Idaho Top Truck Challenge, sponsored by Wild West Off-Roaders and held Nov. 18 at Optimist Park in Mountain Home. Over 28 competitors participated in the event.

When big dawgs like Leroy Latham and Glen Carsten roll in, spectators stop to watch, awe by size and sound. Latham, of Nevada, owns a modified buggy the size of a small farm, while Carsten boasts loud dual hood stacks.

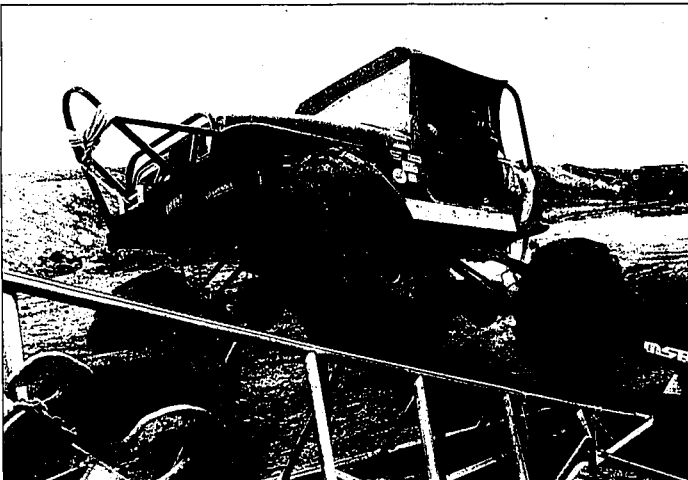
Each rig, no matter the size or sound, is designed for one or two events. The challenge is not to outdo each competitor on every turf but to accumulate enough points to win overall champion.

Robert Daly, another competitor from Nevada driving a Jeep CJ5, took second place in three events — rock crawl, tow test and obstacle course, earning enough points to take the coveted prize. Daly performed slow and steady, without damaging his rig.

Many drivers were intent on showing the crowd a good time by going for broke in each event. Kurt Schmidt, who won the obstacle course with a stock Isuzu, thrilled the crowd with high-flyin' driving.

Matt Sanderson took second place in his blue truggy, but rolled from the top of the pile to the bottom in the rock crawl.

Leroy Latham dazzled the crowd when he rolled his rig, worth thousands of dollars, onto the track. Expectations were high and he extracted one of the greatest spectator roars when his monster



Robert Daly of Nevada won overall champion Nov. 18 at the Idaho Top Truck Challenge in Mountain Home.



Lane Phelps splashes through mud Nov. 18 at the Idaho Top Truck Challenge in Mountain Home.

buggy flew through the air and made a spectacular nose dive that broke the steering ram and flattened the two front tires.

There were plenty of broken

parts during the competition, but common to the sport are folks willing to help out, to get the machines back on the track.

According to Don Burton,

better known as "Tumbleweed," the contest isn't about winning or losing. There's no money involved and nobody wins a big, shiny trophy, he said. "Winners get handmade trophies and they come for the camaraderie, adrenaline rush and braggin' rights."

One competitor, Marissa Young, earned bragging rights by winning Approach and Departure and Ramp Travel Index in her green buggy with a three-seat chassis. Her husband, Todd, is a local hero, placing 5th on the West Coast and 10th at Grand Nationals, held in Hannibal, Mo., in rock crawling.

Explaining how the tires are capable of absorbing the shock from the jagged rocks, he said they are "made of a

special compound that makes the tires super-soft for rocks."

Of the competition, he said: "We're all a big family. None of this is cutthroat. It's all for fun."

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Leroy Latham broke the steering ram on his monster buggy when he landed nose first on an obstacle course at the Idaho Top Truck Challenge, in Mountain Home on Nov. 18.

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Due to an early deadline for the Thanksgiving holiday, Wednesday's NBA, NHL and college basketball scores were unavailable at press time. See Friday's Times-News or visit [MagicValley.com](http://MagicValley.com) for results.

# Pohlman, Pierson turn around Dodge City volleyball

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

When former Twin Falls resident Shaun Pohlman arrived at Dodge City (Kan.) Community College to take over a woeful volleyball program in 2007, things didn't go well to start.

After a total of seven wins in the two seasons preceding his arrival, Pohlman — who used to coach the Southern Idaho Volleyball Club — took a team of seven players and went just 4-31. That was good enough only for the cellar in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference's West Division, at the NCAA Division II level.

Despite the struggles at a

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lower division, Pohlman brought the Conquistadors to Division I for 2008.

"You only get that decision every three years. I wanted to be the best of the best and in order to do that you have to play Division I. In order to get athletes recruited to the next level ... they look at Division I rather than Division II," said Pohlman. "And the travel impact is another consideration. Most conference games for us at D-I are inside of an

hour, and most conference games for D-II are two hours away."

Pohlman never questioned the move, saying that all Dodge City needed was some athletes to be able to compete. The program got them this



Pohlman



Gooding High graduate Megan Pierson helped turn around the Dodge City (Kan.) Community College volleyball program this fall. Courtesy MITCH WESTON

### Coming Friday

Minico grad Dane Broadhead's dream season dashed by play-off injury. Catch up with the Carroll (Mont.) College freshman in Friday's Times-News.

Coach of the Year honors for the division. But his greatest pleasure from the season was enjoying what he was doing.

"When you only win four games in a season it really wears on your patience. You tend to be extremely creative but you also tend to get outside of your coaching realm," he said. "You do things you normally wouldn't do ...

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## With a rebound and a smile Samms making big impact for CSI women

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

A heads-up for those attending Friday's home opener for the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team: Be prepared to smile. Not just a mild Mona Lisa grin, mind you, but a full blown, teeth-bearing smile.



Samms

It's simply the fate of those who spend time around CSI freshman Shauneice Samms. Self-described as "crazy," "goofy" and "fun," Samms is ever ready to deliver her infectious smile.

"You ask for a smile, and you're always gonna get a smile out of Shauneice," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers.

True to form, when Samms overheard Rogers' comment from a few feet away, a wide smile immediately flashed across her face.

But Samms has been far more than a pleasant personality for the 3-3 Golden Eagles. When the team lost All-American sophomore post Maddy Plunkett to a season-ending knee injury, Rogers turned Samms to fill the void in the starting lineup.

"We're asking her to do a lot as a freshman and so far she's holding up her end pretty well. She does a great job on the glass, runs the floor hard," said Rogers.

The 6-foot post player came to CSI out of Tahama High School in Tacoma, Wash. A multiple year starter, she owns numerous school records, including the top spot for career points and blocks. Those numbers earned her interest from Pepperdine University in California and Radford University in Virginia. But when issues with a high school class led to problems with the NCAA clearing-house, she wound up in Twin Falls as one of the final

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### Coca-Cola Classic

Today's game  
No. 16 Casper College vs.  
Yakima Valley, 7 p.m.

Friday's games  
Idaho All Stars vs. No. 16  
Casper College, 2 p.m.  
CSI vs. Yakima Valley CC,  
6 p.m.

Saturday's games  
Idaho All Stars vs. Yakima  
Valley CC, 2 p.m.  
CSI vs. No. 16 Casper College,  
6 p.m.

## 2008 MAGIC VALLEY PREP MVP: GIRLS SOCCER



### Buhl girls soccer

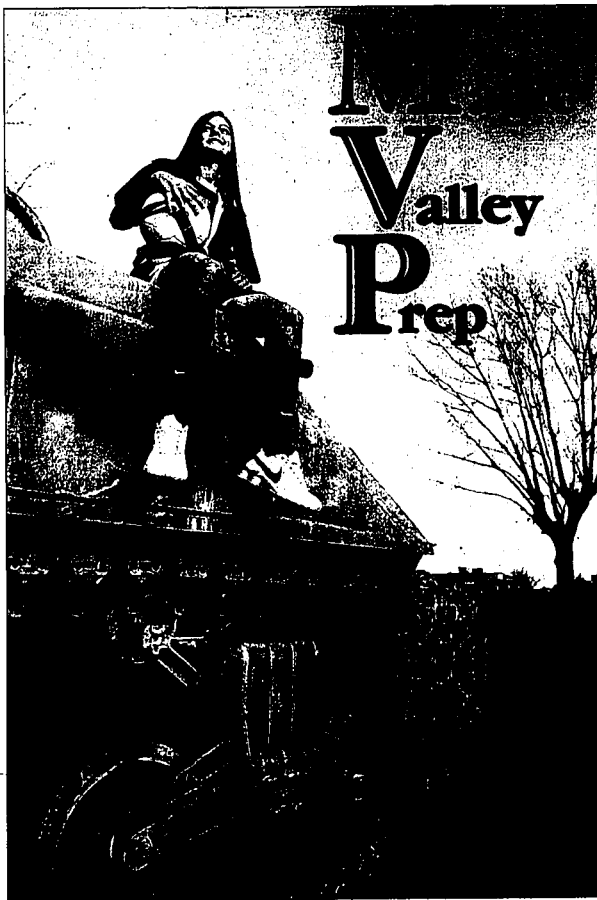


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Countless reasons exist to fear Buhl senior Autumn Yurbe when you stand on the soccer pitch against her. Even opponents that haven't scouted Buhl knew to keep track of where she was at all times.

It could be her mind-blowing goal total — 41 this season, 166 in an illustrious high school career. Could be the lethal precision with which she takes aim. Could merely be her indomitable will.

You could validly take any one of those reasons singularly to be afraid.

If you're the Community School this year, or Gooding last year, you just as easily take all three and call it good. Ask either school what it takes like it in that perfect storm.

Down 3-1 to the Community School in this season's High Desert Soccer Conference championship game, Yurbe struck three times in nine minutes to win the title for Buhl with 4-3 triumph. She also scored the other goal early on.

It was a scenario eerily similar to Buhl's 4-3 win in extra time over Gooding last year, during which Yurbe scored early. Buhl fell behind 3-1, and she scored the last three goals to win the game.

But that game wasn't for a conference championship or even a berth to the state tournament — though it was a game to stay alive in the HDSC playoffs. Against the Cuthroths, Yurbe simply wouldn't let her team lose.

It was the hunger of competition, the drive to be the best that allowed that fire to be installed in the team's unquestioned leader. A loss to Filer in 2007 left Buhl watching the state tournament unfold on its home field, and Yurbe said after the conference-title victory this season that it was a major factor in the team's desire not to let that happen again this season.

Despite building her goal total in a league that until recently was far from competitive, Yurbe showed herself to be no shrinking violet when the good teams came calling. After suffering a shoulder injury in the state opener this year, she returned the next day and scored a goal in the Indians' 3-2 loss to Snake River.

A note to any colleges Yurbe may face, should she choose to continue her soccer career: Remember where she is at all times or get ready to pick the ball out of your net, as was done 166 times in four years at Buhl.

— David Bashore

## CSI men aim to get back to their winning ways at Donnelley invite

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

### Donnelley Sports Invitational

Friday  
Pio Look All Stars vs. Chemeketa CC, 4 p.m.  
CSI vs. Phoenix College, 8 p.m.  
Saturday  
Pio Look All Stars vs. Phoenix College, 4 p.m.  
CSI vs. Chemeketa CC, 8 p.m.

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will host the two-day Donnelley Sports Invitational Friday and Saturday at CSI Gymnasium. The 10th-ranked Golden Eagles will face a decent test Friday in Phoenix College (4-1), an NCAA Division II team coming off a 74-70 win over Yavapai (Ariz.) College on Tuesday.

Other than 6-foot-8, 280-pound freshman center Will Donahue, Phoenix doesn't have much size. On Saturday, CSI (5-1) will take on Chemeketa Community College out of

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## For BSU seniors, it's time to say goodbye

By Destin Lapray  
Times-News correspondent

### Fresno State at Boise State

When: 4 p.m., Friday; TV: ESPN2

BOISE — On Friday at Bronco Stadium, 20 Boise State seniors will play what may be their last game ever on the Blue.

A handful of those guys have household names. Others most fans would never recognize on the street.

Although their personal careers at BSU have not always enjoyed equal success, as a team this class has won four Western

Athletic Conference championships. They have the rings to prove it.

"A lot of places, a lot of programs don't go undefeated, don't win their conference a lot of the

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# FEAST ON THESE THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL GAMES

## Cowboys hope to keep refining 'D' vs. Seahawks

IRVING, Texas (AP) — When Tony Romo broke his pinkie, the Dallas Cowboys soon discovered a weakness that went far beyond bumbling backup quarterbacks. Believe it or not, Romo's absence exposed the Dallas defense.



**Seahawks at Cowboys**  
2:15 p.m., FOX

Throughout last season and the early part of this year, Cowboys defenders fell into the habit of being the supporting cast for Romo, Terrell Owens and crew. Knowing those guys would score in the 30s, the defense got comfortable trying to hold them in the 20s. And they really liked how their team would hold the ball because that meant fewer chances for them to give up points and fresher legs when they were on the field.

But then Romo went down and the defense was asked to do more to win games.

Instead, the Cowboys let St. Louis run for 180 yards, the most against their defense under coach Wade Phillips... until two weeks later, when the New York Giants ran for 200 yards. Cumulative score of those games: Foes 69, Cowboys 28.

"We saw if we played like that every week, we don't have a chance," said linebacker Bradie James, a defensive co-captain. "Everybody rallied around each other and just said, 'Forget the call, stop the guy with the ball.'"

Clinton Portis and Frank Gore can attest to a new attitude. So can their quarterbacks.

Over the last two games,

Dallas has allowed a total of 116 yards rushing and collected seven sacks, with five players getting in on the action. With Romo getting back in the groove despite wearing a splint on his passing hand, the Cowboys (7-4) carry a modest two-game winning streak into today's game against Seattle (2-9).

Dallas' playoff chances might be riding on it, too. The Cowboys would still be in the wild-card hunt, but imagine the ramifications of losing to a going-nowhere team like the Seahawks, 10 days of hearing how they're headed toward another disastrous December — Dallas hasn't had a winning record in the month since 2001 — followed by games against Pittsburgh, the Giants and Baltimore. That'll be a tough stretch even if the Cowboys beat Seattle and have the momentum of a three-game winning streak.

Linebacker Greg Ellis believes Dallas is ready to get on a roll after being humbled by their midseason struggles.

"I like what I'm smelling from this team," he said. "That 'This-is-the-greatest-thing-ever-assembled' kind of attitude is gone. People realize we can beat. We've got to show up and play good football. That is what's changed."

## Titans look to get back on track against winless Lions

DETROIT (AP) — The Tennessee Titans blew the symmetry of an 11-0, 0-11 matchup with the Detroit Lions on Thanksgiving.



**Titans at Lions**  
10:30 a.m., CBS

The once-beaten Titans, though, will get a chance to show coast-to-coast viewers they're still a dominant team against the winless Lions.

"We also have to remember it's a national stage where to show... although they have an 0-11 record, that they still have a pretty good job of it and not let them show the world against us."

Much of the nation is spared from watching the Lions, but this is the one time of year football fans don't have a choice.

Detroit has been playing on Thanksgiving since 1934, said Jason Hanson, in his 17th season with the Lions. "But we haven't been good for some years and who don't give a rip about the Lions at the bottom of the barrel; they don't see you. But to take a sport that's been terrible and act like it defines the game and what it's been, the point doesn't stand."

"The tradition of the day is far bigger than what we've done at Ford Field the last few years."

Thankfully, The Lions have lost their showcase game the past four years by an average of 20 points.

Tennessee is not only moti-

vated to bounce back from its 20-point setback at home to the New York Jets, but to avoid the embarrassment of losing to the Lions.

"We definitely don't want to be the first one to lose to them," Ahmad Hall said. "I know they're going to be extremely hyped. They think we're going to be down from this loss. That can smell blood in the water."

"This is their big game," Detroit running back Kevin Smith agreed.

It's his chance to be in the Super Bowl on Thanksgiving Day, Smith said.

The Titans have a chance to finish the season in the real Super Bowl and they plan to continue a march toward it on the ground.

Kerry Collins has been dared to throw against defenses stacked to stop rookie Chris Johnson and LeDale White. He was doing just that until having a lackluster game through the air against the Jets.

Detroit seems like the perfect team to get your running game going against because its rushing defense ranks last in the league, giving up 318 and 284 yards rushing to Atlanta and Carolina, respectively.

The Lions have started to run the ball better lately, leading to Smith averaging nearly 100 yards rushing the past three games.

## Back from benching, McNabb ready to go

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — If Donovan McNabb is playing out his final games with the Philadelphia Eagles, his first audition for his next job comes before a national audience.



**Cardinals at Eagles**  
6:15 p.m., NFL Network

Benched at halftime in a loss at Baltimore, McNabb will be back under center tonight against the Arizona Cardinals. The Eagles (5-5-1) desperately need to win to maintain their slim playoff hopes. The NFC West-leading Cardinals (7-4) would clinch their first division title in 33 years with a victory.

McNabb and his teammates can only hope the tough Philly fans are too stuffed from eating turkey and tired from the tropyphon or it can get ugly at Lincoln Financial Field if the Eagles struggle again.

The soap opera involving McNabb dominated the headlines during this short week. Coach Andy Reid yanked McNabb for the first time in his career after a dreadful half against the Ravens that followed an awful performance in a tie with lowly Cincinnati.

A day later, and after watching second-year pro Kevin Kolb struggle mightily, Reid went back to McNabb. The five-time Pro Bowl quarterback isn't the only reason the Eagles are underachieving, but he's an easy scapegoat.

"I'm not the only one who's a problem, I guess, on the offense," McNabb said. "But if I had to be the one to sacrifice for it, then

that's what had to go."

With the Eagles heading toward their third last-place finish in four years since losing the 2005 Super Bowl to New England, major changes are likely to come. McNabb probably won't return if the team decides to rebuild.

For now, he's focused on proving he can get past his midseason slump and still be an elite player. McNabb had a passer rating of 92.0 and the Eagles were 5-3 after eight games. Since then, he's thrown six interceptions and his rating has dipped to 81.1.

Cardinals QB Kurt Warner knows what McNabb is going through. Warner was a two-time NFL MVP and a Super Bowl MVP with the St. Louis Rams, but he got benched and eventually moved to the New York Giants. He didn't have much success there and ended up in Arizona four years ago. It took an injury to Matt Leinart for Warner to get back on the field and he won the starting job in training camp.

Now, at 37, Warner is having another MVP-type season. He's thrown for 3,506 yards, 21 TDs and his passer rating of 102.4 is second behind San Diego's Philip Rivers.

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when you have seven athletes and they don't really care one way or another — they figured they had a starting spot regardless — it gets down to yelling and screaming to motivate them and that's not me. I was much happier (this season) because I was able to be myself, get down to positive reinforcement and motivation."

One of the main reasons that Pohlman could be proud of himself this season was the freshman class he brought in for the 2008 campaign. He said that this group showed more maturity and leadership ability, and that translated to wins on the court.

A major key to that formula is Megan Pierson, a former Gooding High standout. Pierson started all 40 matches of her freshman season at libero, totaling a team-high 617 digs (10th nationally) in 126 sets, good for a 4.90 dig-per-set average (12th nationally). She also was one of the team's captains this season.

Pohlman said that a successful season was a just reward for what Pierson brought to the table in her freshman year.

"She brings an honest effort. Some do it on contingency of playing time or a starting spot, and that's not Megan. She works hard all the time because that's her only switch... to when she didn't have to do push-ups and everyone else did, she did them because she saw an opportunity to get stronger," he said.

"The leadership, she's not just a good player and she's just a good person. I know that's a huge cliché, but she's someone I can trust on and off the court and do the right thing. It's that honest, hardworking effort and leadership ability that really allowed her to get into that captain position and be successful this year."

Pierson will have some time to do to better her status next season, and Pohlman said she's already running more than most teammates to stay in shape. She and six teammates are eligible to return, and Pohlman hopes to have six or

seven more freshmen (hopefully more from the Magic Valley, he says) for Pierson to train over their wings and lead to make Dodge City a volleyball program to be reckoned with on the national stage.

### VOLLEYBALL

**WHITNEY BOND, TWIN FALLS LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE**  
Bond is in the process of wrapping up her senior season with the Warriors (29-23). She has played in 26 of the 31 matches this season for LCSC, totaling 23 digs.

The Warriors won the Frontier Conference championship and survived a national playoff match to play next month's NAIA Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa. No. 14 LCSC will play No. 2 Biola (Calif.). No. 11 Madonna (Mich.) and No. 24 Lubbock Christian (Texas) also will play next week at the national tournament.

### KELSEY BORDWICK, TWIN FALLS

**MT. HOOD (ORE.) CC**  
Bordwick, a freshman, at Mt. Hood, was second on the team this season with 83 kills in nine matches. She also added 30 digs.

### JORDAN BRACA, GOODING

**SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE (WASH.)**  
Braca played in 12 matches for Skagit Valley, registering 71 digs.

### JESSICA BRICE, BURLEY

**WHITMAN (WASH.)**  
Brice started in 23 of the 24 matches she played in for Whitman (3-22) this season. She totaled 46 kills, 41 digs and 24 blocks.

### ERICA FORD, TWIN FALLS

**CORVALLIS (ORE.) UNIV.**  
Ford played in 24 matches for the Cavaliers, digging up 134 balls and serving 11 aces.

### KALIN GIBSON, HAZENMAN

**BLUE MOUNTAIN (ORE.) CC**  
Gibson saw action in 12 matches for the Timberwolves, registering 42 digs.

### HARLEY HARRIS, SHOSHONE

**EVERETT STATE COLLEGE (WASH.)**  
Harris, who transferred from Everett (Wash.) CC,

played in 16 matches for the Gracklucks. She put down 79 kills to go with 16 aces and 128 digs.

### LIZ WILLIAMS, TWIN FALLS

**MT. HOOD (ORE.) CC**  
Williams, Mt. Hood with 14 aces on the season, in nine matches played. The freshman also had 46 digs.

### FOOTBALL

#### UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WESTERN

Six graduates of District IV play for the University of Montana Western with two that have seen significant playing time. The Bulldogs, who play the NAIA Frontier Conference, finished the 2008 campaign at 2-9.

Minico's Bryce Hafso is a sophomore wide receiver for the Bulldogs, recording 98 yards on seven receptions in four games. He also had three tackles. Gerhuy Nay, also a product of Minico, is a second-team safety as a sophomore. He accumulated 22 tackles and caught a pass for a 2-point conversion. Kimberly's Tyler Sherman, recorded one tackle as a freshman linebacker.

Rhett Jones (Minico), Trent Malloy (Minico) and Mike Serron (Buhl) are also on the Bulldogs roster.

