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Idaho charter schools face hurdles finding homes

By Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press writer

MERIDIAN — The 20-foot cross was removed from the church steeple two years ago, not long after the Compass Public Charter School moved into the building. The religious imagery inside is discreetly hidden while 420 students study math, reading and science. A large room with a vaulted ceiling and stain glass windows serves as the band room, and a curtain covers a small cross above the pulpit. This charter school in a former dairy town of 71,000 isn't the only one with a unique home.

In a state that has embraced alternatives to the traditional classroom, 91 public charter schools have found themselves settling up shop in everything from a former plant nursery and pet store in Coeur d'Alene, to a strip mall in Garden City and a former athletic center in Boise.

Together, the schools serve some 11,000 students. But unlike traditional public schools, they cannot get money from property taxpayers to buy buildings through bonds or leases.

"That is the largest financial challenge charter schools face," said Shirley Rau, school choice coordinator for the state Department of Education. "They are borrowing at the same rate as other nonprofit facilities."

Idaho charters, approved by a 1998 state law, operate with state money based on average daily student attendance, just like traditional

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Charter schools in the Magic Valley

- Xavier Charter School, Twin Falls: 295 students
- Southern Idaho Learning Center, Twin Falls: to open in fall 2009
- Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition: students from various area districts.
- North Valley Charter, Gooding: 162 students, grades 5 to 8.

CRIMINAL CHRISTMAS



Holidays offer opportunity for thieves

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

It's the season of giving, but for some, it's the season of taking. Criminal minds abound during the holidays, offering thieves a golden opportunity to take more than just a slice of seasonal cheer.

For example, a shopping trip to Twin Falls on Christmas Eve resulted in a \$1,000 loss for a woman who had just finished her debit card number, turning her back to the cashier.

Another example is a man who was robbed of his wallet while shopping at a store in Pocatello. The thief took the man's wallet and a small amount of cash.

Police say that the number of thefts during the holidays is up from last year. This is due to the fact that many people are out shopping more often than in previous years.

Police officers are working to reduce the number of thefts during the holidays. They are doing this by patrolling the streets more often and by being more visible to the public.

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A merger for the better?

Councilman proposes Sun Valley, Ketchum police departments should become one entity to save money

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

Would merging the Ketchum and Sun Valley police departments save those cities any money?

Sun Valley City Councilman Dave Chase said he thinks it would, and he proposed the idea at a recent City Council meeting as one way to fend off the impact of what he calls an "economic iceberg" headed Sun Valley's way. Combined with aggressive marketing, efforts to make government as efficient as possible are the best way to bring money to the area and keep it here, he said. That's what he thinks Sun Valley and Ketchum need as the world economy falters.

The timing is right, Chase said, because Ketchum is currently without a police chief, following the September resignation of Cory Lyman. If Sun Valley Police Chief Cameron Daggert took over both roles, as much as \$150,000 in salary and benefits could be saved, Chase said.

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Merger talk sparks wider debate on consolidation

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

Though the police department merger is a trial balloon that may or may not float with the city councils of Sun Valley and Ketchum, Sun Valley City Councilman Dave Chase has a larger issue on his mind: The merger of the two cities.

"It's silly and an artifact of history that there are two cities to begin with," Chase said. When Sun Valley was incorporated in 1947, he said, Ketchum was known for having rough customers, and the resort crowd wanted to separate its governance. Since then, Ketchum has become more dependent on the business of tourism and multiple homeowners, just like Sun Valley. Some residents still see two mindsets at work, though.

"The characters of the two cities are so different," said Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich, who thinks Ketchum should continue to capitalize on its historical character. Chase, however, believes the differences are so small they should stand in the way of consolidation. "One of the gofer reasons I've heard

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After terror attacks, can Mumbai bounce back?

By Mark Magner
Los Angeles Times

MUMBAI, India — In normal times, money drives Mumbai. And even as police departments grapple with the aftermath of a terrorist attack, residents fretted about the effects of three days of violence on the seething energy that has drawn rich and poor, Hindu and Muslim to India's commercial capital.

By targeting two luxury hotels, a restaurant popular with tourists and a Jewish center, the attackers appeared intent on destroying Mumbai's economic lifeblood, driving away foreign investors and tourists, analysts said.

With police saying they had killed

INSIDE:

Mumbai attack victims recall their desperation, gunmen's ruthlessness.

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the last of the attackers in the vast reaches of the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower hotel early Saturday, Mumbai residents reached for their ginger tea and morning Vadapao bread with a measure of relief. Their chaotic city, positioned on seven islands; home of India's Bollywood film industry and some of the world's most expensive real estate, has proved its ability to bounce back from misfortune.

But this could take a while, they said.

Ordinary Mumbai residents probably will think about going to crowded movie theaters, railway stations and the 100-year old Crawford Market, the largest, long, thin marketplace that runs through narrow streets of peppers, sugar cane and other goods and potatoes.

"Big big salaries for the merchant. Seventy rupees for what we have" yelled another man amid the crisis, the crowd cheering and drifting back but still nervous, far from normal.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

• For more cheer, the Caring and Sharing Christmas Festival opens noon to 5 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Civic Auditorium, 505 Seventh St. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council or \$3 per person. A Senior Social will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday with free admission. For information, call 436-8124.

• Take your dog for a walk at Adam's Gulch. The scenery is spectacular and

the place very pet friendly. Drive north from Ketchum on Idaho Highway 75. About two miles out of town, turn left onto Adams Gulch Road. Follow the road and go left at the first stop sign. A gate opening marked is "Adam's Gulch." Follow the road to the parking area.

• No matter your belief, visit the Monastery of the Ascension. The setting is calming with a great view of the valley, especially at early morning with the twinkling lights of Twin Falls. But

mostly visit to hear the harmonious and beautiful morning prayers of the priests at 7:20 a.m., a mass at 9 a.m., midday prayer at noon or evening prayers at 5:30 p.m. or 8 p.m. The monastery is located at 541 E. 100 S. For more information, call 234-2377.

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 patm@magicvalley.com.

Missing ITD employee found in Power Co.

POCATELLO (AP) — The body of an Idaho Transportation Department worker whose disappearance in September prompted a large search effort has been found.

Eric Elle, a 60-year-old motor vehicle investigator,

was found Friday morning by hunters in remote Power County in southeastern Idaho.

Elle, who had last been seen driving a green Ford Taurus with state agency seals on both doors in early September, apparently died

of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Civil Air Patrol as well as an Idaho search-and-rescue diving team had been called in briefly earlier this fall to look for Elle after his disappearance was judged to be suspicious.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**
- "A Tuna Christmas,"** screwball holiday production presented by Mad Hatt Theatre Company and Random Acts of Theatre, 2 p.m., Community Theatre (located at Twin Falls Senior Center), 530 Shoshone St. W., \$10 for general public and \$7 for students and seniors, 734-5084.
- FESTIVALS AND FAIRS**
- Caring and Sharing Christmas Festival,** noon to 8 p.m., Rupert Civic Auditorium, 505 Seventh St., Rupert, free admission, 436-8124.
- MEETING MEMO**
- Reminder for Dec. 1, Magic Valley Region of the Idaho Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers meeting,** with Mitch Humble on Community Development Projects and Projects, 7 a.m., Depot Grill, 545 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls, 735-0874.

TODAY'S DEADLINES

Deadline for lunch reservations for Dec. 2 Agape Interfaith Ministry luncheon, with musical selections from the cantata "Christmas at Home" presented by Jerome's Magic Valley Christian School's seven-member high school choir under the direction of Jeff Eastman, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Basque Center, University Avenue, Gooding, open to the public, \$9 for lunch (no cost for program), 934-5700.

Reservation deadline for Dec. 2 Magic Valley New Neighbors luncheon, program: Rosebud, 11:30 a.m., Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, \$12, 734-8418.

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

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An unidentified baby sits in a farm field. If you have any information about this photo, please send it to frontdoor@magicvalley.com.



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Merger

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Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich said he sat down with Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall and Daggett to pencil out the details. But Willich has come to a different conclusion on the proposed savings.

"What we find out is that there are none," Willich said. This is because additional responsibilities for those farther down the organizational chart would have to be reworked with higher salaries. Merging the departments now doesn't seem to be a good idea, he said, but he's keeping an open mind. "Nobody has been able to show me good numbers for this."

Daggett said he is open to the idea of a merger, but it could pose challenges. In a hypothetical joint department he could lead, "One of my conundrums is I have two bosses, two lines of authority, two different sets of ordinances." One example: In Ketchum, the City Council recently voted to allow police to put boot-locks on cars that have multiple overdue tickets, while in Sun Valley, no on-street parking is allowed at all.



A man exits the Ketchum Police Department on Tuesday. The department is currently without a police chief, and a Sun Valley City Council member has suggested that rather than hiring a new chief, the Sun Valley and Ketchum departments should merge.

It would resolve these jurisdictional issues if the cities were merged rather than just the departments, Daggett said, and the timing is good to look at either option.

Hall said he is eager to consider any proposals that would make government in the valley more efficient, whether it's merging the police departments or doing joint marketing with Sun Valley. In the meantime, the City Council is preparing to go into executive session on Dec. 1 to discuss what the next step will be for the police department.

There are four options under consideration, Hall

said Wednesday, including a merger with Sun Valley, a merger with the Blaine County Sheriff's Office, hiring from within and advertising for external candidates.

"It would be nice to have some resolution to this issue by the middle of January," Hall said. "All options are on the table right now."

Chase said he expects the Sun Valley council will return to the discussion of a potential police department merger during its next meeting on Dec. 18.

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Debate

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"To oppose a merger" is culture, Chase said. "As though we're talking about Sun Valley and Tijuana."

"Trumping any differences in culture, he said, is the common interest of the two cities to weather the coming recession.

"I've been brainstorming with the chamber (of commerce) and other groups about what marketing we can do," he said. Expanding the Sun Valley brand during the economic downturn might seem counterintuitive, but it could help the area survive. "We need to find money to do that while we're tightening

our belts."

That money could be found by eliminating redundant positions in the two cities during a merger.

Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall said he's open-minded about any suggestions that might save Ketchum money is his duty. Hall and Chase agreed that those financial goals trumped any protection of "fiefdoms" by those in power in both jurisdictions.

"I'm grateful Dave Chase is taking that on and doing due diligence here," Hall said, though he is interested to learn more about how a consolidation would work opera-

tionally. "It'd be irresponsible of me not to look at regional relationships and how they affect our budget."

Willich said he is also keeping an open mind, but from what he has heard so far, the idea of merging the cities is a non-starter.

"It's one of these off-the-cuff things: 'Wouldn't it be cool?'" Willich said. "In my mind that's a waste of time."

Willich said he would prefer to see the elected officials from both cities work on joint economic development, including educational expansion, marketing of the area to businesses and promotion of the valley to visitors.

Homes

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public schools. But to raise money for property, textbooks, parents and community members seek out investors or borrow from banks to buy facilities.

A third of Idaho charter schools started out in portable trailer classrooms, especially in rural areas of the state—where facilities are harder to find, Rau said. Many of these charters have since purchased or built facilities, but some still operate from mobile classrooms.

"What you'll see is a big farm field with trailers," Rau said, adding that a charter school set to open next year in northern Idaho is "probably going to end up in a furniture store."

All but two of the 15 charter schools that own facilities did so with backing from investors, loans, heavy community fundraising and saving chunks of their own money they get based on student attendance.

"Most of this has happened in the last three years," Rau said. "They've only just been able to manage."

The Idaho Arts Charter School moved to a new building this year, but is still renting an old church and using nine trailers to hold nearly 600 students, grades K-12. The school is paying back a 30-year, \$7.5 million loan from Wachovia Corp. used to buy the facility, said Jackie Collins, Idaho Arts Charter School director.

"There wasn't any area banks that were willing to take the risk," said the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy lease a former plant nursery and pest store for three years before buying the warehouse-style building, where 357 students in grades 6-12 were learning to adhere to strict discipline codes as part of a rigorous college-prep program, said school business manager Glenn Mabile.

The school spent \$1.5 million to expand and renovate the building, and is planning to build a big glorious building to give students a quality education," Mabile said. The programs and the people come first, a building is secondary.

The Compass school found an investor to buy the Meridian church it used to rent from Ten Mile Christian and now has to pay back a \$6 million loan. The church now pays the school rent and plans to move into a new building next year.

In the meantime, the congregation makes sure to cover the communion table each Sunday service.

"We have another church ready to move in," Willich said. "We're going to build a new building to rent or buy."

Board chairwoman of the Board of School District and one of the parents who founded the school, said the 16 Idaho charter schools that do not own facilities either rent, lease or share while saving to buy a home.

The ANSER Charter School has held classes at a Boise charter school since 1999. Racquetball courts were converted into classrooms. The gym blanketed with a mucky smell takes up the center of the building and athletes as young as age 5 will be held out from Bronco Elite Arts and Athletics, sometimes while the ANSER school is in session.

The school spent about \$450,000 remodeling the facility that holds about 200 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. They could enroll more so they could get more state funding to save toward a new building, but larger class sizes could also work against the mission of the school, said Principal Suzanne Gregg.

Charters are typically created with a specific purpose and in Idaho, range from an online school aimed at minority students to programs that emphasize music, art, dance and drama. ANSER has small classes designed to give students, who are required to participate in community-based projects, more attention.

"We're going to buy a building to rent or buy from the Boise School District and have the facility built to our own address," Willich said.

"Unfortunately, we're lacking money in a building we only leasing," Gregg said.

Hazelton lights up the town with Christmas display

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

Saturday night in Hazelton, as the city inaugurated its new lights, was more Rockwell than Rockefeller Center — which is exactly how they wanted it.

About 100 people gathered in the garage of City Hall before turning on its new LED Christmas display, demonstrating that elaborate decor isn't necessary for Yuletide cheer.

The Valley Lions Club provided coffee and cookies, and a spontaneously assembled choir of about 30 people — backed by an acoustic guitarist — sang Christmas songs.

The holiday spirit notwithstanding, the event was prompted by Idaho Power, which is encouraging municipalities to save electricity by replacing their old lights with LEDs.

Hazelton surrendered its old Christmas lights to the



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Blurred taillights from a passing car can be seen in front of the Hazelton City Hall, where the city turned on its LED lights Saturday evening. The city is the first in the area to use holiday lights that are exclusively LED.

power company in October, which paid the city 30 cents for each one, as it became the first city in the area with holiday lights that are exclusively LED.

Gale Keen, the organizer of the event and chairman of planning and zoning, said the new lights draw 1.8 watts of electricity compared to 7 watts from the old lights. Last year, the city paid about \$500 to power its Christmas lights.

This year, Keen said, the cost will be reduced to about \$125.

Before the lights went on, Mayor Darrell Dalrymple awarded Keen and his wife, Bonnie, a plaque recognizing their contributions to the community.

"When we moved here on Dec. 31 last year, it was like coming back in time from the big city to this," Keen said. "We always wanted to live in Mayberry. We have our own

Barney Fife here, and this is Mayberry, USA.

The "big city" he referred to is Burley. As the choir sang "Silent Night" awaiting the tree to illuminate, Keen and others discovered that the timer had been incorrectly set. It required a ladder as well as renditions of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and "Oh, Christmas Tree" — but the lights came on.

"We know our limitations, so we're going to play to those," Keen said earlier about small-town growth.

Despite the limitations and his fondness of Mayberry, Keen is enthusiastic about progress — mentioning the new, advanced sewer system and the city's plans for a grocery store.

"We're looking to becoming a bedroom community of Jerome and Twin Falls ... we

want to let people know that we're a progressive area," Keen said. "This is the first year that we've had all LED lights, and we wanted to toot our horn."

Afterward, a member of the choir, 6-year-old Lillie Outman, said, "It was fun. I liked the singing. The lights are cool."

Damon Hunzeker can be reached at 208-677-8764.

Gooding High holds Lincoln Exhibit

Gooding High School will host a Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibit open house from 4 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The exhibit is welcome to come and learn about Abraham Lincoln, the nation's 16th president during open-house hours. Guests can also view the exhibit during school hours by checking in at the office. Information: Carly Hill, 934-4831.



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Mumbai

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"They just wanted to hurt India's economy," said Badshah Sheif, a merchant selling duct tape in a stall smaller than a phone booth. "But we'll work together and get business moving again soon."

Several miles away is the Taj hotel where police said they had killed the last of the attackers. Official estimates of the death toll climbed to 195, including 20 soldiers and police. Eighteen foreigners were reported to be among the dead, including six Americans.

On Saturday, police were going through the hotel, looking for booby traps and removing bodies. Fire and police officials brought explosives left by the attackers out onto the seaside promenade to be detonated. Sheets that desperate hostages used to escape still were hanging from window frames.

Massive blasts echoed off the 103-year-old, 540-room building, and flocks of startled pigeons took flight.

Jay Makhijani watched as police carefully removed a box from the hotel, then detonated the leftover grenades with a massive blast. Makhijani runs high-end jewelry shops inside the hotels that were attacked — the Taj and the Oberoi.

He hadn't seen either since Wednesday, and said he was worried about the damage.

An optimist by nature, however, the Mumbai native said he believes the city and his own stores will bounce back soon enough.

"If the restaurant was open in the Oberoi tonight, I'd go there for dinner," the businessman said, juggling calls on his cell phone. "That's how badly I want things to return to normal."

It might take longer to restore trust between

majority Hindus and India's Muslim minority. Indian officials have suggested that Islamic militant groups based in rival Pakistan may be responsible for previous attacks in India launched this attack.

Indian media reported that the lone attacker who

was captured had confessed to being a member of one of the — groups, — Lashkar-e-Taiba, but that could not be confirmed. Pakistani officials say India has provided no proof to them, but they condemned the attack and said they would investigate any evidence.

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Holidays

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 unlocked or leaving packages in a car in plain view is just inviting criminals to take advantage of the situation."

Protecting purchases

Minidoka County Sheriff Kevin Halverson said when people are out shopping they need to stay aware of where their money is located and not carry large amounts of cash.

"You really have to be cognizant of what you are doing around the holidays," said Halverson.

He said home burglaries usually increase slightly during the holidays, but the biggest rise in crime occurs in car burglaries in the parking lots of department or grocery stores.

Magic Valley Mall Director of Public Safety David Vanleeuwen said the mall provides security both inside the building as well as outside, but crimes such as car burglaries and purse snatching still occasionally occur. Inside the mall the presence of a uniformed officer is usually enough to deter criminals.

"We've had one purse snatching this year," Vanleeuwen said. "It was an older gal and a kid grabbed her purse off of her shoulder."

Vanleeuwen said most purse snatchings happen in the big box stores such as Shopko and Target when women set their purses down in their carts.

Halverson said someone weighed down with packages is also putting themselves at risk of being robbed.

"Anymore with the expensive price of electronics, someone could be out a huge sum of money for a small gift that could easily be hidden in a pocket as someone walks away," Halverson said.

Even if law enforcement recovers stolen holiday items, it is often hard to return them to their rightful owner. If the item was new and not out of the package when it was stolen, the owner probably did not get a chance to record the serial numbers, Halverson said.

From the store to the tree

Vanleeuwen said the best thing people can do to prevent someone from stealing packages in parking lots is to stow them away in the trunk of their cars.

"Every once in a while we'll get a car broken into, but we patrol the lots pretty heavy," Vanleeuwen said. "I always say, 'out of sight out of mind.' In the trunk nobody knows it is there."

Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens said although holiday home burglaries happen less often than purse snatching and car burglaries, they still happen.

"We had a situation a couple years ago where someone went into a home and actually stole all of their Christmas presents from around the tree," Hignens said. "Something like that would be pretty devastating."

Halverson said people should make sure doors and windows are locked and get creative about where they hide spare keys because thieves know about common hiding places. And small things like not putting all of the presents out under the tree in front of the living room window until

Christmas morning could make a person's house a little less enticing to a burglar looking to smash and grab for Christmas loot.

Halverson said holiday travelers who will be gone for several days can also come to the sheriff's office and fill out an extra patrol request card.

"But I don't think people should get so paranoid that they can't enjoy the holidays," Halverson said.

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Finding a secure charity

For many people, giving to others during the holidays, and especially to those in need, is what the season is all about.

University of Idaho Extension's Luke Erickson said studies show 50 percent of charitable donations are

made between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

People wishing to donate to a charity should make sure the charity is reputable, that the money will go towards the expected cause and that it is not a scam to obtain credit card or bank account information.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, people should make sure the charity

of their choice has a traceable history and is not a fly-by-night operation or masquerading as something similar to another well-known charity.

Other tips include going directly to the charity to donate instead of responding to solicitors and never sending cash. If a person is asked to contribute directly for a contribution they should ask

for identification and written materials from the organization. When in doubt call the charity.

"You have to remember that thieves are lazy and they will pick the easy targets," Halverson said. "Be cautious and don't become a victim."

"Laurie Welch may be reached at 208-677-8767 or lwelch@magicvalley.com."

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- 11:30 a.m. Hagerman 6th Grade, Junior High & High School bands
- 12:30 p.m. Valley Elementary
- 1:00 p.m. Clover Trinity Lutheran School
- 2:00 p.m. Kimberly Elementary 4th Grade performing "Humbug"
- 5:30 p.m. LCS Lipnettes Dance Team.
- 6:00 p.m. Rocky Top Cloggers
- 7:00 p.m. Burt Huish - vocalist
- 7:30 p.m. LDS Institute Choir

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- 10:30 a.m. Hansen Elementary Honor Choir
- 11:00 a.m. Perrine Elementary Honor Choir
- 12:00 p.m. Castelford 6th Grade Band
- 12:30 p.m. Kimberly Elementary - Hand bells & Honor Choir
- 1:00 p.m. Popplewell Elementary Honor Choir
- 1:30 p.m. First Baptist Preschool
- 2:00 p.m. Emily Eldredge - vocalist
- 2:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran School Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Jerome High School Divisi & Chamber Choirs
- 5:00 p.m. Hannah & Meg Wormsbaker - vocalists
- 5:30 p.m. Impulse Dance - Robert Stuart Junior High Dance Team.
- 6:00 p.m. Extreme Dance
- 6:30 p.m. Nielsen's Dance
- 7:30 p.m. Middle Eastern Dancers of the Magic Valley

SATURDAY 12/6 - CHILDREN'S DAY

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- 12:30 p.m. Robert Stuart Junior High - Bel Canto Girls' Choir
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- 3:00 p.m. Fiddler's Inc.
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- 6:00 p.m. Brooke Fitzgerald - vocalist (one song)
- 6:30 p.m. O'Leary Jr. High Jazz Band
- 7:00 p.m. Hannah & Meg Wormsbaker - vocalists

SUNDAY 12/7 - FAMILY DAY

- 11:30 a.m. Penati Corren - flute player
- 2:00 p.m. Marla Garrett & Friends
- 3:00 p.m. Anthony Stonebraker - vocalist
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National Forest getting fewer visitors; no one knows why

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — In the years after World War II, Americans packed up their young families and Army surplus camping gear and headed into the national forests to hunt, fish, and hike. Going to the woods was part of what it meant to be an American.

Today, however, visits to the national forests are off 13 percent.

Top officials at the U.S. Forest Service blame it on circumstances outside their control — rising gas prices, the popularity of video games and the Internet, and an increasingly urban and aging population less inclined to camp out.

Critics focus on fees charged for hiking trails and visitor centers, a proliferation of noisy off-road vehicles and the declining proportion of the Forest Service budget dedicated to recreation.

last year camping out in 67 national parks and talking to 400 people. He concluded that while fewer people may be using the woods, fewer trails and campgrounds are open and there are more people riding noisy off-road vehicles.

"They think that it's harder to find solitude," he said of the people he talked to.

Coupled with the decline in visits to national parks, the trend makes nature lovers nervous at a time when the growing global population and climate change pose huge threats to wild places.

"We only value what we know and what we love," said Richard Louv, author of "The Last Child in the Woods."

will that mean for the future? "That is the big question," said Thomas More, a research forester with the U.S. Forest Service Northern Research Station in Burlington, Vt. "Is it going to be a future of hiking or is it fancy cafes and city kinds of things? That's what we're trying to evaluate right now. And the information is mixed, frankly."

The national forests date to 1891, when Congress authorized reserves to protect forests from cut-and-run logging. The system has grown to 155 national forests covering 190 million acres.

Though they were always used for recreation, there was no legal recognition of that role until the Multiple Use Act of 1960, said James G. Lewis, historian for the Forest History Society in Durham, N.C.

The Forest Service didn't conduct a statistically rigorous survey of visitation until 2000. That National Visitor Use Monitoring program found 204.8 million visitors annually in the period 2000-2003 and 178.6 million for

2003-2007 — a decline of 13 percent. When compared to the rising population, the proportion of Americans visiting national forests is falling even faster.

More said the decline appears to have started in the 1980s, during the Reagan administration, when the Forest Service became much more interested in logging than recreation.

"Remember Reagan's famous quote about if you've seen one redwood you've seen them all?" More said.

The Endangered Species Act slowed logging in the 1990s, demanding more habitat for the northern spotted owl and other wildlife. Without the revenue from timber, the Forest Service got Congress in 1996 to allow fees for trails and other amenities.

Fires above Sun Valley create avalanche danger

KETCHUM (AP) — Wildfires that charred thousands of acres near this central Idaho ski resort in 2007 continue to create headaches for avalanche forecasters wary of snow slides on areas burned clear of aspenbrush and other vegetation.

The Castle Rock Fire of 2007 forced the evacuation of more than 2,000 homes and burned to within 50 yards of a \$12 million Sun Valley ski lodge atop Bald Mountain.

Despite recent restoration work that's included putting down mulch and seeding areas with native grasses and shrubs, the scorched areas remain prime avalanche country, said Janet Kellum, the head of Ketchum's three-unit Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center.

Particular concern are burns just outside Sun Valley's main ski resort on Bald Mountain, where newly brush-free slopes could lure unsuspecting skiers and boarders to duck under ropes and into harm's way.

"I am concerned about out-of-bounds Baldy," Kellum told the Idaho Mountain Express. "Very much so."

Last January, an unusual series of avalanches hit residential areas and closed a road for six days. The slides were caused by storms that combined rapid snowfall and fierce winds, a common recipe for high avalanche danger. Several homes suffered extensive damage as snow swept over them.

Even though the last person to die in an avalanche near Ketchum was in 2006 when a snowmobiler was buried in the southern Pioneer Mountains, Kellum fears people have been lured into a false sense that the charred backside of Bald Mountain is a safe place to venture with skis or snowboard.

She said numerous skiers and boarders sampled skiable terrain created by the fire in out-of-bounds areas last winter.

"We have quite a bit that goes unseen," she said. "If people go out-of-bounds, they have to know it's full-on backcountry."

So far this year, snowfall has been too sparse to open ski hills in Idaho, with Sun Valley missing a Thanksgiving Day start for the fourth time in 14 years.

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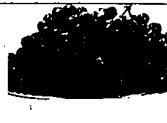
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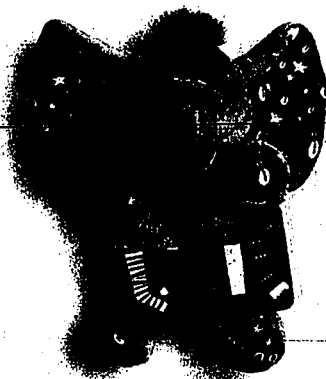
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put together a rescue plan for the bank. Analysts say next week's economic readings should offer fresh insight into how much the economy has suffered from the evaporation of credit that began in September with the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

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Housing crisis spills into 'prime' market

Delinquencies for prime loans rises 7.5 percent

By E. Scott Reckard
 Los Angeles Times

MURRIETA, Calif. — By the time the bleeding housing market had drained the equity from Judy Jones' home in Murrieta, but her life still seemed secure. She had a government job, after all, and a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at 5.075 percent, unlike the shaky variable-rate loans of many others in the greater Los Angeles area's Inland Empire.

Then her employer, the city of Corona, decided to deal with the economic slump by eliminating 112 positions, including Jones' job as a code enforcer. In October, at age 61, she joined a surge of once-solid borrowers who no longer could afford their mortgages.

"Every week at church, somebody else is out of work," Jones said. "I've been a homeowner a long time — the last 10 years as a single mother — and I never missed

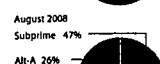
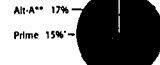
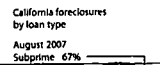
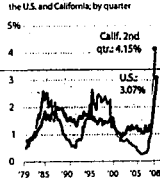
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Not so prime

Homeowners with good credit histories and reasonably safe mortgages are behind on their payments at the highest rate since at least 1979. As a result, "prime" loans are accounting for a growing proportion of California's foreclosures.

Seriously delinquent "prime" mortgages*

As a percentage of all home loans in the U.S. and California, by quarter



*Prime loans at least 60 days delinquent or in foreclosure; figures before 1998 are for conventional mortgages excluding Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration loans. The Mortgage Bankers Ass. began temporarily tracking prime and subprime loans in 1998.
 **Learns made to borrowers with good credit but not considered prime because of income level or other factors.
 Sources: Mortgage Bankers Ass., First American CoreLogic
 Los Angeles Times

TO BUY FROM THE LOCAL GUY



Chard Berndt and Eli Berndt, 13, leave SAV-MOR Drug on Main Avenue after picking up some items Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls. More people are shopping locally during a time when the economy is declining and business are in need of revenue.

Change in consumer habits could benefit local businesses

By Joshua Palmer
 Times-News writer

It's 7 a.m. on Black Friday and Holly Kesler, a mother of three children who lives in Twin Falls, is doing something different this year.

She is shopping locally. "We usually go to Salt Lake (City) to buy gifts, but this year we're sticking around and spending more time at home and less on travel," Kesler said, as she watched a crowd of shoppers racing into Target. "I think a lot of our friends and family have the same idea."

Business owners, chambers of commerce and even consumers, themselves, say more people are doing their holiday shopping locally.

Business owners say the catalyst appears to have been rising fuel prices this summer, which prompted more people to do their back-to-school shopping locally — therefore becoming more familiar with local offerings. However, they add that a declining economy is now encouraging consumers to stay local in order to reduce travel expenses.

"When it gets tough, (consumers) often stay closer to home, and that means they are spending money even when they are not doing their holiday shopping."

— Dale Peterson, executive director of Buy Idaho Inc.

The end result could benefit south-central Idaho by increasing business revenues during a time when the national economy is on the downturn. "We certainly encourage people to shop with their friends and neighbors," said Shawn Bariga, president and CEO of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. "Especially, with what is happening in the economy, we can help local businesses survive these times."

He said many of the businesses that

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make up the chamber's membership are reporting that consumer habits have changed.

"The businesses that I have spoken with say shoppers are not browsing as much, instead they come in knowing

exactly what they want," Bariga said. Most store owners interviewed for this story said sales are down slightly compared to the previous year, but they said customers are still buying.

Kesler, for example, said this is the first year that her family has budgeted a gift allowance of \$100 per person.

Dale Peterson, executive director of Buy Idaho Inc., an association of business and government entities that promotes Idaho products, said people tend to buy locally when the economy is bad.

"But when it gets tough, (consumers) often stay closer to home, and that means they are spending money even when they are not doing their holiday shopping."

He said restaurants, coffee shops and other entertainment and service businesses all stand to benefit, from the local consumer.

Although Buy Idaho encourages residents to shop within Idaho, representatives of the organization say it also provides benefits at the community level.

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Oregon farmers reaps stability from wind

By Gail Kinsey Hill
 The Oregonian

WASCO, Ore. — Hilderbrand Lane slices through acres of wheat fields as it heads east out of Wasco, a tiny town burrowed into Oregon's poorest county. Stubble from summer's harvest bristles in every direction. Nothing interrupts the tawny expanse until a road rises to expose hundreds of wind turbines. Tall and slendery in the midday haze, they overpower the landscape, striking, unsettling.

"I like em," says John Hilderbrand, 61, a straight-talking but jovial wheat farmer who lives along his namesake road in the two-story house his grandfather built in 1900.

"They're grinding out dollars."

Hill is in Sherman County to allow turbines on his land, reaps about \$30,000 a year in lease payments. And the checks come without fail, he says, unlike the income from his wheat operation, which is squelched as the weather.

"Fact is, I don't see any disadvantages," says Hilderbrand, who likes talking about the wind almost as much as spinning yarns about rogue bears, stuffed rats and clueless urban slickers who insist on calling the county's rich glacial silt "dirt" not "soil."

In 2000, Sherman County had no turbines. Now it's home to one of the highest concentrations in the Columbia River Gorge, where a wind-

energy boom is under way.

The projects in the ground so far represent an investment of close to \$1 billion, and they've begun to pump millions of dollars into this county of 1,700 residents, with jobs and tax and lease payments.

The fees alone — paid in lieu of property taxes — will double the county's tax base this year and may, in part, be used to write \$500- to \$800 checks to every resident.

Most directly, the turbines have affected the lives of farmers such as Hilderbrand, who had the good luck to own land in the wind's force path and the good sense to turn an industry juggernaut to personal advantage.

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I thought I had seen everything after covering Black Friday for four years in two different states, but this year seemed a little out of the ordinary — even for Black Friday. On Friday, people showed each other in a Jerome Wal-Mart, a woman stole a DVD player from another shopper's cart, and the infamous Black Friday even resulted in three deaths. Each year we expect the unexpected as a few shoppers set aside human decency to save a few extra bucks, is this any indication of what we have become as a consumer society? It's your discussion, only at MagValley.com/business.

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MILESTONES

FAIR BOARD



The Cassia County Board of Commissioners and County Fair Board honored Jack Funk for 40 years of service at the Fair Board Meeting held Nov. 11. Funk began his service on the Fair Board in 1968, and recently retired from the position. His service in this capacity has been greatly appreciated. Pictured from left, Jeff Chatham, Bryce Beck, Dennis D. Crane, Jack Funk, and Paul Christensen.

ARTS NORTHWEST

Camilie Barigar was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for Arts Northwest. The mission of Arts Northwest is to maintain a communications network among presenters of performing arts events throughout the Northwest region of the United States and Canada, to provide services to Northwest presenters which enhance their professional and booking capabilities to present performances of regional, national and international significance to Northwest audiences, and to promote booking opportunities for artists that reside in the Northwest to tour within and without the Northwest region. Barigar is the Fine Arts Coordinator at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.



CAREER MOVES

April Bruns

Body IQ Women's Fitness and Wellness Center located at 259 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls, announced the hiring of April Bruns. Bruns received her registered dietitian license through Washington State University in 2001 and was recently employed as a clinical dietitian at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for five years. She is currently working with Body IQ offering a variety of nutritional assessment packages.



Bruns

Excellence Awards. The awards were presented in Boise on Nov. 15. The annual awards recognize the remarkable work of nurses in Idaho.

Eric Bailey, BSN, CCRN, is an intensive care unit charge nurse. He is recognized as a nurse who learns quickly and brings the best interpersonal qualities to his role and has recently been accepted to a very competitive position at an anesthesia school at the University of Tennessee.

Marci Coats, RN, nursing unit support team. Coats has strengths in many clinical areas and rotates between medical and surgical, obstetrics, neonatal intensive care unit, post-partum, pediatrics and the adult intensive care units. Her float pool status requires a minimum of four distinct clinical skill proficiencies and she has experience in seven patient care areas. She has been in practice for 15 years. She is also a long-time supporter of Magic Valley youth baseball programs.

Wendy Slane, LPN, RN, BSN, medical-surgical charge nurse. Slane is a nurse who has been in practice more than 20 years. She is sought out as a mentor for newer nurses and more experienced nurses, alike and is a fierce advocate for continuing education for herself as well as her coworkers.

Kathy Schroeder

Mountainland Business Systems, with offices located in Boise, Idaho Falls, Salt Lake City, Utah, and St. George, Utah, announced the appointment of Lonnie Hill who will head their service center located in Twin Falls and surrounding communities. Hill will service all Haster and Neopost mailing equipment as well as other related products. He comes to Mountainland with more than 40 years experience with Pitney Bowes. He has been serving companies in the Magic Valley area for 30 years.



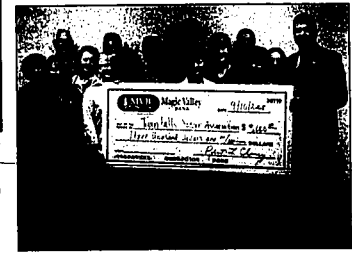
Hill

St. Luke's nurses

St. Luke's Magic Valley announced that the Idaho Chapter March of Dimes and Idaho Nursing have honored three nurses from Magic Valley among the recipients of the 2008 Nursing Twin Falls.

CONTRIBUTION

MAGIC VALLEY BANK



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Magic Valley Bank joined forces with the Twin Falls Soccer Association to raise money to support the State Soccer Tournament that was held in Twin Falls recently. With the assistance of the Magic Valley Bank employees, the Twin Falls Soccer Association was able to generate \$3,000 in funds. Through the Community Match Program that is sponsored by Magic Valley Bank, the Twin Falls Downtown branch presented a match donation of \$3,000 to Chris Clark, Shannon Hoffman and the board members from the Twin Falls Soccer Association. The funds were used to purchase new equipment for the Twin Falls Soccer Association that will be used for future events. Pictured are members of the Magic Valley Bank Twin Falls downtown branch.

STO-N-GO



Courtesy photo

Sto-N-Go Self Storage cut the red ribbon recently, assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors to celebrate their new membership at the Chamber as well as their new business in the Magic Valley. They are located at 1830 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. They provide drive up and climate controlled units, RV Parking in gated facility, 24 Hour camera surveillance, individually alarmed units, mailbox rental for personal or business, locks, boxes and packing supplies. Information: 733-1156 or visit www.stogo.biz. Pictured from left, Dale Frazell, owner; Sandra Johnson, office manager; Kathy Keys, marketing director.

FIGHTING HUNGER



Courtesy photo

60 Hours to Fight Hunger kicked off at Con Paslos Volkswagen Mazda, 1534 Blue Lakes Blvd N., Twin Falls, with a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. The event is co-sponsored by Mix 103. Turkeys were accepted for 60 hours and will be distributed in the community by South Central Community Action. Pictured from left, Debbie Dunlap, Mix 103; Kay Lynn Johnson, Con Paslos; David Johnson, Con Paslos; Leanne Trappes, South Central Community Action Partnership; Ken Robiolette, South Central Community Action Partnership; Jeff Edwards, Mix 103. Holding the turkeys are the student ambassadors.

DUTCHMEN MANUFACTURING



Courtesy photo

Business Plus, a private sector-economic development group in the Magic Valley, recently presented a check for \$31,000 to Dutchmen Manufacturing in Burley for job creation in the community. Pictured at the Dutchmen facility are, Kae Cameron, Min-Cassia Chamber of Commerce; Lee Wagner, Business Plus president; Roy Perryman, Dutchmen general manager; Stephen Hargren, Business Plus executive director; Trent Ferris, Dutchmen human resources manager; and Steve Ormond, Zions National Bank.

AIA Idaho awards design excellence

Every two years the American Institute of Architects' (AIA) Idaho Chapter presents a series of awards to architects within the state. Williams Partners Architects won four out of the 11 awards distributed at the banquet in Boise. The first presented was the University of Idaho Architecture Students' Emerging Professionals Award in Architecture which went to the McGowan/O'Malley Residence in Golden Eagle, Halley. The project architect was Jeffrey C. Williams, AIA.

This project was also featured in the Tour of Homes this past summer and most recently in Sun Valley Magazine's Home Issue. The next two were Awards of Citation in Architecture for the Pasada Residence, Pahlsmeyer Valley and again the McGowan/O'Malley Residence which were both designed by Jeffrey C. Williams, AIA. The highest award, the Award of Honor in Architecture, was presented to architect John M. King, AIA of Williams Partners Architects for the Jensen Residence in Boise. Information: visit www.aiaidaho.com or www.williams-partners.com.

FARMORE



Courtesy photo

Farmore employees pictured are, from left, back row, Troy Chandler, manager and certified technician; Frank Ruffing; Harley Tarbox, certified technician; Bruce Hunt, certified technician; Terri Smith, certified technician; Seth Niskay Clay Hicks, certified technician; Josh Mulkey, certified technician; Albert Aderman; second row, Walter Schoenrich; Tony Wasco; Connie Davis; Dee Keeey; Woody Swick, certified technician; Ryan Petersen; kneeling, Dean Pullin; Nate Fitchner; Eldardo Perez; Jose Cabellos; Gordon Jones, salesman; Gray Pansell. Not pictured, Dottie Roberts; Joe Thiel; Andrew Jacobson, certified technician; and Richard Smith. Farmore of Idaho received two awards at the annual Reinke Convention held in Savannah Ga., Oct. 5-7. Farmore of Idaho received an award for being the second highest ranking dealer of Retro Sprinkler Packs for all of North America as well as an award for being a Reinke Gold Dealer. The Gold Award is presented to dealerships that have met several criteria for sales, service, education of employees and professionalism. Farmore has been a Reinke dealer for over 30 years. They are located just off the freeway in Jerome. They have eight Reinke Pride Certified repair technicians that handle the needs of their customers and are constantly sending the technicians to classes.

JEROME RURAL FIRE STATION



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The Jerome Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club recently celebrated the grand opening ribbon cutting of the newest Jerome Rural Fire Station located at 500 S. and Golf Course Road in Jerome. Pictured are Chamber Ambassadors and the crew of the Jerome Rural Fire Department.

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Loans

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“I’m not sure how look at me. And I could be you — any middle-class person who goes to work today could be walking out the door of a foreclosed house in a couple of months.”

“606” concern is well-founded. Although soaring defaults on subprime loans and other dicey mortgages are a well-known cause of the nation’s financial crisis, delinquencies and foreclosures now are skyrocketing among “prime” borrowers — people with good credit histories who documented their incomes when applying for their relatively straightforward mortgages.

Nationally, 3.07 percent of prime mortgages were in foreclosure or at least 60 days late in the second quarter of this year, the latest period for which the Mortgage Bankers Association had figures, easily by topping the 2.5 percent record of 1.97 percent, set in 1995.

In California, with a jobless rate topping 8 percent and home prices down more than 40 percent from their peak, the situation is significantly worse, with 4.15 percent of prime loans seriously delinquent.

The epidemic of bad loans and lost homes among prime borrowers has only worsened since the second

quarter ended, according to other, more recent data.

By putting more foreclosed homes on the market, the trend is likely to further depress housing prices, intensify the mortgage-related crisis afflicting the financial system and exacerbate the recession most economists say is under way.

“We should be really worried,” said Stephen C. Levy, director of the Center for the Competitive Study of the California Economy, a private research firm.

