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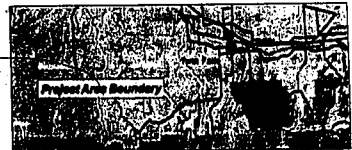
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Area energy projects still on schedule

By Nate Poppo
Times-News writer

From Montana to Florida, attempts to expand the nation's cramped power grid have been hampered by the recent economic downturn. But the country's financial turbulence hasn't harmed several large-scale energy projects in southern Idaho, developers of those projects said last week. If anything, the economy has just led Idaho Power Co. officials to be a little more cautious about large-scale plans to build new interstate transmission lines and a natural gas plant over the next few years, said Echo Chadwick, the utility's director of corporate communications.

None of the company's development plans have changed so far, Chadwick said. But officials are keeping a close eye on the markets and regularly examining their plans to see what adjustments, if any, need to be made. "If people aren't loaning money ... it certainly does impact our ability to be effective," said Chadwick, adding that the company is working to keep its credit rating strong. Part of the problem, she said, is that changes might be hard to make. The utility's CEO said see ENERGY, Page A2



Shaded yellow area is boundary for China Mountain wind project. Map courtesy BLM/USFS

Pumpers head to Boise for weeks-long water hearing

By Nate Poppo
Times-News writer

Blame history and the way Idaho water rights were handed out for the fact that most water conflicts are between surface users with senior rights and groundwater pumpers with junior rights. On Wednesday, groundwater users will leave their surface peers behind as they face each other at a hearing on a water call by the A&B Irrigation District. The Rupert-based district, which irrigates 62,600 acres, made a water delivery call on other pumpers in March 2007, alleging in part that the state had failed to follow through on a 1994 promise to manage the aquifer that both

Groundwater woes

Groundwater users were dealt a setback last week in another water call, this one made by two Magic Valley trout farms. In an order issued Wednesday, Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tullitt tossed out part of a mitigation plan proposed by the North Snake and Magic Valley ground water districts. The plan would have leased water from an Idaho Department of Fish and Game spring, ran it through Clear Springs Foods' Snake River Farm, then pumped it back. Clear Springs challenged the idea, and Tullitt agreed to dismiss it, writing that the district's concerns could sort out the "many existing issues and concerns" of the proposal. In time for mitigation water to be shared.

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Adding up new requirements

High schools prepare for new math, science standards

By Ben Bobbin
Times-News writer

Magic Valley high school educators are already making plans for the class of 2013. New state-mandated high school graduation requirements will kick in next year when freshmen begin school in the fall. Before those students can graduate in 2013, they must take an additional combined four credits of math and science. That means six credits of math, an increase of two from the existing four-credit requirement, and six credits of science, also an increase from four credits. Two credits can be taken in a school year, so the increases are the equivalent of one extra year each of math and science classes. The additional science classes must have lab work for students, too. Students also will need to complete a senior project. The changes were made to assure all students are involved in meaningful academic classes and better-prepared for the work force and education beyond high school, said Nick

Smith, deputy superintendent of school support services for the Idaho State Department of Education. "For a lot of districts, this is not something new for them," he said of the requirements, which the Legislature approved in 2007. Schools will adapt differently to the requirements. Some high schools, for example, already require six credits each of math and science because they exceed the current state-mandated requirements. Mary Lu Barry, director of secondary programs at Twin Falls School District, said the district's current graduation requirements are six credits of math and six of science — the same as the new state requirement. One change for the district will be the new state requirement that

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When chaos comes, you better have paid attention to the Armchair Survivalist

N. Idaho man offers advice for dealing with tough times

By Nicholas K. Bernano
Associated Press writer

COEUR D'ALENE — The Armchair Survivalist believes the nation is falling into chaos, and he wants to help. He offers practical advice for dealing with riots, wars, natural disasters and food shortages, which he says are imminent because of the worldwide economic meltdown and the incoming Obama administration. "Too many things are occurring at the same time. It's upsetting people," said the Survivalist, whose real name is Kurt Wilson. So this Martha Stewart for the can-do-and-compound crowd provides valuable information on nonperishable foods, portable water purifiers and defensive weapons. His catalog business, Survival Enterprises, sells what you need for the coming hard times. Northern Idaho has long been a magnet for anti-government types and Wilson moved his business here from California in 1998. He operates out of a modest strip mall that is, ironically, on Government Way in Coeur d'Alene. Much of the work is packing and shipping orders for survival supplies such as canned bacon with a camouflage label and cases of military MREs. Wilson started. "The

Armchair Survivalist" radio show about a year ago because so many people were asking him for advice on what he considered simple problems. The Saturday show can be heard over his Web site, on shortwave radio, or a few broadcast stations. The survivalist movement was considered somewhat on the decline since it peaked around 1996, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which studies fringe movements around the country. But the SPLC warned last week of a rise in "hyper-survivalist paramilitary groups" as a result of the Obama election. "Some conspiracy theorists and fringe Patriot radio hosts are seeking to

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Gay marriage ban spurs debate

By Jesse Washington
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Gay is the new black, say the protest signs and magazine covers, casting the gay marriage battle as the last frontier of equal rights for all. Gay marriage is not a civil right, opponents counter; insisting that minority status comes from who you are rather than what you do. The gay rights movement entered a new era when Barack Obama was elected, the first black president the same day that voters in California and Florida passed referendums to prevent gays and lesbians from marrying, while Arizonaans turned down civil unions and Arkansas said no to adoptions by same-sex couples. Racism was defanged by Obama's triumph, leaving gays as perhaps the "last



Demonstrators turn out for marriage equality at Los Angeles City Hall as part of a 'National Day of Action' on Nov. 15, in response to the recent passage of Proposition 8 which repeals the right of same sex couples to marry in California.

group of Americans claiming that their basic rights are being systematically denied. "Black people are equal now, and gay people aren't," said Emil Wilbekin, a black gay man and the editor of Giant magazine. "I always have this discussion with my friends: What's worse, being gay or being black?" Please see MARRIAGE, Page A2

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MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

MOMS Club, for stay-at-home moms, 10 to 11 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, 539-6470.
Burley Music Club Board meeting, 1:30 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., 678-5462 or 878-7375.

EDUCATION AWARENESS

World AIDS Day Awareness, includes slide presentation, noon to 1:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall; and candlelight vigil, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., CSI's atrium, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-9554.

EXHIBITS

Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibit, 4 to 7 p.m., Gooding High School, open to the public, carlyhill@goodingschools.org.

FESTIVALS AND BAZAARS

Caring and Sharing Christmas Festival, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Rupert Civic Auditorium, 505 Seventh St., Rupert, free admission, 436-8124.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 428 Shoshone St. N., 738-0088.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 745 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 738-7274.
Ketchikan City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 728-3841.
Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-5570.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth St., 934-5669.
Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple, 423-5158.
Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W., 734-9491.
Ascequia City Council, 8 p.m., Ascequia Automotive, 20602 F St., 436-6775.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training to 40 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Buhl

old middle school gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at A.C.S.I. Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 733-6475.
Fit and Fall Pro Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Halley, no cost, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Pro Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless-Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.
SeniorWalkers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries; unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
Fit and Fall Pro Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m., front lounge, Woodstone Assisted Living Facility, 491 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988.
Choices for Recovery, a non-traditional, 12-step spiritual program open to all faiths, issues and addictions, 4 to 5:30 p.m., west conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 433-3741.
Recovery for Life, "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing," includes Divorce Care, Grief Share, Financial Peace, Co-dependency for Women, 12-Step HOPE (addiction recovery), 6 to 6:45 p.m. held reform and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 4631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.
Special Parents/Special Kids, for parents of a child with special physical, mental or emotional needs, 7 p.m., Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.

HOME AND GARDEN

Twin Falls Farmers Market 2008 end-of-season potluck celebration, vendors, customers, potential vendors and anyone else interested in Twin Falls Farmers Market welcome, 6:30 p.m., Gramma's Pies & Rusty Nall, 1025 Burke St., Buhl, bring food to share and place service; also pictures from the season and musical instruments, cmkiele@pmt.org, 948-0832 or 543-4562.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Registration deadline for Dec. 2, 3 AARP Safe Driving Class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 246 Third Ave E., Twin Falls, \$10, 733-1168.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Summa Boone by e-mail at strowne@magvalley.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.

• Spend the day in reflection at AIDS AIDS Day observance events including a slide presentation from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fire Arts Recital Hall. Former Wendell resident Duane Quintana will speak and host a video on 2 p.m. in rooms 137/118 of the Shields building, while a candlelight vigil will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Atrium.

• Look around your house or go to the store and Bill the plastic bag you'll get with your newspaper with non-perishable food. Times-News carriers will pick them up or you can drop off donations until Dec. 31 at Twin Falls branches of First Federal Bank, or the Times-News office, 137 Fairfield St. W. • The Twin Falls Farmers Market holds its end-of-season potluck celebration at

6:30 p.m. at Gramma's Pies & Rusty Nall, 1025 Burke St. in Buhl. Vendors, customers, potential vendors and anyone else interested is welcome. Bring food to share and place service.

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 pamm@magvalley.com.

Energy

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 grid is maxing out, and the company has to find new energy sources to keep serving its customers. And those customers are asked to help pay for it.

"During a time when the economy is down, we're certainly sensitive to the fact that asking customers to pay more for electric service isn't a great place to be in," she said.

A 185-turbine, 425-megawatt wind project planned for west of Generation is also still on track, developers said. Jointly developed by Portland-based Renewable Energy Systems America Developments and NV Energy, formerly Nevada Power, the first phase of the wind farm is still set to be built in the first half of 2011 and is going through an environmental review.

Earlier in November, natural gas prices and the credit market delayed an ever more massive project in Texas, to be built in 2011 by billionaire T. Boone Pickens' Mesa Power. And Florida Power and Light trimmed its 2009 capital expenditures

planning by nearly 25 percent, planning only 1,100 megawatts of new wind power instead of 1,500. But despite some similarities, Chasin Mountain is early enough in development that finances aren't yet an issue, said Scott Piscitello, vice president of project development for RES America.

The major funding for the \$500 million project wouldn't be sought until mid-2010, he said. For now, he said, "We're spending relatively small dollars on developing the project."

Boise-based Windland Inc. hasn't been able to build its 2002 megawatt project on Cotter Mountain in Cassia County. But its delay is more due to a lack of interest from Idaho Power, the likely customer for its power, said Mike Heckler, Windland director of marketing and development. Both developers said other delayed projects may not hurt their plans. RES America's partnership with an electric utility should give it a competitive edge among those building in 2011, Piscitello said. And Heckler said canceled projects mean more wind turbine parts are available now, easing Windland's costs

when it builds. "It remains a great wind resource," Heckler said of Cotter. "It makes sense and will be built."

A long timeline may not benefit everyone. A uranium enrichment facility to be built by French-owned Areva NC Inc. still seems to be on track for 2014. But officials with the alternate Energy Holdings Inc., the company planning to construct a nuclear power plant in Elmore County by 2016, have turned to Asian financiers to try to raise capital for their effort and said a couple of weeks ago that their project isn't an easy one.

"It's ambitious and challenging, even in good times," spokesman Martin Johnson said, adding that the company still sees a place as necessary and doable.

The biggest challenge was just guessing what's to come. Chadwick said the market coverage she's watched lately has left her wondering when her credit card debt and longer-term mortgages will cause more trouble.

"I don't think we've seen all the effects," she said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Schools

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 two math credits be taken during the student's senior year.

The district is looking at the possibility of a class for incoming freshmen that would focus on career exploration and research skills. Part of that class would be devoted to students starting to think of ideas for the project needed to graduate, Barry said.

"It's going to prepare them better for high school and work and college," she said, adding that the district is also looking into a possible technical/math course.

In 2010, the department of education plans to ask the Legislature for more science, math and science teachers. The department is also gathering information from school districts with senior project programs already in place that can provide

schools with ideas and guidance.

"We don't need to recreate the wheel," Smith said. Burley High School currently requires two years each of math and science, though the majority of students already take three years of those courses, said Principal Jodie Miller. Dan Rogers, principal of Minico High School, said many students already opt for a diploma with honors, which includes enough math and science to meet the new requirements. The new change will simply mean that the school does away with its standard diploma program, he said.

Clark Muscat, principal of Jerome High School, said the new requirements will create a need for more science labs. Jerome currently requires four science credits.

The high school wants to have plenty of options for the third year of science that include anatomy and envi-

ronmental science courses that could help students explore career possibilities, Muscat said.

As for the math requirements, Jerome High School already has six credits in place, though students currently don't need to take mathematics their senior year. Muscat will skip up a credit requirement, doesn't see any sense in mandating math courses for the senior year.

With six credits, that's three years of math, which means students will be skipping a year of mathematics earlier in their high school career, he said.

"We're struggling with that, with what we are going to do and we are offering enough credit," Muscat said, adding that he would like to ensure that students have a productive senior year. "I don't see the soundness of saying it's OK to take a year off just to get two credits in your senior year."

Water

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 the district and pumpers get their water from.

Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill says he called in January, writing that the district had failed to show actual material injury caused by the other pumpers. A&B requested a hearing on his conclusion, and after a flurry of filings and a brief withdrawal appeal to the courts, both sides will hash out their differences in Boise before a hearing officer, former Idaho Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder.

Basically, the main objection by A&B seems to come down to the way Tuthill added up the water supply to the district. Only a portion of its wells have suffered, and district officials argue that Tuthill should have examined each injured well on an individual basis rather than consider the district's supply rights as a whole.

"Groundwater users, who Tuthill sided with in his January decision, expect A&B to face 'an uphill battle' in the courtroom, said Lynn Tomlinna, executive director of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators.

"I grew up down in that area," Tomlinna said, argu-

CAMP meeting set for Thursday

A public meeting to discuss the state's draft Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the City Council Chambers in Twin Falls.

The plan is intended to help revitalize the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, and its losses could cost the state, water users and others as much as \$100 million in the first 10 years of implementation. State officials are gathering public comment on the plan before taking it to the 2009 Legislature.

Visit idwr.idaho.gov for a copy of the draft plan.

ing that pumpers did not cause the shortage. "That theme has always been short-even in the '60s and '70s."