#### DIANO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Magic Valley had four freshman players on the Bengals squad, but only one saw action on the gridiron. Burley's freshman Claydon played on the offensive line in 10 games, but started none. Also on the roster are Eric Jacobson (Wood River), John van Vleet (Lighthouse Christian) and Bryant Ward (Twin Falls), who each red-shirted the 2008 campaign.

The Bengals won the regular-season finale against Sacramento State in overtime to finish 1-11 and avoid a winless season.

#### JOEL HARAN, BURLEY

**EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY**  
Haran, a junior running back, played in 11 games for the Mountaineers. He recorded 121 yards on 33 carries and caught four passes for 47 yards and a touchdown. He also accumulated one punt

return and seven kick returns for more than 75 yards for a total of 245 all-purpose yards. The Mountaineers finished the season 5-6 (4-6 NAIA Frontier Conference).

#### TAYLOR KERBS, BURLEY

**SNOW COLLEGE (UTAH)**

This Burley product now plays for the No. 1 ranked Snow College. He's a redshirt sophomore linebacker this season for the Badgers (11-0, 8-0 Western States Football League). The Badgers will play in the Top of the Mountain Bowl for the NJCAA Division I national championship on Dec. 6.

#### RANDY MERRITT, KIMBERLY

**CONCORDIA UNIV. (NEB.)**  
Merritt is a freshman defensive end for Concordia (1-9, 1-9 NAIA Great Plains Athletic Conference), though no statistical information could be found or verified.

#### TYSON REYNOSO, WOOD RIVER

**TUFTS UNIVERSITY (MASS.)**  
The former Wood River standout tallied 73 tackles and one interception for Tufts (4-4, 4-4 NCAA Div. III New England Small College Athletic Conference) as a senior linebacker.

#### CLAYTON "BUFF" SWAN, JEROME

**WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Swan started in eight of his 11 games, as a senior linebacker. This season, he made 77 tackles (21 solo) with 2.5 coming for a loss of 10 yards. He also intercepted a pass, deflected another and returned a kick for a yard.

The Wildcats led 19-3 (7-1 NCAA Div. I FCS Big Sky Conference) with a loss to Eastern Washington last weekend. The loss cost the Wildcats the outright conference championship, tying them with Montana. They will travel to face Cal Poly Saturday in the first round of the playoffs.

Swan was named to the All-Big Sky Conference honorable Mention team at inside linebacker.

#### STEVEN TOONE, GOODING

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-NORTHERN**  
Toone, a sophomore defensive tackle, saw playing time in three games this season but accumulated no sta-

tistics. The Lights finished the season at 7-3 (7-3 NAIA Frontier Conference).

### FALL GOLF

#### RANDY FISCHER, TWIN FALLS

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY (IA)**  
Fischer, a sophomore, recorded 736 strokes through nine score rounds for an 81.8 stroke average. She shot a season low of 77 in October.

#### ABBY MCHELEY

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO**  
Fischer's former Bruin teammate carried 253 through three rounds at the Ron Moore Women's Intercollegiate in Denver back in September.

### SOCCER

#### DUSTY EASTER, TWIN FALLS

**DOUGIE CITY CC (IDAH.)**  
Easter was listed on the Dodge City roster, but no statistics were available from the college. Dodge City went winless and managed just one draw.

#### JILL HANEY, FILER

**WALLA WALLA CC (WASH.)**  
Haney scored her first collegiate goal in a 10-1 win over Southwestern Oregon CC on Oct. 11. Walla Walla went 2-1 and won the NWACCC East Division before falling to Columbia Basin (Wash.) 3-0 in the NWACCC title game. WWCVC posted an impressive 10-0 scoring edge over its opponents this year.

#### JEFF JEWELL, TWIN FALLS

**NORTHWEST WYOMING CC**  
Jewell transferred from the University of Great Falls to WWCVC. No statistics were available for the defender.

#### DANIELA RAMIREZ, MONICO

**MESA STATE (COLO.)**  
Ramirez, who transferred from Dodge City CC, led Mesa State (12-9-1) with nine goals and seven assists in her first year in the program. The Mavericks finished in NCAA Division II All-Central region second-team selection.

#### MARISSA SANCHEZ, TWIN FALLS

**UTAH STATE**  
Sanchez scored two goals in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference meet in 24:30 for 35th place, while her team finished fifth.

missed the NCAA Tournament after falling in the WAC championship game to Fresno State.

#### SCOTT THOMPSON, TWIN FALLS

**COLLEGE OF IDAHO**

Thompson, a defender, struck for his first and only collegiate goal this season, scoring the third goal in a 3-0 win Oct. 4 against Oregon Tech. His team went 14-3-1, including a perfect 12-0-0 during the Cascade Collegiate Conference regular season, but fell just one win short of the NAIA Tournament.

#### TED WUNDERLICH, TWIN FALLS

**KANSAS CITY KANSAS CC**  
Wunderlich scored three goals in as many games for KKKCC this season.

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### KYLIE ASTLE, SHOSHONE

**LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE**  
The 2006 Class 1A girls track champion (and two-time champion in 1A volleyball) in distance running is expected to help Shoshone at Lewis-Clark State College. Astle finished sixth in the women's Frontier Conference meet, helping her team win its second straight conference team title and qualifying for the NAIA championship race. There, the women finished 14th. Astle ran the race in 18 minutes, 46 seconds to become the Warriors' top finisher. She placed 68th overall and 47th among runners.

#### ALEX CRISTAL, KIMBERLY

**NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY**

The freshman finished 54th at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference meet (NCAA Div. II) as his team placed sixth. It was his only postseason appearance in the top 100. Northwest Nazarene did not qualify a team for the West Regional meet.

#### ASHLEY REINHOLD, WOOD RIVER

**NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY**

Reinhald, a sophomore, ran the Great Northwest Athletic Conference meet in 24:30 for 35th place, while her team finished fifth.

# Browns' quarterback Quinn done for season with broken finger

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Browns quarterback Brady Quinn doesn't regret playing with a broken right finger that will sideline him for the rest of this season and may require surgery.

Quinn did more damage to his finger when he started Sunday against the Houston Texans.

"I knew that was a consequence if I went in and played," Quinn said Wednesday. "That was something that I was willing to risk. If I had a chance to do it over, I would do it again."

Quinn is now trying to decide whether to have an operation on the finger or just have it immobilized in a splint. Whatever he decides, the second-year QB, who waited 25 games to make his

first NFL start, will miss the Browns' final five games in what has been a disastrous season for a team that entered the season with playoff expectations.

"It's frustrating," said the former Notre Dame star, who broke the tip of his finger and sustained tendon damage in his second start on Nov. 17 at Buffalo. "I can't begin to tell you. I'm hurting right now because I love to play the game. I wish I could be with my teammates. I feel bad for the fans because I really wanted to be out there and continue to play and continue to play in this league."

"Hopefully, this will allow me to grow stronger and something good will come from this."

Before last week's game,

Quinn consulted with team doctors as well as noted orthopedist Dr. James Andrews. Quinn was presented with three options: keep playing, immobilize his finger or have surgery. However, when it came down to whether he would suit up or not, Quinn said he made the call.

"It was my decision in the end," he said. "It wasn't anyone else's, so it didn't matter what anyone else thought but me."

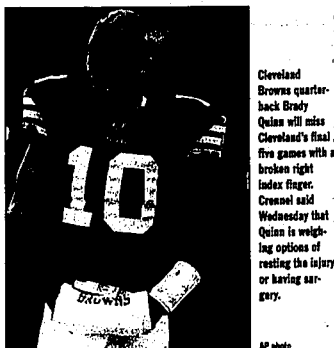
Quinn started but was ineffective in a 16-6 loss to the Texans. He was benched late in the third quarter by coach Romeo Crennel and replaced by Derek Anderson. Anderson, who lost his job three weeks ago to Quinn, will start Sunday when the

Browns host Indianapolis. Although he only saw Quinn play in three regular-season games, Crennel, whose job could depend on how the Browns finish the season, sees potential in the former first-round draft pick.

"I'm impressed with what he (Quinn) has done on the field, off the field, the way he's handled situations, the way he's handled the team. I like the kid a lot," he said.

Assuming he's back in 2009, Crennel said Quinn would be his starter.

"I had planned to go with Brady as the quarterback," Crennel said. "When he comes back, he's going to be healthy and he's going to be the quarterback. Quinn is the starter next training camp."



Cleveland Browns quarterback Brady Quinn will miss Cleveland's final five games with a broken right index finger. Crennel said Wednesday that Quinn is weighing options of resting the injury or having surgery.

AP photo

## SCOREBOARD

### BASKETBALL

NBA				
All Times MST				
EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PTS	REB
Boston	13	2	887	38
New York	7	7	500	38
Philadelphia	7	7	500	38
New Jersey	6	7	462	38
Toronto	6	7	462	38
SOUTHEAST				
Orlando	W	L	PTS	REB
Orlando	10	4	714	38
Atlanta	8	5	615	38
Miami	7	7	500	38
Charlotte	4	9	306	38
Washington	2	10	167	38
CENTRAL				
Cleveland	W	L	PTS	REB
Cleveland	11	3	786	38
Detroit	8	5	615	38
Chicago	7	8	467	38
Minneapolis	9	4	838	38
Indiana	8	8	385	38

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time." Mike T. Williams said. "So I am very blessed to be here and glad I made the choice to come here because I couldn't imagine going anywhere else, knowing what I know now."

Many players joined in that sentiment, the pride and comfort in having chosen Boise State. They talked of chemistry, unity, family.

"It's been an honor to play with those guys," Vinny Perretta said. "They're all my best friends and we'll all keep in touch. We'll all have good memories to look back on. I'm going to be stunned. It's my last game on the Blue. It's become my way of life."

Sean Bingham said the summer workouts are a great memory for him, working with his teammates, rooming with Joe Bozokovich, taking road trips. Bingham and Bozokovich were not big names on the roster, but they bode their time and now start on the defensive line.

"I've always had a spot, coaches have found a way to get me in, but being more of a contributor this year has been really positive for me," Bozokovich said. "It's really made the whole experience a lot better."

Some of the others never got over the top, never became starters or stars, but they still grew into men in these five years, men like Toshi Franklin, a business management major. You might think guys like Franklin might feel left out of the mainstream, but it's not like that.

"The team is the thing that gets remembered," Julian Hawkins said. "There's always going to be certain guys, you have Ian Johnson, those are headline guys that have been around as much time as I have, but they've gotten more press. I'm not about making the press. I'm not about making the team better."

Hawkins is not alone. Guys like Ben Lunnachione (OL), Phillip Edwards (DE) or Jeff Lowe (DE) never made headlines. Others, like Dallas Dobbs (LB, LS), Tanyon Bissell (WR), Kyle Gings and Tim "Hurricane" Brady (both LBs), John Gott (OL) and Steven Revels just kind of came along and became role players on a team that requires self-sacrifice.

The biggest senior of all, Andrew Woodruff, will finally get to start on senior day. On

past senior day he always gave up his starting job so a senior could have a special moment.

Perhaps no one on this team sacrificed more than Bush Hamdan, who lost two separate quarterback battles and has yet to start a game at BSU. Yet Ian Johnson credited Hamdan with keeping the team together after redshirt freshman Kellen Moore was named the starter, when he could have tried to tear it apart.

And don't forget about Chris O'Neill and David Shields. Shields never even made it to fall camp because his shoulders just wouldn't let him. O'Neill, yet to play this year due to a foot injury, may play in the bowl game.

Johnson and his fellow seniors

all seem to be wrestling with the possible emotions to be felt as they walk out on that field for the last time.

"Every year we watch the seniors come and go and now it's my turn," Bingham said. "I don't know how I am going to react."

There are so many of them, with so many stories, life changes and degree paths. It's hard to put a handle on these guys. They've seen the indoor practice facility go up, the sky box rise, the weight room and offices get remodeled. They shocked the world in Arizona. They made friends. They won rings. More than that, they won a life, a degree and a toolbox of memories each to his own.

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## Trouble in Toyland: Group issues holiday toy warnings

Small parts, soft plastics and lead contamination top list of hazards

By Natasha T. Metzler  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — If the toy fits inside the tube from a toilet roll, it's too small for tiny tots, consumer advocates warned Tuesday.

U.S. Public Interest Research Group said parents shopping for holiday toys should look out for hazards such as small parts, soft plas-

tics and lead contamination.

Although increased consumer protections were approved this summer, U.S. PIRG warned parents that those rules have not yet gone into effect.

"Unfortunately, while the product safety bill is a major step forward, many of its protections are not yet fully in effect, so it's still buyer beware this year," said

Elizabeth Hitchcock, public health advocate for U.S. PIRG.

In its 23rd annual "Trouble in Toyland" report on hazardous playthings, the organization focused on three hazards: small parts that can choke children who are younger than 3-years-old, lead-tainted toys and soft plastic toys that contain chemicals called phthalates.

Hitchcock said the tube at the center of a toilet paper roll is perfect for testing whether a toy is small enough to pose a choking risk. If a toy, or a

piece of a toy, fits into the cylinder, it is too small for children under three, Hitchcock said.

In terms of lead-contamination, Ed Mierzwinski, U.S. PIRG's consumer program director, said parents should absolutely avoid children's metal jewelry.

"Any heavy, cheap jewelry — costume jewelry, kids jewelry — has probably got lead in it," Mierzwinski said.

He said the risks from lead-contaminated paint are lower, because the percentage of lead is usually small.

Lead poisoning can cause irreversible learning disabilities, behavioral problems and, at very high levels, seizures, coma and death.

Of the seven toys U.S. PIRG tested for lead, three were contaminated.

Phthalates are a big concern for the organization this year. These chemicals are widely used to make plastic products softer and can cause health problems.

The consumer-safety legislation President George W. Bush signed in August set a standard for plastics contain-

ing phthalates. But the Consumer Product Safety Commission says manufacturers can keep selling phthalate-containing toys until the current stock runs out, because the law does not apply retroactively.

"Products containing phthalates are still out there for sale this holiday season," U.S. PIRG's Hitchcock said.

She added that since lab testing is the only way to know if a toy contains phthalates, parents should just avoid soft plastic toys this year.



Children from the Early Childhood Academy Public Charter School vote for what kind of dog the Obamas should choose, part of an exhibit at the Newsweek titled "First Dogs: American Presidents and Their Pets," in Washington on Monday.

## Obama family pet put to vote in 'first dogs' exhibit

By Brett Zongker  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The election is not over for museum visitors weighing in on what President-elect Barack Obama calls a "major issue" for his transition: selecting the first dog.

Seventy-grader Mary Grace Moran, visiting the Newsweek with her class from Covington, La., cast her vote for a poodle by dropping coins in a clear, plastic tube.

"I have a poodle, and my brothers have really bad allergies," the 12-year-old said, expressing concern for Obama's sneeze-prone daughter.

Visitors are casting votes with pennies, quarters and a few dollar bills in a small exhibit on presidential pets at the Newsweek, a museum that announced a staff reduction this week, says it will use the cash for educational programs.

Newsweek is not without guidance on the puppy issue. Obama has said the family would like something hypoallergenic, and that the family likes the idea of rescuing a shelter dog, even though "a lot of shelter dogs are mutts like me."

So the exhibit is offering the American Kennel Club's top five recommendations for allergy-sensitive breeds — a poodle, soft coated wheaten terrier, bichon frise, Chinese crested (caution: It's

mostly hairless) and miniature schnauzer — along with an unspecified shelter dog.

So far, a shelter dog appears to be the people's choice, followed by the bichon frise, a small, fluffy non-shedding breed. Newsweek exhibits chief Cathy Trost said.

The exhibit, "First Dogs: American Presidents and Their Pets," opened Friday and also includes about 15 photographs and a video on presidential pets. It will remain open at least through January's inauguration.

If the Obamas are looking for dogs precedent, they could consider Scottish terriers, Labradors or mutts, all former first pets.

More than a few presidents brought odd critters with them, too. President Theodore Roosevelt and his family had a one-legged rooster and a pony named Algonquin that once rode in the White House elevator. President William Howard Taft had a Jersey cow named Pauline.

"Animals have always been a part of White House life," Trost said on Monday. "More than 50 dogs have lived at the White House, along with alligators, goats, raccoons, parrots, you name it."

President Calvin Coolidge and his wife Grace were responsible for the pair of raccoons along with 12 dogs in their small White House "zoo."

## Stiff turkey, bland yams

Despite the food, space shuttle crew is thankful

By Mika Schoeder  
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — The smoked turkey resembles sliced deli meat but, stiffer, the candied yams are bland inside, the green beans taste like they've been microwaved to death and the corn bread stuffing has a broth-heavy, institutional flavor.

Grandma's home cooking, it's not.

Then again, Grandma's Thanksgiving dinners were never irradiated, freeze-dried, vacuum-packed into plastic pouches and then launched into space to be served 220 miles above Earth. That's what the Turkey Day meals for the astronauts aboard space shuttle Endeavour have endured.

Endeavour's seven astronauts and the three crew members at the international space station will take a break from their chores and gather for their special meal Thanksgiving Day. The last time a space shuttle crew ate their holiday meal in space was six years ago.

"It gives us a moment to pause and reflect just how fortunate we are as a country and as a global community," Endeavour commander Christopher Ferguson said from the space station. "We're thankful for that, in addition to the opportunity to fly in space."

Although there were only six Thanksgiving meals prepared, Ferguson said not to worry. They were scrambling together turkey from the space station pantry so everyone could experience space's version of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, including the lone Russian, space station cosmonaut Yuri Lonchakov.

"Now we have enough food for everybody on board, which is part of Thanksgiving anyway, sharing what you have," astronaut Stephen Bowen said Tuesday.

"It may be called space food, but it's actually, it's very good," Ferguson said, noting that many of the meals come from the military. "I'm from the Navy, and I like Navy food, and I enjoy space food as well."

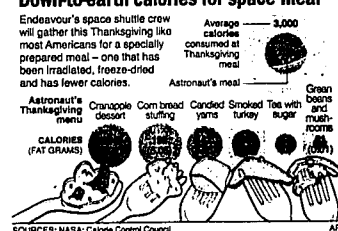
He added, "We'll have a true Thanksgiving feast."

Instead of sitting at a large



Michele Perchonok, a NASA food technologist, explains how astronauts prepare green beans in space, Nov. 20 at Houston's Johnson Space Center.

### Down-to-earth calories for space meal



SOURCES: NASA; Calorie Control Council

Thanksgiving dinner table, the astronauts will feast on turkey, which each have a spoon, fork, knife and scissors tethered to them for cutting open the food pouches. The trays can

also be fixed to Velcro patches on metallic food trays, which each have a spoon, fork, knife and scissors tethered to them for cutting open the food pouches. The trays can

then be strapped to the astronauts' laps or attached to a wall.

NASA works hard to give the astronauts a varied menu. Sixty new dishes have been prepared for astronauts in the last six years. Even so, it's hard to recreate the fresh tastes found on many Thanksgiving dinner tables, especially since NASA uses many industrial ingredients so the meals can be mass-produced.

"You lose those high notes of flavor," said Michele Perchonok, who manages NASA's food technology lab. "You're not going to get those nice, herbal, spicy notes that are really fresh."

The meals are light-years away from the mush squeezed out of aluminum tubes that Mercury astronauts consumed during NASA's first manned flights, or even the pureed shrimp cocktail and squeeze-tube apple sauce of the Gemini program.

Now the shuttle astronauts pick their daily menus before going up in space. The space station astronauts, who can live up to six months at the outpost, have a menu schedule that repeats every 16 days although they can make changes.

Historically, the space shuttles and space station have lacked a refrigerator for food, although Endeavour delivered a fridge for food and cold drinks during this mission. As a result, food taken up to space has to be bacteria-free. That is accomplished by either treating meats with radiation, dehydrating vegetables or heating other foods up to 250 degrees for a half hour.

Up in space, the dried foods are prepared by squirting hot or cold water into the food pouch. The other foods are heated up in the food galley's oven, basically a hot plate which uses a fan to circulate heated air.

## Most expensive new book arrives in U.S. from Italy

By Verena Dobnik  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It's billed as the world's most expensive, most beautiful new book.

Costing well over \$100,000, a 62-pound handmade tome depicting the life and work of Michelangelo has arrived at the New York Public Library, fresh from publication in Italy.

The velvet and marble-bound book will go on public display next Tuesday.

"I did it because I'm a crazy

woman!" joked Mariella Ferrari, the Italian publisher who produced the extravagant, each book takes six months to craft, using Italian artisan skills dating to the Renaissance.

"I love books," she said in a telephone interview from Bologna, Italy, where she's president of a company called EMR, which publishes the books about art.

"This book is meant as a provocation," she said. "Books are being destroyed by the

Internet, they're losing their identity — it's the modern, Internet version of burning books. Today things last so little before they disappear."

To make her point, the Michelangelo book has a 500-year warranty — as long as his art lasted.

Titled "La Dotta Mano," which means "the learned hand," the book has a front cover made of white marble from Michelangelo's favorite quarry, in Carrara.

The binding is covered with a

red silk velvet handmade by the same shop in southern Italy as the main stage curtains at the Metropolitan Opera and Milan's Teatro Alla Scala.

The display book was donated to the New York Public Library, a second to the Prado museum in Madrid and a third to the city of Bologna. In addition, more than 20 books have been sold so far to buyers around Europe and as far away as Malaysia, Ferrari said.

The price is 100,000 euros, about \$130,000 at the current exchange rate.



Michael Imms, curator of rare books, prepares to turn the marble cover page of "Michelangelo: La Dotta Mano," a volume of photographs of the Renaissance master's sculptures by Annalisa Amadei, during a press preview Tuesday at the New York Public Library in New York.

# Three years later, victim returns to scene of bear attack

By Thomas Curwen  
Los Angeles Times

**GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, Mont.** — No one knew what to expect on the trail to Grinnell Glacier, but during September and October — mating season — it's always best to give animals plenty of room.

That's exactly what Jenna Otter wanted to do. She didn't want to take pictures, let alone chances.

Today was a reunion of sorts. She and her father, Johan Otter, and Heidi's parents, brother and boyfriend, Ken Justus had taken the day off from work as well.

Once strangers, the hikers were now friends, brought together by what had occurred three years ago in these mountains just a few miles ahead of them. Jenna knew that returning would not be easy.

Three years ago, Jenna and her father had gotten an early start for the glacier, and an hour out, encountered a grizzly bear that didn't disappear in the brush. Instead, the bear attacked them.

The story was picked up by the national media — father fights bear to save daughter — and Johan's recovery, for the severity of his injuries, was miraculous.

