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## Otter issues 3 percent more in cuts

### Total cut from '08-09 budget now at \$130M

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Monday ordered state agencies to cut an additional 3 percent from their budgets, the governor's latest response to the worldwide economic crisis that's caused a decline in the state's revenue and forced companies to cut jobs.

Monday's executive order — nearly \$82 million in budget holdbacks — comes as

state officials predicted the economic downturn will worsen in Idaho, which has already been plagued by declining state tax revenue, workers being laid off and a drop in real-estate sales.

"Economic indicators show that this could be a long-term problem — much longer, much deeper than we originally thought," Otter said at a press conference Monday.

His decision brought over-all budget cuts to 4 percent,

or more than \$130 million in spending for fiscal 2009, which began July 1. In September, Otter ordered a holdback of 1 percent, or \$27 million.

"We hoped that would solve the problem. It's not going to solve the problem," Otter said.

He said the state still has more than two quarters of the fiscal year left to find more

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## Educators eyeing long-term future of cuts

By Ben Boldin  
Times-News writer

The new \$21 million health and human services building at the College of Southern Idaho might open later than planned if the current economic crisis translates into long-term funding problems, said the co-chairman of the state's budgeting panel.

The building is currently under construction but

won't see an immediate impact from the 4 percent budget holdbacks that Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has ordered this year for the next fiscal year, 2009-2010, will determine if there is money to open the new building as scheduled in January 2010.

If the economic woes continue, the Legislature may be unable to fund the initial operating costs for the

building, said Joint Finance Appropriations Committee Co-chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert.

"They won't have the resources to even open the building if we can't find the resources to pay the janitors and all the costs ... that are called operating costs," he said.

Jerry Beck, president of CSI, said the college needs to

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## PARENTS AS TEACHERS?



Children in Suzanne Olson's kindergarten class volunteer to hold up flash cards for the group during a lesson Monday afternoon at Oregon Trail Elementary School in Twin Falls. Olson says that socialization is one of the most important skills that her children come away with before heading off to the first grade.

## State rep proposes financial benefits for parents that teach kindergarten at home

By Ben Boldin  
Times-News writer

Kindergarten teacher Suzanne Olson taught her class at Oregon Trail Elementary School about numbers on Monday afternoon.

She gave some advice for how to remember the number eight: "It looks a lot like a snowman," she said, while also helping the youngsters add seven and one.

It's a familiar scene that unfolds in kindergarten-class

"It does everything. It gets the parents involved. It gets kids ready for first grade and it saves a little bit of money."

Rep. Steven Thayne, R-Emmett rooms across Idaho — and one that could come with another option for parents under a legislative proposal. Rep. Steven Thayne, R-Emmett, wants to give parents another choice for their youngsters' kindergarten year — that would come with

not having the youngster attending a public kindergarten class. Parents would only be eligible for funding after their children passed a test showing a readiness for first grade.

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## Hammering out the future

### T.F. Council holds work session on comp plan

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council held its first work session on the city's proposed Comprehensive Plan, a 197-page guide for long-term planning through 2030. The document, which took more than 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 plan includes broad suggestions and detailed advice to implement it goals. Certain areas of the city, such as downtown and the Canyon Rim, are given extra attention.

City staff reminded council members the plan doesn't alter any zoning designation — its maps only show suggestions for changes should someone request a zoning change. For example, some existing residential zones might be labeled commercial in the proposed plan.

Questions by Councilman Will Kezale drew the most pointed discussion. He asked why some parts of the plan already appeared out-of-date, and later questioned whether the 27-member committee who helped draft the plan had been vetted for potential conflicts of interest. The committee is largely comprised of public and elected officials.

"The people that were involved in the building of this document — I'd be interested to know if any of them have landownership in areas that are being now changed in the positive for that particular individual, creating a conflict of interest," he said.

City officials did not say such consideration was part of the role of the selected consultant, Salt Lake City-based Landmark Design Inc. But they did say it would be tough for members of the committee to mold the plan to benefit themselves. They said consultants did most of the data gathering, and there were public meetings and focus groups.

"Given the number of people that were

### INSIDE

Find out who's on the comprehensive plan's steering committee.

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## It's official: recession declared; Wall Street loses nearly 680 points

By Jasmine Averis  
and Martin Crabtree  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Most Americans sorely knew it already, but now it's official: The country is in a recession, and it's getting worse. Wall Street convulsed at the news — and a fresh batch of bad economic reports — tanking nearly 680 points.

With the economic pain likely to stretch well into 2009, Federal Reserve

Chairman Ben Bernanke said Monday he stands ready to lower interest rates yet again and to explore other rescue or revival measures.

Rushing in reinforcements, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who along with Bernanke has been leading the government's efforts to stem the worst financial crisis since the 1930s, pledged to take all the steps he can in the waning days of the Bush administration to provide relief. Specifically, Paulson is

eyeing more ways to tap into a \$700 billion financial bailout pool.

On Capitol Hill, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., vowed to have a massive economic stimulus package ready on Inauguration Day for President-elect Barack Obama's signature.

That measure — which could total a whopping \$500 billion — would bankroll big public works projects to generate jobs, provide aid to states to help with Medicaid

costs and provide money toward renewable energy development. Crafting such a colossal recovery package would mark a Herculean feat, Congress convenes Jan. 6, giving lawmakers just two weeks to complete their work if it is to be signed on Jan. 20.

President George W. Bush, in an interview with ABC's "World News," expressed remorse about lost jobs, cracked next eggs and other

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### Monday by the numbers



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# MORNING BRIEFING

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Agape Interfaith Ministry luncheon** (reservations only), with musical selections from the cantata "Christmas at Home" presented by Jerome's Magic Valley Christian School seven-member high school choir directed by Jeff Eastman, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Basque Center, University Avenue, Goding, open to the public, no cost to attend program, 9:34-5:00.

**NAIFA Southern Idaho General Meeting**, legislative preview with Sen. Dean Cameron, 11:30 a.m., Loong Hing Restaurant, Twin Falls, whedde@regence.com.

**Burley Rotary Club**, noon, Burley Inn, 878-8382.

**Mary Time Club meeting**, Christmas party dinner, noon, home of Connie Smith, Fisher, 735-5213.

**Rupert Kiwanis Club**, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W, 436-8124.

**Snake River Flute meeting**, an all-male singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

### EXHIBITS

**Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibit**, 4 to 7 p.m., Goding High School, open to the public, archhill@godinghighschools.org.

### GOVERNMENT

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

**Blaine County commissioners**, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.

**Jerome County commissioners**, 9 a.m., courthouse, 400 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

**Jerome City Council**, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.

**Albion City Council**, 7 p.m., civic center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.

**Burley City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 876-2224.

**Kimberly Zoning Commission**, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.

**Rupert City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.

**Shoshone City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Roll St. W., 886-2030.

**Filer City Council**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs**, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Buhl old middle school gym, no cost, 732-6475.

**55 Alive driving class**, upon completion of class participants receive certificate for 10% off price of driver's insurance, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mindoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St., Rupert, \$5 for seniors and \$6 for non-seniors, 436-9107.

## Parents

**Under his proposal**, half of the money saved would go to parents, one quarter would go to school districts and another quarter would go to the education stabilization fund. Thryn says the proposal as one that would benefit taxpayers while helping students at the same time.

"It does everything," he said. "It gets the parents involved. It gets kids ready for first grade and it saves a little bit of money."

The statewide average cost for kindergarten is \$4,500 per student, which would give parents about \$2,250 on average, Thryn said. He stressed that parents would only receive a payment if their child was ready for first grade, which would prevent abuse of the system.

"It's the accountability on the part of parents," he said. "We're only paying for results."

The program would also be entirely optional, with traditional kindergarten classes available for parents and students, Thryn said.

Kindergarten classes, while funded by the state, are not mandatory for children in Idaho.

Thryn also said its possi-

ble that parents could use kindergarten teachers as a training resource, adding that discussion about the proposal is still in its early stages.

"We're wanting the kids to be ready, and the kindergarten teachers are the professionals," Thryn said.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luina recently talked with Thryn about the idea yet.

"Superintendent Luina is always open to new and innovative ideas, but he has not yet had a chance to sit down and discuss this particular idea" with Rep. Thryn," spokeswoman Melissa McGrath said in an e-mail.

Bryan Fischer, executive director of the Idaho Values Alliance, said his organization supports the proposal. The alliance has 1,400 people statewide as part of its network.

"We like this proposal because it opens up additional choices for parents," Fischer said. "We see this as a benefit to families because it will strengthen the bond between parents and children in the preschool years. It will provide an additional incentive for parents to pro-

vide early childhood education for their children at home. Every child that is not in a classroom setting behind a brick and mortar classroom is going to save the state money."

State Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, a member of the House Education Committee, said the proposal would need a lot of discussion before its details could be worked out.

One potential drawback would be figuring out how to know if a parent actually taught their children kindergarten or simply sent them to a daycare instead and collected the state funding, she said.

"It would be like being paid for sending them to kindergarten," she said.

Olson said teaching kindergarten can be more challenging than it appears. In the early stages of kindergarten, children do not yet associate letters and numbers with what concepts they represent, he said.

"With Federal No Child Left Behind requirements, it's critical for students to be grounded in the basics when first grade starts, she said.

If parents opt for teaching their children kindergarten, they should understand all that it entails before making the decision.

In the traditional kindergarten setting, parents are welcome for classes and special events, along with helping in the classroom.

Olson also expressed concern for what would happen with students who weren't ready for first grade.

"What are they going to do with those kids that are eight, and haven't passed?" she said.

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## Flight of frustration: 191 endure 9 hours stuck on LA tarmac

By E.J. Tamara  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Nearly 200 passengers on a flight from El Salvador landed Monday in Los Angeles and spent nine hours aboard a grounded plane at a smaller airport as the airline and customs officials tried to work through apparent confusion.

Passengers described hours of hunger and frustration as they waited on the Taca airline flight on the tarmac at LA/Ontario International Airport after

their plane was diverted because of heavy fog. Eduardo Mejia, 34, of El Salvador said that he and other passengers were desperate to get off the airplane and that some called 911 to report cramped conditions and illnesses.

Jose Reyes, 53, of El Salvador, said he passed with the flight crew to let passengers leave the plane and put them on a shuttle bus to Los Angeles. Instead, fire and airport crews gave them water and crackers. No one was hospitalized.

"They didn't listen to us. They only said, 'I'm sorry,'" he said.

El Salvador-based Taca released a statement saying local authorities did not give permission for passengers to get through customs and enter the country. However, U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Mike Fleming said the airline did not ask for permission to let the passengers disembark.

"If they had, we would have provided a secure area to let them off the plane," Fleming said.

## Cuts

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ways to save money and curb spending. He said the decision didn't promise that there would be none. He said state workers shouldn't expect raises next year.

The 1 percent cut in September came after the Division of Financial Management estimated next year's fiscal 2009 to drop nearly 6 percent from the \$2.94 billion projected in February. Officials have said the outlook has only worsened.