Wednesday's hearing could also resolve motions to end the debate by each side. A&B filed in early October for summary judgment on the issues of the case, and the groundwater pumpers filed on the same date for partial summary judgment on some of the same issues.

Schroeder heard arguments on the matter Nov. 5 but has not yet issued his

recommendation. IDWR officials said last week they expect Schroeder may just wait until Wednesday's hearing to do so.

Other water calls have headed straight to the courtroom since resolved — one even provoked a battle over the state's conjunctive management rules that ended in the Idaho Supreme Court. Before their orders were even released, the parties involved with two other south-central Idaho calls expected them to end up in court and said they may even reach the highest court as well.

Though the conversation leading up to A&B's hearing hasn't played out quite the same, in the media, A&B attorney Travis Thompson said he thinks the case contains significant legal issues that may still be appealed by either side.

"Either way, I think it's a likelihood, not a given," he said. Complicating things, Tomlinna said, is the fact that most of the water calls are setting new water law for the state — fleshing out areas of the complicated governing system that have never been challenged before. And especially in the A&B case, many people are paying both sides to resolve the matter, the price of both belonging to A&B and owning wells outside of the district.

"They can't curtail themselves," he said. "But they can't afford to see A&B pay higher bills either."

The hearing is scheduled to run until Dec. 15, but none's always a chance it could run over. Thompson said. Schroeder will issue a recommendation to Tuthill, who will make a final decision of his own.

Note: Popplina may be reached at 208-735-3237.

Survival

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 reverse that course by calling on their friends and countrymen to arm themselves, organize and head for the hills in preparation for a fast-approaching second Civil War," the SPLC said on its web site.

Jim Rawles, editor of survivalblog.com said unique visits to his site are climbing. They've doubled to about 107,000 a week, he said. But he doesn't think Obama's election is the main reason.

"The main driver right now is the economic situation," he said. "A lot of people are deeply concerned we are on the cusp of another economic depression."

While the term "survivalist" often carries negative connotations of reactionary politics, advocates of the lifestyle say it has a long, proud place in history — see Lewis and Clark — and in fiction such as The Swiss Family Robinson.

Barton Biggs, former chief global strategist for Morgan Stanley, recently wrote a book in which he warned that people should anticipate the breakdown of civilized society. He suggested creating a "safe haven" and stocking it with canned food, liquids, medicine, seed, fertilizer and other tools for survival.

The same vein, Wilson devotes most of his program to topics like vacuum packing of food, generator silencing, and fire starting.

Marriage

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"black man or a black gay man?" he says. "It's a lot of people in the gay community have been condemned for their lifestyle and promiscuity and drugs and sex, so it's odd that when they want to conform and model themselves after straight people and have the same rights for marriage and domestic partnership and adoption, they're being blocked."

In a cover story for the Advocate magazine titled "Gay Is the New Black," Michael Joseph Gross wrote, "These past few years we've made so much progress that we'd begun to think everybody saw us as we see ourselves. Suddenly we were faced with the reality that a majority of voters do not like us, do not think we're normal, don't believe our lives and loves count as much or are worth as much as theirs."

Yet even some gay leaders are reluctant to tie their fight to the African-American legacy. They acknowledge significant differences in the experiences of gays and blacks, ranging from slavery to the relative affluence of white gay men to the choice made by some gays to conceal their sexual orientation, which is not an option for those with darker skin. "I believe we are very much in a modern-day civil rights struggle," said Joe Solomon, president of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights organization.

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Ailing FDA may need major restructuring, experts say

By Rob Stein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration will inherit a Food and Drug Administration widely scorns as sluggish to protect Americans from unsafe medication, contaminated food and a flood of questionable imports from China and other countries.

Shaken by a series of alarming failures, the FDA desperately needs an infusion of strong leadership, money, technology, and personnel — and perhaps a major restructuring, say former officials, members of Congress, watchdog groups and various government reports.

"Everywhere you go, you hear the same chorus: The agency's in trouble," said David Kessler, who served as FDA commissioner under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. "There's a general perception the agency is suffering mightily."

With nearly 11,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$2 billion, the FDA is charged with overseeing products that account for one-quarter of consumer spending in the United States, including over-the-counter and prescription medicines, heart valves, stents and other medical devices, the blood supply and food.

But morale within the FDA, along with its credibility outside, has plummeted as the

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agency has been stretched to keep pace with its responsibilities and riven by accusations of ideological bias, a tilt toward industry rather than consumers, and internal dissonance.

"FDA is close to being at a tipping point — the agency is hanging on by its fingertips in protecting us," said William Viocha, who worked for the agency for 27 years. "If something is not done, they could become a failed institution, and no one wants that. The FDA is not only important to protecting the public health, but also to the industries it regulates."

Alarm about the agency began to spike after a series of highly publicized incidents, including the discovery that the blockbuster painkiller Vicodin caused heart attacks. That has been followed by other drug safety issues, including questions about the widely used diabetes medication Avandia and several psychiatric drugs.

At the same time, there has been increasing alarm about the agency's ability to protect the food supply — concerns highlighted by recent major

outbreaks of E-coli bacteria in spinach and salmonella in poultry and peppers. That has prompted calls to split the agency in two — with one dedicated to drugs and the other to food.

"Food safety tends to get short shrift," said Clinton, who served as the Consumer Federation of America. "The drug side tends to get much more attention than the food side. Food is equally important and needs to get the attention it deserves."

The FDA has also been one of the many federal agencies where Bush administration critics say ideology has trumped science, citing the long delay in approving the over-the-counter sale of the emergency contraceptive Plan B.

"The agency needs to get back to using science as the basis for its decision-making," said Jane Henney, who ran the FDA under Clinton from 1998 to 2001.

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six of his 26 years at the agency. "There has to be radical reorganization — no doubt about it."

Although the FDA has started opening offices overseas to try to better police safety standards at the source, experts say much more needs to be done. For starters, the agency needs to sharply boost inspections abroad, develop strict new regulatory standards, and update and integrate its computer systems, which are woefully antiquated and disjointed, Nielsen and others said.

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T.F. Council to discuss comp plan tonight

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The Twin Falls City Council is scheduled to discuss tonight the city's proposed Comprehensive Plan, a guiding tool for long-term planning through 2030.

The comp plan, a 197-page document that took over a year to draft, includes directions for how Twin Falls should look in about 20 years and describes nearly every facet for how the community can achieve its vision.

The City Council is scheduled to hold an informal work session on the plan during their weekly meeting. It's expected to be adopted some time during the next couple of months.

The plan includes suggestions, both broadly and detailed, for implementing the goals. Areas of interest include schools, public services and economic development. Certain areas of the city, such as downtown and the Canyon Rim, are given extra attention.

Consultants estimate the city will have 66,000 residents in 2030. Twin Falls — barely 100 years old — recently passed the 40,000 population mark. Twin Falls has grown significantly since the current

comp plan was adopted about 15 years ago, including a 12 percent spike in population from 2000 to 2005.

In related news, the City Council will consider the appointment of Jim Schouten to the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission.

Schouten will replace Commissioner Karen Stroder, who resigned Nov. 12 due to what she described as disregard for the commission's input by the City Council. She criticized council members for favoring the interest of business over that of citizens, particularly in the new sign code ordinance the council adopted Nov. 3.

The city did not advertise for the vacancy and instead drew from an earlier pool of three applicants from a separate vacancy that was filled by Kevin Cope, according to a staff report.

Schouten was one of those applicants and Mayor Lance Clow recommended choosing from the applicant pool rather than repeat an interview process, according to the report.

The City Council meets at 5 p.m. at 305 Third Ave. E. Meetings are open to the public.

AROUND IDAHO

HAILEY Snowmaking plan delayed at central Idaho ski area

The president of a ski club that operates a small ski area near the central-Idaho town of Hailey says snowmaking equipment could be up and running next season.

Jeff Smith, president of the Rotarian Ski Club, says the club recently received a favorable water-rights decision from the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Property owners near the ski area had appealed a previous decision. Smith says the decision came too late this year to install the snowmaking equipment.

But he says they will start installing the snowmaking equipment next spring.

IDAHO FALLS Officials considering billboard rules

Officials in the southeast city of Idaho Falls are asking

residents for suggestions this week about how billboards and business signs should be regulated.

Officials say the current laws are decades old and don't take into account technological advances such as electronic and animated signs.

The city council approved a temporary six-month sign ordinance in October as a way to slow the number of new signs going up.

From October 2007 to September of this year, the city approved 86 permits for electronic message-board signs.

Officials say new laws will consider the safety concerns of putting up signs next to busy roads.

BOISE Escaped turkey returned to backyard

A turkey that escaped from the backyard of a Boise home the day before Thanksgiving has been claimed by its owner at the Idaho Humane Society.

Marjorie McKinney brought a photo with her on Friday to claim the turkey and

pay \$15. She says the turkey is worth about \$40.

McKinney tells the Idaho Statesman that the runaway turkey missed Thanksgiving but is destined to end up on the dinner table at a future holiday.

Many residents unaware of state Land Board

A state-funded poll of Idaho residents has found that 41 percent have never heard of the state Land Board and that 91 percent don't know who's on it.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is on the Land Board along with the Secretary of State,

Attorney General, state controller and the state superintendent of schools.

They are responsible for managing about 2.46 million acres of endowment land that's remaining from the 3.6 million acres the state received from the federal government in 1890 when it became a state.

About 90 percent of the money generated from the endowment lands goes to public schools, and state officials are obligated under state law to maximize profits over time from the land.

The poll was conducted in September.

— The Associated Press

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE December 3-5-7 p.m.

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315 Falls Avenue

The City of Twin Falls is holding a Public Open House to gather input on ways to plan for increased traffic on Falls Avenue West. The public is invited to attend anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. Project staff will be available to answer questions and listen to suggestions from the public.

The purpose of the open house is to gather public input on several alternatives to improve current and future traffic flow on Falls Avenue between Washington Street, North and Grandview Drive North.

Public input is needed to determine the best way to plan for future growth so that Falls Avenue can continue to serve motorists, residents, pedestrians, and local schools.

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Facing the BEST and the WORST

Idaho historian considers the past and future

By Jennifer K. Bauer
The Lewiston Tribune

MOSCOW — The year 2008 — for a historian it's the best of times and the worst of times. The worst because information is as plentiful as light, here and there gone in an electronic instant.

The worst because math and science are stressed in public schools over subjects like history.

The best because historical tourism is a burgeoning industry, bringing an influx of money to states, cities and remote towns.

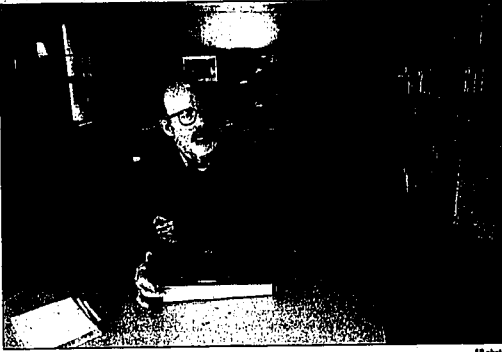
Those are the issues Idaho State Historian Keith Petersen is dealing with in the job created for him by the Idaho State Historical Society a year ago. Petersen, who is also the associate director of the society, is based in the Moscow Hotel at the outside's first field office outside Boise.

In the midst of a national, economic downturn, the historical society is doubling the size of the state museum in Boise in a \$19 million project. It's one of many ways the century-old agency is changing with the times.

"It's boom time for history," Petersen says. "This is not the most, fiscally conservative states in the nation, but people take great pride in their history. This is a very exciting time to be a historian."

Cultural tourism is big business in Idaho and other states, Petersen says. He works with the state's Department of Commerce to help ensure that cultural investments translate to ways local communities are benefiting is through a new grant program funded by the Legislature. Small museums and historical societies can apply for matching grants of \$500 to \$5,000 to invest in ways to promote and preserve their collections.

Deloris Davison oversees the Museum of Winchester History, located in the basement of the Winchester community center. They recently received a grant of \$1,500 to purchase an overhead projector and sound



Idaho State Historian Keith Petersen talks about the wide scope of recording the state's history, in his office in Moscow on Oct. 7.

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— Keith Petersen, Idaho State Historian

system for presentations at the museum.

"Winchester is a modest community," it's difficult to raise funds," Davison says. "It's really helped."

Winchester's population plunged when its log mills closed in 1965. Wanting to keep the past, people compiled logging memorabilia for a museum. Through federal and state grants it now draws tourists who come to the area to visit Winchester Lake State Park or the Wolf Education Research Center. They plan to use the new equipment for programming for Winchepster's 2009 centennial celebration.

"By giving us some expertise and a little money, we were able to become more professional," Davison says. Petersen travels the state to promote the grants. He says his northern Idaho presence shows in the number of groups there that applied.

Located in north Idaho, he is more of a spokesperson, says Lyle Wirtanen, director of the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude in Cottonwood. The museum recently received a grant to buy equipment to photograph its collection of 70,000 items. It

will use the photographs for insurance, records and online. "To participate in this grant is very important to us," Wirtanen says.

One of the looms provided for historians is electronic records. Computers have replaced card catalogs and while card catalogs stayed the same for centuries, computers change yearly. Several groups apply for grants requested money to change outdated, electronic databases. Petersen says. Volunteer-run operations can rarely afford to keep up with technology.

"We have documents and items that were stored 10 years ago that we need to have the equipment to read. That's where I think we have the potential to lose a lot of our national memory," he says.

"Take the papers of the governor. They are no longer being kept," he says. "More historians must find a way to preserve them in a way that can be understood in the future, he says. He believes microfilm may be the best answer at the moment. "It's been with us long enough I think it's going to stay."

While he travels around

the state and country for his work with the society, Petersen's home base is his office in the Moscow Hotel.

Like the historian he is, the first thing he talks about is its history. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the hotel sprouted as a wood-frame building on Main Street in the 1880s. A brick front was added in the 1890s and it was called the grandest hotel in the Inland Northwest outside of Spokane. Of course, he adds, many know it best as home to the University of Idaho student flangout, the Garden Lounge, open since the 1970s.