Jenna's story, however, was lost in the drama of her father's. Although her wounds were less life-threatening, the mark on her psyche, the scar on her psyche, left on her face — was more pronounced and more difficult to understand.

On this return trip to the park, surrounded by the hikers who had rescued them, Jenna hoped to regain what the bear had stolen.

When Jenna was 8, her father placed in the world was Glacier National Park. She first saw it when she, her sister and parents vacationed there from their home in Escondido, Calif.

When she graduated from high school, a father-daughter hiking trip was planned at Glacier, before she started college.

Until the attack, everything had been perfect. Afterward, nothing was the same. Jenna couldn't shake the memory of the bear coming right at her — or of it standing right over her. Last summer, her father had taken another trip to the park, his second since the attack. Jenna went, but stayed off the trail. Having recovered from his injuries — a torn-off scalp, numerous puncture wounds and gashes, neck broken in three places and broken ribs — Johan chose to exorcise the demons of the attack by fac-

ing them head-on. It wasn't so easy for Jenna.

She wished it was, but life was different now. She felt it as soon as she got out of the hospital, and she didn't like it. To begin with, there was the attention — from the "Today" show, "Good Morning America," "Cosmopolitan," "Animal Planet" and a British magazine. She wanted it to stop. She kept saying that moment on the mountain wasn't going to be her 15 minutes of fame.

She began her freshman year at the University of California, Irvine. She wanted to dance. Her injuries, lacerations on her chin and heel, puncture wounds on a shoulder and the back of her head, a broken tailbone and fractured vertebra — kept her from dancing, so she poured herself into getting education requirements. By the second quarter, she had begun practicing again in the dance studio and was volunteering at a hospital.

When patients asked about the grizzly attack, she told them about the grizzly attack. She was proud of the mark, certain she'd never have it erased by lasers. Still, it was evidence of the trauma that had fallen across her life.

She questioned her father's judgment whenever they went hiking. She found herself more emotional. Large animals, especially dogs, made her uneasy.

But, today in spite of her nervousness, Jenna seemed happy to be on the trail.

The group stopped at an overlook of a cliff.

On this spot one of the rescue helicopters had tried to land. In the distance, in the shadow of overhanging rocks, the attack had taken place.

Jenna felt disoriented. She couldn't believe she was here again.

"I have to keep reminding myself that this actually happened," she said.

Heidi's company today was reassuring. Three years ago, she had been one of the first hikers on the scene and had stayed with the injured Johan throughout the day, encouraging her to slip water, to sit up, to answer questions. Afterward, Heidi and her family kept her company in the local hospital. They seldom spoke of the attack.

The trail rose between two rocky outcroppings. Railroad ties formed stairs. Then the trail turned sharply to the right.

Three years ago, as Jenna stepped around that grizzly corner, she saw the grizzly walking toward her, two cubs in the distance. Its eyes popped wide as if it were just



Jenna Otter and father Johan Otter pose at Iceberg Lake in Glacier National Park, Mont., in September.

Los Angeles Times

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as surprised as she was. Jenna spun around and tried to run away, but she tripped. By the time she looked up, the bear was attacking her dad. She grabbed the bear spray, but fumbled with the safety clip. When she looked up again, the bear was coming toward her.

"Here I stumbled," she said, pointing to the trail.

"And here..." She scrambled into some brush, her father still struggling with the bear. Then everything went quiet. She heard panting. As the bear approached, she tried to be still, but when it stood over her, she reached up and put her hands around its neck to hold it off. That's when the bear lunged, biting and jostling, and took her head in its jaws, tearing her chin and puncturing the back of her neck.

"Jenna, come over here," Johan called, peering over the edge.

"No," she said. "I'm good." Heidi's mother pulled out her camera. Jenna felt her father put his arm around her shoulder. Less than an hour later, the group came to the end of the trail. Above them was a notch in the mountains through which Ken Justus piloted the helicopter that rescued Johan and Jenna. They ate their lunch, the stillness broken only by water lapping in the distance.

Later that night, after dinner and farewells to the rest of the group, Jenna and Johan sat on the deck of the Mary Glacier Hotel, overlooking Swiftcurrent Lake.

"I don't think I want to go hiking tomorrow," Jenna said.

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# Seattle mayor heads for a battle over proposed gun ban

By Kim Murphy  
Los Angeles Times

SEATTLE — The annual Northwest Folkfest Festival here is a throwback to hippie days, a mellow celebration of folk music, grilled salmon and sandals with socks in a city that considers laid-back a point of civic pride.

So when Joshua Penabaz, 19, felt a sharp pain in his wrist as two men came at him through the crowd at May's festival, he assumed he had broken a bone as he fell.

"Then I heard someone say, 'Oh my god, he's been shot,'" Penabaz recalled.

Two other people, including Penabaz's girlfriend, also were hit. The shootings, in a city where sporadic but horrific street crime rattles its culture of progressive cool, sent Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels on a mission: In December, he will hold a public hearing on a proposed order to ban guns on city property, including at parks, sporting events and street fairs.

In a state where more than 239,000 residents have permits to carry concealed weapons—and many consider a gun in their pocket a better deterrent to street crime than any law—the proposal appears almost certain to become a local gun-control battle in a year when the courts, and possibly the new administration of President-elect Barack Obama, are set to redefine the national debate.

In the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June that the Second Amendment explicitly protects Americans' right to own guns for self-defense, gun-rights advocates are gearing for a new round of court cases in California, Chicago and elsewhere. The cases will determine how far the justices' decision striking down the District of Columbia's handgun ban can be extended to apply to state and local governments.

In Seattle, the battle will be over a Washington state law that specifically reserves the "entire field of firearms regulation" to the state. In October, the state attorney general's office issued an opinion that Nickels could not legally preempt state law with the handgun ban.

No matter. The mayor's staff announced Friday that he is proceeding with a public hearing Dec. 15 to take testimony on the proposed administrative rule that would go into effect in spring 2009, making anyone entering city property with a gun guilty of criminal trespass.

"Our parks, our community centers and our public events are safer without guns," Nickels said at a June news conference when he announced his executive order for the ban.

"At many properties, including City Hall, you can bring a gun if you have a concealed-weapons permit. Under this order, people with concealed weapons will be asked to give up their weapon or leave."

Nickels was joined at the news conference by Police Chief F. Gil Kerkmeier, who argued in a national debate sponsored by the Rosenkranz Foundation in New York in October that laws like Washington's, which require the issuance of concealed-gun permits to anyone who meets the standards, are too lax.

In the case of the Folkfest Festival shooting, he said, the young man whose gun went off during a scuffle had been issued a concealed-weapon permit even though he had been under drug addiction treatment and had "a number of other problems."

"That is a person that should've never had a concealed-firearms permit," Kerkmeier said. "There has to be far more than being mobile and not being blind as a reason to give someone a firearms permit."

The backdrop to Seattle's gun debate is the growing concern about crime, sometimes violent, downtown. The core's edgier neighborhoods always have been havens for drugs and prostitution, but lately the city has been erecting high-dollar condos and upscale restaurants in a bid to fight sprawl and keep the city from rolling up the sidewalks when downtown workers head for the Eastside at 5 p.m.

Merchants and residents in

neighborhoods like Belltown have been complaining to police that street bums and their occasionally violent counterparts make the community's sidewalks a no-go zone after dark.

One Belltown woman

became an Internet sensation this year by posting home videos shot from her apartment window revealing drug-dealing, heroin-shooting and sex with whimsical titles like "Crackhead makes a pipe out of a can while wear-

ing a sombrero."

Nothing was to prepare the city, though, for what happened in October to Edward McMichael, 53, the offbeat merry-maker known as the "Tuba Man" who had long been a fixture outside sporting

events playing his tuba in oversized Dr. Seuss or Uncle Sam hats.

McMichael was not far from where the Folkfest Festival is held when he was set upon by five youths who had been hitting up others for money and

cell phones. As he lay on the ground in a fetal position, the youths kicked him and beat him, fatally injuring the Seattle icon.

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8:00 Snake River Flats  
8:30 Don Meline - Saxophone  
9:00 B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers and Sisters in Christ)  
9:15 CD  
10:00 closing

**Saturday, November 29th**  
12:00 Amber Tribe - piano  
1:00 Leslie Crofton Students  
2:00 Junior Miss Girls  
2:30 Troubadours  
3:00 Melody Sorfite  
3:30 Leslie Crofton Students  
4:00 Jane Wall and Family  
4:30 CD  
5:00 Maria Garrett and Friends  
6:00 Aaron Martisch  
6:30 Erica Jones Dancers  
6:45 Hansen Family  
7:00 Mike Matthews and Bryson Lind  
7:30 Marcus Meeks  
8:00 Closing

**Sunday, November 30th**  
1:00 Teresa White  
2:30 Methodist Church Choir

**2:00 Peggy Gulbranson**  
2:30 Rick Linard and the Quartet "4 Sure" - Don McRae, Russell Dockerter, Wayne Wilks and Rick Linard  
3:00 Hildegaard Holy and Alpha Mahler  
3:30 Aaron Martisch  
4:00 B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers and Sisters in Christ)  
4:30 La Pandilla de Cristo

**Monday, December 1st**  
10:00 Paul Elementary Bell Choir  
10:30 East Minico ASL Singers  
10:45 West Minico Band and Choir  
11:30 Minico High School Band  
12:00 Troubadours  
12:30 Rupert Elementary  
12:45 St. Nicholas  
1:00 East Minico Choir  
1:15 Heyburn Elementary 3rd Grade  
1:30 Rupert Elementary  
1:45 Aequia Elementary 3rd Grade  
2:00 Minico Dance Force  
2:30 East Minico Choir  
3:00 Students of Chris Heworth  
4:00 Adam Tilley/Staphanie Sanderson  
4:30 Santa Singers  
4:45 Megan Coats  
5:00 Reflections  
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# Boise teacher uses iPods in lessons

By Sandra Forester  
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — Sixth-grade teacher Richard Whittaker is a modern-day Merlin with long gray locks.

But he wears sport clothes instead of robes, and in place of a wand he uses iPods to take his students from Collister Elementary School in Boise to real-time scientific explorations at the bottom of the sea or on a wild weather trip.

He can load lessons enhanced with video clips, homework assignments, quizzes, videos, music books on tape and more on the class iPods for use in all subjects he teaches, including English, math, social studies and reading.

Students can take the iPods — purchased with a Qwest Foundation grant home. They can do much of their work on the machines and even show off their own videos.

"It surprised me at first," said sixth-grade student Cole Parkinson, 10. "We're able to do our homework on them, and we can share the videos we make or watch with our parents."

Whittaker's students now seem willingly engaged



Sixth-grade teacher Richard Whittaker scrolls through his Apple iPod on Oct. 27 at Collister Elementary School in Boise. Whittaker received a \$10,000 grant from the Qwest Foundation to pay for the devices.  
AP photo

ed in learning.

"I feel like we got more out of it because we can watch videos at home," said sixth-grader Sydney Scarrow, 11.

Whittaker said the technology helped last year's class achieve some of the highest Idaho State Achievement Test scores in the state: 100 in reading, 95 in math and 95 in language arts.

"I already see improvements" in this year's class, he said. "They're just more involved."

The 37-year veteran said he got the idea from his wife,

who read an article about a teacher frustrated with his students listening to iPods in class.

That teacher video recorded his lessons to download to his plugged-in students. And Whittaker, who had already incorporated a Smart board interactive whiteboard and projector into his teaching, decided he could do that and more.

The iPods help level the playing field for students who don't have computers or Internet access at home, and they allow students to move at their own pace and

review lessons for better understanding.

"Guess what? They do it on their own," he said. "I don't have to assign it."

The tools have reached just about everyone. Struggling students have gotten better. Top-of-the-class types can take their studies even further.

Collister librarian Coleen Robbins said schools need to embrace new technology if education is going to be cutting edge.

"It's effective," she said. "If we don't offer this to our kids, we're missing the boat."

# Idaho soldier's dad asking president for clemency

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The father of an Idaho soldier convicted earlier this year of unpremeditated murder while on a mission in Iraq is hoping to secure his son's freedom with a pardon from President George W. Bush.

Sgt. Evan Vela, a 24-year-old U.S. Army sniper, was convicted in February and sentenced to 10 years in prison for killing an unarmed Iraqi civilian who stumbled upon him and five other soldiers sleeping on May 11, 2007. Vela was also convicted of planting an AK-47 on the dead man's body and of lying to military investigators.

His father, Curtis Carnahan of Burley, Idaho, insists his son was unfairly treated by military courts in Baghdad and is asking a former U.S. ambassador to the Bahamas, John D. Rood, to deliver a bundle of supportive letters to the president by Christmas. Rood has backed Vela's efforts to secure clemency in the past, Carnahan said.

"If President Bush has an opportunity to see what took place with Evan and the tactics used against him by the

government, he'll see the wrongness of it all," Carnahan told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Vela is currently serving his prison sentence at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks in Leavenworth, Kan.

Efforts by The AP to reach Rood in Florida weren't immediately successful.

"We have gathered many letters asking President Bush to grant Evan a presidential pardon before he leaves office," Carnahan wrote to Rood. "I am asking if you could personally deliver these letters to the president, much as you did for us last May with the summary letter ... I am fully aware of the magnitude of what I am asking of you, but quite frankly, sir, you are our only best hope at a pardon."

In his letter, published in the Rexburg Standard Journal newspaper in eastern Idaho, Carnahan wrote that the last 16 months had been a "trying time" for Vela, his wife, and two young children. Members of his family moved to Kansas, but Vela recently was put in solitary confinement as punishment for picking up his son and daughter during a visit, Carnahan said.



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# Ready for Armageddon, church retails to the masses

By Matthew Brown  
Associated Press writer

CORWIN SPRINGS, Mont. — They're still ready for Armageddon at the Church Universal and Triumphant, a religious sect that for almost two decades has kept a bomb shelter stocked for 750 people deep in a forest near Yellowstone National Park.

Church leader Elizabeth Clare Prophet has been silenced by advanced Alzheimer's disease. And her followers say they've given up the assault rifles and armor they amassed in the late 1980s — part of a post-nuclear war "re-emergence" plan that brought national notoriety and a federal investigation.

Scrambling to stay current as it reaches its 50th anniversary, the church has transformed itself into a New Age publishing enterprise and spiritual university. But still in the background is its "insurance" against the end — the shelter buried beneath a hillside on the sect's 7,500-acre Royal Teton Ranch.

There, more than 20 feet underground, 22,000 hours of video and audio recordings of "Prophet" survive. They're stacked outside periodically rotated, floor-to-ceiling crates of canned fish, dried meats, grains and cooking oils.

"Like Benjamin Franklin said, an ounce of preparation and prevention is worth a pound of cure," said Lois Drake, the church's co-president.

## A church transformed

On the grounds of the ranch — the picturesque mountain property just outside Yellowstone the group purchased from Malcolm Forbes — most of the decrepit trailers and worker's shacks that once housed 700 of the church's most faithful are gone.

In their place has risen a large, two-story office building. Behind the walls of a quiet lobby furnished with antiques, workers in cubicles busily translate Prophet's words into 27 languages.

Nearby, a sparkling new chapel known as King Arthur's Court hosts regular conferences such as the recent "Braver Vigil for the God-Victory of the Elections and the Economy."

Church wares, available online or from its gift shop, range from a wallet-sized "Chart of Your Divine Self," \$1.25 apiece — to a framed portrait of Elizabeth Clare Prophet for \$239.95. The church's publishing arm, Summit University Press, has sold more than 3 million books in the last decade.

The church's recent organization, Summit Lighthouse, was founded by Elizabeth Prophet's first husband, Mark, who spent years touring and preaching from a gold-painted Trailways bus.

After his death in 1973, Elizabeth Prophet eventually relocated the sect from California to Montana. She preached from an altar crowded with icons from the world's major religions, mixing western philosophy and mysticism with a dose of Reagan-era patriotism — and, by the mid-1980s, warnings of nuclear

war with the Soviet Union, according to her daughter Erin, who has since left the church.

## Legal problems

To ensure its survival, Erin Prophet said, the church spent an estimated \$20 million to build the massive shelter near Yellowstone and many smaller ones in surrounding communities. As members amassed weapons for post-apocalypse protection, Elizabeth's Prophet's then-husband, Ed Francis, and at least one other church member were convicted of violating federal gun laws after purchasing some of the guns illegally.

In March 1990, thousands of church members who had descended on the Yellowstone area entered the shelters to await the end. In a new book called "Prophet's Daughter," Erin Prophet said her mother had predicted Soviet missiles were on the way. Leaders today insist it was a drill.

After the predictions of doom went unrealized, the church gave up its firearms under an agreement with federal authorities. As Elizabeth Prophet's "chismatic" presence faded, most of her followers left or moved into the nearby towns of Livingston and Bozeman.

Observers estimate that fewer than 10,000 remain, from a peak of 50,000. Church leaders refuse to give a number, saying membership information is "proprietary."

## Channeling messages

With spiritual teachings now offered over the Internet, the long-term goal is to expand beyond the church's "physical community" and create an "online community," said its second co-president, Kate Gordon.

"It's time to get in touch with Facebook," she said.

At a recent Sunday service at the church's teaching center in Bozeman, about 30 of the still-faithful gathered in a room hung with portraits of Jesus, George Washington and St. Germain. A table at the front of the room displayed small statues of Buddha and the Virgin Mary. A sword and dagger lay near a replica of the Statue of Liberty.

The church's Rev. Carla Groenewegen invoked Christopher Columbus and Camelot's legendary wizard Merlin as spiritual guides, then led the congregation in singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic." A video on a large flatscreen TV showed Elizabeth Prophet delivering a 1992 sermon in Atlanta — closing her eyes and channeling messages from the "ascended masters" with a trance-like voice.

While Prophet's warnings of Armageddon never materialized, church members say a quick glance at the news — global financial instability, terrorism, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — suggests the doom she forecast is still unfolding.

## 'It's not over'

"What we believe is that it has been happening for a number of years. It's not over,"

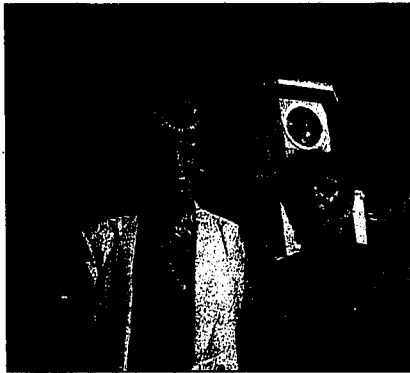
Drake said.

She refers to the shelter as "an insurance policy."

Its main denizen these days is Michael Galloway, a church employee and coach for the local high school ski team. He's maintained the shelter for the past 15 years — making sure the stacks of food don't spoil, flashlights have fresh batteries and mice populations are kept in check.

As Galloway coliced through the shelter's heavy steel doors — past shipping containers stocked with camping supplies and other equipment — he said the facility was stocked with enough food, water and fuel to last 750 people for 49 days.

"Even after all these years I don't find it spooky at all," he said as he stepped into the outside world. "I find it peaceful."



Lois Drake, left, and Kate Gordon, co-presidents of the Church Universal and Triumphant, a religious sect in Montana that has maintained a massive bomb shelter near Yellowstone National Park for the last two decades in preparation for Armageddon, pose Sept. 24 in Corwin Springs, Mont. In the background is King Arthur's Court, the sect's new chapel.

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## Seuss lawyers stop holiday Who-ville in Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — There will be no Who-ville in Louisville this Christmas.

The city of Louisville is scrapping plans to use the iconic Dr. Seuss village and characters as part of its annual Christmas display after receiving a cease and desist letter from Dr. Seuss Enterprises.

"It appears these lawyers' hearts are two sizes too small," Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson said.

Barbara J. Orr, the San Diego, Calif., attorney who sent the letter, did not immediately return a Monday afternoon phone call seeking comment.

The city had planned to use "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" as part of its theme for the annual Light Up Louisville holiday cele-

bration. The display called for an area called "Who-ville," complete with costumed characters from the Dr. Seuss classic such as Cindy Lou Who and the Grinch.

But the cease-and-desist letter from the law firm DLA Piper, which represents Dr. Seuss Enterprises, said the "Who-ville" name and image, as well as the Grinch, are copyrighted and cannot be used without permission.

The letter demanded the city and the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau halt any use of the characters for the Christmas display and agree not to use the characters in the future without permission. It threatened legal action if the city and tourism bureau did not comply.

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# Mystery 'Eleanor Rigby' document goes to auction

By Gregory Katz  
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Eleanor Rigby: fact or fiction?

That question, which has bedeviled Beatles' fans for decades, may be answered in part by a 1911 hospital payroll sheet to be auctioned in London on Thursday.

The document, sent by Paul McCartney in 1990 to the director of a music charity who had asked for funding, contains the signature of a scullery maid named "E. Rigby" who worked in a Liverpool hospital.

The director of the company auctioning the document believes the woman who signed the payroll is the same Eleanor Rigby buried in 1939 in a Liverpool graveyard next to the church where McCartney met the young John Lennon.

"I've spoken to the person who lived in the house where she used to live, and they've confirmed that the signature is the same signature of the person in the graveyard," said Tom Owen of the online Bureau auction house, adding that the finding may contradict McCartney's longtime assertion that the song was based on a made-up character.

"It's intriguing, that McCartney owned it because he says he created the song around a fictitious figure," said Owen. "And yet, how did he have this document and why did he have it? When he was asked to donate money, he sent this."

Interest is so high it's estimated the document may fetch \$750,000.

McCartney has said the song was not based on a real person but could be may have been subconsciously influenced by seeing the tombstone.

When the auction was announced earlier this month, he released a statement reiterating that the character was not real. "If someone wants to spend money buying a document to prove that a fictitious character exists, that's fine with me," McCartney said.

The payroll sheet was signed by "E. Rigby" after she collected her pay at Liverpool's City Hospital. McCartney has not revealed how he got the document, or why he sent it to the charity 18 years ago.

According to the tombstone, Eleanor Rigby was born in 1895. If she is the woman who signed the hospital payroll, she would have been about 16 at the time. She worked as a maid, washing pots and pans in the hospital kitchen, the document says.

The song "Eleanor Rigby," released in 1966 as a single and on the Beatles' "Revolver" album, represented a sharp break for the band, which until then had largely relied on cheerful tunes for their international hits.

With its haunting refrain, "Ah, look at all the lonely people," it is a devastating portrayal of an isolated woman whose death brings so little notice that no one

"I think my letter moved him, so he sent me this beautiful parchment document, a ledger, from 1911, showing E. Rigby. My head was whirling when I saw the significance."