As home prices continue to fall, delinquent borrowers are more likely than ever to end up in foreclosure.

“During the rising market, if you lost your job, got sick or your marriage failed, you always had a parachute: Sell the house, pay off your mortgage and have something left to start again,” said consumer finance expert Elizabeth Warren, a professor at Harvard Law School.

“Or sometimes you could use your home equity line of credit to get by.”

But now, for most people, “that parachute has gone up in flames,” Warren said.

In California, the number of delinquencies on prime mortgages could increase for years, said Christopher Thornberg, founder of consumer lending firm Beacon Economics in Los Angeles.

One reason, he said, is that home loans became so complacent during the housing boom that they did little to qualify borrowers besides having computers check a few facts.

“Prime” lost a lot of meaning in the insanity of the last few years,” said Thornberg, who was one of the first experts to foretell the housing downturn.

To be sure, the damage has been greatest among subprime mortgages, the high-risk loans tapped heavily during the go-go years by borrowers with the worst credit, the heaviest debt loads or the lowest down payments (and sometimes all three).

In August, more than 43 percent of subprime loans nationally were in foreclosure or at least 60 days late in paying a rate nearly double that of August 2007, according to a report by First American CoreLogic’s LoanPerformance unit, which tracks 82 percent of all U.S. loans.

But problems with prime loans are increasing. About 7.5 percent of prime jumbo mortgages — high-quality home loans too large to be sold to government-backed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — were at least 60 days late or in foreclosure according to LoanPerformance. That was more than three times

the level of a year earlier.

As a result, prime loans account for a larger proportion of foreclosures than they did in August 2007.

In Murietta, Jones said she never wanted anything other than a safe, prime loan. She has worked nearly nonstop since she was 19. She moved from El Cajon to Murietta in 2005 with her adult daughter, who provided \$20,000 of the \$80,000 down payment on the new three-bedroom home.

With property values rising, they took out a second mortgage for home improvements in 2006, a 15-year loan for \$40,000 with a fixed interest rate of 9.25 percent, bringing their total mortgage debt to about \$355,000. Between her salary in Corona and her daughter’s work at a preschool, the \$2,276 in monthly home loan payments was manageable.

Jones, whose recent duties in Corona included badgering the owners of foreclosed homes to maintain the property, and survived a round of city layoffs in the spring but was not so lucky when Oct. 2 arrived.

“I came in that morning and I was gone by 10 a.m.,” she said. “Making things worse, her daughter’s school had been laid off from the preschool.”

YOUR BUSINESS

CONTRIBUTIONS

FUNDS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS



Courtesy photo
Martin Doors, Benley Glass and Zab Bell, with Zab at the Ranch Radio show, partnered up to help Martin doors to raise funds for the Golden Heritage Senior Center Meals on Wheels program. Presenting the check to Sharon Hardy-Mills, manager of the senior center, is (left to right) Ben Mercer, store manager of Benley Glass; Jarl Jacobson, Idaho sales rep for Martin Doors, Hardy-Mills and Coy Parton, installer for Martin Doors.

OLD TIME FIDDLERS



Courtesy photo
On Nov. 5, the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association presented an Honorary Membership to Idaho Pizza in Twin Falls for its support and promotion of Old Time Fiddling. Members of the OTFA play music for the public at Idaho Pizza on the first Wednesday of every month. Additional musicians are welcome to join the acoustic string instrument jam session starting at 6 p.m. Idaho Pizza provides the meeting place for the group which performs monthly for the care centers and community functions in the Southern Idaho area. Pictured from left, back row, Ralph Wolberton, Willie Eakin, Sada Kida, and Becky Bingham; front row, Jennifer Hestington, Maggie Collins, Gary Coltrin (owner of Idaho Pizza), Gary Hestington, (OTFA District 6 Chairman), Maggie Carr (Idaho Pizza Twin Falls manager), and Mary Baldwin.

Local

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According to the Western Rural Development Center, a multiplier effect of 66 cents is added each time a consumer spends \$1 in south-central Idaho.

For example, if all 73,000 residents of Twin Falls County spent \$50 locally in

December, the county’s economy would be injected with more than \$6 million in business revenue.

Although local businesses would benefit from additional business, sales tax revenue would go to the state to be distributed according to a complex allocation program.

Some shoppers interviewed on Friday said the greatest challenge of shopping locally is finding the variety.

“The big-box stores offer the same selection anywhere you go, so I always look for something unique,” said Celia Miranda, of Twin Falls.

“It can be hard to find in Twin Falls unless you know where to look. I think more people would do their shopping here if they knew what was available.”

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Wind

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Wind energy brings its own set of concerns: higher electricity costs for consumers, environmental impacts, scenic intrusions and an increasing number of lawsuits that can confound power planners.

But a look at Sherman County through Hilderbrand’s eyes hints at the benefits. Farmers are weaving a new industry into the deep traditions of the fields, stabilizing their livelihoods and connecting their farms to their children and communities in ways they never imagined.

“I used to cuss the wind all the time,” says Hilderbrand, who begins in grin in anticipation of his own punch line. “These days, that’s sacrilege.”

The Hilderbrands’ turbines are part of the Klondike wind power project, owned and operated by Verdrola Renewables, a Spanish company and one of the largest wind energy developers in the United States. Klondike has been going up in phases — the first in 2005, followed by two towers 242 turbines and generating capacity of 400 megawatts. Accounting for the wind’s variability, that’s enough power to consistently light up more than 115,000 homes.

In the north, Portland General Electric has completed the first phase of its 217-turbine, 450-megawatt Biglow Canyon project.

All told, the companies lease land from 55 landowners, including wind farm owners in a county that has no industry and a larger percentage of its 831 square miles under cultivation than any other Oregon county.

Sherman County’s per capita income, at \$19,550, is the lowest of any county in the state, according to 2006 data, and well below the \$29,299 county average for Oregon.

More wind projects are in the works, including a 400-megawatt project (which could double to 800 megawatts) by BP Alternative Energy, a subsidiary of BP, and two more projects by Verdrola, totaling 700 megawatts.

At Goose Pitt, a nondescript building at the south end of town, is in a mid-afternoon lull. A few regulars can be seen at a roomy bar in the back.



By photo
John Hilderbrand, 81, is one of several wheat farmers in Sherman County to directly benefit from the wind farms that have gone up just west of Wasco, Ore. He’s a third generation farmer and was among the first to have the wind farms on his property.

The Goose Pitt serves as the town’s public square near the end of Wasco’s short main street. Despite the wind energy boom, the street holds more boarded-up storefronts and peeling paint than viable businesses. But for the locals, the changes are profound.

Kathy Nelhart and Mike Guttleich have owned the restaurant for 25 years. Only in the past several has the investment begun to pay off.

“It’s been a slow uphill climb ever since we started,” says Nelhart, who moved to Wasco from Portland to escape the big city clamor. About 10 years ago, major

renovations put them in debt, and Wasco’s dropping population darkened the outlook.

“We were getting behind, and there was no way we could have caught up. Those wind towers saved us.”

Between 2000 and 2006, Sherman County’s population fell by 12 percent.

“They were leaving and no one was coming back to run the farm,” Nelhart says. Business has doubled in recent years, she says, and each Saturday night she and Guttleich cook as many as three prime rib roasts for a steady stream of customers.

Much of the work associated with the wind farms is in construction — temporary employment —, economists note. But a lineup of projects in Sherman and surrounding counties, new mobile home parks to house workers and a 14-lot subdivision on the outskirts of town signal some stability for a population that has fallen to 320 from the 2000 level of 380.

John and Wanda Hilderbrand tried to retire in the 1980s after their two sons and a daughter left town for lives of their own. The couple moved to Black Butte Ranch near Sisters, then to Bend. But they soon returned.

“We met a lot of nice people,” Wanda says. “But I said to John, ‘It’s just not my life.’” She missed her connections to the land, to the plantings and the harvests and to the deer that showed up in her yard almost every morning to eat her roses and peer in the living room window. She even missed the wind.

Now, with the money the turbines provide, the Hilderbrands say they’re more relaxed about their finances and more optimistic about their legacy to their children. They can more easily absorb the rising costs of farming and can travel more.

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WESTERN FARM SERVICE



Courtesy photo
Milo Strosider, left, of Western Farm Service Inc. Report, and Dave Gardner of Woodstar Farms in Paul, recently delivered Meals on Wheels for the Mindoko County Senior Center. Also pictured is Linda Reyes, secretary of the center, and Holly Najera, manager.

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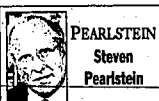
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Government infusion of money needs to be done properly

WASHINGTON — We are all Keynesians now.

That was Richard Nixon's famous line from 1971 after announcing that he had taken the United States off the gold standard, a day that will live in infamy for monetarists still among us.

Nixon's Keynesian conversion, however, looks positively quaint compared with the fiscal and monetary stimulus that is about to be brought to bear on the U.S. and global economy. I doubt even Keynes himself could have imagined the scale and scope of what's ahead.



PEARLSTEIN
Steven Pearlstein

troubled institutions such as Citigroup, AIG and the remnants of Bear Stearns.

And the Federal Reserve announced this week that it would pump an additional \$800 billion into the financial system, buying \$100 billion of bonds issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and \$500 billion in mortgage-backed securities and lending \$200 billion against packages of newly issued auto, student and small-business loans. All that is in addition to the \$1.4 trillion it has added to its balance sheet, and injected into the financial system, since the spring.

This isn't exactly what Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke promised when he said that, as a last resort, the central bank could print money and drop it from helicopters, but it's pretty close. Think of it as the functional equivalent of lowering the federal funds rate below zero.

The scale and scope of this intervention is breathtaking. It is totally without precedent and certainly puts the lie to those who complain that

there has been a lack of urgency in Washington in response to the crisis. Just about every tool that anyone has thought of is being tried, to one degree or another, and those that haven't been tried have not been ruled out.

That's not to say that there have not been disagreements over which approaches to take and disappointment that some initiatives have not had their intended effect. But to suggest, as some have, that the entire effort has been a failure ignores the harsh reality that, without the efforts so far, things would actually have been worse — a lot worse.

Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson acknowledged this week, that's a "hard sale" for voters who want to believe that, with one initiative or another, the government can reverse the slide in housing prices, rescue any industry that needs rescuing, and prevent a further rise in unemployment. In truth, given the size of the credit bubble and all the mistakes that contributed to it, there was no way to avoid a financial and economic crisis. The only question is whether we are sufficiently nimble and clever and bold to prevent it from turning into a decade-

long depression.

As Obama rightly pointed out this week, there is a difference between being bold and being reckless. While additional government spending will be necessary, his emphasis will be on investments that do double duty — stimulating employment and output in the short run while also offering high economic and social returns in the long run. Congress should certainly have a say in identifying those investments and allocating funds among the various categories. But to make good on his promise that the money be spent wisely, the stimulus bill should stipulate that the allocation of funds among specific projects be done by independent experts who are insulated from politics.

There also ought to be a recognition that there are a number of stimulus ideas that sound good but won't have much impact in an environment where businesses and households are hunkered down. It is unlikely that businesses facing the prospect of declining sales are going to hire a new work-

er just because Washington offers a tax break. And middle-class households are as worried as Obama says they are about losing homes and jobs and paying down their enormous credit card bills, then giving them a tax break probably won't get them to buy a new car or splurge on the next vacation. Economists liken such efforts to pushing on a string. Better for government to use the money to directly hire the unemployed or buy goods and services from the private sector.

Obama also struck the right balance this week by saying that aggressive increases in spending over the short term had to be accompanied by equally aggressive cuts in spending over the longer term. The conventional wisdom is that powerful special interests will rise up to protect every last program and tax break. With the financial crisis as his lever, Obama now has the opportunity to challenge that wisdom by identifying a package of \$25 billion in cuts, demand that they be voted on as a package and

marshal his impressive grass-roots organization to overwhelm the special interests. My guess is that he'd win handsily.

What wasn't particularly helpful this week was the published leak from the Obama camp that former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers would be named the next chairman of the Federal Reserve when the term of Bernanke, the current chairman, expires at the end of January 2010.

A Category 4 financial crisis is hardly the time to undermine confidence in — or confidence of — the Fed chairman. Nor is it the time to create unneeded tension between the Fed and the White House, where Summers will be the president's closest and most powerful economic adviser. Whatever his original intentions, Obama would do well to announce publicly that there will be no change at the Fed until the crisis has passed — and maybe not even then.

Steven Pearlstein writes for the Washington Post.

As gas prices fall, economic relief rises

By Ronald D. White
Los Angeles Times

Trips to service stations earlier this year to get gas at more than \$4.50 a gallon became the most consistent of the damaging blows to consumer confidence, but the collapse of prices recently might help to resurrect buying habits and save the sagging economy.

Gasoline not only has dropped below \$2 a gallon nationally but has fallen 48 percent since Labor Day, by far the biggest plunge in prices from the last major summer weekend to Thanksgiving recorded by the Energy Department.

"Consumers are in serious need of something uplifting, and gasoline prices are high on that list," said Edward E. Leamer, director of the UCLA Anderson Forecast. "These prices won't raise SUV sales back to where they were, but they might help make it a better holiday retail season."

Hilda Delgado, 33, couldn't remember the last time she felt good about buying gasoline. On Wednesday, she paid \$31 for a fill-up, and of the \$60 hits she took during the summer.

"It feels like such a relief. I had to check the tank after I paid just to make sure it was really full," said the Los Angeles marketing consultant, who drives as many as

2,000 miles a month visiting clients. "It feels so good that I can't really explain it very well."

But the cost of gas will have to stabilize at lower prices, and that effect has to ripple through the economy and spur companies to pass savings along to their customers for people to get confidence, back, analysts said.

And that might take awhile. Some businesses, such as airline companies, overreacted and bought large amounts of fuel because they believed that prices would go even higher, said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. Now, they are stuck with large stocks of expensive fuel as prices continue to fall.

"They paid a lot when prices were on the way up, and they are still paying, in effect, as prices drop," Kyser said.

Still, the pump-price plunge amounted roughly to an economic stimulus package — one that didn't require weeks of congressional debate, said W. Bruce Bullock, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

"It's about \$200 billion in peoples' pockets that didn't go to the oil companies," Bullock said. "People will still feel poorer overall, but they

can be grateful for not losing that much more on top of everything else they have suffered."

Prices often drop from Labor Day to Thanksgiving, then rise through the rest of the holiday season before dropping to low points in January, said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst for the Citec Information Service.

But that pattern was turned on its head last year as prices rose rapidly and steadily from Labor Day to record highs last summer of \$4.14 nationally.

Heading into this year's Thanksgiving holiday weekend, prices are still dropping, down two cents overnight Tuesday to \$1.68, according to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report. The price of a gallon of self-serve regular in California also crept closer to \$2 a gallon, down more than three cents overnight to \$2.066.

Gasoline was averaging a U.S.-low \$1.571 a gallon in Missouri, according to the daily survey of credit card receipts from 10,000 gas stations compiled by the oil price service and Wright Express.

Kloza had thought the bottom was near, but now he's not so sure.

"You would have to go John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil breakup to find a drop like this. I've never seen anything like it," he said.

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OPEC ends meeting without new output cuts

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — OPEC held off on announcing new oil output cuts on Saturday, but its alarm over falling demand and a slumping economy potentially laid the groundwork for a big reduction when it meets again in a matter of weeks.

Chakib Khellil, Algeria's oil minister and the group's president, said the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ministers noted "with concern the continued deterioration of the global economic situation and its impact on oil demand."

The ministers, he said in a statement, agreed to "take any additional action ... to balance oil supply and demand, and achieve market stability" during their Dec. 17 extraordinary meeting in Oran, Algeria.

The outcome of Saturday's meeting in Cairo, convened about a month after the group decided to pull 1.5 million barrels per day of oil from the market, seemed unlikely to put a floor beneath crude prices that have fallen by around 60 percent from their mid-July highs of \$147 per barrel.

Saudi Arabia, the 13-member organization's top exporter and kingpin, broke with its usual silence about specific prices and cited \$75 per barrel as a favorable target. King Abdullah, in an interview with Kuwaiti newspaper published Saturday, said that would be a "fair price" — a message echoed by his top oil official in Cairo.

"Eventually, if we want the marginal producer to produce and help the world supply, then we need to give them a better price," Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi said.

But it was unclear how the group — supplier of 40 percent of the world's crude oil — would meet that target soon, given the lack of action at Saturday's meeting.

Some analysts questioned the wisdom of waiting in light of the current weak oil prices.

"Another dumb move by OPEC, unless of course they want lower crude oil prices," said Vincent Lauerman, OPEC expert and president of the Calgary, Canada-based consultancy Geopolitics Central.

Ahead of the meeting, the

U.S. benchmark light, sweet crude futures contract settled a penny lower Friday at \$54.43 in an abbreviated session on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Others said the decision may have been a way for the group to push through a larger cut at the Algeria meeting.

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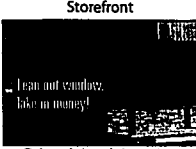
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Spokane FBI agent retires; led terror task force

By Bill Morlin
Spokesman-Review

SPOKANE, Wash. — FBI Special Agent Norm Brown traveled a long, exciting and sometimes dangerous series of assignments before returning to his hometown of Spokane, where he graduated from Ferris High School in 1975.

There weren't many boring days along the way, he said. Brown has been a point man for the agency, serving on the elite hostage rescue team in Quantico, Va., on duty with the FBI director's protection in Seattle; as a SWAT team commander in Seattle; and as the first commander of the Inland Northwest Joint Terrorism Task Force.

He'll retire Sunday after 25 years with the FBI, not regretting a day.

An FBI agency rule says supervisors can hold a post for only five years. If Brown, wanted to keep working until the mandatory retirement age, he faced a transfer.

For the Spokane native, the choice was easy, albeit somewhat sad.

"I'm going to take a break," he said. His wife, Bernadette Brown, who's also an FBI agent, will continue to work for a time, but when she retires, the couple plan to travel and do volunteer work.

"I have no immediate employment plans," said

Norm Brown, who works out every day weightlifting, bicycling or running. He wants to buy a digital camera, pursue photography and fly fishing and spend time with his two brothers and his 85-year-old father, Richard Brown, the founder of Brown Building Materials.

U.S. Attorney Jim McDavitt, the region's top federal law enforcement official, describes Brown "as the model of an FBI agent. He's not a supervisor, but a leader. He treats people with respect."

"He's selfless and puts his people first, and is willing to stick up for them, even at the risk of his own career," McDavitt said. "He's not a bureaucrat, and he's not afraid to buck the bureaucracy when it's necessary."

Brown attended Washington State University, getting a degree in criminal justice in 1979, while working as a Spokane County sheriff's cadet his senior year. He worked as a Spokane deputy from 1980 until late 1983, when he was hired as an FBI agent.

His last five years as "supervisory special agent" in charge of the terrorism task force have been among the most important in his career, Brown said.

In that post, he supervised a team of federal, state and local agents and officers who work out of an office at a semisecret location, tracking



FBI Special Agent Norm Brown talks about his law enforcement career, including his time as a Spokane County sheriff's deputy, Nov. 24 in Spokane, Wash. Brown will retire today after 25 years with the FBI.

extremism activity in Eastern Washington and North Idaho. The work involves analysis and intelligence gathering, confidential informants, monitoring and infiltration of suspected groups and coordination with 100 other terrorism task forces across the United States.

"The term 'terrorist' just doesn't apply to Osama bin Laden or Mohammed Atta," Brown said. "It can be used to describe groups of individuals that are involved in anarchy as well as white supremacists and militias."

"Our primary goal is to ensure that a terrorist attack does not occur in the Inland Northwest," he said.

The task force has brought several high-profile cases, including that of a militia bomb-maker convicted in a plot to kill a judge and a university student who was deported after being acquitted of suspected ties to al-Qaida.

The task force also watched the remnants of the Aryan Nations unsuccessfully attempt to regroup after a devastating civil suit in 2000, followed by the death in 2004 of the group's founder.

"We've noticed a significant downturn in white supremacy activities after Richard Butler died," Brown said.

He got his chance to return to Spokane in 1997 from

Seattle, where he'd been SWAT team commander in the FBI field office since 1991. He also worked bank robberies, drug cases and did surveillance work while in Seattle.

In 1996, Brown's Seattle SWAT team was sent to Portland to watch for a team of "Philly's Priest" bank robbers and bombers. The group of North Idaho-based domestic terrorists had struck twice in Spokane, detonating two deadly bombs, and were planning another robbery in Oregon.

When the would-be robbers got to Portland, the FBI had closed the bank to avoid another bombing or gunfire, while Brown and his team conducted surveillance. Brown's team later arrested the heavily armed trio without incident during a stop at a service station.

Brown also led the Seattle SWAT team to the streets of Los Angeles for 10 days to protect firefighters during rioting following the 1992 acquittal of police officers involved in the beating of Rodney King a year earlier.

"I remember standing on a street corner in L.A. with my riot gear on, with my submachine gun, and thinking, 'This can't be America where people are taking pot shots at firemen who are just doing their duty.'"

In August 1992, Brown and

his SWAT team spent 10 days living in tents in a mountain field in North Idaho during the deadly standoff known as Ruby Ridge. As SWAT team leader during various shifts, Brown was within 25 yards of the cabin at the center of the incident, but he never fired a shot.

He described the standoff as a "very unfortunate situation for law enforcement and the (Randy) Weaver family," but leveled no criticism at anyone involved. Brown points out that the FBI changed the way it deals with hostage-standoff situations following the deadly siege.

Before being transferred to Seattle, Brown spent two years as a member of the special security detail assigned to then-FBI director William Sessions. The assignment came at a time when Colombian drug lords were putting out contracts on senior American officials.

"I traveled with the director to 25 states and eight foreign countries in less than two years," Brown recalled.

That assignment came after Brown spent four years as a member of the FBI's 50-member hostage rescue team, based in Quantico, another sought-after post. The selection process for the hostage team "was the most physically demanding two weeks of my life," he said.

Firefighters rescue dog that fell 90 feet into Snake River Canyon

KUNA (AP) — A dog that leaped from a 90-foot precipice along southwestern Idaho's Snake River Canyon was saved by firefighters, surviving the plunge with a broken hind leg and scrapes.

Bill Rice, the owner of the 2-year-old female border collie named Shelby, told firefighters that he'd turned to look at his grandkids while at Dedication Park, a popular raptor viewing

area in the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. Seconds later, Shelby was leaping over a low wall and into the chasm, he told them.

"We thought the dog's back was broken," Dee Dee Bowling, a kennel supervisor at the Idaho Humane Society who helped with the rescue, told the Idaho Statesman Friday. "This dog is very lucky to escape with one broken

bone. It's a happy ending, which is what we like."

Rice drove his grandchildren home before returning for the dog. Meanwhile, a hiker had reported to authorities of seeing a dog that had fallen over the cliff.

Rice clambered down the steep and rocky wall above the Snake River to the dog, Bowling and Animal Control Supervisor Morris McCall

opted to call in firefighters from the nearby city of Kuna on concern it was too dangerous for man and hound to make it back to the canyon rim by themselves.

"I don't know if it was trying to find out what was on the other side, or what," McCall said, on why Shelby jumped. "It jumped over, and there was nothing but air."

Kuna Fire Capt. Doug

Newcomb said firefighters from his agency helped in a similar dog rescue at nearly the same spot four years ago. In that case, the dog survived without injury.

Shelby wasn't so lucky and must undergo surgery for her broken leg early next week.

Veterinarian Jeff Rosenthal, the Humane Society's executive director, will perform the surgery free of charge.

Witnesses said the 42-pound dog remained calm as a firefighter and Rice secured the animal to a backboard with duct tape before two people at the top of the canyon pulled her up.

"She was licking the fireman's face when they were down there," Bowling said. "She was in pain, but I think she knew they were there to help her."

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He is survived by his parents; Dianne and Matthew

Webb of Clarksville, Tenn.; big brother, Dakota John; and sister, Aidan Isabella. Also by his maternal grandmother, Margaret King, of Tennessee, and his paternal grandmother, Susan Sanden of Twin Falls.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, John King, his paternal grandfather, Thomas Webb; and his paternal great-grandparents, Audrey and Louis Sanden and Bertha Marten.

"In my father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" — John 14:2.

Jack Arnold Hartvigsen

Jack Arnold Hartvigsen, 90, passed away Nov. 22, 2008, at his home in Twin Falls.

He was born July 3, 1918, to Joseph and Cora Hartvigsen in Pocatello, Idaho. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Norway, Ky., and Tennessee. Jack married Laurel Stovell in the Salt Lake Temple in 1941. He attended Idaho State University and the University of Idaho, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. Following graduation, he was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Jack raised his family primarily in Idaho Falls, Boise and Twin Falls. While in Idaho Falls, he taught high school physics for three years inspiring his students to rise far above the normal curriculum. Each year he had one or two students who were chosen to go to the National Science Fair. In each year they were first, second or third place in the physical sciences and national competition.

In addition to teaching, he ran a business selling audiovisual products to schools and businesses. For several years, he served as director of the BYU/Rick's media center in Idaho Falls. While working, he obtained a master's degree in library science and, in 1970, he accepted the

position of media director at Boise State College. He taught the use of media in education and won many awards for his multimedia presentations.

In 1986, he married Solfrid Larsen and moved to Twin Falls. They raised their daughters. While there, Jack was known for doing clock repairs and making clocks using unusual materials such as distressed wood, horseshoes, tires, hubcaps and wood in the shape of the state of Idaho.

Jack loved spending time with his children and often sacrificed his own desires to provide opportunities for their growth. He loved golfing, playing games in the yard, working on cars, riding on snowmobiles, traveling and other activities, where he could spend time with his family. His love and guidance encouraged his children to rise to meet their potential. He was strict and demanding but always loving and supportive.

Jack is survived by his wife, Solfrid; his children, Jay (Phyllis) Hartvigsen, Sherree (Gary) Burlingame, Lynn (Brenda) Hartvigsen, Susanne (Steve) Vernon and Monica (Daniel) Lewis; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Arthur Hubsmith

RUPERT — Our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother, Arthur Reed Hubsmith,



passed away on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008, at the Burley Care Center. He was born on April 17, 1921, in Rupert, Idaho, to Gottlieb and Marie Jaussl Hubsmith, and lived in Rupert all his life. He married Jessie Alleyne Prater on Nov. 13, 1944, in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was stationed at Fort Hood. They were later sealed in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on Nov. 27, 1944. He served in World War II in the 78th Division Infantry in the European Theatre. He was wounded on the front line and was awarded the Purple Heart in February of 1945.

He graduated from Rupert High School and then went on to attend Ricks College, where he earned his Associate degree. He then served a two-year mission in Texas for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After his discharge from the Army, he and his bride returned to his much loved Rupert, where he began farming with his father, Gottlieb. He made a home for Arthur and taught her to be a farm wife and began raising a family. He taught school for one year but returned to farming. Farming was his passion.

He loved to play the piano and the accordion, like sports, singing and performing in plays. He drew a home-stead west of Paul, in 1962, which kept him busy working both farms.

He was a member of the LDS Church and served as

Young Men's president, Sunday school president, in the Seventies presidency, high priest teacher and for many years as the Gospel Doctrine Instructor.

He is survived by his children, Twyla (Danny) Hendrix of West Jordan, Utah, Randy (Roseann) Hubsmith of Rupert and Sherrie (Jim) Alfrey of Riverton, Utah; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Esther Miles of Roy, Utah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gottlieb and Marie Hubsmith; his in-laws, Joe and Lula Prater; and the love of his life, Jessie Alleyne Prater Hubsmith.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Autumn Haven, Mountain View Care Center, the Burley Care Center, and to all of his care givers for their dedicated care and concern for our father. We also wish to thank the Rasmussen Funeral Home for their compassion and kindness in our time of grief.

Dad, we love you with all our hearts and will deeply miss you. You have been a great example to us and we are better for the lessons that you taught us. Your grandchildren and great-grandchildren adore and respect you for all that you have meant to them. We are deeply saddened to see you go but we rejoice in knowing that you are with mom and truly happy now.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Rupert West LDS Stake Center, 26 S. 100th in Rupert. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

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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. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Funeral Home in Burley).

Molly Faye (Julian) Craft of Boise, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; dinner follows at the United Methodist Church in Buhl (Aclea Chapel in Boise).

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

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



Rev. George M. Docherty and his wife, Sue, look at a display of photos celebrating the retired minister's life in February 2004 at Hamilton Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Pa.

Pastor who helped get phrase 'under God' in Pledge dies

ALEXANDRIA, Pa. (AP) — The Rev. George M. Docherty, credited with helping to push Congress to insert the phrase "under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance, has died at 97.

Docherty died on Thanksgiving at his home in central Pennsylvania, according to his wife, Sue Docherty.

She said her husband of 36 years had been in failing health for about three years.

"George said he was going to live to be a hundred and he was determined," she said in a telephone interview Saturday. "It's amazing that he was with us this long."

Washington, just blocks from the White House, gave a sermon in 1952 saying the pledge should acknowledge God.

He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was unfamiliar with the pledge until he heard it recited by his 7-year-old son, Garth.

"I didn't know that the Pledge of Allegiance was and he recited it 'one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all,'" he recalled in an interview with the Associated Press in 2004. "I came from Scotland, and we said 'God save our gracious queen.' 'God save our gracious king.' Here was the Pledge of Allegiance, and God wasn't in it at all."

DEATH NOTICES

Emma J. Dodge
Emma J. Dodge, 83, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008, at her home.

A memorial spaghetti dinner will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2065 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Michael D. Taylor

SHOSHONE — Michael DeWay Taylor, 53, of Shoshone, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; vis-

itation one hour before the service at the funeral home. Cremation will follow the funeral.

Virginia Slippey

RUPERT — Virginia Slippey, 79, of Rupert, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Henrietta Bartels

JEROME — Henrietta Bartels, 87, of Jerome, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at Cenoma Home in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Jorn Utzon, architect of Sydney Opera House, dies

Los Angeles Times

Jorn Utzon, the Danish architect whose eye-catching, nautically inspired design for the Sydney Opera House in Australia overcame a series of controversies surrounding its budget and acoustics to become one of the most recognizable landmarks of the 20th century, helping to usher in our current era of buildings beloved for their daring and photogenic forms, has died. He was 90.

The cause was a heart attack that struck early Saturday while Utzon was asleep at his home in Copenhagen, Denmark, his son, Kim Utzon, told The Associated Press.

Utzon was heavily associated with a white building as Utzon was with the 1973 opera house,

which emerges — part sailboat, part sea creature — from a site on the edge of Sydney Harbor.

In 1975, when he was just 58, he was named the winner of an international competition for the project. His design for a cluster of five auditoriums tucked beneath a roof of billowing white concrete shells impressed a jury that included architect Eero Saarinen. It ultimately prevailed over 232 other entries.

In the end, though, Utzon's opera house "commission proved to be a mixed blessing, giving the architect years of headache to go with broad newfound fame.

Utzon was criticized so heavily for cost overruns and construction delays that he resigned from the job and left Australia in disgust in 1966. A full seven years before the opera house was completed,

Bush: United States stands behind India in wake of attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President George W. Bush on Saturday pledged full U.S. support to India as it investigates the deadly terrorist attacks in Mumbai, saying the killers "will not have the final word."

Bush spoke at the White House after returning from the Camp David presidential retreat where he spent Thanksgiving and monitored the rampage. The coordinated assaults left nearly 200 people dead, including six Americans, and raised tensions between India and neighboring Pakistan, two nuclear-armed rivals.



President George W. Bush makes a statement on the attacks in Mumbai as he returns from Camp David, on the South Lawn of the White House, Saturday in Washington.

"The killers who struck this week are brutal and violent," Bush said on the South Lawn with first lady Laura Bush at his side. "But terror will not have the final word. The people of India are resilient. The people of India are strong. They have built a vibrant, multicultural democracy. They will withstand this trial."

Obama called Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Friday night to offer condolences and was monitoring the situation. The attacks, which killed at least 195 people, including 18 foreigners, in India's financial capital, ended Saturday when commandos killed the last three gunmen inside a luxury hotel.

FBI agents were on route to India on Saturday. A second group of investigators was on alert to join the first team if necessary.

The State Department warned U.S. citizens traveling to or already in India that the Mumbai terrorist attacks "in part targeted American citizens and other Westerners, for the first time and tragically demonstrate that even in five-star luxury hotels, security is not equipped to deter such attacks."

"U.S. citizens should take into account this new reality and exercise caution when visiting India. Prudent security measures include maintaining a high level of vigilance, avoiding crowds and demonstrations and keeping a low profile by not calling attention to one's nationality," the State Department said in the alert issued Saturday night.

Mumbai attack victims recall their desperation, gunmen's ruthlessness

By Emily Wax
The Washington Post

MUMBAI, India — About two dozen Americans, their cameras filled with photos of Hindu temples and Buddhist caves, were eating a sushi dinner in the posh lobby cafe of the Oberoi hotel when a young gunman raised an assault rifle and opened fire. It was just after 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, the start of a terrifying siege that would last about three days.

"We all lived through the table," said Linda Ragsdale, a children's book illustrator from Nashville who was visiting India with a Virginia-based meditation group. "I tried to lay my head down and pretend I was dead."

Bullets whizzed over the diners' heads. The sound of grenades reverberated off the polished marble floors of the cafe. Ragsdale pulled a young girl under the table. But it quickly became apparent that the girl, Naomi Scherr, a spunky 13-year-old with red hair, had been hit. Her body was pale and limp.

"I was taking in the enormity of the moment, thinking that this energetic child who I had been playing with in the pool the night before — and had made a pact to do somersaults with — was dead, shot. That's when the shooting started again. It was loud and continuous. And there were constant bomb blasts," Ragsdale recalled.

"Within minutes, I saw another gunman coming around the corner. He shot me. I felt nothing, and I again tried to play dead," she said. The bullet ricocheted off the table. She spoke from her bed at Bombay Hospital, where she was being treated.

After a wave of coordinated terrorist attacks turned parts of Mumbai's financial district into a combat zone, the full extent of the 60 hours of violence came to light Saturday in the stories of victims who filled the city's hospitals. The assailants killed at least 195 people and wounded about 300. Among the dead were 22 foreigners, including six Americans.

Nashville resident Rudrani Devi, who works as a homeopathic healer, recalled that 10 minutes into the ordeal, she heard another flurry of gunfire. The next day, her father, Alan Scherr, collapsed after a bullet pierced the back of his skull. The 58-year-old former University of Maryland professor was a member of the Synchronicity Foundation, the meditation group whose members were dining together in the cafe when the assault began.

"His blood had gotten in my eyes and in my hair," Devi said. "In that moment, I felt his soul leave his body." A bullet took a chunk of flesh from her left arm.

"I didn't dare look up," she said. "I wouldn't say it was a war zone, because we weren't able to shoot back. It felt more like a massacre."

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— Rudrani Devi of Nashville, Tennessee, who was caught in the attack while visiting Mumbai

of the cafe, then down a service staircase leading to the hotel's kitchen and then out a back door, where other hotel workers had commandeered taxis as makeshift ambulances for transport to hospitals.

At the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower hotel nearby, Sarita Hegde Roy, an Indian public relations director, was meeting with a group of European businesspeople to promote tourism. Through the glass doors of the Sea Lounge cafe, where she was holding the meeting, she spotted three young men with guns walk into the hotel's lobby. Then she heard the crack of gunfire. "Lock the door! Switch off the lights! Lay down!" shouted a quick-thinking hotel worker. More than three dozen terrified guests hit the floor.

A few minutes later, the gunmen started shooting at the Sea Lounge's doors. Glass shards showered the room, Roy said. Then, she said, she noticed her foot was covered in blood.

As quickly as the gunmen came, they vanished into the upper floors of the hotel.

"Laying on our stomachs, we started getting text messages on our cellphones from senior hotel managers warning us to stay down or get out," Roy said.

Inside the Taj's rooftop conference room, which faces the Arabian Sea and the Gateway of India arch, South Korean businessman King Donggy was finishing a meeting with his Indian partners at 10:30 p.m. when he heard windows being smashed and firecracker-like sounds of gunfire. "We knew something was very wrong. All 100 of us queested under a conference table," said Donggy, who has lived in Mumbai for three months. They spent the entire night wide awake under the table. "It was a horrifying feeling of being trapped," he said.

At midnight, on the floor of the Sea Lounge, Roy heard the screams of women. Minutes later, the guests received a text message that a young girl had been shot. Then a portion of the ceiling caved in. Apparently, a pipe had burst. Cold water and ceiling debris poured over many of the prostrated guests, who were too terrified to move. Some held hands. Roy said she heard others crying.

They stay there for five hours, some of them soaking wet. By 3 a.m., the blasts became louder and more frequent. "Our eyes started to sting," Roy said. "My saris was soaking wet. But I remained frozen. I thought I would die. I didn't know how the hell we were all going to get out of here alive," she said. As dawn broke, hotel workers guided Roy and the other

crews out of the cafe to a second-floor window, where fire crews had a ladder waiting for them. Once outside in the morning air, Roy said, she looked around and saw parts of the hotel in flames.

"There were snipers all over this hotel that I have loved since my childhood," she said.

In the back of the ornate Taj, white bedsheets tied together to make a rope dangled from the sixth-floor window of one of the rooms, a sign of a desperate escape by at least one of the hostages. Dongy saw the flames when he escaped at dawn. "We took a chance and rushed down the stairs," he said. "We were able to sneak out, but we were lucky."

Hundreds of others remained trapped in the 565-room hotel at the start of the day Thursday. A team of Indian commandos, dressed in black body armor and toting assault rifles, began combing the structure in pursuit of the assailants. Commando Rajveer Singh, 33, said he conducted room-to-room searches starting at the sixth floor, the hotel's top floor.

"We listened at the door, then we would knock on the door, ask who was inside, then ask if anyone needed help," said Singh, recuperating at Bombay Hospital, where he was being treated for a gunshot wound to his left hand and severe burns on his face. He had reached Room 471 at the Taj and heard nothing, he recalled. He opened the door with a key card and spotted a man in a red shirt, "who didn't raise his hands when he was told to." Singh made a movement to run or grab a weapon. Someone else in the room started shooting, he said. "The room caught fire from all the fighting. Singh passed out, he said.

By that time, in the hotel's main kitchen on the first floor, 100 members of the kitchen staff were dead. They had been some of the first to be attacked. One of them was the soft-spoken Vijay Rao Banja, a father of two, and one of the top chefs at the Taj. Other commandos took control of the still-burning hotel, a funeral was held for Banja at the statey St. Thomas Cathedral. The hotel's cooks came dressed in chef's smocks in honor of Banja. Hundreds of Taj employees sang "Amazing Grace." In the wide wooden pews, under spinning ceiling fans, Mumbai's Christians, Muslims and Hindus stood shoulder to shoulder, many weeping.

At the hospital, Ragsdale said she still loved India and praised the nurses tending to her wounds. But the meditation expert was having trouble relaxing after the ordeal. "Every time the hospital door bangs shut, I jump out of my skin," she said.

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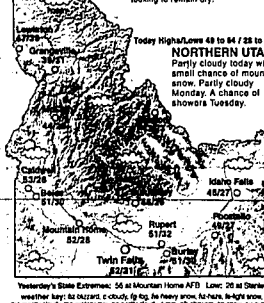
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REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

...is on a constant change.

Bison roundup shows species' recovery on the prairie

By Justin Iozzopavich Associated Press writer

PARKERSBURG, Okla. — It's 6 a.m. and the cowboys are already drinking second and third cups of coffee, adjusting to a 35-degree morning. Slowly, a full moon and stars give way to hues of orange sky. And with daybreak, what had been obscured comes into clearer focus: hundreds of shaggy bison standing on an unfenced landscape that looks like it rolls on forever.



Harvey Payne, former director of the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve in Parkersburg, Okla., Nov. 13. Through conservation efforts like the preserve, the bison are no longer in danger of extinction.

Any other time of year, this herd of 2,600 would have a 23,000-acre swath of the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve to roam.

But for one week in November, it's time for the annual roundup in this place where man took a 55-year-old species to the brink of extinction and brought it back.

The 21st century cowboys who round the animals up employ pickups and ATVs — instead of horses — to thin the herd. Some bison will be sold to private ranchers and some trucked to slaughterhouses.

It's the 15th roundup since 300 bison were reintroduced to the tallgrass prairie in the early 1980s. Owned by The Nature Conservancy, which bought the preserve in 1989, the program here is among several across the country that have rescued the American bison — also commonly called the buffalo — from near-annihilation.

With predators largely gone and uncontrolled hunting now long past, the roundup keeps the herd in healthy balance, says preserve director Bob Hamilton.

followed a wild rush of hunters — eager to destroy many a heart as possible in the shortest time.

"For those greedy ones, the chase on horseback was too slow and too unfruitful. That was a retail method of killing, whereas they wanted to kill by wholesale," he wrote.

Instead of hunting on horseback with bow and arrow, as the Indians did, shooters employed the still-hunt method: sneaking up on a herd, perching a position on a ridge overlooking a prairie, taking aim with rifles and dawning as many as they could.

Old photos and paintings are testament to the carnage. One picture in Hornaday's book is captioned "Five Minutes' Work," shows eight bison lying dead on the prairie, the shooter's horse standing to the side. A black-and-white photograph from a late 1800s shows a man standing atop a mountain of bison skulls.

As the bison suffered, so did the tallgrass prairie, which once encompassed 142 million acres and stretched from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Today, one-tenth of that prairie remains, the largest of it located in the Flint Hills of Oklahoma and Kansas.

serve for about 25 years. Today, bison are no longer in danger of extinction.

With more than 500,000 living in North America, the animals can be found on private ranches, public parks — such as Yellowstone in Wyoming — and wildlife preserves like the tallgrass prairie, located about 80 miles northwest of Tulsa. About 5,600 can be found on conservancy preserves in the Great Plains.

Perhaps the most famous bison owner is media mogul Ted Turner, who has about 25 million head and manages 2 million acres of ranch land. He's parlayed that into dozens of namesake restaurants that serve up the lean, low-calorie meat as his Ted's Montana Grill locations offer

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bison are being moved down the corral alley.

"The vehicles buck in a few hundred feet of animals — a perfect day's haul."

Though bison have a reputation for being a slow, plodding animal without much brainpower, it is myth.

A year ago here, an agitated bison flipped over an ATV like a child's toy. It's estimated they can travel 35 miles an hour if they have to. And, during roundup time, they get really nervous — and unpredictable — in close quarters.

"This is a wild species that grew up tossing grizzly bears off their backs," Sanjayan says. "It's like herding rhinos."