### MUSEUMS

**Herrett Center for Arts and Science** closed today for "Festival of Teas" set-up. Family night telescope viewing, enter through observatory entrance only, 6 to 9 p.m.

**Centennial Observatory, Herrett Center for Arts and Science**, College of Southern Idaho campus, \$1 or no cost for children age 6 and under, 732-6655.

### VETERANS

**Veterans Outreach, State Service Officer** with Idaho Division of Veterans Services Steve Teague available to assist veterans, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St., Wendell, 536-5140.

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

reserves. He is more worried about the future when reserves are used up. For example, about \$60 million of the public schools stabilization fund — more than half of it — will be depleted after this year.

"The real fear for us is how is this going to play out in the long-term," he said. "The real question is, what is 2011 going to look like? By then we would have used up a lot of our resources."

Democrats said the cuts offer an opportunity to review spending but voters should be responsible and protect middle-class working families.

"We are grateful that we have reserve funds set aside for education and retraining, given the tough economy, but times we are facing—tough economies give us a chance to trim where we can, and look for additional savings," Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, said in a statement. "How we do it should be thoughtful and prudent in our approach to budget cuts."

Otter spokesman Jon Hanian said he wasn't sure whether the governor's office had eliminated bonuses for employees. He said other agencies will make their own decisions on the matter.

"We haven't put out a directive telling them not to,"

he said. "How they get there is up to them."

He asked about the issue Cameron said he hadn't heard anything but said the economic climate means bonuses should be eliminated.

"Frankly, there ought not be any bonuses given out," Cameron said. "There aren't enough resources. In my opinion, to give out bonuses."

Health and Welfare agencies were among those facing the largest holdbacks, with \$2.8 million in cuts.

For the South Central Public Health District, the additional 3 percent holdback combined with the initial 1 percent holdback, amounts to \$56,800.

"As a result, the health district is keeping two open positions vacant, said Rene LeBlanc, district director.

The positions are a nursing job at the Burley clinic and an environmental health specialist. The nurse position being unfilled means that nurses will need to travel to Burley from Twin Falls and Jerome to provide services, LeBlanc said.

Ben Botkin and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

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## Plan

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Involved in the development of this plan, it would've been really difficult for one or two people to have influenced a decision in a way that caused a conflict interest or some sort of personal gain," said City Manager Tom Courtney, who served on the committee.

Most committee members were not on the public service, but because the document is "community-wide," anyone providing input — on the committee or not — would likely hold some bias, said Community Development Director Mitch Humble.

Kezele later commended the committee and said after the meeting he was asking questions he felt the public should have answers to.

Kezele also asked why some parts of the plan appeared to address tasks already completed, citing recent steps by the city to secure additional water sources and improve quality.

"I don't want a comprehensive plan that's a little repetitive in that's already been put in place," Kezele said. "That's not a forward-looking comprehensive plan."

But staff noted the draft set a date to start drafting the plan and it can be amended every few years.

"Eighteen months ago, what they wrote is accurate," said Mitch Humble. "At some point stop gathering data and you start preparing the plan."

The plan is scheduled to be adopted sometime early next year. A public hearing is scheduled for January.

Consultants estimate the

## 2007 city of Twin Falls Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

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- Tom Strodger** — Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission (former)
- Amber Westenskow** — Twin Falls city planner
- Dwaine Weyland** — Best Buy manager
- Troy Willie** — local developer of Oasis convenience stores

— Source: Twin Falls Comprehensive Plan General Plan Update Web site.

city will have 66,000 residents in 2030. Twin Falls — barely 100 years old — recently passed the 40,000 population mark.

Humble also explained how the plan encourages neighborhood centers. He said commercial areas near homes with, say, markets or video-rental stores — to spread out traffic and create a small-town feel.

He said the proposed centers are designed to improve areas, not to drive down property values, and are a positive thing.

In related news, the City Council appointed Jim Schouter to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Schouter will replace Camille Storer, who resigned Nov. 12.

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# Ada Co. coroner helps create new edgy drunken driving ads

BOISE (AP) — "Don't let the coroner be the designated driver."

That's the slogan of a new campaign initiated by Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg who says he's tired of telling families during the holidays that a drunken driving accident claimed the life of a loved one.

"Drunk driving, and how it's ruined families, is what I've just seen too much of

over the years," Sonnenberg told the Idaho Statesman.

He has helped create public service announcements with the Journal Broadcast Group that warn of the dangers of drunken driving. The ads are to run on television and radio in southwest Idaho through the end of the year.

"Because often the drunk driver lives, but the person in their way doesn't," Spohnberg said. "These ads

"Drunk driving, and how it's ruined families, is a thing I've just seen too much of over the years."

— Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg

are speaking directly to the drinker. Don't let the coroner be a designated driver because of you."

Sonnenberg said the ads are costing the county about \$5,000, about a third of what

black humor.

One scene shows a bare autopsy table and a technician with a tray. The tag reads, "Table for one!"

Another scene is of a morgue cooler with the question, "Time for a cold one?"

Sonnenberg said that police made 50 drunken driving arrests last weekend in Ada County.

"You've seen how the police have been stepping up

their DUI patrols," said Sonnenberg. "I felt I needed to do something."

The National Transportation Safety Board recently named Idaho one of 25 states not doing enough to reduce drunken driving.

Sonnenberg said that if the ads are successful in curbing drunken driving, he wants to distribute them to other coroners' offices throughout the state.

# Obama tourism



Tour guide Jack Christenson leads a tour through the neighborhood where President-elect Barack Obama grew up, Nov. 12, in Honolulu. Few tourists are exploring the area where Obama lived and grew up, yet Christenson's tour is one of many Obama related tours starting in Honolulu.

## Hawaii's latest lure is trip through president-elect's old neighborhood

By Herbert A. Sample  
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — It happened to Plaluu, when Jimmy Carter became president and a tiny hamlet in western Georgia became famous as the hometown of a certain peanut farmer.

It happened to Crawford, when George Bush took the White House and the town cloaked his gateway central Texas field blossomed with tourists and the businesses that catered to them.

But Honolulu, which already lures millions of tourists each year, is only beginning to see development of tourism tied to Barack Obama, the Hawaii native son who becomes the 44th president of the United States in January.

The sole existing Obama-related tour is a 90-minute stroll through the middle-class neighborhood where Obama spent most of his pre-teen and teenage years. It's led by Jack Christenson, a quirky septuagenarian who goes by the moniker Uncle Jack.

Christenson, who has long offered tours around town and asks only for donations, said he started his Obama neighborhood excursion a few weeks ago so tourists can go to "the place where it happened. That brings reality to it."

His tour includes a walk past the apartment tower

where Obama and his late grandmother, Madelyn Dunham, lived. There also are stops outside Punahou School, where Obama attended from 1971 until high school graduation in 1979, a smaller apartment building where Obama's mother and sister lived briefly, and the Baskin-Robbins ice cream parlor where he worked.

Besides Uncle Jack, at least two other entrepreneurs are preparing their own for-profit tours. And other established businesses have for months been selling T-shirts festooned with Obama's name or visage.

Obama's legacy here should help promote Hawaii as a tourist destination, said Juanita C. Liu, the interim dean of the School of Travel Industry at the University of Hawaii.

"Hawaii has traditionally been associated with sun, sand, recreation and leisure, and now we have the person in the highest office in the country," she said. "So it gives Hawaii greater credibility as well as visibility."

Liu noted that Hawaii's tourism industry is "currently in a downturn....But what I can say is (Obama's presidency) certainly is not going to hurt."

But nothing has occurred in Honolulu akin to the tourists that flocked to and the businesses that sprung up in Crawford, Plains or the

Arkansas towns of Hope and Hot Springs, where former President Bill Clinton was born and raised.

Concierge desks at major hotels in Honolulu report few guests asking for directions to the neighborhood where Obama lived. The visitors' bureaus for Oahu and Hawaii report only infrequent requests for such information.

Besides the sites where Obama lived or was schooled, there isn't much to see for those curious about his Hawaii history.

There's Sandy Beach, where he surfed as a teenager and swam as a presidential candidate during his vacation last August; the Chowder House restaurant, where a modest window sign advertises that the former senator was a customer, and other similarly ordinary spots.

That is not deterring Mitch Berger, president of Guides of Oahu. He said customers on his "Obama's nature" tours have increasingly asked where Obama lived. So he plans to start 2 1/2-hour minibus tours of just Obama-related sites soon.

"I'm continually getting the questions on things that shaped the man who is to become our 44th president," he said.

Another effort, to be called Obama Obama Tour, expects to start up before Inauguration Day on Jan. 20, said Dianne Washington-Kay,

who along with a friend, Mike Irvine, is developing the business. Obama is a Hawaiian term that means family.

"If people come here and see why this island produced this kind of individual, that will broaden their view as to why Hawaii is a melting pot," said Washington-Kay, who noted that her family lives a few blocks from Obama's Chicago home.

Further, a local writer, Rob Kay, recently launched a Web site devoted to all things Obama and Hawaii, and just before Thanksgiving the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau unveiled a site highlighting Obama-related locations at <http://www.gohawaii.com/obama>.

But even a large surge of tourists searching for Obama's childhood hangouts is unlikely to change much about Honolulu, like it did Plains, Hope and Crawford.

In those towns, existing businesses and new shops selling presidential trinkets catered to tourists, gas stations filled up their cars and hotels provided rooms for the night.

"It had a big impact in the beginning," said Marilyn Judy, a school teacher and president of the Crawford Chamber of Commerce. "The tourists came and spent their dollars....Even when the protesters came, they still bought souvenirs and ate in the restaurants."

## E. Idaho family frustrated by murder investigation

POCATELLO (AP) — Relatives of a girl killed three decades ago in eastern Idaho say they are disappointed authorities have not been able to solve the case despite recent attempts that appeared to offer a resolution.

"I think we're getting back to that hopeless feeling," Wilma Myers told the Idaho State Journal. "You just kind of get depressed — the idea the investigators will tell the family we have all these things to go on, and then nothing happens."

Myers' sister, 12-year-old Tina Anderson, and 15-year-old Patricia Campbell disappeared in 1978 from a crowded celebration at a park in the city.

Investigators found their bodies in October 1981 in an Oneida County gorge.

Police formed a multi-agency task force in 2006 to examine the case and try to find new evidence, which included a 2007 excavation of the site where the bodies were found.

After that excavation, Oneida County Sheriff Jeff Semrad said officials found "two key pieces of evidence" and that a grand jury might be convened.

However, news confer-

ences have stopped. Semrad earlier this month said releasing more information could alert suspects who then might run.

"The best I can give you is that we are still actively investigating the cold case," he said in a Nov. 20 statement. "Investigators are following up on leads as they come in and working with agencies in Idaho and other states in reference to the case."

Last week, he told the newspaper that one item being analyzed by the FBI was a rock that appeared to have a fingerprint on it. He said a grand jury wasn't convened because prosecutors decided against it.