"We've always talked about the need to have field offices," Petersen, 57, says of which he has been associated with since 1977. "It's great to have a field office in north Idaho. We hope for more throughout the state in the future."

While his main task is reaching out to small organizations, he has many other jobs. He helps legislators, like Moscow's Tom Tull, who is drafting a resolution to preserve agricultural buildings that are falling into decay around the state.

Petersen will help determine what parts of state history will fill the new space at the Boise museum, as well as take a part in settling the matter of the controversial Works Progress Administration murals at the old Ada County Courthouse.

Central Idaho resident plans snowkiting event

KETCHUM (AP) — A central Idaho resident plans to take the sport of snowkiting to new heights this winter.

Monty Goldman said he will hold an event he's calling Snowkite Soldiers in late February near Fairfield and the Soldier Mountains.

In snowkiting, skiers or snowboarders are attached to a small parachute and then ride across the snow using the power of the wind.

"It caters to a lot of different disciplines," Goldman, who was born in Sun Valley and grew up in Boise, told the Idaho Mountain Express. "If you like riding in the park and halfpipe, it's easy to find natural terrain features. If you like getting air and freeskying, you can sail off 50-foot cliffs and not have to worry about your knees."

The Snowkite Soldiers event is planned for Feb. 20 to 22.

Goldman came to the sport through kitesurfing, which is much like snowkiting except on water.

"It's really a crossover from kitesurfing," said Goldman, who taught kitesurfing for six years at Hood River in Oregon on the Columbia River. "There are about 500,000 snowkitters since the sport was introduced about a decade ago." But what surprised him

was finding out that an area near where he was born had become — popular — among snowkitters.

"I originally heard about it from a bunch of guys from France," Goldman said. "I was actually pretty embarrassed that it took guys from another country to find out about a place that was in my own backyard."

So he decided to return. "The high desert means there are no trees and the wind that gets funneled through there is consistent and steady," said Goldman. "This means you can get 70 to 80 days of kiting during the season."

The event planned in February will include an Inaugural Kite Poker Run, with competitors passing through checkpoints to draw a card. The snowkitters with the best poker hand at the end win prizes.

"The Poker Run is more about freedom and fun rather than competition," Goldman said. "It's also going to be great to see people coming from all over the country and the world to visit Fairfield."

Participants will be able to choose between a beginner or advanced course. Goldman said the advanced course will include up to 2,500 feet of vertical elevation.

Extreme Gingerbread Bakeoff a success in E. Idaho

POCATELLO (AP) — These homes are tasty.

They have to be to compete in the Gate City Habitat for Humanity's Extreme Gingerbread Bakeoff.

Judges had to inspect nearly 90 entries last spring before awarding the grand prize to a two-story creation with a frosty roof and icicles.

Gate City Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Brenda Pollard said the quality of the creations has gone way up.

"When you look at the detail, we're seeing houses with pool tables in them, everything edible, trees with presents under them, animals, barnyard, and complete with all of the farm animals," she told television station KIDK. "It's really impressive."

She said a wide array of participants decided to make

a house and enter it in the competition.

"We had a first-grade class that entered; each child made a house," she said. "There's a Boy Scout group. There's a young woman's group from St. Charles Church."

The creations included a church with a chocolate steeple leading to the front doors, a castle, and a log cabin. They were displayed at the Mystique Theatre.

The weekend marked the second year for the competition that is intended to raise money with an auction of the gingerbread houses to help pay for building new homes for area residents.

One of the goals for Angela Garner-Sudduth and her family.

"We're about a quarter of the way through building," she said. "We have a shell, we have a roof and four walls

Doctor's death leaves huge hole in small Eastern Idaho town

By Caryn Tauler
Post Register

ARCO — There's so much to tell you about Fuzz, his degrees, his awards, his son's Hopkins, a brilliant career that included being one of the founders of the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise and an expert in internal medicine, how he received a grant of \$1,500 to purchase an overhead projector and sound

some land over by the Stedfield's," said resident Mary Deany. "It was an old piece of property and they were going to build quite a big place over there."

Fuzz and his wife, Kris, bought the land from their friends, Jon and Judy Stedfield, who live a few hundred yards to the south. They tore down an old house and had been sitting there for years, and discovered a stunk infestation. They dealt with that and built a large home with a small doctor's office attached to the back. The Skunk Mansion Medical Clinic was born.

But this wasn't going to be a normal clinic. Fuzz didn't hire a receptionist. He figured that if people called to a doctor's office, they wanted to talk with a doctor. Fuzz's patients kept their own medical records. Health insurance wasn't a concern at Skunk Mansion. No Medicaid. No Medicare. Just an Ivy League doctor who charged his patients \$10 per visit, unless you had no money, in which case, terms could be worked out.

One couple paid their bill with half a bottle of wine. Bud Light was common currency at the clinic. Some took care of their bill by doing yard work. Others gave Fuzz and Kris kick or deer meat in exchange for his services. One guy paid Fuzz by playing him a song on his guitar. One woman knitted a couple of magnetic slacks for Fuzz and Kris and put on the fridge, not far from the slot

machine he ordered one day on a whim.

Here, among these people, Fuzz was happier.

"Oh my goodness, yes," Kris said. "Yes, yes. He was away from the bureaucracy, the politics of running a practice, the overhead and the stress of it. Small towns aren't easy to penetrate. Many of the locals have lived here all their lives and are distrustful of strangers. Not Fuzz. He eradicated the barriers. In a small, conservative town, the cigarette-smoking, martini-drinking, cussing-every-other-word doctor almost instantly became part of Arco's fabric. Everyone loved him. Rich. Poor. Old. Young. Religious. Secularious."

Kent Curramin, a Butte County Commissioner and owner of Arco's leading private business, said something struck both he and his wife at Fuzz's funeral. Four children showed up and sat next to the town's leading citizens, together, for one afternoon at least.

"I've never seen anybody that came into the community and has such an impact on each individual," said Kent Curramin. "It just crossed all the lines. It didn't matter if someone had lots of money or if it was some poor kid that needed some rehabilitation out of high school. He didn't see a difference."

After Fuzz got kicked out of

public school in the sixth grade, his parents sent him to a private school near his home in Baltimore. Students headed home for the holidays, unless they accumulated too many demerits. Fuzz didn't visit home for two years. And yet he was voted the school's most intelligent student. The old man began a meticulous spirit had formed, and the best kind of rebellious spirit, one infused with a great intelligence and even greater compassion.

An example: One of Fuzz's patients was an old man who had lost much. Wheelchair bound, blind and because of a stroke unable to communicate, Fuzz would often stop by the nursing home to check on the old man and share a beer. The old man began a meticulous hobby with Fuzz and Kris. Twice, they drove him to Boise for surgeries that couldn't be done in Arco.

People see these things in a small town. And that's why, perhaps, it's most amazing figure he and he became a grandfather of sorts to her children. Lisa to her children knew she could call Fuzz on his day off with medical questions. Richard Dean and Fuzz talked about their military experiences. And Fuzz had a nickname for everyone. Judy Stedfield was "Swamp Thing,"

following an unfortunate but entertaining incident in which she fell into a compartment of mucky water that separated the Stedfield and Steuart properties.

Her husband, Fuzz's best friend, was simply "Jon My Man." Simpson was "Lisa the Dog Groover." Annie, complete with all of the farm animals, "Jack." One of Fuzz's sons — he had nine children with four wives — was "Glueball."

Auction Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 1, 6:00pm
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Tuesday, Dec. 2, 5:00pm
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Thursday, Dec. 4, 2:00pm
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ARMSTRONG AUCTIONS
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Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:00am
Kitchen Perfections, Twin Falls Complete Cabinet Shop Liquidation
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Annual Holiday Market
Dec. 6, 9am-5pm
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19th & Overland
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Fri. Dec. 5th-Sat. Dec. 6th
10am-5pm
Holiday Decorations
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Pleasant Valley Golf Course
Kimberly

BOYS BASKETBALL 4A PREVIEW

Regrouping, rebuilding

Hepworth, Burley shoot for another 4A state Championship

Burley Bobcats

Head coach: Jack Bagley, seventh season
2007-08 record: 27-0, Class 4A state champion

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

The "Band of Brothers" has disbanded, and Kyle Hepworth finds himself as the little brother left home alone.

Hepworth, a 6-foot-5 senior, is the only returning player from the Burley Bobcats' back-to-back Class 4A state championship teams. He's the only remaining Bobcat who played a major role in Burley's 46-game winning streak, which ended Saturday, and 53-1 overall record the previous two seasons.

"The last two years have been great, the best years of basketball in my life," Hepworth said. "This year is a different group of guys and a completely different team. We have to find our own way to win."

Two-time Class 4A Player of the Year Colton Moon and First-Team-All-State selections Ben Searle and Jordan Hooten have graduated. That means Hepworth will be expected to carry the load, both in scoring and leadership. He's a leader by example, well liked and respected by his teammates.

"(Hepworth) knows what it takes to win. He's been there before and these other guys haven't," said Burley head coach Jack Bagley. "He's going to have to set the example and show everybody what it is supposed to be like."

Seniors Ryan Larson and Kace Redder were members of the Burley varsity squad last season, but neither saw significant minutes. Inexperience and finding players to score are the Bobcats' biggest concerns.

"We're definitely rebuilding, but we have a lot of seniors on the team who played JV last year," Bagley said. "I know we can put a competitive team on the court and I think we can play with every team on our schedule. We're probably not going to win every game, but we have the talent that will give us a shot."

It would be unfair to compare the 2008-09 Bobcats to their predecessor, which is arguably one of the best Idaho high school basketball teams ever assembled. With that chapter in history closed, the lofty expectations are also gone.

"It's a little more relaxed (this year)," Bagley said. "A lot of the expectations are gone. Now we'll put a team together, work hard and see what we can accomplish. We might start off a little slow, but hopefully as the kids develop, we'll see where we're at towards the end."

Jerome Tigers

Head coach: Joe Messick, second season
2007-08 record: 14-9

After making a trip to the Class 4A state football championship, the Jerome Tigers are a few weeks behind in preparation for the basketball season. Ten of the 13 players on Jerome's basketball roster are new to the sport. But by the time district and state tournaments come around in February and March, the Tigers figure to be once again competing with the state's elite.

Jerome returns Kevin Williams (12.1 points per game,



6.3 rebounds per game) in the post. He will be joined by senior Zach Ingraham.

Guards Logan Parker (10.1 ppg) and Kameron Pearce (8.4 ppg, 3.1 assists per game) form a solid backcourt along with Gus Callen, Kris Bos and Cameron Stauffer.

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Onward Oklahoma: BCS favors OU over Texas

Boise State stays at No. 9, appears out of BCS mix

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A week before the final standings are released and the Bowl Championship Series is already ticking people off.

Oklahoma — not Texas — is headed to the Big 12 championship game with an inside track to the national title game by moving ahead of the Longhorns in the BCS standings Sunday.

Boise State remained at No. 9 for the third week in a row. Utah is at No. 6 and assured of a BCS berth while the Broncos will probably be left out.

Boise State and Utah are both in conferences that don't earn automatic berths to one of the five BCS games at the end of the season.

The Broncos finished their regular season 12-0 with a 61-10 win over Fresno State Friday to wrap up their third undefeated regular season in five years.

Texas' victory against the Sooners in October wasn't enough to give the Longhorns the advantage in a three-way tie between the Red River rivals and Texas Tech after the Big 12 South.

And that's sure to leave many in Austin dismayed.

The Big 12 had to use its fifth tiebreaker, best BCS rating, to determine which team will play North winner Missouri on Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

The Sooners (11-1), who lost to Texas 45-35 in October, barely edged the Longhorns. Oklahoma has a .931 BCS average. Texas' BCS average is .9223.

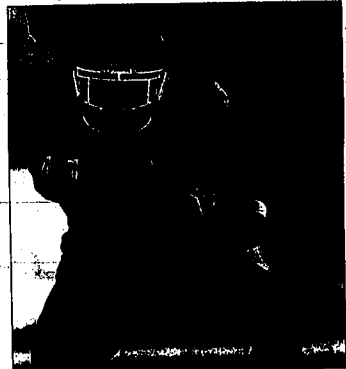
Oklahoma was a point ahead of Texas in the USA Today coaches' poll and six points behind the Longhorns in the Harris Interactive. The computer ratings preferred the Sooners and that made the difference.

"They don't have agendas, they don't have loyalties, they don't have opinions. They don't have all the bias that everyone else does," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "And if you say go one else does, then I don't think you're really being truthful."

So the Longhorns will be watching two teams they beat play for the conference title, rooting for Missouri. Oklahoma is second in the BCS standings behind unbeaten Alabama. Texas is third and Florida is fourth.

The winner of the Southeastern Conference championship game between the Crimson Tide and Gators is virtually guaranteed a spot in the BCS.

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Boise State's Ian Johnson rushes against the defense of Fresno State on Friday, in Boise, Idaho.

Cutler, Hillis lead Broncos past Jets

By Dennis Wessak Jr.
Associated Press writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jay Cutler and the Denver Broncos stopped the surging New York Jets, and showed they might also be a team to reckon with in the wide-open AFC.

Cutler passed for 357 yards and two touchdowns and rookie Peyton Hillis ran for 129 yards and a score in the Broncos' 34-17 victory over the Jets at a wet and windy Meadowlands on Sunday.

The Broncos (7-5) washed away the sting of a 31-10 loss to Oakland at home last weekend by stopping the Jets' five-game winning streak. Denver leads the AFC West by three games with four weeks left.

It was a disappointing loss for New York (8-4), which was coming off emotional victories at New England and Tennessee and was making a claim as the conference's top team.

Cutler finished 27-of-43, and Hillis became the first to rush for 100 or more yards against the Jets' third-ranked run defense. Brandon Stokley, running back, and Eddie Royal, wide receiver, had touchdown catches, and tight ends Tony Scheffler and Daniel Graham combined for 13 catches and 149 yards.

Thomas Jones had 138 yards rushing and two touchdowns for New York, but Brett Favre struggled in the snowy conditions. He finished 23-of-43 for 247 yards and an interception.