— Annie Mawson, founder of Sunbeams Music Trust

attends her funeral.

There are no rock 'n' roll guitars or drums on the somber track — McCartney's lead vocal is backed by violins, violas and cellos arranged by Beatles producer George Martin.

"It's a Beatles song with no Beatles instruments," said Glenn Gass, a rock historian who teaches a course on the Beatles at Indiana University.

"It's just so bleak and so sad: she picks up the rice at someone else's wedding, the whole idea of her wearing a face that she keeps in a jar by the door. There are things happening emotionally that you just can't see. It's not a pop song in any traditional sense, but it's one of their great songs."

Lennon and George Harrison sing harmony; Ringo Starr does not play or sing, although Beatles experts say he contributed one line to the lyrics. "Eleanor Rigby" is credited to the Lennon-McCartney writing team, but it is widely regarded as primarily by McCartney.

McCartney has said he considered naming the woman in the song "Daisy Hawkins." He also mulled naming the unsympathetic priest "Father McCartney," but decided on "Father McKenzie," so his own father wouldn't be burdened.

The song has had so much impact that a statue honoring Eleanor Rigby — he says never imagined — has been built in downtown Liverpool. Passers-by often place flowers there.

Owen said "every penny" from the auction will go to Sunbeams Music Trust, a charity that provides music instruction to people with special needs.

The charity's founder, Annie Mawson, received the document from McCartney after writing him an 11-page letter seeking help for her foundation, which uses Beatles songs, among others, to teach music to people with physical and mental disabilities. She has found, for example, that artistic children respond well to Beatles music.

"I told Paul McCartney how his music had helped so many vulnerable children," she said. She hand-delivered the letter to McCartney's London office in 1989 and received the hospital payroll document in the mail the following year. It was in an envelope carrying the logo of McCartney's world tour, but did not contain any note.

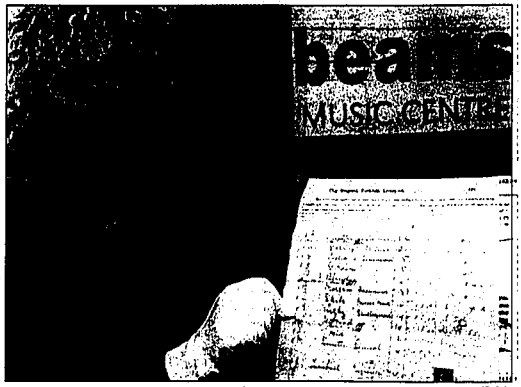
"I think my letter moved him, so he sent me this beautiful parchment document, a ledger, from 1911, showing E. Rigby," Mawson said. "My head was whirling when I saw the significance."

Her plan is to use the proceeds from the auction to finally build a music instruc-

tion center in Cumbria, England, where the charity is based.

"This is what I dreamt about in the '90s," she said, explaining that she held the document for years as the value of Beatles memorabilia soared.

"It's taken this long to develop the charity and get a good team behind it and now we really need a proper center."



Annie Mawson, founder and chief executive of Sunbeams Music Trust charity, poses with a page from a 1911 Corporation of Liverpool accounts book with an entry for Eleanor Rigby, a scullery maid, in London, Tuesday. The only known documentation of Eleanor Rigby, sent to the Sunbeams Trust charity without explanation by Beatles member Paul McCartney, was said to be the inspiration behind one of their most-loved songs.

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual "Happy Hollydays" Festival of Trees

### Old Burley High School Gymnasium

Wednesday, Dec. 3 ..... Festival Gala 6:00 PM  
Thursday, Dec. 4 ..... 12:00 Noon-9:00 PM  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM SENIOR CITIZENS/PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED  
Friday, Dec. 5 ..... 10:00 AM-9:00 PM  
Saturday, Dec. 6 ..... 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

**Cassia Health Care Foundation, Inc. &  
Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers**

<b>Thursday, Dec. 4th</b> <b>Senior Citizens &amp; Physically Challenged</b>	7:00 The Dance Factory 8:30 Audra Lloyd	7:00 Fiddlin' Friends 7:30 Julie's Danceworks 8:00 Dance Force 8:30 Trendsetters
<b>Friday, Dec. 5th</b>	10:00 Burley Kindergarten 10:30 Dworshak 3rd Grades 11:00 Declo Kindergarten 11:30 Oakley High School Choir 12:00 BJHS 7th & 8th Grade Choir 12:30 Albion Elementary School 1:00 Burley Kindergarten 1:30 Declo 5th Grades 2:00 Dworshak 3rd Grades 2:30 3:00 3:30 Sara Badger Students 4:00 4:15 Monroe Family 4:30 Leslie Crafton Students 5:00 Jolene Hobson Strings 5:45 Santa's Singers 6:00 Centre Stage Dance 6:45 Mini-Cassia Jr. Miss-Kelsee Wassom	<b>Saturday, Dec. 6th</b> 10:00 En Pointe Dance Academy 11:00 Zac Harman 11:30 Main Motion Dance 12:00 Trendsetters 12:30 Erica Jones Dance Studio 12:45 Jade Tracy 1:00 Showstoppers 1:30 2:00 Kuya Fife 2:30 5678 Dance 3:15 The Crescendos 3:30 Variations 4:00 5678 Dance 4:45 Mike James 5:00 Aaron Marisch 5:30 American Heritage Academy

## Festival Gala

Dinner • Entertainment • Silent Auction  
**Wednesday, December 3rd • 6:00 PM**  
Thirty-five Dollars per person

For more information or tickets call:  
Aulee Larson 678-4786 or Tamara Janak 654-2270

**Entertainment • Holiday Kitchen • Baked Goods • Santa  
Children 50¢ — Adults \$1.00**

## Beatles lyrics often based on real people

Many Beatles tunes are based on real people and actual events. John Lennon and Paul McCartney frequently turned to their childhood, their family — and even their pets — for inspiration. Here are some examples:

**"Let It Be":** The first verse of this song from " Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" deals with the demise of a wealthy young socialite and friend of the band who died in a London car crash in 1966. A later verse from a news report.

**"Julia":** This best-selling single was written in 1968 by McCartney for Lennon's young son, Julian. It started off as a song about McCartney's daughter, Mary, who died in a car crash when she was 16 years old. Julian at the time of his par-

**"The White Album":** This song from what has come to be known as "The White Album" is about Mia Farrow's sister, Lucy, who died of a brain tumor at the age of 16 while the Beatles at the time were run by the late Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who was becoming less and less focused and more and more into the occult.

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— The Associated Press

## By Rick Kirkman &amp; Jerry Scott



By Dean Young &amp; Stan Drake



By Phil Frank and Joe Trolson



By Bob Thayer



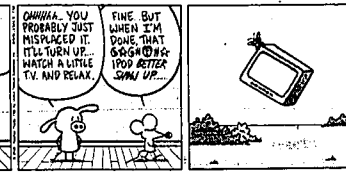
By Chris Browne



**By Greg Evan**



By Stephan Pastis



By Pat Brad



By Brant Parker &amp; Johnny Ha







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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock, P.M., in the City Council Chamber, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, for the following requests:

**BISHOP RV OF TWIN FALLS,  
C/O TROY JENKINS**  
Requests a Zoning Title Amendment which would amend the City of Twin Falls Zoning Ordinance, permitting temporary recreational vehicle storage for recreational vehicle dealers within fifty (50) miles of the temporary site location and allowing temporary storage signs at temporary vehicle sales events.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the public hearing on December 15, 2008.

A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at 324 North 3rd East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.

Persons needing accommodations at the public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7287 at least five (5) working days prior to the public hearing.

**Lance W. Clow, Mayor**

**PUBLISH:** Thursday, November 27, 2008

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**TWIN FALLS COUNTY  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On March 6th 2009 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the front door of the First American Title Company, 260 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303

Bruce J. Blahowiak, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:

to wit:

L01 Falls of Golden Eagle Subdivision No. 3, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 20 of Plats, Page 7

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60 113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 1342 Valencia St., Twin Falls, Id. 83301, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, except as to title possession or encumbrances.

brances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by JOSE R. SALDIVAR. AN UNMARRIED MAN as TRUSTOR to FIRST FARMERS TITLE & ORIGINAL TRUST, and JOSE R. SALDIVAR, ELECTRONIC FIDELITY SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) is the beneficial owner solely as nominee for FIRST FARMERS IN A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK OF IN. On the certain Deed of Trust dated January 27th 2006 and recorded under Minn. Falls County record # 200625227. The beneficial interest of which has been assigned to National City Bank. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45.15001(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT PHYSICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OBLIGATION.

The failure to pay, when due, under said Deed of Trust Note, monthly, principal, interest taxes and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$558.32 for the month of July 2008 and thereafter, is hereby acknowledged by the undersigned obligor and the undersigned obligor's successors, heirs, assigns and assigns, and the undersigned obligor agrees to pay the charges and/or costs and fees as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust and the principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$36,448.60 excluding interest and costs and attorney's fees incurred in enforcing this obligation. There are no other outstanding obligations thereon or under this said deed of trust, and the undersigned obligor agrees to pay the trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: November 3, 2008  
By: Bruce J. Bielewsky, Successor Trustee

PUBUS: November 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2008

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 6:00 a.m. Monday, January 12, 2009 at the hour of 6:00 a.m. o'clock, P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at 306 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear the following requests:

**THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS**

Requests a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to update the 1993-1994 City of Twin Falls Comprehensive Plan and the City of Twin Falls 1993 Master Transportation Plan. The Comprehensive Plan hearing will include a chapter on Development Impacts, Financial Impacts, and Plans. Discussion will be on the Comprehensive Plan, Master Transportation Plan, and development impacts.

development impact fees. The Comprehensive  
Plan work session is scheduled for Monday, December  
1, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber.  
Charters and the Mayor's Office will be in session  
on Monday, December 1, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber.  
The Impact Fee work session is scheduled for  
Monday, December 15, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. in the  
City Council Chambers; a public hearing will  
be held on Monday, January 5, 2009, to consider  
the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and the  
Master Transportation Plan, at 8:00 P.M. in the  
City Council Chambers; and the public hearing for  
consideration of an ordinance adopting im-  
pact fees will be held on Monday, January 19  
2009, at 8:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber.  
Any and all persons desiring to comment may  
appear and be heard at the appointed time.

A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator, 324 Hanson Street East, 735-7287. Persons needing special accommodations at public meetings are asked to contact the City Twin Falls at 735-7287 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

/s/ Lance W. Clow, Mayor

**PUBLISH:** November 25, 26 and 27, 2008

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF IDAHO,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
TETON**

**TO: GERALD R. HENDERSON**  
You have been sued by American General  
Finance, Inc., aka American General Financial  
Services the plaintiff, in the District Court in and  
for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV08  
1988.

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

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Case No. CV 08-4188  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(I.C. 15-3-801)  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
**ROBERT D. MIKESSELL,**  
Deceased.

the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.  
/s/ R. Erick Mikosoli  
453 Mahard  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301  
Phone: 208-948-0268  
/s/ Timothy A. Mikosoli

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Pursuant to 42 CFR § 447.205, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare hereby certifies that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of its knowledge and belief.

December 1, 2008, the reimbursement payment for outpatient services billed with revenue code 490 will be paid at two and a half times the price listed in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (1:1) assigned to the provided service.

We anticipate there will be no expected increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures. We have no other information to report to the Center for Health Planning and Reimbursement Policy, Division of Medicare, Department of Health and Welfare, 3222 Elder Street, Boise, ID 83720-0035. Phone (208) 364-1633.

On March 20th, 2008 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on the premises of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the Tiro Company, 280 Third Street N., Twin Falls, Idaho, B33033, Bruce J. Bishowski, as highest bidder, will sell at lawful money of the United States, at payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

LOT 12 IN BLOCK 4 OF MORNING SUN SUBDIVISION, BEING THE SOUTHERN BINDER, FOR SALE AS SHOWN AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19 OF PLATS, PAGE 24 THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY THAN THAT SET FORTH HEREIN FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE SECTION 80 113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY USED AS A DRIVE IN DRIVE THRU FALLS, IDAHO 83301, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID DRIVE IN PROPERTY.

Sold subject to deed without covenant or warranty.

Deed of Trust, to pay, under and, under said Deed of Trust, the principal, interest, taxes, insurance and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$3,154.65 for the month of June 2008 and each month thereafter together with accrued late charges and other costs and losses as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and the Deed of Trust; and the principal balance owing as of this date on the collection secured by said deed of trust, \$278,614.03 excluding interest, taxes and costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations there under or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: 11/13/2008

By: Bruce J. Bihochowski, Successor Trustee

Case No. CV-08-2551  
ANOTHER SUMMONS  
EHM ENGINEERS, INC., an Idaho Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RAL JENSEN, individually, TINA JENSEN, indi

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above-designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff in the Complaint.

2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone

**NOTICE OF LETTING**  
Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO  
TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office  
of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT,  
3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE

The Idaho Transportation Department, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (49 C.F.R. Part 8), issued proposals to such interested parties as it deems appropriate to ensure that in any contract entered into by the department, the minority business enterprise provisions will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in consideration for award.

Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal form, and other documents may be obtained from the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho, and are on file for examination at the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER.

A non-refundable charge of SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00) plus applicable sales tax will be required for each set of plans and specifications. Plans may be checked gratis at the Idaho Transportation Department.

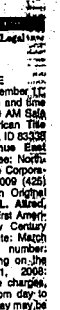
quantity must be in the form of a Certified Check or a P.E. Check drawn on an authorized bank. The amount of the bid must be 10% of the amount bid, payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a Bidder's Bond in the amount of the total amount bid. Bidders shall obtain a license from the Idaho Public Works Contractors State License Board (800) 358-8898 before award will be made. The license fee is \$100.00 and 107.03 of the Idaho Statutes Before Specialized will be required.

The Contractor will be required to pay not later than the minimum bid rates of the general contract, the minimum bid rates of the general contract. This rate will be 10% of the bid proposal. Such rates will be made a part of the contract covering the project. The Fair Labor Law (29 U.S.C. 201-219) Title 29, Paragraphs 201-219, Chapter 1 shall apply to the employment of labor for this project.

It is the purpose of the Idaho Transportation Department to award this contract on the shortest time consistent with good construction. Necessary equipment and an effective organization will be required to complete the project.

Dated November 20, 2008  
TOM COLE, P.E.  
Chief Engineer





1. **Introduction**

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
 Idaho Code 46-1508 Today's date: November 11, 2006 File No.: 7777.27232 Sale date and time (local time): March 13, 2009 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 189 Country Lane, Jerome, ID 83338 Property address: 731 20th Avenue East, Jerome, ID 83338 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 588-1900 Deed of Trust Information Original grantor: Ted D. Alford and Doris L. Alford, husband and wife Original trustee: First Ameri-

number:  
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30, 2006 Recorder's Instrument number 2006-0776 County, Jerome, Idaho, the obligations of the November 11, 2008, \$70,203.40 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from those stated, the actual amount due may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after the date of payment. If you have any questions, please write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above or visit the website of the Successor Trustee at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com). Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds equivalent the property described above. The Successor Trustee is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is as follows: The portion of Lot 2 owns No. 4 Subdivision, to the City of Jerome, Jerome County, Idaho, as the same is plotted in the plat of the City of Jerome, Idaho, as the same is plotted in the Office of the Recorder of said County. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as set forth in the Successor Trust Agreement, which may be viewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or USAeForclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind.

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highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, Inc. located at 708 Main St., Gooding, ID 83330, on 03/23/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 10/03/2008

Executed by  
DIPLOMAN

ANTHONY, JR., AN ELECTRONIC MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, the real party in interest in the subject real property located in Gooding County, State of Idaho: Lots 8 in Block 2 of Little Wood Subdivision, a subdivision of a portion of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the 14th Principal Meridian, T2N, R1E, S2E, 4th of 36, 3rd of 36, 4th of 36, 5th of 36, 6th of 36, 7th of 36, 8th of 36, 9th of 36, 10th of 36, 11th of 36, 12th of 36, 13th of 36, 14th of 36, 15th of 36, 16th of 36, 17th of 36, 18th of 36, 19th of 36, 20th of 36, 21st of 36, 22nd of 36, 23rd of 36, 24th of 36, 25th of 36, 26th of 36, 27th of 36, 28th of 36, 29th of 36, 30th of 36, 31st of 36, 32nd of 36, 33rd of 36, 34th of 36, 35th of 36, 36th of 36, 37th of 36, 38th of 36, 39th of 36, 40th of 36, 41st of 36, 42nd of 36, 43rd of 36, 44th of 36, 45th of 36, 46th of 36, 47th of 36, 48th of 36, 49th of 36, 50th of 36, 51st of 36, 52nd of 36, 53rd of 36, 54th of 36, 55th of 36, 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branches to satisfy the obligation secured by and to pay the same to the beneficiary named in a certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payments of principal and interest on the said loan and impounds and subsequent installments due thereon; plus late charges, with interest current accruing at 6.750% per annum; together with the costs and expenses advanced to the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications and amendments thereto. The balance of this sale on said obligation is \$134,010.00, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred by the beneficiary, together with late charges, and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorney's fees, and/or costs, together with the costs and expenses advanced to protect the said obligation, and the said obligation, and security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Because the said obligation is not paid in full, said sale trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SIGNED AND DATED ABOVE, I SELECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE REPORTED TO THE CREDIT BUREAU. ABOVE INFORMATION IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 46-1506 (4)(b) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY IS MADE BY THE SIGNED ABOVE. PRESENTLY RESIDENT OF THIS ADDRESS: COMPANY 1900 Tony Canyon Rd., CAG-6141 01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 90023-2118 PHONE: (805) 281-2161 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Secretary ADSP # 2923296





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VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #262  
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of Valley School District No. 262, Jerome County, pursuant to Section 30-605, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below:

Decision of property to be sold is as follows:

1. 2002 Thomas Built Bus 14 Passenger 91186 Miles

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only for not less than the appraised value to the highest bidder.

Seller's bids. A cashiers check or money order for 100% of the bid amount must accompany the bid and the unsuccessful bidders will have their checks or money orders returned immediately after the sale.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 8, 2008, at the Valley School Media Center, 602 Valley Road South, Hazelton, Idaho. Any Bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold must be inspected at the above described location. An appointment can be made with the Superintendent by calling (208)929-2333.

Dawn Schuchman  
Clerk  
Valley School District #262  
Jerome County, Idaho

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA

Probate No CV-2008-893  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(IC 15-2-801)

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN LAVON PRIEST, Deceased.

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, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: October 31, 2008  
SCOTT M. PRIEST  
680 East 400 South  
Burley, ID 83318

PUBLISH: November 20, 27 and Dec 4, 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 said decedent 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 undersigned at P.O. Box 5, Rupert, Idaho 83350 and filed with the clerk.

DATED: This 17th day of October, 2008  
A/S Arlyn Maggard  
Personal Representative

PUBLISH: November 13, 20 and 27, 2008

MINIDOKA COUNTY  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 19th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Land Title and Escrow, 170 "G" St., Rupert, in the County of Minidoka, Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property, to wit, the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho, and described as follows: The East half of Tract No. 7 of Donaldson's Acreage, according to the official plat thereof, now on file in the office of the County Recorder of Minidoka County, Idaho, recorded June 4, 1914, as Document No. 785, in Block 1, Minidoka County records, SAVE AND EXCEPT the following: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 24 East, Basso Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho, thence South 80°05'00" East, thence West for 330.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence West for 165.00 feet; Thence South for 296.40 feet; Thence East for 165.00 feet; Thence North for 306.40 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-115, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 605 E. Third St., Rupert, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by the late Charles W. Fawcett and MELISSA RENEE COOPER, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of the BANK OF EASTERN IDAHO, Incorporated, December 27, 1990, as Instrument No. 427601, Mortgage records of Minidoka County, Idaho, and assigned to the Bank of Eastern Idaho, Incorporated, by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on December 27, 1990, as Instrument No. 427602, Mortgage records of Minidoka County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is (1) the failure to pay when due, monthly installments pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note dated October 27, 1990, in the amount of \$4,000.00 each, for the months June through October, 2008, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until the date of sale or reimbursement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. Subsequent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The current interest rate is 6.95% per annum, from May 1, 2008. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$4,100.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.95% per annum from May 1, 2008.

DATED: This 13th day of November, 2008.  
Charles W. Fawcett, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR

PUBLISH: November 20, 27, Dec 4 and 11, 2008

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA

Case No. CV-2008-899  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In the Matter of the Estate of AUGUSTA SCHMIDT, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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 Ann Beedle, personal representative of the estate of August Schmidt, deceased, at the law office of Robinson & Associates, 616 E. Second Street, 399 Rupert, Idaho, the place fixed for the transaction of the business of said estate, or filed with the Court.

DATED: This 17th day of November, 2008.  
Ann Beedle  
Personal Representative

PUBLISH: November 27, Dec 4 and 11, 2008

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA

Case No. CV-2008-892  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM GILBERT HELLEWELL and MARY MYRTLE HELLEWELL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dan Ray Hellewell has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedents. All persons having claims against the decedents 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 either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: This 20th day of December, 2008.  
Dan Ray Hellewell  
c/o Alfred E. Barus  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 487  
Burley, Idaho 83318

PUBLISH: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11 and 18, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
December 12th at 7:00pm  
LINCOLN COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
Up Stairs in the Courtroom

PURSUANT TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Lincoln County Commissioners will hold a PUBLIC HEARING.