"Everything is on hold as far as that goes," Semrad said.

He did say that detectives earlier this year collected DNA samples from individuals he identified as a possible suspect.

County Prosecutor Dustin Smith declined to comment about specifics, but said he is working with the state attorney general's office.

"The investigation is ongoing. The prosecution is ongoing. Any comment would have to be made by the AG's office," Smith said.

## Canyon County approves Sunday booze sales

NAMPA (AP) — The Canyon County Commission has approved the sale of vodka, gin and other distilled spirits on Sundays.

Commissioners in the state's second largest county approved a measure Monday that will allow businesses to sell liquor for five hours on Sundays. Officials say Sunday sales could begin before the end of the upcoming holiday season.

The move would put the county in line with state laws passed earlier this year

by the Legislature that eliminated some restrictions on liquor sales dating back to the 1800s.

The proposal drew some criticism Monday from residents who claimed Sunday sales will spur an increase in drunken driving rates and other costs passed on to the county.

Proponents, including the Idaho Distillers Association and Idaho Liquor Distributors Association, say Sunday sales will boost revenue for the county and state.

## Feds: Prairie dog no barrier to drilling on refuge

DENVER (AP) — Federal officials say energy exploration on a southern Colorado wildlife refuge won't have significant environmental effects, despite the presence of a prairie dog deemed eligible for federal protection.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Monday that an analysis of the Gunnison's prairie dog didn't change its decision that drilling two exploratory wells on the Baca National Wildlife Refuge would have no significant environmental impacts. The agency says a detailed analysis of the effects on the prairie dog were inadvertently left

out of the earlier finding.

Federal officials have said the Gunnison's prairie dog found at higher elevations in Colorado and New Mexico qualifies for protection as an endangered species, but other species are higher priority.

The refuge about 200 miles southwest of Denver is home to several colonies of Gunnison's prairie dogs, but the only one within the planned exploration area is about three miles from the nearest well site, Fish and Wildlife said.

Federal officials said they will monitor the situation to see if emergency measures

are needed to protect the prairie dogs.

Environmentalists oppose plans by Toronto-based Lexam Explorations to drill two exploratory natural gas wells on the wildlife refuge next to the Great Sand Dunes National Park. They're concerned about the effects on wildlife, air and water quality and on the national park.

Although the surface land is public, Lexam owns some of the minerals. Federal officials say the company acquired the minerals before the area was designated as a refuge and national park.

The law gives a mineral owner or lessee the right to

reasonable use of the surface to extract minerals.

Fish and Wildlife spokesman Mike Blonden said the agency would prepare an environmental impact statement, a more thorough analysis. If Lexam wanted to take the next step and start producing natural gas.

Baca National Wildlife Refuge was created in 2004 with the acquisition of the 97,000-acre Baca Ranch. Some 31,000 acres of that ranch became part of the Great Sand Dunes National Park, previously a national monument, and the rest became the wildlife refuge.

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# 1 in 5 young adults has personality disorder

By Lindsay Tanner  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Almost one in five young American adults has a personality disorder that interferes with everyday life, and even more abuse alcohol or drugs, researchers reported Monday in the most extensive survey of its kind.

The disorders include problems such as obsessive or compulsive tendencies and anti-social behavior that can sometimes lead to violence. The study also found that about 20 percent of college-aged Americans with mental problems get treatment.

One expert said personality disorders may be overdiagnosed. But others said the new research supports findings from previous, less rigorous evidence that suggested mental problems are common on college campuses and elsewhere.

Experts praised the study's scope — face-to-face interviews with more than 5,000 young people ages 19 to 25 — and said it spotlights a problem college administrators need to address.

Study co-author Dr. Mark Olfendick of Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute called the widespread lack of treatment particularly worrisome. He said it should alert not only students and parents, but also doctors and people who run college mental health services about the need to extend access to treatment.

Counting substance abuse, the study found that nearly half of young people with personality disorders have some sort of psychiatric condition, including students and non-students.

Personality disorders were the second most common problem behind drug or alcohol abuse in that category. The disorders include obsessive, anti-social and paranoid behaviors that are not mere quirks but actually interfere with ordinary functioning.

# Bio attack on U.S. likely in next 5 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States can expect a terrorist attack using nuclear or chemical weapons before 2013, reports a bipartisan commission in a study being briefed Tuesday to Vice President-elect Joe Biden.

It suggests the Obama administration bolster efforts to counter and prepare for germ warfare by terrorists.

"Our margin of safety is shrinking, not growing," states the report, obtained by The Associated Press. It is scheduled to be publicly released Wednesday.

The commission is also encouraging the new White House to appoint one official on the National Security Council to exclusively coordinate U.S. intelligence and foreign policy on combating the spread of nuclear and biological weapons.

The report of the Commission on the Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism, led by former Sen. Bob Graham of Florida and Jim Talent of Missouri, acknowledges that terrorist groups still lack the needed scientific and technical ability to make weapons out of pathogens or nuclear bombs. But it warns that gap can be easily overcome if terrorists find scientists willing to share or sell their know-how.

# Barack Obama: From change agent to pragmatist

By Robert Barnes  
Associated-Press writer

## Analysis

WASHINGTON — The selection of an experienced politician — Hillary Rodham Clinton, Robert Gates and James L. Jones — to head President-elect Barack Obama's national security team points to the possibility that the incoming commander-in-chief may take a more measured path to ending American military involvement than he described during the presidential campaign.

Obama's choice of a more pragmatic, less ideological approach to asserting American leadership in the world. In announcing on Monday that Clinton is his choice for secretary of state and that Gates has agreed to remain as defense secretary — with Jones as national security adviser in the White House — Obama said he has intentionally surrounded himself with "strong personalities and strong opinions." And he made clear that when push comes to shove, he will be the one to make the tough calls.

Gates in particular has opposed setting a hard deadline for removing U.S. forces from Iraq, but he also has emphasized the need to transition the U.S. military mission from combat to support for Iraqi forces. And Gates shares Obama's view

that some resources now in Iraq should be shifted to Afghanistan.

Obama will likely rely on Jones, who spent 40 years in the Marine Corps but has never served in the executive branch of government, to lay the groundwork by melding the views of Clinton and Gates.

In an Associated Press interview shortly after Obama's announcement in Chicago, Jones feels well prepared for his expected role in building consensus among the key players on national security.

"I've always felt that the more senior I got, even in the military, the more important is the art of making people feel like they own part of the problem and also part of the solution. Raising consensus is important," he said.

"At the end of the day, when you need a decision you need to be able to go to the boss and say, 'Okay, here are the options up and here are the lines up and here's my recommendation and what do you want to do?'"

Loren Thompson, chief operating officer of the Lexington Institute, a Washington research group, said the combination of Clinton, Gates and Jones appears to fit well with



President-elect Barack Obama and Secretary of State-designate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., walk off together after a press conference in Chicago, Monday.

Obama's pledge to be pragmatic when it comes to decisions about the use of military force and in building overseas alliances.

"The tone is centrist and non-ideological, which is quite a change from the 'Bush administration,'" he said.

"In his younger days in the Marine Corps, Jones, 64, was known to some as the 'Hawk' — not as a reflection of his defense views but as a comment on the prominence of his nose. Today he is widely seen as nonpartisan; during the campaign he informally advised both Obama and John McCain.

Gates, while closely associated with a Republican administration, also has served in the White House during Democratic presidencies. At his news conference Monday, Obama said he didn't ask Gates to remain at the Pentagon because of his party affiliation, although he has promised to have a Republican in his Cabinet.

"The point here is that I didn't go around checking people's political registration," Obama said. "What I was most concerned with was whether or not they can serve the interests of the American people."

The president-elect said he was parting ways with recent practice by assembling a "policy group" of national security leaders.

"One of the dangers in a White House, based on my reading of history, is that you get wrapped up in group-think and everybody agrees with everything and there's no discussion and there are no dissenting views," he said. "So I am going to be welcoming a vigorous debate inside the White House."

"But underneath, I will be setting policy as president. I will be responsible for the vision that this team carries out, and I will expect them to implement that vision once decisions are made."

Obama said he intends to stick to his campaign pledge to get U.S. combat forces out of Iraq within 16 months of taking office. But he also appeared to leave himself some wiggle room on the timetable.

"I believe that 16 months is the right timeframe," he said. "But as I have said consistently, I will listen to the recommendations of my commanders. And my number one priority is making sure that our troops remain safe in this transition phase and that the Iraqi people are well served by a government that is taking on increased responsibility for its own security."

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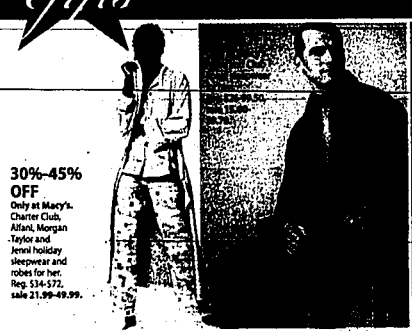
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EDITORIAL

# Otter makes it official: Hard times are here

This one hurts. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's announcement Monday of a 3 percent holdback in state spending — on top of the 1 percent midyear budget cut he ordered in September — wiped out \$130.5 million of spending from a \$3 billion budget.

Additionally, the governor ordered state agencies to hold back another 2 percent — \$60 million — in case more cuts are needed. If past is prologue, that likely means layoffs — or "restructuring" in government-speak — in the big-tick state agencies such as the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the state university system. That happened in 2002 when Gov. Dirk Kempthorne ordered \$20 million held back from a then-\$2 billion budget.

The biggest difference between now and six years ago is that the public schools aren't facing budget cuts — now. For that, public education can thank state Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome — the Legislature's budget committee chairmen — and their insistence in bolstering an education rainy day fund that now contains \$120 million.

There's another \$208 million in two other rainy day funds, neither of which have been tapped yet.

Our concerns about how this latest round of holdbacks will affect south-central are two:

• The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding, with its \$8.8 million budget, saw \$84,000 trimmed during the first round of cuts. It now faces a total reduction of \$335,000 — plus another \$170,000 it can't spend because of Otter's reserve order. The first holdback forced the school to delay updating its curriculum; the consequences of the second round will be much more serious to the institution's day-to-day operations — and how many students it can educate. As we suggested editorially in September, ISDB is by any definition a state school, and like the public schools, it should be held harmless from this round of cutbacks.

• There isn't a more important state agency to the future of the Magic Valley than the Idaho Department of Water Resources, which is smack in the middle of adjudicating competing water claims that will decide in large part what south-central Idaho's economy looks like in the future. It's a \$25 million agency — \$15 million comes from Idaho taxpayers — which gave back \$135,000 in September. Now it must surrender another \$405,000 — plus \$12 million in one-time money and another \$265,000 it can't spend. There is a point at which this agency can't handle the complex tasks assigned to it without more resources.