Denver Broncos wide receiver Brandon Stokley (14) celebrates with Brandon Marshall (15) and Eddie Royal after Stokley scored on a 38-yard touchdown pass against the New York Jets on Sunday, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The Broncos beat the Jets 34-17.

The Jets are still a game ahead of both New England and Miami in the AFC East. Broncos safety Vernon Fox gave the Broncos an early lead

when he returned a fumble 23 yards for a touchdown on a controversial play midway through the opening period that set the tone for the game.



Carolina Panthers running back DeAngelo Williams (34) gets past Green Bay Packers cornerback Charles Woodson (21) for the game-winning touchdowns Sunday, in Green Bay, Wis. The Panthers won 35-31.

Pack's late breakdowns hand Panthers 35-31 win

By Chris Jenkins
Associated Press writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Carolina Panthers should have been trudging into a snowy Green Bay night wondering for the second week in a row if they're really as good as their record would indicate.

Instead, they were celebrating an improbable come-from-behind victory Sunday, thanks to late back-to-back go-back big plays by Mark Jones, Steve Smith and DeAngelo Williams — and a Green Bay Packers team that seemed intent on giving the game away.

But with division rival Tampa Bay coming to Charlotte next Monday

night, Smith wasn't gloating about the Panthers' stunning 35-31 victory in wintry conditions at Lambeau Field. "It just means we're 9-3," Smith said. "It's nothing to go start making T-shirts about. It's just a record. We've got a very good opponent coming in our house Monday night. That's our next focus."

Williams scored his fourth touchdown of the game with 1:30 left after a big kickoff return by Jones and catch by Smith on a deep ball from Jake Delhomme. With the win, Carolina rebounded from a head-scratching blowout at Atlanta last week and kept pace in the competitive NFC South.

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Aldridge, Oden lead Blazers past Pistons 96-85

Portland Trail Blazers guard Steve Blake (2) shoots over Detroit Pistons guard Rodney Stacey (3) Sunday in Auburn Hills, Mich.



AP photo

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 27 points and Greg Oden had a career-high 13 rebounds to help the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Detroit Pistons 96-85 Sunday.

Brandon Roy scored 19 points and Oden finished with 10 for Portland, which has won four straight. The Pistons fell to just 6-6 since Allen Iverson joined the team.

Richard Hamilton had 10 for Detroit, which is 0-4 on Sundays and 10-2 during the rest of the week.

Derrick Rose, the No. 1 overall pick in the draft, contributed 18 points and 10 assists. Reserve Larry Hughes had 16 points for the Bulls (8-9) in the final spot on a seven-game, 12-day road trip which began Nov. 18 in Los Angeles against the Lakers. All three of Chicago's road wins came on the trip.

With Harris becoming the second player in two games to score more than 40 against the Suns — Miami's Dwyane Wade had 43 in his previous game — scored their second road victory in two nights after beating Utah on Saturday.

NUGGETS 104, ROCKETS 94

DENVER — The Denver Nuggets didn't need Carmelo Anthony's usual double-digit performance to beat the Houston Rockets 104-94 Sunday night.

Chauncey Billups scored 28 points, including 11 in a 19-third-quarter run the Nuggets used to break away from the Rockets, who played their third straight game without injured star Tracy McGrady (see left box).

—The Associated Press

BASKETBALL

Team	W	L	PTS
Atlanta	10	2	289
New York	9	7	233
San Antonio	9	7	233
Phoenix	9	7	233
Portland	9	7	233
Utah	9	7	233
Washington	9	7	233
Charlotte	8	8	214
Chicago	8	8	214
Memphis	8	8	214
Orlando	8	8	214
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EDITORIAL

Inconvenient as it may be, Fish and Game deserves more money

OK, the timing isn't great, but the Idaho Department of Fish and Game needs a raise.

A 10 percent revenue increase that Fish and Game received in the summer of 2005 was supposed to last two years, but the agency made it last twice as long by deferring projects and implementing efficiency measures.

Proposed F&G license fee increases

Current combination hunting/fishing license Resident	\$31.75
Non-resident	\$139
Proposed combination hunting/fishing license Resident	\$35.25
Non-resident	\$238.25
Current hunting license Resident	\$11
Non-resident	\$139.75
Proposed hunting license Resident	\$12.75
Non-resident	\$158
Current fishing license Resident	\$24
Non-resident	\$80.25
Proposed fishing license Resident	\$27.75
Non-resident	\$96.50
Current deer tags Resident	\$18
Non-resident	\$256.75
Proposed deer tags Resident	\$22
Non-resident	\$268
Controlled elk tag Resident	\$29
Non-resident	\$370.75
Proposed control elk tag Resident	\$36.50
Non-resident	\$450

— Source: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

So today, even as Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter appears poised to announce up to a 5 percent holdback in most state agency spending, Fish and Game still requires revenue — and soon.

Why? Because the principle of "those who benefit pay those that benefit" isn't happening in Idaho at the moment.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has approved the agency's request for a 20 percent overall revenue increase that would generate \$6.9 million a year. Four-fifths of the money would go to maintain existing programs, cover employee compensation and handle inflation costs of the next three years.

The remaining 20 percent — about \$4 million over the next three years — would pay for habitat restoration, improved sportsmen's access, new family fishing waters and increased fish production, deferred maintenance for wildlife management areas and marshes and great volunteer efforts.

The proposed fee increase would be paid foremost by non-residents than by residents. Resident licenses would increase 11 percent, to \$35.25, while a non-resident combination license will increase 20 percent to \$238.25.

Fish and Game can't raise license and permit fees without the approval of the Legislature and the governor. But the additional money comes from fees — not taxes.

The agency, it seems to us, has its priorities right in gearing fee increases toward out-of-state hunters. Idaho is in economic crisis at the moment, and the state's taxpayers who support the state's wildlife conservation infrastructure deserve a break.

In a broader, philosophical sense, we wish that Fish and Game were more independent of the Legislature. This is after all, a state agency chartered by the voters — and we wish it would assert its independence more frequently than it does.

This is not a trouble-free state agency, but in a populist sense it's our state agency. The Legislature and the governor should give it the money it needs to do its job.

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Too many repacious dinosaurs in the corporate suite

Not so long ago, corporate giants with names like PanAm, ITT and Montgomery Ward roamed the earth. They faded and were replaced by new companies with names like Microsoft, Southwest Airlines and Target. The U.S. became famous for this pattern of decay and new growth. Over time, American government built a bigger safety net so workers could survive the vicissitudes of this creative destruction — with unemployment insurance and soon, one hopes, health care security. But the government has generally not interfered in the dynamic process itself, which is the source of the country's prosperity.



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But this, apparently, is about to change. Democrats from Barack Obama to Nancy Pelosi want to grant immortality to General Motors, Chrysler and Ford. They have decided to follow an earlier \$25 billion loan with a \$50 billion bailout, because if these companies are not permitted to go bankrupt now, they never will be.

This is a different sort of endeavor than the \$750 billion bailout of Wall Street. That money was used to save the financial system itself. It was used to save the capital markets on which the process of creative destruction depends.

Granting immortality to Detroit's Big Three does not enhance creative destruction. It retards it. It crosses a line, a bright line. It is not about saving a system; there will still be cars made and sold in America. It is about saving politically powerful corporations. A Detroit bailout would set a precedent for every single politically connected corporation



in America. There already is a long line of lobbyists bidding for federal money. If Detroit gets money, then everyone would have a case.

It is all a reminder that the biggest threat to a healthy economy is not the socialists of campaign lore. It's CEOs. It's politically powerful cronies who use their influence to create a stagnant corporate welfare state.

If ever the market has rendered a just verdict, it is the one rendered on GM and Chrysler. These companies are not innocent victims of this crisis. To read the expert literature on these companies is to read a long litany of miscalculation.

There seems to be no one who believes the companies are viable without radical change. A federal cash infusion will not infuse wisdom into management. It will not reduce labor costs. It will not attract talented new employees. As Megan McArdle of *The Atlantic* wisely put it, "Working for the Big Three magically combats vast corporate bureaucracy and job insecurity in one completely unattractive package."

In short, a bailout will not solve anything — just postpone things. If this goes

through, Big Three executives will make decisions knowing that whatever happens, Uncle Sam will bail them out — just like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In the meantime, capital that could have gone to successful companies and programs will be directed toward companies with a history of using it badly.

The second part of Obama's plan is the creation of an auto czar with vague duties. Other smart people have called for such a czar to reorganize the companies and force the companies to fully embrace green technology and other good things.

That would be great, but if Obama was such a fervent believer in the Chinese model of all-powerful technocrats, he should have mentioned it during the campaign. Are we really to believe there exists a czar omniscient, omnipotent and beneficent enough to know how to fix the Big Three? Who is this deity? Are we to believe that political influence will miraculously disappear, that the czar would have absolute power over unions, management, Congress and the White House?

A case could be made for

keeping the Big Three afloat as a jobs program until the economy gets better and then letting them go bankrupt. But the most persuasive argument is that bankruptcy is the least horrible option. Airline, steel and retail companies have gone through bankruptcy proceedings and adjusted. It would be a less politically tainted process. Government could use that \$50 billion — and more — to help the workers who are going to be displaced no matter what.

But the larger principle is over the nature of American political system. Is this country going to slide into progressive corporatism, a merger of corporate and federal power that will inevitably stifle competition, empower corporate and federal bureaucrats and protect entrenched interests? Or is the U.S. going to stick with its historic model: Helping workers weather the storms of a dynamic economy, but preserving the dynamism that is the core of the country's success.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Malin spews more poison

Once again, the poison pen of Michelle Malkin polluted the minds of readers of the *Times-News*. Malkin cannot stand the fact that the people of the United States have spoken and they did not speak Republican.

In the Nov. 25 edition, Malkin downplays the defeat of the Republican Party by stating that other correspondence would see "insane rage" by those in the Republican Party if they lost. She stated that conservatives "took their lumps and began the peaceful, post-defeat process of self-flagellation, self-analysis and self-autopsy."

Malkin has the knack of changing the subject and mentioned that the only "insane rage" came from those left-wing "insane marriage activists" incensed at their defeat in California over Proposition 8. The rest

Tell us what you think

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of her diatribe dealt with all the hate, vile acts, enemy lists, etc., that the proponents of Proposition 8 have done since the election.

To end her wonderful story, she wants to know why President-elect Obama is not doing anything to stop these vile people. A news flash: Malkin Obama is not in power to do anything for 57 more days. Why isn't your man in the White House not doing his job and sending out the National Guard to quell these disturbances? Quick Answer: Because he has not done anything for eight years.

Why change the pattern now? RON DABNEY Twin Falls

Writer hopes Obama unites nation

I'm going to put this racist bs to rest. My grandfather was an African-American, and my adopted brother was an African-American. I worked for the railroad for 38 years, where we had all races working for the railroad, which I never had any problems with any race. I'm a 'Nam vet; when I

came back, I was discriminated against by the American people. I had a position with the government; I was told my position was no longer available. I worked one year at temporary jobs and other jobs and when it was resolved, it was a lesser grade and that's when I went to work for the railroad because I said the hell with it.

But I still believe in America, the national flag and the national anthem. I could have told you back in July that Obama would be our next president. I hope the man can take and get this country united again, which has not been united since the '60s. But we'll see in four years. Yes, he's our new president and I will support the man in his decisions if they're right, but we'll see, again, in four years. WAYNE LEE Twin Falls

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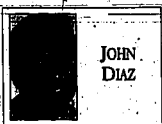


Deep in denial in an ungovernable state

The halls of the state Capitol were nearly as empty as the state treasury the day after the legislative analysts office delivered the staggering news that the state was on course to a \$28 billion shortfall over the next 18 months. Technically, legislators were supposed to be in a "special session" called by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to deal with the crisis. But there were far more cleaning people than legislators in sight one day last week.

This Legislature was 11 days from a deadline to take action before passing the mess to 10 new senators and 28 new Assembly members. Each day of delay is another day of state spending exceeding anticipated revenues by millions of dollars. Yet anyone expecting to see a frenzy of activity or to feel a sense of urgency would be deeply disappointed.

The tile floors and brass



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rallings, however, were immaculate.

For now, the action is centered in the governor's office, where Schwarzenegger has been meeting off and on with Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate and Assembly. Publicly, they're all saying they grasp the gravity of the situation and are willing to bend their ideological and political interests to come up with a resolution to the shortfall, which threatens to leave the state out of cash by February.

"We are now living in a different world," Schwarzenegger said during an interview in his smoking tent last week. He noted that he has been forced to abandon

his mantra that the state had "a revenue problem," not a spending problem. That was before the stock market plunged, and his administration had to lower its projection of capital gains taxes by \$4 billion from the budget he signed in September.

"We have a revenue problem," he acknowledged last week.

The only solution on the table at the moment is Schwarzenegger's blend of \$4.5 billion in cuts and \$4.7 billion in new revenues, including a hefty 11/2-cent increase in the sales tax. The divisions that led to the 85-day budget stalemate have not dissipated: Republicans are balking at taxes, Democrats are resisting deeper cuts to education, health services and other social programs.

So even if Schwarzenegger and the legislative leaders reach a deal, there is reason to wonder whether rank-and-file legislators would be willing to accept a package

of cuts and tax increases at levels that will be tough to defend to their constituents. Sen. Daniel Steinberg, a Sacramento Democrat who will be succeeding Don Perata as president pro tem next month, said the "obvious theory" is that lame-duck legislators might be more willing to make a tough vote to raise taxes and cut spending.

"Whether or not it plays out, we'll know in the next week and a half," Steinberg said Wednesday. Perata has pledged to summon senators to vote — assuming there is something to vote on — later this week.

One of the reasons California's budget is such a perennial problem is its overreliance on capital gains revenue, which fluctuates wildly, and does not necessarily reflect the health of the economy. For example, even though the state's economy had a relatively moderate overall downturn in 2001, its capital-gains revenue

dropped 56.9 percent in the wake of the dot-com bust. About half of all state income-tax revenue is collected from the 140,000 households that represent the wealthiest 1 percent, and their tax bills are heavily influenced by the fate of their investments. Year-to-year capital-gains revenues are expected to fall 50 percent in 2008.