7:00 pm. This Hearing is to adopt the Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and the CAFO ordinances, that were passed on to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Copies will be available at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Johnny's Country Store, Papa's and The Inn in Pocatello, Idaho, and will be posted in these places. Notice will be posted after 5 PM FURTHER LEGALS OR DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE SEEN AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY P&Z OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE. TESTIMONY IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES UNLESS APPROVED BY MORE THAN 50% OF THE COMMISSION. IF THERE ARE ANY PERSON(S) NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE NOTICED MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE P&Z ADMINISTRATOR WITH ADEQUATE TIME TO FACILITATE TESTIMONY. (2008)86-908

PUBLISH: November 27 and December 4, 2008

## SUMMARY OF LINCOLN COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2009-3

Pursuant to Idaho Code 31-715A, Lincoln County may publish a summary of Lincoln County Ordinance Number 2009-3, as follows:

1. Name of the County: Lincoln County.

2. Formation identification or citation number of the ordinance: Lincoln County Ordinance Number 2009-3.

3. Descriptive title: Lincoln County Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Ordinance.

4. Summary of the principal provisions of the ordinance, including penalties provided and the effective date:

a. Title, Interpretation and Enforcement. States the purpose, defines all allowable animal units, describes existing CAFOs; provides for protection of designed purpose properties, and states the zoning areas in which a CAFO may be located.

b. Siting Permit Required. States purpose of siting permit; describes contents of siting permit application; provides for application process and hearing on application, and transfer of siting permit.

c. Criteria for Approval. States requirement for approval of siting permit, construction restrictions, and requirements for community protection.

d. Occupancy Certificate Required. Describes requirements for occupancy permit.

e. Appeal. Describes how an applicant or affected person may appeal a decision of the P&Z Commission and Enforcement.

f. Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor as defined by Idaho Code 18-113, and is punishable by up to six (6) months in jail and up to one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine, or both. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

g. Provisions for the commission to visually and physically inspect all CAFOs in Lincoln County for compliance with this ordinance.

h. Provisions for the commission to establish and enforce rules, regulations, and conditions; and to determine actual physical units.

i. Provides a process for complaints that a CAFO is violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, and investigation into said complaint(s).

j. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the county commissioners and publication pursuant to Idaho Code, in the newspaper of record, Times-News.

k. The full text of this ordinance is available at the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, 111 West B Street, Shoshone, Idaho, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, on normal work days.

l. Liz Kime, Lincoln County Clerk, under seal of the board of county commissioners state that this summary is true and complete and provides adequate notice to the public.

Dated: This 24th day of November, 2008.  
Liz Kime, County Clerk

PUBLISH: November 27 and December 4, 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-08-140  
SUMMONS  
For Cause No. 580  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs  
JOSHUA J. LEE and JANE DOE LEE and John Doe 1-10 as Occupants of the Premises located at 540 Marley Road, Richfield, ID 83349.

Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SEUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE FOLLOWING BELOW.

YOU ARE SEUED AS OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 540 MARLEY ROAD, RICHFIELD, IDAHO 83349.

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above-designated court within twenty (20) days after service of this summons on you. If you fail to respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff in the complaint. The nature of the claim against you is for, among other things, restitution of the premises located at 540 Marley Road, Richfield, Idaho 83349.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly to that you written response, if any, may be filed on time and your legal rights will be protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may assert.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to the Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED: ON JULY 29, 2008.  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By Deputy

PUBLISH: November 27, Dec 4, 11 and 18, 2008

## SUMMARY OF LINCOLN COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2009-1

Pursuant to Idaho Code 31-715A, Lincoln County may publish a summary of Lincoln County Ordinance Number 2009-1, as follows:

1. Name of the County: Lincoln County.

2. Formation identification or citation number of the ordinance: Lincoln County Ordinance Number 2009-1.

3. Descriptive title: Lincoln County Planning & Zoning Ordinance.

4. Summary of the principal provisions of the ordinance, including penalties provided and the effective date:

a. Purpose of the ordinance is to set zone boundaries, provide for zone regulation, to protect private property rights, to protect residential uses, to provide for a fair and equitable use of land and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the Lincoln County.

b. Provides for definitions of certain words and terms as used throughout the ordinance.

c. Describes the establishment of each zone's allowable and prohibited uses, and zone boundaries.

d. Provides for the establishment of Land Use Areas and a map which physically details said Land Use Areas. These areas are for agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial uses.

e. Provides for the regulation of buildings and structures.

f. Provides for non-conforming uses, including the purpose of allowing such use, requirement for a siting permit, and the restoration of use after damage, and abandonment of non-conforming uses.

g. Provides for the creation of a Planning & Zoning Commission, the appointment of a Planning & Zoning Administrator, and the selection of a public officer to administer the commission and administrator; states the duties of the commission; and defines conflict of interest.

h. Provides for the issuance of permits for buildings and structures within each zone; and provides a system for the expiation of building violations of the ordinance as a system for enforcement of violations of the ordinance as follows:

1. **Penalties Regarding Violations** - Whenever a violation of this Ordinance occurs, or is alleged to have occurred, any person may file a complaint with the Planning & Zoning Commission. The complaint shall state fully the cause and basis thereof and shall be filed with the Administrator. The Administrator shall properly record such complaint, immediately investigate and take action thereon as provided by this Ordinance and its next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. **Penalties** - The Prosecuting Attorney may take criminal action and may civilly join any violation of this Ordinance. Penalties for failure to comply with, or violations of, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be as follows:

"Violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall constitute a misdemeanor. Each day such violation continues shall be treated and constitute a separate offense. The landowner, tenant, subdivider, or any other person who is responsible for such violation may be found guilty of a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Board or any other public officer or public citizen from taking such lawful action as is necessary to restrain or prevent any violation of this Ordinance."

1. Provides for a system for the application and issuance of zoning and/or conditional use permits.

2. Provides a system for appealing decisions of P&Z and deadlines for such appeals.

3. Provides for the commission to establish and enforce rules, regulations, and conditions; provides for rezoning real property within the county; provides for a system for the issuance of such amendment and/or rezoning.

4. Provides for public hearings on all applications required pursuant to the ordinance.

5. Provides for the commission to take effective action upon adoption by the county commissioners and publication pursuant to Idaho Code, in the newspaper of record, Times-News.

6. The full text of this ordinance is available at the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, 111 West B Street, Shoshone, Idaho, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on normal work days.

7. Liz Kime, Lincoln County Clerk, under seal of the board of county commissioners state that this summary is true and complete and provides adequate notice to the public.

Dated: This 24th day of November, 2008.  
Liz Kime, County Clerk

PUBLISH: November 27 and December 4, 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-08-145  
SUMMONS  
For Cause No. 580  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs  
JOSHUA J. LEE and JANE DOE LEE and John Doe 1-10 as Occupants of the Premises located at 540 Marley Road, Richfield, ID 83349.

Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SEUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE FOLLOWING BELOW.

YOU ARE SEUED AS OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 540 MARLEY ROAD, RICHFIELD, IDAHO 83349.

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above-designated court within twenty (20) days after service of this summons on you. If you fail to respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff in the complaint. The nature of the claim against you is for, among other things, restitution of the premises located at 540 Marley Road, Richfield, Idaho 83349.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed on time and your legal rights will be protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

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3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to the Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED: ON JULY 29, 2008.  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By Deputy

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## SUMMARY OF LINCOLN COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2009-2

Pursuant to Idaho Code 31-715A, The Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance is hereby summarized for publication as follows:

1. Lincoln County.

2. Lincoln County Ordinance Number 2009-2.

3. The Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance.

4. Principal provisions of the ordinance are:

- A. A statement of purpose; interpretation, administration, jurisdiction, conflicts with other ordinances, and laws and consistency of the ordinance;
- B. Providing for definition to be used in the ordinance;
- C. Providing a procedure for rural subdivision approval;
- D. Providing for financial guarantee arrangements;
- E. Describing the Final Application process;
- F. Providing for the creation of a public improvement.

(1) **4.3.6. PENALTY IN CASE OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT:** In the event the developer shall, in any case, fail to complete the public improvement within the time required by the conditions of the guarantee for the completion of the public improvement, it shall be the responsibility of the developer to provide for the completion of the public improvement. In order to accomplish this, the Commission shall reimburse itself for the cost of the public improvement. The developer shall be responsible for the cash deposit, certified check, irrevocable letter of credit, or negotiable bond which the developer shall provide to the County Assessor's Office to ensure the completion of the public improvement, or may take such steps as necessary to require performance by the bonding or surety company, and as included in the written agreement between the developer and the developer.

G. Defining an appeal procedure;

H. Providing for the creation of a public improvement;

I. Defining violation enforcement and penalties;

6.1. **DETECTION OF VIOLATION**

6.2. **ENFORCEMENT**

6.3. **NO RURAL SUBDIVISION** shall be required by this ordinance of the Idaho Code shall be admitted to the public lands records of the county or recorder of the county until such rural subdivision plat has received approval by the Commission. The Lincoln County Trust Administrator shall be taking whatever criminal action deemed necessary, take appropriate civil or criminal action as necessary to enforce the provisions of the ordinance.

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6.3.2. **COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITY**

6.3.2.1. The Commission shall not be legally responsible for any action taken by the Commission in the future conditions of anything pertaining to this ordinance. This document is intended to provide protection to the developer, guarantor, purchaser or satisfaction for the subdivision purchaser or the public.

K. Providing for amendment procedures; and

L. Providing for the creation of a public improvement shall become effective one month after adoption by the County Commissioners and publication pursuant to Idaho Code, in the newspaper of record, Times-News.

M. The full text of the subdivision ordinance is available at the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, 111 West B Street, Shoshone, Idaho, from 8:30AM to 5:00PM on normal work days.

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## CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CLERK

I, Liz Kime, Lincoln County Clerk, under seal of the Board of County Commissioners state that this summary is true and complete and provides adequate notice to the public.

Dated: This 24th day of November, 2008.  
Liz Kime, County Clerk

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# Legal

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-08-4071  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of WILLARD DIERCKS HILER  
 Deceased.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DOROTHY MAE HILER has been appointed personal representative of the estate of decedent WILLARD DIERCKS HILER. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 Henry Turner, Attorney for the Estate, 102 Main Avenue South, Office 1, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, and filed with the Court. DATED this 20th day of October, 2008.  
 /s/Dorothy Mae Hiler, Personal Representative for the estate of WILLARD DIERCKS, deceased.  
 PUBLISH: November 20, 27, Dec 4, 2008

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-08-5013  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of HARRY D. GRANT  
 Deceased.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 Personal Representative of the estate of Harry D. Grant, P.C., P.O. Box 5827, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5827, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, in the form prescribed by rule. DATED this 6th day of November, 2008.  
 /s/Elizabeth A. Grant  
 PUBLISH: November 20, 27, December 4, 2008

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-08-5032  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of FRANK ZAGATA  
 Deceased.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 Personal Representative of the estate of Frank Z. Peterson, P.C., P.O. Box 5827, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5827, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, in the form prescribed by rule. DATED this 17th day of November, 2008.  
 /s/Graig Zagata  
 PUBLISH: November 20, 27, December 4, 2008

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-08-4933  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of ZETTA LUCILLE FREEMAN  
 Deceased.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 Roger David Freeman, Personal Representative of the Estate of Zetta Lucille Freeman, c/o Bonell, Alexander, Howard, Pop & Valdez, LLP, P.O. Box 366, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0366, and filed with the Court. DATED this 12th day of November, 2008.  
 /s/Roger David Freeman  
 Personal Representative  
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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-08-4871  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID L. DAVILE  
 Deceased.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 6th day of November, 2008.  
 /s/WILLIAM R. HOLLIFIELD  
 Jeffrey J. Heworth, P.A. & Associates  
 P.O. Box 1808  
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-1806  
 PUBLISH: November 20, 27, December 4, 2008

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-08-5029  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of GLENN H. WELLS  
 Deceased.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 law office of Paula Brown Sinclair, 321 Fourth Avenue North, P.O. Box 2322, Twin Falls, ID 83303-2322, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 21st day of November, 2008.  
 /s/AUURA DETMER  
 Personal Representative  
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## NOTICE OF SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Notice is hereby given that Twin Falls County intends to enter into a contract on Thursday, December 11, 2008, for Advanced Public Safety for the purchase of electronic citation equipment, who is the sole source for the property being purchased, according to Idaho Code § 67-2806.  
 Dated this 24th day of November, 2008.  
 TWIN FALLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 /s/Tom Mikasell  
 Tom Mikasell, Chairman  
 /s/George Lue  
 George Lue, Commissioner  
 /s/Tony Ray Kramer  
 Tony Ray Kramer, Commissioner  
 ATTEST:  
 /s/Kristina Glascock  
 Kristina Glascock, Clerk  
 PUBLISH: November 27, 2008

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-08-4772  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of FAY DORIS FAIRCHILD  
 Deceased.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against said 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 law office of Paula Brown Sinclair, 321 Fourth Avenue North, P.O. Box 2322, Twin Falls, ID 83303-2322, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 12th day of November, 2008.  
 /s/AUNDA MCCLYMONS  
 Personal Representative  
 PUBLISH: November 20, 27, December 4, 2008

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on December 10, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the hour of 6:00 o'clock, P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

**IDAHO POWER COMPANY**  
 Requests the Vacation of public right-of-way for 2500 sq. ft. of Ash Street and 1000 sq. ft. of the alley on property located at 210 Ash Street. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at 324 Hansen Street East, 733-7269.  
 Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the public hearing. Persons needing special accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Administrator at 11 Rene V. Caraway Zoning and Development Manager  
 PUBLISH: Thursday, November 27, 2008  
 Thursday, December 4, 2008

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-08-4932  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of IRENE CHAMBERS MONTGOMERY  
 Deceased.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said decedent 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 Co-Personal Representative of the estate of Irene Chambers Montgomery, P.C., P.O. Box 5827, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5827, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, in the form prescribed by rule. DATED this 20th day of October, 2008.  
 /s/Jeanne C. Chambers  
 /s/Charles A. Chambers  
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## TWIN FALLS COUNTY

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-08-4153  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of KLYDA H. WAKE  
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 /s/John Slings  
 1337 Sixth Avenue East  
 Twin Falls, ID 83301  
 (208) 733-5921  
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# Promising conversations turn to empty words in dating game

DEAR ABBY: I consider myself to be a nice, normal person. I know how to make interesting, intelligent conversation that can engage just about anyone. When I go out socially, I often meet people and we hit it off.

Typically, by the end of the conversation, there comes a point where it is decided — usually by the other person — that we exchange information, which includes phone numbers and e-mail addresses. I generally wait a few days before calling, or until an occasion arises to invite the person to participate with me.

When I call or e-mail, I always leave a message, but I almost never get a response back. Sometimes I wait to see if the person I just met calls me first, but I never happen.

Do people just pretend to be interested in me, or am I fooling myself? Or are they just too busy to make the effort to have another friend? I don't understand it. Am I missing something?

## — BLOWN OFF

DEAR SOUTH CAROLINA: You have described behaviors frequently — usually when someone wants to end a conversation on a positive note. The failure to follow through can be a variety of reasons —

IF NOVEMBER 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Between now and mid-February, it might seem as though you have a guardian angel watching over your best interests. You might not be so lucky with material success if you delve into business or investments without asking for professional advice. What you are on the whole you can sit back and smell the roses. Family matters may become extremely important, relationships improve, and you might be called upon to take a part in community activities. During late spring through mid-June, your life goals are in top condition and you will be able to make progress in achieving your ambitions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Clear out the deadwood. You may be inspired by a sparkling conversation to investigate some new ideas or take on a new study. In the month ahead new interests or hobbies may blossom.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get by with a little help from your friends. Make the best of the holiday by spending time with likeminded people. Get in touch with old friends who have moved far away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't worry about what you don't have. This is a good day to delight in sharing the blessings you do have.

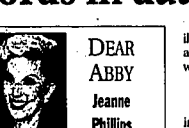
Today is Thursday, Nov. 27, the 332nd day of 2008. There are 34 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

Today's Highlight in History:  
 On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

In 1701, astronomer Anders Celsius, inventor of the Celsius temperature scale, was born in Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1953, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, the Pennsylvania Railroad began regularly serving New York's Pennsylvania Station.



DEAR ABBY  
 Jeane Phillips

busy schedule, lack of interest, met someone else, changed their mind. But if this is happening more than 90 percent of the time, it's time to look in the mirror and ask yourself if you come on too strong, or keep the people you meet involved in "interesting, intelligent conversation" so long they feel the need to get away. My advice is to ask someone you trust whether this could be a possibility.

DEAR ABBY: Is there such a thing as a "quarter life crisis"? Ever since I completed my undergraduate degree, I feel like I have lost something great and can't seem to find my way. My professors were the only family I had.

I have moved to a new school and started a new job, and I feel extremely unsure about what I'm doing. I feel lost without the support of my professors. How do people make it through this transition without the assistance of family and friends?

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## HOROSCOPE

Jerardine Saunders

have. Do something especially nice for a loved one or show appreciation for the kindness of others.

CANCER (June 21-July 23): Family matters reign supreme. Enjoy quality time with the family unit and engage in conversations with youngsters. You may be burdened by extra work or gladdened by a chance to play sports in the month ahead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take the lead by offering to carve the meat or dish up dessert. Your companions may enjoy a walk in the woods or competitive games. For the next few weeks, focus falls on hobbies and entertainment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relax and back in the warm afternoon that comes from being in touch with old friends and family members. The spotlight seems to shine on getting your home shipshape during the next month.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Although relationships may have ups and downs like a roller coaster, true love will ride it out with a smile. Make it a priority to get extra exercise during the next several weeks, even if all you do is

## TODAY IN HISTORY

O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who resigned.

In 1963, 101 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.

In 1980, actor John Carmaline, known for his roles in horror films, died in Milan, Italy, at age 82.

In 1969, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Airlines Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground.

Ten years ago: Answering 61 questions put to him three weeks

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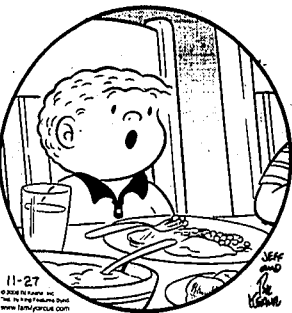
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



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"Can I be thankful without eatin' my peas?"

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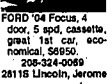
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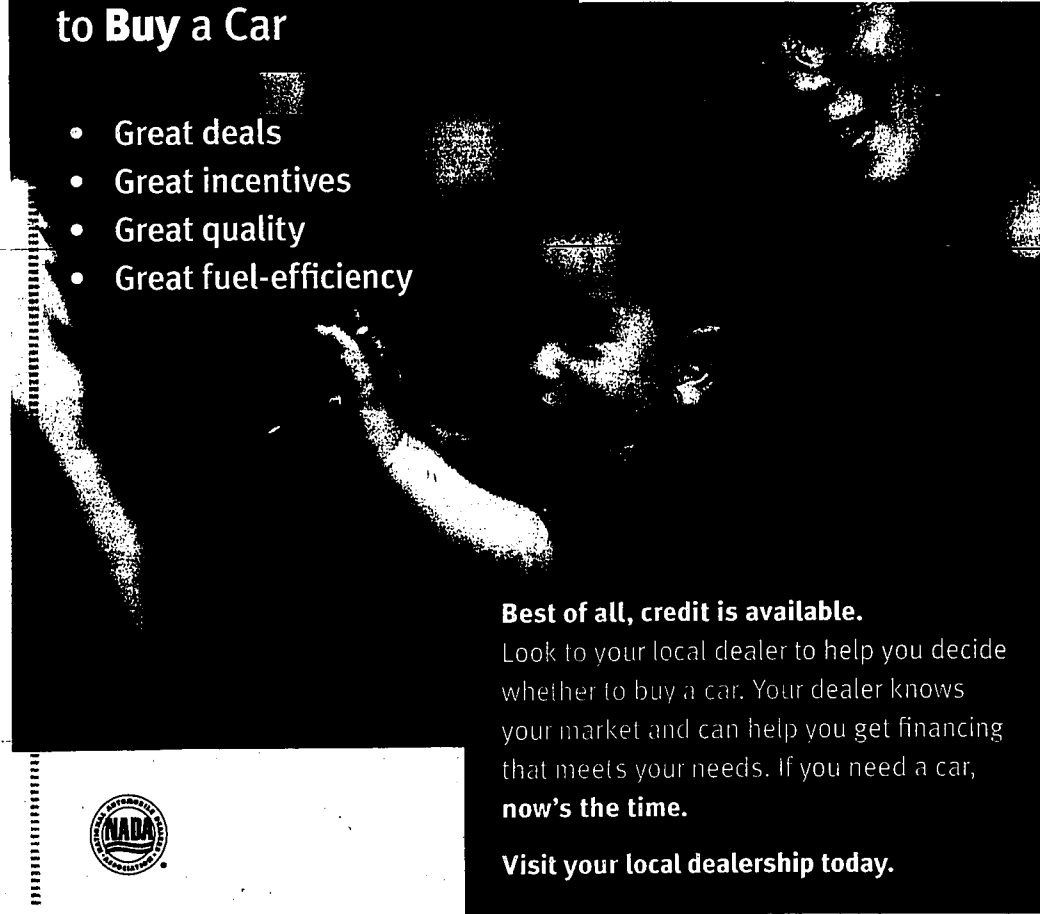
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KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

A skier does a somersault while tackling Bald Mountain in Sun Valley. The 9,150-foot mountain hopes to open its 72nd ski season on Thanksgiving Day, depending on the weather.

## Back on Baldy

Sun Valley gears up for new season

By Karen Bossick  
Twin Falls correspondent

Mark Thoreson has run up against just one problem in 30 years of trying to entice skiers to come ski Sun Valley: Convincing them the airline hassles they've got to endure to get to the out-of-the-way resort is worth the effort.

"It's hard to compete against nonstop air flight from Chicago to Jackson Hole when they have to make a couple changes or fly into Boise," said Sun Valley's winter sales manager. "But, once I get them here they're happy campers. They realize all the fuss was worth the effort."

Indeed, Sun Valley boasts some of the shortest lift lines among North America's top ski resorts—in part, because of that lack of accessibility.

And then there's all those high-speed quad chairlifts, Sun Valley's meticulously groomed slopes, its trophy mountain lodges, a 3,400-foot vertical drop that promises long runs on wide slopes and 522 snow guns that can usually guarantee skiing even in early winter when snow is playing hide-and-seek at other ski resorts.

"I've skied around the world, and while I have my favorites around the world, this is the mountain," said Sun Valley ski instructor Tony Chapman. "No matter where you are on that mountain there's a fall line where you can ski down the mountain rather than having to traverse across it."

Sun Valley hopes to open part of 9,150-foot Bald Mountain for its 72nd season on Thanksgiving Day, provided temperatures are cold enough to make snow. If that doesn't happen, the opening will be on a day-to-day basis.

And Magic Valley residents don't have to deal with multiple airline flights to get to the mountain. They can just point their car north up U.S. 93.

Ski resort managers say they won't let the flagging economy keep them from providing the same level of grooming and other service Sun Valley's always offered.

That said, they're offering a few new incentives to lure people to the hill.

One is Midweek Madness. Two people get a night's lodging at the Sun Valley Resort plus a lift ticket for each during select weekdays in January, February and March. Sun Valley is offering a \$100 Sun Valley gift card to those who book and pay for three consecutive nights with an American Express card between Jan. 4 and April 15.