Within minutes, a phalanx of stomping, grunting brown heads over a hill for the corral, the trucks giving close chase.

Stein rises off the animals' thick fur. This is not the Serengeti in Africa, this is a prairie in Oklahoma.

"They're coming, and they're not amused."

"They kick like a Missouri mule," Payne warns anyone within earshot.

his buddy chimes in.

The bull grunts, as if acknowledging his statement. The sun is barely up and the first half of the day's roundup is in the queue.

After navigating the labyrinthine system of pens, the bison arrive at the final stop. Electronic transponders attached to each animal's ear are scanned with wands, and each one's unique, 15-digit number is relayed to a computer, which displays information on sex, origin and age, among other data.

This fall, about 450 will be culled from the herd. Bulls are sold at 6 or 7 years old; cows at 10-12. They might be used as breeding stock, or be on their way to the dinner table.

"We have a pretty good grip on what the sex and age structure of our herd is, how many animals we have out there," says Hamilton, the preserve director. "So, before roundup, all those godlike decisions are made on who stays and who goes so that it can be as efficient as possible."

At a stopping point, the cowboys take a loaf off.

One of the elders, 74-year-old Jack Cheves, wearing a weathered cowboy hat that hides some of the lines on his forehead, has been in the cattle business all his life and worked the first bison roundup here.

He remembers when some of the locals were uneasy after the conservancy first bought this preserve, worried about the future of their ranches. "They've since come around..."

As for the cowboys, they look forward to each year's roundup, he says. "It's just a way of life."

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Early shopping data shows strong Black Friday

By Ashley M. Heiser
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — The holiday shopping season got off to a surprisingly solid start, according to data released Saturday by a research firm. But the sales boost during the post-Thanksgiving shopathon came at the expense of profits as the nation's retailers had to slash prices to attract the crowds in a season that is expected to be the weakest in decades.

Sales during the day after

INSIDE

Some parents rethink toy-buying.

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Thanksgiving rose 3 percent to \$10.6 billion, according to preliminary figures released Saturday by ShopperTrak RCT Corp., a Chicago-based research firm that tracks sales at more than 50,000 retail outlets. Last year, shoppers spent about \$10.3 billion on the day after Thanksgiving, dubbed

Black Friday because it was historically the sales-packed day when retailers would become profitable for the year. But this year, many observers were expecting consumers to spend more time browsing than buying, amid contractions in consumer spending and growing fears about economic uncertainty and trouble in the global financial markets.

"Under these circumstances, it's truly amazing when you think about all the news that led into the holiday

season, it certainly appears that consumers are willing to spend more than most expected," said ShopperTrak co-founder Bill Martin. "Everybody wants value for their dollar, so we saw a tremendous response to the discounts."

While it isn't a predictor of overall holiday season sales, Black Friday is an important barometer of people's willingness to spend during the holidays. Last year, it was the biggest sales generator of the season while the Thanksgiving

shopping weekend of Friday through Sunday accounted for about 10 percent of overall holiday sales. Still, experts, who predict this year's overall holiday shopping period will be the weakest in decades thanks to an overall contraction in spending, caution that this year's sales growth may be hard to sustain.

Also complicating matters is a shorter buying season — 27 days between Black Friday and Christmas — instead of 32 last year.

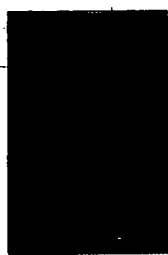
Sales up slightly

Retail sales on the day after Thanksgiving increased nearly 3 percent from last year, according to a recent report.

Black Friday shopping in billions



SOURCE: ShopperTrak RCT Corp. AP



AP photo
Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., attends a memorial service for the late Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll on Nov. 21 in Harrisburg, Pa.

Obama to name Clinton secretary of state on Monday

By Beth Fouhy
Associated Press writer

President-elect Barack Obama planned to nominate Hillary Rodham Clinton as his secretary of state on Monday, transforming a once-bitter political rivalry into a high-level strategic and diplomatic partnership.

Obama will name the New York senator to his national security team at a news conference in Chicago, Democratic officials said Saturday. They requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly for the transition team.

To clear the way for his wife to take the job, former President Bill Clinton agreed to disclose the names of every contributor to his foundation since its inception in 1997. He'll also refuse donations from foreign governments to the Clinton Global Initiative, his annual charitable conference, and will cease holding CGI meetings overseas.

Bill Clinton's business deals and global charitable endeavors were expected to create problems for the former first lady's nomination. But in negotiations with the Obama transition team, the former president agreed to several measures designed to bring transparency to his post-presidential work.

The Clinton pick was an extraordinary gesture of goodwill after a year of 50-state contests, with Obama and Clinton competing for the Democratic nomination in a long, bitter primary battle.

The two clashed repeatedly on foreign affairs during the 50-state contest, with Obama criticizing Clinton for her vote to authorize the Iraq war and Clinton saying that Obama lacked the experience to be president. She also chided him for saying the world must wait for leaders of rogue nations like Iraq and Cuba without preconditions.

The bitterness began melting away in June after Clinton ended her campaign and endorsed Obama.

Awaiting the aftermath

Bases brace for surge in stress-related disorders

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press writer

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Some 15,000 soldiers are heading home to this sprawling base after spending more than a year at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and military health officials are bracing for a surge in brain injuries and psychological problems among those troops.

Facing prospects that one in five of the 101st Airborne Division soldiers will suffer from stress-related disorders, the base has nearly doubled its psychological health staff. Army leaders are hoping to use the base's experiences to assess the long-term impact of repeated deployments.

The three 101st Airborne combat brigades, which have begun arriving home, have gone through at least three tours in Iraq. The 3rd Brigade also served seven months in Afghanistan, early in the war. Next spring, the 4th Brigade will return from a 15-month tour in Afghanistan. So far, roughly 10,000 soldiers have come back; the remainder are expected by the end of January.

Army leaders say they will closely watch Fort Campbell to determine the proper medical staffing levels needed to aid soldiers who have endured repeated rotations in the two war zones.

"I don't know what to expect. I don't think anybody knows," said Gen. Peter Chiarelli, vice chief of staff of the Army, as he flew back to Washington from a recent tour of the base's medical facilities. "That's why I want to see numbers from the 101st's third deployment."

What happens with the 101st Airborne, he said, will let the Army help other bases ready for similar homecomings in the next year or two, when multiple brigades from



AP photo
U.S. Army Spc. Steven Newland, 20, listens to a meeting between his platoon leader and local Iraqi leaders in Baquba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday. Spc. Newland, of Kansas City, Mo., is assigned to Alpha Co., 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment.

Multiple tours

Of all deployed U.S. troops, more than a third have been to Iraq and Afghanistan more than once.

Troop deployment, all branches, as of Sept. 30

Once	More than once
1,111,843	652,221
1,149,822	652,221

SOURCE: Department of Defense AP

the 4th Infantry Division and the 1st Cavalry Division return.

Noting that some soldiers in the 101st Airborne units have been to war four or five times, Chiarelli said he is

most worried the military will not be able to find enough health care providers to deal effectively with the troops needing assistance.

Many of the military bases are near small or remote communities that do not have access to the number of health professionals who might be needed as a great many soldiers return home.

More than 63,600 active duty Army soldiers have done three or more tours in Iraq or Afghanistan. That is a nearly 12 percent of the total number of soldiers who have deployed at least once. Roughly four in 10 soldiers who have gone to war have served more than one

deployment — and that number is growing steadily.

One solution under discussion is the formation of mobile medical and psychological teams that can go to Army bases when they are expecting a surge in activity from returning units.

At Fort Campbell, the director of health services, Col. Richard Thomas, has roughly doubled his authorized staff of psychologists and behavioral specialists to 55 and is trying to hire a few more.

"I think we have enough staff to meet the demands of the soldiers here, but I could use more, and I'll hire more if I can," said Thomas. "I'll hire

them until they tell me to stop."

He said he expects the increased staffing levels to last at least through next year.

For the first time, Thomas said, every soldier returning home will have an individual meeting with a behavioral health specialist and then go through a second such session 90 days to 120 days later.

The second one is generally the time when indications of stress surface, after the initial euphoria of the homecoming wears off and sleeplessness, nightmares, and other symptoms show up.

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Joint chiefs chairman 'very positive' after meeting with Obama

By Karen D. Young
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Adm. Michael Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, went unannounced into his first meeting with the new commander in chief — no aides, no PowerPoint presentation, no briefing books. Summoned nine days ago to President-elect Barack Obama's Chicago transition office, Mullen showed up with just a pad, a pen and a desire to take the measure of his incoming boss.

There was little talk of exiting Iraq or heading up U.S. forces in Afghanistan; the one-on-one, 45-minute conversation ranged from the personal to the philosophical. Mullen came away with what he wanted: a view of the next president as a non-ideo-



logical pragmatist who was willing to both listen and lead. After the meeting, the chairman "felt very good, very positive," according to Mullen spokesman Capt. John Kirby.

As Obama prepares to announce his national security team Monday, he faces a military that has long mistrusted Democrats and is particularly wary of a young, intellectual leader with no experience in uniform, who once called Iraq a "dumb

war. Military leaders have all heard his pledge to withdraw most combat forces from Iraq within 16 months — sooner than commanders on the ground have recommended — and his implied criticism of the Afghan war effort during the Bush administration.

But so far, Obama appears to be going out of his way to reassure them that he will do nothing rash and will seek their advice, even while making clear that he may not always take it. He has demonstrated an ability to speak in plain, talk about "mission plans" and "tasking," and to differentiate between strategy and tactics, a distinction Republican nominee John McCain accused him of misunderstanding during the campaign.

Obama has been careful to

separate his criticism of Bush policy from his praise of the military's valor and performance, while Michelle Obama's public expressions of concern for military families have gone over well. But most important, according to several senior officers and civilian Pentagon officials who would speak about their incoming leader only on the condition of anonymity, is the expectation of renewed respect for the chain of command and greater realism about U.S. military goals and capabilities, which many found lacking during the Bush years.

"Open and serious debate vs. ideological clutter will be a great relief to the military leaders," said retired Maj. Gen. William L. Nash of the Council on Foreign Relations. Senior officers are

aware that few among their ranks voiced misgivings over the Iraq war, but they counter that they were not encouraged to do so by the Bush White House or the Pentagon under Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"The joke was that when you leave a meeting, everybody is supposed to drink the Kool-Aid," Nash said. "In the Bush administration, you had to drink the Kool-Aid before you got to go to the meeting."

Obama's expected retention of Robert M. Gates as defense secretary and expected appointment of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state and retired Marine Gen. James L. Jones as national security adviser have been greeted with relief at the Pentagon.

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Stress

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"We're seeing a lot of soldiers with stress related issues," he said. "They're not bipolar or schizophrenic. But they're deploying three and four times and the stress is tremendous. They're having relationship issues, financial issues, marital problems — all stress related."

According to Dr. Bret Logan, deputy commander for managed care at the base, extended war zone stints that have lasted as long as 30 months over the course of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have taken a severe toll.

More than 3,000 of the 15,000 troops returning home, Logan estimated, probably will experience headaches, sleep disorders, irritability, memory loss, relationship strains or other symptoms linked to stress disorder.

Medical staff at Fort Campbell say they also worry that there will be a new surge of suicides — an escalating problem in recent years, large-



Gen. Peter Chiarelli, vice chief of staff for the Army, tests a driving simulator used to test the reaction skills of Traumatic Brain Injury patients, Oct. 20 at Fort Campbell, Ky.

ly related to the stresses of war. Jon Soltz, an Iraq war veteran and chairman of VoteVets.org, said more soldiers will have stress-related problems, and the military

must be vigilant in diagnosing and treating post-traumatic stress disorder to head off more serious issues. "The longer you are there (at war), the more PTSD

you're going to see. You wonder when it's going to be your time," he said. Each returning soldier is evaluated through a seven-day reintegration program. It

includes medical checkups, tests, lectures on suicide prevention and relationship, and other sessions to help them transition back into life at the base and with their families.

During his visit to Campbell, Chiarelli took a spin on one of the base's simulators, which are used for soldiers having neurological or stress problems. The simulator can be used to test soldiers' reflexes or as a way to work someone back into everyday situations.

With occupational therapist Eileen Hayes watching over his shoulder, Chiarelli adeptly negotiated the city streets, sudden turns and other obstacles moving at him on the small screen.

The simulators said Logan, put patients in high stress scenarios to test their decision-making ability while

under duress. While soldiers have been routinely deploying for 15-month tours, most Marines serve about seven months and airmen deploy for about four months, although some may serve for tours of six months or longer.

Late this past summer, Pentagon leaders ordered a change, saying any soldier who deployed in August or after would serve 12-month tours. Army leaders say they want to reduce that to nine months, but doing so will be difficult considering the strains of fighting two wars at once.

Logan said that some 85 percent of those soldiers with stress disorder symptoms will recover with the help of some treatment or medication. But the other 15 percent will require more intensive help.

Mullen

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Clinton is respected at the Pentagon and is considered a defense moderate, at times bordering on hawkish. Though her membership on the Senate Armed Services Committee — sought early in her congressional career to add gravitas to her presidential aspirations — she has developed close ties with senior military figures.

Some in the military are suspicious of "flagpole" officers such as Jones, whose assignments included Supreme Allied Commander at NATO, Marine commandant and chief headquarters service, and who grew up in France and is a graduate of the Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. But Jones also commanded a platoon and served in Bosnia. "His reputation is pretty good," one Pentagon official said. "He's savvy about Washington, worked ... (Capitol Hill), and at a lean 6-foot-4, ... the Georgetown basketball player 'looks great in a suit.'"

Although Jones occasionally and privately briefed candidate Obama on foreign policy matters — on Afghanistan, in particular, as did current deputy NATO commander Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry — he is not considered an intimate of the president-elect. But as Obama's closest national security adviser, or in the event the one who will spend the most time with him, Jones is expected to follow the pattern of two military predecessors in the job, Brent Scowcroft and Colin L. Powell, who injected order and discipline into the National Security Council full of strong personalities with independent power bases.

Although exit polls did not break out active-duty voters, it is virtually certain that McCain won the military vote. In an October survey by the Military Times, nearly

70 percent of more than 4,000 officers and enlisted respondents said they favored McCain, while about 23 percent preferred Obama. Only African American service members gave Obama a majority.

In exit polls, those who said they had "ever served in the U.S. military" made up 15 percent of voters and broke 64 percent for McCain to 44 percent for Obama. "As a culture, we are more conservative and Republican," a senior officer said.

Obama has said he will meet with the chairman of the Joint Chiefs as well as the service chiefs during his first week in office. At the top of his agenda for that meeting will be what he has called the military's "new mission" of planning the 16-month withdrawal timeline for Iraq.

Senior officers have publicly grumbled about the risk involved. "Moving forward in a measured way, tied to conditions as they continue to evolve, over time, is important," Mullen said at a media briefing four days before his Nov. 21 meeting with Obama. "I'm certainly aware of what has been said" prior to the election, he said.

The last Democratic president, Bill Clinton, clashed with the chiefs during his first sit-down with them when they opposed his campaign pledge to end the ban on gays in the military. The chiefs, some of whom held the commander in chief in thinly veiled contempt — as a supposed Vietnam draft dodger, won the battle, and Clinton spent much of his two terms seen as an adversary.

But Mullen came away from the Chicago talk rea-

sured that Obama will engage in a discussion with them, balancing risks and "asking tough questions ... but not in a combative, finger-pointing way," one official said.

The president-elect's invitation to Mullen, whom Obama previously had met only in passing on Capitol Hill and whose first two-year term as chairman does not expire until the end of September, was seen as an attempt to establish a relationship and avoid early conflict.

While some Pentagon officials believe an Iraq withdrawal order could become Obama's equivalent of the Clinton controversy over gays, several senior Defense Department sources said that Gates, Mullen and Gen. David H. Petraeus, head of the military's Central Command, are untroubled by the 16-month plan and feel it can be accomplished with a month or two of wiggle room.

These sources noted that Obama himself has said he would not be "careless" about withdrawal and would retain a "residual" force of unspecified size to fight terrorists and protect U.S. diplomats and civilians. The officer most concerned about untimely withdrawal, sources said, is the Iraq commander, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno.

Even as the Iraq war continues, Defense officials are far more worried about Afghanistan, where they see policy drift and an unfocused mission. With strategy reviews now being completed at the White House and by the chairman's office, an internal Pentagon debate is well under way over whether goals should be

lowered. Although Gen. David McKiernan, the U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, has requested four more U.S. combat brigades, some Pentagon strategists believe a smaller presence of Special Forces and trainers for Afghan forces — and more attention to Pakistan — is advisable.

Bush's ideological objective of a modern Afghan democracy, several officials said, is unattainable with current U.S. resources, and there is optimism that Obama will have a more realistic view. A number of senior officers also took favor on Obama's call for talks with Iran over Iraq and Afghanistan, separating those issues from U.S. demands over Tehran's nuclear program.

One of the biggest long-term military issues on Obama's plate will be the defense budget, currently topping 4.3 percent of gross domestic product once war expenditures are included. Obama has said he will increase the size of the Army and the Marine Corps, finding savings in the Iraq drawdown and in new scrutiny of spending, including on contractors, weapons programs and missile defense.

"They know the money is coming down," a Pentagon official said of the uniformed services, and many welcome increased discipline. But it's neither the military's nature nor its role to volunteer the cuts, the official said. "It's for Congress and the administration to say 'Stop it.'"

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Some parents rethink toy-buying

By David Cray
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In a season that inspires earnest letters about toys, one notable batch is being sent not by kids to Santa's workshop but by parents to the executive suites of real-world toy makers.

The message: Please, in these days of economic angst, cut back on marketing your products directly to our children.

The letter-writing initiative was launched by the Boston-based Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, which says roughly 1,400 of its members and supporters have contacted 24 leading toy companies and retailers to express concern about ads aimed at kids.

"Unfortunately, I will not be able to resist, many of the toys that my sons have asked for; we simply don't have the money," wrote Todd Helmkamp of Hudson, Ind. "By bombarding them with advertisements ... you are placing parents like me in the unenviable position of having to tell our children that we can't afford the toys you promote."

The Toy Industry Association has responded with a firm defense of current marketing practices, asserting that children "are a vital part of the gift selection process."

"If children are not aware of what is new and available, how will they be able to tell their families what their preferences are?" an industry statement said. "While there is certainly greater economic disturbance going on now, families have always faced different levels of economic well-being and have managed to tailor their spending to their means."

In recent conference calls with investors, toy company executives said they expect to suffer some holiday-season impact from the economic crisis, yet suggested their industry would be more resilient than many other sectors. The toy industry is commonly viewed as recession-resistant, due largely to the parent-child dynamic.

"Parents have trouble saying no," said Allison Pugh, a University of Virginia sociology professor. She says parents often buy toys to avoid guilt and ensure their children feel in sync with school classmates.

"Even under circumstances of dire financial straits, that's the last thing parents give up," said Pugh. "They'll contain their own buying for themselves before they'll make their child feel different at school."

Amanda Almodovar says she encounters such families in her work as an elementary school social worker in Alamance County, N.C., where homelessness and unemployment are rising.

"I had one parent who said she'd prostitute herself to get what her child wants,"



Jessica Linn, left, shops as her friend's baby, Kaylee Oliver, inspects a toy while sitting in a shopping cart, Friday at a Toys 'R Us in Selma, Texas.

Almodovar said. "It's heartbreaking. They feel inadequate as parents."

"I try to tell them, worry about your home, your heating bill—but they're the ones who have to look into children's faces, the children saying 'I want this, I want that.'"

Even in some households not in fiscal crisis, there's a sense that this holiday season is different.

John Schenkenfelder, a financial adviser and father of three in Louisville, Ky., wrote a blog entry this month urging families to scale down their gift-giving and spend more time playing together.

"This has been bugging me for years, even when times were great," Schenkenfelder said in a telephone interview. "Maybe people will get it this year—they're so unprepared for this debacle. They're shell-shocked."

In Columbus, Ohio, Erin Beth Dower Charron has been trying to brace her 4-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter for more subdued gift-getting this year as the family begins financial belt-tightening.

"My 8-year-old is still holding out hope that Santa will get her that one special gift, but understanding this year may be different," Dower Charron said. "My son doesn't understand. Everything he sees, he wants."

Toy ads on kids' TV shows make the process harder, she said. "The onslaught seems to be more intense this year."

Dower Charron was among the hundreds of parents who took up the suggestion to write to toy companies. "Help me understand why your toy is the better one for my child, and why it should be one of the few I can afford," she wrote. "Don't leave that up to my children."

The director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, psychologist Susan Linn, said she and her colleagues don't expect toy companies to stop advertising—rather, they want the ads directed at parents.

"It's crucial to dangle irresistible ads for toys and elec-

tronics in front of kids—encouraging them to nag for gifts that their parents can't afford," she said. "It's just not fair."

The big toy makers aren't likely to redirect their ads for one fundamental reason, according to Richard Gottlieb, a New York-based consultant to the industry. "Toy companies advertise to children because it works, to be brutally honest," Gottlieb said in an interview. Gottlieb also contends that it's good for children to encounter toy ads—even in cases where products later turn out to be disappointments.

"It teaches, for very low stakes, how to navigate in our consumer culture," he said.

"They are going to have to spend the rest of their lives listening to every kind of marketing approach, and childhood is where they will learn to cope with it."

As for the economic pressure on parents, Gottlieb sounds a fatalistic note.

"Believe me, there are families with much bigger issues on their plates right now than worrying about whether their child will be unhappy because they did not get a particular toy," Gottlieb wrote in his "Out of the Toy Box"

blog. "Delivering disappointment goes with the job of parenting."

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Wanted: Wal-Mart shoppers who trampled worker in New York

By Colleen Long
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Police are reviewing surveillance videotape of a post-Thanksgiving shopper stampede that trampled a suburban Wal-Mart worker to death, but they acknowledge it may be difficult to bring criminal charges.

store a day later. "It felt a little freakish," customer Ellie Berhun, 48, told The Daily News. "Some man lost his life because a VCR was on sale? Please. It's just too sad for words."

and customers simply stepped over him and kept shopping even as the store announced it was closing because of the death, police and witnesses said.

marked the point when a throng of shoppers pushes stores into profitability for the year.

Damour, 34, came from a temporary agency and was doing maintenance work at the store, Wal-Mart said.

ing Friday in Farmingdale, about 15 miles east of Valley Stream, Suffolk County police said. She suffered minor injuries but finished shopping before filing the report, police said.

Still going: Energizer Bunny enters his 20th year

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Turns out he really does just keep going and going.

The Energizer Bunny, the symbol of battery maker Energizer Holdings Inc., debuted in commercials in 1989 and has, well, kept going ever since.

Now entering his 20th year, the advertising icon has become famous enough that people who persevere beyond reasonable expectations are often referred to, or call themselves, the "Energizer Bunny." Among the many references from politicians:

• In 1996, Republican presidential candidate Ben Dole, then 72, dismissed concerns about his age, saying, "I'm like the Energizer Bunny. We've got a lot of juice left in our generation."

• With his 2004 presidential campaign floundering, Democratic candidate Howard Dean promised reporters to keep "going and going and going and going and going — just like the Energizer Bunny."

In 2005, former President George H.W. Bush said of former President Bill Clinton as they traveled together to raise funds for victims of the Asian tsunami, "You should have seen him going, town to town, country to country, Energizer Bunny here."

The pink bunny, always pounding a drum, always wearing sunglasses and flip-flops, made his debut in an October 1989 ad in which he marched off the set as the stage manager implored, "Stop the bunny, please."

The bunny soon showed up in a series of parody commercials for products such as wine, coffee and long-distance phone service, always hanging the drum into the commercial to interrupt.

Two decades later, he is still going strong:

"It became an advertising icon," Neal Burns, an advertising professor at the University of Texas, said Friday. "They found a meaningful and differentiating position within the category that is important to the consumer, and what's important for a battery is that it's long-lasting, it just keeps going."

To mark the start of his 20th year, a 40-foot-tall bunny float took part in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York and kept going down 34th Street while other participants made a right onto 7th Avenue.



Resse Tracy, 33, left, and his father Gary Tracy, 56, right, touch the original Leg Lamp during their tour of the house that was made famous in the film 'A Christmas Story' Friday in Cleveland, Ohio.

'Christmas Story' fans celebrate film's 25th year

CLEVELAND (AP) — Fans of the holiday classic "A Christmas Story" are celebrating the film's 25th anniversary with a convention and trips to the house where the movie was made.

"It's a film about being a kid and looking back," said Brian Jones, who owns the house where the movie was shot and the neighboring museum dedicated to the film.

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Supreme Court Justice Stevens shows no signs he is ready to quit

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Only one Supreme Court justice was at Chicago's Wrigley Field to see Babe Ruth supposedly point to the spot where he would hit a home run in the 1932 World Series.

John Paul Stevens is old enough that he worked for a year at the court as a young man before three of his fellow justices even were born. Stevens doesn't mind calling attention to his age (89), even though liberal interest groups prayed regularly over the past eight years for his continued good health.

No one thought Stevens would retire from the Supreme Court while George W. Bush was president. But now that Bush's successor has been elected, the only question being asked about the court's oldest and longest-serving justice these days is not can he hang on, but when might he leave.

After nearly 33 years on the court, there is no clear answer.

Seated in a comfortable chair on a stage at the University of Florida recently, Stevens betrayed no sign that he is preparing to retire, remarking only that if the court had maintained the same heavy caseload today it had when he became a justice in 1975, "I would have resigned 10 years ago."

Stevens already has hired the law clerks who would begin work in October 2009, one sign — though not conclusive — that he plans to serve at least until June 2010.

Justices are appointed for life and some in the past have famously pledged to serve out their terms. Chief Justice William Rehnquist was the most recent justice to die in office, in 2005.

Several former law clerks to Stevens have said that he is acutely conscious of not wanting to follow the examples of Rehnquist or Justice William Douglas, whom colleagues had essentially to force to resign in 1975 after a serious stroke. Stevens took Douglas' seat.

"He's responsible enough and selfless enough not to hang on until he's incapable of doing the job," said University of Oklahoma law professor Joseph Thai, a clerk for Stevens in 2000 and 2001. "I've heard he's asked someone on the court to let him know, if he doesn't realize it himself, if he ever gets to that point."

He seems far from it at the moment.

Stevens is a sharp, tough politer, questioner, and a prolific writer. He regularly commutes between the court and his home in south Florida. There, he works by computer and uses e-mail to stay in touch with his office in Washington. He plays tennis, golf and bridge.

He appears also to take a certain pride in his advanced age; only Oliver

Wendell Holmes remained on the court at 88. In a dissent in a case involving a videotaped high-speed car chase, Stevens noted that he alone among the justices learned to drive before the advent of the interstate highway system.

"Had they learned to drive when most high-speed driving took place on two-lane roads rather than on super-highways — when split-second judgments about the

risk of passing a slowpoke in the face of oncoming traffic were routine — they might well have reacted to the videotape more dispassionately," he said.

Douglas Kmiec, a Pepperdine University law professor and former Reagan administration official who backed Democrat Barack Obama this year, said that at a recent conference Stevens showed he "is as intellectually able as ever."

In listening to Stevens' account of his presence at the 1932 World Series game known for Ruth's "called shot," Kmiec said, "It was very clear that the justice was very argued to amuse us with his age."

If Stevens decides to retire, he will probably consider a variety of personal, institutional and political factors, said Artemus Ward, a Northern Illinois University political science professor

who has written a book on Supreme Court retirements.

Justices typically like to depart one at a time, at the end of a term, and not during a presidential election year to keep the court running smoothly, Ward said.

When their health is not an important reason, they tend to "time their departures to coincide with like-minded presidents," he said. Obama, also a fellow Chicagoan, would seem to

be a better match for Stevens than was Bush. As the leader of the court's liberal wing, Stevens helped marshal majorities that questioned important aspects of the Bush administration's preventive detention policy for suspected terrorists.

Stevens also wrote a fierce dissent in Bush v. Gore, the case that helped seal the 2000 presidential election for Republican Bush.



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David Souter, 69
Clarence Thomas, 60
Samuel Alito, 58
John Roberts, 53

The last 10 justices to leave the Supreme Court, with their age and date of retirement:
Sandra Day O'Connor, 75, Jan. 31, 2006
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Byron White, 76, June 28, 1993
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Junk-bond king among those seeking Bush pardon

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Some high-profile convicts past and present are among more than 2,000 people asking President George W. Bush to pardon them or commute their prison sentences before he leaves office.

Junk-bond king Michael Milken, media mogul Conrad Black and American-born Taliban soldier, John Walker Lindh have applied to the Justice Department seeking official forgiveness.

But with Bush's term ending Jan. 20, some lawyers are lobbying the White House directly to pardon their clients. That raises the possibility that the president could excuse scores of people, including some who have not been charged, to protect them from future accusations, such as former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales or baseball pitcher Roger Clemens.

Those who have worked with Bush predict that will not happen. The White House has declined to comment on upcoming pardons. "I would expect the president to exercise his authority to executive pardons to continue through the remainder of his term," said Helgi C. Walker, a former Bush associate White House counsel.

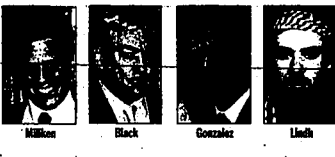
"There would also be a concern about any perceived appearance of impropriety in the waning days of his administration — i.e. some sort of pardon free-for-all," Walker said. "I don't think that is anything that is going to happen on this president's watch."

Last week, Bush issued 14 pardons and commuted two sentences — all for small-time crimes such as minor drug offenses, tax evasion or unauthorized use of food stamps. They brought his eight-year total to 171 pardons and eight commutations granted.

That is less than half as many as President Bill Clinton or President Ronald Reagan issued. Both were two-term presidents, like Bush.

A pardon is an official act of forgiveness that removes civil liabilities stemming from a criminal conviction. A commutation reduces or eliminates a person's sentence.

One Washington lawyer whose clients are directly pursuing the White House for pardons said Bush is expected to issue two more



Milken Black
Gonzales Lindh

rounds of pardons: one right before Christmas, as is customary, and one right before he leaves office. The lawyer spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid hurting the client's chances.

Such an end-run around the Justice Department, which advises the president on who qualifies for pardons, signals that Bush may be open to forgiving people who are otherwise ineligible to apply.

Only people who have waited five years after their conviction or release from prison can apply for a pardon under the department's guidelines. Criminals are required to begin serving time, or otherwise exhaust any appeals, before they can be considered for sentence commutation.

The department is considering a pending application for Milken, who was convicted of securities fraud charges. Two politicians convicted of public corruption — former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., and Democrat Sen. Bill Clinton, D-La. — have applied for shorter prison terms. So has Lindh, convicted of assisting the Taliban, and Black, who is serving time for fraud and obstruction of justice.

Additionally, former U.S. Border Patrol agent Ignacio Ramos is applying to have his prison sentences reduced. Ramos and his colleague, former agent Jose Compean, were convicted of shipping a drug smuggler in 2005 and trying to cover it up.

Justice spokeswoman Laura Sweeney said commutation applications for both Ramos and Compean were rejected in October because their cases were still in court.

But Sweeney said Ramos reapplied in November after he was re-sentenced.

Under the Constitution, the president's power to issue pardons is absolute and cannot be overruled — meaning he can forgive anyone he wants, at any time.

Already, Democrats and other Bush critics are warning the president against getting overly generous with his

power of forgiveness. Of particular concern is whether he will issue pre-emptive pardons to protect allies and some government employees from facing future charges for carrying out his policies.

Some of those people could include officials who authorized or engaged in harsh interrogations of suspected terrorists after Sept. 11, 2001. Critics want incoming President-elect Barack Obama to investigate possible war crimes.

Others to be pre-emptively pardoned might include aides to the president or Bush administration lawyers, for example — who sanctioned potentially illegal policies or lied to Congress about them.

"If President Bush were to pardon key individuals involved in the misdeeds of his administration, from warrantless wiretapping to torture to the firing of U.S. attorneys for political reasons, the courts would be unable to address criminal or past judicial acts on the legality of some of the president's worst abuses," Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., wrote in a Nov. 20 op-ed for Salon.com. "Issuing such pardons now would be particularly egregious, since voters just issued such a strong condemnation of the Bush administration at the ballot box."

Gonzales' lawyer, George Terwilliger, said Justice Department investigations have proved its former top boss did nothing wrong.

"As has been made clear from the results of months and months of investigation of Judge Gonzales' tenure as attorney general, there is no basis to even suggest that a pardon is needed for anything," Terwilliger said in a statement. "It is time for this to end."

Clemens is under investigation for his congressional testimony when he denied under oath that he ever used performance-enhancing drugs. Clemens was identified in former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's report on drug use in baseball. He has main-

tained his innocence and filed a defamation lawsuit in January against his former trainer, Brian McNamee, who claims he injected the seven-time Cy Young award winner with steroids and human growth hormone.

Though absolute, the president's pardon power does not come without risks.

Clinton's 2001 last-day pardon to fugitive financier Marc Rich tainted Democrats who worked for him — including then-Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder who is now awaiting Obama's nomination to run the Justice Department.

Bush's father, President George H.W. Bush, pardoned Reagan's Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who was indicted in the Iran-Contra arms scandal. Weinberger's indictment by a special counsel days before the 1992 presidential election is believed to have contributed to Bush's defeat.

And President Gerald Ford narrowly lost re-election in 1976 after pardoning former President Richard Nixon in the Watergate scandal — the most controversial pre-emptive pardon in U.S. history.

In his most high-profile

official act of forgiveness so far, Bush saved L. Lewis "Scooter" Libby from serving any prison time in the case of the 2003 leak-of-then-GIA-operative Valerie Plame's identity. Libby was convicted of perjury and obstructing justice.

Libby, who was Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, has not applied for a full pardon, Justice spokeswoman Sweeney said.

Margaret Love, former

Justice Department Clinton attorney under pardon, said Bush has never seemed interested in flexing his power-to-pardon, going back to his days as Texas governor.

"His has been a very sparing, very regular and very conservative use," Love said. "There's no reason to think based on the pattern of his grants to date that there are going to be any irregularities or surprises at the end of his term."

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Astronauts ready, but weather 'iffy' for landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Their work in orbit accomplished, space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts got the green light Saturday to return to Earth, but were warned "pretty iffy" weather at the main landing site could send them across the country or keep them up an extra day.

On Saturday afternoon — 24 hours before the planned landing — Mission Control informed the seven astronauts that Endeavour had been cleared for re-entry following analysis of data beamed down from a final thermal survey of their ship. The space shuttle was found to be free of any critical defects caused by space junk that could jeopardize the descent.

The astronauts noticed a small strip of material floating away as they checked out the shuttle. Mission Control told them not to worry. It was merely a 3-inch label.

Astronaut Gregory Burchfield was especially eager to come back: It's been off the flight since from his wife and 3-year-old twins, since the end of May.

"My watch is telling me that it will be 182 days for me today away from home," Burchfield said Saturday. "A lot of people have spend time away from home, but I've been lucky to have a really spectacular place to live for the last half year."

us here are leaving the space station a better, more spectacular place than it was when we arrived."

Endeavour and its crew left the International Space Station on Friday, ending a nearly two-week visit that set the stage for population growth next year. The astronauts furnished the orbiting outpost with a new bathroom, kitchen, exercise machine, sleeping quarters and recycling system designed to convert urine and sweat into drinking water.

NASA's goal is to double the size of the space station crew, to six, by June.

Endeavour originally was scheduled to land Saturday, but mission managers kept the astronauts at the space station an extra day to help with the bulky urine processor. The weather was beautiful Saturday at Kennedy Space Center, but a cold front was expected to bring stiff wind and possibly thunderstorms on Sunday and even worse conditions on Monday.

NASA called up its backup landing site in California, Edwards Air Force Base, just in case.

"I'm not going to commit to either one today," flight director Bryan Lunney said Saturday. "I'm not going to commit until probably as late as I can."

Endeavour has enough supplies to stay up until Tuesday.

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BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The vacation is over for tens of thousands of tourists in Thailand. But they can't go home.

The Hotel California-like drama began Tuesday when anti-government protesters shut the country's primary international airport. The following day they moved in on the capital's domestic airport, grounding all commercial flights in and out of the city.

About 100,000 people have been stranded by the closures, dealing a severe blow to the country's reputation as a safe and reliable vacation destination. Officials project the tourism industry's losses

from now until the end of the year will balloon to about \$4.2 billion, equal to 1.5 percent of gross domestic product.

Hundreds gathered at Thai Airways' cramped ticket office in Bangkok on Saturday desperately seeking a way out of the country.

Stumped in chairs or out smoking on the street outside the office, travelers swapped tales of being stuck in the airport for 23 hours or ending up in a cockroach-infested hotel. Most expressed frustration about the uncertainty of it all — the baseless rumors, the conflicting information and the uncertainties that come with navigating a

strange place. "As time goes on, it becomes more and more stressful," said Julie Lewis, a 46-year-old manicurist from Devon, England who came to Thailand for a wedding. "This has really put a complete damper on the trip. Our last memory will be the fact that this happened."

Protesters from the People's Alliance for Democracy and police reinforced their presence at Suvarnabhumi airport on Saturday, but there was no word on when airports would reopen. The Phuket or in the northern city of Chiang Mai or all the way to neighboring Cambodia and Malaysia.

Monday evening. The longer the standoff goes on, the more creative and desperate travelers are getting.

"We have work to do, families to look after," said John Neilson, a 67-year-old computer consultant from Salisbury, England. "I've got a 12,000 pound (US\$18,000) contract that starts Monday. If I'm not there, I don't get paid."

Some have taken buses hundreds of miles to airports on the southern island of Phuket or in the northern city of Chiang Mai or all the way to neighboring Cambodia and Malaysia.

Others headed down to the U-tapao military base that has been opened for commercial traffic. It is located about 120 miles southeast of Bangkok. Thai Airways has begun to

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U.S. training Iraqis to deal with deadly roadside bombs

By Ryan Lucas
Associated Press writer

BESMAYA RANGE COMPLEX, Iraq — Two Iraqi soldiers acting as insurgents hook up a cellular phone detonator to a 155mm artillery shell with a coiled red wire, bury the mock bomb in a pile of dirt next to a rusty electricity pole and then disappear down the street.

Minutes later, an Iraqi army patrol in Humvees and an armored vehicle with radio-jamming equipment speed into the dusty intersection and disable the bomb remotely with a robot, as U.S. and Iraqi generals observe the training drill from the shade of a tent.

The exercise at this sandy, wind-swept Iraqi military base south of Baghdad is part of U.S. efforts to pass on hard-learned lessons to Iraq's army on how to combat what has long been the insurgent weapon of choice — roadside bombs.

The need for Iraqis to clear streets of explosives is pressing. Last Thursday, Iraq's parliament approved a security agreement that would pull American troops out of Iraqi towns and cities by July 2009 ahead of a withdrawal from the country by the end of 2011.

"The goal is to provide the capabilities to the Iraqi army and Iraq to be able to get and lead into the counter-IED fight," Capt. Miguel Torres said, using the military acronym for Improvised Explosive Device, or roadside bomb.

IEDs are one of the primary killers in the country for coalition forces and Iraqi army forces and civilians. We want to take that tool from the insurgents," he said.

Torres works for the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, or MNSTC-I, which is responsible for training the Iraqi military. He serves as the chief U.S. adviser for bomb disposal training at Besmaya, a sprawling Iraqi base and firing range on an arid plain 13 miles (20 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad.

When U.S.-led forces invaded Iraq in March 2003, the military did not foresee



An Iraqi soldier practices using a robot during bomb disposal training for Iraqi security forces at the Besmaya range complex just outside Baghdad, Iraq, Nov. 17.

roadside bombs as a primary threat to American forces. But as violence escalated, insurgents who could not win a head-on fight with U.S. troops increasingly resorted to roadside bombs, which became a top killer of American soldiers.

The U.S. developed an array of techniques and expensive equipment to counter the threat, including adding armor on Humvees and dispatching new "MRAP" troop carriers with V-shaped undercarriages to deflect the blast of roadside bombs.

The security situation has improved dramatically in Iraq since last year. A Web site that tracks military casualties in Iraq lists 1,200 Iraqis have completed the basic course, and 220 of those have graduated from an advanced roadside bomb class.

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advanced roadside bomb disposal course that provides the tools and skills to defuse IEDs.

The Iraqi military runs the courses, while U.S. personnel act as advisers. Key pieces of technology include the Badger light armored vehicle, an eight-person vehicle with a long arm topped with two spikes used to unearth hidden roadside bombs; the Mini Andros II robot to defuse bombs, and Symphony electronic frequency-jamming technology to block signals that remotely trigger the explosives.

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More than 300 killed in Nigerian riots

By Ahmed Sala
Associated Press writer

JOS, Nigeria — Mobs burned homes, churches and mosques Saturday in a second day of riots, as the death toll rose to more than 300 in the worst sectarian violence in Africa's most populous nation in years.

Sheikh Khalid Abubakar, the imam at the city's main mosque, said more than 300 dead bodies were brought there on Saturday alone and 183 could be seen lying near the building waiting to be interred.

Those killed in the Christian community would not likely be taken to the city mosque, raising the possibility that the total death toll could be much higher. The city morgue wasn't immediately accessible Saturday. Police spokesman Sala Kassim said there were

"many dead," but couldn't cite a firm number. The hostilities mark the worst clashes in the restive West African nation since 2004, when as many as 700 people died in Plateau State during Christian-Muslim clashes.

Jos, the capital of Plateau State, has a long history of community violence that has made it difficult to organize voting. Rioting in September 2001 killed more than 1,000 people. The city is situated in Nigeria's "middle belt," where members of hundreds of ethnic groups commingle in a band of fertile but hotly contested land separating the Muslim north from the predominantly Christian south.

Authorities imposed an around-the-clock curfew in the hardest-hit areas of the central Nigerian city, where traditionally pastoralist

Hausa Muslims live in tense, close quarters with Christians from other ethnic groups.

The fighting began as clashes between supporters of the region's two main political parties following

the first local election in the town of Jos in more than a decade. But the violence expanded along ethnic and religious fault lines, with Hausas and members of Christian ethnic groups doing battle.

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Archaeologist Dimitar Nedkov measures a well-preserved dugout canoe, likely dating to the prehistoric age, that was discovered at the bottom of the Black Sea, Saturday at the museum in Sozopol, Bulgaria.

Fishermen find ancient dugout canoe in Black Sea

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — A well-preserved ancient wooden dugout canoe has been discovered at the bottom of the Black Sea, scientists said Saturday.