There is only one way to break this cycle of feast and famine: California must consider its tax structure. The governor and state legislators recently announced the creation of a bipartisan commission to explore ways to modernize the state's tax structure. If the commission is serious about stabilizing more fairness and stability into sources of revenue, it must examine how Proposition 13 and its tax-cutting prodigy measures created inequities and unintended windfalls, especially for commercial property — and have seriously con-

strained the ability of local governments to raise revenue without going to the voters.

His findings are due April 15.

Meanwhile, state legislators career from crisis to crisis, hoping against hope that their latest budget patch will hold long enough for a stock market rescue. So where are all the rank-and-file legislators amid this crisis? "You can't negotiate with 120 senators and Assembly members," Steinberg said, explaining that this "special session" so far, involves just five lawmakers and a governor.

The loyal cleaning crews will have the Capitol ready for the resumption of activity. They can only hope their jobs will not become a casualty of a budget mess that is getting messier with each day of waiting.

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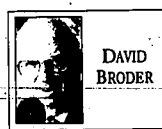
Obama's smart; he might also be successful

WASHINGTON — When I started covering the White House more than 50 years ago, I believed that the smarter a president was the better he would be. That was wrong.

Lyndon Johnson and Ronald Reagan were certainly not intellectuals, but they grasped the power of the presidency and they knew how to impose their agendas on their political partners and rivals.

By contrast, Jimmy Carter was a whiz at policy analysis and Bill Clinton mended the connections among issues almost intuitively. Yet neither one of them was able to leave the White House with a record of great achievement.

So for several years, I have been arguing that there are



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traits much more important to the success of a president than his brainpower.

Self-confidence, curiosity, an eye for talent, the ability to communicate, the temperament that invites collaboration — all these and more rank higher on the list of desirable presidential traits.

I am not ready to abandon that view. But I am struck at how lucky this country is, at the moment, that the president last is a super-smart person

like Barack Obama. With each passing day, it becomes more evident that the smartest and most experienced managers of the American economy are struggling to understand — and fix — what has gone wrong in our markets.

I attempt to follow the discussion in serious newspapers and on the Jim Lehrer "NewsHour" and other deeply serious television programs about the latest moves of the Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury — and I am stumped.

The sums are so staggering, the vocabulary so unfamiliar, the experience so uninformative that I have not a clue whether Bernanke, Paulson and Co. are on top of the situation or inadvertently are making

things worse.

That's an embarrassing admission. I get paid to cover the government, and this is by far the most important challenge now facing Washington. But I am utterly dependent on others to decipher the clues that may unravel these mysteries.

Obama is not similarly handicapped. Even in the emotional maelstrom of his election victory and even with the pressures of assembling his administration, everything points to his managing to focus on the policy choices looming in the economic field.

I have talked to two people on the fringe of the transition — high members of Congress with major responsibilities in the economic area.

Both have been asked for

input by Obama and both say that the quality of his questions — and the follow-ups — were a measure of the depth of his knowledge of the situation.

He has not been tested that rigorously in the news conferences he has held so far, but his ability to respond to the questions he has been asked, to make his points in a coherent, balanced way, and to avoid any misstatement has certainly been a treat to watch.

The appointments he has made to the economic team have been impressive, and the response has been almost uniformly positive, from Capitol Hill to Wall Street. But I bet that the new White House and Cabinet people who have been reassuring it has been Obama himself.

As well as he handled himself in the long campaign, he has been equally sun-footed in the transition. And behind the smooth public performance is a mind that seems able to stretch to encompass even the most complex of policy choices.

I am sure that in coming weeks and months, there will be judgments that will jar this confidence and decisions that Obama himself may come to regret.

But for a nation in crisis, it is worth giving thanks for the performance the new president has turned in so far — and for the mind that is working on the nation's behalf.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tiny cameras threaten our privacy

Is anybody besides me concerned about the article on today's (Nov. 24) front page about the mini-flying tape-video recorders?

While I certainly understand the benefits of using them on the people who wish us harm, to me the possible deficits greatly outweigh any positive aspects. This seems to be another step on the slippery slope to the eroding of our privacy and civil liberties and to a real 1984.

Let anyone think I am being paranoid and overly worried, I remind you about the Patriot Act and the compromises to date of our civil freedoms.

KYR (BUID) LEUZE
Twin Falls

School Championship Football!

A huge thank you to both teams for a fantastic performance!

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Greed caused this mess

Isn't it interesting that months ago, all the bad news about the shortage of oil and the price of gas was around \$4. The price of crude was above \$100 per barrel. Now today, the price of oil is around \$50 and gas around \$2.

We needed to bail out Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and other cartels who had paid their bigwigs millions of dollars in bonuses with the \$700 billion package. Then all the others including American Express, came to the trough.

Isn't it interesting how these folks like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, who pretend to help people to own a home, can skim off the top by giving their executives big bonuses without any feeling of guilt and then ask the rest of us to pick up the tab.

The answer is greed. The cartels want a corner on their particular interest and the communists want control of

the whole thing. Well, when the cartels get control of their particular interest and we have one political party that wants to control the whole thing, what do you think will happen? The political party in control will, out of the best interest for the country, take control of the cartels for good of the people. What do you call it when the government controls everything?

It has been said by a very wise man, "Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved."

It is time for all those who concern for our children, to do something more than grasp for things of the world that perish with time, and

out of true love of our children's future, study the Constitution, then actively assist in bringing sanity back to this land we love so much. I pray with all my heart, God bless America.

NORMAN DAVLEY
Albion

Homosexuality is immoral

Homosexual marriage is wrong. Marriage is the union of a man and a woman. This has been true for thousands of years. The Old Testament, Leviticus. Read it. In Judaism, it is third book of the Torah which are the five books of Moses. Read it. Same-sex relationships are forbidden by all major religions.

However, homosexuals exist. They are a part of society, unsavory, repulsive, vocal and demanding —

acceptance. So what is one to do? If one accepts homosexuality is not an affront to God? If one does not accept homosexuals, then you risk becoming a victim of politically and social incorrectness which results in social discrimination against you. I can quite sure this letter will unleash a flood of hatred toward me. Homosexuals will be screaming for my head on a pike to show they are right and I am wrong. Well, here is something for the gay community to chew on. I wholly support civil unions for same-sex couples. A civil union is a legally recognized union similar to marriage. Beginning with Denmark in 1989, civil unions under one name or another have been established by law in many developed countries in order to provide same-sex couples

with rights, benefits and responsibilities similar (in some countries, identical) to opposite-sex civil marriage.

This satisfies me: It protects the religious right of marriage and provides a working solution for homosexuals. It sends the message that life couples, hetero or homo, are not able to enjoy the legal, civil and social rights as a married heterosexual couple. Something needs to change in order to protect the civil rights of homosexuals who wish to become a legally recognized couple. Thank you, and God bless.

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SERVICES

Pastor Vincent Duane Frank of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Congregational Church, 121 N. Second W. in Paul (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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).

Arthur Reed Hubemith of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rupert West LDS Stake Center, 26S.100W. in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Michael Deloy Taylor of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service at the funeral home.

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 (Actesa Chapel in Boise).

Erma I. Dodge of Twin Falls, memorial spaghetti dinner at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Parker Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

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

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

DEATH NOTICES

Gail Ann Peacock

Gail Ann Peacock, 64, of Twin Falls, died at her home in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Nov. 29, 2008 at his home in Jerome. Services are pending under the direction of the Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Lenore Kadlec

Lenore Kadlec, 102, of San Carlos, Calif. and formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008 at a nursing facility in San Carlos, Calif. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Larry D. Parke

Larry D. Parke, 81, of Twin Falls, passed away at his home Saturday Nov. 29, 2008. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Donald Ramseyer

Donald Ramseyer, 88, of Twin Falls passed away Nov. 16, 2008. Memorial services will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" at 10 a.m.

Barry Bragg

JEROME — Barry Bragg, 65, of Jerome, died Saturday.

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It's a Fraser fir for White House Christmas tree

By Natasha T. Metzler
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — First lady Laura Bush kicked off the holiday season Sunday by standing out in the rain to receive this year's White House Christmas tree.

A horse-drawn wagon pulled the 20-foot Fraser fir, which will decorate the Blue Room, up to the White House. Bush was waiting under an umbrella.

"It'll be the great big tree that this year will be decorated with ornaments from all around the United States, declared by artists from all around the United States," the first lady said of the tree that will serve as the centerpiece in the White House holiday decor.



First lady Laura Bush stands with the White House Christmas tree as it is delivered to the North Portico of the White House on Sunday, in Washington.

Estes, owners of River Ridge Tree Farms in Crumpler, N.C., where the tree was grown, joined the first lady,

along with their families. River Ridge also will provide about 25 smaller trees for the White House, includ-

ing the ones for the offices of the president and vice president, according to the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Bush said this year's first day decorating theme would be announced later this week.

"I will have to say — just a sneak preview — that this is the perfect theme for this year," she said.

The National Christmas Tree Association has presented the official White House tree since 1966. Members of the association compete in state and regional competitions to become eligible to take a tree to the national competition. River Ridge was named champion in this year's National Christmas Tree Contest in August.

Sydney Opera House designer Joern Utzon dies at 90

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Joern Utzon, the Danish architect who designed the iconic Sydney Opera House, has died. He was 90.

He died from a heart attack in his sleep early Saturday, surrounded by family members in Denmark, his son, Kim Utzon, told The Associated Press.

"He had not been doing well these past few days, since Thursday. He had been undergoing a series of operations recently," Kim Utzon said. He declined to give details.

Utzon, who has often been compared to architecture greats such as Frank Lloyd Wright and Alvar Aalto of Finland, drew up the design for the opera house in Sydney, Australia, in 1957.

But he quit the project in 1966 — seven years before it was finished — after scandals about cost blowouts and design arguments. Government-appointed

architects took over and the interior was not completed to Utzon's original plan.

Although considered an architectural masterpiece, the Sydney Opera House has been criticized for poor acoustics in the Concert Hall and a lack of performance and backstage space in the Opera Theater.

Utzon, who in recent years had been suffering from a degenerative eye condition that made him virtually blind, declined several invitations to return to Australia, citing high blood pressure. Still, he said he wasn't bitter about the dispute over the Sydney landmark.

"It's part of education — I can't be bitter about anything in life," Utzon told AP in 1998.

Born April 9, 1918, in the Danish capital of Copenhagen, Utzon graduated from the city's Academy of Arts in 1942. He worked in the offices of Swedish architects Paul Hedqvist and Gunnar

Asplund and later with Aalto in Finland, before he established his own office in Copenhagen in 1950.

Utzon's earliest buildings were private homes. It came as a surprise to many when he won the competition for the Sydney Opera House in 1956. The building, with its distinctive white roof shells resembling sails, is perched on the edge of Sydney Harbour.

Utzon received the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize in 2003 for his design of the opera house. The jury singled it out as among the most iconic buildings of the

20th century, saying it "proves that the marvelous and seemingly impossible in architecture can be achieved."

Utzon also designed the National Assembly building in Kuwait City. Constructed between 1971 and 1983, the parliament building made of concrete and steel shape evokes a series of large tents, traditional meeting places for the Bedouin nomads that live in Kuwait.

The soft-spoken Danish architect was married to Lis Utzon, for several years

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India claims Mumbai gunman tied to Pakistani group

By Ravi Nessman
Associated Press writer

MUMBAI, India — The only gunman captured after a 60-hour terrorist siege of Mumbai said he belonged to a Pakistani militant group with links to the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, a senior police officer said Sunday.

The gunman was one of 10 who paralyzed the city in an attack that killed at least 174 people and revealed the weakness of India's security apparatus. India's top law enforcement official resigned, bowing to growing criticism that the attackers appeared better trained, better coordinated and better armed than police. The announcement blaming militant group Lashkar-e-

Taliba, threatened to escalate tensions between India and Pakistan. However, Indian officials have an existing accusation about accusing Pakistan's government of complicity.

A U.S. counterterrorism official had said some "signatures of the attack" were consistent with Lashkar and Jish-e-Mohammed, another group that has operated in Kashmir. Both are reported to be linked to al-Qaida.

Lashkar, long seen as a creation of the Pakistani intelligence service to help fight India in disputed Kashmir, was banned in Pakistan in 2002 under pressure from the U.S., a year after Washington and Britain listed it a terrorist group. It is since believed to have emerged under another

name, Jamaat-ud-Dawa, though that group has denied links to the Mumbai attack. Authorities were still removing bodies from the bullet and grenade scarred Taj Mahal hotel, a day after commandos finally ended the violence that began Wednesday night.

As more details of the response to the attack emerged, a picture formed of woefully unprepared security forces. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh promised to strengthen maritime and air security and look into creating a new federal investigative agency — even as some analysts doubted fundamental change was possible.

"These guys could do it next week again in Mumbai and our responses would be exact-

ly the same," said Ajaz Sahri, head of the New Delhi-based Institute for Conflict Management who has close ties to India's police and intelligence.

Joint Police Commissioner Rakesh Maria said the only known surviving gunman, Ajmal Qasbi, told police he was trained at a Lashkar-e-Taliba camp in Pakistan.

"Lashkar-e-Taliba is behind the terrorist acts in the city," he said.

A spokesman for Pakistani President Asif Zardari's spokesman dismissed the claim.

"We have demanded evidence of the complicity of any Pakistani group. No evidence has yet been provided," said spokesman Farhatullah Babar.



A resident of Mumbai, Sunday, attends a candle light ceremony and a protest after attacks on the city killed more than 174. The death toll was revised down Sunday from 195 after authorities said some bodies were counted twice, but they said it could rise again as areas of the Taj Mahal were still being searched. Among the dead were 18 foreigners, including six Americans. Nine gunmen were killed.

Lie, cheat and steal: high school ethics surveyed

By David Cray
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In the past year, 30 percent of U.S. high school students have stolen from a store and 64 percent have cheated on a test, according to a new, large-scale survey suggesting that students are too apathetic about ethical standards.

Educators reacting to the findings questioned any suggestion that today's young people are less honest than previous generations, but several agreed that intensified pressures are prompting many students to cut corners.

"The competition is greater, the pressures on students are more intense," said Mel Riddle of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. "They have opportunities their predecessors didn't have. The temptation is greater."