And a pre-holiday package, good through Dec. 18, offers one night's lodging and one day of skiing for \$72 per person double



## At a glance

**Runs:** 75.  
**Lifts:** 21 total, seven quads, five triples, five doubles and four surface lifts.  
**Skiable acres:** 2,054.  
**Vertical:** 3,400 feet.  
**Slope difficulty:** 36 percent easiest, 42 percent more difficult, 22 percent most difficult.  
**Top elevation:** 9,150 feet.  
**Snowmaking:** 522 snow guns on Bald Mountain; 75 guns cover 60 percent of the terrain on Dollar Mountain.  
**Longest run:** 3 miles.  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily.  
**Daily lift ticket prices:** \$30 for adults; \$46 for kids 12 and younger. (Early season and late season, \$55 and \$33 from 11-27 through 12-14 and 3-30 through the remainder of the season.)  
**Discounts:** Kids ski and stay free in Sun Valley lodging through Dec. 14, from Jan. 4 through Jan. 30, and from March 1 through end of the season. Discount ski cards also available.

occupancy. (For more information: 1-800-786-6253, visit [www.sunvalley.com](http://www.sunvalley.com) or e-mail [reservations@sunvalley.com](mailto:reservations@sunvalley.com).)

The resort also has a deal with Avis Rent-A-Car that will allow guests to drive from Boise and Twin Falls and drop the rental car off at the resort, adding convenience and value.

The two high-speed detachable quad chairlifts, Sun Valley installed last year on Dollar Mountain doubled the lift capacity on that hill. It also attracted scores of adults who were perfectly content to do their skiing on Sun Valley's junior hill and nurse their sore quads over lunch in the luxurious Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge afterwards.

Of course, it's the historic 1937 Round House that offers the creme de la creme when it comes to gourmet dining on Bald Mountain.

"You can't deny what Sun Valley does is first class," said Thoreson. "As Earl Holding, Sun Valley's owner, always tells us: Anything worth doing is worth overdoing."



KEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Danny Walton rides the half pipe Jan. 21 at Sun Valley Ski Resort. Sun Valley had plans to open by Thanksgiving, but lack of snow might delay those plans, ski officials have said.

## Getting nostalgic at Soldier Mtn.

Fairfield resort plans to open its lifts by Dec. 20

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

Soldier Mountain is everything Sun Valley is not—quiet, laid back, unassuming.

Opened in 1948, its covered ski lift, which resembles the covered bridges of such timeless places as Vermont, evokes nostalgia.

And its lifts creep along at horse and buggy speed.

"It's peaceful," said Larry Davenport, who has run the ski area for a number of years.

But the rail slides, triple-hit table-top jumps, quarter pipe banks and rainbow rolls in Soldier Mountain's terrain park embrace not only the present but the future, as well.

And its powder, which is allowed to build up Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays when the ski area is closed, is a definite lure for skiers from miles around.

A cafeteria-style restaurant offers burgers and fries, while an upstairs lounge serves beer and wine.

Come Saturdays you might even find some homemade cinnamon

rolls steaming on the counter.

The ski area offers a ski and ride program for kids between 7 and 13 every Saturday beginning Jan. 3 through March 14. The program, which costs \$300, includes instruction and a season pass.

Women's clinics are offered from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning in January. Cost is \$60, which includes instruction and a lift ticket.

Group lessons cost \$15 per person; private lessons start at \$25 an hour per person.

Tired of in-bounds skiing? Soldier Snowcats offer the only cat skiing between the Teton and Brundage Mountains in McCall, according to Kyle Davenport, who manages the operation with his father Larry.

And the view is terrific, said guide Gary Ashurst, as it overlooks the Camas Prairie.

The Snowcats charged \$275 per person for a day of skiing and can accommodate up to 12 per trip.

Soldier hopes to open by Dec. 20. For more information: 208-764-2526 or [www.soldiermountain.com](http://www.soldiermountain.com).



## At a glance

**Snow report and phone:** 208-764-2526  
**Runs:** 36  
**Lifts:** Two doubles, one surface tow  
**Skiable acres:** 1,150  
**Vertical:** 1,425 feet  
**Slope difficulty:** 25 percent beginner, 50 percent intermediate, 25 percent advanced  
**Bottom elevation:** 5,752 feet  
**Snowmaking:** None  
**Hours:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays through Sunday with extended hours during Christmas holidays.  
**Lift prices:** Adults, \$33; 7-17 year olds and seniors \$27; children 6 and under and seniors 70 and above, free.  
**Location:** 12 miles north of Fairfield; 70 miles north of Twin Falls.

# New Nordic center ready to host winter fun

By Karen Bossack  
Times-News correspondent

Nordic skiers at Sun Valley are about to find themselves in the lap of luxury.

The heart of Nordic skiing will emanate from the new Sun Valley Club — a multi-million-dollar 30,000-square foot stone and timbered lodge that doubles as a golf clubhouse and Nordic center.

"It should be one of the best Nordic centers in the United States," said Mark Thomson, winter sales manager for Sun Valley. "When I show pictures of it to people around the country, they can't believe it — they're blown out of the water."

The experience will begin at the parking lot, which is heated to prevent snow and ice build-up. From there guests will enter a building that's even more elegant than the trophy lodges on Bald Mountain.

An expansive shop features six or seven times more gear, including sweaters, jackets, socks and souvenirs, than the old Nordic shop.

Lodgers are available for \$200 for the season. This includes ski storage and access to showers so a skier can take their lunch break, change, ski, shower and go back to work.

Then there's the restaurant, which offers a variety of menu items from flat-iron steak to sweet potato fries. The restaurant will take the place of Trail Creek Cabin, which has been open for lunch for the past few seasons, said Nordic Director Ned Wheeler. But the historic cabin will remain open for night time dinners.

Some 41 kilometers of trails will follow the path of the Nordic trails in the past, except they will emanate from the new Nordic Center. The more difficult Gun



The Sun Valley Nordic Center serves as the gathering site for a variety of fun and games, including the Inga-Lami celebration, in which skiers dress up in their best Norwegian or Viking garb to celebrate the mother who commissioned adventurers to ski her infant king child hundreds of miles to safety.

Club loops will be back on what is now the new White Clouds Golf Course after a year's hiatus.

The views from the top looking over at Dollar Mountain and Bald Mountain and up towards the Sawtooth Mountains and Trail Creek Summit "are going to be spectacular," pronounced Sun Valley General Manager "Wally" Huffman minutes after he toured the proposed trails.

Sun Valley is considering grooming out the road past Trail Creek Cabin down to Boundary Creek Campground to add another 3-kilometer loop for dogs, in addition to the 5K it already

has. In addition, the Nordic Center plans to build a terrain park for kids that will include jumps and tables and rollercoaster clips that will enhance their balance and other ski skills.

A Saturday program for 6 to 10 year olds will round out the kids' ski program.

The weather too frightful for skiing? No problem. Drop your skis and trot next door to the virtual golf and indoor driving range.

The new cross-country ski center will receive worldwide attention in early February when a few hundred Special Olympians congregate on its turf to compete in the World Winter Games.

## Sun Valley Nordic Center

### At a glance

Daily fees: \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$11 for those 6 through 12; under 6, free.

Half-days after 1 p.m.: \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$9 for youngsters. Season passes cost \$250 for adults, \$200 for seniors and \$130 for those under 18.

Combination day passes good for skiing both Sun Valley Nordic and North Valley Trails is being offered this year for the first time. A two-day pass good for one day of skiing on both systems is priced at \$28.

A three-day pass good for one day on the North Valley Trails and two days on Sun Valley Nordic trails is \$40. A season pass for both trail systems is \$420.

Sun Valley Company is also offering special Nordic packages beginning Jan. 4 and continuing through March 29.

The one-night package includes lodging, ski rental, trail fee and a Nordic ski lesson for \$132 per person double occupancy. A two-night package, including lodging, three days of Nordic skiing on both trail systems, three days of equipment rental and one ski lesson, is \$242 per person double occupancy. For more information: 800-786-8259 or 208-622-2250.

Snowboarders will compete at nearby Dollar Mountain, while alpine skiers, snowshoers and others compete in Boise and McCall.

"It should be quite a year," Wheeler said.

## Changing the face of Quigley

By Karen Bossack  
Times-News correspondent

Kids ski for free and they get a new terrain park.

The Blaine County Recreation Department is changing the face of its Quigley Nordic ski area in a canyon east of Hailey this winter with a yurt for skiers to duck in out of the cold.

There'll be sledding, near the hill situated so that parents can sit on the deck of the yurt and watch their kids. And there'll also be a terrain park near the yurt with riffs, a quarter pipe and other whoopees.

"The kids were hiking up the hillside and building jumps, so we thought, 'Why not build something for them?'" said Janelle Connors, assistant trails director. "It promotes agility and it eliminates them using the hillside when there might be a risk of avalanche."

In addition, Connors added, a new 2-kilometer intermediate loop featuring a hill feature has been added to the existing 11-kilometer trail system.

The North Valley Trails raised the cost of adult ski passes from \$175 to \$199 this year. Even at that, the passes are lower than the \$250 Methow Valley charges or the \$500 that Royal Gorge charges for their trail systems, said Connors.

The District dropped the daily pass fee from \$17 to \$15. And a day pass for Quigley will cost only \$10.

Kids 12 and under get to ski free on the North Valley Trails this year. They are asked to get a free season ski pass or a free daily ski pass, if that's more applicable, so the Recreation Department can keep track of how many youngsters are taking advantage of the trails.

There are 160 kilometers of groomed trails for them to try, including the 30-kilometer bike path that runs from Keetchum to Bellevue.

Dogs are allowed on some of the trails. That includes the Hartman Trail from Sawtooth National Recreation Area



headquarters to a bridge just south of Easley Hot Springs, the trails behind SNRA and a couple loops at Galena Lodge and in Quigley Canyon.

The crowning jewel of the trails system is the rustic Galena Lodge 24 miles north of Ketchum.

Lodge manager Don and Erin Shepherd run a rental shop and gear shop there and serve up espresso and lunches of quesadillas, from-scratch soups and mammoth chocolate chip cookies.

The first Learn to Ski clinic will be held Dec. 16 and there will be many other special clinics as well, including a women's only skate ski group and Get Ready for the Boulder Mountain Tour clinics, said Don Shepherd. There also will be free weekly Winter Wildlife Snowshoe Walks.

The biggest event of the ski season — the Galena Lodge Benefit, which raises money to maintain the lodge and the trails — will be held Jan. 24 at Sun Valley Lodge.

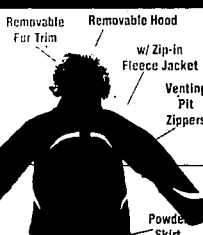
"Our grooming and our trails systems makes us the envy of all cross-country ski areas in North America," said organizer Jenny Busdon. "We've skied all over the world and we find the trails here incomparable."

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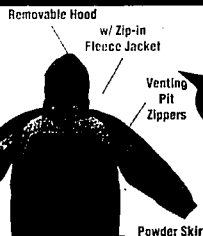
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# Snowhaven:



## 850 feet of tubing fun

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

If you're in the mood for some tubing fun this winter, Idaho has just the place.

Snowhaven, about seven miles from downtown Grangeville in north-central Idaho, boasts the longest tube hill in the Gem State. Two hills, with 850 feet of tubing fun, are available with about 150 feet of nothing but "a drop," said hill manager Scott Wasem.

"We've never taken a radar gun up there, but I'm willing to bet you can get going at about

45 mph plus," he said. To go that fast depends on weather conditions. "But if you get ice up there, you're going to get smokin'."

Snowhaven, which comprises 60 acres of skiable terrain, also offers downhill skiing and snowboarding.

"We're a full-service facility," Wasem said. "We have snowboard instructors and we offer ski lessons," as well as a lodge with amenities and a retail and rental shop.

"We're popular," Wasem said. "Last year we jumped in attendance by about 50 per-

cent ... The lift gets bottlenecked at the bottom, but we can accommodate between 100 and 150 people an hour."

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and holidays during the winter season, which usually opens mid December. But that, too, depends on the weather.

"One year we didn't open at all," Wasem said. "But we try to be open by Dec. 20."

For more information, including pricing: 208-983-3866 or <http://www.grangeville.us/>.

## Ski, snowboard film to be shown at CSI

The Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho will be one of 120 stops on the world tour for the new extreme ski and snowboard film by Teton Gravity Research called "Under the Influence."

Sponsored by the CSI Student Recreation Center, the film showcases outstanding rides filmed in Alaska, Utah, Montana, Washington, British Columbia, Wyoming, Switzerland, and Romania.

The film will have two showings the same evening, at 8 and 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the Herrett Center's Rick Allen Community Room.

National sponsors of the production are offering prize packages including an Alaskan helicopter ski/snowboard trip or a vacation for two to Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in Wyoming. Viewers at each show location can enter for chances to win. Advance

show tickets are available at area sponsors — Donnelley Sports, Claude's Sports, and Elevation Sports — and at the Herrett Center and Student Rec Center.

The CSI Student Activities office is offering free tickets to the first 140 current CSI students with student ID cards. Other tickets are being sold for \$8 each.

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## Finding magic at Magic Mountain

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

There's a reason why it's called Magic Mountain.

Located about 28 miles south of Hansen, Magic Mountain Resort has multiple venues for the winter recreationist. There's skiing, of course — downhill and cross country — but there's also snowboarding, snowshoeing and, come December, the chance to recreate with Santa Claus.

"This is our fourth season," said Suzzette Miller, who owns the mountain with her husband Gary. "It's a small mountain, but it's a great place to learn how to ski."

But that's not all. "This year we're making a new snowshoe trail, a really nice one behind the lodge," Miller said. "It'll be a great way to see some sights."

And there's plenty to explore in the area, located in Rock Creek Canyon in the

### More info

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South Hills.

Also, a new lift on the bunny hill, called the Magic Carpet, replaces the old rope tow, Miller said.

Magic Mountain doesn't have a snowmaking machine, so it depends on Mother Nature to decide when it opens. But Miller is keeping her fingers crossed for a good season, and said a lot of family-oriented events are planned, including skiing with Santa on Dec. 20. On that day, children 12 and under can ski with St. Nick for free.

Family fun, she said, is what it's all about.

"That's what we want it to be, very family-oriented," Miller said. "We want to attract families."

## Catch the action at Mont. dog-sled race

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

Three hundred and fifty miles, altitude reaching 6,000 feet — it's Montana's Race to the Sky sled-dog race.

With multiple peaks and valleys the race is one of the most challenging long-distance, varied elevation races in the United States, and it continues to grow in reputation.

This year's race marks the 23rd annual Race to the Sky, and both volunteers and spectators are invited to join in the excitement. Held Feb. 12-18, Race to the Sky starts at Helena, Mont., with checkpoints at Camp Rimini, Deer Lodge, Butte and Lincoln. Events are scheduled for spectators along the route. Here's the schedule:

**Thursday, Feb. 12 (Helena)**  
10 a.m.-noon, School visits, Helena; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., vet check and sponsor photos, downtown Helena; 2:30-4 p.m., driver's meeting, Park Plaza Hotel, Helena; 5-7:30 p.m., business card social, rides auction and Meet the Mushers, Park Plaza, Helena



(purchase a ride with your favorite musher).

**Friday, Feb. 13 (Deer Lodge to Butte)**

Noon-2 p.m., Meet the mushers and ceremonial start, Main Street, Deer Lodge; 5:30 p.m., staged and continuous race start near Orofino snowmobile parking lot; 9:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m., watch teams finish the first leg near Butte (bonfire near finish line).

**Saturday, Feb. 14 (Butte to Camp Rimini)**

9 a.m.-noon, Meet the mushers, downtown Butte; 2 p.m., staged restart near Butte; 7-11 p.m., watch the teams finish second leg at Camp Rimini (bonfire near finish line).

**Sunday, Feb. 15**

11 a.m., Restart continuous portion of 400-mile race at Hi Country Snack Foods, Lincoln (riders must be there

A pair of sled dogs wear booties to protect their paws during a 20-mile race outside of Fairfield in this file photo taken December 2007.

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by 11 a.m.). Noon, staged race restart (Alice Creek Loop) back to Hi Country Snack Foods, Lincoln; 1:30-3 p.m., finish of staged race, awards ceremony immediately following at Hi Country Snack Foods.

**Friday, Feb. 12-Wednesday, Feb. 18, checkpoints**

View teams at checkpoints: Butte (near Walkerville); Deer Lodge (Orofino snowmobile parking lot); Camp Rimini, near Helena; Hi Country Snack Foods, Lincoln; White Tail Ranch, Ovarado; Seelye Lake Community Center, Seelye Lake; and Hi Country Snack Foods Finish, Lincoln. All checkpoints accessible by car; race cut-off is

Wednesday, Feb. 18

4 p.m. Official cut-off time, Hi Country Snack Foods, Lincoln (all teams must finish by then); 6 p.m., awards ceremony and dinner, Lincoln Community Center.

For more information: 406-881-DOGS, 406-227-7286, e-mail [info@racetothetopsky.org](mailto:info@racetothetopsky.org) or Web site at [www.racetothetopsky.org](http://www.racetothetopsky.org). Race headquarters: (406) 352-3214 (operational during race only).

## 48Straight festival canceled this year

Sun Valley officials have confirmed that 48Straight will not return for its third year after help pulled its sponsorship amidst tough economic times for automakers.

Events will also be cancelled in Squaw Valley, Calif., and Telluride, Colo.

The 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games is still on, however, said Ned Wheeler, who heads up Sun Valley's Nordic Center.

That event is expected to bring 3,000 athletes from a hundred countries to Idaho Feb. 7 through 13. Many of those athletes will be competing in Nordic ski and snowboard events at Sun Valley's Nordic Center and Dollar Mountain.

## A fun place to play: Wild Horse Recreation Area

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

For a nice and relatively short — from the Magic Valley — getaway, you might consider the Wild Horse Recreation Area in northeast Nevada.

Located about 67 miles north of Elko, Nev., the site is an open year-round and offers an abundance of fall and winter recreation.

"There is very good ice fishing at the lake," Parks Supervisor Andrew Bass told the Times-News. "Ice conditions can be up to 3-feet thick, though it averages closer to 2 feet."

Snowfall is moderate and good for snowmobiling.

There are no groomed trails, so recreationists can go wherever they want, though they might want to check weather conditions first, Bass said.

Visitors, he said, won't be disappointed in the scenery, which comprise rolling hills and open terrain — perfect for a plethora of outdoor activities. Winter sportsman can even go snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. The lake itself — at 3,000 surface acres, it's a moderate-sized lake — is a good place for all these activities, Bass said. It's also a favorite spot for all-terrain vehicles, he said, though again, people will want to check weather conditions first.

### More info

For more information or to check weather conditions: 775-758-6493 or e-mail [whr@idaho.net](mailto:whr@idaho.net)

If you're coming from Idaho you might also want to fill up your gas tank on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Owyhee, where there's a full-service gas station and grocery store, Bass said.

Wild Horse Park does offer amenities, such as improved campsites, picnic tables, restrooms, garbage services and centrally-located faucets. The nearby resort also offers some hookups and limited fuel, but it'd be a good idea to



The lake at Wild Horse Recreation Area is a favorite place to take all-terrain vehicles for wintertime fun.

fill up before coming into the recreation area.

"Most people who come from Idaho fill up there (on the Reservation) first," Bass said.

Also, there is no place locally to purchase a fishing license, he said, but you can do it online at [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org). "Otherwise, the closest place is in Elko."

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# Ski slope ready?

Try working out before hitting the slopes

By Karen Bosick  
Times-News correspondent

It's not too late to start getting worked up for the ski season, even if you've been sitting like a slug on the couch for the past few months.

"Ski conditioning exercises are good to do even after the ski season has begun," said Linda Thomas. "It's like cross training — it'll help keep you fit and less prone to get injured."

Thomas has been putting alpine skiers, snowboarders and Nordic skiers through the paces at the Wood River Community YMCA every Friday morning at 8:30.

All three disciplines require balance, agility, strength and the explosiveness that comes by doing plyometrics — a type of exercise designed to produce fast, powerful movements, she said.

Thomas puts her charges through a fast-paced circuit, during which they do as many of a certain exercise as they can for 30 or 45 seconds, then move on to the next. They repeat the course several times during the course of an hour.

Many of the exercises can easily be done at home:

- Wall sits. Sit against a wall until you feel the burn in your quadriceps—those big muscles in the front of your thighs. Enhance your workout by raising dumbbells or even soup cans while you sit.

- Lay a jump rope on the ground and hop sideways over it back and forth. For even more of a challenge, lay the jump rope in a U shape and hop over one, then the other rope, before hopping back the other way.

- Holding a fitness ball in your arms, bound from side to side, swinging the ball as you bound. This not only works out your arms for cross-country skiing but it works out your core.

- Hold a 6- to 8-pound ball, swinging it from one side of your body to the other as you lunge across the ground.

- Sit with your back to a set of stairs and position your hands on the first stair. Walk your feet a few feet out from the stair so your butt is off the seat. Slide your feet up the bottom 15, lowering over the ground. Then raise your body so your arms are almost straight.

- Hop up and down on the first stair. Alternate feet or jump with both feet.

- Do push-ups on a Bosu ball — a squishy exercise ball that's been cut in half. Perform hops, jumps, step-ups and lunges on the rounded half. Do pushups and dips on the flat side. The ball is more challenging than a stationary platform because it requires balancing, as well. "I can do a workout in 30 minutes on the Bosu that would take me 45 minutes on the step," Thomas said.

- Stand on one foot while you lift the other foot off the floor. Then balance on the other foot, as well.

"I'm a snowboarder and I want to be loving that fresh powder, not worrying about how sore I feel," said Carina Buechler.

While running through the circuit provides an aerobic workout, exercises should be supplemented with running, biking, spinning or even skate skiing, Thomas said.

# Good gear for the ski season

By Karen Bosick  
Times-News correspondent

The look of skis and snowboards is different this year. Some feature wavy edges that promise increased edge hold and control on hard-packed surfaces.

Some hearken back to the past — namely, the Kastle — a wooden ski that disappeared from the ski scene 12 years ago.

Here's a look at some of the new gear shopkeepers hope you can't live without.

## Lib Tech Banana Snowboard

The lip and tail flare up on this snowboard, which enables it to float better in powder, said David Kelso, of the Board Life. At the same time, the center of the board is in contact with the snow for quicker turning and more control underfoot.

"It rides more like a skateboard," Kelso said. The Magne-Traction wavy edge allows the board to hold a better edge on harder snow, he added. "It's along the same principle as a serrated knife, which cuts many products better than non-serrated knives."

## Black Diamond Factor Boot

This new backcountry boot is the first real boot that doubles as both a downhill



Liza Wilson and Mike Payne show off Dynafit's Manaslu skis.