The vessel was discovered by fishermen trawling nets along the sea bottom some 15 miles off the coast, said Dimitar Nedkov, head of the Archaeological Museum in the port city of Sozopol.

"The dugout is 2.6 meters (8.5 feet) long and 70 centimeters (27.5 inches) wide, and it is made most probably of oak," Nedkov told The Associated Press.

Bulgarian explorers have

found four ancient vessels in remarkably good condition in the Black Sea, whose oxygen-depleted deep water preserves wrecks without the worm damage and deterioration that normally affects wooden vessels.

"Nowhere else can you find similar dugouts, as well as any kind of wooden vessels over 300 years old, because water rots the wood away," said Bozhidar Dimitrov, head of the National Museum of History. "In the Black Sea, however, there is dissolved hydrogen sulfide below a certain depth which preserves all organic materials."

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Bruins hope to build success around new offense

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

It was the worst season in five years and the Twin Falls boys basketball team's lowest under the guidance of head coach Matt Harr. Six wins, 16 losses, 45 points per game average at best — within two seasons of winning the Class 5A state championship, the Bruins had went from first to worst.

This season's team looks forward to erasing that perception, starting now.

Harr described his team as a bunch of blue-collar kids, eager to put the luster of the

mid-2000s back into the program. They won't be tall, but they'll be quick and vicio to out-work opponents.

"I think it's a team that will get better as the year goes," Harr said.

One player to keep an eye on is 6-foot-1 post Jon Pulsifer, who Matt Harr said compares like he's got three more inches. That quality should serve Pulsifer well under the basket, where he's expected to grab a lot of rebounds and produce points on putbacks.

"We look at him being a double figures guy every game," Harr said. "He's a

tough kid — one of the toughest kids I've coached."

Other positions are still being worked out. Point guards Ryan Petersen and Michael Williams are lost to injury, leaving a point-guard-by-committee situation. Braden Box contributed quality minutes at last week's jamboree, and T.J. Ellis will see playing time, too. Experience returns in the form of Jake Hanchey, Jordan Hamblin and Russell Crane, who all saw varsity playing time last season.

The Bruins will adjust to a new scheme, a Princeton-type offense that utilizes con-

stant motion, frequent ball movement and back-door cuts. A major problem for the team last year was a lack of point production. Though Twin Falls has only played a jamboree, Harr alluded to a big improvement in that department.

"The thing I like the most is that we can score," Harr said. "We hit our shots, and usually, at the first of the season, especially the jamboree, you miss a lot of shots. I think we were 3-of-4 from 3-point land."

On defense, the Bruins, again at a probably height dis-



Brett Kohring passes during a defensive drill Wednesday during a morning practice at Base Gymnasium.

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CSI edges out No. 16 Casper

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer



The College of Southern Idaho's Soana Lucet goes up for two during the Golden Eagles game against Casper College Saturday night in Twin Falls.

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team did its best Saturday night to make sure its time outside of the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Top 25 is as brief as possible.

The Golden Eagles, who fell out of the poll for the first time this season on Wednesday, used a late 10-0 run to rally past No. 16 Casper (Wyo.) College for an 87-78 win on the final night of the Coca-Cola Classic.

In a game where fire alarms twice led to the evacuation of CSI Gymnasium, the host Eagles overcame a tough Thunderbird team in a game that lasted 2 1/2 hours.

Coca-Cola Classic

Thursday's score
Casper College 92, Yakima Valley CC 70

Friday's scores
No. 16 Casper College 73, Idaho All Stars 65
CSI 98, Yakima Valley CC 65

Saturday's scores
Idaho All Stars 87, Yakima Valley CC 78
CSI 87, No. 16 Casper College 78

All-tourney team
Kaitlin McBride, Yakima; LaCelle Pringle-Buchanan, CSI; Martina Holloway, CSI; Josie Stewart, Casper; Emily Elliott, Casper.

MVP: Soana Lucet, CSI

"We're still a young team that's trying to find legs a bit, but that's a big win for us against a ranked opponent," said CSI coach Randy Rogers.

The Golden Eagles (5-3) got a huge offensive night from Soana Lucet, who scored 25 points to go with seven rebounds in earning tourney MVP honors. Shauneice Samms was active around the bucket with 19 points and 12 boards, while Martina Holloway broke the single-game mark (15) she set Friday night by dishing 18 assists and

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Chuck's chance

Odum sparks CSI past Chemeketa

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer



The College of Southern Idaho's Aziz Ndlaye attempts a lay up during the first half of their match up against Chemeketa Community College Saturday night in Twin Falls.

Chuck made the most of his chance.

With standout freshman point guard Jamelle Barrett out with a bruised knee, Charles Odum got an opportunity to run the show for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team.

He acquitted himself quite well, scoring 27 second-half points and finishing with seven assists as the Golden Eagles outlasted a feisty Chemeketa (Ore.) Community College team 92-82 Saturday night during the Donnelley Sports Invitational.

"I had to be aggressive," said Odum. "Coach said to attack the zone and nobody else was attacking so I had to show by example."

Odum picked up two fouls and played just six scoreless minutes in the opening half. That left 6-foot-7 forward Jay Watkins playing the point for much of the half. He did the job admirably, recording four assists before intermission and seven on the game.

CSI led by as many as 11 in the first half, but the lead was whittled to just 39-36 at halftime and Chemeketa knotted the score at 41-all on Danny Derry's 3-pointer with 18 minutes remaining in the game. The Golden Eagles trailed for the only time at 48-44, but the aggressive play of Odum keyed an 11-0 CSI run for a 55-46 lead.

Odum scored seven points in the run and his steal and emphatic slam dunk put the Golden Eagles up 58-48. The cushion ballooned to 17 at 81-64 on two free throws by Odum, who went 17-for-17 on the line. The Storm got within six in the final minute, but Odum led the win at the stripe.

"I had no idea I shot 17," said Odum. "I just knocked down one after another."

Odum led five CSI players in double figures. Aziz Ndlaye had 17 points and 14 rebounds, while Daeguon Montreal scored 13 before sitting the latter portions of the game with a sprained

Donnelley Sports Invitational

Friday's scores
Pro Look All Stars 125, Chemeketa CC 111
No. 10 CSI 82, Phoenix College 59

Saturday's scores
Pro Look All Stars 89, Phoenix College 85
No. 10 CSI 92, Chemeketa CC 82

All-tourney team
Robbie Warren, Pro Look All Stars; Wes Jones, Phoenix College; Charles Odum, CSI; Landon Boucher, Chemeketa CC; Jay Watkins, CSI; Brady Martin, Chemeketa CC; MVP: Daeguon Montreal, CSI.

ankle. Jay Watkins chipped in 12 points, his work on the boards, including five and 11 boards, while Jason West offensive caroms.

added 11.

CSI head coach praised Ndlaye for

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Despite win, No. 9 Boise State appears out of BCS

By Gregg Bell
Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — Boise State is unbeaten and unwanted.

It's a bit of cold, cold BCS reality for the ninth-ranked Broncos, who finished their third undefeated season in five years by putting on a show for Bowl Championship Series scouts in a 61-10 win over Fresno State.

Despite their efforts, the

Fiesta Bowl darlings from two years ago are starting the Poinsettia Bowl in the face.

"We're 12-0 and there's nothing we can do about it. We're not going to the BCS," said senior safety Ellis Powers, who had an interception during Boise State's 48-point runaway second half in a 61-10 statement rout of Fresno State Friday night.

"All we can do is win out

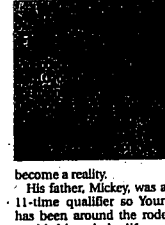
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Mamas, let your babies grow up to be cowboys

By Diane Phillips
Times-News writer

Who wouldn't want their son to be mentored by the guy who was everything the son always wanted to be?

José Young, a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and first time qualifier for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, loves his job as a professional cowboy and wouldn't trade it for anything. 2008 has been a year to remember for Young and time does fly when you're having fun and success. Since joining the professional ranks in 2000, Young has worked hard to reach his dream of riding in the NFR and after qualifying for that chance, it's about to



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son (\$94,000) and is ranked No. 6 in the world standings in barback riding. He is one of 120 contestants headed to Las Vegas from Dec. 4-13 for the 50th Wrangler NFR for 10 rounds in the fierce, rough, and grueling sport of rodeo.

"Qualifying for the NFR, the highest level in professional rodeo means everything to me," said the 26-year old Kimberly cowboy. "It means I am one of the top 15 guys in my event. I'm excited to be going to the NFR especially since it is the 50th Anniversary. I feel it's an honor to have qualified this year."

In 2007, Young finished 34th and made almost \$24,000. What a difference a year makes when paired with

a major attitude adjustment. "Last year at this time I was at a rodeo in Waco (Texas) and I was talking to Chris Harris, who was getting ready to go to the finals. I said, 'Man, I wish I was going this year,' and he said, 'Well, you ride good enough.' I decided right there that I was going (to the Finals) next year whether anybody liked it or not," Young said during an interview with TalkRodeo.

"I pretty much made my mind up last year at this time because this is when our season started. I won third at Waco and won in Industry, California and that was where it kind of kicked off. My confidence was high and

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Sylvestor Croom resigns at Mississippi state

JACKSON, Miss. — Sylvestor Croom came to Mississippi State with much fanfare, deemed by many a pioneer, the first black man hired to be head coach of an Southeastern Conference football team. After five seasons he's out, gone for the most basic reason: His team didn't win enough. Croom resigned Saturday, less than 24 hours after an embarrassing 45-0 loss to No. 25 Mississippi in the most lopsided Egg Bowl in 67 years. He announced the decision in a statement released by the school after meeting with athletic director Greg Byrne. "Croom was 21-38 at Mississippi State with one winning season. ... With Croom gone, there are now only three black coaches at the 119 major college football programs — Miami's Randy Shannon, Buffalo's Turner Gill and Houston's Kevin Sumlin. Ty Williamson at Washington, who hires one game left with the Huskies, and Ron Brown at Kansas State have both already been fired. Croom, who took over the Bulldogs while they were under NCAA sanctions, won 2007 SEC coach of the year honors after leading the Bulldogs to an 8-5 finish and an Orange Bowl. He signed a contract extension in the Egg Bowl. He signed a contract for \$1.7 million this year. ... But he came under immediate pressure from fans after a season-opening loss to Louisiana Tech of the Western Athletic Conference, and the heat only intensified as the offensively inept Bulldogs stumbled to a 4-8 finish. Croom did not immediately return a phone message left by The Associated Press.

SOCCER American Friedel breaks Premier League record BIRMINGHAM, England — American goalkeeper Brad Friedel of Aston Villa made a record 167th consecutive Premier League appearance Saturday against Fulham. The 37-year-old, who started the streak in August 2004 with Blackburn, overtook the previous record set by Portsmouth's David James in April. He earned a third straight shutout in the 0-0 draw. "It is nice that I have been able to get a run of games? Yes, absolutely, but I hope to have a couple of game heads ahead of me," Friedel said. "I have never appeared in a game hoping to attain an appearance record. I appear because I am under contract to play football and I love football. ... It really has entered my mind until recently when the statisticians said I have a chance to break the record." Work permit issues forced Friedel to bounce around Europe and the United States — playing for Galatasaray, Brondby and the Columbus Crew — before finally joining Liverpool in December 1997.

Sports Shorts Friedel also played 82 games for the United States from 1992-2004. ... MAGIC VALLEY Kimberly boosters to meet KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Kimberly High School Media Center. ... Dietrich hosts jamboree DIETRICH — The Dietrich Blue Devils will host Mackay and Shoshone for a three-team basketball jamboree on Tuesday beginning at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. No IHSAA cards or student activity passes will be accepted. ... M.V. Bulldogs hold open house JEROME — The Magic Valley Bulldogs semi-pro football team will hold an open house and pre-registration at 7 p.m. Monday at Jerome High School. ... Information: Ben at 208-358-1469.

Idaho Prep Basketball holds tourney TWIN FALLS — Idaho Prep Basketball will hold youth tournaments Dec. 13, Jan. 17 and Feb. 14 for boys and girls in grades 4-8 from Twin Falls and Buhl. ... Information: Call (360) 885-7810 or visit http://www.idahoprepbasketball.com for more information. ... Basketball league holds registration TWIN FALLS — Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, a new league for boys and girls in grades K-6, is offering registration. The cost is \$70 and includes complete uniform. Practices begin in December and games will be played on Saturdays, beginning Jan. 10. Registration forms are available at First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls. ... Information: Julie Behm at 208-293-7793. ... CSI holds winter baseball camp TWIN FALLS — The 25th annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 27-29 at the Eldon Evans Expo Center. The camp, which has a long tradition of offering great instruction at an affordable price, features instruction for hitting, pitching, catching and infield and outfield play. ... Information: 732-6560 or 734-6285. ... Staff and wire reports

Table listing various sports scores, including basketball, football, and soccer, with columns for team names and scores.

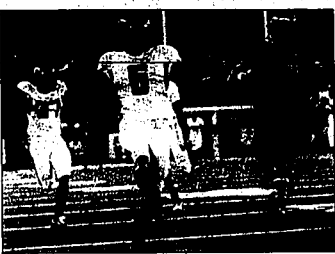
Oregon thwarts Oregon State in Civil War

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Jeremiah Masoli threw for 274 yards and three touchdowns and Oregon all but crushed Oregon State's hopes of going to the Rose Bowl with a 65-38 victory Saturday in the annual Civil War rivalry game.

A win would have sent the No. 17 Beavers (8-7, 2 Pacific-10 Conference) to Pasadena on New Year's Day for the first time since after the 1964 season.

Instead, Oregon State will have to wait to see if UCLA can upset No. 5 USC on Dec. 6. Should the Bruins win, the Beavers would share a three-way tie for the conference title with the Trojans and the Ducks, and Oregon State would be the tiebreaker for the Rose Bowl.

The No. 19 Ducks (9-3, 7-2) pulled the Beavers and their six-game overall win-



Oregon's Walter Thurmond III scores on his interception as Oregon State's Adam Speer (51) pursues in the second quarter of Saturday's game in Corvallis, Ore.

ning streak as they avenged a Civil War loss last year at Oregon. The loss snapped Oregon State's eight-game winning streak at Reser Stadium. Oregon State was without freshman running back Jacquizz Rodgers, who leads the conference in rushing (averaging 113.9 yards a game) and is 12th in the nation.

Rodgers, known as Quiz, injured his shoulder early in Oregon State's 19-17 victory over Arizona last weekend. Without him, the Beavers' offense looked ordinary.

Quarterback Lyle Moeava, who sat out of the game against Arizona because of a shoulder injury, completed 27 of 51 passes for 374 yards and a career-high five touchdowns for the Beavers. He threw two interceptions.

Jeremiah Johnson ran for 219 yards and a score for the Ducks. Masoli, who completed 11 of 17 passes, also ran 53 yards for a score.

The Ducks jumped out in front on Masoli's 17-yard scoring pass to Jeff Maehl and Morgan Flinn's 30-yard field goal.

Oregon State's Jeremy

Francis caught a short pass from Moeava and then shook off two defenders as he rumbled into the end zone for a 20-yard scoring reception to make it 10-7.

But Oregon answered on the next series with LeGarrette Blount's 9-yard touchdown run and a 16th rushing TD this season, a new school record. Flint added 22-yard field goal to put Oregon ahead 20-7.

Justin Kahut missed a 21-yard field goal for the Beavers, but made a 24-yarder on the Oregon State's next series.

After Morgan Flinn's 25-yard field goal, Johnson ran 83 yards for a score and Walter Thurmond added a 40-yard interception return, making it 37-10 for the Ducks and utterly silencing Reser Stadium's record crowd of 46,319.

Johnson ran for 203 yards in the first half alone. The streak of two scores on Moeava's 1-yard pass to Shane-Morales with nine seconds left in the first half, then narrowed it to 37-24 on Moeava's 3-yard scoring pass to Joe Hinchliff.

After Moeava's 14-yard keeper for Oregon, Morales grabbed a 10-yard pass from Moeava.

Terence Scott ran a catch 76 yards for a score to make it 51-21 for Oregon to hurt the fourth quarter, but Moeava found Brady Camp with a 2-yard scoring pass with 6:34 left, making it 51-38.

Masoli hit Ed Dickson with a 45-yard scoring pass with just under four minutes left, then Oregon finished the Beavers off with Spencer Paysinger's 70-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Crimson Tide wins Iron Bowl in style

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Already No. 1 in the nation, Alabama emphatically reclaimed the top spot in the state.

Glen Coffee rushed for 144 yards and a touchdown, and Nick Saban's Crimson Tide snapped a six-year Iron Bowl losing streak with a 36-0 win over bitter rival Auburn on Saturday, the biggest margin in the series in 46 years.

The dominant win set the stage for Alabama (12-0, 8-0 Southeastern Conference) to face No. 2 Florida in the league championship game with a berth in the BCS national title game on the line.

Of more immediate concern for Tide fans, the state belongs to them again. And there was little question of that by the middle of the third quarter when a 10-0 game turned ugly or beautiful, depending on the perspective.

The loss left Auburn (5-7, 2-6) shut out of a bowl game for the first time in nine years and cast another shadow on the decade-long tenure of coach Tommy Tuberville. Auburn, which had been 7-2 under Tuberville in the rivalry, has lost six of the last seven games after starting the season ranked in the top 10.

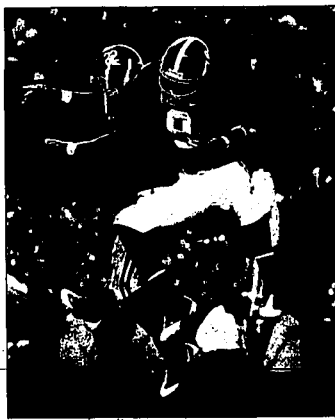
NO. 2 FLORIDA AS, NO. 23 FLORIDA STATE 15

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tim Tebow threw three touchdown passes, and ran for 80 yards and another score.

Florida (11-1) extended its winning streak to eight games, continued its dominance in the intrastate rivalry and set up a 1-2 showdown with Alabama in next week's Southeastern Conference title game.

The Gators were won five in a row against Bobby Bowden's team, and this one was nearly as big a laugh as last season's 45-12 victory in Gainesville.

Florida scored on five of its



Alabama running back Mark Ingram, left, and Alabama wide receiver Nikita Stover (9) celebrate after Ingram's touchdown against Auburn in the second half in Tuscaloosa, Ala. on Saturday.

first seven possessions, held the Seminoles (8-4) without a touchdown for the first 2 1/2 quarters and again proved that the gap between the two programs is as wide as ever.

NO. 5 USC 38, NOTRE DAME 3

LOS ANGELES — The outcome of Saturday night's Notre Dame-Southern California game was decided early. What remains in doubt is Charlie Weis' job security with the Fighting Irish.

Mark Sanchez passed for 267 yards and two touchdowns. USC's hard-hitting defense thoroughly dominated Notre Dame, and the fifth-ranked Trojans rolled to a 38-3 victory over the Irish and their beleaguered coach.

Notre Dame didn't get a first down until the last play of the third quarter on a 15-yard run by James Aldridge. The Irish had run 30 plays

for 23 yards before Aldridge broke loose, drawing a derisive cheer from the partisan crowd of 90,869 at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

NO. 7 TEXAS TECH 35, BAYLOR 28

LUBBOCK, Texas — Graham Harrell capped a 21-point rally for Texas Tech with a touchdown pass midway through the fourth quarter and the Red Raiders kept their hopes for a Big 12 South title alive.

A win by Oklahoma, however, created a three-way tie for the Big 12 South with Texas and Texas Tech, leaving it to today's BCS standings to determine which team will play Missouri in Kansas City, Mo. The Red Raiders have little hope of coming out on top in that scenario.

Texas Tech (11-1, 7-1) won 11 games in a season for the third time in the program's 84

years. But if things don't fall right, the Red Raiders reward could be nothing more than a Cotton Bowl bid, left out of the BCS in favor of the Longhorns and Sooners.

KANSAS 40, NO. 12 MISSOURI 37

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Todd Reesing threw a touchdown pass to Kerry Meier with 27 seconds left.

The Tech will still play for the Big 12 title, but they'll do so coming off a hard-fought loss to their border rivals. The Jayhawks (7-5, 4-4 Big 12) led by 16 early in the third quarter. Let Missouri (9-3, 5-3) back in. Tech traded touchdowns with the Tigers in the fourth quarter before

Reesing hit Meier. Reesing finished 37-for-51 for 375 yards with two interceptions, throwing two touchdowns passes to Meier and one each to Dezmon Briscoe and Dexton Fields.

Missouri's Chase Daniel had 391 total yards and threw for four touchdowns, but also had two interceptions, a fumble and was sacked for a safety in the second quarter. Jerme' McNeil had nine catches for 123 yards and a touchdown, and tight end Chase Coffman caught two touchdowns passes for the Tigers.

NO. 18 GEORGIA TECH 45, NO. 13 GEORGIA 42

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia Tech had not beaten Georgia since 2000, and it wasn't looking good when the Yellow Jackets trailed by 16 points at halftime.

Then Roddy Jones and the triple-offense went to work. Jones rushed a career-best 214 yards, including a decision-making touchdown midway through the fourth quarter, and No. 18 Georgia Tech rallied to snap a seven-game losing streak against its state rival.

It was a cold, rainy day wasn't a total victory for the visiting team: Virginia Tech denied the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game with a 17-14 victory over Virginia Tech (9-3) celebrated anyway, gathering in front of its small contingent at Sanford Stadium to sing the school fight song while the red-clad Georgia fans headed to the early-season game that started in No. 1 winding down far short of expectations.

After building a 28-12 halftime lead, the Bulldogs (3-3) simply had no answer for Georgia Tech's offense, which piled up 409 yards on the ground. Jones, a redshirt freshman, averaged

16.5 yards per carry and scored twice, including the long run that gave Georgia Tech a 45-35 lead with 7:13 remaining.

NO. 16 CINCINNATI 30, SYRACUSE 10

CINCINNATI — With the Big East championship already in hand, No. 16 Cincinnati turned its final home game into a ho-hum Jersey-Madlin had nine catches for 123 yards and a touchdown, and tight end Chase Coffman caught two touchdowns passes for the Tigers.

Tony Pike threw a pair of touchdown passes, and the Bearcats' senior-laden defense had its way Saturday in the Orange's final game under coach Greg Robinson.

The Bearcats (10-2, 6-1) are headed to a BCS bowl — likely the Orange or Sugar — for the first time in their history. They clinched the spot when West Virginia lost at Pitt on Friday, taking the drama out of the last home game a day later.

The Bearcats tied the school record with their 10th win, the second straight season in the Orange's final game under coach Greg Robinson.

NO. 20 BOSTON COLLEGE 28, MARYLAND 21

BOSTON — Billy Flutie, the Boston College backup quarterback and nephew of Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie, threw for a 9-yard touchdown on a fake field goal Saturday to lead the 20th-ranked Eagles to a spot in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship. BC (9-3, 5-3 ACC) will play Virginia Tech on Saturday — the second straight year in the Orange Bowl.

Maryland (7-5, 4-4) fell to 4-1 against ranked teams this season and into a logjam of ACC teams seeking a second-round berth. The conference has 10 teams competing for nine guaranteed spots.

No. 3 Sooners make BCS case with 61-41 Bedlam win

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Now it's up to voters and computers.

Sam Bradford threw for 370 yards and four touchdowns, and No. 3 Oklahoma based its case for a BCS offense, outscoring No. 11 Oklahoma State 61-41 Saturday night in the highest-scoring Bedlam rivalry game in the century-old series.

Needing to make up a minuscule eight-thousandths of a point to second-place Texas in the Bowl Championship Series standings to earn a spot in next week's Big 12 championship game, the Sooners (11-1, 7-1) relied on the high-caliber arm of Bradford.

He completed 30 of 44 passes and also scored on a 1-yard touchdown run, leading Oklahoma to its fourth straight 60-point game. The Sooners' defense,



Oklahoma tight end and Jermarlin Greenham, right, and Oklahoma State defensive back Porshia Cox both go up for a pass during the second quarter of Saturday's game in Stillwater, Okla.

which had been improving and made a statement in last week's 65-21 rout of then-No. 2 Texas Tech had few answers for quarterback Zac Robinson and the Cowboys

— but it was enough. Robinson threw for 254 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another score, but never could guide Cowboys (9-3, 5-3) into the lead after halftime.

A two-section wide swath of crimson-clad Sooners fans started chanting "B-C-S" during a timeout with 32 seconds left and the game finally in hand. Sunday Brown scored on a 29-yard run on the next play to add an exclamation point.

Whether those fans' wishes will be granted is still up in the air. The BCS standings will be released Sunday, establishing who comes out in a three-way tie between Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech in the Big 12 South standings and also who gets a leg up in the national championship race.

One team will get a trip to Kansas City, Mo., to face

North champion Missouri and either bolster its case for the BCS title game or suffer a deflating defeat — and open the door for the team that loses out in the division race to possibly play for the national title.

"There's plenty of reasons for us, as there are for other people," coach Bob Stoops said. "Our argument is just stated here again today, what we've done here down the stretch. It will be what it'll be."

A group of Texas fans pulled out all the stops to try to keep the Longhorn's just coveted No. 2 spot, handing out thousands of signs printed with the score from their win against Oklahoma earlier this year — 45-35.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown was even pleading his case in a telephone interview with television announcers while Oklahoma was making its case on the field.

College Scores

THE WEST

Monday 25, Texas 31, Oregon 28, South Dakota 24, Arkansas 47, Boise State 3, Utah 47, Utah State 2

THE SOUTH

Chattanooga 40, Tennessee 10, Georgia Tech 37, Florida 14, Wake Forest 20, Virginia Tech 20, North Carolina 17, Arkansas 31, North Texas 29, Arkansas St., Oklahoma St., Eastern Michigan 28, Baylor 15, Iowa State 20, Kansas 40, Kansas State 21

THE MIDDLE

Appalachian St. 37, A. Carolina 35, 21, Cleveland St. 24, Middle Tennessee 14, Florida A.M., Florida St. 15, Eastern Kentucky 20, Western Kentucky 20, Georgia Tech 45, Georgia St., Tennessee Tech 17, Virginia Tech 30, North Carolina 17, Arkansas 31, North Texas 29, Arkansas St., Oklahoma St., Eastern Michigan 28, Baylor 15, Iowa State 20, Kansas 40, Kansas State 21

THE EAST

Wake Forest 20, Virginia 14, Wake Forest 20, Virginia 14, Wake Forest 20, Virginia 14

THE PACIFIC

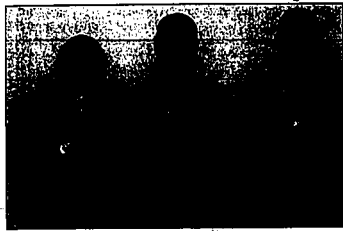
Stanford 23, Maryland 21, Wisconsin 30, Oregon 28

MARTIAL ARTS Success Martial Arts hosts semi-annual tournament

Twin Falls Success Martial Arts hosted its 15th semi-annual tournament at the Boys and Girls Club in Twin Falls on Nov. 22.

The event featured students of all ages, sizes and experience levels. "It's a different learning

venue for us," said senior instructor Brian Higgins. "Everyone gets to feel a little pressure and it gives us a chance to teach our core values in a little different way." Pictured below are competitors from Success Martial Arts.



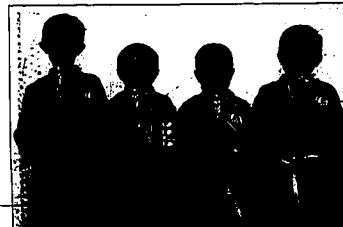
Adults Division

Pictured, from left, Brittanie Thornton (second place), Matt Bridges (first) and Bruce Somrak (third).



Littlest Warriors Division

Pictured, from left, Houston Patterson (third place), Logan Lockwood (first), Wilson Weaver (second) and Allissa Sasser-Collins (fourth).



Little Warriors Division

Pictured, from left, Cole Laine (third place), Logan Huff-Eckles (first), Isaiah Estrada (second) and Garrett Hays (fourth).



Kids Crew (Junior) Division

Pictured, from left, Zachary Maher (fourth place), Lee Loagley (first), Michael Rich (second) and Tucker Pokorney (third).



Kids Crew (Senior) Division

Pictured, from left, Trace Ward (fifth place), Andrea Salinas (third), Alisha Heller (first), Deanna Wilson (second) and Jason Quale (fourth).



Level 2 Danger Munchkins

Pictured, from left, Joseph Flora (third place), Dominic Evans (first), Jose Schmitz (second) and Seth Devita (fourth).



Michael Moats, left, of the Spuds raises his blue ribbon high while Christina Caranagh of Gate City smiles with her red.



Salvador Vazquez and Anthony Dominguez celebrate with their ribbons after the Region 5 Bowling Tournament.

Minico Spuds shine at Region 5 Bowling tourney

Times-News

The Minico Spuds recently competed in the Region 5 Bowling Tournament, with Vadian Dougal, Michael Moats and Anthony Dominguez taking first-place honors. Placing second were Salvador Vazquez and Elaine Dougal, while Maribel

Dominguez, Indira Angulo, Steve Halverson and Ana Dominguez each took third. Kallie Lee and Phillip Lee both placed fourth in their divisions. Participation ribbons went to Janay Clark and Tegan Phillips, the Spuds' newest team member. The Spuds were in charge of the opening ceremony and

presented in sign language "Fill the World With Love," the song they are preparing to present at the 2009 World Special Olympics games. The Spuds will take on snowshoeing as their winter sport this year. The Spuds would like to thank their coaches and all their supporters, including

missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who assisted with the bowling event. Check out the East Minico Spuds trees at the Caring and Sharing Tree Festival at the Civic Gym in Rupert during the Thanksgiving holidays. They will be signing at 10:30 a.m., Monday.

Your Scores

BOWLING

BOWLDROME, TWIN FALLS
SUN. EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Cobey Magee 753, Bob Leazer 649, Kelly Powers 611, David Leon 574.
MEN'S GAMES: Cobey Magee 257, David Leon 236, Bob Leazer 234, Kelly Powers 233.
LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 520, Suzi Leon 496, Ella Mae Jorgenson 494, Leanna Magee 487.
LADIES GAMES: Kim Leazer 210, Ella Mae Jorgenson 190, Leanna Magee 176, Suzi Leon 173.

MON. MAJORS
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 659, Nicholas Parsons 609, Tyler Black 573, Joe Campbell 460.
BOYS' GAMES: Nicholas Parsons 245, Anthony Vest 232, Tyler Black 200, Joe Campbell 179.
GIRLS' SERIES: Koji Jo Moses 447, Tami Craig 418, Erica Reeves 377, Paige Maher 316.
GIRLS' GAMES: Koji Jo Moses 179, Tami Craig 151, Erica Reeves 146, Stieve Reeves 134.

MONDAY FOLLIES
MEN'S SERIES: Rocky Bennett 611, Rick Morrow 625, Ken Hodges 612, Ron Marshall 611.
MEN'S GAMES: Rick Morrow 246, Ken Hodges 244, Rocky Bennett 237, Jim Bradley 234.
LADIES SERIES: Ann Shepherd 629, Lorenia Rodriguez 568, Michele Seckel 541, Joelle Moses 509.
LADIES GAMES: Ann Shepherd 265, Lorenia Rodriguez 237, Joelle Moses 208, Michele Seckel 192.

SHOOTING
MEN'S SERIES: Mike Starr 828, Chad Koenig 826, Ryan Shull 614, Mike Olson 592.
MEN'S GAMES: Ryan Shull 253, Kelly Jerome 237, Mike Starr 235, Dale Rhye 218.
LADIES SERIES: Diana Brady 579, Barbara Reynolds 526, Michelle Baughman 526, Julie Shull 524.
LADIES GAMES: Julie Shull 200, Diana Brady 200, Michelle Baughman 195, Barbara Reynolds 190.

MEN'S SERIES: Ron Barrett 741, Con Moser 621, Tom Smith 604, Myron Schroeder 587.
MEN'S GAMES: Ron Barrett 235, Con Moser 227, Tom Draper 227, Dick DeRoche 221.
LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 563, Gail Cederlund 539, Char DeRoche 499, Linda Cline 495.
LADIES GAMES: Ada Perrine 226, Kim Leazer 223, Linda Cline 202, Gail Cederlund 199.

TUES. A.N. TRIOS
SERIES: Jessie Biggerstaff 529, Naejan Duty 491, Jane Edmunds 477, Billie Mason 475.
GAMES: Jessie Biggerstaff 198, Naejan Duty 176, Amy Millam 176, Jane Edmunds 175.
LATECOMERS
SERIES: Charlene Anderson 552, Susan Kepner 552, Kristy Rodriguez 538, Linda Vining 533.
GAMES: Charlene Anderson 231, Barb Aslett 200, Diane Newton 199, Betty Wargrow 197.

C.S.I. TUES.
MEN'S SERIES: Aaron Preter 518, Steve Centy 514.

MEN'S GAMES: Steve Centy 231, Aaron Preter 212, Michael Mark 146, Cotton Jaynes 142, Kenny Williams 142.
LADIES SERIES: Rosanna Gonzales 353, Valerie Barker 323, Tawha Mashak 325, Erin Wildman 312.

CONSOLIDATED
SERIES: Cody Hicks 753, Nathan Ybarra 738, Tony Everts 696, Neil Welsh 685.
GAMES: Cody Hicks 289, Neil Welsh 278, Juan Hernandez 258, Nathan Ybarra 257.

M.V. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Clayne Williams 574, Ed Duty 565, Eddie Chappell 564, Myron Schroeder 545, Victor Hagood 545.
MEN'S GAMES: Clayne Williams 234, Steve Hall 233, Victor Hagood 222, Ed Duty 214.

LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 533, Shirley Kunsman 518, Linda Cline 505, Dee Hall 492.
LADIES GAMES: Dee Hall 202, Linda Vining 199, Jean McGuire 194, Shirley Kunsman 192.

LADIES CLASSIC
SERIES: Georgia Randall 580, Kim Leazer 563, Angel Campbell 540, Carol Quantance 540.
GAMES: Georgia Randall 206, Kim Leazer 203, Sharon Simmons 202, Shannon Kondracki 201.

SUNSET
SERIES: Julie Shull 557, Kristy Rodriguez 542, Gail Cederlund 523, Sylvia Inman 511.
GAMES: Julie Shull 224, Sylvia Inman 202, Kristy Rodriguez 201, Linda Stout 200.

SOMETHING ELSE
MEN'S SERIES: Joel Johnston 570, Chad Mayer 521, DaryEasterly 501, Corly Federico 501.
MEN'S GAMES: Joel Johnston 224, Corly Federico 195, Bruce Haeste 190, Doug Kepner 181.

LADIES SERIES: Kim Ward 583, Susan Kepner 457, Terri Federico 439, Kris Roy 419.
LADIES GAMES: Kim Ward 178, Terri Federico 169, Kathy Deahl 160, Kris Roy 160.

MOOSE
SERIES: Jim Balts 708, Doug DeRuter 696, Cory Moore 681, Al Lynch 669.
GAMES: Ron Saiser 290, Jim Balts 280, Jim Brainer 267, Cory Moore 257, Mike Schliebe 357.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 698, Myron Schroeder 617, Bob Chaffin 584, Ed Duty 573.
MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 226, Blaine McAllister 226, Dave Wilson 213, Myron Schroeder 210, Blaine Ross 210.

LADIES SERIES: Shirley Kunsman 534, Gloria Rudolph 504, Gloria Harder 486, Charm Petersen 481.
LADIES GAMES: Shirley Kunsman 212, Charm Petersen 210, Gloria Rudolph 201, Barbara Short 190.

C.S.I. FRIDAY
MEN'S SERIES: Buck Roberts 539, Casey Hyde 424, Cody Martin 395, Alex Sims 371.
MEN'S GAMES: Buck Roberts 231, Casey Hyde 159, Cody Martin 141, Alex Sims 140.
LADIES SERIES: Ashley Hanson 389, Miguel Rosas 360, Katrina Wicker 338, Chelsey Bird 269.

MOOSE
SERIES: Bob Leazer 734, Nathan Ybarra 666, Todd Fiscus 679, Dave Wilson 674.
GAMES: Bob Leazer 268, Jim Sorenson 265, Ron Maxfield 258, Ron Saiser 257, Todd Fiscus 257.

MOONSHINERS
SERIES: Hilarie Smith 484, Deanna Hill 476 Tana Beahler 465, Diana Roberts 450.
GAMES: Hilarie Smith 188, Tana Beahler 189, Deanna Hill 168, Crystal Bressfield 160.

PEEWEE & BUMPER
SERIES: Riley Magee 177, Griffin Magee 173, Steffi Leazer 169, April Roberts 167.
GAMES: Riley Magee 101, Steffi Leazer 94, Brandon Rife 92, April Roberts 89, Griffin Magee 87.

GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Dylan Mace 440, Joe Campbell 438, Matt Thrall 404, Tom Upchurch 347.
BOYS' GAMES: Dylan Mace 178, Joe Campbell 160, Matt Thrall 159, Matthew Spencer 118.

GIRLS' SERIES: Koji Jo Moses 454, Brooke Waters 399, Miranda Curtis 358, Elyse Matlock 344.
GIRLS' GAMES: Koji Jo Moses 183, Brooke Waters 163, Miranda Curtis 137, Brittney Stirling 131, Ashley Eters 131.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS
SUN. ROLLERS
MEN'S SERIES: Derrick Lignow 634, Rick Fredericksen 634, Dave Wilson 621, Robbie Watkins 619.

MEN'S GAMES: Derrick Lignow 267, Rod Adama 257, Robbie Watkins 244, Dave Wilson 233.
LADIES SERIES: Margie Adema 652, Ida Courtneyman 590, Nicole Truemp 554, Nancy Craig 520.

LADIES GAMES: Margie Adema 224, Nicole Truemp 210, Ida Courtneyman 198, Vicki Kiesel 197.

COMMERCIAL
SERIES: Zack Black 692, Cory Robinson 647, Marc Owens 640, Ian DeVries 624.
GAMES: Zack Black 268, Ian DeVries 254, Marc Owens 248, Tod Capurro 244.

HASON
SERIES: Skeet Donaldson 535, Jean Stokesberry 531, Shanda Pickett 524, Vi Croshaw 511.
GAMES: Jean Stokesberry 222, Shanda Pickett 203, Polly Fivas 202, Gloria Harter 200.

PIONEERS
SERIES: Brenda Aflin 562, Barb Reynolds 555, Amy Litch 544, Sunny McKinley 532.
GAMES: Amy Litch 215, Julie Shull 206, Barb Reynolds 204, Brenda Aflin 191.

VALLEY
SERIES: Ron Dawson 789, Cobey Magee 695, Kent Stowe 672, Mike Tackett 661.
GAMES: Ron Dawson 298, Brad Eslinger 259, Kent Stowe 255, David Wilson 248.

Petersen 180, Marle Bruce 177, Vi Croshaw 177.
THURSDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Brad Burkett 571, Kevin Parks 565, Joe McClure 550, Jim Howard 551.

MEN'S GAMES: Joe McClure 221, Jim Howard 211, Brad Burkett 210, Kevin Parks 205.
LADIES SERIES: Joyce Parks 533, Elara Smith 504, Cheryl Kerr 489, Edie Barkley 484.
LADIES GAMES: Cheryl Kerr 206, Joyce Parks 194, Elara Smith 189, Edie Barkley 181.

EARLY FRIDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Robbie Watkins 630, Trevor Watkins 604, Ted Wasko 597, Joe McClure 593.
MEN'S GAMES: Norm Haine 2653, Blayne Thompson 236, Robbie Watkins 232, Chet Stone 232.

LADIES SERIES: Julie Capurro 592, Brooke Thompson 573, Tania Bryant 541, Glenda Barnuta 540.
LADIES GAMES: Julie Capurro 225, Tania Bryant 219, Brooke Thompson 214, Julie Shaffer 201.

SAT. YABA
BOYS' SERIES: Kevin Wakley 606, Kyle Mason 563, Michael Jenkins 489, Anthony Brady 467.
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Barriga wins monthly honors
Edwardo Barriga, front, was chosen by the Macchettis of PUI Sausage as the student of the month for his outstanding devotion to perfecting the art of TaskRabbit. A white bull, Barriga is pictured with Macchelli Bill Falcher, chief instructor at PUI Sausage.

Why not a defensive MVP in NFL this season?

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

Before the NFL season was halfway done, the bloggers and broadcasters and pundits all decided that the world must know who might be the NFL's MVP. They also decided it would be best if it was an ancient quarterback on a surprisingly successful team: Kurt Warner, Kerry Collins or Brett Favre.

Why so early? Why those guys? Why all the talk? And, in a season where no one player stands out, why not a defensive player for the first time since 1986 and only the third time ever?

Or, to take it to even sillier lengths, why not nine MVPs: the New York Giants' offensive line, New England's Madison Hedgecock and tight ends Kevin Boss, Mike Matthews and Darcy Johnson? Their blocking for a team that's rushed for more than 200 yards in five different games in the first 10-11 and clearly the NFL's best team right now.

From this perspective, the MVP right now is defensive tackle Kris Jenkins of the Jets. And if it's not Jenkins, it's another DT — Albert Haynesworth of the Titans. Put Jenkins over Haynesworth for the moment because he's the main reason the Tennessee offense totally stymied the Tennessee offense last week, allowing Favre and the Jets to control the ball for more than 40 minutes.

The last defensive player to be MVP was Lawrence Taylor in '86. The only other was Alan Page in 1971. Since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970, there have been 24 MVP quarterbacks and 12 MVP running backs, plus the two defensive guys and one placekicker. Washington's Mark Moseley in 1982, a strike year when the regular season was just nine games.

But talking about Jenkins is inspired by last week's performance. It is talking about this week, which is why the voting takes place after the season, not two-thirds of the way through.

League's top defense poses a major challenge

Patriots QB Matt Cassel, coming off his second straight 400-yard game, will find the going much tougher this week against a Steelers' defense that is first in the NFL on defense, first against the run, first against the pass and hasn't allowed 300 yards total in a game this season.

Carolina at Green Bay (6-3) (5-6) Packers have won 45 points in Atlanta, falling like a six-week in NFC South. Packers' 51-20 loss in New Orleans left them in game behind Brees and Vikings.	Denver at N.Y. Jets (6-5) (6-3) Jets' win over the previously unbeaten Titans established them as a legitimate contender. Shocking loss by Broncos at home against Raiders 31-10.
Atlanta at San Diego (7-4) (4-7) Chargers have a tough schedule to win the AFC West. Two games behind struggling Denver. Favre has a shot at NFC South title or a wild card.	Pittsburgh at New England (8-3) (7-4) Steelers have a tough schedule that also includes the Cowboys and Titans. Every game has serious playoff implications for the Patriots.