The Josephson Institute, a Los Angeles-based ethics institute, surveyed 25,760 students at 100 randomly selected high schools in public and private. All students in the selected schools were given the survey in class; their anonymity was assured.

Michael Josephson, the institute's founder and president, said he was most dismayed by the findings about theft. The survey found that 35 percent of boys and 26 percent of girls — 30 percent overall — acknowledged stealing from a store within the past year. One-fifth said they stole something from a friend; 23 percent said they stole something from a parent or other relative.

"What is the social cost of that — not to mention the implication for the next generation of mortgage brokers?" Josephson remarked in an interview. "In a society drenched with cynicism, young people can look at it and say 'Why shouldn't we? Everyone else does it.'"

Brain waves as windows

Discovery of certain brain patterns may help explain autism language woes

By Lindsay Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Unique brain wave patterns, spotted for the first time in autistic children, may help explain why they have so much trouble communicating.

Using an imaging helmet that resembles a big salon hair dryer, researchers discovered what they believe are "signatures of autism" that show a delay in processing individual sounds. That delay is only a fraction of a second, but when it's for every sound, the lag time can cascade into a major obstacle in speaking and understanding people, the researchers said.

Using a tool that is longer than normal to understand each syllable. By the end of a whole sentence, you'd be pretty confused.

The study authors believe that, which happens with autistic children, based on the brain wave patterns, detected in school-age children in their study.

The preliminary results need to be confirmed in younger children, but experts here hope this technique could be used to help diagnose autism in children



Parker Lally, an autistic child, views a movie during a demonstration of the magnetoencephalography, MEG for short, at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on Friday in Philadelphia. MEG is a sensitive technology used to study unique brain wave patterns spotted for the first time in autistic children which may help explain why they have so much trouble communicating.

as young as age 1. That's at least a year earlier than usual, and it could mean behavior treatment much sooner.

Andrew Papanicolaou, director of the clinical neurosciences center at University of Texas's Houston campus, said the study makes a major contribution to autism research.

"It gives us a window through which we can get a picture of some of the neurological conditions responsible

for the peculiar behaviors in autism," said Papanicolaou, who was not involved in the research.

Dr. James McParland, a Yale University autism researcher who also wasn't involved in the study, called the results "preliminary, with promise." Whether the patterns found in the study exist in all autistic children is uncertain, but they're worthy of more study, he said.

Study results were prepared for release Monday at

the Radiological Society of North America meeting in Chicago.

Finding biomarkers — like the brain waves — that could enable earlier diagnosis and treatment is the "holy grail" for autism scientists, McParland said. Now, doctors typically diagnose autism through parents' reports and by observing behaviors that often don't emerge until at least age 2, he said.

The brain wave study used

noninvasive technology called magnetoencephalography, MEG for short. It measures magnetic fields generated by electrical currents in brain nerve cells, and records brain activity in real time.

Researchers at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia had 64 autistic children ages 6 to 15 listen through headphones to a series of rapid beeps while under the helmet-like device, which recorded the brain's response to the sounds. Those brain waves, shown as highlighted areas — on an imaging screen, were compared with responses in a group of non-autistic children.

In autistic children, response to each sound was delayed by one-fiftieth of a second.

"We tend to speak at four syllables per second," said Timothy Roberts, the study's lead author and the hospital's vice chairman of research. If an autistic brain, "is slow in processing a change in a syllable ... it could easily get to the point of being overloaded."

Experts say one in 150 U.S. children have autism, a disorder involving poor verbal communication, repetitive behaviors such as head-banging and avoidance of physical or eye contact.

There is no cure but behavior treatment and sometimes medication can lessen symptoms.

Obama turns to friends and foes alike for top posts

By Nedra Fickler
Associated Press writer

Obama's picks:

- Hillary Rodham Clinton: Secretary of state
- Robert Gates: Defense secretary (Gates's current position)
- Eric Holder: Attorney general
- Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano: Homeland security secretary
- Susan Rice: U.N. ambassador
- Gen. James L. Jones (ret.): National security adviser
- Tom Donohue: Secretary of Health and Human Services
- New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson: Commerce secretary
- Timothy Geithner: Treasury secretary

The officials said Obama also planned to name Washington lawyer Eric Holder as attorney general and Arizona Gov. Janet

Napolitano as homeland security secretary. He also planned to announce two senior foreign policy positions outside the Cabinet: campaign foreign policy adviser Susan Rice as U.N. ambassador and retired Marine Gen. James L. Jones as national security adviser.

The Democratic officials disclosed the plans Sunday on a condition of anonymity because they were not authorized for public release ahead of the news conference. Those names had been discussed before for those jobs, but the officials claimed that Obama will make them official today in his hometown.

Obama also has settled on former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle to be his secretary of Health and Human Services and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson to be Commerce secretary, but those announcements are not yet official. Last week, he named key members of his economic team, including Timothy Geithner, president of Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as Treasury secretary.

The decisions mean Obama has half of his Cabinet assembled less than a month after the election, including the most prominent positions at State, Justice, Treasury and Defense.

Blame it on the train: Late workers, students get notes blaming New York City subway

NEW YORK (AP) — People late for school or work because of New York City subway delays can get notes from the transit agency to give to their teachers or bosses.

The New York City Transit agency says it gives passengers the notes so they can

prove they're not being about, being delayed while riding the subway.

Passengers request the delay verification letters over the phone. NYC Transit verifies the date and time on the delay and sends an official note in the mail in one or two

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NYC Transit is working on an online system so it can accept Internet requests and e-mail the excuse letters.

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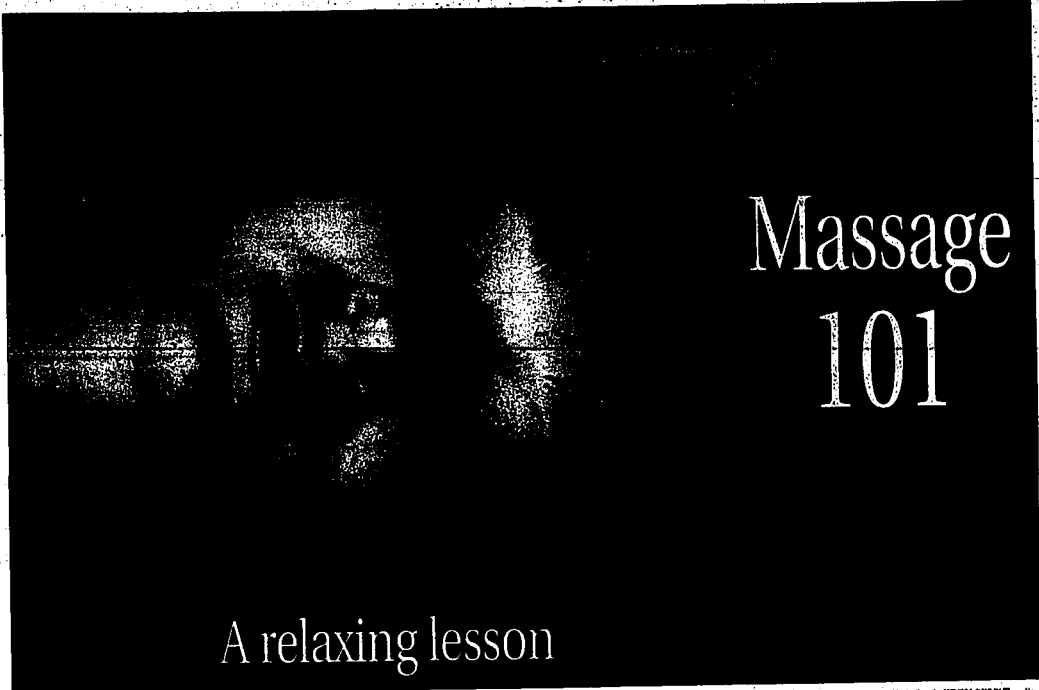
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Massage 101

A relaxing lesson

Photo Illustrations by MELISSA DAVLIN/Times-News

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

It's the most wonderful time of the year — and probably the most stressful. So what better way to relax than a massage?

For those who have never had one, though, the idea of such close contact with a stranger can lead to even more anxiety. And is it affordable? And is nudity a requirement?

To ease common concerns of massage greenhorns, we talked to five massage experts in southern Idaho: Julie Kodesh, owner of Le Duke Salon in Twin Falls; massage therapist Rose Jones of Twin Falls; massage therapist Joan McKenzie of Gooding; Rita Conklin of Massage by Rita in Wendell; and Jerri Levine of Blue Lotus Massage in Twin Falls.

Why massage?

"Ooh, lots of reasons," Levine said. Massage can release physical tension, improve circulation, undo muscle knots and lead to a sense of emotional well-being.

Getting regular massages — anywhere from once a week to once a month — can help prevent injuries and improve the immune system, said the massage therapists.

"Massage is just a really good self-care tool," McKenzie said.

Is massage expensive?

A bit, but it's more affordable than you might think.

"People have the misconception that massage is only for people with money," Levine said. A typical rate in southern Idaho is \$50 to \$60 for one hour, and even \$20 will get you a 15-minute massage at Le Duke Salon. Consider it an investment for your health.

Do I have to get naked?

It depends on what you're comfortable with and what type of massage you're getting. If you're having any type of back massage, de-robing will make the process a lot easier and will allow the masseuse (or masseur, if it's one of the area's few male practitioners) to work the muscles more deeply. A clean linen is draped over your derriere for modesty, and the massage therapist is never in the room when you're not face-down. But if you're getting a foot massage, the only thing exposed will be your tootsies.

Glossary of massage

Types of massage: Available in south-central Idaho are Swedish, deep tissue, prenatal, Thai, and Shiatsu. Swedish massage uses long, relaxing strokes and kneading of the muscles with a light to medium touch. Used for back, arms and legs.

Deep tissue massage: Similar, but more intense. This technique works well with athletes and people who use a lot of upper body strength.

Prenatal massage: Specifically for women in their third trimester, the prenatal massage is similar to a Swedish massage, except the client lies on her side instead of face-down.

River rock massage: Smooth, heated rocks are placed strategically on pressure points throughout the body. This is often

used in conjunction with other massages.

Hot stone massage: Large, smooth, basaltic stones are placed on the spine, shoulders and other points of the body. This is not recommended for pregnant women.

Reflexology: An East Asian practice of using pressure points on the feet and hands that correspond with other parts of the body. If you have problems with your sinuses, for example, the massage therapist would target your toes.

Ashitara: Massage therapists use their feet, as opposed to their hands, to work the muscles. They hang on bars instead of putting all their weight on the body, so it's not brutal like it might sound.

Scalp massage: Just what it sounds like. Often given with a deep-conditioning hair treatment at spas.



If you can't stand the idea of stripping down, wear a thin shirt. Remember, though, that massage therapists are professionals. Often, even the most nervous clients will feel more relaxed after chatting with the masseuse, Levine said.

Where will they touch me?

A typical half-hour Swedish massage will work your back, arms and legs. Depending on the technique, they could massage you from head to toe — within reason, of course.

"They stay away from private areas," Kodesh said.

Are there licensing requirements for massage therapists?

Not in Idaho. Some massage therapists have certifications through national organizations, but nothing is mandatory to set up shop.

But that doesn't always matter, said Kodesh. If a massage therapist can answer your questions — if you have chronic headaches, for

example, ask how she'll address them — and makes you feel comfortable, go with her. Recommendations from frequent massage customers are useful, too.

Ask about training, of course. But pay more attention to how a masseuse explains her techniques, our sources said.

What should I do to prepare?

"Water, water, water," Conklin said, and her peers agreed. Drink lots before, and even more after. The massage will release toxins from your muscles, Kodesh said, and the water will help flush them out.

It also helps to take a few quiet moments before the massage. Even coming in 10 minutes before your appointment and quietly reading a magazine in the lobby can help you get into the right mindset.

Other tips: Wear loose, comfortable clothes that are easy to slip in and out of, and skip the makeup.

How much control do I have over my experience?

A lot. If you have a favorite CD to relax to, ask to bring it in. Prefer a soft touch? Let your massage therapist know. And feel free to speak up during the massage if something is not right.

"We're giving them a service," Conklin said. McKenzie agreed.

"I don't get my feelings hurt," she said.

Is massage good for everyone?

Not always. Cancer patients should be especially cautious, Jones said. Massage break up the lactic acid in the body, which can help cancer spread. Massage can also exacerbate other conditions, like arthritis, lupus, multiple sclerosis and high blood pressure.

These diseases don't immediately disqualify you from a massage, though. And sometimes, massage can even help.

"More and more doctors are referring massage for chronic conditions," McKenzie said. So chat with your doctor before scheduling a massage, then ask the masseuse if she has experience with chronically ill clients.

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Monitors have as many bells and whistles as you need; and maybe more

By Howard Schneider
The Washington Post

Electronics has figured into physical activity since at least the 1780s, when Luigi Galvani used static electricity to make a dead frog twitch.

This may seem like too much Frankenstein and not enough Frankenscience given the time of year. I'll de-myth on that point. But Galvani's breakthrough in biology leads to an important point. What happens inside your

body when you exercise is governed by a set of measurable reactions, and one good way to help yourself get in shape is to keep track of what's going on: It will motivate you as the progress accumulates and keep you honest when it doesn't. (Was my last workout really three weeks ago?)

The technology to monitor and analyze workouts has become progressively more sophisticated, and priced across a broad

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To do for YOU

Caregiver support

Caregiver Support Group meeting, 1-2:30 p.m. today, in Katz Conference Room at South Central Public Health District, 1020 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls.

Topics: caregiver issues and peer support.
Information: Shawna Wasiko, CSI Office on Aging, 736-2122.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E. This week's topic: "Nutrition and Batting Habits." The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.
Fee: 324-6133.

Alzheimer's support

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Rosette Hilland, 1919 Hilland Ave. in Burley.
Open to Mini-Cassia residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.
Information: Maquel Wrigley, 677-5451.

Learn CPR

"Heartsaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.
Topics: infant, child and adult CPR, and automated external defibrillators.
Cost is \$36. Pre-registration required; 737-2007.