Counting both the September and December holdbacks, the College of Southern Idaho's share of the pain will amount something more than one-third of the \$1.2 million the governor has ordered withheld from the state's community colleges (more than a third because Idaho's third public junior college, the College of Western Idaho, isn't fully up and running yet). Still, just \$12 million of CSI's \$33 million budget comes from the state (21 percent comes from tuition and another \$4 million from Twin Falls County and Jerome County property taxpayers).

And it's unclear whether Otter's \$847,000 reduction in agriculture research funding will have any impact on the planned dairy research center in the Magic Valley. Still, all state agencies — and users of state services — are in a wild ride. Dollars held back from the state budget disappear from the budget base for the next year. For IDSB, for example, it's as if that sequestered \$335,000 never existed.

The most likely outcome is that new state spending for Fiscal Year 2010 — even for a desperately needed patchwork such as road repair — will be negligible. The state budget we have is battered, but you ain't seen nothin' yet.

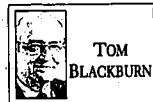
## Times-News

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# Who's our worst president? Bush or Buchanan?

A few months ago, History News Network surveyed 109 historians, 61 percent of whom rated incumbent George W. Bush the worst of the 42 men who have held his office. Such polls are useless except for fun. The living suffer from recent bad presidents and hold a grudge, after all, while someone else suffers from earlier ones. The Web site admitted up front that the poll is unscientific.

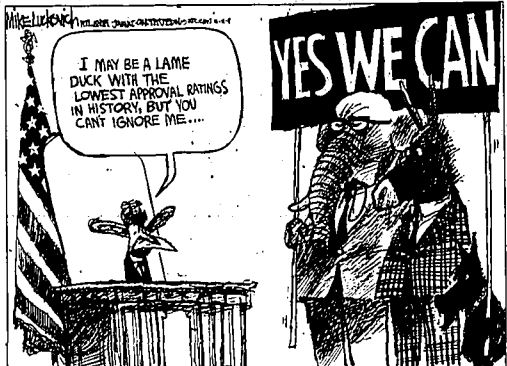
Still, there is something to gain by considering Bush's main competition for worst, James Buchanan. The country has survived pretty miserable presidents, but it didn't survive Buchanan.



TOM BLACKBURN

In addition, he is the best argument for the case that prior experience doesn't count for much in the Oval Office. He had a Tiffany resume. Can you top this? Ten years in the House, eight in the Senate, minister to Britain and to Russia and four years as secretary of state.

Despite that, he was a rotten judge of men, and when his crisis came, he was a reed shaken by a gale. The crisis was secession. Southern friends told him it was coming, but he refused to look. South Carolina seceded in 1860, the last year of Buchanan's term. It had talked secession in 1850, but President Andrew Jackson threatened to beat the tar out of John C. Calhoun (he would have, too), and that was the end of that. Buchanan threatened



to be a Confederate general, "redress it if you dare." President Buchanan did not dare. The Civil War came. Whether Buchanan could have prevented it can be debated. Not debatable is that he contributed four years of doing nothing to prevent it. It was left to a lightly experienced lawyer from Illinois to restore the United States. I do not insist on any parallels.

Today's Incumbent will leave office with the economy shattered, financial markets in ruins and the federal budget looking like a kindergarten finger-painting project. He will leave behind two wars without enough troops for the more important one and threats we can't currently back up pending against Iran, North Korea and Russia, Osama bin Laden is still loose. We lost eight years we might have used for dealing with climate change, and we still depend on oil from

countries that don't like us a whole lot. There is more government secrecy and less personal liberty than when Bush took office. We are now a country that uses torture as an instrument of policy. Bush said last week that in January we will celebrate the first wartime transition in the presidency in our history. That is only technically true. Bush took the government to war but not the nation. We are at war, but the president never called on the patriotism of most Americans to join in. He tried to fight his wars with only the people who have to say "yes, sir" to him. That may be why we haven't won. As the fruits of incompetence indifference go, all of that is quite a salad bowl. But it stops short of being a civil war.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### School funding analogy was flawed

In response to Ms. LeClair (Nov. 19 letter): Your flawed use of analogy is disappointing given the excellent reputations of the University of Idaho and Willamette University. To compare a free market, capitalist enterprise to public schools is unperceptive. I presume you understand public schools are funded on the average daily attendance of their students. Unlike corporations, they cannot increase production, lower prices or advertise to increase revenue. Charter schools, as you may know, are not funded the same as public schools. Charter schools receive more than 30 percent more revenue per student from the state than public schools. That is taxpayer money funding the charter school experiment. While the management methods are alternative educational methods really work, any results will be skewed by the fact that a charter school

education comes at a cost of more than 30 percent per student more than public school students.

Last but not least, Gooding School District has approximately 1,300 students. A 300-student charter school in Gooding represents a 23 percent drop in students (think funding). We cannot make significant changes in our fixed costs (e.g., buildings and utilities).

We have already removed almost \$700,000 from our revenue base (that is almost 10 percent). Therefore, the funding deficiency can only come from staff and programs.

In contrast, your home district, the Meridian School District, has approximately 33,884 students. A charter school represents a 0.8 percent reduction in students. Be assured if the Meridian School District was going to lose 7,800 or 23 percent over two years, there would be much more than "soul-searching."

I appreciate your enthusiasm as the president of the Coalition of Idaho Charter

School Families, but please don't pretend to understand how charter school affects our close-knit community in Gooding. May God bless you.

DR. RAYMOND GOODING

Gooding  
(Editor's note: Raymond Gooding is chairman of the Gooding School District Board of Trustees.)

### CNG is the answer to energy independence

Automakers, workers, pensions, etc., are the news of the day: The oil man T. Boone Pickens says the answer is domestic compressed natural gas. Why can't automakers change their production at least on basic models of trucks and cars to CNG? We know we just have to get off foreign oil!

The idea of improved mileage, energy credibility! My 1991 Lincoln Towncar gets 27 mpg at 70 mph highway travel; the 2008 Cadillac is touted at achieving 26 mpg. Sound encouraging?

It just can't be that difficult for automakers to change production to CNG and for government and CNG producers to establish availability.

Today in Missouri, gasoline is selling at \$1.49 per gallon. We should give an early on foreign oil or again rely on cleaning our air and keeping our energy dollars at home.

Could it be that truck and car buyers would flock to the dealerships if CNG models were available? EARL OLSON Shoshone

### Not all mothers told the truth about abortion

Not all mothers who have an abortion done are told the whole truth. Sometimes the mother dies and, of course, the baby always dies. The reason the mother dies sometimes is because her body goes into shock because she loses a great deal of blood in a very short period of time. CATHY ANN HEILEMAN Twin Falls

## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



# Without the Kennedys, Obama wouldn't be president-elect

**WASHINGTON** — Barack Obama's victory triggered an immediate accounting of debts to be paid off in constructing his new administration.



PETER CANELLOS

There were those who speculated that Obama would be building a White House staff of loyal old Chicago hands. Others foresaw a bevy of Clintonistas.

And still others had a vision of a kind of Kennedy redux that was quickly dubbed "Obamalead."

After all, Caroline Kennedy had emerged from her shell of shyness to head Obama's vice-presidential search team, after joining her Uncle Ted on a national barnstorming tour with Obama in the days leading up to Super Tuesday. Her exertion not only signaled her enthusiasm for Obama, but also her willingness to be a greater presence in public life: Some would say with Obama as a possible U.S. ambassador.

Her cousin, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., has spent decades developing credibility as a global environmental activist, and some people would say the Kennedys family feel, he, too, is ready to emerge on the national stage, having overcome a troubled youth. They see him as a possible Environmental Protection Agency chief.

There is no question that Obama owes a debt to the

Kennedys — but it may be far greater than he or they realize. Yes, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy offered a crucial early endorsement, comparing the Obama of 2008 to the Jack Kennedy of 1960. And certainly Caroline and others in the Kennedy family worked hard on the campaign trail. But the greatest Kennedy legacy to Obama isn't Ted or Caroline or Bobby Jr., but rather the Immigration Act of 1965, which created the diverse country that is already being called Obama's America.

That act is rarely mentioned when recounting the high points of 1960s liberalism, but its impact arguably rivals the Voting Rights Act, the creation of Medicare, or other legislative landmarks of the era. It transformed a nation 85 percent white in 1965 into one that's one-third minority today, and on track for a nonwhite majority by 2042.

Before the act, immigration visas were apportioned based on the demographic breakdown that existed at the time of the 1920 Census — meaning that there were

few if any limits on immigrants from Western and Northern Europe, but strict quotas on those from elsewhere.

The belief that the United States should remain a nation of European lineage was openly discussed when immigration laws were revised in 1952. The resulting bill, the McCarran-Walter Act, was notorious for giving the State Department the right to exclude visitors for ideological reasons, meaning that a raft of left-wing artists and writers — including Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, British novelist Graham Greene — and scores of others were denied visas. But it also had the effect of maintaining the 1920s-era notion of the United States as a white nation. (Congress included the bill over President Truman's veto.)

A decade later, attitudes were changing, and President Kennedy proposed a new immigration structure that would no longer be based on national origins. After Kennedy's assassination, his brother Ted took up the fight, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service even furthered the playing field. Though Lyndon Johnson, in signing the bill, tried to reassure opponents that it wouldn't do much to change the balance of immigration, its impact was dramatic. In the 1950s, 53 percent of

all immigrants were Europeans and just 6 percent were Asians; by the 1990s, just 16 percent were Europeans and 31 percent were Asians. The percentages of Latino and African immigrants also jumped significantly.

Simon Rosenberg, president of the liberal think tank NDN, formerly the New Democrat Network, calls the Immigration Act of 1965 "the most important piece of legislation that no one's ever heard of," and said it "set America on a very different demographic course than the previous 300 years."

By adding so many Asians, Latinos, and African immigrants, Rosenberg says, the act changed the racial narrative in America from one of oppression — the white-black divide dating to slavery — to one of diversity. That change was strongly echoed in the Immigration Act of 1965, and the act had its roots in the Kennedys. Obamalead may be the modern reflection of JFK's New Frontier, after all.

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# Bailing out Detroit's labor unions



CAL THOMAS

**R**emember when Democrats lamented the growing budget deficit and spoke of the burden our children and grandchildren would face if we didn't put our fiscal house in order? That was when Republicans ran the federal government and Democrats opposed tax cuts. Now that Democrats are about to be in charge, concern about the deficit has disappeared and spending plans proliferate, even though the national debt passed \$10 trillion in September and we added another \$500 billion last month.

The latest, but by no means the last supplicant at the public trough, is the auto industry, which wants a bailout to save jobs because its cars are not selling. There is a reason for that: While in the past UAW settled for some benefit decreases while bargaining with the Big Three to make a profit? This becomes the kind of corporate welfare Democrats decry when it comes to Wall Street. But the Wall Street isn't unionized and Democrats want and need the union vote.