There's another reason based on a real example. The Associated Press NFL MVP is chosen by a panel of 50 media members: writers and broadcasters. They include well-known media stars and ex-player/analysts and little known behind-the-scenes people who are equally, if not more, informed.

But the system is not infallible. Until 1998, voting was completed just before the season ended. But in 1997, the MVP was split between Favre and Barry Sanders. Then Sanders turned in a brilliant performance in the final game to get Detroit into the playoffs; yes, the Lions actually were decent a decade ago. Several Favre voters said that if they had voted after the final game, they would have chosen Sanders, who then would have been the sole MVP.

So the timing was changed because 1997 made it clear that choosing award winners and All-Pro teams must be based on the season, not the Pro Bowl balloting, which usually after 13 games, by the way.

On to the candidates ... First, let's define MVP. Is it the best player on the

best team? Sorry, the Giants don't have a candidate — they have a bunch of very good players having very good years, but they are a TEAM, not a group of no-names led by one superstar. That's what New England has been for most of this decade until Tom Brady had Randy Moss and Wes Welker added to his receiving corps last season and was a runaway winner.

Even then, some people have legitimately gone past the "logical" choice in the past, to vote for players who were logical picks in their own way.

One voter last season kept Brady from being unanimous by going for Favre, who at 38 had one of his best seasons for Green Bay and was the primary reason the Packers went 13-3, tied with Dallas for best in the NFC.

In 2004, one voter went for Michael Vick over Peyton Manning set a boatload of records, reasoning that Vick literally carried the Falcons to the NFC South title by himself.

Both votes made sense, yet both voters took so much heat for their logical yet out-

side-the-box votes that they wondered afterward if making a well-reasoned, thoughtful selection was worth it when it would have been easier to stay with the herd.

But independence should be lauded.

Right now, the "leader" seems to be Warner, a two-time MVP who has surfaced in Arizona to lead the Cardinals to the NFC West title, which when made official this week or next will be the franchise's first division crown since it won the East as the St. Louis Cardinals in 1975.

Nice guy, nice story. But — Warner has five straight games of 300-plus yards passing. The Cardinals have lost two of them, including last week to the Giants when he lost a fumble and threw an interception leading to 10 points in an eight-point loss. His passer rating for the game was 79.9, not MVP stuff.

—He has no real running game but he has two of the NFL's best receivers, Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin, plus two good young ones: Steve Breaston and Jerheme Urban. So, of course, the offense is built around

Baltimore at Cincinnati (7-4) (10-1) Ravens, in contention for the division title and a wild-card spot, should win against a team that's beaten up physically and emotionally.	Indianapolis at Cleveland (7-4) (4-7) Pats have won four straight and should get to seven — after this week with a broken finger.
Miami at St. Louis (6-5) (6-3) This game is one reason why the Dolphins might be able to squeeze into an AFC wild-card spot. Rams might be without QB Marc Bulger (concussion).	New Orleans at Tampa Bay (6-5) (6-3) Saints certainly can't afford to lose a division game against a rival that's two games ahead of them. Bucs 5-0 at home for first time in franchise history.
Chicago at Minnesota (8-5) (8-5) To be a factor in the playoffs or even get to seven — the Vikings need to keep up their offense. Bears QB Kyle Orton has thrown just four interceptions.	Jacksonville at Houston (4-7) (4-7) Houston could have its first-over winning season if it takes its last five. It won't. Jags appear less focused than they were last out of playoff contention.

the pass. —The other three teams in his division are a combined 7-26 going into the weekend. Arizona's one quality win is over Dallas, the game in which Tony Romo was hurt on the last play of regulation. There are OK wins over Buffalo and Miami, but losses to the Giants, Jets, Redskins and Panthers that seem to indicate the Cardinals are a rising team not quite up to beating playoff-caliber opponents. Do you win an MVP for beating up on softies?

Let's keep going. Collins also is a good guy with a wonderful story, taking over from an injured and discommodated Vince Young. At 35, Collins is guiding a relatively young offense on an

11-1 team. But the Titans' success is due primarily to a defense that includes Haynesworth, linebacker Keith Bulluck and scrappy young corner back Cortland Finnegan, who is tied for the league lead with five interceptions.

Favre? See Jenkins. Drew Brees of the Saints? If he throws for a zillion yards, breaks Dan Marino's record by a billion and New Orleans finishes 8-8, what's his value? That New Orleans might have gone 3-13 without him? So far, the most valuable thing he's done is call out Jeremy Shockey in public. Offensive player, yes. MVP, no.

The best offensive MVP candidate right now is probably Clinton Portis, who leads the league in rushing despite injuries that would keep others out and is the prime reason Washington remains in playoff contention.

If you're thinking defense, go beyond Jenkins and Haynesworth to some others: Pittsburgh's Troy Polamalu and James Harrison; and Baltimore's Ray Lewis, back in form after a couple of down seasons. Maybe the Ravens' Ed Reed, but not Miami's Joey Porter, a quarterback sackmaster.

Realistically, those are candidates for Defensive Player of the Year.

Look to Portis or one of the older QBs to be the MVP because even good voters rarely go against tradition. Unless Matt Cassel keeps throwing for 400 yards every week and gets the Patriots into the playoffs.

Two different New England QBs in two seasons. Now that would be interesting.

Giants' Burress shot in right thigh

Super Bowl hero Placido Burress was accidentally shot in the right thigh and spent the night in the hospital, another dramatic turn in a tumultuous season in which the star New York Giants receiver has been fined and suspended.

The Giants said the shooting happened Friday night and he was released from the hospital early Saturday. The team did not say where the shooting took place, what hospital Burress went to or how badly he was injured. The Giants called this an "apparent accidental shooting."

"Our primary concern is for Placido's health and, once he's healed and given the circumstances, we are relieved to say he was released from a New York City hospital," the team said in a statement.

Burress was wounded in a nightclub, a team official told The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the team was still trying to sort out all the facts. ESPN.com reported the shooting was at the Latin Quarter in midtown Manhattan.

The club is a sprawling 15,000-square-foot, two-story restaurant and club located in the Renaissance Lexington Hotel. Kada Laine, a manager at the hotel, told the AP police officers had been to the club.

Phone messages and an e-mail left at the nightclub were not immediately returned.

The Giants said they have been in contact with the 31-year-old receiver since the shooting and have discussed the matter with NFL security.

"This incident could become a matter for law enforcement officials, and because of that we have no comment on any of the details," the team said.

New York City police said they have not spoken to Burress or recovered the gun used in the shooting. Repeated phone calls to Burress' home and his agent, Drew Rosenbaum, were not immediately returned. Added NFL spokesman Joe Browne: "We are gathering information, just like everyone else."

Burress injured a hamstring two weeks ago against the Baltimore Ravens. The Giants said Friday he would not play Sunday in Washington. Burress was suspended for a game

against Seattle on Oct. 5 and fined \$117,500 for missing a team meeting and failing to notify the team of his absence. He said he had a family emergency.

He also was fined \$45,000 by the NFL for his conduct during a 19-game game against 49ers in which he abused an official and tossed a ball into the stands.

BEARS PUT VASHER IN
LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears placed Matt Vasher on injured reserve Saturday with a broken right hand, ending the defensive back's season.

Vasher, who'd been sidelined for three games earlier this season with a right wrist injury that required surgery, fractured his hand in Sunday's game against the St. Louis Rams. He also re-injured his thumb.

Vasher, who was chosen for the Pro Bowl in 2005 when he had eight interceptions, appeared in eight games this season, including seven starts. He recorded 29 tackles and three pass breakups.

Vasher, who appeared in only four games last season because of a groin injury, has 18 career interceptions, but only two in the past two seasons.

Cory Graham is expected to move into his starting role for Sunday night's game against the Minnesota Vikings.

DOLPHINS SUSPEND DT SOLAI
DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Paul Solai was suspended for the second time this season for an unspecified violation of team rules.

Solai will not play today when the Dolphins visit the St. Louis Rams. He also missed a game against the Baltimore Ravens last month.

The 6-foot-4, 355-pound Solai, who's in his second NFL season, is the backup to nose tackle Jason Ferguson.

SANDERS TO MISS CLEVELAND GAME
INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts safety Bob Sanders will miss today's game in Cleveland against the Browns because of his ailing

No longer "Irrelevant": Vobora to get first NFL start

By Bill Coats
St. Louis Post-Dispatch writer

The St. Louis Rams will have a new face in the lineup today when the Miami Dolphins visit the Edward Jones Dome.

Rookie David Vobora will make his first start, taking over for Will Witherspoon at middle linebacker. Witherspoon is nursing injuries to both shoulders and will be used only on third downs and in the 2-minute defense, coach Jim Haslet said.

Vobora, a 6-foot-1, 238-pound University of Idaho product, was the last pick in April's draft, earning him the distinction of "Mr. Irrelevant." He was activated from the practice squad Nov. 4 and has played in the past three games, mostly on special teams.

He'll be the first "Mr. Irrelevant" to start a game in his rookie season since 1994, when Marty Moore made four starts at linebacker for the New England Patriots.

"It's been a dream come true to get to this point, but there's no complacency," Vobora said. "I always want more, and this is a good opportunity to get in and contribute and show. 'Hey, this is what I can do; this is what I bring to the table.'"

It's an opportunity that triggers a bit of anxiety, too, he acknowledged.

"I have 10 other guys depending on me, so I want to make sure that I'm in the right spots," he said. "And when the play's there to make, make it."

Last season's NFL defensive player of the year did not make the trip to Cleveland. Today's game will be the third straight game that Sanders has missed.

He missed five games earlier this season with a high ankle sprain. During that period he underwent surgery on his right knee.

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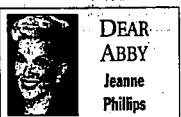
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Couple throws a wedding, but neglects to get married

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I just found out that his daughter and her boyfriend duped everyone — including us — with a formal, traditional wedding ceremony, but they had no intention of being legally wed, but felt that because they were having a baby, they were entitled to a formal wedding. I paid a large amount of money to attend this wedding, Abby, including gifts and a bridal shower. When confronted, they showed no remorse for their deception. In fact, they are extremely arrogant about it. They say it's their personal business and consider themselves "married in the eyes of God."



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

more than a gift grab. And, embarrassing as it may be, you should inform the others who were also "taken" — better they hear it from you, than think you were part of the deception.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I share a joint checking account with both checks and debit cards. When she makes purchases or writes checks, she doesn't record her purchases in the check ledger that we keep at the home computer.

I am the one who does the family finances, and I do not check the activity online daily, it comes as a big surprise to me when her checks are cashed by the payee, sometimes weeks later.

When I confront her about recording her purchases, she turns it around and gets mad at me. It's extremely frustrating. I'm trying hard to avoid bounced checks and insufficient funds fees, but I can't do that unless I need her help, and she won't listen. How can I get her to cooperate?

— FRUSTRATED IN PENNSYLVANIA

I am furious over this scam, with almost more than 100 family members and friends. Please advise.

— DECEIVED IN ARIZONA

DEAR DECEIVED: Usually when couples are married in a "formal, traditional" wedding ceremony, the wedding or other officiant asks the couple — and their witnesses — to sign a marriage certificate. How could this not have happened? "Marriages in the eyes of God" usually involve special circumstances such as serving in the military, losing pension benefits if they marry in a civil ceremony. I don't blame you for being furious at the deception, which was nothing

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Enjoy the calm before the storm. Today you'll have a chance to recharge batteries before the work-week begins. Making a compromise with someone near and dear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An apple never falls very far from the tree. Awkward situations with a family member can be smoothed over if you just realize how much their reactions mirror your own. Use your wisdom this week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): All daydreamers need their day. Today is yours. Indulge your imagination and let your thoughts travel to distant places. Concentrate on find-

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ing beauty and harmony in your most important relationships this week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Too much information could ruin the deal in the week ahead. Avoid wallowing in emotions and concentrate on using your common sense. Put off irrevocable important decisions for another week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be sure the image you see in the mirror is yours and not a distorted version. Avoid putting on airs to please others when it goes against your nature. Your greatest success will come in acting naturally this week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Knowing how to handle people could be more important than book smarts this week. You may hold all the answers — but unless you can get your point across diplomatically, it won't be any use.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The best things in life are free. Enjoy your day to the fullest but try to keep the spending to a minimum. Money may get tighter later in the week, so spend wisely and enjoy quality time with loved ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Dot all the I's and cross all your t's this week. Leave nothing to chance when finishing projects and check work repeatedly to make sure you haven't missed a step. You'll save time in the long run.

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death of Dag Hammarskjöld the year before, was elected to a four-year term.

In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

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DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your wife's behavior is childish and irresponsible. If she can't remember to enter her checks into her check register or your ledger, then she should save her receipts and give them to you on a regular basis. It is well-known that arguments about money and finances frequently cause marriages to fail. If your wife won't listen to you, perhaps she will listen to a marriage counselor and for financial advice. And if that doesn't do the trick, close the joint account and have her open one of her own so she can experience firsthand the pain of paying penalty fees.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a very special skill that is creating a problem with our friends. He can repair almost any electronic device and has done so for our friends on numerous occasions. However, it has reached the point that now they expect him to fix their devices for free. And if that doesn't do the trick, close the joint account and have her open one of her own so she can experience firsthand the pain of paying penalty fees.

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Trim this tree ... then plant it later

Why to buy a live Christmas tree

By Melissa Devlin
Times-News writer

Kelly McIntosh already has her Christmas tree. And she's not afraid of it drying out and shedding needles before Dec. 25.

She didn't get a fake tree, or even a well-hydrated cut tree. The McIntosh family has a live, potted Christmas tree that they plan to plant at their home outside Buhl after the holidays.

Live Christmas trees, which have been popular for years across the U.S., are springing up in southern Idaho, said Veronica Leonard of Hollyberry Nursery.

Leonard's Hansen nursery started offering the potted trees two years ago after customers requested them. The nursery is getting more requests this year than it did in previous years, she said. Hollyberry Nursery's trees are about 5 feet tall, cost \$60 and require no more special attention than a cut tree. They're also good for the environment: The planted trees replenish oxygen in the atmosphere. As the trees mature, they can serve as a windbreak for homes, helping insulate and protect them from the elements.

"As you know in Idaho, we have very high winds," Leonard said.

Janece Muchow, manager at Windsor's Greenhouses and Nursery in Kimberly, said potted trees are a great investment for families.

"Things keep going up in price and they're wanting to watch their pennies," Muchow said. At Windsor's, customers can get a living Christmas tree for as little as \$79 that doubles as landscape filler. The trees can even stay in their pots and serve as Christmas trees for future years — until they grow too big to fit in the house, that is.

"You're not going to consume something and just throw it away," Leonard said. "You are investing in something that you keep forever."

With the investment comes responsibility. Vicki Serr of Vicki's Country Gardens in Paul said that after Christmas, you can't just toss the tree outside and forget about it.

"You have to take care of them. You have to water them through winter," she said. Her store offers tabletop Fat Albert spruces for \$39.99. That burden didn't spare off McIntosh. Her former property in California is filled with Christmas trees from past years, helping evoke memories of happy Christmases with her family. Now that she's in Buhl, she already has a spot in mind for this year's Christmas tree-in-a-pot.

"We always enjoyed it," she said. "I'm surprised that more people don't do it."

Your tree in a pot

Plan ahead. Make sure the tree will fit into your landscape. Most varieties used as Christmas trees grow to between 40 and 60 feet. Some can grow even larger, so find out all you can about the species you plan to buy.

Check the tree for bugs before you bring it in the house. A good spray with a hose should take care of any lingering mites or spiders, said Veronica Leonard of Hollyberry Nursery.

Get moving help. The root system and soil make living trees heavier than cut trees.

Place the tree away from heating vents and direct light. Remember to keep it well-watered.

Place a tray or skirt under the pot to catch excess water.

After Christmas, move the tree outside immediately. To acclimate the tree to severe cold, consider putting it in a garage, shed or enclosed patio for a few days before exposing it to the harsh elements. The tree shouldn't be inside for more than a week, said Janece Muchow of Windsor's Greenhouses and Nursery.

You can plant your tree as soon as the ground thaws next spring.

The Rocky Mountain Juniper is elegant and petite and comes with its own ornaments — tiny blue juniper berries. Veronica Leonard of Hollyberry Nursery in Hansen says this potted tree would be perfect for an apartment or a smaller space in a house.

A sampling of locally available live Christmas trees:

Rocky Mountain Juniper: Popular for its drought tolerance. Can grow up to 30 feet tall.

Fat Albert spruce: True to its name, this tree is short and round. Rarely grows more than 30 feet tall and is silvery blue.

Colorado spruce: Can grow up to 75 feet tall and comes in blue, green and gray green.

Linden pine: This Idaho native is drought-tolerant, enjoys a wide variety of soils and can grow up to 40 feet tall. Ornithologists, take note: Birds especially enjoy this tree.

A Colorado blue spruce in a pot is the perfect alternative to a cut Christmas tree, says Veronica Leonard, sales manager for Hollyberry Nursery in Hansen. She says the tree will grow in its pot for three years, giving you the option to use the tree as your Christmas centerpiece several years in a row before getting a bigger pot or planting the tree in the ground. Move the tree outdoors after the holiday season so it can get plenty of light.

Photos by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News
Linden pine gives a different look to the holiday, and once the season ends you can plant the native tree in its native soil.

Sharing grief in a time of celebration

Churches offer holiday support to the bereaved

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

For Kimberly Kasimatis, the loss of her best friend three years ago didn't mean an empty seat at the Thanksgiving table or an unopened gift under the Christmas tree. Instead, the holidays were simply a time of heightened awareness that someone

important in her life was gone. "Three years later, I want to pick up the phone and joke and laugh," said the Twin Falls woman by phone from a vacation in California. "The loss seems to be more resounding around family gatherings. You almost feel guilty enjoying the holidays because the person isn't there."

The holidays can be an especially difficult time following the death of a loved one, because traditions are missing a participant, and family and friendship are at the center of the seasonal celebrations. To help those who are feeling their loss most acutely at this



Greg Grah, left, Small Cantrell, Glenn Schmitz and Jo Damsman discuss their week Monday night at the Twin Falls Reform Church. They're part of a support group called *On 45th Street* that's led by Damsman.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center
530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:
Monday: Chicken enchiladas
Tuesday: Swedish meatballs
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Sweet-and-sour pork
Friday: Chef salad
ACTIVITIES:
Today: "A Tuna Christmas," 2 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. SHIBA, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Monday bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Exercise class, 1 p.m. Blue Shield, 2 to 4 p.m. Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m. Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2
Quilting, 9 a.m. SHIBA, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise class, 1 p.m. Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m. SHIBA, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Saturday: Magic Valley Bridge, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday. Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.
MENUS:
Monday: Tomato soup and cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Potato bar
Wednesday: Fish
Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Today: Roosters and hen dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure, 11:45 a.m.



Bohi seniors Frances McArthur, 85, front, and Louise Meyer, 90, participate in a recent SilverSneakers workout at the West End senior center. The 45-minute program is geared to improving seniors' flexibility, strength and stamina with a variety of exercises.

Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Foot clinic
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: Beef enchiladas
Wednesday: Meatballs
Friday: Baked ham
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. At-Anon meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Nu-2U open 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Chili feed fundraiser, 6 to 7 p.m.
Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center
308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: Enchiladas
Tuesday: Sauerkraut and hot dogs
Wednesday: Philly steak sandwich
Thursday: Stuffed chicken breast
Friday: Soup and sandwich
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 5 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 5 p.m. Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Music with June Koone, 11:30 a.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site
105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Monday. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center
140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.
MENUS:
Monday: Stroganoff
Wednesday: Pork roast
Friday: Chicken

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:
Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Barbecue ribs
Friday: Ham
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center
210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8

a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
MENUS:
Tuesday: Cheese sandwich and tomato soup
Thursday: Hamburgers
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Rafi St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Camas County Senior Center
127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
Tuesday: Navy beans and ham
Wednesday: Lasagna
Friday: Fried chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
MENUS:
Tuesday: Chef's choice
Wednesday: Macaroni and ham
Friday: Pizza
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fit-and-Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Christmas music by Hal, noon
Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

Carey Senior Center
Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.

seniors; \$5, non-seniors.
MENUS:
Thursday: Scalloped potatoes and ham

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: Beef stew
Tuesday: Finger steak
Wednesday: Lasagna
Thursday: Chicken sandwich
Friday: Chicken or fish
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. 55 Alive Driving Class, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwidman at 435-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Saturday: Breakfast buffet, 7 to 11:30 a.m., \$5.50 per person, \$3 for children under 10

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Grief
Continued from page F1 - time of year, two Twin Falls churches will offer a free seminar, "Surviving the Holidays," on Dec. 9. "Grief affects everyone, through all walks of life," said Leita Laird, a registered nurse who has worked with hospice and cancer patients. Laird, who facilitates Lighthouse Christian Fellowship's regular grief support group, said everyone grieves differently. But going through a mourning process is critical. "If people don't deal with the pain they feel, if they choose to ignore it or bury it, the next time a loss comes up, that grief is just going to rear its ugly head."
The video presentation and support group include Christian scriptural references, but organizers say those with non-Christian or secular beliefs will be comfortable and find the information useful.
And for Christians like Kasimats, faith is an important component of coping with grief. "It gives you peace to know that person is at peace," she said, of her belief that her friend is now in heaven.
"It takes the focus off ourselves and puts it on God and the divine presence."
Christians inextricably link faith and family for some, but secular celebrations like Thanksgiving can be equally difficult to handle after a loss.
"They have special traditions that they used to do, and it's very apparent Mom is gone or Dad is gone. Your Christmas ornaments



Grief counselor Jo Bauman listens to members of her group GriefShare talk Monday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

"Grief affects everyone; through all walks of life. If people don't deal with the pain they feel, if they choose to ignore it or bury it, the next time a loss comes up, that grief is just going to rear its ugly head."
— Leita Laird, a registered nurse
— incorporates memories of the lost love one: perhaps an annual donation to Grandma's favorite charity, or lighting a candle for Junior on Christmas Eve.
Jo Bauman, whose son died of cancer in 2003 and who is now a facilitator for Twin Falls Reformed Church's grief support group, said sharing her experience with grief has been helpful to her as well as

Looking for more support?
Lighthouse Christian Fellowship's GriefShare support group meets at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The 13-week series may be joined at any time. Call for location information: 737-4657.
Twin Falls Reformed Church
GriefShare support group meets Mondays. The 13-week series may be joined at any time. A Recovery For Life meal is at 6 p.m., followed by small-group support meetings at 7 p.m. Information: 733-6128-1531.
Grandview Drive N., Twin Falls.
Hospice Valley
Here and Now Growth group meets based on request. Information: Karen Marburg or Sheryl Ford, 733-0121. 209 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.
Kids Reaching Out to Each Other
Youth bereavement support group. Offers two to three day camps per year for children aged 6-16. Information: Rowle Turner, 404-3210.
Advanced Information and Consultation Services
Eight-week sessions are held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesdays. Call for next session and location. Information: Idaho Agency on Aging, 735-2122.
Hospice & Palliative Care of Wood River Valley
Offers regular group meetings for surviving spouses with children, children 6-17, youth 17-24 and men. Two four-week structured bereavement groups as well as individual counseling sessions are also available. Information: 728-8484, 507 First Ave. N., Ketchum.

those in the group.
"You can say things and know that everyone there will understand, even if it may sound strange," she said. "When you suffer through something, one of the ways to heal is to help others. That's what it's all about."
Everyone is welcome to attend the Dec. 9 seminar. Including those with a recent loss, those who have had time to heal, and those who want to support someone who has lost a loved one.
Kasimats plans to be there, to share her experiences.
"It's the people lifting each other up," she said. "I recommend it and believe it is having seen all the changes in people's lives."
Ariel Hansen may be reached at 68-788-3475.

One-night seminar
"Surviving the Holidays," produced by GriefShare and presented by Twin Falls Reformed Church and Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, is a free video presentation. It will be shown at Lighthouse's Grindhouse at 7 p.m. Dec. 9.
Denny Bragg, former youth pastor with Lighthouse, will be guest speaker, and the video will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet in small groups. Additional support. Attendees will get a booklet to take home that includes a month's worth of prayers and suggestions on how to continue productively processing grief.
Grindhouse is at 900 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Satisfy your favorite foodie with these gift ideas

By J.M. Hirsch
AP food editor

For some people, the tough economic times will quash the usual holiday gift-giving fervor. And maybe that's just such a bad thing. A decked out kitchen can be fun, but a kitchen full of friends and family is even more so. And it's free.

This year, consider giving the gift of time, whether it's inviting an elderly neighbor over to bake her favorite holiday cookies, cooking a romantic dinner with your spouse or teaching the kids how to make their favorite meal.

Relative to most gifts, ingredients are inexpensive. But the time spent turning them into a meal can be richly rewarding. And don't bother aiming for perfection. The goal here is quality time, not quality of cooking.

For the kids

They may ask for iPods and action figures, but what they really want is you. This holiday season, carve out extra time to get in the kitchen with your kids. You bond, they learn, everyone eats, and it's cheap. That is the holiday spirit.

To make a gift of it, consider what interests your child. If it's deciding what the family eats for dinner, make a packet of "gift passes." Each one can be traded in for the right to pick — and help make — dinner.

If your child loves the local Mexican or Chinese restaurant, make the passes redeemable for alone time with Mom or Dad in the kitchen trying out different recipes from the favored cuisine.

The best child-friendly recipes are easy, inexpensive and call for plenty of hands-on work. Pasta, for example, requires nothing more than mixing together flour and eggs, and kids love playing with the dough.

Breads and other baked goods are another great choice. This recipe for Kid-Friendly Focaccia (Italian flatbread) is simple, cheap, impossible to mess up, and gives children plenty of opportunity to get messy and play with the dough.

Still need inspiration?



Parker Hirsch, 4, takes a bite of focaccia after helping to make it Nov. 1 in Concord, N.H. Warm from the oven, Kid-Friendly Focaccia will make your children smile.

Check out Zebra Mix baking kits (\$5.99). Available in brownies, cupcakes and cookies, the kits include game boards that walk you and your children through the recipe while teaching math and foreign languages.

Or check out K. A. E Kids baking mixes (\$5.95) from King Arthur Flour Co. The kits, which use organic ingredients, include muffins, cupcakes, cookies, a dough alphabet and pizza crust.

If games about food are more your family's style, check out the Green Eggs and Ham Speedy Diner game (\$19.95) for ages 4 to 8. It's a fun and fast-paced Dr. Seuss-inspired game in which children get to serve up silly foods.

There's also Playskool's Noodleboro Learning to Listen Pizza Palace game (\$19.99), in which children ages 4 and up must listen to instructions, then assemble pizzas with funny toppings such as stinky socks and eggs.

For the stockings

Affordable stocking stuffers are easy. No cooking ever has to do with many measuring spoons, silicone spatulas and wooden spoons. And real cooks aren't spoon snobs.

You can spend considerable sums on exotic olive wood spoons and name brand spatulas and measuring spoons, but it's unnecessary. Better to have four inexpensive spatulas than one pricey one that must be washed multiple times while cooking.

The best way to do this is to head to your nearest dollar store and stock up. I recently walked away with eight wooden spoons and eight silicone spatulas of various sizes. Total cost: \$4.

If it makes you feel better, ditch the cheap packaging and wrap them nicely.

For the bookshelf

Books generally aren't cheap, but these two offer a lot for the money.

• **Hugh Fearnley-Whittinghall and Fitz Carr's "The River Cottage Family Cookbook"** (Ten Speed Press, 2008, \$32.50).

Fearnley-Whittinghall already is huge in his native England, and he's poised to become the next big thing here. His family-themed cookbook, his latest released in this country, is a gorgeous, approachable masterpiece of family-friendly cooking.

This massive book is jammed with recipes, ideas,

tips and activities, from making butter (all you need is a jar and heavy cream) to building a campfire. This is not dumbed-down for kids; it is real food for real families.

• **"1001 Finds You Must Taste Before You Die"** (Editor Press, 2008, \$39.95).

It's a tantalizing concept — a visual encyclopedia of global flavors without scouting. The 999-page book is divided into chapters, such as fruit, vegetables and bakery, with brief descriptions detailing why and how to taste each item.

To turn this book into a gift that keeps giving, select a dozen ingredients from its pages and use them to plan out 12 meals. Then you and your recipient can have themed dinner dates once a month for the coming year.

For those who want to (and can) spend more

• **Keurig Mini K-Cup coffee maker** (\$79.95)

For the coffee lover in your life, the new Keurig Mini is a surprisingly likable K-Cup coffee maker (K-Cups are mess-free, single-serve coffee shots used by a newer breed

KID-FRIENDLY FOCACCIA

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours (20 minutes active)

Makes one 8-inch round focaccia

The holidays are the perfect excuse for getting hands-on with your kids in the kitchen. If you're able to embrace the mess and suspend all notions of perfection, everyone can have a blast.

The trick to keeping the mood festive is to pick projects that are fast, easy and taste great. Drop cookies are an excellent choice because they're simple to make and usually taste good no matter what they look like.

This simplified focaccia (Italian flatbread) is another great choice. It calls for just a few ingredients and the common ingredients have plenty of opportunities for the kids to pound and smooth the dough, and is all but impossible to mess up.

This recipe calls for topping the focaccia with rosemary, salt and olive oil. But you also could make a sweet version, topping it with butter or canola oil and sprinkling it with cinnamon and sugar.

One tip for cooking with kids — always use bowls that are larger than needed. This helps keep the ingredients in the bowl when little hands get a little too excited about mixing.

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/8 teaspoon salt, plus additional for sprinkling
1 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon instant yeast
1 tablespoon olive oil, plus additional for drizzling

1/4 cup warm water
2- to 3 sprigs fresh rosemary

In a large bowl, combine the flour, salt, sugar and yeast. This is a great opportunity to let the little ones practice their measuring skills. Plus, they love dumping the ingredients into the bowl and mixing them.

Add the olive oil and water, then mix some more. Once the dough starts to come together, let the kids use their hands to gather and press together the pieces of dough.

Sprinkle the counter with a bit of flour, then transfer the dough to the counter. Knead the dough about 10 times by pressing the dough, then folding it onto itself and pressing again.

Use a rolling pin to roll out the dough into a circle. Lightly coat an 8- or 9-inch round cake pan with cooking spray, then place the dough in the pan. Cover with plastic wrap and set in a warm place (near a heating vent or radiator) for 1 hour. After 45 minutes, heat the oven to 375 degrees.

When the dough is ready, it should be risen and slightly bubbly. Have the children use their fingertips to gently poke dimples over the surface of the dough. Drizzle the dough with a bit of olive oil, then sprinkle it with rosemary leaves off the stems, then scatter the leaves over the dough. Bake for 12 minutes.

The focaccia will not be browned when it is done.

Remove the focaccia from the pan, then cut into wedges.

much this machine can't do. It even has a special attachment for whipping egg whites.

Because this is such a large and powerful machine, KitchenAid doesn't put much marketing oomph behind it (so you won't see it in many stores). But it's worth hunting down. The processor makes easy work out of bread and pasta doughs, and includes 13 smaller work bowls, a 13-cup and a 4 1/2-cup. It has the same easy three-button functionality — KitchenAid's smaller models.

of coffee maker). Unlike other K-Cup coffee makers, the Keurig Mini has a tiny footprint (thanks to having no water reservoir), making it ideal for small kitchens, offices or dorms.

The machine is fast (3 minutes per 8-ounce cup) and makes excellent coffee.

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How to imbibe when your kids are around

By Melissa Dutton
The Associated Press

If you're planning on having a few cocktails at family gatherings this holiday season, experts say you should keep in mind that children may be watching.

"The main message is, if people drink, they should drink responsibly," said Vivian B. Faden, deputy director of the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism in Bethesda, Md. "It's not a one-time conversation. While the holidays present a good opportunity, there needs to be ongoing conversation about drinking."

Some specific advice for parents:

• Make sure your children see you socializing with and without alcohol.

"It's easy for kids to get the wrong message about alcohol and drinking," said D'Arcy Lyness, medical editor for Nemours KidsHealth.org and a child and adolescent psychologist. If you always associate having a good time with drinking, your children will too.

That's why Cynthia Marquez doesn't always serve alcohol to the family's dinner guests.

"It depends on who comes over," said the Cathedral City, Calif., mother whose daughters are 14 and 20. "We have a group of friends who always drink, and we still have the same amount of fun."

• Appoint a designated driver.

An important part of drinking responsibly in front of your children is modeling



Christina McMenemy, left, sits dinner with her daughter Miranda, 18 months old, and her husband, Aaron, at home in Grove City, Ohio.

behavior that you want your children to follow, so addressing drinking and driving is crucial, said Hedrick, founding member of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America in New York.

"One adult in the family should clearly be the designated driver," he said.

It's even a good idea for parents to discuss in front of the children who is going to drive the family home after a party. Designated drivers should refrain from drinking or explain that they will limit their drinking to what the law considers safe for driving.

Although it's not uncommon for Lela Davidson and her husband, John, to both have a glass of wine with dinner at their Rogers, Ark., home, the couple behaves differently when the family dines out.

"When we go to the Mexican restaurant only one of us is having the margarita," she said.

On the Web:

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/AboutNIAAA/NIAAASponsoredPrograms/un Era ge.htm>

http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/MakeADiff_HTML/mak ediff.htm

http://kidshealth.org/parent/po sitive/talk_alcohol.html

<http://www.drugfree.org/Parent /Home/>

<http://www.alcoholpolicy.niaaa.nih.gov>

emphasized the importance of drinking in moderation to her 14-year-old daughter.

"She looked a little bit scared," Marquez recalled. "I told her that's what happens when people drink too much. They lose control."

Deciding before your child asks whether you will allow him or her to have a sip of alcohol.

Some experts disagree on whether it's OK to let children have a small sip of alcohol from a party.

Some states allow parents of minors to serve them alcohol in certain cases.

Some suggest that allowing sips underscores that alcohol — when used responsibly — is often part of festive gatherings. Kendrick, the family therapist, remembers taking sips of his parents' drinks as a child.

"There was never any taboo nature to it," he said. "If you view alcohol as something that will primarily get you in trouble, I think you are explaining the consumption of it in a harmful manner and creating a taboo."

Others argue that it makes more sense to tell children no. Forbidding sips makes it

enlier to enforce the idea that children are not allowed to drink, said Hedrick of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

"It's much easier to deal with arguments that are black and white," Hedrick said. "I would advocate — to make it easier on parents — not to engage that a little sip is OK."

Be prepared for children and teenagers to ask why it's OK for you to drink but not them.

Start by reminding them: "Underage drinking is against the law," said Faden

of the alcohol abuse institute. "It's legal for people over 21."

It's also a good idea to explain that drinking is unhealthy for young people because their brains are still developing, Hedrick added.

The argument worked on Christina McMenemy when she was giving up wine.

"My mother explained the dangers to me," said the Grove City, Ohio, mother of two small children. "It's a message I'm sure I'll hit on during the teenage years. It's not OK when you're younger because you're still growing."

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How to help kids learn to give at the holidays

By Melissa Rayworth
The Associated Press

Even in a year when flashy holiday gift buying will likely be downplayed, many kids will still be focused on what's coming their way.

If you want to teach them this truly is supposed to be the season of giving, use your own actions to speak louder than words, says Clark University psychology professor Wendy Grolnick.

For example, helping your children gather used coats for donation to a homeless shelter can teach them more about their family's values than a dozen lectures on compassion ever could.

Early lessons can make altruism a regular part of life, says Jan Cady, director of philanthropy at Children's Hospital of Boston. "It's like building muscle-memory in school-age kids that will last a lifetime."

How to get started:

Soul-searching via Internet

Check out Web sites like Idealist.org or 1800Volunteers.org for searchable databases of volunteer opportunities. Or contact an organization, like the L.A.-based Century of Compassion, that connects local volunteers with causes that interest them.

You may find one that's a perfect fit, or you may see something that sparks an idea for a project your child can create on her own.

With young kids, you'll need to be the guide. But with older kids, discuss the type of giving they'd like to do. "Talk together about what would be meaningful," Grolnick says, "rather than saying, 'I found something for us to do.' We're going to help at the soup kitchen.... Maybe the child will say, 'I'm really interested in helping kids who don't have a home.'"

The more involved a child is in choosing the type of giving,



AP photo/Grandma's Gifts

Volunteers sort through donations of toothbrushes, dental floss and toothpastes for the Grandma's Gifts project "Trick-or-Treat!" in Powell, Ohio. The donations were made by students and teachers at over 10 schools in the Columbus suburban area.

Grolnick says, the more they'll learn from the experience.

For a child, charitable giving "changes your whole perspective," says Emily Douglas, a 26-year-old graduate student.

At age 11, Douglas started a charity called "Grandma's Gifts." Fifteen years later, she has spearheaded the donation of more than \$12 million in goods and services to families in Appalachia. She has never drawn a paycheck for the work. But "in school, in work, in everything I do," Douglas says, "it's helped me."

Giving is not getting

Through "Project Good Gift," launched by the Children's Hospital of Boston

as part of their Generation Cares program, a child can opt to give up one gift this year. The money that would have been spent on the gift gets donated to the hospital's research fund for curing childhood diseases, Cady says.

By giving up just one gift, the child can know that they've helped other kids around the world. They receive an e-card from the relative or family friend who made the donation, thanking them for their compassion.

Another twist on this idea: Have your family agree that everyone will give up one gift this year, and use that amount of money to buy toys or clothing for residents at a homeless

shelter in your area.

Share the wealth

Make a family project out of donating outgrown toys to a local shelter. Many hospitals also take toys donations. But some accept only new ones to avoid risk of infection.

eBay's Giving Works program is another easy and fun option — with parental supervision, kids can auction off an item, pledging the proceeds to their chosen charity. Or they can bid on items that are being sold to benefit a charity.

Kids love to "see what bids come in from people all over the world, and watch the price go up," says Kristin Cunningham, general manager

for GivingWorks. "If they're bidding on an item with their parents, they love to see if they're going to win it in the last few moments."

Cunningham mentions one boy who built a carpenter bench with his father, a carpenter. Photos of the boy and his dad building the bench appeared alongside the item on the site.

and eBay employees were so struck by the boy's enthusiasm at giving that a bidding war broke out in the office over the bench.

Yet another way kids can give what they're already got: The Locks of Love program accepts donations of long hair (bound in a ponytail or braid) for use in making wigs and hairpieces for kids suffering from illness-induced hair loss.

Money isn't everything

"Kids need to realize," says Douglas, "there are other ways to give besides giving money."

A child can give a single afternoon of their time at a local retirement home or hospital and have a huge impact. They can arrange to stop by on a Saturday and play an instrument, or read aloud from a one-act play with the help of a few friends.

Or they can bring some personal artwork to decorate an otherwise drab room or hallway.

If they're willing, suggest they stay and talk, even briefly, with the residents or patients.

"Kids often think they can't help because they're too young, they're not powerful, nobody's going to listen," Douglas says. "Adults do it, too. They think they can't help because they're not famous and they can't donate a million dollars."

Not so, she says: "Hold the door. Call an old friend. Pay someone a compliment. Smile.... You may not turn around and say, 'Wow, I smiled, and that person changed their entire life.' But maybe you changed their day."

How to save at the holidays

By Heather Lally
For The Associated Press

Holiday entertaining and gift-giving can be expensive. Here are some ideas to trim costs:

- Search estate sales and flea markets for inexpensive mismatched dishes.

They make the perfect vessels for delivering home-baked goodies to co-workers, friends and neighbors. Best of all, there's no need to ask them to return the plate.

- Set a spending limit on gifts from your spouse or closest friends, says Sara Noel, who runs frugalville.net. You could do a second-hand gift exchange.

Or only swap stocking stuffers. Noel and her husband give each other the same "favorite things" each year. She gets a box of chocolates and he chooses nuts and cheeses.

- Talk to your family about volunteering or giving charitable gifts to take the focus off of buying and spending. Help out at a food bank or soup kitchen.

Or agree to exchange gifts that support charities.

- Give the gift of time. Make gift certificates or coupons to offer free babysitting to your friends or to prepare a home-cooked meal for them. Kids could give bracelets in bed to their parents. A husband might offer candlelight dinner at home.

- Let the kids make wrapping paper. Stock up on inexpensive butcher paper or newsprint and let your young artists go to town with fingerpaints, rubber stamps, even stickers. Each package will be a one-of-a-kind.

Get thrifty with decorations. Use branches, pine cones, wire and ribbon to create your own holiday wreaths. Let kids work on cut paper snowflakes (embellish with glitter glue for extra sparkle) or other decorations.



KELLY WADE LEONARD/Photo Zach Leung, 6, left, and Zoe Leung, 4, work on homemade wrapping paper in Massapequa Park, N.Y.

Do-it-yourself holiday garlands in felt save money

By Jennifer Forker
For The Associated Press

These tough financial times don't require forgoing festive, holiday decorations. But to stretch dollars, we can create our own warm and good tidings.

I found a beautiful felt garland in "The Land of Nod," a high-end catalog for children, which can be copied with a dozen sheets of craft-store felt, several feet of ribbon, some school glue and a glue gun. Cleverly named the "Judy Garlands" in the catalog, they are \$35 for an 11-foot string of nine tree or nine mitten designs.

The originals are sewn; our copy is glued. The catalog's garlands have some handmade detailing, for swiftness' sake, ours don't.

The garlands can be copied, as I did here, by viewing the designs online, at LandofNod.com. They're simple, though, so you probably can come up with your own creative ideas, adding what may exist in your sewing box, from buttons to rickrack trim.

For example, we can duplicate the ribbon in the catalog by using twill tape, which is inexpensive (I paid less than \$2 for 12 feet of it), but these

are lovelier ribbons out there. It's less than \$5 to make one garland (and takes about two hours to cut out the pieces and glue the entire thing together). If you're resourceful with the felt squares and silk with the cost-effective twill, both the tree and mitten garlands can be made for only \$8. (That's a \$62 savings! "The Land of Nod" throws in free shipping with theirs.)