Childbirth refresher

The refresher class of St. Benedict's prepared childbirth series, 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Jerome Ambulance Building, 240 E. Main.

Topics: labor rehearsal, postpartum care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person.
Fee is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

About back injuries

"Back School," a course on preventing and treating back injuries, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, at St. Luke's Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Center, 560 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Topics: basic spine anatomy, common injuries and diseases that lead to back pain, as well as instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine.
Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required; 737-2126.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays,

this week to Jan. 14, in the lobby at St. Luke's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. No class will be held Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

Topics: wellness of the mother; labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques; care of the postpartum mother and newborn; breast feeding and bottle feedings; and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Wear comfortable clothing; bring two pillows and, if possible, a support person.
Cost is \$60. Pre-registration required; 732-3148.

Learn CPR/first aid

First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Topics: classroom instruction and hands-on practice with emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants.
Cost is \$50. Pre-registration required; 737-2007.

Big Kids Klub

Big Kids Klub, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

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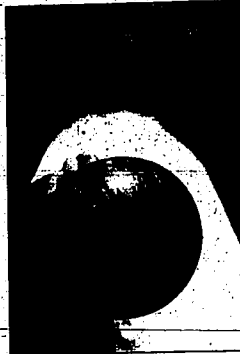
A fast lane to pain?

By Jeannine Stein
Los Angeles Times

We know that professional athletes regularly suffer injuries, but amateur athletes can experience serious pain as well.

Researchers at Tel Aviv University in Israel surveyed 98 amateurs in two bowling clubs. They were given questionnaires to assess musculoskeletal disorders as well as other factors, such as features of the game itself. About 62 percent of bowlers said they experienced musculoskeletal symptoms in one or more joints during the last year. The number of leagues that bowlers participated in was a predictor of painful joints in the upper extremities, and the average achievement of bowlers predicted the number of painful joints in the entire body.

"Increasing numbers of adults are pursuing amateur athletics during their leisure hours," said lead author Navah Ratzon in a news release. "But we've found worrying indications that this activity — when not done properly — may have negative effects



on the musculoskeletal system."

Stretching is always important, she said, but so is exercising muscles that don't get used that often. For example, tennis players and bowlers need to work their nondominant arms and shore up other muscle groups to balance any asymmetries.

The study was published recently in the *Journal Work*.

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Waiting until April 15, like so many people do with filing their taxes, could be costly in the long run. That additional compounding that some investors give up by making their IRA contributions around the tax deadline, instead of earlier, can add up over time.

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How to structure your cycling session

By Vicki Hallett
Special to The Washington Post

Q. I am a 30-year-old woman who has gained a significant amount of weight over the past couple of years. Been very sedentary. So I just bought a recumbent bike for my house. Any advice on the best way to use it? I was thinking about trying to do 20 minutes in the a.m. and then 20 minutes again in the p.m. Would it be better to just try to do 40 minutes all at once? Is there a "best" time?

A. I assume you have the sitting and pedaling part down, right? For the more complicated stuff, I tapped the genius of Gia-Ninh Chuang, an insanely popular cycling instructor around Washington.

"A lot of people burn out when they're too 'gung-ho,'" warns Chuang, who supports the 40-minute idea. There's nothing wrong with splitting up the exercise, and the benefits should be exactly the same, but if you're new to the exercise game, the key is consistency. Exercising once a day is simply easier to maintain, plus you won't need to warm up, cool down, stretch and shower twice. As for timing, if you have the option of morning or night, listen to your body. It probably prefers one over the other and will let you push harder if you cooperate.

Which brings us to the important issue of exertion, which is how you're going to ensure that your workouts, well, work out. "On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is 'almost asleep' and 10 is 'if I keep

going, I'm going to die,' you want to be around a 6 or 7," Chuang recommends. But you don't want to get there immediately. The progression of a typical cycling class can help structure your routine, too. For the first song (or four minutes), get into the groove. Then, take each five-minute segment as a new challenge: maintain RPMs at a certain level, try upping the resistance, etc. Or, if you're watching TV, think about the commercial breaks as your chance to try interval training. Keep the pace up for those two minutes before returning to a more comfortable speed for your show.

Then cool it down and don't forget to stretch out your legs. Sore muscles will convince you it's not a good time for a ride no matter what the clock says.

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Monitors

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 range. For well under \$100 you can get a brand-name heart rate monitor. An investment of \$300 to \$400 will buy a trailing watch with software that lets you analyze and customize workouts, set pace, distance, interval or calorie goals, and track your whereabouts with a GPS function. With the gift-giving season under way, it seemed a good time to walk through some of the choices. Three of the main manufacturers, Polar, Garmin and Suunto, provided test units that included general fitness models and higher-end trailers. And that's just a taste of the range of products available, down to \$10 pedometers.

That's the good news: Competition seems to be forcing all of these companies to innovate, pack more features into their equipment, improve the analytics included in accompanying software and offer products across a spectrum of prices. Even some of the more basic models have evolved into training devices that let you send data to your computer, plan workouts and track your progress.

Now the not-so-good: There are almost too many choices. The same competition that has raised the bar is also prompting the companies to match one another relentlessly. Garmin's GPS-equipped models, for example, have led other companies to develop their own satellite units, even though they are cumbersome by comparison and do less; likewise, Garmin, rather than sticking with its expertise, offers a \$99.99 sport watch (sans GPS) that tries to appeal to the general fitness market dominated so far by companies like Polar.

"GPS, speed and distance is their turf. Our turf is heart rate and intensity on the body," said Jeff Padovan, president of Polar, whose array of heart rate monitors

Attending to your monitor's limits

Using a heart rate monitor can help with a workout program, but physiologists say it is important to understand the limitations of these devices. The monitor's measure heart rate accurately, to guide exercise programs; they typically establish training zones set as a percentage of the user's maximum heart rate — 60 to 70 percent for basic fitness, for example, 70 to 80 percent for improving aerobic endurance — or employ other protocols based at least partly on heart rate. Establishing maximum heart rate is the median part. Everyone has their own cardiovascularly determined "ceiling" that declines slightly with age. It can be measured in a lab but otherwise can only be estimated. There are several common formulas for making that estimation; one being 220 minus

your age. A monitor that you might use that or some other formula. But for any individual, it is important to know, because much of the time, 120 beats per minute, according to Mitchell Whaley, dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology at Ball State University. That means the zones set up by a monitor might be too high or not hard enough. It is therefore important to take it easy at first. See if the zones set by the monitor square with how you feel: Working out at 60 percent of your maximum heart rate should seem fairly easy; does it? Does 75 percent feel taxing or leave you gasping? Typically, you can change the maximum heart rate calculated automatically by the monitor. After a few workouts, you should have a sense of

sport watches and accessories is diverse but a bit dizzying in its breadth. **Bottom line:** Forethought and careful shopping are required to weed through the choices. All of the units offer many of the same basic functions: monitoring heart rate with the use of a chest strap, estimating calories burned and allowing you to set goals to guide your workout. The decision of what to buy is going to be a matter mostly of how much more you want (or don't want). Check some of the companies' Web sites to learn what's available (stores typically won't carry all the models of any brand) and compare options.

Here are a few basic questions to ask — about yourself or your intended gift recipient — to clarify the process:

Are you all heart?
 If you want just a heart rate monitor, major manufacturers such as Polar and Timex offer basic models for as little as \$50 or \$60. These won't go far in terms of data

analysis and won't measure speed or distance. If you walk, run or bike, but they are fine for tracking what is called a "dividing line," based on heart rate, between the "burning and "fitness" zones. This is a somewhat artificial line, but uses heart rate as one of the major dividing lines. About 60 percent, the Polar FT100 has a more sophisticated training zones and automatically construct a weekly program based on them. Both let you upload to an online journal that totals what you do and compares that with set goals.

Do speed and distance matter?
 If you are a walker, runner or biker, and want to keep track of how far and fast you go, you'll need a unit that is compatible with some sort of speed and distance sensor, a small device that clips onto your shoelace, separate

sensors for your bike or one of the increasingly popular GPS units. Look for package deals where the sensor is included with the watch. Garmin's ForeRunner 405 comes with a GPS device built into the watch-size unit, an engineering marvel that includes a nifty iPod-style touch control around the outer bezel. At \$300, it is pricey, but it makes for an easy, one-stop purchase. Keep in mind that GPS devices are only as good as their signal. If you run on an indoor track or in a canyon or urban neighborhood, or don't want to risk a loss of data, you might want to buy a foot sensor separately as a backup.

Polar, given its background as a fitness company, has put its focus on improving the foot sensor and delivers a unit that will measure stride length and cadence, important if you are trying to improve your running style and speed. Both Polar and Suunto sell separate GPS receivers for their higher-end watches, but the multi-size, strap-on units seem almost antiquated compared with the Garmin. Bike units, which use magnets on the wheels and pedals to measure speed and cadence, are sold separately by Garmin and Suunto. The Polar FT100 has a foot sensor that can be used on a treadmill or on a known distance. One of the things I found them out where from 6 to more than 10 percent. It is an easy adjustment to make, and an important one.

Does GPS matter?
 If you're trail-running and want to make sure you get home — or want to save favorite routes and have access to directions during a workout — Garmin is the choice. The Polar and Suunto GPS units will track speed and distance, but the watches don't have the navigation features that Garmin offers — helpful, as one Suunto executive noted, if you want to know how fast you went on a downhill ski

run, but not so much if you are lost in the backcountry.

One downside to the Garmin: It is an energy hog, so be sure you escape from the backcountry doors, take too long. The rechargeable battery runs down pretty steadily and needs to be clipped to its charger when you are not using it.

"It is not a watch," said Garmin systems engineer Chaudette Stevenson, who said battery time was one compromise the company made in favor of size. Previous ForeRunners were about the size of a cell phone, worn on the wrist. Compatible models: Polar's RS800 and Suunto's t6c (both about \$400); replace conventional, user-replaceable watch batteries, though keep in mind that their GPS units use a separate set of AAs.

How geeky can you get?

All three companies offer software and online tools to upload data, analyze them and plan workouts while you are sitting at your computer. On the front, Polar's RS800 series and Suunto's t6c have stronger analytical tools than Garmin.

Used on accumulated data, Suunto rates each run on a 1-to-5 "fitness scale," which you can use to plan your workouts. A "rolling" information to recommend workouts.

John Lally, who manages the company's trailing products in North America, said the aim is to "be the best analytically for saying if

you have improved your fitness" and to broaden the appeal of those tools to more than serious runners and bikers.

Polar converts a run workout into a "running index," related to your oxygen consumption. All three companies allow you to set up custom workouts including a warm-up runs, a speed goal and a set of intervals. Polar has an online database of downloadable workouts (currently just a few but with plans to expand). Garmin offers a virtual partner, a little icon named Buddy to pace yourself against, which is a bit more interesting than the beep you'll get from Polar or Suunto if you fall below the target pace.

How connected do you like to be?

Garmin has nailed this category. Its uses a Bluetooth-like technology called ANT to automatically upload data from its watches with a button push. It also happens when you return from a workout, as soon as you get in range of your computer. The same technology allows you to trade workouts with a friend; Suunto's higher-end series comes with a USB cord that clips onto the watch — an almost automatic download that is also convenient. Polar's RS800 uses an infrared-USB link that requires a few clicks to get rolling but seems to work fine.

Be sure that you know what you are getting. Some of the models require you to buy a separate piece of gear to do the downloading.

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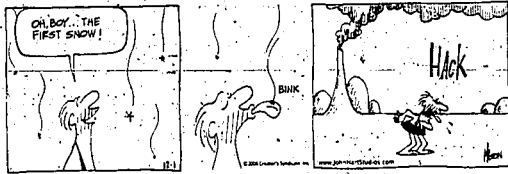
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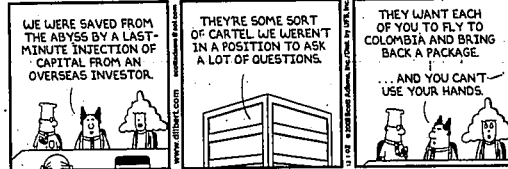
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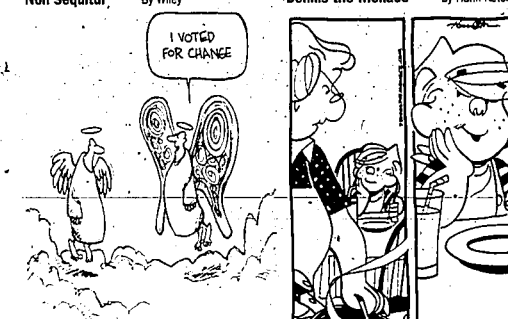


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1:00 p.m. Clover Trinity Lutheran School • 2:00 p.m. Kimberly Elementary 4th Grade performing "Humbug"
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10:00 a.m. Kimberly Elementary 4th Grade performing "Humbug" • 10:30 a.m. Hansen Elementary Honor Choir
11:00 a.m. Perrine Elementary Honor Choir • 12:00 p.m. Castleford 6th Grade Band
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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 Division & 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

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 Case No. CV-08-04292
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 The Fairfield Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest is conducting a public comment period for the proposed Toone Maggie Mine (Five Points) Mineral Exploration Project. The project is located on the east side of the Fairfield Ranger District. The project consists of a plan of operation and proposed to open and extend a partially collapsed adit, in addition to continuing its previous mining activities under an approved plan of operation. The project would generally involve the use of a small underground work area during the winter as the site can be accessed from November to April. The proposed plan of operation could go on for up to ten years.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PROPERTY
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 Gooding Cattle & Horse Alignment Management Plan Revision

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The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Those who provide comments during this comment period are solicited to include the decision under the regulations. All comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Write to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Times-News newspaper. The solicitation period is available to all persons who wish to comment on this action. Oral comments must be provided either in person or at the Responsible Official's office during business hours via telephone (208) 634-3202.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as: text, pdf, word, excel, etc. (All file formats are acceptable.) Comments should be submitted to: comments-intern@nwfs.fs.fed.us. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. A scanned signature can be used for verification of appeal eligibility.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.14. Only individuals or organizations who submitted comments during the comment period may appeal.