What about Chrysler's bailout 30 years ago? It was a loan. Did Chrysler pay back the government? Wasn't it worth the risk to save jobs? According to the Heritage Foundation, the \$1.2 billion in loan guarantees made by the Carter administration resulted in a partial bankruptcy for Chrysler. "Most of the company's creditors were forced to accept losses just as they would if Chrysler had gone through Chapter 11, and the company ended up firing almost half its workforce, including 20,000 white-collar workers and 42,600 hourly wage earners. The only people who benefited from the bailout were Chrysler shareholders."

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More government intervention in private industry will bring us closer to socialism. Better to renegotiate the labor contracts, retrain workers for other jobs, or help them get hired at the Japanese auto plants in America than to subsidize a failed economic model for the sake of political gain.

While many in the Democratic Party have

focused on "corporate greed" and "fairness," according to Sherk, "competition, not corporate greed, is the real problem facing labor unions. When unions negotiate raises for their members, companies pass those higher costs on to consumers." Americans used to tolerate those increases, but no more. Competition has brought lower prices for Japanese cars and Americans are buying more of them, taking a pass on those manufactured in Detroit.

The argument made by those favoring a bailout of Detroit is that it will save more than 100,000 jobs in the auto and related industries. But what good does that do if people are not buying cars in sufficient numbers to allow the Big Three to make a profit? This becomes the kind of corporate welfare Democrats decry when it comes to Wall Street. But the Wall Street isn't unionized and Democrats want and need the union vote.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Did you take time to count your blessings?**

As we read the Thanksgiving newspaper, we see ads, 30 percent by weight, encomiums for the Sooper Dooper 5 a.m. mega sales. Doubtless, some front-page news about bombings, a tanking stock market, auto makers producing a blistering 1933, Aunt Tillie's dog killed by drunk tenor. Not much to be thankful for; tempting to wash it away with a filth of rum and some "MASH" reruns.

Sill, (admit it) there's the value that keeps reporting "count your blessings." Isn't your wonderful life where folks are free to advertise or own a 19-year-old car that runs? Did you thank God today you've got a dog you didn't need to eat a fence you didn't need to burn for warmth?

Surely this world is imperfect. Maybe that is its perfection? Where's the value, if there's nothing to dream of or work toward?

Only love lasts. Stocks tank, houses burn, friends die. All that lasts is love. We can't buy it or sell it, only give it away and graciously accept it. Love truly is "all we need." It's the great equalizer, the currency of the Kingdom of God, limited by neither pauper nor king. What a blessing!

Bob died. St. Peter met him and asked where he would like to spend eternity. Bob, not so religious said, "I dunno; what's the difference?" Peter said, "Let's tour; you decide."

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You've two choices. "Around a giant table a couple of dozen people were starving. Each had a 4-foot spoon for a hand. And a delicious smelling pot of soup simmered in the table's center."

In the second room were a couple dozen people with 4-foot spoons for hands and a delicious smelling pot of soup in the center. These folks were plump and vivacious.

"What's the difference?" said Bob St. Peter replied, "This group has learned to feed each other, but in the first room they keep trying to feed themselves."

Love is only love when we give it away and it truly is all we need.

Happy Thanksgiving. PHIL AULTH Berger

**General Motors should be making 60 mpg cars in U.S.**

How does more than 100 miles per gallon sound? If you could buy a car that gets that mileage, would you? What if an American car company made this car, would you want one? What if I told you that General Motors is the car company that currently pro-

duces this car in Europe under the Vauxhall and Opel brand names. The car is called the Agila and is rated at a combined fuel economy of up to 62.8 mpg. Questions: If GM is making these cars in Europe, why are they not being made in the United States? Why is GM withholding these high-mileage vehicles from us? JOSEPH AITKEN Jerome

**Female veteran denied membership in veteran organizations**

I read with interest the article on the front page of the Times-Herald on Nov. 11, "Final Salute." I am sorry the veterans organizations are having difficulty attracting "younger veterans," but if their service was negated as mine was, the organizations need to look to their membership committee and make some changes.

I first came to the Twin Falls area in 1993. I approached two of the organizations mentioned and was summarily dismissed. When I talked with the American Legion, I was told I could join the women's

auxiliary but not the American Legion as a veteran. Oh yes, I did not mention I am a female veteran. When I spoke with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I was told I did not serve overseas, therefore, I did not qualify for their organization.

I joined the Navy in 1965 and served all stateside assignments because that was where I was needed. I might add that was during the Vietnam War. After being discharged from the Navy, I joined the Coast Guard. Aside from a short assignment in Alaska, all of my tours were in CONUS. All total, I served more than 17 years for my country and have the honorable discharge for that service.

So now, the old boy's network has struck the veterans organization and they don't understand why no one wants to join. Perhaps there was a bit of discrimination going on during the intake process? I am sure I am not the only female veteran that has met this situation. I would have proudly served, but not in the women's auxiliary. I am a military veteran and proud of it. There are a lot of women who have served right along with our male counterparts. Stand up and be proud of what you have done. Thank you to all the veterans, male and female, wherever you served. SUSAN D. BERGEN, VNI Twin Falls (Editor's note: Susan Bergen is a veteran of the Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard.)

## QUOTABLE

"What we are emphasizing to the Pakistani government is the need to follow the evidence wherever it leads. I don't want to jump to any conclusions myself on this, but I do think that this is a time for complete, absolute, total transparency and cooperation and that's what we expect."

— U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice saying the United States expects nothing short of Pakistan's complete cooperation in investigations into the terrorist rampage in nuclear rival India.

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# U.S. deaths in Afghanistan in November drop sharply

By Jason Straziwo  
Associated Press writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — One American serviceman died in Afghanistan in November, a dramatic drop from earlier months that the U.S. military attributed to its campaign against insurgent leaders, operations by Afghan and Pakistani forces and the onset of winter.

Twice this year, monthly U.S. death tolls in Afghanistan surpassed the monthly toll in Iraq, highlighting the differing trends in the two war zones: Security in Iraq has improved while it has deteriorated in Afghanistan.

The Taliban's reach is expanding — and even the capital, Kabul, is more dangerous than before.

U.S. troops suffered an average of 21 deaths in Afghanistan each month this year from May to October — by far the deadliest six-month period in Afghanistan for American forces since the 2001 U.S.

led invasion. The Afghan Defense Ministry does not release fatality figures.

Militants this year have unleashed increasingly powerful roadside bombs and sophisticated, multidirectional ambushes. The deadliest attacks, combined with a record number of U.S. troops — patrolling Afghanistan's vast provinces, has this year led to more American military deaths than ever before in Afghanistan — 148.

The sole U.S. military death recorded last month came when a suicide bomber rammed his car into a military convoy Nov. 13 as it was passing, through a crowded market in eastern Afghanistan. The blast killed Sgt. Jonnie L. Stiles, 38, who was serving with the Louisiana Army National Guard.

Lt. Col. Rumi Nielson-Green, the spokeswoman at the U.S. base at Bagram, cautioned that one month of data does not make a trend "but may be an indicator."

# Mumbai attack puts focus on Pakistan militant link

By Kathy Cannon  
Associated Press Writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The militant group blamed for the Mumbai attacks has roots in the disputed Kashmir region, where Pakistani military has faced off against India for decades.

There have long been suspicions that Pakistan's military and intelligence services helped create, arm and train Lashkar-e-Taiba as a proxy force against India's much larger military.

Though ties between the militant group and Pakistan's army have never been firmly established, the issue is coming under fresh scrutiny and could determine India's response to the terror attacks.

Pakistan has repeatedly denied any connection to the group.

Any evidence linking the Mumbai attackers to the

Pakistani leadership would raise tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbors after years of attempts to mend relations. In a worst-case scenario, it could push India's government to mobilize troops along the border or even bomb militant targets within Pakistan.

The only surviving gunman told police he is Pakistani and trained at a Lashkar camp in Pakistan, according to Indian security officials; Indian leaders have also blamed "elements within Pakistan" for the strikes.

The Islamabad government acknowledges the attackers may be Pakistani or may even have trained on its soil, but insists they did so without its knowledge. Government leaders have also repeatedly noted they too are fighting a bloody war against Islamic militants.

The Pakistani government banned Lashkar in 2002

amid pressure from Washington following the Sept. 11 attacks. Since then most analysts say infiltration by militants into Indian-held Kashmir has decreased.

But a senior Pakistani government official acknowledged individuals among the lower-ranks of the intelligence agencies may sympathize with groups like Lashkar, which has been linked to al-Qaida, and whose members are believed to be involved in attacks against the government and army close to the Afghan border.

"Maybe one or two individuals are allowing things to happen," but there is no officially sanctioned connection to the militants, said the official, who asked not to be identified because it would compromise his work.

The situation is further muddled because many

people question whether Pakistan's civilian government, which was elected in February ending nine years of military rule, is in full control of the army and intelligence agencies.

Relations between the military government under President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and jihadi groups deteriorated following the July 2007 assault on the Red Mosque in Islamabad, which left scores of militants dead. The mosque was historically used as a jumping off point for militants en route to the fight in Kashmir.

Hundreds of Pakistani soldiers have died in a spike in suicide bombings since the mosque assault. A Pakistani army operation in the Bajur border region that began in September has also targeted militant hideouts, some of them belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba, according to military officials in the area.



Tourists carry their luggage as they make their way through high water in Venice, Italy, Monday. The worst flooding in Venice in more than 20 years forced residents and tourists to wade through knee-high water Monday.

# Highest tide in 20 years floods historic Venice

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Venice could use a bailout. The city built on water has too much of it.

Residents and tourists waded through knee-deep water Monday as they navigate the city's narrow streets and alleys, and its historic St. Mark's Square was inundated. Boxes of tourist merchandise floated inside the flooded shops around the square and even the city's famed pigeons sought refuge on rooftops and windowsills.

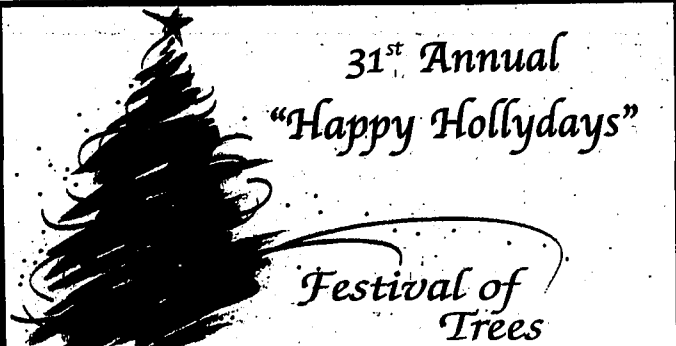
One of the highest tides in its history brought Venice to a virtual halt, rekindling a debate over a plan to build moveable flood barriers in an effort to save the lagoon city from high tides.

City officials said the tide peaked at 61 inches, well past the 40-inch flood mark, as strong winds pushed the sea

into the city. Alarms went off at 6:37 a.m. to alert citizens, but many residents were taken by surprise because authorities had initially not forecast such a high water level.

In St. Mark's Square, one of the city's lowest points, tourists tried to stay dry by huddling on cafe tables and chairs sticking out of the water. The water was so high that someone rowed a small speedboat across the wide square.