Supplies:

- 12 felt squares, 9 by 12 inches each. One in each of these colors: red, yellow, royal blue, light blue, aqua, light purple, green, lime green, orange, brown, tan and white.
- Thin cardboard for templates (I used the backs of notebook).
- 24 feet (8 yards) of 1/2-inch ivory twill tape.
- Glue, such as Aleene's Tacky Glue or white school glue.
- Glue gun with glue sticks

• Sharp scissors

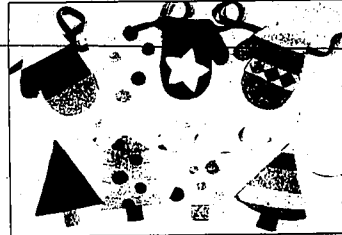
Assembly:

1. Draw your own mitten template (about 4 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches) onto cardboard, or download one from a Web site. MarthaStewart.com has a good one: <http://www.marthastewart.com/article/kids-mitten-sweater>.

2. Cut out nine felt mittens of various colors. To duplicate the "Judy Garlands," cut seven with the thumb on the left and two with the thumb on the right. Decorate as you choose, or go to The Land of Nod Web site for inspiration.

3. Cut the twill tape into two equal, 12-foot pieces (6 yards each), one for each garland. With a hot glue gun, glue the nine finished mittens to the first length of twill equidistantly (I started in the middle and placed a mitten every 10 inches).

4. The tree garland uses four templates (each about 4 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches — a tree trunk will be added later). I drew mine freehand, using the "Judy Garlands" images online as a guide. If that sounds daunting, look for a tree template online. I found a simple tree pattern at FamilyFun.com that can be adjusted to cre-



Samples of two felt garlands made by Jennifer Forker, which mimic garlands from a high-end catalog.

ate the other three templates. Go to the "printables" link at www.familyfun.com, then into the "Holiday & Seasonal" sub-page. At the bottom, in the "Christmas" section, is a good "Christmas tree pattern" for downloading.

- 5. As with the mittens, decorate the nine trees as you wish, or view the tree garland at The Land of Nod Web site for inspiration. Cut a 1-by-1 1/2-inch tree trunk in brown or tan for each tree.

- 6. As with the mittens, use a hot glue gun to attach the nine finished trees to the twill (with tree tops slightly above the rib-

bon) equidistantly, beginning in the middle of the twill and working out in 10-inch increments. Note: The catalog garland is 11 feet long while ours is 12 feet long.

- 7. Alternatives: Consider spelling a greeting or word, such as "Peace" or "Joy," surrounded by the mittens or trees. Or for Hanukkah, make Stars of David in white felt and shades of blue, hanging the stars from a blue or silver ribbon. Decorate with whatever is on hand: old buttons, rick rack, pompoms, small beads, pipe cleaners, even those foamy shapes that kids love.

A nice bed for Fido

By Jara Koehnke
The Washington Post

Your pet deserves as nice a bed as you have.

Today, stores are filled with dog and cat beds made of trendy fabrics with cushy fillings. But what is really the most comfortable sleeping spot for your pet that is easy for you to keep clean?

A new book "Clean Home, Green Home" by Kimberly Delaney (Morris Book Publishing/Globe Pequot Press; \$20) has some great common sense ideas for pet beds that also make good eco-sense.

- The most important consideration in choosing a bed is washability. Beds can harbor pests, but also fleas and dust mites, so washing the covers frequently is important. Between washings, shake the bed outdoors on a regular basis. This can keep dander and dirt from spreading around the house.

- Try to find bedding that is filled with natural materials and covered with natural fibers. She suggests hemp, wool and organic cotton for exteriors. Natural fillings include kapok, buckwheat and recycled soda bottles. Avoid beds filled with petroleum-based polyurethane foam — It is flammable and might contain formaldehyde.
- Cedar chips are a good choice for a filling because they deter fleas and naturally absorb odors.

Keeping ticks off your pet

By Jara Koehnke
The Washington Post

Checking dogs and cats for ticks has become a routine in many households. Is it part of yours?

There is a lot of information out there about the best thing to do if you find a tick lodged onto your pet. We contacted Kimberly May, of the American Veterinary Medical Association, to get the latest information.

First, May recommends checking your animal daily if he goes outside. Just brushing is not enough — you should rub your hands over his body to feel for bumps. If you find a tick, remove it as soon as possible as ticks can carry disease.

To avoid direct contact with the tick yourself, wear disposable gloves or, in a pinch, put a plastic bag over your hand like a mitten. Separate the fur and using tweezers, grab the tick as close to the head as possible and pull.

Bird-buying tips

By Jara Koehnke
The Washington Post

More than 6 million American households have birds as pets. In fact, there are more than 16 million pet birds out there, according to the American Pet Products Association.

If you are considering buying a bird, here are some things to consider:

- Study the different characteristics of each breed and make sure the bird you choose will fit in with your lifestyle. Some birds like as soon attention, and need toys and interaction to prevent from becoming bored. Some love to chatter and others love to scream, so decide whether you and your family (and neighbors) are comfortable with that if you choose something like a noisy macaw.
- Buy only from a specialist breeder or a reputable pet store.
- Make sure the bird looks healthy; check out if its eyes are clear.
- Take your bird for a check-up at your vet as soon after you get it as possible.

ENGAGEMENT

BECK-SHAWVER

Guy and Angie Beck of Rathdrum announced the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Ann Beck, to James J. Shawver, son of Jean Shawver of Eden and the late Peter Shawver.



James Shawver and Ashley Beck will follow at 4 p.m. at the Shrine's Hall in Rathdrum. A second reception will be held 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

Beck attends the University of Idaho and will graduate in May. Shawver attends the U of I and now attends Idaho State University. He works on the family farm in Eden.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Coeur d'Alene. Reception in the family farm in Eden.

WEDDINGS

CROOK-MARTINS

Loretta Crook and Tony Martins were married Oct. 28 at Lania Lanika Catholic Church in Lahaina, Maui.



Tony and Loretta Martins. The groom is a 1992 graduate of Los Banos High School in California. He is a self-employed dairy cattle broker. The couple resides in Filer.

Maid of honor was Lindsay Dixon of Chicago, friend of the bride. Best man was Steve Wbenga of Burley, friend of the groom.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo, Ill. She received degrees in food science from the University of Illinois in 2001 and Iowa State University in 2003. She works at Glambia Nutritionals.

MORTON-RODRIGUEZ

Sarah Michelle Morton and Freddy T. Rodriguez were married June 21 in Lewiston.



Sarah and Freddy Rodriguez. The couple resides in Lewiston.

The bride is the daughter of Karen and Randy Thompson and Tim and Kim Morton, all of Lewiston. The groom is the son of Erasmo and Ida Rodriguez of Rupert. The groom is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School. The bride and groom are 2006 graduates of Lewis-

ANDERSON-WEST

Andrea Anderson and Jeff West were married Nov. 15 at Praise Chapel Christian Church in Rupert.



Jeff and Andrea West. The couple resides in Paul.

The bride is the daughter of Randy Anderson of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Kevin Anderson of Paul. The groom is the son of Bonnie West of Rupert and Bob and Linda West of Paul.

Nicole Fenton, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Bobbi Jo Warren and Lani Anderson, sisters of the bride; Jerica West, daughter of the bride and groom, and Katelynn Warren, niece of the bride, were flower girls.

Mike Neno, friend of the groom, was best man. Groomsman were Nate Smith and Johnny Noriega, friends of the groom. Ushers were Tim Warren, brother-in-law, and Daniel Anderson, cousin of the bride. Andrew West, son of the bride and groom, and Darwin Warren, nephew of

the bride, were ring bearers. Special guests included candle lighters Cheyanne Blauer and Tony Anderson, cousins of the bride.

A reception followed at the Elks Lodge in Rupert. Holly Wright, sister of the bride, attended the guest book. Marina Anderson and Casey Sheen were gift attendants and served at the reception.

The bride works at Mindoko Memorial Hospital's Country Side Care and Rehabilitation. The groom works at Schaeffer Farms of Paul.

ANNIVERSARY

THE MARTINATS

Mary and Mary Martinat of Jerome recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at their daughter's home in Twin Falls with family and friends.



Mary and Mary Martinat. They have two children, Rick (Sherril) Martinat of Hagerman and Karen Martinat (Tony Collins) of Twin Falls. The couple has two grandsons.

They were married Nov. 25, 1958, at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls. They have lived south of Jerome for 32 years.

He retired from Consolidated Freightways, and she retired from teaching at Valley School District. She now works as an instructor for "College" at Southern Idaho's "Over 60 and Getting Fit" classes in

Weekly deadline

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With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

The ABCs of C-H-O-R-E-S: How to get kids to help around the house

By Annyr Shin
The Washington Post

My career as a television remote control began at about age 5, when my parents bought their first color TV. For those of you unfamiliar with this occupation, it is exactly what it sounds like. When my father wanted to watch a different channel, he would say, "Annyr, change the channel."

Looking back now, my stint as a channel changer ("Content Manager" on my resume) was more significant than I thought. It influenced my beliefs and my choice of spouse. (Surprise: I picked someone who shares equally in housework.) It also taught me to value children and anything with a remote control.

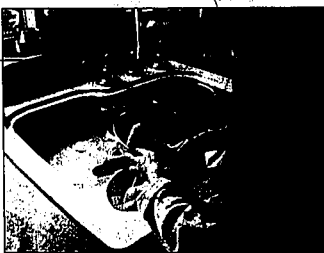
Now that my daughter, at 20 months, is old enough to do things such as put her shirt in a hamper and help spill it, at least some portion of it—I realize that this is my opportunity to strike. The second her masticated Cheerios hit the floor is a teachable moment, an explanation that half-chewed food lives in the trash and not under our cover. By showing her how to clean up after herself, child development experts tell me, I am instilling a sense of accomplishment and helping her master the subtle variation in skill required to scoop up squished cereal as opposed to squished peas.

The problem is: What if I can't teach her and after she doesn't learn to pick up those peas, ever? Or 10 years from now she decides she is not responsible for any dish or room she did not personally dirty? When she is older, how can I teach her and/or arrange her? Or will we decide we're just wasting our energy on something that she'll figure out how to do eventually?

For starters, children today spend less time on housework than they did 20 years ago, according to Sandra Hofferth, director of the University of Maryland's Population Research Center, who has been studying how children spend their time using detailed diaries.

In 1981, children ages 9 through 12 reported spending 5 hours 18 minutes a week on such activities as repairs, meal preparation and cleanup, pet care and outdoor work. By 2002, that figure shrank to 3 hours 5 minutes.

So what happened? The short answer is everyone is cleaner and housework is doing it down like this: More women are employed outside the home. Children, as a result, are spending more time at school, in child care or in activities such as soccer practice or tuba lessons. Hofferth said. Mom and Dad are also more likely to outsource certain domestic tasks, such as, cleaning



the bathroom or mowing the lawn, because they don't have the time or inclination to do them.

"Cleaning toilets... I don't think any of us wants to do that," said Bill Breskin, who lives in Vienna, Va., with his wife and two daughters. They pay a housecleaner to come twice a month, and they use a lawn service during the summer.

Another incentive for parents to outsource is not wanting to "spend their scarce time with children yelling at them or further harassing them about finishing household chores," Hofferth said.

Hiring Merry Maids and eating takeout, though, still leave plenty to do around the house. There are always toys to pick up, clothes to put away and dogs to walk. That brings us to the issue of motivation.

Starting young

Any parent drawing up his first chore wheel has to start with basic expectations. What is a reasonable contribution to the household? Most parents don't have trouble with this one. Feed the fish. Load the dishwasher. Put salad mix into a bowl.

When children are young, getting them to help is easier. They want to be like you, even when you're taking out the garbage. For this reason, you can encourage helpful behavior as early as their second year.

"They're much more interested in what you're doing," said Claire Lerner, an early childhood development expert with Zero to Three, a Washington-based group dedicated to improving the lives of infants and toddlers. "If they spill something, you say, 'Oops, we had a spill. What do we do?' ... You do it together. It becomes part of their daily life."

With small children, cleaning can easily be made into a game, said Janet Frick, a professor of psychology at the University of Georgia at Athens who studies infants and children. Frick said that when she does laundry with her own children, she hands them their clothes and has them race to see who can reach their room first.

As children get older, parents have to weigh the value of housework against that of

activities such as sports and lessons.

Researcher Constance Gager at Montclair State University in New Jersey found that parents with college degrees tend to emphasize housework less. Children in those homes do one less hour of housework per week than their peers. Gager's study, which involved more than 3,500 youths ages 10 to 18 nationwide, didn't offer a clear reason for that. But the data mesh with Hofferth's findings that some parents see extracurricular activities as more important, especially in terms of getting into college.

However, Gager also found that some high-achieving kids manage to do it all. Those who spent more time on paid work and homework also spent time on housework and extracurriculars. Gager's best guess is that those kids are just good.

"They show they can handle a lot," she said. "So their parents also give them more responsibility in the home."

To pay or not to pay?

For the less cooperative, money can be an inducement. But both Lerner and Frick said parents should try not paying children or tying an allowance to household tasks such as setting the table or taking out the trash.

"Helping is part of being a member of the family," Frick said.

Lerner says it's reasonable to pay children for something that you would typically pay someone to do, such as washing your car. But sorting out what tasks you pay for and what you do yourself can be a very personal decision. It boils down to what you want your children to take away from the experience, something Lisa Cobb of Laurel, Md., found herself mulling two years ago after her son was born. She considered hiring someone to help with housework.

Both she and her husband work full time and could afford to hire help, but in the end they chose not to.

"I did consider hiring someone to help with housework," she said. "I want him to think the person who scrubs the toilet is a low-income woman." Cobb said in an e-mail. "I want him to think the person who scrubs the toilet ... is the person

A to-do list for parents

Child development expert Claire Lerner of the nonprofit organization Zero to Three says it's more important for parents to notice and comment on a child for his or her work on a chore, rather than focusing on whether the chore is completed. This is especially true for a young child.

For example, if your child is watering plants, you could say, "You are working so hard to keep all the water in the pot." Or if she is feeding the dog, "You are being very careful to get all the dog food to stay in the bowl."

- 18 MONTHS AND OLDER
 - Help transfer non-sharp utensils and small unbreakable items into and out of the dishwasher.
 - Put trash in a trash can or dirty clothing in a hamper.
 - Water plants.
 - Put food or water into a pet dish.
 - Turn lights on and off while being carried into and out of a room.

- 2 YEARS AND OLDER
 - Wash unbreakable dishes and cups.
 - Wipe up spills.
 - Help collect recycling.
 - Put toys away.

- 8 YEARS AND OLDER
 - Sort laundry.
 - Make his or her bed.
 - Set and clear the table.
 - Help prepare and clean up meals.
 - Take out trash or recycling.

- 12 YEARS AND OLDER
 - Wash a car.
 - Clean his or her room.
 - Weed the garden.
 - Mow leaves.
 - Shovel snow.
 - Sweep floor or porch.
 - Fill and empty dishwasher.
 - Walk dog or replace kitty litter.

who gets the toilet dirty. I didn't know how to teach her that lesson ... if we didn't live by it ourselves."

Breskin and his wife follow the same principle with their daughters, even though they outsource housecleaning and lawn care.

"I don't expect them to do anything I won't do myself," he said. "But I expect them to do everything I will do," such as laundry, cooking dinner, taking out the garbage and packing their lunches.

Zero to Three's Lerner said it's important not to give up on getting your kids to help around the house. She is still trying to convince her own children that "part of loving the dog is feeding and walking him."

Even if they balk, imparting life skills is worth it. "It's never too late," she said.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Blayden Robert Lowry, son of Amanda Lynn Tipton of Buhl, was born Nov. 7, 2008.

Bella Rose-Lynn Burkhardt, daughter of Laci Dawn Burkhardt and Nathan Albert Abrahamson of Buhl, was born Nov. 13, 2008.

Diemry Nicole Wolters, daughter of Felice Marie Hopkins and Justin Edward Wolters of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 13, 2008.

Nathalia Rose Becerra-Gonzalez, daughter of Yvette Yvonne Gonzalez and Salvador Becerra-Pineda of Wendell, was born Nov. 14, 2008.

Whitney Michelle Baker, daughter of Morgan Whitney and Jimmy Wayne Baker of Jerome, was born Nov. 17, 2008.

Talon Jeffrey McCurdy, son of Leslie Kay and Jeffrey Clark McCurdy of Twin Falls, was

born Nov. 17, 2008.

Ethan Lawrence Mullins, son of Robyn Renee and Kenneth Lawrence Mullins of Jerome, was born Nov. 17, 2008.

Muhammad Sharafov, son of Fatima Safarova and Ibragim Sharafov of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 17, 2008.

Rylee Elgae Alverson, daughter of Kristi Mae and Kenneth Richard Alverson of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 18, 2008.

Adelynn Jean Bond, daughter of Lauren Pauline and James Allan Bond of Jerome, was born Nov. 18, 2008.

Annalissa Rose Collins, daughter of Jean Tanice Rochel and Jeffrey Lynn Collins of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 18, 2008.

Aryan Skye Delcambre, daughter of Kyra Dawn and Josh Dwight Delcambre of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 19, 2008.

Ethan Lance Hubsmith, son of Lindsay Ann and Lance Gene Hubsmith of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 19, 2008.

Carla Maria Martinez-Samano, daughter of Rosa Maria and Roberto Martinez of Gooding, was born Nov. 19, 2008.

Kaylee Lynn Rochel, daughter of Kerl Ann and Hugh Chad Rochel of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 19, 2008.

Sienna Yen Johnson, daughter of Lara Maria Sabrina Johnson of Jerome, was born Nov. 20, 2008.

Cameron Jack Casper, son of Amanda Jo and T. Cameron Casper of Jerome, was born Nov. 21, 2008.

William Jacob Hansen, son of Erin Vette and Nolan Jay Hansen of Hansens, was born Nov. 21, 2008.

Victoria Lileeann Schmitt, daughter of Madis Dawn and Jeremiah James Schmitt of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 22, 2008.

Giving to teens

Local preteens, teens tell how your charity dollars can help their needy peers.

NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

Bridal Registry

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Moving back the line

The 3-point arc and the evolution of a game

By Fred Bowen • Special to The Washington Post

The college basketball season is under way. One change in the men's rules this year is that the three-point line will be moved one foot farther from the basket.

Three-point shots have always been tough for kids. Now they will be a little tougher for college shooters.

The rules for basketball are always changing. When James Naismith invented the game in Springfield, Mass., in 1891, he wrote down 13 simple rules.

The first rules did not say how many players should be on the court for each team. By around 1900, five players for each team had become the standard, although many women played for years with six players per team.

A basket counted for only one point, instead of two points the way it does today. There were no foul shots. Four shots came a few years later.

Also, Naismith's early rules did not allow for dribbling the basketball. Players simply passed the ball and then shot it at the basket. Dribbling to move the ball around the court came into the sport about 10 years after Naismith had written his

original rules. Many of the other rules that are familiar parts of today's game were introduced later. The three-second rule that limits the time an offensive player can stand under the basket started in 1936. At first, the restricted area underneath the basket was small, only six feet across. That didn't stop talented big men such as George Mikan, who played for a team called the Minneapolis Lakers, and Will "the Stilt" Chamberlain, who once scored 100 points in a professional game. So the three-second lane was widened first to 12 feet and later to 16 feet across.

In the early days of basketball, the referee would stop the game and have a jump ball to deter-

mine which team would possess it after every basket. That rule changed in the 1930s so that the non-scoring team got the ball after each basket, making the game faster and more free-flowing. Now, jump balls are rare.

The National Basketball Association (NBA) introduced the shot clock and the rule that the offensive team must shoot within a certain amount of time in 1954 to make the game more high-scoring. Before the shot clock, the scores of some pro games were as low as 19-18. Both the college men's and women's games adopted the shot clock in the 1980s.

After several early experiments with a rule that a shooter be awarded three points instead of two for long shots, the NBA adopted the three-point shot in 1979-80 season. The college game followed suit a few years later.

Now three-pointers are an exciting part of every college game. This year they may be harder to come by.



How are black holes formed?

By Valerie Strauss • The Washington Post

So, what exactly are black holes? For starters, they aren't really holes. And they aren't really empty. They are places in space that have so much gravity that they suck up everything — including gases — around them.

Black holes work a bit like a vacuum. But instead of using suction, the invisible force called gravity pulls matter inside them. Gravity basically causes an attraction between any two things, pulling them together. It's what keeps our feet planted firmly on Earth.

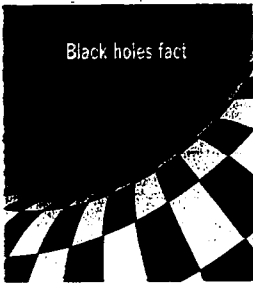
Here's the thing about black holes at which scientists marvel: The gravity of a black hole is so strong that nothing can escape from it — not even light. And light moves faster than anything in the universe. How fast does light travel? It moves at 186,000 miles per second. So what scientists call a light-year is 5 trillion, 865 billion, 696 million miles!

Nobody has ever seen a black hole, simply because light gets trapped inside. (That's how they get their name: remember black is the absence of reflected light.) Astronomers detect them by the way the stuff in the universe around black holes behaves.

Scientists believe that black holes are created in areas of the universe where a huge amount of material gets squished into a very small space.

That can happen when giant stars burn out and explode — creating what is called a supernova — and then collapse in on themselves. And it can happen in the center of large galaxies.

Black holes come in different sizes. Some



Black holes fact

are thought to be the size of a penny or even smaller. That doesn't mean that the material drawn in it was small. Inside the black hole, the matter is squashed until it is incredibly dense, or compact. Others are believed to be vast, holding as much matter as 100 million suns or more. Astronomers think such humongous black holes are at the center of galaxies.

Our own Milky Way galaxy is believed to have a black hole at its center. But astronomers say it is highly unlikely that a black hole would wander into our part of the galaxy. And our own sun could never become one, because stars have to be much larger to turn into supernovas.

Sometimes it pays not to be the biggest thing in the universe!

Jokes for kids

Newsday

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Howie.
Howie who?
Howie doin'?

How do you make seven an even number?
Remove the "s."

How do you fix a torn pizza?
With tomato paste.

Why did the student take lipstick and eye shadow to school?
She had to take a makeup test.

... Sue's mother has four daughters.
April, May and June are three of the daughters. Who is the fourth daughter?
Sue.

Why wouldn't the teacher show his student how to connect two points?
Because that is where he drew the line.

What bird should never guard a bank?
A robin.

Why did the computer get glasses?
To improve its Web sight.

A note from a pianist to her husband:
Gone Chopin, have Liszt, be Bach in a minute.

Why are fish so smart?
They stay in school a lot.

What do you call a cow with no legs?
Ground beef.

What kind of music do elves like?
Gift rap.

What's really up your nose?

The Washington Post

Since the cold and flu season is upon us, we asked our expert on all things gross, Washington pediatrician Howard Bennett, to give us his views on the inner workings of the nose.

He's writing a book called "The (Gross) Facts of Life," so he had interesting things to tell us about nasal mucus, the grown-up word for snot.

The nose is a wonderful part of your body. The outside can be as cute as a button, and the inside, though gross to look at, does some very important jobs. Whenever you catch a cold, there is a war going on in your nose and sinuses. In the first few days, the virus holds your cells hostage and uses them to make more viruses.

While this is going on, the sinus area gets swollen and clear mucus drips out of your nose. Depending on your age, the mucus will end up on your shirt sleeve, in a tissue or on someone else's shoulder. If you're old enough to read this article, your mucus should definitely end up in a tissue!

In addition to a runny

nose, cold sufferers commonly have one or more of the following symptoms: scratchy throat, headache, cough and fever.

After you have had a cold for a day or so, an army of white blood cells moves into the area and starts killing the viruses that had the nerve to attack you.

In the battles that follow, dead viruses and white blood cells mix with the clear mucus, and — presto! — you now have yellow (or green) goop dripping out of your head. In most cases, a cold lasts from three to 10 days until all the invaders have been destroyed and you emerge, cold-free, from the battlefield.

Here are smart things you can do to help prevent getting colds:

• Wash your hands often during the day, especially before you eat.

• Get plenty of exercise, but green goop dripping out of your head, in most cases, a cold lasts from three to 10 days until all the invaders have been destroyed and you emerge, cold-free, from the battlefield.

• Eat well so your body has the nutrients it needs to stay healthy.

• Share gross facts and stories with your parents and teachers (just kidding).



Know your nose

The human nose has special parts called receptors that help your brain recognize about 10,000 smells.

EDITORIAL

How tall should buildings grow in Twin Falls?

At the end of World War II, Los Angeles was a community of 1.75 million people surrounded by thousands of acres of open space — farms, oil fields, orange groves and desert. Knowing that unimaginable growth was coming, city officials drew up a new city plan. It called for concentrations of city dwellers in high-rise buildings — something like New York City at the time. There would be an extensive mass transit system, linking L.A. with its suburbs — none of which would have more than 10,000-20,000 people. That development plan remained on the books even as the city became what it is today.

How was that sensible plan replaced by miles of low-density sprawl? Because the exception became the rule. City officials granted so many variances to L.A.'s tidy comprehensive plan that sprawl soon overwhelmed any sort of coherent road map for growth. Twin Falls is 2008 is far from Los Angeles in 1945, but it's a little disquieting to see how easy local city officials are dismissing the building height restrictions that have long been part of city code.

When the Twin Falls City Council last week approved a proposed hotel's request to exceed the height limit, it was the third such recent decision the council had handed down. Two other nearby hotels were granted exemptions to the 35-foot limit that exists in nearly all Twin Falls commercial zones. All three buildings are located or planned to be north of Pole Line Road near the canyon rim.

The hotels' developers, of course, are trying to offer birds-eye views of the natural wonder of the Snake River. Nobody's putting up high-rises along Addison Avenue or in Old Towne.

One critic was City Councilman Greg Lanting. "I just don't like the idea you can see a building from the bottom of the canyon," he said.

Nor do we, and there may be good reasons for raising the 3 1/2-story limit when the city implements a new comprehensive plan in the next few months.

But in its draft form, the comp plan is pretty specific about protecting the canyon rim from monolithic buildings. Under a section titled Implementation Actions, are provisions to "maintain views from the canyon rim to the river bottom"; "discourage development near the canyon rim that impacts views and the sense of nature experienced from the canyon bottom and areas beyond the rim"; and to "allow the natural landscape of the canyon rim and corresponding views to prevail in the vicinity of the canyon rim."

So which is it going to be? Is Twin Falls to grow up or out?

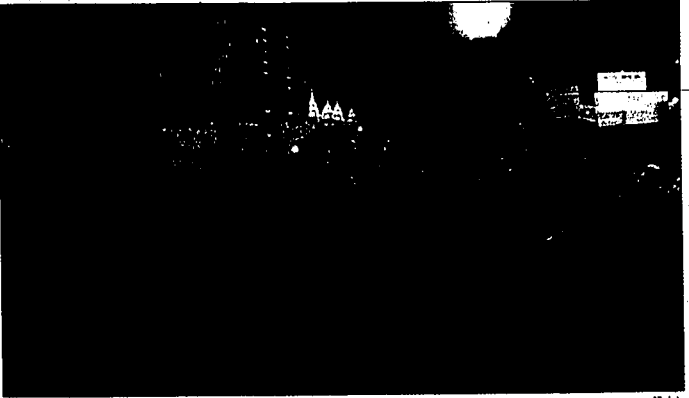
There are cases to be made for both approaches, but it seems to us that once the city has a set of rules — in the form of the new comp plan — it should stick to them. To do otherwise would be to invite generations of development-related problems that inevitably arise from expedient public-policy decisions.

City Councilman David Johnson got it right when he suggested that Twin Falls has simply been too slow to plan ahead, including adopting the Transportation Master Plan and making a decision on whether to require impact fees.

As a consequence, tomorrow has arrived sooner than expected for the public officials charged with managing future growth.

That's why the city needs a new rule book — and it needed it yesterday.

Our view: Maybe a 35-foot height limit for new buildings in Twin Falls is outdated, but the city shouldn't be granting exceptions to that rule without a comprehensive plan. **What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**



Opponents of California's Proposition 8 protest the successful anti-gay marriage ballot measure in downtown Salt Lake City on Nov. 13.

Mormons' uneasy victory

Will there be a backlash from LDS support for Prop 8?

By Stephen Stromberg

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is becoming a potent political force. Last year's story was that Mormons had risen to some of the highest offices in America — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid belongs to the church, as does former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. This year's headline is that, with the encouragement of their religious leaders, Mormons gave loads of money and man-hours to see Proposition 8 in California, which banned same-sex marriage in the state. Indeed, they were probably the most organized and consequential force behind the measure's passage. But in the face of post-election protests outside its temples, the church doesn't seem to want to take much credit.

Michael Otterson, a church spokesman, recently told the Associated Press that he was "puzzled" by the protesters' targeting of Mormons. "This was a very broad-based coalition that defended tradi-

"If the church decides to continue flexing its political muscle, it cannot expect to escape criticism, some of it pretty harsh."

tional marriage in a free and democratic election," he said. "It's a little disturbing to see these protesters singling out the Mormon Church."

There are Mormons who fought hard against the measure, drawing attention to the extent of Mormon involvement by outing fellow members — on donor lists. There are Mormons so upset they're thinking of renouncing their church membership as well as Mormons who wholeheartedly supported the initiative. And then there are those who gave money out of obedience to their leaders, without much thought to the policy it was being used to support. Regardless of where they fall on this spectrum, many probably feel a bit like

Prop 8's Top 10

The 10 largest donors to Prop 8, the largest political action organization supporting Proposition 8:

1. Knights of Columbus (New Haven, Conn.), \$1,425 million
2. Roman Catholic fraternal service and political action organization, \$1,395 million
3. Helix to Home Savings & Loan (Irvine, Calif.), \$1,395 million
4. Helix to Home Savings & Loan (Irvine, Calif.), \$1,395 million
5. John Templeton Jr. (Bryn Mawr, Pa.), \$1.1 million
6. Evangelical Christian fund-raiser, \$1,041 million
7. National Organization for Marriage (Princeton, N.J.), \$1,041 million
8. Anti-gay marriage political action group run by syndicated conservative columnist, hedge fund manager and author, \$500,000
9. Orange County of California self-storage facilities, \$500,000
10. [Redacted], \$500,000

Otterson: uneasy with all the attention. It's unusual for an institution to shrink from responsibility for a victory at the ballot box. But being Mormon isn't quite like being, say, Southern Baptist. The highly centralized LDS church makes a lot of Americans nervous, and it has done so since Joseph Smith founded the movement, which was driven out of state after state.

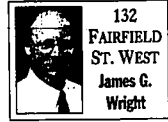
Stretching the definition of a daily newspaper

Technology is rapidly shrinking the gaps between broadcast, print and Web news. When MagValley.com, the Web version of the Times-News, went online in 1997 it was like most other newspaper-associated Web sites. The contents of the paper were simply posted online at about the same time the presses started to roll.

Since then, our use of the Web has evolved. We now post supplementary materials that might be too voluminous to print in the paper, but some readers might find helpful if they want to delve deeper into a subject.

And for some time now we've been encroaching on the traditional turf of television news, posting short videos of newsworthy events and interviews with people who are the subject of our articles.

We're also chipping away at one of the franchises of the print edition — local radio news, which has had unchallenged ability to go on-air with breaking news items at any time, where our reporters had to take the long view because the print edition wouldn't appear until the next morning. That doesn't mean we couldn't break news through our own enterprise, of course, but we couldn't



132 FAIRFIELD ST. WEST James G. Wright

match the immediacy offered by radio when something was on fire or generally raging out of control right now.

Thanks to our pal the Internet, we can now do both — post breaking news on MagValley.com and come back at the story with more depth and details for the next morning's print edition.

The evolution is continuing. We're now starting to do more Web-only features. For example, Pat Marcantonio recently created a multimedia extravaganza on Evel Knievel's attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon, complete with a funny animated cartoon of his ignoble performance. We also married words, still pictures and video to explore the canyon in the River of Stone series, which had many features that worked only online — an interactive map of the route, underwater videos from BlueHeart Springs and a zippy helicopter ride from one end of the canyon to the other, at rim level.

It's not quite as scenic but we're starting to experiment with producing our own live programs, starting with Sports Blitz, a weekly show that previews the big games at local high schools and colleges. True, it's not as polished as Sports Center on ESPN and we didn't spend as much on our studio (something less than \$300) as CNN dropped out its election-night holograms and video wall, but it's a start.

Next week we'll add a new item to our Web lineup: real-time school closure alerts. In the past, we ceded reporting on most school closures to radio and television because they're usually called early in the morning — well after we've already gone to press — and there was no way for us to get that news to parents when it was still of use to them.

That's all changed. With magvalley.com, we now have the means to let little Ike and Tina know that they get the day off the moment the superintendent decides it's drifting south of town and the buses can't get through.

The system is simple, and it's largely in the hands of school officials who will use a password to access to the closure alert module and post a few lines explaining the reason for the closure and any details about

delayed or cancelled extracurricular events. The College of Southern Idaho will have the same access, and all schools can use the site to announce any mid-day cancellations or emergencies that prompt an early release or other disruption.

All you'll need to do to keep track of schools anywhere in Twin Falls, Cassia, Jerome, Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln and Minidoka counties is to visit magvalley.com and click on the snowflake. It's a great way to start a cold winter's day.

What's next for us in cyberspace? For some, it could be the end of the paper as we know it. We provide everything we do, and more, on magvalley.com, but some people still like to see the paper in the same architecture as the print edition that hits their doorstep in the morning. For them, and for those who live beyond our doorstep distribution range, we now offer a subscription-based, page-by-page E-edition that replicates the paper without killing any trees.

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Time to rescue troubled Iraq, Afghanistan vets

With so much attention understandably focused on the economy and the incoming administration, the struggles being faced by GIs coming home from combat overseas are receding even further from the public's consciousness.



BOB HERBERT

If you're in your late teens or early 20s and your energies have been directed for a year or more toward dodging roadside bombs and ambushes, caring for horribly wounded comrades and, in general, killing before being killed, it can be difficult to readjust to a world of shopping malls, speed limits and polite conversation.

Bryan Adams is the face of a sophisticated new advertising campaign that is trying to get troubled veterans to come in from the cold and pierce their lonely environment of post-war-time stress.

Bryan, now 24, was an Army sniper in Iraq from

February 2004 to February 2005. At an age when many youngsters go to college or line up that first significant job, he and his squad-mates were prowling Tikrit with high-powered weapons, looking for bad guys.

He was shot in the leg and hand during a firefight, and he saw and did things that he was less than anxious to talk about when he came home.

"I wanted to go to college," he told me. "I had all these plans, but I couldn't seem to make them happen. I could focus. I would get, like, depressive thoughts."

He said that he would party a lot. "Party" was a euphemism for drinking.

The drinking made him more depressed, and then he would get angry that he was "partying but not having a good time."

Bryan said he would "flip out," and friends began to shun him. "I just didn't care what I did or who I affected with my actions. I would break stuff. I'd break, like appliances. It was bad."

Returning to civilian life from combat is almost always a hard road to run. Studies have shown that a third or more of GIs returning from the combat zones of Iraq and Afghanistan — more than 300,000 men and women — have endured mental health difficulties.

Many have experienced the agony of deep depression, and alarming numbers have tried or succeeded in committing suicide.

A CBS News study found that veterans aged 20 to 24 were two to four times as likely to commit suicide as non-veterans the same age.

The advertising campaign, initiated by the advocacy group Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, was designed to increase the number of veterans seeking treatment for their mental health difficulties. Many are embarrassed to speak about their problems or are unaware that help is available, or even that they need help.

As Bryan Adams told me, "I didn't know anything about these symptoms. I didn't know what post-traumatic stress disorder was."

To get the word out, IAVA hooked up with the advertising giant BBDO and the nonprofit Ad Council, which is famous for such public service slogans as, "Only you can prevent forest fires," "A mind is a terrible thing to waste" and "Friends don't let friends drive drunk."

This campaign is titled, "Alone," and focuses on the sense of isolation so many veterans feel when they

come home. The television and print ads encourage the veterans to visit a Web site, CommunityOfVeterans.org, as a place where they can share their experiences with other vets.

IAVA tells veterans in its promotional material: "Just listen in or share your experiences in a judgment-free environment."

The site is filled with features and news updates on many topics and information on a wide range of mental health resources. The ads are powerful.

In one, a somber Bryan Adams is shown, in camouflage fatigues, standing alone in an airport, then riding an otherwise passenger-less subway train, and then walking through empty streets in Manhattan. He is eerily and absolutely alone.

There is not another soul in sight, until a marine in civilian clothes walks up to him, extends his hand, and says: "Welcome home, man." The ad then flashes the

message: "If you're a veteran of Iraq or Afghanistan, you're not alone."

Bryan, who lives in Palmyra, N.J., is a real-life example of what the timely investigation of mental health counseling and treatment can do. At his family's urging, he enrolled in a treatment program at a VA hospital in Boston. It turned his life around, and he is now back in college.

This ad campaign, if disseminated widely enough (it is depending on donated media), will reduce the heartache of GIs and their families, and will save lives.

The need for more attention to this issue is tremendous. Combat does terrible things to people. As Paul Reichhoff, IAVA's executive director, put it:

"Nobody can cross this river without getting wet."

Bob Herbert is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to him at herbert@nytimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Malikin's rants don't enrich minds

Cal Thomas, George Will, William Buckley, Pat Buchanan, conservative minds. Their writings are eloquent pieces of intellectual construction. They propose, discuss, object and they do it by submitting ideas. Whether you agree with their writings or not, their opinion pieces enrich your mind.

Contrast their writings with the hate-filled, name-calling, trash talk of Michelle Malkin. She is to conservatism what the *Enquirer* is to serious journalism.

Surely the *Times-News* could find better writers. Having read the latest Malkin rant, I had the urge to take a shower. JEAN JACQUES BOHL Hatley

Support your local sheriff

I would suspect that Jerome County is losing excellent employees during the change over at the Jerome Sheriff's Department, as stated by Xenia Williams. The fact remains that when a new sheriff is elected, usually he or she will pick his own undersheriff.

I have known Jocelyne Nunnally for a number of years, and she is qualified for her job. But Jocelyne, with respect to Sheriff Weaver, would have endorsed old policies and methods of Sheriff Weaver. The new sheriff, Doug McFall, who I have also known for a number of years, was elected because the people of this county wanted changes, and Doug will bring those changes to

the department.

As far as Stephanie Heisley, I do not know of her abilities, but again I suspect that Doug McFall will find someone to administrate those duties with the full abilities that Ms. Heisley had and may even bring new and better ideas into the running of the jail.

Times change and, along with that, employees move on to new jobs. We are gaining people with excellent records in their previous jobs along with training that exceeds expectation. Ms. Williams also stated that "The good ol' boys did it again" — and I would suspect she would be the first one to say if Jocelyne Nunnally had won the election. "The good ol' girls did it again."

How about moving on and supporting the newly

elected people that will give us service for years to come — and yes, even giving their lives — if it came to that.

LARRY SCHWAGER Jerome
(Editor's note: Larry Schwager retired as a lieutenant after 20 years with the Jerome Police Department.)

Reader responds to Rodriguez's letter

In response to Damian L. Rodriguez:

— Mr. Rodriguez, we have had to listen to you Bush-bashing people for eight years relentlessly whining about President Bush and his administration. You've now elected a man you know nothing about and don't seem to care to look into. Stop your whining!

Just because people didn't vote for Obama doesn't mean they're racist. Maybe they didn't think he was the best man for the job. Let's face it — he has no real executive experience besides the fact he has a no-voting (present) commitment.

His relationships in his formative and adult years with communists, socialists and terrorists and felons. I can understand the young people not knowing about these people! But the rest of us have no excuse.

No one ever wants to explain that 87 percent of black Americans admitted to voting for Obama only because he's black; that his racist isn't Afri! I can say I'm glad Idi Amin wasn't running for president. I can promise you I will give Obama the same respect you gave President Bush.

respect you gave President Bush.

The communist party said they would be victorious against us by breaking us down from within, and they are, little by little. They're managing this by our lack of knowledge. I worked in a defense plant for 12 years and I know for a fact that Obama never would have passed his security clearance. That's a fact, you put elected him to be president of America. He's in for at least four years and yes, hopefully with help, he'll help this great country survive.

Being a good American doesn't depend on whether you voted for Barack Hussein Obama or not. I'm a Republican, a wife, a mother and I voted.

MARIE PELLO Twin Falls

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Anti-sagging laws: Don't city councils have more important business?

A new status symbol for towns and cities advertising their prosperity and absence of serious problems is to pass anti-sagging laws aimed at young men who wear their pants ridiculously low, exposing their underwear and boxer shorts.

Obviously, if that's the only concern facing you, once that's done you can move on to the second-worst crisis confronting your community and that's the escalating crisis of people repeatedly and loudly clearing their throats in public.

Last month, by a city council vote of 4-1, Baker, La., joined other locales across the nation in enacting an anti-sagging ban, and in August, Ga., is also considering one.



CARY CLARK

If you live in a municipality where the worst problem is young people wallowing around in sagging pants, consider yourself blessed. But if you live somewhere with more pressing worries than a teenager tripping over his faded denim and your elected officials are wasting time debating an anti-sagging law, you may want to consider a recall election. That being said, young brothers, whether you're black, brown or white: the sagging pants? It's just not a

good look. It doesn't mean that you're dumb, banging with a gang, been to prison or that you're a bad person. It doesn't mean that you're morally defective and aren't a devoted relative or friend. (But don't get too upset if people think that of you. You may not always be able to control what people think of you, but you can control their first impression of you.)

But it does look silly, if people wanted to know what brand of underwear or boxers you wear, they'd ask. And if a stranger did approach you to ask what kind of underwear or boxer shorts you wore, you'd probably feel embarrassed, uncomfortable and appalled — not unlike what strangers feel when they see your underwear and boxer shorts.

When you're walking and keep faving to hold your pants so they don't drop any lower, doesn't that defeat the whole point of sagging? The purpose of belts is to free our hands to do things other than having to hold your pants up.

Does the sagging pants look work with the ladies? Does a young man with his pants down to his knees evoke the following chat between two young ladies looking at him?

"He's not that good-looking."

"I know but, girl, look at the boxers he's wearing. It makes me want to be with him."

"You're right. And it is cute the way he keeps stumbling and holding his pants up. Yeah, I want to get with him

also." What if someone yells fire in a crowded movie theater and the roof is on fire? Do you race to the exit with your pants down or are you pulling them up so that you can move a little quicker?

Guy's running for their lives in saggy pants look as fast, coordinated and cool as the contestants in Monty Python's "Twi Olympics" skit.

So if sagging pants don't look good, don't help you with the ladies and don't move you quickly out of danger, how do they help? Getting a job? Getting a loan from the bank, when banks used to give loans?

We don't need any law outlawing sagging pants and making criminals of young men who may be guilty of nothing more than bad taste.