Inbounds ski boot and a backcountry touring boot, said Casey Schaefer, gear buyer for Backwoods Mountain Sports.

It offers the performance of a regular downhill boot but it's lighter and more comfortable. A Thermo mold allows it to be custom fit to the skier. And a walk mode allows backcountry skiers to climb in it, provided they have alpine touring bindings.

## Black Diamond Avaling Backpack

This backpack has a built-in Avaling designed so that a backcountry skier can slip the Avaling mouthpiece out of the shoulder strap when he goes into avalanche terrain. Should he get buried, the mouthpiece is handy to

help him breathe under the snow.

A Camelbak water pack tube can be threaded through the other shoulder strap. There's a pouch for an avalanche shovel and probe, a place to strap skis on the side and plenty of room in the middle compartment for all the other gear someone might carry into the backcountry.

The backpack comes in a handful of different sizes and models with the Avaling adding about \$60 to the cost of each pack.

The perfect gift from a Mom or Grandmother who knows their young one is going to be skiing into a yurt or out of bounds on Baldy or in otherwise-risky terrain," said Casey Schaefer, gear buyer for Backwoods

Mountain Sports. "They know their loved one isn't going to forget and leave the Avaling behind."

## Kastle alpine ski

The classic white look of Kastle skis is back after being off the market for 12 years, thanks to a group of Austrians who have reopened the Kastle factory. That delights a lot of old-timers who remember the shock absorption that Kastle's laminated wood core provided and the ski's grip on ice.

"It's an exclusive ski — one of the best I tested last year," said Curt Williams, of Sturtevant's Mountain Outfitters. "It provides some natural qualities you can't get out of composite. The harder the snow the better this ski is. And it also does a good job in the moguls because it keeps the ski on the snow. It's a good ski for Baldy."

## Rossignol SAS 57 Caballero Powder Ski

Naturally, powder skis work great as long as the skier's in — well, powder. But this new ski is designed to work well in downhill crust, on hard-packed groomers AND cat tracks, as well, said Curt Williams, of Sturtevant's Mountain Outfitters.

The ski features a reverse camber at tip and tail. It

alternates rockers and normal camber throughout the ski and also has several different side cuts so that the shape goes from narrow to wide, narrow to wide and back to narrow again.

"It's radically different," said Williams. "You wouldn't want to ski hard snow on it all the time. But it is nice for those days you want to ski primarily powder and just happen to get into a little bit of hard packed snow or off onto the cat track."

## Dynafit Manaslu backcountry skis

These extremely lightweight skis for women feature a tip that turns up earlier so the ski is shorter while still maintaining plenty of flotation.

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A Dynafit speed ski system specifically made for it prevents the top hooks from coming off at inopportune times while climbing, said Liza Wilson, a buyer for The Elephant's Perch.

"It's a great all-mountain ski for women," Wilson said.

# Ski free after 3 at Alta Ski Resort

By Leslie Karwal  
www.UtahAdventurer.com

Skiing the best snow on earth — for free?

At Alta Ski Resort, located several miles into Little Cottonwood Canyon, you can ski every day for free — there is absolutely no cost from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to ski on its Sunnyside Lift.

Sunnyside serves three runs for beginners, including one mile-long run with a gentle and wide slope. The lift also serves some intermediate and one expert option, Sunnyside is a detachable triple lift, which makes loading and unloading easy for lower-level skiers — and the lift slows for the process.

Alta is a "skier's mountain" — no snowboarders are allowed here. This creates the perfect environment for those wanting to relax on the slopes and enjoy "the best snow on earth" on skis.

The ski-free program is part of Alta Ski Area's commitment to the National Ski Area Association's (NSAA) Model for Growth. This is the sixth year of Alta's Ski Free After 3 program.

Connie Marshall, Alta's marketing director, said the lift has proven to be a good tool for skiers just starting out. In addition to slowing down for load and unload, the lift gets skiers up into the

alpine majesty of Alta's scenic Albion Basin, and then gives them a mile of great learning terrain back to the base.

She said there has been a huge influx in youth skiers. Alta's ski-free program creates a great opportunity for those interested in skiing or those who haven't been skiing in a long time to come and spend an afternoon trying out the slopes.

However, the program is not restricted to first-time skiers. "NSAA's extensive research indicates that over half of beginners are not never-ever skiers," Marshall said. "It's critical that we, as an industry, encourage people to try skiing for the first time, to try getting back out on the slopes after a lapsed period of time, and to encourage friends and family to join them. Studies show that if ski areas can make the effort to understand the experience of beginner and new-to-the-sport skiers, we can increase the rate these

## If you go:

Take advantage of Alta's Ski Free After 3 program every open day of the season. No lift tickets or purchases required. Skiers simply go straight to the Sunnyside lift after 3 p.m. on the Sunnyside Lift and spend the afternoon skiing. The lift runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the last run starting at 4:30 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Sunnyside Lift. The lift is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The lift is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. The lift is also closed on holidays. The lift is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The lift is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. The lift is also closed on holidays.

folks adapt skiing as a true lifestyle sport."

Out-of-state lodgers also take advantage of the program. Guests flying in to Utah on morning flights appreciate being able to test their equipment or make adjustments to their gear with a few runs from the Sunnyside lift through the ski-free program.

Several families have a tradition of skiing free after 3 each week. The program makes skiing with a large family a fun and viable option. Last year Alta had more than 10,000 skiers participate in the program.

Emily — Bowberry of Highland grew up in Utah but never skied. Now, as a mother of five, she wants to give her children the opportunity to learn how.

"This program makes it very affordable for me to ski with my kids," she said.

She comes every Monday with her family of six. The Bowberrys ended up liking skiing so much that they enrolled in the Alta Ski School programs.

"The people up here are great," Bowberry said. "I put all my kids in the ski school. They helped so much. The instructors even rode up with us on the lift after the lessons to give me some tips for my 3-year-old. I love the people up here."

Ski equipment rentals are available for \$9 (after 2 p.m.) at Alta Sports, which sits adjacent to the Sunnyside slope.

Kevin Johnson, an Alta Sports specialist, is a University of Utah student from New Hampshire. "Alta has a great environment," he said. "It's very laid back. People who come to ski are excited. They come to ski the world's greatest snow. We're very family friendly. Our sports shop is known for our customer service. We like to take the time to make sure people get a good fit with their rentals."

# Beaver Mountain: One of Utah's best-kept secrets

Times-News

It's been called one of Utah's best-kept secrets.

Family owned and operated since 1939 — the oldest family-run ski area in the U.S. — Beaver Mountain Ski Resort, located in Logan Canyon in northern Utah, is a poppy destination, and hosts both downhill skiing and snowboarding. But the fun doesn't stop there. There are also nearby cross-country ski and snowmobile trails.

And after the cold weather passes, Beaver Mountain is a great summer destination with fishing, hiking, horseback riding, boating and other nearby outdoor activities.

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Mountain stats: Three lifts serving 24 trails; terrain park; 600 vertical feet on more than 60 acres; groomed Nordic trails nearby at the Casper Nordic Center.  
Full-day lift tickets: \$21-\$37.  
Specials: Single session pass \$22-\$37; First-time season pass \$120; Learn to ski \$30. Learn to snowboard \$40.  
Coming Events  
Nov. 28: Scheduled opening day  
Dec. 6: Winter Safe Kids Day  
Dec. 20-21: Learn to ski/snowboard  
Dec. 25: Closed Christmas Day  
Dec. 29: Casper Mountain Racers Fun Race  
Dec. 30: Casper Mountain Racers Fun Race  
Contact info: 235-8499, www.caspermtn.com/content/let\_sure/hogadon/hogadon.asp

## Grand Targhee Resort

Scheduled to open the lower mountain Saturday, Nov. 29  
Location: In Alta on the west side of the Teton Mountains, 50 minutes from Jackson Hole via Hwy. 22/33.  
Mountain stats: Four lifts and 63 trails on Fred's Mountain, one lift and nine trails on Peaked Mountain; more than 2,200 vertical feet on each mountain on a total of 2,400 skiable acres; two terrain parks; 15km groomed Nordic trails.  
Full-day lift tickets: Regularly \$39-\$69. Early season tickets will be \$35 for all ages until more of the mountain is opened for skiing.  
Specials: Adult season pass \$775; weekend season pass \$475; Vertical Value Plus Card discounts; Thanksgiving, American Express and Kids Ski/Stay Free packages available. Early season three-day SnowCat deals are available until Dec. 15.  
What's happening: Now this year are some groomed runs on the resort's backcountry

terrain, which are accessible only by SnowCat.  
Coming Events  
Saturday: Scheduled opening day  
Nov. 28: Tele clinic  
Dec. 13: Alpine clinic, Nordic races tune-up  
Dec. 13-14: Ski demo weekend  
Dec. 14: Skate clinic, women's alpine clinic  
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## Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

Scheduled to open Nov. 29  
Location: Teton Village, 12 miles northwest of Jackson on Highway 390 via Highway 22.  
Mountain stats: 12 lifts serving 115 trails; 4,130 vertical feet on more than 2,000 acres of in-bond terrain with access to more than 3,000 acres of backcountry terrain; three terrain parks and one half-pipe; 15km groomed Nordic trails.  
Full-day lift tickets: \$51-\$87  
Specials: Dec. 19-21, Team Launch Weekend, including two days lift tickets and three nights lodging starting at \$310 per person; Ski Free lodging packages on various dates; adult season pass \$840-\$1,970.  
What's happening: Jackson Hole unveils its new Aerial Tram on Dec. 20.  
Coming Events  
Nov. 29: Scheduled opening day  
Dec. 14-19: Ski and Race Camp  
Dec. 19-21: Team Launch Weekend  
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# Slow start to ski season

## Grand Targhee Resort opens lower mountain, Hogadon Ski Area hopes for wintry weather

By Wes Smalling  
Star-Tribune writer

Though it may be stumbling a bit out of the starting gate, the 2008-2009 ski season in Wyoming is off and running.

Grand Targhee Resort on the west side of the Teton had planned to have at least the lower mountain open for skiers at 9 a.m. last weekend with one lift operating. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort reports a 16- to 23-inch base and plans to open Saturday.

Casper's Hogadon Ski Area will need some help from Mother Nature — either in the form of natural snowfall or some colder weather — to open its slopes as planned the day after Thanksgiving.

So far, nighttime temperatures haven't been cold enough for the Hogadon crew

to make snow.

"We need a lot of cold weather so that we can make snow," said Hogadon's manager Gary Maresse. "These warm temperatures have put us behind on our schedule. I will keep everyone posted as the weather and the days go by here, but right now it's not looking good. We've had where we get three feet of snow on Thanksgiving weekend. So this could all go away and be just a bad memory."

Paul Skrbac, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Riverton, said the long-term climate outlook doesn't show a strong indication that this winter will bring precipitation that's either above or below normal. But he offered some good news for skiers hoping to hit the slopes in the coming weeks: A little wintry weather should be on its way soon.

"I still think we're going to end up with a halfway decent ski season. We're just off to a late start. We got a real late start last year than (the snow fall) was nonstop," Skrbac said.

When it comes to weather, by nature skiers are optimists. Despite clear skies and temperatures in the 50s, skiers packed into the Casper Mountain Racers' Annual Ski Swap last weekend at the Central Wyoming Fairgrounds searching for deals on ski and snowboarding gear.

"We had a really good turnout," said Casper Mountain Racers ski coach Chris Smith after the ski swap, which is an annual fundraiser to help pay for the youth ski team's equipment, travel and scholarships.

"I'm always optimistic for snow. We're gonna get it sooner or later."

# Big changes at small resorts in Wyoming

The opening of Big Horn Ski Resort will be delayed as a few group of investors takes over operations of the ski area and its lodging facilities, according to the resort's longtime owner Jim McQuinn. The resort is located in the Big Horn National Forest west of Buffalo.

Also in the Big Horns, Antelope Butte Ski Area will again not be open for downhill skiing this winter. Earlier this year, the Forest Service searched for an operator to take over the ski area's operations, but didn't find any viable applicants, said Bill Laurent of the Big Horn National Forest.

According to McQuinn, the Forest Service is now looking for a new operator for the ski area, but he didn't say when it would be open again.

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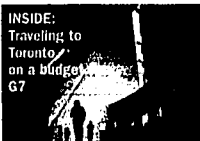
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## EDITORIAL

# We're better off than we were in 1983

**T**hanksgiving Day 25 years ago was pretty bleak in south-central Idaho. A farm credit crisis arrived on the heels of a national recession, and by Nov. 24, 1983, the shakeout in agriculture had begun in earnest across the Magic Valley. Over-leveraged farmers were forced out of business, in-town folks weren't spending money and small businesses were closing.

Real estate development ground almost to a halt. Building projects begun in 1982 or 1983 sometimes sat uncompleted for years. To make things worse, there was a full-blown, nuclear-tipped, international crisis in progress. In September, a Soviet fighter jet had shot down a Korean airliner for straying too close to Russian territory. Three hundred people were killed, and the resulting furor gave President Reagan the political cover he needed to deploy short-range Pershing missiles in West Germany — an action the Soviets viewed as provocative.

Then four days before Thanksgiving, ABC aired a made-for-TV movie about a fictional Russian nuclear strike. "The Day After," as it was called, seemed all too plausible.

Now as crises always do in a free-market economy and a turbulent world, another has come around just in time for Thanksgiving 2008. The economy is foundering, banks are failing, credit markets aren't functioning fully and there are bankruptcies, foreclosures and layoffs.

So is south-central Idaho better or worse off than it was 25 years ago?

Before you answer that question, take a look at Dell and Jayco and a dozen other tech or light manufacturing operations that weren't here in 1983. Consider that 2008 was one of the most profitable years for food processing in history, and that dairies are bringing \$2 billion annually — that's billion with a "b" — to the Magic Valley. (In 1983, total dairy sales in south-central Idaho were less than 10 percent of that amount.)

Consider that the Magic Valley Mall and nearby retail development along Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road — none of which existed in 1983 — have been the key to more than quadrupling Twin Falls County sales tax collections in a quarter century.

So why are the present hard times so different than those of 1983?

Two reasons. Economic development, which was a sideline of local chambers of commerce in 1983, is a full-fledged industry now in the Magic Valley. The South Central Idaho Economic Development Organization, Business Plus, the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission and the city of Twin Falls' economic development enterprises have wrought something the Magic Valley only dreamed of during of the early 1980s: economic diversification.

Yes, we're still fundamentally a farm economy, but it's a far more balanced age economy than the one that existed when Reagan was president. The other big agent of change has been the College of Southern Idaho, which has reimagined itself into a full-service, flexible economic development and retraining institution capable of handling just about every challenge employers — or potential employers — can throw at it.

Does all that mean things won't get worse here before they get better? No. South-central Idaho's economic fate is still tied to broader problems in the nation, especially as the credit crunch and the real estate meltdown.

A significant drop in commodity prices or land values would hit the Magic Valley hard, as would a rapid rise in the value of the dollar.

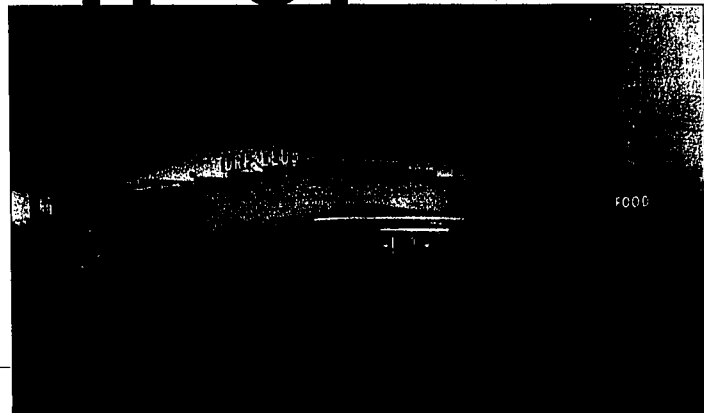
But unlike 1983, we have a resilient economy here. For that, you can thank bankers and their conservative lending practices, investors who decided to spend their money at home and politicians who have kept taxes low. Most of us in south-central Idaho have much to be grateful for today — especially for our past mistakes and the lessons they taught us.

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# Tipping point



By Jim Gentry

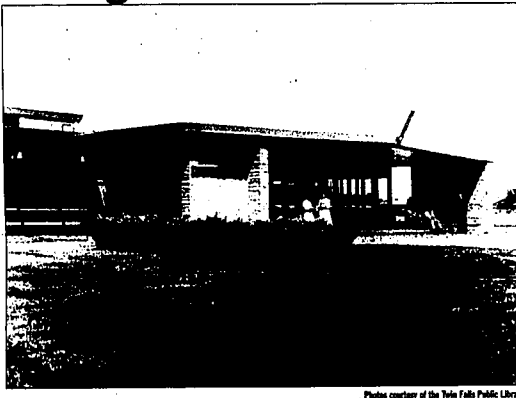
Recent presidential-election results have activated interest in historical turning points. I would argue that local developments in 1953 and 1954 provide a turning point for Twin Falls.

The 50-year celebration of Twin Falls in 1954 projected the unbounded optimism of post World War II. Pride in the past and confidence in the future were reflected in the encyclopedic July 25 Jubilee Edition of the *Times-News*. It contained six special sections. Letters of congratulations arrived from President Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, among others. Copies of the celebratory paper were distributed in Washington, D.C. Later in the year a new fighter plane was named the "City of Twin Falls." A few years later the Twin Falls County Historical Society would be formed and it would purchase many of the photographic plates of Clarence Bibebee in 1958.

Solutions to conflicts over slot machines and liquor-by-the-drink emerged. After Idaho

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## Twin Falls grew and changed forever in 1953-54



Photos courtesy of the Twin Falls Public Library

ABOVE: The opening of the new Twin Falls High School in September 1953 — and its modern gym — opened up entertainment opportunities that never existed in Twin Falls before.

TOP: The Turf Club was a focus of local debate over legalizing liquor-by-the-drink in the early 1950s. The city of Hansen briefly assessed the Falls Avenue lightspot in the summer of 1953.

# Talia Lemman for president in 2044

**F**or those of you who don't happen to be named Barack, change in the next four years might seem a spectator sport.

In the aftermath of a campaign, it's natural to think that the agenda now is in the hands of our newly elected leaders, and that the agents of change will be government officials in Washington. Yet the best proof that you don't need a White House pass to accomplish change comes from youthful social entrepreneurs around the country. Too naive to realize that they are powerless, these kids are flexing remarkable muscle.

If your image of a philanthropist is a stout, gray bearded man, meet Talia Lemman, an eighth-grader in Iowa who loves soccer and swimming, and whose favorite subject is science. I'm supporting her for president in 2044.

When Talia was 10 years old, she saw television clips of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and decided to help. She galvanized other kids and started a movement to trick-or-treat at Halloween for coins for hurricane victims. The movement caught the public imagination, Talia made it on the "Today" show, and the campaign raised more than \$10 million. With that success behind her, Talia organized a program called RandomKid to help other young social entrepreneurs organize and raise money.



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At randomkid.org, young people can link up with others to participate in various philanthropic ventures. On the Web site, Talia has organized a campaign to build a school in rural Cambodia, backed by children in 48 states and 19 countries.

Likewise, she's working with schools in seven states to provide clean water for rural African villages. She is a frequent guest speaker at other schools, although she's a bit intimidated when she visits a high school.

"I'm only in middle school, so I see high schoolers as the big kids," she said. "When I go to high school to pass out UNICEF boxes, I see them as the big, scary ones." At a dinner a few days ago in New York, Talia was honored by World of Children, an organization that encourages youth activism and calls its awards the "Nobel Prizes for children." If kids like Talia can accomplish so much, without credit cards or driving licenses, just imagine what adults could achieve.

Young people have often

been engaged in social movements, of course, but today's activists are younger than ever. More important, these kids aren't just protesters but rather are "social entrepreneurs," pioneering clever ways to "give back" just as a business entrepreneur fills a market niche.

If the emblematic 1960s youth was an anti-Vietnam protester and the 1980s emblem was a geek assembling computers in the garage, then today's is a kid uploading videos to YouTube to raise money for anti-malarial bed nets in Africa.

Frankly, these kinds of initiatives have a mixed record in terms of helping the poor in a cost-effective way. But they have a superb record in enlightening and educating the organizers.

The godfather of the social entrepreneur movement is Bill Drayton, who founded an organization called Ashoka to support "change-makers." Now he is heavily focused on nurturing student social entrepreneurs, and he has started an organization called Youth Venture to support them. But Drayton is frustrated that many youngsters are too passive and are never encouraged to run anything of their own.

"This is like foot-binding of the spirit," he said. "We can't imagine what the Chinese were doing when they bound girls' feet, but now we're doing

it to our children's spirits."

The Girl Scouts organization has also led the way in embracing social entrepreneurship, training girls how to start their own ventures. It's a step toward a "you-figure-out-how-to-get-it-done" model of citizen participation in the 21st century.

"Social entrepreneurship is taking root across the age spectrum," said David Bornstein, whose book "How to Change the World" is the bible of would-be change-makers. But he says that the movement has been stifled in some privileged communities, perhaps because students in such places are so stressed by academic pressures that they can't find the time for philanthropy.

President-elect Barack Obama won the White House partly because of a grass-roots army of youthful volunteers; he showed the power of social movements and social networking in presidential politics. Those same forces can be just as powerful on behalf of humanitarian causes.

It would be a shame if the political armies took a break until the 2012 elections. Only one person can be president, but as Talia and so many kids show, absolutely anybody can be a change-maker.

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## OTHER VIEWS

## What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

## ... fixing the roads

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Butch Otter isn't making the same political mistake twice. Earlier this year, the governor waited until the 51st legislative day to toss out a plan to pay for roads.

Legislators quickly tossed aside Otter's centerpiece idea: an unpopular, unfair plan to raise vehicle registration fees to \$150 across the board. This foreshadowed the remainder of the session, which ended with Idaho's road problems neglected for another year.

Idaho commuters and businesses cannot afford a replay ... It is essential for Otter to spell out a plan early, then follow through. To his credit, he is off to a better start this time.

... It's never easy to build a consensus behind higher taxes and fees, even in good times. And these aren't good times ... some lawmakers will be reluctant to make constituents pay for what is perceived, falsely, as the Treasure Valley's transportation troubles.

Otter has to make almost a flawless case ... The margin for error is somewhere between small and nonexistent.

... for many taxpayers, and for the legislators taxpayers elect to represent them in the Statehouse, the debate

won't really begin until we see some concrete numbers. The sooner Otter releases details, the better his chances of success.