"It was quite an extraordinary experience," said Michel Gorski, visiting from Brussels with his wife. "We got stuck in the hotel for half a day but we didn't suffer. We were sorry for the restaurants and stores around, but there was no panic and everyone worked really hard to clean up quickly."



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Friday, Dec. 5 ..... 10:00 AM-9:00 PM  
Saturday, Dec. 6 ..... 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

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**Saturday, Dec. 6th**  
10:00 En Point Dance Academy  
11:00 Zac Harman  
11:30 Main Motion Dance  
12:00 Trendsetters  
12:30 Erica Jones Dance Studio  
12:45 Jade Tracy  
1:00 Showstoppers  
1:30  
2:00 Kiya Fife  
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Stocks fall sharply on spending worries

(AP) The reality that the nation is indeed in recession and that the downturn may well be prolonged sent Wall Street plunging Monday, hurtling the Dow Jones Industrial Average down nearly 700 points.

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## FUEL REPORT

The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in south-central Idaho declined 5 cents from last week to \$1.93. The average price for a gallon of diesel increased 3 cents to a regional average of \$2.77. Regional prices remain higher than state and national averages. According to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report, the average price for a gallon of gas in Idaho was \$1.81. Oil prices tumbled below \$50 a barrel Monday following reports on declining manufacturing. The price drop also comes two days after OPEC said it would not cut production of crude before its scheduled meeting in three weeks.

### Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Maverik Country Store, 120 6th Ave. W.; \$1.79
- Jerome: Flying J Travel Plaza, 5350 U.S. Highway 93; \$1.77
- Burley: Bowen Cardlock - Sinclair, 502 N. 5th; \$1.76

### Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Mr. Gas Sinclair; 911 Blue Lakes Blvd.; \$2.59
- Jerome: Flying J Travel Plaza, 5350 U.S. Highway 93; \$2.57
- Burley: Smith's Fuel, 937 E. Main St.; \$2.57

\*Price quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at anytime.

## COMMODITY PRICES

### Dairy

Block	Close	Change
Average price	\$1.754	+.046
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.726	+.048
Butter		
Average Price	\$1.616	-.019
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	\$4.00	—
Class III milk		
Average price	\$17.06	—
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$13.62	—

### Feed

Block	Close	Change
Dairy Feed Supply	\$8.00	—
Land O'Lakes	\$7.50	—
Rangen	\$8.40	—

### Barley (Per 100 pounds)

Rangen	\$7.60	—
Ogden	\$7.15	—
Pocatello	\$6.50	—
Burley	\$6.50	—

### Hay (Mid/Ton)

Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low \$150	High \$190
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$150	High \$160
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$150	High \$150

### Small grain

Block	Ask	N/A
Rangen		
Ogden	\$4.81	+.19
Pocatello	\$4.35	+.25
Burley	\$4.15	+.10

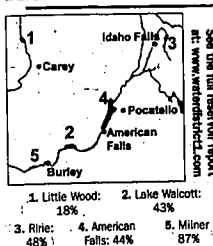
### Livestock

Lambs and hogs		
Feeder lambs	Low \$90	High \$100
Fat lambs	Low \$89	High \$92
Breeding ewes	Low \$11	High \$91

Price quotes as of 11/26/2008. Prices subject to change at any time. To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

### More commodities on B2

## RESERVOIR LEVELS



# New option for irrigators

## Idaho Power proposes new program

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Irrigators will have a new option for managing irrigation expenses next summer. Idaho Power is retooling its peak rewards program in hopes of getting more participation.

"This has the potential to be a win-win," said Lynn Tominga,

executive director for the Idaho Groundwater Appropriators, Inc. Irrigators get more flexibility about when their systems can be shut down during peak demand periods plus get a larger credit on their power bills.

The incentives will be paid as a credit to the participants June and July power bills.

Non-og Idaho Power customers

could also benefit if the new program reduces demand during hot summer months to the point that Idaho Power can delay building a new natural gas peaker to meet that demand, he added. The proposed Bennett Mountain peaker facility has been estimated to cost between \$150 and \$200 million to construct, that could add another 9 to 10 cents/kw to customer's power bills.

Some irrigators have been reluctant to participate in demand

reduction programs because of the time commitment and the fear that crops will suffer during the off-times. The revamped program is intended to allay some of those concerns.

Under the existing peak rewards program, irrigators agree to be shut down from 4 to 8 p.m. on one, two or three days each week during June, July and August. The incentive payment is based on

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# Sales in the stockyard



A small group of kill-cows are held Monday morning at the Twin Falls Livestock Commission. There was a sudden spike in the number of kill-cows this month which will likely lead to an unprecedented decline during summer months.

## Sharp decline in cattle sales predicted

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

Cattlemen sold off an unprecedented number of kill-cows in early November as a growing number of cattle operations call it quits.

Stockyards in south-central Idaho say sales of kill-cows — cattle being sold for slaughter — outpaced any other year in memory, but they say that the sudden increase in sales will likely lead to a significant decline in sales during summer months.

"We sold more than 800 kill-cows two weeks in row," said Bruce Billington, manager of the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Company. "It's the most I've ever seen since I've been here, but it means there will be a lot less (kill-cows) being sold in the summer."

Billington estimated that sales will decline 5 percent to 10 percent during the summer compared to 2008. He said the recent sell-off is being caused by high feed prices and waning consumer demand for higher-quality beef.

The latest cattle-on-feed statistics come at a time of high input costs for fattening the beef and deep losses for the nation's cattle-feeding industry.

According to the National

### Cattle by the numbers

- U.S. inventory of cattle and calves on feed totaled 11 million head in Nov. 1 — down 7 percent from the same month last year.
- Placements nationwide during October were down nearly 11 percent below 2007 to 2.44 million cattle.
- Prices for tenderloin are now running about 12 percent to 13 percent below a year ago.

Agricultural Statist Service, Idaho cattlemen during October also placed 9 percent fewer cattle on feed, meaning the available slaughter supply will remain tight in the coming months.

"Hay feed prices are the highest they've ever been," Billington said. "What we're seeing now is a lot of smaller operations going out of business."

Small operations generally raise fewer than 1,000 head of cattle annually.

Cattlemen in northern Nevada and southern Idaho have been particularly hard hit by rangeland fires that consumed thousands of acres

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of grazing land in 2007. The fires were followed by skyrocketing hay prices in late 2007 and throughout 2008.

The U.S. inventory of cattle and calves on feed totaled 11 million head on Nov. 1, down 7 percent from the same month last year. Placements nationwide during October were down nearly 11 percent below 2007 to 2.44 million cattle, while the number of animals leaving the stockyard for slaughter were down 3 percent from last year

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## N.D. farmer defies government by draining wetlands

By James MacPherson  
Associated Press writer

BISMARCK, N.D. — Armed with a tractor or a backhoe, Alvin Peterson bulldozes the dirt that chokes the waterways forming prairie potholes on his land, saying he's putting it back to the way God intended.

The 78-year-old retired farmer from Lawton, in northeastern North Dakota, has been in hot water with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over wetlands for more than 40 years.

The agency had an easement

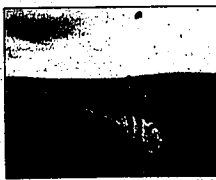
contract with his father for the potholes to house, and feed wildlife.

Federal authorities, after dealing for decades with Peterson's pothole-emptying antics, began cracking down on him. This month — and for the second time in four years — Peterson was convicted of illegally emptying wetlands. Now he faces stiff fines and jail time.

Peterson remains unfazed.

"I didn't make the waterways, the good Lord did," Peterson said.

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife agent Brian Vese surveys an illegal wetland drainage ditch on a federal easement at Alvin Peterson's farm in Lawton, N.D.

## AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

### IDAHO

#### Idaho Honey Producers and Honey Commission to meet

BOISE — The annual Idaho Honey Producers and Honey Commission meeting will be held Dec. 4 through the 6 at the Red Lion Downtown, which is located at 1800 Fairview Ave.

During the two-day event, presentations and discussion about bee health and nutrition, the lack of genetic diversity in the U.S. honeybee population, and Florida's experience with Africanized honeybees.

Guest speakers will include Randy Oliver from Grass Valley, California, who has taught beekeeping and writes for popular bee magazines.

Jerry Hayes from Florida State University who writes in the American Bee Journal.

\* Sue Coby from the University of California at Davis.

### NATION

#### Nominees sought for Dairy Expo awards

MADISON, Wis. — Outstanding leaders from across the international dairy industry are being sought for World Dairy Expo's annual recognition awards.

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- Dairy Woman of the Year

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### WORLD

#### U.S. welcomes increased beef exports to S. Korea

An agreement has been reached with South Korea that allows for greater imports of U.S. beef. South Korea's markets for U.S. beef were shut down following the finding of a BSE case in the U.S. in late 2003.

The third largest export market for U.S. beef prior to the BSE finding, South Korea has been slow to reopen markets. The policy change allows U.S. beef and beef products of all ages to enter South Korea. The protocol is consistent with World Animal Health Organization and prevailing international standards.

— staff and wire reports

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT. Includes sections on Stock Futures, Commodity Futures, and Livestock. Explains how to interpret market data and reports.

Economists predict credit will tighten for nation's farmers

STARBUCKLE, Miss. — The nation's credit crunch had little effect on crop prices this year, but economists say that will change when planters attempt to secure loans next year. Farmers are usually good credit risks for banks and their balance sheets have continued to improve since the mid-1980s when the agricultural sector had significant financial problems. David Schweikhart, a professor of domestic policy and international trade issues in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics at Michigan State University, says even farmers with good credit records and history with a bank may have trouble getting loans in 2009. "People are being lullid into a sense of false confidence," Schweikhart said.

and their ability to repay loans under worst-case scenarios." John Anderson, agricultural economist with the Mississippi State University Extension Service, said Mississippi producers typically go to the bank in late November or December to apply for loans for the next year's growing season. Anderson recommended farmers prioritize expenses, carefully consider all purchases, and make only those needed to improve efficiency and keep the operation viable. "Be prepared with a plan when you go to the bank," Anderson said. "Have all your financial statements up-to-date and be able to give as specific a plan as possible to demonstrate how the loan will be repaid and what your cash flow will look like in timing and amounts."