We do need parents telling their teenage sons that they're not leaving the house unless they pull up their pants, and we need those young men to understand that it's disrespectful to show your drawers in public, especially to someone's grandmother, mother or daughter.

Wearing sagging pants doesn't mean you don't have the brilliance to be a doctor, lawyer, or architect. But as of now, there's no reported sighting of a doctor reporting to his office, a judge to his courtroom or an architect to his firm wearing sagging pants. There may be a correlation there somewhere.

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Prisoners playing games at Guantanamo Bay

The human rights crowd is right: Life is hard for a Guantanamo Bay detainee. The deprivation is un speakable. According to the facility's "cultural adviser," his brains have not been "stimulated" enough. So America is drawing up plans to provide the 250 or so suspected jihadists at the notoriously Spartan detention camp with basic sustenance including, as reported by the Miami Herald, movie nights, art classes, English language lessons and "Game Boy-like" electronic devices.

Next up: Wil Fit, "Guitar Hero," Sudoku, People magazine and macrame. Anything less would be unutilized.

On a deadly-serious note, the detainees are the only ones playing games at Gitmo. Some top legal advisers and supporters of Barack Obama, whose name detainees chanted on election night, are now rethinking the president-elect's about the only campaign position on shutting the center down and flood-



MICHELLE MALKIN

ing our mainland courts with every last enemy combatant designee. Yes, reality bites. And Democrats must now grapple with the very real possibility that an Obama administration could potentially release a Gitmo denizen who would turn around and commit mass terrorist acts on American soil or abroad.

Nothing clarifies the mind like a jihad boomerang. Never before has an administration and its followers matured so quickly in office — and they haven't even taken office yet.

While Obama paid lip service to the "Close the Gitmo gulag" agenda on "60 Minutes" over the weekend, his kitchen cabinet is proceeding more pragmatically.

Believe it or not, the Obama crowd is now contemplating a preventive detention law and an alternative judicial system for the most sensitive national security cases involving the most highly classified information — information that has no place being aired in the civil courts or public consumption.

Listen to relentless Bush critic David Cole, who told The New York Times last week: "You can't be a purist and say there's never any circumstance in which a democratic society can preventively detain someone." Added Ben Wittes of the Brookings Institution: "I'm afraid of people getting released in the plane, human rights and doing terrible things."

Moreover, Obama transition team members have suggested to The Wall Street Journal that despite his campaign season CIA-bashing, "Obama may decide he wants to keep the road open in certain cases for the CIA to use techniques not approved

by the military, but with much greater oversight."

Next thing you know, they'll start arguing that the world has been fooled by years of sob-story propaganda about the Gitmo detainees — funded by Kuwaiti government-subsidized lawyers who cast them all as innocent potato farmers and schmucks dazed and confused on battlefields.

Next thing you know, they'll rediscover the facts that detainees have systematically lied and exaggerated stories about mistreatment at Gitmo, and that interrogators and military personnel have bent over backward to accommodate their personal and religious needs and wants.

Next thing you know, they'll start reminding us that dozens of former Gitmo detainees have been released and recaptured on the battlefield while committing acts of terrorism.

Funny, when President Bush and his homeland security team realized these

very realities seven years ago, they were branded terrorists and hunted relentlessly by Congress, the media and the left. When Attorney General Michael Mukasey eloquently defended the administration's counterterrorism policies at the Federalist Society before he collared and was heckled as a "tyrant." And when I wrote my second book expounding on this very thesis, I was labeled a racist and fascist whose ideas exploring the proper balance between security and civil liberties had no place in public discourse.

Now, at long last, some liberals have realized that the sacred goal of "regulating America's moral stance in the world," as Obama put it, may be less important than ensuring that al-Qaida killers don't strike on American ground again.

Viva la Hope and Change!

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Mormon

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Before settling in the Salt Lake Valley. Where some see an efficient religious organization that requires unusual devotion from its members, others see conspiracy, even cult.

It's an impression that has its roots in, among other things, the church's practice of polygamy in the 19th century, and it has been self-reinforcing since. Non-Mormons see the church as outside the mainstream; Mormons feel under attack, which fosters a tight communalism within their congregations, and they try to avoid confrontation. Hence Ortterson doing his best to play down the role church members had in the victory of Proposition 8 in the face of throngs demonstrating in front of temples.

This is new and awkward territory for many of the members. Members of a virulent anti-Mormon fringe have protested at LDS churches and temples for years. The church,

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meanwhile, has always had a difficult relationship with gay men and lesbians. But now it has drawn the focused attention of that large, vocal and organized segment of America, with which huge swaths of the country sympathize. Boycotts of some Mormon-owned businesses are under way. One Californian spelled out an obscene insult to Mormons in large, block letters on his hillside balcony.

This attention presents the church and its members with some "big" decisions. They have gotten a taste, sweet and bitter, of what this remarkable organization of souls can do — and the reactions it can provoke — in the rough world of American politics. After Proposition 8's passage, the

church's reputation will likely be on the upswing among religious conservatives, some of whom have typically been the most ardent anti-Mormons. For many of these people, the most important vote Nov. 4 was on Proposition 8, not Barack Obama.

The church, which can easily mobilize its members with a word from Salt Lake, can now become a prominent player in the culture wars. There will no doubt be more battles over gay marriage in the states. Will the church ask Mormons to send in more checks? And will they respond as enthusiastically the next time? One thing is

clear: If the church decides to continue flexing its political muscle, it cannot expect to escape criticism, some of it pretty harsh.

Even if it chooses the other course — shrinking away from the political scene, as it has after other forays into politics — the anger over Proposition 8 will probably smolder for some time. If Mitt Romney runs for president again, Americans will address, with renewed passion, the question of whether he would be a puppet of Salt Lake City in the Oval Office. And with all the old narratives about Mormons floating around — that they are secretive, rich, excessively traditional and theologically odd — it will be hard for the church to stay comfortably out of the political spotlight.

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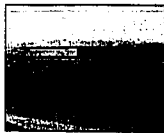
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Other views: What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...



... Idaho's violent prison

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello
Department of Correction director Brent Reinke says the privately operated Idaho Correctional Center "does a very good job."

How mainly? It's prison on officials say. There are more inmates involved in gangs prior to their incarceration, and gang membership leads to fights and beatings in prison.

The state tries to classify inmates according to the likely of their being involved in violence... Staff assignments are shifted to put more guards in the most violent units, and an upgrade in security cameras is due before the end of the year.

But one inmate's mother, Gay Maulden of Boise, says those steps are inadequate.

"Every week there is at least one person beaten to within an inch of death," her son wrote to her. "Usually two or three a week. There does not go by a week without at least one pod being on lockdown because someone(s) have been injured and beaten."



... tracking sex offenders

Post Register, Idaho Falls
Idaho's Commission of Pardons and Parole has ordered serial child molester Brad Stowell back to prison for at least two more years.

A former Boy Scout camp counselor who admitted abusing two dozen boys and was convicted of two felonies, Stowell initially drew a 150-day jail sentence in 1997. He violated his probation in 2005 and began serving a two-to-14-year prison term.

On June 2, Stowell was paroled. Eighteen days later, eastern Idaho found out about it.

Just five weeks later, parole officers accused him of vio-

lating the terms of his release and began parole revocation proceedings.

So what have we learned? The parole board is the gatekeeper that decides when a convicted felon can re-enter society. It can compensate for an unreasonably harsh or unduly lenient prison sentence.

Prosecution is vital. Prosecutors and virtually all of Stowell's victims learned about his release through news accounts. Since they didn't testify, parole board members relied on a sterile case file and the testimony of Stowell's supporters.

The parole board has made some improvements. Prosecutors, for instance, say they're frequently updated about local offenders.

But does the agency have enough State and staff to maintain contact with crime victims? Can it collect affidavits from victims prior to their hearings? ... why not impose lifetimes prison sentences on serial offenders? At least, that would give the state the leverage it needs to keep paroled convicted peopoles under permanent scrutiny.



... breach the dams

Idaho Statesman, Boise
It's way to early to declare Nov. 4, 2008, a turning point in the salmon debate.

But it isn't too early to hope. This month's elections finally offer a glimmer of optimism to anyone passionate about saving Idaho's wild salmon. Considering the continued plight of the salmon — and the political gridlock at the root of their peril — it feels good to feel hopeful.

Sen.-elect Jim Risch, R-Idaho, has pledged to bring together the region's interest

groups in an attempt to negotiate a recovery plan — a tacit suggestion that our state's salmon deserve better than the status quo. Risch has a vow of help from Democrat Walt Minnick, representative-elect in Idaho's 1st Congressional District. With Democrats in control of the Congress, the White House, Minnick brings a lot of progress. Risch certainly has the political savvy to see that.

Here's what President-elect Barack Obama says: "Implementing a meaningful salmon population recovery plan will be a key environmental priority of my administration, and I support efforts to create a salmon recovery plan that balances all of these important environmental, agricultural and renewable energy interests."

None of this necessarily translates into support of breaching the four lower Snake River dams in Washington state, a primary impediment to Idaho salmon and steelhead migration. Risch, Minnick and Obama say more or less the same thing about breaching. None of them support breaching now, but none of them reject the idea outright.

This open-mindedness offers hope, because it represents a major improvement over the status-quo apologists who are on their way out the door.

Retiring Idaho Sen. Larry Craig has spent 28 years building seniority in Congress, and using that power to effectively preempt serious discussion of salmon recovery.

Idaho 1st District Rep. Bill Sall made up for a lack of seniority with bombast ... But the biggest whopper may belong to President Bush, whose administration actually argued in court that dams were simply part of the salmon's natural environment.

When this three-man legion of doom leaves office, not a day too soon for Idaho salmon, the tone of the debate will change ...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

J-Town had an incredible football season

In response to the story of the 4-A State Championship Game, I realize for many it all in the W. at the end of the game. What a true tragedy that is.

For the fans of J-Town, falling short was the last thing our team did. Friday (Nov. 21) night. True, the win did not come home with our team. But we fans, who have been on this ride with this team this year, this last month, have little regret with what we have witnessed. Sports writers come to watch a game of jersey numbers and score boards, and they're off to the next job. We fans know things like its players and leaders like our No. 42, Zach Ingraham, that make everyone around them better players. True heroism does not come on points scored or caught passes but loyalty shown by those around you.

There was no decisive momentous blow for this fan that Friday. I witnessed every player on both sides of the field give everything they had until there was nothing left. The stadium was filled with heart and soul, and Tiger Pride was bursting everywhere.

This season, and this last month, will be the season we all our grandchildren about.

Twenty years from now, the coffee shop folks will still be talking about this season and what we all were able to be a part of. We regret. Even though it didn't end with the W. That's loyalty, that's pride, that's true heroism.

Thank you, J-Town. I still believe. DEBBIE HILLIER Jerome

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Booze should not be sold on Sunday

Regarding Sunday booze, Times-News headline Nov. 20: Is booze comparable to beer and wine or do they get drunk faster on booze?

As one columnist stated, "If one sells care on Sunday, I could care less." Does "hay" make a man drunk? Do these drunks live and drive only in the city at 35 mph or do they take their vehicles at high speed through stop signs and around curves, etc., in the country? Officials tell me there are only two kinds of reckless drivers, the ones who "can't" and the ones who "won't." Only a drunk driver is both of these.

The only sister of we six Turner brothers was killed on the curve at Burley Golf Course, leaving her husband and three small boys severely injured and motherless.

This drunk passed a long string of cars at night at an estimated speed of 80 mph, could not return to his own lane filled with traffic, and met this young family in their Volkswagen on the golf course curve. The drunk spent 30 days in jail and returned to his home in Arkansas, leaving this young family with a lifetime of tragic results. Many of our county residents have suffered similar tragedy caused by these drunken drivers, and we certainly do not need more whiskey available, especially on Sunday.

Thanks, Dan Crane, Forest Hill, Vaughn Egan and others for presenting the proposed Sunday sale of booze. The city gets the profits, whereas the county gets the taxes and the county gets

the problems. It is probably time to get county commissioner approval on these issues, especially booze, which affects the whole county. This is the Democratic way many of we veterans fought for, giving everyone a right to vote on issues affecting them. I urge Reps. Bedke, Darrington and Wood to take a look this winter. LOVELL TURNER, Declo

Free market always wins

Has anyone noticed gas prices have dropped from well over \$4 per gallon to under \$2? Have you noticed Magic Valley prices have dropped below the state average? Haven't noticed any letters or news headlines pointing this out lately.

Crude and demand came down and prices came down. Amazing how the free market works. Now that wheat, cattle and dairy commodity prices have dropped substantially, have we noticed bread, meat and milk prices dropping at the stores?

If not, maybe we need the attorney general to investigate suppliers and stores for gouging, price fixing and collusion?

Enjoy the windfall gasoline savings while we have it and watch the direction of crude to know where future prices are heading. No matter how many investigations and regulations are called for, the free market always wins out.

DAN WILLIE Twin Falls (Editor's note: This author is owner of the Oasts Stop 'N Go convenience stores.)

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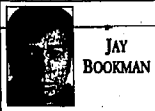
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The right wing and the politics of paranoia

Talk-radio hosts play their listeners as well as *no-to-Mr* plays the cello, stroking a string and making their audience respond exactly the way they want.



Nowhere is that more evident than in the fabricated right-wing outrage about reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine. Under that long-abandoned rule, radio and TV stations that use the public airways were required to give equal time to various sides of an issue. The rule was well-intended, but in practical terms radio and TV stations found it safer to avoid political discussion altogether than risk running afoul of the law.

For that and other reasons, the Fairness Doctrine was abandoned more than 20 years ago, a change that in turn opened the door to creation of right-wing talk radio.

However, with Democrats in control of Congress and Barack Obama about to become president, the masters of talk radio see an opportunity. They know that the more threatened their audience feels, the higher their ratings get. And what better way to rile up their listeners than to claim that the Democrats are out to silence talk radio itself, the medium that brings conservatives the truth as they want to know it.

So for months, Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and others have been warning their audiences that once in power, the Democrats plan to bring back the Fairness Doctrine. Politicians such as Newt Gingrich have joined the chorus, and right-wing pundits insist the issue will be part of Obama's agenda in his first 100 days in office.

But it's all nonsense. Obama, for example, is on the record as very clearly opposing a new Fairness Doctrine. The most recent bill calling for reinstatement

of the doctrine was introduced back in 2005 and it went nowhere. In the current Congress, controlled by Democrats in both chambers, no such bills have been introduced and no Democrats have announced or even suggested an effort to resurrect the policy.

With no justification for their paranoia, right-wing media outlets have gone seeking it out, asking individual Democrats whether they think that restoring the doctrine might be a good idea. When they get a yes, it sets off a whole new round of bemoaning. You get the sense that the Democrats are amusing themselves, much as you would toss a hunk of meat into a tank of piranhas just to watch them go into a frenzy.

The bottom line is that there is no chance whatsoever of the Fairness Doctrine coming back, as those on the right will no doubt learn in the months to come. But it won't matter, because just as quickly as one justification for paranoia disappears, another is certain to emerge. Among a certain crowd, paranoia is a steady state that continues independent of evidence or proof.

In a famous essay written in 1964, historian Richard Hofstadter traced the evolution of what he called "the paranoid style in American politics," and his description remains as fresh and accurate as the day it was written:

"But the modern right wing... feels dispossessed," Hofstadter wrote. "America has been largely taken away from them and their kind, though they are determined to try to repossess it and to

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In fact, if you had to design someone to perfectly epitomize their deepest fears, Obama would be it.

prevent the final destructive act of subversion. The old American virtues have already been eaten away by cosmopolitans and intellectuals; the old competitive capitalism has been gradually undermined by socialist and communist schemers.

It all sounds so familiar, doesn't it? The passage of more than 40 years has confirmed Hofstadter's observation that the paranoid style is enduring. All that has changed is the degree of influence that the paranoid style has achieved through talk radio, and the grip it now holds on the Republican Party.

In fact, the Democrats have every reason to encourage rather than break that relationship. As the paranoid right talks amongst itself on radio, Fox News and conservative web sites, as they egg each other into ever higher fits of hysteria, they construct an alternative America and alternative reality for themselves that is increasingly divorced from the reality perceived by mainstream America.

In his piece, Hofstadter made it clear that he wasn't using the term "paranoid" in the clinical sense. Instead, "it is the use of paranoid modes of expression by more or less normal people that makes the phenomenon significant."

"The paranoid spokesman sees the fate of conspiracy in

apocalyptic terms — he traffics in the birth and death of whole worlds, whole political orders, whole systems of human values," Hofstadter wrote. "He is always manning the barricades of civilization. He constantly lives at a turning point."

Or, as Home Depot co-founder Bernie Marcus said in an Oct. 17 conference call in which he tried to rally business leaders to beat back the Democrats:

"This is the demise of a civilization. This is how a civilization here as an elder statesman, and I'm watching this happen, and I don't believe it."

Marcus was not referring specifically to Obama in those remarks, but there's no question that the president-elect stokes such emotions by his mere existence. Everything about Obama —

his race, his age, his intelligence, his name, his back story — feeds the paranoid's sense that America is being stolen from its true owners.

In fact, if you had to design someone to perfectly epitomize their deepest fears, Obama would be it. Over the next four to eight years, he's destined to make Limbaugh, Hannity and their ilk even richer than they are today, and in the process make their listeners seem even more crazy and deluded.

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One of the great military reversals in history is close to achieving victory. That is contributing to stability in Iraq, along with reconciliation between warring factions.

These conclusions are contained in a report compiled by retired General Barry R. McCaffrey after a recent visit to Iraq during which he consulted with Iraqi and American military leaders and diplomats.

McCaffrey, now an adjunct professor of International Affairs at the United States Military Academy at West Point, wrote a memorandum for his academic colleagues. It concludes, "The United States is now clearly in the end game in Iraq to successfully achieve what should be our principle objectives: the withdrawal of the majority of U.S. ground combat forces ... in the coming 36 months; leaving behind an operative civil state and effective Iraqi security forces; an Iraqi state which is not in open civil war among the Shia, the Sunnis, and the Kurds; and an Iraqi nation which is not at war with its six neighboring states."

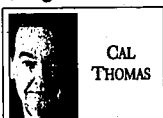
While adding that the security situation is "still subject to sudden outrage at any moment by al-Qaida in Iraq" or to "degradation because of provocative behavior by the Maliki government," McCaffrey concludes that "the bottom line is a dramatic and growing momentum for economic and security stability, which is unlikely to be reversible."

McCaffrey notes the sharp drop in attacks and casualties in the last two years and praises the "genius of the leadership team of Ambassador Ryan Crocker, Gen. David Petraeus and Secretary of Defense Bob Gates." He credits these three with "turning around the situation from a bloody disaster under the leadership of Secretary Rumsfeld to a growing situation of security."

While McCaffrey is cautious about the Maliki government, he adds that Maliki "clearly has matured and gained stature as a political leader since he assumed his very dangerous and complex leadership responsibilities." Provisional elections are scheduled for January 2009, district elections for mid-year and national elections sometime next December. McCaffrey says fighting is now more about politics than shooting and bombing and that Americans should "have a sense of empathy for these Iraqi politicians (who) have survived a poisonous Saddam regime and a culture of intrigue and murder from every side."

While optimistic, McCaffrey's memo is filled with caveats that have much to do with America's willingness under a new president to finish the job. The Iraqi military, he says, is still "anemic," lacking adequate weapons and equipment. "Their military officer corps is immensely better than a year ago — but the bench is thin."

Though the economy struggles — (unemployment is 20 percent and under-employment is probably 60 percent, he says), the financial system is "immature." Investment capital is lacking, enterprises are run with "badly maintained, outmoded equipment" and the country suffers from "brain drain" — things are markedly better than at any time since the war started. "The markets are open. The roads are again viable. Oil and electricity (are) no longer routinely sabotaged by the insurgents and criminals. Cell phone communica-



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tions, satellite TV, and radio are all operating." McCaffrey is critical of

those responsible for managing the war during its early years (it did not have to turn out this way with \$750 billion of our treasure spent and 36,000 US killed and injured." Still, he says, it is critical that force reductions are conducted in a "deliberate and responsible manner," leaving "a stable and functioning state."

Many still argue — as president-elect Barack Obama does — that we should never have invaded Iraq. But if a stable Iraq results and serves as a bulwark against terrorism and terrorist states, it may turn out to have been worth it. While much could still go wrong, McCaffrey's conclusion that gains are now

"irreversible" is the most optimistic assessment since President Bush's "Mission Accomplished" speech aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln five years ago.

That sentiment was premature, but if this one is correct, don't look for the current president to get short-term credit. That will

go to Barack Obama for pulling the troops out long after any Republican can derive political credit, historians will be forced to acknowledge that freedom won and state terrorism lost in Iraq.

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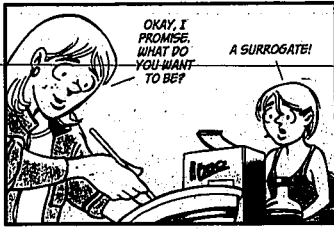
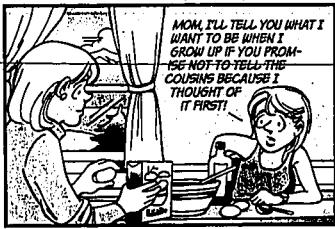
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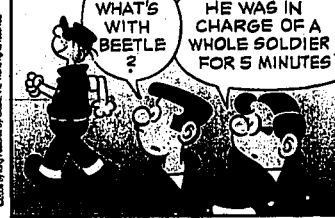
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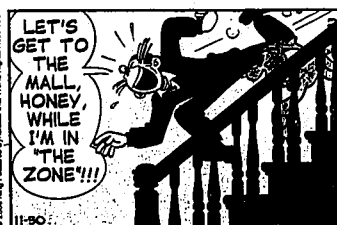
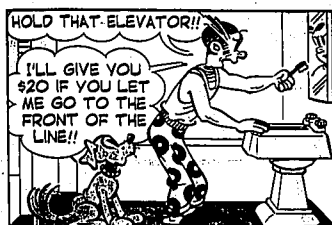


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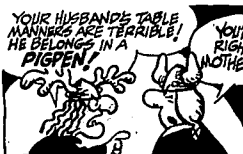


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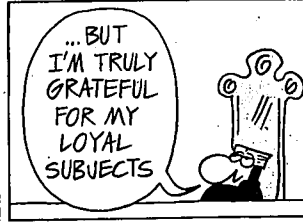
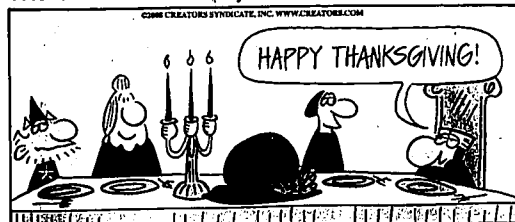
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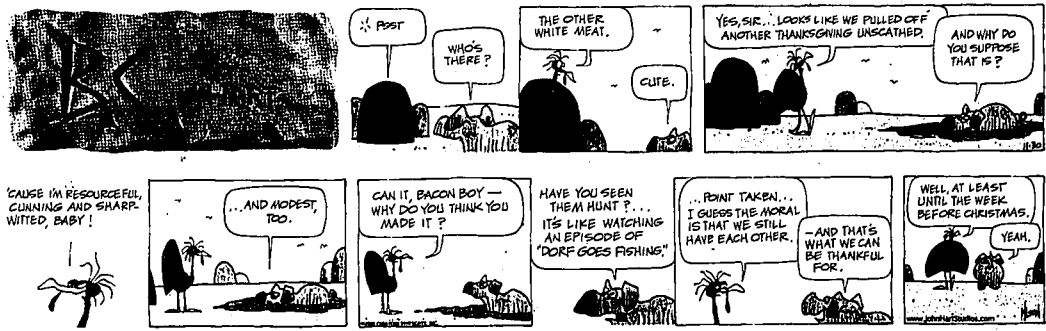
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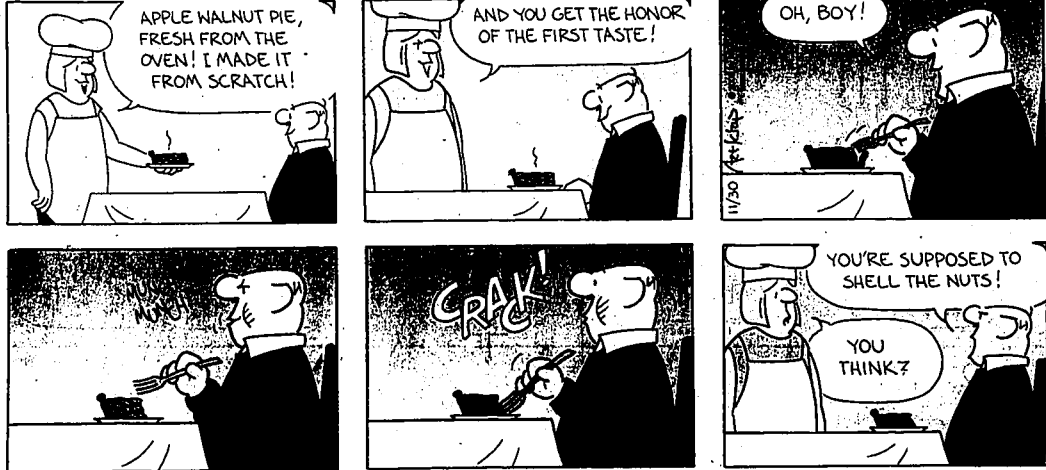


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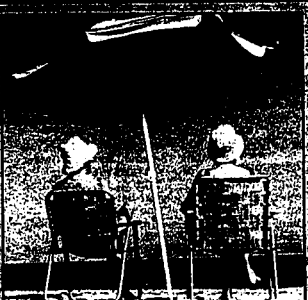
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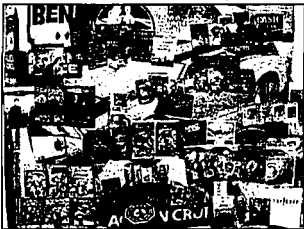
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These gifts are as close as your television set

Regardless of whether you're shopping for a hard-to-please "mad man," the "family guy" who brings home the bacon or your favorite "genius guy," you'll find some terrific holiday gift ideas as close as your TV set. And you don't even need cable to get started.

That ABC fan on your list who's dancing with you (and getting into better shape) thanks to the new "Dancing With the Stars — We Dance!" game for Wii and Nintendo DS or the "Dancing With the Stars: The Cardio Dance" DVD, either of which will make those shirts from "Grey's Anatomy," "Lost" and "Ugly Betty" more comfy as you settle in to watch new DVD sets like "Desperate Housewives" and other network hits.

From Fox, you have the option of going interactive with friends with Karaoke Revolution's new "American Idol Encore 2" game for Xbox 360, Wii and PlayStation 3, or lounging around in your Evil Stevie robe from "Family Guy" or your "I Heart Jack Bauer" women's T-shirt from "24"



If you have a TV fan to shop for this holiday season, consider a DVD set, game or knickknack related to his or her favorite show.

while playing the "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader" — Make the Grade! PC game or just grooming your Bart Cha Pet from "The Simpsons."

Just in time for those New Year's resolutions, NBC ponies up "Jillian Michaels' Fitness Ultimatum 2009" for Wii, along with "The Biggest Loser" — themed workout mix tapes in different music categories, a family cookbook and a BodyBug

Mini weight-loss system, while fans of "The Office" have their pick of board and DVD games, calendars and the latest season on DVD. And while ratings for "Heroes" may be down, the gift tie-ins are still super, including action figures, books, the original soundtrack and the season two DVD. Also worth noting: Frequent "Today" contributor Peter Greenberg's book "Don't Go There," his guide to "must-

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miss" locations, which is sure to please that friend who can't afford to go anywhere anyway.

From CBS come the "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" DVD game and the "Million Dollar Password" hand-held electronic game, along with a "Survivor: Gabon" T-shirt and cute "I Love Lucy" Lucy and Ethel dolls re-creating the classic "Joke Switching" episode. Titles from sister network The CW include season three of "Supernatural" in Blu-ray format and a "Gossip Girl: Never Have I Ever" game.

Regardless of the season, items for kids dominate any holiday list, and you'll enchant any Pottermania on your gift list with the much-in-demand new "Harry Potter" edition of the classic board game Clue or the hefty DVD gift set of "Harry Potter Years 1-5."

For little girls, "Strawberry Shortcake" items are hotter than ever this season, with a

"Strawberry Shortcake Berry, Merry Christmas" CD and DVD among a long line of multimedia releases. Also hot (but, of course, uncool) are keychains, coin purses, plush toys and a lunchbox, among other items, from the offbeat CBS Saturday hit "Sushi Pack."

Available exclusively from select Disney Store locations (call 800-757-5933 for the nearest store) come items such as a Hannah Montana MP3 video camera and fashion designer kit and a Camp Rock Electronic Drum Set — for that Jonas Brothers fan on your list.

The extensive "Bakugan Battle Brawlers" product line from Cartoon Network includes action figures, the Battle Arena and collectible cards, while the same channel also offers "Ben 10 Alien Force" for Wii and DS and Kevin Levin's action cruiser toy, plus a wall calendar and apparel from "Mr. Men/Little Miss" and "Pokémon" trading cards in a tin box, among an extensive line of other products. As always, "SpongeBob

SquarePants" this season generates several memorably whimsical gift prospects, such as the SpongeBob Speakers and Speaker Dock for digital audio players, SpongeBob SquarePants Silly Talk plush toy, the Super Slime toy (extra slime sold separately, of course) and the "SpongeBob's Drawn to Life" video game.

Other video games likely to sell briskly over the holidays are "Avatar: The Last Airbender — Into the Inferno" for Wii, "Viva Viva Pinatá: Paradise — Viva Pinatá" for Nintendo DS and "Tak and the Guardians of Gross" for Wii and PlayStation 2. And, while Halloween has come and gone, the "War of the Worlds" items are bound to go for the "Goosebumps HorrorLand" game for PlayStation 2.

For girls, the breakout hit "iCarly" has generated products such as the iCarly Digital Camcorder with Digital Diary Software and an iCarly PC Web Cam with Digital Diary Software, along with a DVD set of season one, volume one from the TV series.

CNN's Amanpour targets genocide in documentary

Never accuse Christine Amanpour of settling for the easy story.

Known for her treks into the world's danger zones, CNN's much-honored chief international correspondent has made a career of tackling complex subjects, reinforced by such efforts as last year's controversial documentary miniseries "Grass Wars." Genocide is her latest topic, focusing on its history in the new "CNN Presents" program "Scream Bloody Murder"



Christine Amanpour

Recalling recent examples of mass assaults on an entire people — including crimes in Darfur, Iraq, Bosnia, Somalia and Rwanda — Amanpour also renews attention to the Holocaust and the Khmer Rouge's devastation of Cambodia. She talks with

survivors and draws upon her conversations with world leaders, putting present-day perspective on still-haunting tragedies.

"This wasn't as difficult a sell at CNN as it might be at other networks," Amanpour acknowledges,

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What: "Scream Bloody Murder"
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"It was supported from the very beginning by the executives. We've had a track record over the past several years of doing big, mostly international programs on tricky subjects. This is about genocide, but it's also about these individuals who stopped and said, 'No, this can't go on. We must do something about it.' In that way, there's real dramatic tension to it."

"We all know about these things through our education as we're growing up and, for reporters, by covering them on our

watch," Amanpour notes, "but sometimes, the really human stories get lost. We decided this was a way to do that, precisely this way, since it's the 60th anniversary of the genocide convention in the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide."

Filming for the program began in January, with Amanpour looking toward a summer airdate, "but with the incredible election news and the Olympics, and a huge number of other competing stories, we decided to hold it for the actual date of the convention's anniversary." That also gave Amanpour marking her 25th anniversary with CNN, added time to fine-tune the special.

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5:00 a.m. **(SHOW) NATIONAL LAMPON'S DORM DAZE **** (2003, Comedy) **(C) BILLY BOB THORNTON** • **(C) PLEKHO THE TRAIN ***** (1993, Suspense) **Burt Reynolds, Paul Savelle**, 5:35 a.m. **(LINE) ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE WEST **** (1969, Western) **Henry Fonda, Claudia Cardinale**... 5:45 p.m. **(LINE) INTRODUCING THE DRYIGHTS **** (2007, Comedy) **Brenda Blethyn, Khan Chatterjee**... 6:00 a.m. **(LINE) LASSIE COME HOME ***** (2006, Comedy-Drama) **Roddy McDowall, Donald Crisp**... 6:00 a.m. **(ENCORE) GHOST RIDER **** (2007, Action) **Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes**... 6:30 a.m. **(LINE) WAKING UP IN RENO **** (2006, Romance-Comedy) **Billy Bob Thornton, Charlie Theron**... 6:40 a.m. **(STAR) MY KID COULD PAINT THAT **** (2007, Documentary) ... 6:45 a.m. **(LINE) STANDING UP TO THE SHADOWS OF MOTOWN **** (2002, Documentary) **Richard Allen, Jack Ashford**... 7:15 a.m. **(SHOW) DEEP BLUE SEA **** (1999, Drama) **Robert Davulac, Tia Lerner**... 7:30 a.m. **(LINE) TREMORS **** (1990, Horror) **Kevin Connolly, Howard Stern**... 7:30 a.m. **(LINE) PAT AND MIKE ***** (1952, Comedy) **Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn**... 7:35 a.m. **(LINE) THE LITTLE RASCALS **** (1956, Comedy) **Travis Tedford, Bug Hall**... 7:40 a.m. **(ENCORE) ALL I WANNA DO **** (1998, Comedy) **John Travolta, Regis, Gaby Hoffman**... 8:00 a.m. **(LINE) THE LAST WAGON: JURASSIC PARK **** (1997, Adventure) **Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore**... 8:00 a.m. **(LINE) GUMBY OLD MEN **** (1992, Comedy) **Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau**... 8:00 a.m. **(LINE) ACROSS THE UNIVERSE **** (2007, Musical) **Evan Rachel Wood, Jim Sturgess**... 9:30 a.m. **(LINE) DRIVE ME CRAZY **** (1998, Comedy) **Melissa Joan Hart, Adrian Grenier**... 9:30 a.m. **(LINE) ROXANNE ***** (1987, Romance-Comedy) **Steve Martin, Daryl Hannah**... 9:35 a.m. **(LINE) COPYING BEETHOVEN **** (2006, Historical/Drama) **Ed Harris, Diane Kruger**... 9:40 a.m. **(LINE) DRAGNET **** (1987, Comedy) **Tom Hanks, Alan Jackson**... 9:45 a.m. **(LINE) A MIGHTY WHISTLE **** (2003, Comedy) **Bob Balaban, Christopher Guest**... **(LINE) UNDERCOVER BLUES **** (1993, Comedy) **Kathleen Turner**

Daytime Movies

Dennis Quaid, Premiere, 9:15 a.m. **(LINE) DANGEROUS WHEN WET **** (1953, Musical) **Comedy: Katherine Williams, Fernando Lamas**... 9:30 a.m. **(SHOW) CROSS COUNTRY **** (1962, Biography) **Ray T. Tom, Stan Sleserburg, Rip Torn**... 10:00 a.m. **(LINE) ROMANCE COMEDY: THE HOLIDAY **** (2006, Romance-Comedy) **Richard Dreyfuss, Kate Winslet**... 10:00 a.m. **(LINE) THE DEPARTED ***** (2006, Crime/Drama) **Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon**... 10:30 a.m. **(SHOW) MOVIE MCALLISTER 2007** (Romance-Comedy) **Jon Stewart, Tila Kuris**... **(LINE) MATERIAL GIRLS** (2006, Comedy-Drama) **Hilary Duff, Haylie Duff**... 10:35 a.m. **(PLEK) LADY SOLENT THE GOD **** (1992, Mystery) **Crystal Ballant, Annabeth Gish**... 11:00 a.m. **(LINE) STAND BY ME **** (1986, Comedy-Drama) **Robin Williams, River Phoenix**... **(LINE) THE WRESTLING FOUR **** (2005, Action) **Jason Alan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba**... **(LINE) THE TINKER BELL **** (2008, Fantasy) **Maya Whithman, America Ferraro**... **(SHOW) THE PEST **** (1967, Comedy) **John Lodge, James Frawley, James Jones**... **(LINE) HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS **** (2006, Comedy-Drama) **Kimberly Williams-Paisley**... 11:50 a.m. **(ENCORE) FATHER OF THE BRIDE ***** (1991, Comedy) **Steve Martin, Diane Keaton**... 12:00 p.m. **(LINE) GONE IN SIXTY SECONDS **** (2000, Action) **Nicolas Cage, Michael Jai White**... **(LINE) CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER WOMEN** (Suspense) **Julie Benz, Drama: Helena Bonham Carter, David Eckhart**... **(LINE) WHITE CHRISTMAS ***** (1954, Musical) **Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye**... 12:15 p.m. **(PLEK) THE BROTHERS SUNSHINE **** (1989, Suspense) **Burt Lancaster, Paul Scofield**... 12:30 p.m. **(LINE) TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN **** (1969, Comedy) **William Allen, Jack MacGinnis**... 12:35 p.m. **(LINE) FORREST GUMP **** (1994, Drama) **Tom Hanks, Robin Wright**... 1:00 p.m. **(LINE) KRONK'S NEW GROOMY (2005, Comedy) Voices of Patrick Warburton, Tracy Ullman**

5:00 p.m. **(LINE) HEARING GRACE **** (2008, Drama) **Gregory Serrin, Jordana Brewster**... 5:05 p.m. **(ENCORE) OVERBOARD **** (1987, Comedy) **Goldie Hawn, Robert Redford**... 5:30 p.m. **(LINE) LOVELESS IN LOS ANGELES (2007, Comedy) Dash Mihok, Brittany Daniel**... 5:45 p.m. **(PLEK) LADY SOLENT THE GODS **** (1992, Mystery) **Crystal Ballant, Annabeth Gish**... **(LINE) FORGET 2007** (Suspense) **Lou Diamond Phillips, Krieta Holland**... 5:50 p.m. **(ENCORE) WILD HOGS **** (2007, Comedy) **Tom Allen, John Travolta**... 6:00 p.m. **(LINE) ANNIE HALE ***** (1997, Comedy) **Woody Allen, Gene Kattion**... **(LINE) BEAUTY SHOP **** (2005, Comedy) **Queen Latifah, Alicia Silverstone**... 6:25 p.m. **(STAR) 30 DAYS OF NIGHT **** (2007, TV) **Melissa George**... 6:30 p.m. **(LINE) TREMORS **** (1990, Horror) **Kevin Connolly, Fred Ward**... 6:40 p.m. **(LINE) WEDDING PLANNER **** (2001, Romance-Comedy) **Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey**... 6:40 p.m. **(SHOW) JAM CASIO** (Drama) **Dean Morgan, Gina Torres**... **(LINE) MR. WOODCOCK **** (2007, Comedy) **Billy Blinn, Adam Sandler, William Scott**... **(LINE) OUT OF SEASON **** (1995, Drama) **Dennis Hopper, Gina Gershon**... 6:50 a.m. **(ENCORE) I BELIEVE AMERICANS **** (1996, Comedy) **Jack Lovine, James Garner**... 6:55 a.m. **(LINE) THE BRIDGE **** (1996, Comedy) **Robin Williams, Gene Kelly**... 7:00 p.m. **(STAR) PERFECT STRANGER **** (2007, Suspense) **Julie Benz, Bruce Willis**... **(LINE) BROTHERS AND SISTERS ***** (1988, Comedy-Drama) **Woody King, Mia Farrow**... 7:10 p.m. **(PLEK) THE PREMONITION (1999, Thriller) Bruce Reynolds, Bruce Dern**... 7:15 p.m. **(LINE) LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD ***** (2007, Action) **Bruce Willis, John Woo**... **(LINE) FIREHOUSE DOG **** (1999, Drama) **Comedy: Josh Hutcherson, Bruce Greenwood**... 7:40 p.m. **(LINE) DEEP IMPACT **** (1998, Drama) **Robert Duval, Tom Leoni**... 7:45 p.m. **(LINE) HEARING GRACE **** (2008, Drama) **Gregory Serrin, Jordana Brewster**... 7:50 p.m. **(ENCORE) OVERBOARD **** (1987, Comedy) **Goldie Hawn, Robert Redford**... 8:00 a.m. **(LINE) LOVELESS IN LOS ANGELES (2007, Comedy) Dash Mihok, Brittany Daniel**... 8:05 a.m. **(ENCORE) GOTCHA! **** (1985, Suspense) **Edward J. Ginn, Linda Fiorentino**... 8:10 a.m. **(LINE) THE GAME **** (1990, Suspense) **Michael Douglas, Sean Penn**... 8:45 a.m. **(LINE) THE SEAT FILLER (2004, Romance-Comedy) Kevin Rowland, Duane Martin**... 9:00 a.m. **(STAR) 30 DAYS OF NIGHT **** (2007, Horror) **John Hartnett, Melissa George**... 9:30 a.m. **(LINE) THE FIELD **** (1990, Drama) **Richard Harris, John Hurt**... **(LINE) ANYWHERE BUT HERE **** (1996, Comedy-Drama) **Susan Sarandon, Natalie Portman**... **(LINE) FREE AND EASY **** (1930, Comedy) **Buster Keaton, Anita Page**... **(LINE) THE HOUSE ON GARIBOLDI STREET **** (1979, Occult/Drama) **Topol, Nick Martin**... 9:50 a.m. **(ENCORE) PROBLEM CHILD * (1986, Drama) John Ritter, Michael O'Keefe**... 10:15 a.m. **(LINE) LUSH LIFE **** (1994, Drama) **Joni Goldloom, Frances Whitaker**... 10:45 a.m. **(LINE) READY TO RUMBLE **** (2000, Comedy) **David Arquette, Oliver Platt**... 11:00 a.m. **(DRAMA) CRYING LAME **** (2002, Comedy-Drama) **Britney Spears, Adam Mount**... **(STAR) PERFECT STRANGER **** (2007, Suspense) **Julie Benz, Bruce Willis**... **(LINE) FREEDOMLAND **** (2006, Crime/Drama) **Samuel L. Jackson, Julianne Moore**... 11:15 a.m. **(LINE) OUR BLUSHING BRIDES **** (2010, Drama) **Jan Crawford, Montgomery**... **(LINE) OUR FREEDOM **** (1987, Document) **Kevin Klein, Denzel Washington**... 11:20 a.m. **(ENCORE) NATIONAL LAMPON'S**