... Whatever Otter proposes ... It will again frame the debate about replacing and repairing an aging infrastructure.

We also hope Otter learned ... the value of collaboration. Lawmakers and Otter never could agree on a compromise, largely because a piqued and impulsive Otter walked away from a counteroffer.

... Otter is apparently ... focusing on some combination of increases in the gas tax or increases in vehicle registration fees.

Fundamentally, this boils down to a numbers debate: How much, and who pays? ...

## ... Blaine's sour economy

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum

Blaine County's ... independence makes it difficult to face a common threat, but we've got to figure out how.

Practically no one came here seeking a conventional lifestyle ... though after struggling to maintain unconventional lives in the mountains many have longed for ... prospects for making a living that don't rest solely on the value of a house ...

Many believed ... that the local economy was a kind of perpetual motion machine that could not be stopped.

The bursting of the national real estate bubble put the lie to that misconception ...

... residents and second-homeowners need to resolve

to spend money in the valley. Otherwise, they will ... find themselves with few places to spend it locally.

Second, Ketchum needs to ... work with hotel developers to figure out ways to break ground sooner than later in order to shore up the construction industry, a huge part of the existing economy.

Third, the community ... all of the cities and the county ... need to create an economic development board to seek and target investment in the valley in enterprises that have far-reaching economic benefits for the valley ...

## ... the tech-ed solution

Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.

Remember when non-college-bound students could emerge from high school and find a family-wage job in a local industry? Those days are gone. But the notion that a four-year college degree should be a universal aspiration has run its course, too ...

In the last half century, according to the Idaho Division of Professional Education, the percentage of occupations that require some technical training, but not a four-year degree, has more than tripled. That description applies to two-thirds of careers today ...

In many communities, the economy has trouble sustaining ... businesses because they can't find workers with the skills necessary ...

That concern explains the significance of an agreement signed ... in north Idaho among a group of education and business interests and private landowner ... In time,

the pact will result in a professional-technical school operated by a partnership of (three school districts) ... Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and Lakeland.

Alongside that facility will be a North Idaho College campus that allows for ... a seamless movement by high school students into college programs geared toward teaching advanced workplace skills.

Local business leaders ... weren't shy in showing their displeasure over what they considered NIC's lack of commitment to this kind of instruction. Two years ago the businesses penned a letter of no confidence in then-President Michael Burke, who since has been replaced by Priscilla Bell.

... The industry representatives assembled a community group, that included education and business leaders. They visited southern Idaho for a close-up look at the Canyon-Owyhee Support Service Area, a multidistrict program that has produced high rates for graduation and job placement among students often considered at risk.

Coeur d'Alene manufacturer Ron Nilsson ... wants the Rathdrum Prairie venture to match those results, to the benefit of both students and businesses ... he considers the planned professional-technical campus "the most exciting thing that's ever happened for the future of Kootenai County."

That's high praise, but if the plans materialize as described and begin producing the machinists, mechanics, welders and others needed to sustain existing businesses and attract new ones, Nilsson's enthusiasm will be justified.

## 1950s

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outlawed slot machines as of Jan. 1, 1954, Jackpot, Nev., developed on the Idaho border. Immediately newspaper advertisements for food, gambling, and entertainment for the Horseshoe Club and Cactus Pete appeared in the *Times-News*. Grand Old Opry stars such as Ferlin Husky, Grandpa Jones, Lonzo and Oscar, Minnie Pearl, Cowboy Copas, George Jones, and June Carter performed at the casinos. The liquor-by-the-drink issue created a humorous incident when the town of Hansen annexed the Turf Club in July 1953. Lawsuits ended that solution within the month. Eventually in October 1958, Twin Falls voters allowed liquor-by-the-drink.

The accreditation of the new county hospital in September 1954 was crucial. Twin Falls experienced its own baby boom following World War II. The county hospital had in April 1947 been the first in the preceding year than any other institution in the state. Citizens voted in 1946 to build a new hospital; for a number of reasons the new hospital did not open until November 1953. Eight months later the hospital superintendent was arrested for embezzlement. Finally in September 1953, the institution began to thrive under the leadership of Irene Oliver. Educational opportunities expanded as the first LPN program students graduated that same year.

Other opportunities were sought. After years in planning and construction, in September 1953 the new high school opened on Filer Avenue. The modern gym hosted the Utah Symphony. Grand Old Opry stars, the Harlem Globetrotters, Duke Ellington, That demonstrated the potential for entertainment if an adequate civic auditorium existed. The opening of the new high school began the explosive growth northward. Soon 130 new homes were built in the immediate area.

The Lynwood Shopping Center followed in 1957. That would be the first significant development of businesses outside the original town site. Others would follow soon.

The last development was an initial attempt to create a junior college. The Peabody Report in 1945, commissioned by the state Legislature, recommended

Slot machines, liquor-by-the-drink, a new hospital and growth toward the Snake River Canyon fundamentally influenced Twin Falls' future during the Eisenhower administration.

Twin Falls as a possible location for a junior college. Boise and northern Idaho had already formed junior college districts after the passage of an act in February 1939 made it possible. Meanwhile Clisby Edleson's dissertation at Stanford University promoted the creation of a junior college in Twin Falls County. A spring 1953 survey predicted 90 students for 1955-56, if such an institution were established. Meanwhile Lytle Louder became the major spokesman for creating a county junior college to be initially located in the old hospital building. Much discussion followed until finally on Dec. 14, 1954, voters decided to create 2,983 to 471. The pro-college arguments prepared the way for the vote to create the College of Southern Idaho 10 years later.

Events during 1953-1954 provided a turning point. The 50-year celebration created pride in the past and confidence in the future as it glorified change. Community tensions over slot machines and liquor-by-the-drink declined. The new hospital and high school provided additional health, educational and entertainment opportunities. Arguments for a two-year college developed. The northward movement of the city toward the canyon has continued to accelerate since 1953.

For further background, consult "In the Middle and on the Edge: The Twin Falls Region of Idaho," available in the CST Bookstore.

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## Will America ever trust GOP to run the economy again?

Earlier this month, assembled at Miami's InterContinental Hotel for a meeting of the Republican Governors Association, the governors seemed cheerful. The GOP had lost only one statehouse on Election Day. The prospects for a Republican pickup in Virginia in 2009 were decent, and good candidates were plotting runs in states like California, Pennsylvania and Ohio in 2010.

There was even a sense of liberation in the air. For the last 14 years, there has been neither a Republican Congress or a Republican Vice President. Now the Republican Congress and House, or sometimes both. Now the Republican governors are free of those heavy taps on the shoulder from their "betters" in Washington. So for these governors, this seems a moment of opportunity in which their policies, their examples and their successes can help shape the future of the GOP.

The governors will be important. But there was an almost-never-mentioned elephant in the Versailles Hallroom (yes, that's its name) full of Republicans: George W. Bush. For the hard fact is this: The worst financial crisis in almost 80 years has happened on his watch. The Bush administration will leave behind probably the most severe recession in at least a quarter-century. Fairly or unfairly, this will be viewed as George Bush's economic meltdown.

If Republicans and conservatives don't come to grips with what's happened, and can't develop an economic agenda moving forward that seems to incorporate lessons learned from what's happened — then they will be back, politically, in 1933.

From 1933 to 1980, Republicans repeatedly failed to convince the country they were no longer the party of Herbert Hoover — the party, as it was perceived, of economic incompetence, austerity and recession (if not depression).

Only two Republicans won presidential elections in that half-century: Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard M. Nixon. Both were able to take the White House only because we were mired down in difficult wars, in



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Korea and Vietnam. And like and Nixon were unable — they didn't really try — to change the generally liberal course of domestic and economic policy. The GOP's fate on Capitol Hill was worse.

The party controlled Congress for only four of those 47 years.

That's what happens when a depression begins on your watch and when you can't offer a coherent explanation of how and why it occurred and what you are going to do differently. That's what happens when instead of having such an explanation, you spend decades in quarrels between pragmatic but unimaginative moderates who seek to be better tax collectors for the liberal welfare state, and principled but fanciful conservatives who hope for a wholesale rejection of that welfare state. And the fact that there were many successful Republican governors in those years didn't much change the party's status nationally.

Then there was a real moment of economic rethinking in the 1970s. Supply-side economics chal-

lenged demand-side Keynesians and established conservatives by putting growth, entrepreneurship and incentives at the center of economic policy.

Supply-side economics gave Ronald Reagan's GOP a new and different economic agenda in 1980, and Republicans were able to become a governing party.

Republicans and conservatives today face a similar challenge to that of 1976. A hawkish foreign policy, social conservatism and middle-American populism aren't the problems. Those elements, as embodied on the Republican ticket by John McCain and Sarah Palin, produced a respectable 46 percent of the national vote — in the midst of an economic meltdown — with the Bush administration flailing and House Republicans rebelling and the Republican ticket lacking any coherent economic message.

I don't pretend to know just what has to be done. But I suspect that free-market advocates need to be less doctrinaire and less simply-mindedly utility-maximizing, and that they should depend less on abstract economic models.

I think they'll have to take much more seriously the task of thinking through what are the right rules of the road for both the private and public sectors. They'll have to figure out what institutional barriers and what monetary,

fiscal and legal guardrails are needed for the accountability, transparency and responsibility that allow free markets to work.

And I don't see why conservatives ought to defend a system that permits securitizing mortgages (or car loans) in a way that seems to make the lenders almost unaccountable for the risk while spreading it, toxically, everywhere else. I don't see why a commitment to free markets requires permitting banks or bank-like institutions to leverage their assets at 30 to 1. There's nothing conservative about letting free markets degenerate into something close to Karl Marx's vision of an atomizing, irresponsible and self-devouring capitalism.

If conservatives do some difficult re-thinking in the field of political economy, they can come back. If they don't — well, there were a lot of admirable conservative thinkers and writers, professors and novelists, from 1933 to 1980, but conservatives didn't govern.

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# GM's a clunker; why should we bother saving it?

My first car was a red '73 Chevy Vega. It had an aluminum block, which meant it burned oil. The roof had a hole from a CII antenna poorly installed by the previous owner that caused the dome light to fill up with rainwater. To put it in reverse, you had to hold the shifter in position so it wouldn't pop out of gear.



LOREN STEFFY

Like that car that General Motors once made, the company itself has become a clunker.

As a nation, we must now decide whether to keep pouring money into it.

The automaker's quarterly financials, filed this week, read like a dirge, punctuated by 15 mentions of the term "going concern," a red flag of accounting jargon that means its days may be numbered.

Congress is considering whether to once again prop up U.S. car companies, because allowing GM, Chrysler and Ford to fail could cost, by some estimates, about 2.5 million jobs.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said this week that federal aid is needed "to prevent the failure of one or more of the major American automobile manufacturers."

Too late. U.S. automakers failed long ago, and they've been allowed to continue failing because all they have to do is cough and Congress is at their bedside, ready to apply tax breaks or tweak fuel-efficiency standards or give them low-cost loans to create the illusion of wellness.

Unlike the banking industry, which faced a systemic global failure from interlocking debt instruments, the domestic auto industry faces a failure of its own design.

The Big Three have become corporate welfare states whose operations are defined more by promises made to

employees than by quality products for its customers. Unlike banking, the auto industry doesn't face a global crisis. In recent years, automakers like Toyota, Volkswagen, BMW and Nissan have all opened plants in the U.S.

"The U.S. auto industry isn't sick. The U.S.-owned auto industry is sick," Earl Hesterberg, chief executive of Houston-based Group 1 Automotive, told me recently. Fortunately, we have the cure: the best bankruptcy system in the world.

None of General Motors' What's a Bailout, It's a competitive makeover. It needs to slash costs and restructure its operations. That's what bankruptcy does. It's painful, and it can be ugly, but it works.

GM chief Rick Wagoner has said bankruptcy isn't an option because it will scare off customers, and GM's cash needs are so great that it would be unable to raise the money it needs to emerge from bankruptcy in the current credit environment.

But GM still has options. It could sell assets, tap its overfunded pension plan and take what it can get from the capital markets.

None of these are things a healthy company wants to do, but saving GM requires desperate measures. Employees will lose their jobs, but they've been losing them anyway. Bankruptcy would allow GM to keep operating, muting the impact on its suppliers.

Bankruptcy also would wipe out millions of common stockholders, exacerbating 401(k) and investment losses nationwide. With GM's shares trading under \$3, though, bankruptcy wouldn't be much more of a beating than Wagoner's already given them.

The concern is mostly moot. As for customers, last month's plunging sales seem to indicate GM's financial woes have already scared them from the car lots. Are they more likely to buy a car from a nearly bankrupt company?

Congress, spooked by job

loss fears, is likely to throw some money Detroit's way. But if lawmakers really want to cure the auto industry, they need a dose of tough love. Whatever money Congress ultimately gives the car com-

panies, it should come on the heels of a prepackaged bankruptcy, and the money it provides should be aimed at worker retraining, and funding the health trust for GM's retirees.

After all, Detroit has seen this day coming for years. The Big Three have denied it, and they debated themselves into believing they're too big to fail, but they are defined by the past antiquated and

uncompetitive in today's global marketplace. The domestic car industry failed years ago. The question is how much money we're going to keep pumping into these old clunkers.

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## At last, victory in Iraq — sort of

Last rites have been performed often during the Age of Irony, the recent run of years wherein no matter seemed grave enough to rate much more than a wry and wised-up grin. Most recently the era was declared to be done in by the worldwide economic collapse, demanding a return to gravity.

But irony rises still. It turns out that the very issue that compelled Barack Obama into presidential candidacy probably will be moot by the time he gets to the office to which he has been elected. In part thanks to that issue.

The chances have leapt to near-certain that before year's end Washington and Baghdad will sign a status-of-forces agreement which will remove U.S. military forces from Iraq by the end of 2011, and from Iraq's cities and suburbs by the middle of '09.

With Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, the nation's most influential Shiite cleric, at last concurring in the basics and ending the parliament having approved a draft of the pact, an agreement should be in place before the United Nations mandate that authorized the American presence expires at the end of this year. Obama cast his improbable candidacy at a time when American casualties were mounting with appalling regularity and in the service of nothing much beyond the thoughtless in an insurgency seemingly hell-bent on civil war.

At the time, Obama's calls for a setting a deadline for U.S. withdrawal were denounced from the White House and by the war's other fans as reckless to the point of treason.

But a stand-down in Iraq



TOM TEEPEN

by Sunni insurgents and a working truce between Shia factions opened political space for the subsequent, effective surge in U.S. firepower. By mid-summer this year, even President Bush, after consulting his pocket notebook of euphemisms, was supporting an unspecified "time horizon" for U.S. withdrawal.

In his presidential campaign, Obama called for a troop withdrawal within 16 months, but an orderly one and conditions permitting. That leaves little to reconcile between his and the pending agreement's goals. The fudge factors in both can be mutually accommodating.

The agreement is not fully a done deal. Opponents in Iraq's parliament who say they want immediate U.S. withdrawal still must be brought around or simply overridden.

Iraq is far from pacific. If much less often now, bombings still occur. Dissident factions are armed. Politics are tribal and personal. Extremists look for openings. Iran is poised to poach, maybe to pounce.

But by now, it is clear that most Iraqis want us out, most of us want out, our military is eager to get out and Bush wants an out. If the status of forces deal is signed, the president will have, in effect, accomplished for President Obama the very task candidate Obama set for himself and which Bush declared the worst sort of defeatism. And it will be a victory, of sorts.

Irony.



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## ON A BUDGET

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King and Queen St. West in Toronto. A wealth of cafes and restaurants greet the tourist who needs a break from browsing the shops and vendors.

By Charmaine Noronha  
Associated Press writer

**TORONTO** — With the U.S. dollar surging against Canadian currency, a vacation north of the border is suddenly affordable again. The U.S. dollar was worth \$1.23 Canadian in late November, a comeback from a one-to-one exchange rate last year.

In addition to being a good deal, Americans headed to Toronto may also find Canada's largest city refreshingly hip, diverse and utterly cosmopolitan.

Here are some tips to help you explore the city known as "Tehno" or "T-dot" while saving those loonies (the colloquial term for Canada's \$1 coin).

### GETTING AROUND

Travel to the city's colorful neighborhoods on the public transit system known as the "TTC." A fare of CA\$2.75 (US\$2.23) allows you transfer between subway, streetcar and bus if you get a transfer (a slip of paper) when you first pay. Exact fare is required on buses and streetcars. TTC daily passes for CA\$5.95 or weekly passes for CA\$25 (\$21) are also available for unlimited travel.

And, instead of taking a costly taxi from the airport, take a shuttle bus for CA\$13 (\$12.55) to Union Station, Toronto's transit hub, which offers travel within the city, as well as to Toronto's suburbs and outlying cities and towns via the Go Trains and Via Trains; <http://www.ttc.ca>.

### GETTING AROUND BY FOOT

Grab an InfoTogo visitor map — <http://www.toronto.ca/visitors/infoTogo.htm> — from one of 23 stand-alone booths located around the city. The maps are CA\$2 (\$1.60) from the booths and point out more than 20 tourist sites including historic locations and transportation stops. It's relatively easy to spend the day walking from Toronto's trendy and urban fashion-forward Queen Street West to peruse its shops and underground culture, to Chinatown to grab some cheap eats, and then on to Yorkville to check out how the city's rich and famous shop and live.

### THE WATERFRONT

Toronto's Harbourfront is a scenic walk south from Union Station. This pretty lakefront region offers events year-round, with lots of ethnic festivals, art programs, music, inexpensive food and ice-cream and roller-skating. <http://www.harbourfront-centre.com>.

Take the Queen Street streetcar, starting from Queen Street West (at Dufferin) to



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The Institute for Contemporary Culture permanent exhibit space at the Royal Ontario Museum.

check out Toronto's cool, gritty hipster 'hoods all the way east to The Beach, a stretch of waterfront that's especially fun in the summer. In warm weather, take a dip in the tepid water, play pickup volleyball, stroll the boardwalk, or attend the free, annual jazz festival so big it shuts down the street each July.

### VIEW FROM THE TOP

Although Toronto might be known for its view from the CN Tower (once the world's tallest building), it's an expensive view that'll put you back anywhere from CA\$21-\$40 (\$17-\$32) depending on the tour package. There is an alternative. Head to the Panorama restaurant in the Manulife Centre located near the city's chic Yorkville neighborhood (Bay and Yonge Street). Grab the elevator to this romantic restaurant on the 51st floor and sip a Chardonnay as you take in the view; <http://www.entertainment.com/estaurants/p/anorama/>.

### MARKETS

From the Harbourfront, walk north to Front Street and east along Front to the St. Lawrence Market, comprised of three historic buildings that made up Toronto's first City Hall. Today it houses an antique market and food market, named among the world's top 25 markets by Food & Wine magazine. Grab



The wooden structure in the newly renovated Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto, which was designed by architect Frank Gehry.

Canadian bacon on a bun at Carousel Bakery for CA\$3 (\$2.45); a potato latke for CA\$1.50 (\$1.20) at Banh Mi Nguyen Huong, 322 Spadina; a full meal for CA\$8 (\$6.50) at Buddha's Vegetarian Foods, 666 Dundas St. West; or nosh on steamed buns stuffed with pork for CA\$5 (\$4) at Chinese Traditional Buns, 536 Dundas St. West.

Try a one-of-a-kind chicken and kimchee empanada, CA\$3.75 (\$3) at El Gordo Fine Foods; a pork or chicken tamale with mole or green salsa, wrapped in banana leaves, for CA\$2 (\$1.60) at Perla Supermarket; a Montreal smoked meat sandwich, CA\$3.49 (\$2.83); a 6-ounce all-beef Texas burger, CA\$2.29 (\$1.85) at European Quality Meats and Sausages; or a mini-rot to go, CA\$3 (\$2.43) at Sha's Cafe. The market's boutiques and vintage shops also offer great, unique grabs if you're willing to sift through the racks.

No food-on-a-budget mission can exclude Chinatown. Grab a Vietnamese sub for CA\$1.50 (\$1.20) at Banh Mi Nguyen Huong, 322 Spadina; a full meal for CA\$8 (\$6.50) at Buddha's Vegetarian Foods, 666 Dundas St. West; or nosh on steamed buns stuffed with pork for CA\$5 (\$4) at Chinese Traditional Buns, 536 Dundas St. West.

### A DISTRICT WITH CHARM

Many of Toronto's coolest neighborhoods are recently gentrified, once-industrial districts. The Distillery is one such neighborhood. Formerly known as the Gooderham and Worts Distillery, producing whiskey and spirits and housing flour mills, the area was one of Toronto's historical manufacturing centers. Today, the preserved Victorian industrial architecture and cobblestone streets have a European feel, further enhanced by art galleries, one-of-a-kind boutiques and myriad arts and culture festivals, from wine tastings to artisan and fashion events; <http://www.thedistillerydistrict.com/frame-set.html>.

### ARTS

Last year, the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) reopened after years of renovations to reveal a massive and obtrusive crystal addition. The dramatic aluminum and glass-clad addition juts and soars from the original Italianate Neo-Renaissance building. The family-friendly museum specializes in world culture and natural history. Check out the dinosaurs, Chinese temple art, the current diamonds exhibition and more. Admission is free Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., and half-price, CA\$11 (\$8.95) on Fridays, 4:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; <http://www.rom.on.ca>.

The Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) opened its doors this month after a major renovation designed by star architect Frank Gehry, who grew up in the neighborhood. Its new billowing glass facade wraps the building and beckons passers-by to explore both the architecture and the art. Free admission Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; <http://www.ago.net/>.

### LONG YONGE STREET

Be noted in Guinness World Records as the longest

street in the world, Yonge Street is Toronto's major arterial thoroughfare, but it actually stretches 1,178 miles beyond the city to the Minnesota border.

Wander from the heart of the Toronto's mini-"Times Square" at Yonge and Dundas up to the shopping district at Yonge and Bloor. In the winter, check out nearby Yorkville, which transforms into a winter wonderland; click on "holiday magic" at <http://www.bloor-yorkville.com>.

### FESTIVALS

The city has free events, concerts and festivals almost every weekend, especially in summer. Details at <http://www.toronto.com/events> or <http://www.nowtoronto.com/> or <http://www.eyeweb.com/>.

### LODGING

Stay in the clean and safe HI Toronto Youth Hostel, 76 Church St., in downtown Toronto for as little as CA\$26 (\$21) a night. The hostel also offers discount tickets to shows, sporting events and more; <http://www.hostelling-toronto.com>.



Cobblestone streets and century-old buildings show some of the character that draw visitors to the Gooderham and Worts Distillery District of Toronto.