1. The responsible officials of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Those who provide comments during the comment period are eligible to appeal the decision under the regulations. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide the following information:

1. Name and Address;
2. Title of the proposed action;
3. Specific facts or concerns on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision;
4. Signature or other verification of identity upon request; identification of the individual or organization who authored the comment(s) is necessary for appeal eligibility;
5. For multiple names or multiple organizations, a signature must be provided for the individual authorized to represent the organization, or for each individual that wishes to have appeal eligibility; and
6. If multiple members of organizations must submit their own comments to meet the requirements of appeal eligibility as an individual, comments received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only.

Additional information on the proposed action can be obtained by contacting Heidi Torrey, Geologist, at (208) 737-2267 or the Fairfield Ranger District at (208) 764-3202.

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 ATF#490064968-80
 Title No. 4078029024EJID
 CH# 1002040702

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 On Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at the hour of 10:00 AM, I, USA Foreclosure, County of Blaine, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1015, Twin Falls, ID 83301, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or money order, from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale, money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: All of Block 3 and the Southeast 1/2S of Lot 4 in Block 19 of Investors Second and Third Addition, located at the rate of 8.75% per annum. A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT SUBJECT TO THE COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS FOR THIS PROPERTY IS: 4078029024EJID. Buhl, ID 83318. MAY SOMETHING BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

The successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 days. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within the time specified, the original terms of the sale and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-152 at Sec. 2008.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, and the obligor is bound by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Phaydra L. Anderson, an individual, and her co-owner, Phaydra L. Anderson Trust & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as Beneficiary, recorded August 13, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003-02108, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and 112,818.00. GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLETE WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(d), IDAHO CODE. NO OTHER TERMS OR CONDITIONS APPLY. ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is: 1. The obligor failed to pay the amount due on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note as of 11/23/08. Payments to date are \$12,750.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.75% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated August 12, 2003. Payments to date for the months of June 2008 thru including October 2008 in the amount of \$173.99 per month and carrying charges of \$1,000.00. The principal balance as of October 30, 2008 is \$12,614.00 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 6.75% per annum. The per diem is \$2.36. In addition to the above there is also due any late charges, advances, costs and expenses of attorney fees, fees or costs associated with the foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation is \$12,614.00 together with accrued and accruing interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations hereunder or in this deed of trust and promissory note and attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: November 16, 2008
 Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
 By: Bobb O'Connell, Trust Officer
 Phone: (677) 941-1553

ORDINANCE NO. 08-58
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISS, IDAHO, ANNEXING REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF BISS, IDAHO, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY ANNEXED, PROVIDING FOR AN EASEMENT.
 WHEREAS, the City has received the petition of Robert Randall Ekins and Lauren Ka Ekins, husband and wife, for the annexation of 12,922 square feet of real property, the City, all of which is owned by those individuals; which parcel was part of the entire tract contained in the original plat for annexation; and
 WHEREAS, the City has determined that the real property proposed for annexation is contiguous to an existing portion of the City and other parcels of real property in Category A annexation as set forth in Idaho Code §50-222 (3)(a); and
 WHEREAS, on the basis of the voluntary petition of the landowners, the City desires to formally annex the real property by ordinance; and
 WHEREAS, the City further wishes to provide a designation for the zoning of the real property to be annexed in accordance with Idaho Code §67-0252; and
 WHEREAS, on the 20th day of June, 2007, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock PM a hearing was held before the City Council for the purpose of determining the zoning for the real property to be annexed;
 BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Biss, Idaho, as follows:
 Section 1. The following real property is hereby annexed to the City of Biss, Idaho:
 The parcel of real property in EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO Section 5, Part of the NEWSWm described as follows: NORTH 5/8 OF EAST 1/2 EAST 1/2 of the Northerly boundary of SW/4 to the South westerly boundary of Interstate Highway 84; Thence South 45°15' East 247.41 feet along said Right-of-Way to the Westerly boundary of the NEWSWm and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;
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 Said parcel of land containing 12.922 Acres more or less.
 Section 2. The real property described in Section 1, shall be zoned residential pursuant to the mapped zoning ordinance of the City of Biss, Idaho.
 Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.
 Section 4. The City Clerk is instructed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the Gooding County Assessor, the Gooding County Treasurer, the Gooding County Assessor and with the Idaho State Tax Commission as required by Idaho Code §50-222.
 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, this 19th day of November, 2008.
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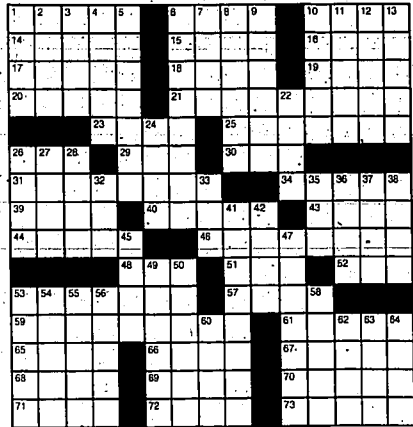
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ACROSS
 1 Steer clear of
 6 Give guff to
 10 Potato
 14 "Live at the Acropolis" performer
 15 Comic Johnson
 16 Choir voice
 17 Adlai's state-mate
 18 Break a habit
 19 Piñe sealant
 20 Tempest
 21 Pressure measurer
 23 Yugoslavian dictator
 25 Earthquake activity
 26 Gopher's gadget
 29 Clementine
 30 Actor Mineo
 31 Checked
 34 Come to a point
 39 Newton's filler
 40 Mongolian, e.g.
 43 Adoration
 44 Experiments
 45 Made a pledge
 48 Actor Linden
 51 Pekoe and Earl Grey, for two
 52 Ernie of golf
 53 During a performance
 57 Whitney and Wallach
 59 Rubber-ducky's milieu
 61 Cowboy's rope
 65 Acres Falco
 66 Bangkok native
 67 Construct
 68 Knigths' titles
 69 Fabled loser
 70 Potts or Oakley
 71 Alluviate
 72 Austrian range
 73 Last breaths

DOWN
 1 Positive votes
 2 Enormous
 3 Aware of
 4 Like a couch potato



Saturday's Puzzle Solved

C	H	E	S	T	E	L	L	E	C	H	E	F
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5 Brush aside
 6 Doc, slangily
 7 Surface measure
 8 Flinches
 9 Lady of Spain
 10 Oregon capital
 11 Micky's pup
 12 Pronounce
 13 Active people
 22 Become liquid
 24 So long, in Saho
 26 Wilson's predecessor
 27 Fabled canal
 28 Work units
 32 Approx.
 33 Chip load
 35 The Greatest
 36 Stance
 37 Mr. Knievel
 38 Scarlet and crimson
 41 Blood channels
 42 Holiday song
 45 "Rich Man, Poor Man" writer
 47 Letter-carrier's charge
 49 Christy of mysteries
 50 Falal
 53 Fatter than fat
 54 Gymnast
 55 Mixes up
 56 The closer ones
 58 Dry-heat bath
 60 "Wyatt"
 62 Evidences
 63 Fatter than fat
 64 Poetical tributes

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



"A quadrillion and one."

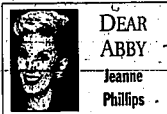
Woman celebrates holidays quietly and happily alone

DEAR ABBY: Now that the year-end holidays are here, I find myself once again in the sometimes difficult position of having to explain to acquaintances and co-workers why I don't celebrate them.

I am single. My parents died many years ago, and I have no family. My only surviving sibling and his wife are both alcoholics who drink to excess over the holidays and cause tension in their family. I have attended Al-Anon meetings, and because I refused to look the other way while they were drinking was cut off.

Co-workers take time off at Christmas, but I take mine at other times of the year. Over time, I have found that I would rather spend a so-called holiday catching up on correspondence, taking a walk, reading a good book or sewing. Outside of work or professional organizations, I do not do anything about the year-end holidays. I understand the religious and historical significance of these celebrations and keep them in my heart, but do not observe them in a visible manner. This is my choice.

When people ask me what I'm doing for the holidays, it is an awkward moment. How can I gracefully



DEAR ABBY Jeannie Phillips

explain that I chose to keep the holidays in my heart only and enjoy the day as a small vacation for myself.

LONG BEACH LONER DEAR ABBY: You practice nice advice from me. Your last sentence expresses your sentiments beautifully.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 6 feet 2 inches, weigh 240 pounds and can bench-press 400 pounds. I practice martial arts and shoot firearms for recreation and competition on weekends. I generally keep my special life to myself unless I am specifically asked because people have made jokes at my expense in the past.

I have worked for the same company for 10 years, and have not only mastered every aspect of my job but also trained most of my co-workers and their supervisors. Recently, a supervisor's position

opened up, and a friend thought I was going to get it. My friend was hired instead. He apologized to me, then told me about things that had been said about me behind my back. Apparently, I'll never become a supervisor because "people don't respect me; they fear me." Also, they are afraid I'll lose it and kill everyone.

I have no idea what to say or do with this information. I can't change who I am; and I don't change what you folks see me as. All this time, what would you suggest I do to get myself promoted?

GENTLE GIANT IN FLORIDA DEAR GENTLE GIANT: It is important that you find out whether what your friend told you is true. While your physique might be imposing, after 10 years at the company your co-workers should be familiar enough with your temperament to know that you do pose a threat of losing it.

Ask your employer why you were passed up for the promotion and if it's true that you have advanced as far as you can within the company. If the answer is yes, then you should look for a job with more opportunity for advancement elsewhere.

su do ku

Puzzles by Pappocorn

Grid for the 'su do ku' puzzle with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

V. EASY #94 Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page B12.

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IF DECEMBER 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

You can kick back and just glide happily through the upcoming month or use the optimism that current cosmic conditions provide to formulate some helpful plans for the future. Your career aspirations might not have as much chance for success as you would like, but you can wait mid-March when helpful advice or professional guidance can shine a light on ways to achieve your goals. March is a great time to make key decisions or changes, but for the best career success, wait until July to implement changes.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): You'll need to dig deep inside to find the energy to complete today's tasks. Mundane routines could have you down, but you can succeed if you persevere and avoid taking on extra duties or responsibilities.

TURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): In a stalemate, nobody wins. A challenge may just be the result of idle boasting rather than held merit. Just walk away rather than wasting your time competing in a situation that you can't win.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Find common ground to resolve the situation. Needless arguments and fighting can only hamper the progress. A direct approach to the project could be fraught with false; you may need to find another alternative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be the proponent to lean into. You're more persuasive than you are. Be enough to make the difference and provide comfort and support for those around you. Your positive influence can make a world of difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't get hung up on the mistakes of others. There is no need to make an ultimate decision of who is right or wrong, so get over it and move on. Stick to appointed tasks and move toward your goals with blinders on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take criticism for what it is: merely an opinion. Let it roll off you like water off a duck's back and move on to more constructive undertakings. Offer a helping hand if you see a friend in need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Stop looking and listen. Heed the ideas of others, as someone else may possess the insight to solve a problem. Spend time discussing important proposals and plans, but don't get on these discussions now.

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Today is Monday, Dec. 1, the 336th day of 2008. There are 30 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a yearlong boycott of the buses by blacks.

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis closed after seven months and some 20 million visitors.

In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station, built by Gulf Refining Company opened in Pittsburgh.

In 1943, the Navy flew the first nonrigid dirigible to use helium: the C-7Z developed from Hampton Roads, Va., to Washington, D.C.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"We can neither love nor pity nor forgive; If you make a slip in handling us, you die!" -Rudyard Kipling

WEST ♠ Q 10 9 8 4 ♥ 8 7 6 ♣ 8 2 ♦ A K 6 5 ♠ 8 3 2 ♣ 3 ♦ Q 3 ♠ K 8 6 2 ♦ A J 10 3

This week's deals all come from the Fall Nationals, of 2007, held in San Francisco.

In three no-trump, declarer won the spade lead in dummy and passed the diamond queen successfully. The next diamond play lost to West's king, and the spade queen came back. Declarer had no chance now but to duck playing East for both missing aces and discarding a low club from hand. Now West, Jeff Aker, shifted to the club nine. East, Barry Rig, won the ace and returned a deceptive club 10, forcing declarer to win in hand. Now she was cut off from dummy.

Declarer's simplest line is to lead hearts before cashing all the diamonds. However, she ran her diamonds first. East letting go the spade jack and club three as West pitched a heart and a spade. Then she followed with the heart queen, ducked, and the heart king.

East could duck the heart king, and now, on the heart jack, Aker threw the spade nine, as East won the ace. Declarer now had to decide which king to keep in dummy for trick 13. She got it wrong, pitching the club king to retain the master spade; down one.

In retrospect, this was almost certainly an error. If spades had been 4-4, the defenders would have kept leading hearts instead of playing on clubs. But whatever the merits of that argument, one has at least to give the opponents a chance to err.

SOUTH ♠ 2 ♥ A Q J 5 ♦ K J 10 9 5 ♣ 5 4

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ All pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Ace of Spade 10

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ A 5 3 ♥ Q 7 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ J 9 7 2

South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♣ Pass 2 ♠ All pass

ANSWER: I see no reason to avoid leading the top of my club sequence. Dummy might have a holding where this lead clears up a guess or gives away a trick. But anything else is equally speculative, and bear in mind that, on this auction, dummy is almost as likely to have three clubs as four. No one has really bid clubs here.

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BURLETT VALLEY 5-DAY FORECAST

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TWIN FALLS 5-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls with columns for Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and weather icons.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing weather conditions for various locations including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Partly cloudy today. Becoming mostly cloudy tonight. Windy and cooler. Lows 30 to 35. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and cooler. A good chance of rain or snow. Highs 45 to 45. Windy with gusts up to 40 mph.

Weather map of Idaho with regional forecasts for Boise, Northern Utah, and other areas.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, and U.V. INDEX.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

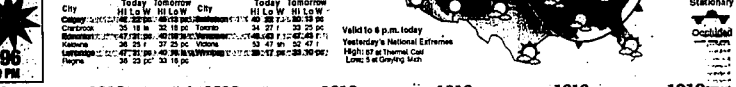
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National forecast table for major US cities including Denver, Salt Lake City, and Phoenix.

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World forecast table for international locations including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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