Cattle

to 1.81 million cattle. While cattle supplies have tightened a little more than the industry was predicting before the report came out, the big story remains what is happening to the demand side, said James Minter, a Kansas State University economist. Billings said the economic downturn may con-

tributed to the demand for beef, particularly more expensive cuts such as tenderloin, as cash-strapped consumers turn to cheaper cuts such as ground beef. Prices for tenderloin at the beginning of July were nining about the same as a year ago. Two weeks ago, they were 28 percent below last year. They recovered slightly in the past week and are now running about 12 percent to 13 percent below a year ago. "That is indicative at the wholesale level of buyers backing away from high-valued cuts because they were concerned about their ability to market to consumers in an environment where everybody who is worried about this is hap-

Wetlands

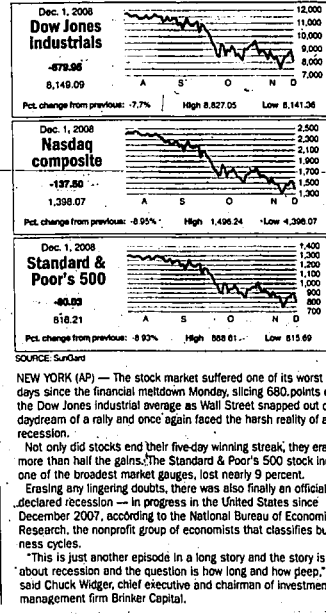
Senechal in Grand Forks. A sentencing date has not been set. Peterson faces up to a year in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Hayden said Peterson will likely be hit with a heavy fine but won't be locked up. "I will not be requesting that he go to jail," Hayden said. "I see no point in that." Peterson was first convicted in 2004 of draining four wetlands protected by an easement held by the Fish and Wildlife Service. He was sentenced in 2005 to two years of probation and ordered to restore the four wetlands and pay a \$4,000 fine. Federal wildlife officials, under the protection of armed U.S. marshals, filled in a waterway to re-establish the potholes. Peterson said the show of force on his farm was unnecessary. "I've never hurt a Fish and Wildlife man," Peterson said. "They suffer by living." Authorities say Peterson drained some of the once-restored wetlands again last year, immediately after his probation expired. Peterson maintained that he was only cleaning out waterways. "It was plugged up," Peterson said of a 30-foot-wide, 2-foot-deep slough. "I got it wider and runfing, like it's supposed to." Except for two years he

Montana, Minnesota and Iowa account for the remaining acres, Jones said. Money for the program comes largely from the sale of federal Duck Stamp. "The program has not been without challenges, both legal and otherwise. In the 1960s, the government funded competing programs — one that paid farmers to drain wetlands and one that paid farmers to preserve them," Jones said. "Preservation won out," he said. In 1995, two Hope-area farmers were charged with draining three Fish and Wildlife easements; the agency purchased on their land. The farmers, brothers Mike and Jerry Johnson, challenged the agency, saying they drained potholes outside the original easements. Federal authorities argued that the wetlands, which had expanded after years of wet weather, were covered under the original easement. The government lost its case, and "Alvin would be the 1 percent. Negotiations with him, unfortunately, have not proven to be successful."

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table with columns CLOSING FUTURES, BEANS, GRAINS, METALS/MONEY, LIVESTOCK. Lists various commodity prices and their changes.

A DAY ON WALL STREET



# Jerome student among Idahoans attending National 4-H Congress

**Times-News**

Eight 4-H youths from across Idaho is in Atlanta to participate in the annual National 4-H Congress Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

John Gardner of Jerome, the son of Jay and Terri Gardner, a nine-year 4-H member, was selected to attend the event. He participated in citizenship, mechanical, outdoor educa-

tion, clothing and textiles, foods and nutrition, aerospace and consumer education projects. He is a senior at Jerome High School and plans to graduate in May.

The National 4-H Congress delegates will attend workshops and participate in service projects. They will hear from Dan Clark, the primary contributing author to the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series of books and the

author of 20 of his own books. The Idaho youths are members of the nation's best known youth leadership development program, which is operated by University of Idaho Extension in partnership with extension offices in 42 of the state's 44 counties. This year, 35,069 youths and nearly 4,000 volunteers participated in 4-H.

The delegates will tour Atlanta-area sites such as the

CNN Center, Centennial Olympic Park, the Carter Presidential Library and the Martin Luther King Center for non-violent change.

Donors who helped the youths attend the congress included the Idaho 4-H Endowment Board, Idaho Youth Horse Council, Idaho Wool Growers Association, Idaho Pork Producers Association and Idaho State 4-H Leaders Association.

## S.-CENTRAL IDAHO SLEYARD REPORT

Jerome		Shoshone Livestock Auction	
Choice steers	400-500 lbs., \$92-986	Heifer Calf	500-600 lbs., \$235
500-600 lbs.	\$87-995	Steer Calf	300-400 lbs., \$110
600-700 lbs.	\$80-887		600-700 lbs., \$200
700-800 lbs.	\$80-887	1000 lbs.	900-1000 lbs., \$68
		Choice Heifers	1100-1300 lbs., \$45.50
		300-400 lbs.	1500-2000 lbs., \$49.50
		400-500 lbs.	\$52.50
		500-600 lbs.	\$50-600 lbs., \$48.75
		600-700 lbs.	\$48.75
		800-1000 lbs.	\$40-150
		Baby and Starter Calves	700-800 lbs., \$76
		Hol but cfs, \$3-10	900-1000 lbs., \$47
		Started bull, steer cfs, \$40-150	1100-1300 lbs., \$31.50
		\$150	\$36.68
		1300-1500 lbs.	\$33-336.93
		1500-2000 lbs.	\$32.25
		1500-2000 lbs.	\$36.85
		Cow	700-800 lbs., \$76
		900-1000 lbs.	\$27-336.76
		1100-1300 lbs.	\$31.50
		1300-1500 lbs.	\$36.68
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		1500-2000 lbs.	\$36.85
		Twin Falls	
		Steers	Under 400 lbs., \$101-1121
		400-500 lbs.	\$101-113.25
		500-600 lbs.	\$91.50-98.25
		600-700 lbs.	\$82-88.50
		700-800 lbs.	\$64-86.50
		800 & Over lbs.	\$54-88
		Heifers	Under 400 lbs., \$84.50
		400-500 lbs.	\$83.50-88
		500-600 lbs.	\$82-84.25
		600-700 lbs.	\$76-85.15
		700-800 lbs.	\$58-81
		800 & Over lbs.	\$75-81.25
		Butcher bulls, \$41-50	
		Feeder bulls, \$32-48	
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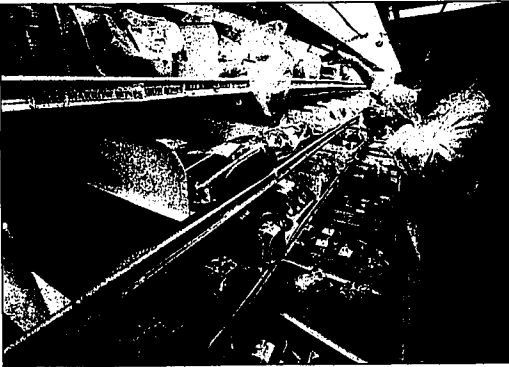
# IN A STEW

Customers fret as kosher meat gets scarce

By Jessica Greko Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Rabbi Moishe Silverman stood taking inventory of a meat freezer at South Florida Kosher, the supermarket and butcher shop where he works. Dressed in a yarmulke and tie and wearing a plastic apron over his white butcher jacket, he surveyed the piled boxes of chicken and beef.

"Normally, this, on a Monday, this would be stacked up to here," he said, pointing to a mark on the wall above his head.



Rabbi Moishe Silverman stocks liver in a partially empty meat display at South Florida Kosher, a butcher shop in North Miami Beach, Fla. Agriprocessors, the nation's largest kosher slaughterhouse, stopped shipping beef about three weeks ago, chickens in the last week. The shutdown has cut the kosher food to the bone. Other processors have been swamped with orders, boosting the number of days they produce kosher meat or refusing to take new clients.

But the cardboard boxes of beef in the freezer mostly reached his knee. It's a scene being repeated in the freezers of kosher butchers and their customers across the nation.

The shortage is the result of the collapse of Agriprocessors Inc., formerly the largest kosher meatpacking company in the nation. In May, nearly 400 workers were arrested in an immigration raid at the company's Postville, Iowa, slaughterhouse.

Since then, the company has struggled, and the plant has closed, leaving a hole in the \$12.5 billion-a-year U.S. kosher food market. Agriprocessors stopped shipping beef about three weeks ago, and chickens in the last week, customers said. Since there are only a handful of processors nationwide who

slaughter animals according to Jewish law and under the supervision of rabbis, the shutdown has cut the kosher meat supply to the bone.

Other processors have been swamped with orders, increasing the amount of meat they produce or refusing to take new clients. Some butchers are paying up to 40 percent more for the same meat. Markets and butchers say they can't get certain cuts of beef for their customers, largely Orthodox Jews, and some have had to rearrange what they do have to fill display shelves.

"We just spread out the stuff that we do have so this shouldn't look empty, but there's no question there are

cuts that are missing," said Yitzie Spalter, the manager of the North Miami Beach store where Silverman works.

Previously, 80 percent of the store's meat came from Agriprocessors, Spalter said. Now, he hasn't been able to get it in the same quantities. On an average Sunday, the store would get 250 cases of meat. On a recent Sunday, the store received just 26 and a promise of 120 more during the week — still just over half their normal order.

And they've been lucky. Supermarket chains, restaurants and caterers who can't get meat at all. He tries to supply them, but his customers come first. Shoppers said his store did have more

of a selection than others. Smaller communities, where Agriprocessors had a niche market, may be among the hardest hit, but big cities are not immune. Markets in Miami, Cleveland, Arizona and Houston relied on the company, said Menachem Lubinsky, the editor of industry newsletter KasherToday.com and a former Agriprocessors spokesman.

"We're buying from anybody we can get it from," said Darryl Ames, the store manager at independent grocery store Bolden's in Houston. "We may not have, veal or we may not have a certain type of roast, but usually within a few days we get it back in stock."

# Start-up promises to make motor oil from animal fat

By Ernest Schroder The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Connecticut startup said it expects to produce a synthetic oil this month that is made without the typical millennium waiting period for fossils to become fuel.

Green Earth Technologies Inc. says it has found a way to make a substance chemically identical to crude oil from animal fat, a slaughterhouse byproduct that is typically discarded en masse.

The company is already using the process to make a 70-cycle and 6-cycle engine oil, which is marketed as G-Oil.

Green Earth's engine oil would enter a market that hasn't changed much since Mobil 1 synthetic oil debuted in 1974.

"The oil we're selling is better than anything out there," said Matt Zuckerman, GET's technology chief, who says he began working on the process several years ago when studying emulsions.

John Marshall, a former venture capitalist, helped start the company in June 2007.

The company still recommends customers change their oil using manufacturers' guidelines.

Legitimate products that diminish the use of oil in any way can find a niche market in the current environment, when big fluctuations in prices serve as a constant reminder that crude is finite.

There is a big push to replace petroleum distillates with an alternative source, said Doug Kingman, an agricultural sciences professor at Sam Houston State University. "It's really nice to take animal fat that we'd normally throw away and turn it into something useful."

A quart of GET's motor oil will retail for \$5.99 to

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— Doug Kingman, an agricultural sciences professor at Sam Houston State University

\$0.99, depending on location. A quart of Mobil 1 10w30 synthetic oil — which GET sees as a main competitor — retails for about \$6.50.

GET's small engine oil is already being sold by retailers like The Home Depot, but Zuckerman and Jeff Marshall, a former venture capitalist who helped start the company in June 2007, are waiting for final marketing approval from the American Petroleum Institute.