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TUESDAY

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31	31	KTWT CW	The Daily Buzz			Good Morning America		The Steve Wilkos Show		House of Payne	House of Payne	The Brenda Has Show	Cops
32	32	KSBW CW								The View		Judge David Young	All My Children
33	33	KISU NBC	World News	Varied Programs	Criminal Minded	Master Robert McElwaine	Arthur	Martin Amador	Corliss Carroll	Ed the Science Kid	Super Why!	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Dragon Tales
34	34	KXTF FOX	On the Air			Shepherd's Chapel		Troitz	The Morning Show With Mike & Leslie	Judge Karen	Cristina's Court	Drencia Court	Judge Mathis
35	35	KFTY FOX	News			Today							Live With Regis and Kelly
36	36	KTDJ FOX	Varied Programs					AgDay	First Business	Mary		Jerry Springer	The Young and the Restless
37	37	KIDK CW				News	The Early Show					The Price is Right	Young and the Restless
38	38	KMYT FOX	(2:30) CBS Up in the Mi	(6:24) AgDay	(6:45) News	CBS Morning News	The Early Show					The Price is Right	Young and the Restless
39	39	KXAB FOX	(4) Movie & Specials			Paid Program	Animal	Varied Programs	Jerry Day	First Business	Paid Program	Varied Programs	Paid Program
40	40	KXFL FOX	(4) Canine de Vies			Paid Program	Paygo	Paygo	Paygo	Paygo	Paygo	Paygo	Paygo
41	41	KCTF FOX	Cartoon			Cartoon	Cartoon	Cartoon	Cartoon	Cartoon	Cartoon	Cartoon	Cartoon
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12	12	CSHP2	Washington	Varied Programs				U.S. Senate Coverage		U.S. Senate Coverage		U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage
13	13	CNN	(4) American Morning					Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	Newsroom
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15	15	MSNBC	(4) Morning Joe					Varied Programs		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News
16	16	CNBC	(4) Squawk Box					Squawk on the Street		The Call		Power Lunch	Power Lunch
17	17	ESPN	Varied SportsCenter	Varied Programs	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
18	18	ESPN2	(4) Mike and Mike in the Morning					ESPN First Take		ESPN First Take		ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take
19	19	FSPT	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Final Score	Final Score	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20	20	AMC	(4) Movie					Varied Programs		Varied Programs		Varied Programs	Varied Programs
21	21	TCM	(4) Movie	(3:45) Movie				Varied Programs		Varied Programs		Varied Programs	Varied Programs
22	22	DSC	Paid Program	(3:31) Paid Program				(8:51) Assignment Discovery		Paid Program	Paid Program	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program
23	23	TLC	While You Were Out					Why Single	Reception	A Baby Story	A Baby Story	Bringing-Baby	Bringing-Baby
24	24	ANML	The World's Funniest Animals					Barling Maw	Reception	A Baby Story	A Baby Story	Bringing-Baby	Bringing-Baby
25	25	TRAV	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs	Why Single	Reception	A Baby Story	A Baby Story	Bringing-Baby	Bringing-Baby
26	26	DSH	Recess	The Little Mermaid	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda	Recess	The Little Mermaid	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda
27	27	TOON	Valiant Bros.	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Recess	The Little Mermaid	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda
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29	29	FAM	Var. Programs	Joseph Prince	Life Today	Joyce Meyer	Varied Programs	Recess	The Little Mermaid	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda
30	30	NOTV	Var. Programs	Cash Is All	Whit1016	Whit1016	Whit1016	Recess	The Little Mermaid	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda
31	31	LIFE	The Balancing Act	Get Married	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Recess	The Little Mermaid	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda
32	32	FOOD	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Recess	The Little Mermaid	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda
33	33	A&E	Humming: Tides Corps	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Recess	The Little Mermaid	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda
34	34	HST	Varied Programs					Recess	The Little Mermaid	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda	Matilda
35	35	HSP	Angel Truth	Paid Program	Var. Programs	Inspiration To	John Hayes	Charmed	Life Today	This is Day	Joyce Meyer	Varied Programs	Las Vegas
36	36	TNT	Supernatural	Paid Program	Var. Programs	Inspiration To	John Hayes	Charmed	Life Today	This is Day	Joyce Meyer	Varied Programs	Las Vegas
37	37	SPIKE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Unsolved Mysteries			C&I: NY	Married... With Children	Married... With Children	Married... With Children
38	38	USA	Mont	JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Unsolved Mysteries		C&I: NY	Married... With Children	Married... With Children	Married... With Children
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45	45	CMT	(4) Jump Start					Walker, Texas Ranger	Varied Programs	Movie & Specials	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	Bernie Mac
46	46	VH1	Varied Programs					Walker, Texas Ranger	Varied Programs	Movie & Specials	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	Bernie Mac
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52	52	STVZ	(3:45) Movie	Varied Programs				Walker, Texas Ranger	Varied Programs	Movie & Specials	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	Bernie Mac
53	53	EMCO	(4:50) Movie	Varied Programs				Walker, Texas Ranger	Varied Programs	Movie & Specials	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	Bernie Mac
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55	55	PLX	This is Day	Pat White	Var. Programs	Joyce Meyer	Charmed	Life Today	This is Day	Believer Video	Varied Programs		
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6	KSWB CW	The Real Winifred Eggs (TV) (PG)	The Real Winifred Eggs (TV) (PG)	Good Morning America (H) (CC)	Good Morning America (H) (CC)	This Week With George Lopez (H) (CC) (TVPG)	Jack Van Ingo Presents Brothers (TV) (PG)	Jack Van Ingo Presents Brothers (TV) (PG)	The Chris Matthews Show (TV) (PG)	Paul Program	Paul Program	Paul Program	Laura Mulcahy's Dinner (TV) (PG)	
7	KPTV KSTU	Examined Life (CC) (TVG)	Examined Life (CC) (TVG)	The Horseheads (TV) (PG)	Play the Day (H) (TV) (PG)	Small Town Big Movie (H) (CC) (TVPG)	Play the Day (H) (TV) (PG)	Small Town Big Movie (H) (CC) (TVPG)	Small Town Big Movie (H) (CC) (TVPG)	Small Town Big Movie (H) (CC) (TVPG)	Small Town Big Movie (H) (CC) (TVPG)	Small Town Big Movie (H) (CC) (TVPG)	Small Town Big Movie (H) (CC) (TVPG)	
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TIME	TV	C	NEWS			MOVIES			SUNDAY LATE NIGHT			SPORTS			KIDS		
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12:30	NEWS	13	Head on Flashing	Living the Dream	Southern Ontario	Raid Arms	Arrow Advertis	Monitor Photo TV	Simply Fishing	Fish, News, Travel	13	13	13	13	13	13	
1:00	KRBAN	40	American Latino TV	136 American Chart	(CG) TVPG	136B American Chart	(CG) TVPG	136B American Chart	(CG) TVPG	136B American Chart	(CG) TVPG	136B American Chart	(CG) TVPG	136B American Chart	(CG) TVPG	136B American Chart	
1:30	KWVC	40	News	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	
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More movies

(12) BIDG WALKS OF NEW YORK ** (1931, Comedy) Buster Keaton, Anita Page
2:50 p.m. (16) DELIRIOUS (2005, Suspense) Comedy-Drama) Michael Pitt, G...
3:05 p.m. (10) BIGNAIL MAN ** (1989, Science Fiction) Robin Williams, Sam-Nail...
3:15 p.m. (13) LICENSE TO WED * (2007, Romance-Comedy) Robin Williams, Mandy Moore...
3:30 p.m. (12) THE WOODS (2006, Horror)

Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts * 9:00 p.m. **(16) THE LAST FANTASY BOY** * (2005, Comedy) Timoth...
9:30 p.m. (11) FREEDOM WRITERS ** (2007, Comedy-Drama) Warren Williams, Maureen O'Sullivan
(14) I AM TIME FOR DRUNKEN HORSES ** (2000, Dramat) Fresh Comedy) Ozzy Emchler, Dan Frenkel...
9:50 p.m. (12) THE TITANS ** (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will...
10:30 p.m. (10) CADILLAC MAN ** (1990, Comedy) Rob Williams, Tim Robbins.
11:35 p.m. (11) MARY & MARTIN ** (1955, Comedy) Candice Bergen, Richard...

Kiley, Premiere. (TVPG) *
WEDNESDAY
5:00 a.m. (10) THE HALLELUJAH TRAIL ** (1965, Western) Burt...
5:30 a.m. (10) PATRIOT GAMES ** (1992, Action) Harrison Ford, Anne Archer.
5:45 a.m. (10) GRAND GUINER ** (1993, Drama) Greta Garbo, Jo...
6:00 a.m. (10) COLLEGE ** (1988, Romance-Comedy) Anthony Edwards, Corey...
6:30 a.m. (10) ONE LAST

THING ... * (2005, Comedy-Drama) Cynthia Nixon, Michael Angarano...
(10) WHAT DREAMS MAY COME ** (1998, Fantasy) Robin Williams, Cuba Gooding Jr...
7:00 a.m. (14) CHRISTMAS ** (2007, Comedy-Drama) Delroy Lindo, Idria Eiba...
(10) GOOD ADVICE ** (2001, Comedy) Christopher M...
7:30 a.m. (10) THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS ** (2006, Drama) Jason Priestley, Christopher S...
7:45 a.m. (10) THE

KILLER SHREWS * (1958, Science Fiction) James Best, Ingrid Goud...
(10) THE HERO ** (2006, Adventure) Voices of Rob Renner, Whoo...
(10) RED CORNER ** (1997, Suspense) Richard...
8:15 a.m. (10) UNCLASMAN * (2005, Comedy) Nick...
(10) SHREWS * (1958, Science Fiction) James Best, Ingrid Goud...
SPRINT OF THE WHALE (2007, Documentary) Adam...
(10) THE HERO ** (2006, Adventure) Voices of Rob Renner, Whoo...

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2:15 p.m.	(C) THE PRISONER OF ZENDA	(1967, Adventure) Ronald Colman, Madeleine Carroll	(1977, Action) STANLEY	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
2:30 p.m.	(C) THE MISSED CALL	(2008, Horror) Sherry Sossamon, Ed Burns	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
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2:40 p.m.	(C) THE BOYNTON BEACH CLUB	(1960, Romance-Comedy) Ryan Connolly, Brenda Vaccaro	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
3:00 p.m.	(C) THE FASTEST GUN ALIVE	(1956, Western) Glenn Ford, Jeanne Crain	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
3:15 p.m.	(C) ZODIAC	(2007, Crime Drama) Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
3:30 p.m.	(C) THE HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE	(2007, Drama) Aidan Quinn, Adam Beach	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
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4:00 p.m.	(C) 28 WEEKS LATER	(2007, Horror) Rhys Ifans, Rose Byrne	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
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4:30 p.m.	(C) THE GUNSHIRT WESTERN	(1943, Western) Joel McCrea, Mark Stevens	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
4:45 p.m.	(C) METBALLS PART II	(1984, Comedy) Richard Mulligan, John Mengertli	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
5:00 a.m.	(C) THE LAND THAT TIME FORGOT	(1975, Fantasy) Doug McClure, Susan Penhalton	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN	(1950, Drama) THE MERRY GENTLEMEN
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 12:50 p.m. **(SUSPENSE)** GROSSE POINTE BLANK **4** (1997, Romance-Comedy) John Cusack, Minnie Driver, G
 1:00 p.m. **(SUSPENSE)** ICE PRINCESS **4** (2005, Comedy-Drama) Joan Cusack, Kim Cattrall, G
(SUSPENSE) HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS **4** (2006, Comedy-Drama) Thomas Cavegnro, Kimberly Williams-Paisley, G

1:10 p.m. **(GATED)** GLOW ROPES: THE RISE AND FALL OF A BAR **(SUSPENSE)** CHEESE **4** (2005, Comedy) Tim Poper, Joyce Reys, G
 1:15 p.m. **(SUSPENSE)** CAPTAIN CAUTION **4** (1940, Adventure) Victor Mature, George Brent, G
 2:00 p.m. **(SUSPENSE)** THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT **(SUSPENSE)** G
(SUSPENSE) HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS **4** (2006, Comedy) Brendan Fraser, Elizabeth Hurley, G
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(SUSPENSE) CATCH AND RELEASE **4** (1986, Action) Will Smith, Jeff Bridges, G
(SUSPENSE) MONSIEUR **4** (1943, Adventure) John Carradine, Gale Sondergard,

3:30 p.m. **(SUSPENSE)** THE DEAD ONE **(2007, Drama)** Wilmer Valderrama, Angie Harmon, G
(SUSPENSE) HEARTBREAK RIDGE **4** (1988, War) Clint Eastwood, Marisa Mason, G
(SUSPENSE) EIGHT CHERRY NIGHTS **4** (2003, Comedy) Voices of Adam Sandler, Jeff G
(SUSPENSE) LETHAL PLANET **(SUSPENSE)** G
(SUSPENSE) KNOCKED UP **4** (2007, Romance-Comedy) Seth Rogen,
 Katherine Heigl, G
 4:15 p.m. **(SUSPENSE)** BLOOD **4** (1978, Drama) Ernest Borgnine, Amy Wright, G
(SUSPENSE) THE TALL TALE **(SUSPENSE)** G
(SUSPENSE) RANSOM **4** (1996, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Eric Russo, G
(SUSPENSE) ERADON **4** (2006, Fantasy) Eric Russo, G
(SUSPENSE) THE THING **4** (1982, Horror) Kurt Russell, A. Wilford,
 5:30 p.m. **(SUSPENSE)** DELIVERY **4** (1996, Comedy) Paul Rudd, G
(SUSPENSE) BOUNCE **4** (2005, Romance) Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Affleck, G
(SUSPENSE) LAST DANCE **4** (1998, Drama) Strain Stone, Rob Morrow, G
(SUSPENSE) ENOUGH **4** (2007, Fantasy) Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, G

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5:45 a.m. **(ABC)** THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI *** (1957, War) William Holden, Alec Guinness.
 6:30 a.m. **(ABC)** YESTERDAY *** (2004, Drama) Leland Khumala, Liliya Milavice.
 6:06 a.m. **(ABC)** THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN *** (2005, Biography) Anthony Hopkins, Steve Crumwood.
 6:15 a.m. **(ABC)** TOMORROW WE LIVE *** (1942, Crime Drama) Ricardo Cortez, Jean Parker.
 6:45 a.m. **(ABC)** AMERICAN GRAFFITI

*** (1973, Comedy) Donald Rickard Drysdale, Ronny Howard.
 8:50 a.m. **(ABC)** LICENSE TO DRIVE *** (1988, Comedy) Corey Haim, Corey Feldman.
 7:50 a.m. **(ABC)** MR. HOBBS TAKES A VACATION *** (1982, Comedy) James Stewart, Maureen O'Hara.
 7:15 a.m. **(ABC)** CROSS CREEK *** (1983, Short) Stacy Meyer, Stenuberger, Rio Tom.
 7:20 a.m. **(ABC)** THE TRIP *** (1999, Comedy-Drama) Ely D'Amico.
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(TV) I WANT TO LIVE! *** (1958, Biography) Susan Hayward, Simon.
 8:00 a.m. **(ABC)** LOVE ACTUALLY *** (2003, Romantic Comedy) Hugh Grant, Laura Linney.
(ABC) THREE MEN AND A CRIBLE FOOT *** (1990, Comedy) Tom Selleck, Stacy Gatenby.
 8:15 a.m. **(ABC)** PEACEFUL WARRIOR *** (2006, Drama) Nick Nolte, Scott MacArthur.
 8:30 a.m. **(ABC)** I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU NOT *** (1997, Drama) Leslye Headland, Claire Danes.
 8:40 a.m. **(ABC)** THE LONGEST CUT *** (1984, Comedy) Steve Martin, Charles Grodin.
 9:00 a.m. **(ABC)** MAMA! *** (2006, Drama) Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox.
(ABC) OVERNIGHT DELIVERY *** (1998, Comedy) Steve Witherspoon, Paul Rudd.
 9:20 a.m. **(ABC)** THE FIGHT FOR OLD MEN *** (2007, Crime Drama) Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem.
 9:30 a.m. **(ABC)** THE FIELD *** (1990, Drama) Richard Harris, Patsy Kensit.
(ABC) A WALK IN THE CLOUDS *** (1995, Romance) Keaton Reeves,

Alana Sanchez-Gillon.
(ABC) JFK *** (1991, Drama) Kevin Costner, Stacy Scafee.
 9:45 a.m. **(ABC)** THE PATRIOT GAZE *** (1947, Drama) Gregory Peck, Alda V.
 10:00 a.m. **(ABC)** DIRTY HARRY *** (1971, Crime Drama) Clint Eastwood, Harry Guardino.
 10:05 a.m. **(ABC)** ILLEGALLY YOURS *** (1988, Comedy) Rod Taylor, Jennifer Jones.
 10:15 a.m. **(ABC)** THE MARRYING MAN *** (1991, Romance Comedy) Kim Basinger, Alec Baldwin.
 10:20 a.m. **(ABC)** GHOST IMAGE (2007, Suspense)

Elizabeth Rhoten, Stacy Dash, Freniolo.
 11:00 a.m. **(ABC)** DR. DOOLITTLE 2 *** (2001, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Kristin Davis.
 11:15 a.m. **(ABC)** X-MEN *** (2000, Action) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart.
(ABC) IN THE LAND OF WOODEN DRAMA Adam Broyde.
 11:30 a.m. **(ABC)** DEJA VU *** (2006, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Val Kilmer.
(ABC) THE PEST *** (1957, Comedy) John Leguizamo, Jeffrey Jones.
 11:50 a.m. **(ABC)** GHOST IMAGE (2007, Suspense)

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11:45 a.m. (E) ANATOMY OF A MURDER *** (1959, Drama) James Stewart, Lee Remick
11:50 a.m. (E) SHARKERS *** (1995, Comedy) Walter Matthau, Charles Grodin
12:00 p.m. (E) MAGNUM FORCE *** (1973, Crime Drama) Clint Eastwood, Hal Holbrook
12:00 p.m. (E) CRIMINAL MIND: THE DENZEL WASHINGTON MOVIE *** (1995, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Gene Hackman
12:00 p.m. (E) CHRISTMAS *** (1986, Comedy) Shelley Long, Bruce Willis

1:30 p.m. (E) THE RIGHT STUFF *** (1983, Documentary) Docudrama) Sam Shepard, Scott Glenn
1:40 p.m. (E) END OF DAYS *** (1999, Horror) Michael Bay, Christopher Pennock
1:50 p.m. (E) EXPRESS *** (2004, Fantasy) Will Smith, Michael Jai White
2:00 p.m. (E) THE ILLEGAL TENDER *** (1938, Crime Drama) Humphrey Bogart, Gene Tierney
2:00 p.m. (E) THERE WAS YOU *** (1997, Romance) James Tipton, Dylan McDermott
2:10 p.m. (E) MR. WINDING *** (2008, Comedy) Michael Elphinstone, Bill Pullman

2:30 p.m. (E) SUDDEN DEATH *** (1988, Crime Drama) Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke
2:30 p.m. (E) THE WOODS *** (2006, Horror) Patrick Melton, Bruce Campbell
2:50 p.m. (E) LEEB *** (2000, Romance) Guy Pearce, Rose Byrne
3:00 p.m. (E) THE NEGOTIATOR *** (1998, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey
3:00 p.m. (E) FRIENDS *** (1995, Drama) C. Thomas Casper, James Van Der Beek
3:30 p.m. (E) THE LOVE OF A BOG *** (2008, Horror) Patrick Melton, Bruce Campbell
3:30 p.m. (E) THE WOODS *** (2006, Horror) Patrick Melton, Bruce Campbell

3:50 p.m. (E) UNRELEASABLE *** (2000, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson
4:45 p.m. (E) HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS *** (1995, Comedy) Holly Hunter, Robert Downey Jr.
5:00 p.m. (E) THE BEGINNING *** (2008, Drama) Brad Pitt, Jordana Brewster
5:00 p.m. (E) GRAYD THE DEAD POOL *** (1988, Comedy) Clint Eastwood, Patricia Clarkson
5:00 p.m. (E) KEEPING MUM *** (2008, Comedy) Ryan

5:05 p.m. (E) PEACEFUL WARRIOR *** (2008, Drama) Nick Nolte, Scott Bakula
5:15 p.m. (E) DUETS *** (2000, Comedy-Drama) Gene Hackman, Mary McCormack
5:30 p.m. (E) THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING *** (2006, Horror) Jordana Brewster, Anthony Quinn
5:45 p.m. (E) THIS CHRISTMAS *** (2007, Comedy) Bruce Campbell, Devin Druid

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Q How do stars like Leo DiCaprio, who spoke perfect Arabic in *Body of Lies*, learn a foreign language so quickly?—Dara Lohud, Miami, Fla.

A Leo spent hours with dialect coach Sam Sako. "He was one of my easiest students—easier than Egyptian-born Omar Sharif, whom I taught to speak like a sheik for *Hidalgo*," says Sako. He'll next teach George Clooney Iraqi Arabic for *Men Who Stare at Goats*.



Leo: Fluent with tongues

Q Robert A. Schuller hasn't been on *The TV's Hour of Power* for weeks. Why?—Len Gabisyelski, Wainfleet, Ontario

A His father, Crystal Cathedral founder Robert H. Schuller, and the *Hour of Power* board decided last month to remove him because their differences "put the ministry in jeopardy." Viewers will see guest performers on a rotating basis. Robert A. Schuller, 54, was offered a spec in the rotation.

Q I heard that John Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, spent years looking for her daughter by a previous marriage. Did she find her?—Miss Otis, San Francisco, Calif.

A Yes. In 1997, after a 26-year search by private eyes, Yoko got a call from Kyoto. Abducted as a child by her father, filmmaker Tony Cox, she was living in Denver. They finally reunited in 2000 in Central Park, not far from where John Lennon was killed. Joining them were John and Yoko's son Sean and Yoko's daughter Emir. Lost and found: Yoko (top) and Yoko



Q Yra Banks lives and breathes fashion, so why do her clothes look like they came from a rummage sale?—no name, Washington, D.C.

A Because some did, as well as from thrift stores and flea markets. "It's one way Tyra is going green and giving back—by wearing recycled clothes," says her stylist, Janice Piper. Thomas Yancey is so fond of the vintage look, she's launching her own line.

Banks: When it comes to clothes, what's new on her old

Marley: Heirs aplenty

Q How many kids did the late reggae singer Bob Marley have?—Shelley White, San Diego, Calif.

A "A dozen," says eldest son Ziggy. A40, of the five children born to Marley's wife Rita, plus the seven others with different women. "We're all very close and are musicians or have dabbled in music." He's now recording a CD titled *Ziggy Marley Presents Family Time*, and the clan is working on a documentary about their father, who died of melanoma in 1981 at 36. The Weinstein Co. plans a film based on Rita Marley's bio, *No Woman, No Cry*.

Q As a huge fan of screen film star Neve Campbell, I am curious where she has disappeared to.—Jenn Capaccio, Philadelphia, Pa.

A Neve, 35, wed British actor John Light and moved to London, where she's been busy with theater work. Last year, she returned to American TV as a ruthless journalist on NBC's *Medium*. News recently shot the miniseries *The Sea Wolf*.



Campbell: Busy in Britain

Q PARADE recently ran a cover story about Diane Lane and Richard Gere, co-stars of *Nights in Rodanthe*. Is the inn featured in that film real?—E. Kalinowski, Bridgeport, Ohio

A Yes. "Serendipity" is a real house on North Carolina's Outer Banks. Currently in need of repairs, it's for sale for \$1.2 million. Meanwhile, it has become an attraction for *Rodanthe* fans.

Q I rate Ann Wilson of the band Heart as rock's best female vocalist. How has she kept her voice fresh for 30 years?—Don Coughlin, North Ridgeville, Ohio

A "I show up before each warm-up by singing along with a Lucinda Williams or Emmylou Harris CD," Wilson, 58, tells us. "It helps to open my throat and my soul." Ann and her bandmates, including sister Nancy, just toured with Journey. They're now recording a CD for release next year. Readers, whom do you rate as rock's best female vocalist? Tell us at Parade.com/personality

Wilson: Gives Heart all of her lungs

Q Why does Buffalo line-dancer Kawika Mitchell wear his hair hanging out the back of his helmet? Isn't he worried opponents will grab a handful?—Richard W. Emery, Spring Valley, Calif.

A "As a defensive player, I don't have people chasing me from behind, so my hair has been grabbed only twice in my career," Kawika, 29, tells us. "I like long hair because it conveys biblical strength, like Samson's mane, and makes it easy for fans to identify me on the field."



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Kate the Fearless

by James Kaplan

SPEND TIME AROUND KATE Winslet, and the subject of food is bound to come up sooner or later. You may not have known, for instance, that the last job she had before breaking into the movies was behind the counter in a delicatessen. "I made sandwiches. I cut up cheese. I ground coffee," she says. "I loved it!"

To this day, Winslet likes to unwind in the kitchen. "I do endless chopping and preparing things," she tells me. "I really find that relaxing. I do a lot of thinking as I am chopping and cooking." And then there's the revelation she had a few weekends ago—where else but in a restaurant? Winslet and her husband, director Sam Mendes, had gone out for lunch with their young daughter and son—a relatively rare occasion, the actress insists. "We like them to see those things as a treat, as they should be—and still

are to me, actually." She smiles. "We were having lunch, and I was having a glass of wine and eating bread and putting butter on the bread, and I turned to Sam and said, 'I am just so happy!'"

Now, not a lot of actresses would be seen in public eating bread, let alone bread and butter. ("A lot of butter," Winslet emphasizes. "Nothing like it.") But then, Winslet has never been like other actresses. Ever since she burst to superstar-

dom in *Titanic* in 1997, she has seemed in a category of her own: matchlessly talented, splendidly full-bodied in a profession where thinness is an obsession, and unapologetically down-to-earth. There's a delicate beauty to her face, but that resolute jaw seems to signal her willingness to play strong, uncompromising characters. "Kate Winslet is always naked, sitting on a toilet, or running buck naked," Halle Berry said recently. "She's free. I want to be the kind of actress who can really be comfortable with my body like that."

When I read Winslet the quote, she guffaws with delight. "Oh!" she says. "That's so amazing. That is worth the pain! I am thrilled to hear someone like Halle say something like that. But what I would want to say to her is, 'Well, you can,' because all I do is say, 'I don't give a —!'"

We're sitting in her husband's office in downtown Manhattan. (Winslet and Mendes divide their time between a New York apartment and a country house in their native England.) The 33-year-old actress, wearing high black boots, black jeans, a black jacket, and a white T-shirt, speaks animatedly and uninhibitedly as—the health-conscious will not be pleased to hear—she smokes a cigarette she has just rolled herself.

Kate Winslet goes her own way. She's the youngest actress ever to have received five Academy

'I had to make some big changes in my life'



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Award nominations, and the pair of movies she has opening in December—*Revolutionary Road* (directed by Mendes) and *The Reader*—could garner her one or two more. In *Revolutionary Road*, she gives a shattering performance as April

'Be yourself. That's what I tell my children. Be you.'

Wheeler, a young wife in violent revolt against the complacency of 1950s suburbia. Her husband is played by her *Titanic* co-star and longtime friend Leonardo DiCaprio. It's the first time the two have worked together in a dozen years, and one of the most delightful things about the reunion for Winslet, she says, is seeing onscreen how the two of them have aged.

"I'm like, 'Yes, damn it! Look at those foreheads move!'" she crows. "I mean, he has this amazing furrow here"—she points to a spot between her eyebrows—"which wasn't as prominent then, and this"—Winslet points to the wrinkles on her own forehead—"is much more prominent in me now. I just love seeing those things. I am enjoying my face changing, as well as realizing that at the same time, as you get older, the machine isn't as well-oiled as it was."

She may have been younger and sprier a dozen years ago, but she wasn't happier. As she was finishing *Titanic*, her first love—actor and writer Stephen Tredre—was dying of bone cancer. "I was so young, and I wasn't ready for any of that," she says of the com-

bination of pain and international fame that hit. While trying to find herself professionally—for a few years, she did only small, quirky films—she struggled personally. In 1998, she married assistant director Jim Threapleton; and in 2001, the year after the couple had a daughter, Mia, they divorced.

"I was very, very thrown by the fact that I had to make some big changes in my life in order to be myself, but under this kind of movie-star banner," Winslet says. "It was a difficult balance to find. Now I feel I've got that. I've actually had it for a while, I think. That's mainly to do with my incredible husband."

Winslet and Mendes married in 2003; their son Joe was born later the same year, and her daughter lives with them full-time. "Having children just puts the whole world into perspective," Winslet says. "Everything else just disappears. For my

own children, I do want for them to look back and remember that it was me in the kitchen, that I was doing the packed lunches, that we were there on the school run, that we did take a bus. I want them to remember those things, be-

cause those are the things that I remember from my own childhood and that have been incredibly important to me. I also think that those are the things that children need in order to become normal kids. I don't want them to feel that they are any different because of my job or Sam's job."

What she wants to give her children is what she herself had: a household firmly grounded in reality. Her father was an actor, and her mother's parents ran a repertory company. "We never had any money," she tells me. "I really grew up in a world of struggling actors who were doing it because they loved it."

While the Winslets were passionate about acting, they held no illusions about it. "We were all always told, 'OK, if this is really something you want to do, that's fine. Just know it's going to be hard,'" Kate says. "It was always, 'You might not get it. Go for it. You've nothing to lose. Just work hard and be yourself.' That was the main thing that we were always told.

'Be yourself. Don't try to be like the girl who is ahead of you in the line. Be yourself.'"

The advice stood her in good stead when Kate auditioned along with a hundred other teenage girls to co-star in 1994's *Heavenly Creatures*, a movie directed by then-newcomer Peter Jackson (*The Lord of the Rings*). Appropriately, Winslet was working at the deli when she got the phone call. "I was in the middle of making a sandwich," she recalls. "I had to leave work pretty much immediately, and somebody else had to finish making this poor guy's sandwich, because I was hysterical. Then I had to walk home, because I had forgotten to collect my wages before I left, and I had no bus fare."

She had gotten the breakthrough role by following her parents' advice—advice, Winslet tells me, she now finds herself giving to her own children: "Be yourself—that's all you need to be. Why do you want to be like that person? Be you. Be you."

Left: Kate with her husband, director Sam Mendes. Below: With her kids, Mia and Joe.



Loving Leo: Then and Now

Left: With DiCaprio in the 1997 film *Titanic*. Below: Together again in the new film *Revolutionary Road*.



P For more on Kate and Leo's onscreen reunion, plus exclusive photos of Winslet, visit Parade.com

GOVERNMENT WATCH

Better Ways To Vote

Another way in which the 2008 election made history: Americans had an easier time casting ballots thanks to expanded use of methods like early voting and same-day voter registration. Preliminary figures show that more than 130 million people—or 61.2% of eligible voters—took part in choosing a President, notching the greatest turnout in 40 years. Experts believe that election officials will continue efforts to facilitate voting. “Governments are realizing that they haven’t spent enough time making voting an easier process,” says Wendy Weiser of NYU’s Brennan Center for Justice. But to truly boost turnout, adds Weiser, “we must modernize the overall voter-registration system. It’s the biggest obstacle to voters and the biggest source of errors.” Here’s what some states tried.

METHOD	WHAT	WHERE	ITS FUTURE
Early voting	People voted before Election Day in person or by mail. Voting began as early as Sept. 25 in some states and stayed open for periods ranging from two to four weeks.	34 states participated. About 30% of eligible voters—vs. 15% in 2004—ended up casting a ballot early.	Maryland and Pennsylvania are making moves toward implementing early voting, and other states that don’t have it are considering it.
Same-day voter registration	People were able to register and vote on the same day, as opposed to being required to register at least three to four weeks before Election Day.	Occurred in 10 states. Final results are not in, but turnout rates in states with same-day voter registration tend to be 10-12 percentage points higher than states without it.	Massachusetts, Hawaii, and Connecticut have taken steps toward adopting it, and seven other states are debating it.
Online voting	Voters submitted their ballots by scanning and uploading them.	Used by Arizona for military and overseas voters.	Popular but unlikely to be used widely due to security and fraud concerns.

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The poll is still open. Vote at Parade.com/roads

EDUCATION

The Fight For ROTC

Activists at seven top colleges are fighting to bring back ROTC, the military training and scholarship program sponsored by the Department of Defense. Although more than 600 colleges in the U.S. allow ROTC programs on campus, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Brown, Tufts, Stanford and the University of Chicago have maintained the bars they began in protest of the Vietnam War. Since then, university leaders have resisted reinstating ROTC. One point of contention: Since openly gay people cannot serve in the military, ROTC effectively excludes them from participating.

Yale and six others still won't allow it

ROTC supporters at the seven schools have made strides in recent years. They've won the right to wear uniforms on campus and to mention ROTC in yearbooks (so far, many prohibited activities). The seven schools who exclude ROTC produce many of our leaders, yet their students have the least contact with the military, says Scott Wilcox, Columbia University's 104th Chief of Staff. Should Columbia ROTC? Should all schools? Write ROTC on their campuses? Vote and comment at Parade.com/rotc.



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BUYER BEWARE!

What to know before you shop

by Martin Lindstrom

What really goes on in our minds when we face the decision to buy something? That's what I and a team of researchers tried to find out by studying the brains of shoppers around the world as they encountered various products, ads, and sales. Knowing the science behind what influences us to make purchases—whether they're needed or not—can help us resist temptation. Here are five tips to help you make it through your shopping experience without breaking the bank.

Leave the Kids At Home

Consumers accompanied by children bought 40% more items than consumers who were shopping by themselves. Children, bless their little hearts, tend to use a variety of techniques to coax their parents into buying more stuff. These can range from negotiation ("I'll clean up my room if you buy me those Lucky Charms") to threats (screaming, crying, having a tantrum in the middle of the store) to sneaking the things they want underneath your other purchases. When you finally get to the cash register, chances are good that you'll be too embarrassed—or worried about coming across as mean or cheap—to say anything.

Watch Out for Fake Bargains

The way signs and words are used can have a powerful effect on our brains. Take one store's display of canned chicken-noodle soup. A sign above it read "\$1.95 per can." Customers pushed right past the pyramid of cans because \$1.95 sounded like way too much money for chicken-noodle anything. The next day, a new sign left off the price and said, "Maximum 8 cans per customer." The result: customers waiting in line. Another example: You pass by a box of spaghetti marked \$2.50. A few days later, the same box features a sign reading "2 for \$5." You don't consider that it's the same price. You're too busy snatching up as many boxes as you can.

Both of these "bargains" stimulate our natural hoarding instinct. A small region in the prefrontal cortex of our brains is associated with collecting. Scientists believe that it reacts as it did earlier in our evolution, when food supplies may have been scarce. In other words, we're hardwired to respond to shortages by doing all we can to ensure our survival. The result? A lot of soup and a lot of pasta.



Avoid Big Carts



Strange but true: People buy roughly 30% more items when they shop with a big cart than when they don't. And the bigger the cart we're wheeling around the store, the more likely we are to stock it full of stuff we probably don't need.

What's the reason for this phenomenon? I believe consumers become self-conscious if their big shopping cart contains, say, only a celebrity magazine and a few sticks of gum. It's as though we expect other shoppers to look down on us or even make a disparaging comment. Another thing: If our cart is enormous, the dopamine levels in our brain increase, and we begin pulling things down from the shelf to fill up every square inch. Dopamine is one of the most addictive chemicals our brain produces. It increases in anticipation of any kind of reward, and that includes food and clothing.

My suggestion: Avoid a shopping cart altogether and use a small basket with handles.

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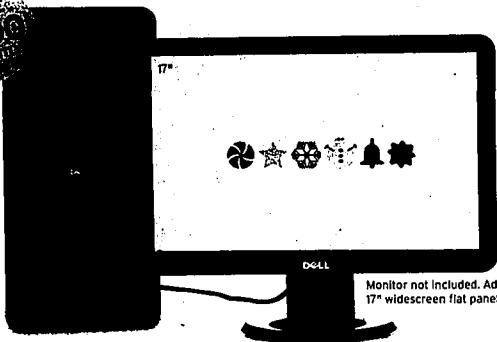
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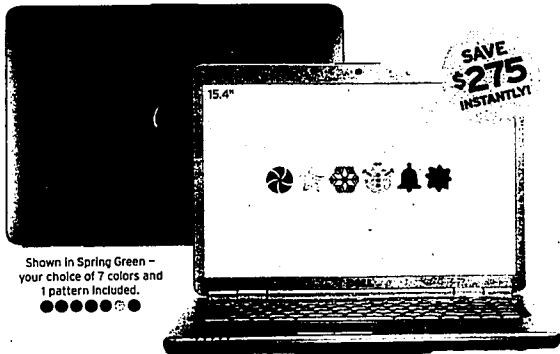
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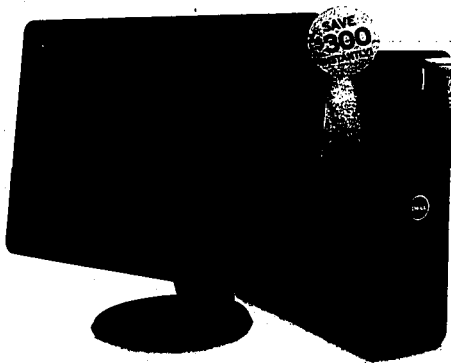
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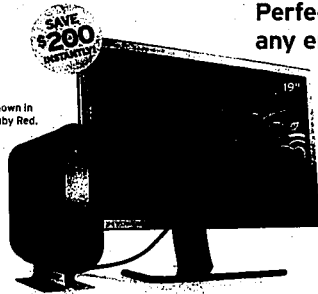
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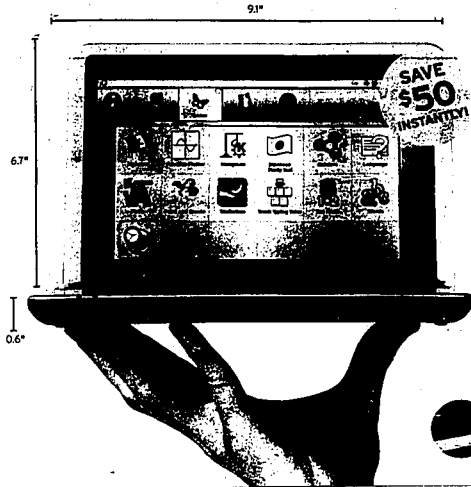
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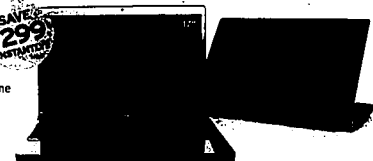
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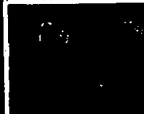


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High-tech fun is bringing families together

How America Got Game

by Sharon Male



After family dinners this holiday season, instead of splitting into two groups—grown-ups upstairs with coffee and cards, and kids in the basement playing games—more families than ever will spend the evening together around the television. They'll be waving plastic wands, jumping up and down on color-coded mats, or pounding sticks on circular panels. At least, that's what it'll look like to bemused relatives who aren't "gamers" themselves. But families who've caught on to the gaming trend will be bowling, white-water rafting, and living out fantasies of rock stardom.

Video games aren't just for teenage boys anymore. In fact, nearly twice as many women play as teenage boys—33% vs. 18%, according to the Entertainment Software Association. The average age of a gamer is 35, and one in four Americans over 50 plays. Close to 40% of households own a game console. Last year, sales of video games reached \$18.8 billion in the U.S., nearly double the revenue from domestic box-office receipts.

Many early video games were shoot-'em-ups, with the character onscreen trying to blow up as much stuff as possible while the

player sat motionless, his fingers contorting in frenetic but carefully coordinated spasms. There's still plenty of that. In fact, last year's best-selling video game was *Halo 3*, a traditional "shooter." But more and more, winning a video game can mean solving a logic puzzle, answering a trivia question, running and jumping in place, or singing on key.

"Now games allow for diverse skills," says Katherine Isbister, a professor of digital media at NYU-Poly. "It's not just about the good hand-eye coordination that you have to start mastering at a young age." James Watt, director of the Social and Behavioral Research Laboratory at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, credits the Nintendo Wii—a gaming system that uses a wandlike "Wiimote" instead of a traditional button-operated game controller—with expanding the gaming horizon.

"All they had to do was take away the button-pushing and substitute something that was a little more natural, and all of a sudden you've got a device that appeals to people in nursing homes as well as in preschools," Watt says.

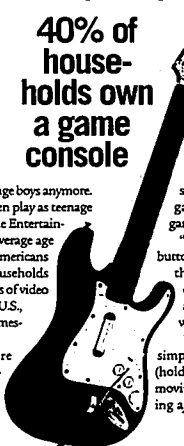
The first Wii games were relatively simple: *Wii Sports* consisted of bowling (holding the controller at your side, then moving your arm up gradually and releasing a button at the back of the control),

tennis (holding the controller as you would a racket and swinging it when the ball onscreen bounced into your side of the court), baseball, golf, and boxing. Next came *Wii Fit*, which introduced a balance board that monitors footwork for yoga, strength training, and aerobics. Now, with *Wii Music*, gamers can play more than 60 virtual instruments.

Some of the most popular video games today involve music. *Rock Band* and *Guitar Hero* for the Xbox 360, Sony PlayStation 3, and Wii gaming consoles let players live out a fantasy that's shared by kids of all ages: rock superstardom. These "rhythm games," for up to four players, require pressing a series of keys (on a faux guitar), hitting the right pads (for drums), or singing on key in time with a series of notes that appear onscreen, with animated rockers in the background.

If *Guitar Hero* isn't for you, you can still play *Connect Four*, *Battleship*, and other games you knew as a kid—with a whole new twist. Just remember, it might be your children who teach you how to play, rather than vice versa. Of course, one advantage of the digital versions is that cleanup is a cinch.

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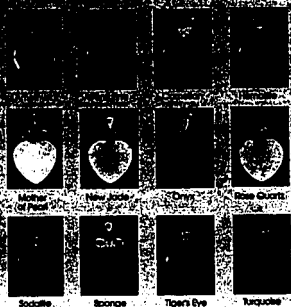
There are three popular consoles available: the Nintendo Wii (\$250) includes *Wii Sports*; the Xbox 360 (starts at \$200) doubles as a DVD player; the PlayStation 3 (starts at \$300) plays Blu-Ray discs, which offers high-definition video. Games can range from less than \$10 to more than \$50 for the latest blockbuster.

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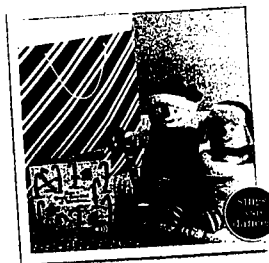
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