"We can't really solve the world's fuel problem this way, because there's not enough fat," Zuckerman said. "But we can solve the world's lubrication problem."

In 2007 about 6 million gallons of lubricants were sold, according to the Energy Information Administration.

GET has 52,000 square-foot facility in Oklahoma that gets animal fat from a nearby slaughterhouse. It can produce 5 million bottles of the oil per month.

"There is not enough oil from animals in the U.S. to displace an entire industry, but maybe a GET will discover something we didn't know," Houston said. "Every gallon we can make out of animal fat is a gallon we're not taking out of the ground or importing from someone else."

## Pilgrim's Pride files for bankruptcy protection

By Emily Fredrix Associated Press writer

...MILWAUKEE — Pilgrim's Pride Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Monday, hurt like other meat producers by volatile feed prices and slumping demand but also hobbled by an unmanageable debt load.

The Pittsburg, Texas-based company has plants in Arkansas at Clinton and El Dorado.

The nation's largest chick-

en producer sought protection in a filing with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, saying that as of Sept. 27 it had \$3.75 billion in assets and \$2.72 billion in debts.

Pilgrim's Pride, which controls about 23 percent of the U.S. chicken market, will continue operating during the reorganization and will not liquidate its assets, spokesman Ray Atkinson said.

"We really believe this will

help us come out a lot stronger and we expect it to be business as usual," Atkinson said.

The chicken producer has been saddled by the debt from its \$1.3 billion acquisition of rival Gold Kist Inc. in 2007, what analysts cite as the primary cause of its large debt load.

Pilgrim's Pride's financial problems have been evident for months, since it said in late September it would post a "significant loss" in the

fourth quarter, citing woes from hedging on feed inputs like corn. It has had to extend its temporary credit line three times since September — most recently last week. Its third extension was set to expire Monday afternoon.

Last month, in accordance with rules set by its lenders, the company hired a chief restructuring officer, and has maintained since its credit issues surfaced that it wanted to avoid filing for bankruptcy.

## Irrigation

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how many days the irrigator was willing to be shut down for.

The revised program, called "Forward Dispatch Peak Rewards Program," will last only half that time — just six weeks from June 15th to July 31st.

During that six-week period, Idaho Power can only turn off a system for a maximum of 60 hours.

...An added plus is that participants five "time-outs" or periods when they can opt not to be shut off. But each time they choose to take a "time out," their power savings is reduced.

Participants will be turned

off only when Idaho Power has a system peak, explained Rocky Mountain Power for Idaho Power. They will receive notice by 4 p.m. the day prior to a shut off event. Large customers — those with at least 1,000 hp with multiple pumps, can participate without having all their pumps turned off.

Irrigators who never opt out could save up to 40 percent of their annual power bill, she said.

But even irrigators who take all five time-outs should come out ahead.

"This is a credit for every hour you're in the program," Tominga said.

The new program is based

on a similar program offered by Rocky Mountain Power, which services customers in eastern Idaho, has about 218 megawatts of power enrolled in its program.

Idaho Power hopes to get 600 service points enrolled in the program for the 2009 irrigation season. Approximately 900n service points were enrolled in the previous peak rewards program in 2007 when the company paid approximately \$1.2 million in incentive payments.

During super peak times in the summer of 2008, Idaho Power customers were using 3,200 megawatts of power. The company's base load is

2,500 to 2,600 megawatts. Irrigators used about 1,100 megawatts of power last summer, about 30 percent of the peak, Tominga said.

"If 30 to 40 percent of eligible irrigators will enroll in the new peak rewards program, 200 to 300 megawatts of power could be saved. That's significant," Tominga said.

"If we can show we're not adding to the demand, if we can lower that peak demand, that helps reduce the cost of future rate increases," he said.

"We want to build partnerships between the power company and irrigators. We are looking of more programs like this that try to benefit both sides."

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Today: Mostly cloudy and windy. Chance of rain or snow showers. Wind gusts to 40 m.p.h. Highs 45 to 50. Tonight: Showers ending and winds diminishing. Partial clearing late. Lows around 30. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and a bit cooler. Highs around 45.

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A good chance of snow today. Gusty winds will create areas of blowing snow. Snow spouts off tonight. Mostly cloudy on Wednesday with a slight chance of snow showers.

BOISE Today Highs 30 to 40. Tonight's Lows 18 to 23. A good chance of rain and snow showers today, mainly before noon. Partial clearing this afternoon. Partly cloudy and cool Wednesday and Thursday.

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REGGIE MIDDLEBURY'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "I'd rather be a homeless person than a homeless person."

Miami activist moves homeless people into foreclosed houses

By Tamara Lash Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Max Rameau delivers his clients like a pro. "All the floor" buyers during a recent showing. "And the living room, wow! It has great blinds."



Max Rameau, stands outside one of the foreclosed houses he is using to help his clients. Rameau is moving people into empty bank foreclosed houses.

"There's a real need here, and there's a disconnect between the need and the law. Being arrested is just one of the potential factors in doing this."

— Max Rameau, a computer consultant who helps homeless people move into vacant, foreclosed homes in Miami

But in nearly every other real estate agency you've ever met. He is unshaven, drives a beat-up car and wears curly cut-off sweat pants. He also breaks into the homes he shows. And his clients don't have a dime for a down payment.

Rameau is an activist who has been executing a bailout plan of his own around Miami's empty streets. He is helping homeless people illegally move into foreclosed homes.

"It's like matching homeless people with people-less homes," he said with a grin. Rameau and a group of like-minded advocates formed Take Back the Land, which also helps the new "tenants" with secondhand furniture, cleaning supplies and yard upkeep. So far, he has moved six families into homes and has nine on a waiting list.

"I think everyone deserves a home," Rameau said. "I'm homeless people across the country are squatting in empty homes. The question is: Is this going to be done out of desperation or with direction?"

With the housing market collapsing, squatting in foreclosed homes is believed to be on the rise around the country. But squatters usually move in on their own, at night, when no one is watching. Rarely is the phenomenon as organized as Rameau's effort to "liberate" foreclosed homes.

bank — to register those policies with the city so police can better monitor them.

Elsewhere around the country, advocates in Cleveland are working with the city to allow homeless people to legally move into and repair empty dilapidated houses. In Atlanta, some property owners pay homeless people to live in abandoned homes as a security measure.

In early November, Rameau drove a woman and her 18-month-old daughter to a ranch home on a quiet street lined with swaying tropical foliage. Marie Nadine Pierre, 39, has been sleeping at a shelter with her toddler. She said she had been homeless of and on for a year, after losing various jobs and getting evicted from several apartments.

"My heart is heavy. I've lived in a lot of different shelters, a lot of bad situations," Pierre said. "In my own home, I'm free. I'm a human being now." Rameau chose the house for Pierre. In part, because she knew his history. A man bought the home in the city's predominantly Haitian neighborhood in 2006 for \$430,000, then rented it to Rameau's friends. Those friends were evicted in October because the homeowner had stopped paying his mortgage and the property went into foreclosure.

between the need and the law," he said. "Being arrested is just one of the potential factors in doing this."

Miami spokeswoman Kelly Penno said city officials did not know Rameau was moving homeless into empty buildings — but they are also not stopping him.

"There are no actions on the city's part to stop this," she said in an e-mail. "It is important to note that if people trespass into private property, it is up to the property owner to take action to remove those individuals."

He is doing the owner's favor. Before Pierre moved in, someone stole the air conditioning unit from the backyard, and it was only a matter of time before thieves took the copper pipes and wiring, he said.

"Within a couple of months, this place would be stripped and gear dealers would be living here," he said, carrying a giant plastic garbage bag filled with Pierre's clothes into the house.

He said he is not scared of getting arrested. "There's a real need here, and there's a disconnect

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Prep. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, Caldwell, etc.

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Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes pressure readings and times.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for various Idaho cities.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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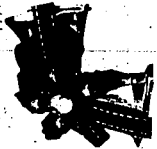


CANADIAN FORECAST

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## Homes for the holidays



Find festive inspiration in these interiors

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

Stuck in a December decorating rut? Get inspired at the 19th annual Holiday Home Tour.

The Dec. 14 tour, sponsored by the Junior Club, features dressed-up homes of area residents.

Last year, the club raised \$4,560 for Court Appointed Special Advocates. It's hoping to raise at least that much money for this year's beneficiaries, like Kistler Safe House and Cris Center of Magic Valley.

The charities aren't the only ones who benefit from the tour. On Dec. 10, winners of prize packages will be drawn from advance ticket sales. Prizes include a \$50 gift certificate from Snake River Grill and cookbook from Snake River Grill, or a 30-minute massage from Miracle Touch Therapy and one hour in a hot tub at Miracle Hot Springs.

Any of course, ticket holders get to tour half a dozen local homes — a prize in itself. Here's a sneak peek of what you'll see:

Shern and Loretta Mullins' home has seven wreaths, five Christmas trees, two Nativity scenes

and three Santas. Loretta's mother gave her several of the Christmas knickknacks, some of which are more than 40 years old.

While you're there, keep your eyes out for one unique tree in particular. You'll know it when you see it: It's decorated with long pheasant tail feathers from Shern's hunting trips.

"It's very different," Loretta said.

Outside Buhl, Pam and Steve Brown are decorating for their first Holiday Home Tour. Their snowman-themed room is coming together, but Pam is still looking for a snowman bed comforter.

"If I can't, I'll be making one," she said.

Linda Virgini's home, perched on the canyon rim, is spruced up with European yule decor, a nod to her Swedish heritage and ties with Germany. Keep an eye out for her German books, Swedish artifacts and old violins.

The other homeowners sharing their festive interiors for the tour are Shawn and Camille Barigar, Roger and Kelly Vincent and Tammie Hall.

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Pam Brown decorated her Buhl home's spare bedroom in a snowman theme for this year's Holiday Home Tour, set for Dec. 14 around Twin Falls, Filer and Buhl. Brown's is one of six homes in this year's tour. *Photo by MERRON THOMPSON/Times-News*

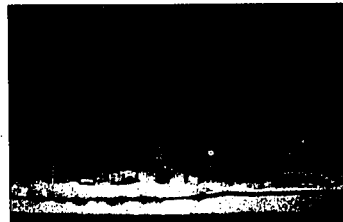


A tree is decorated with swans ornaments in Pam Brown's rural Buhl home.



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Do you have a wonderful Christmas light display that you want to share? Do you want to see great holiday lights? Go to the Home & Garden section of [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com) to send us information about your outdoor light display, and we'll post it on the site. If you want to lead up the family and see some great holiday lights, also go to [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com) for a list of lights in the area. For information, e-mail [patm@magicvalley.com](mailto:patm@magicvalley.com).



Pam Brown decorated her mantel, sitting high above the living room, with a tiny Christmas village.



Ballard Design's Frog Ornament.



The Cooran Shop's Red Hood Sheep ornament.



The Cooran Shop's Paisley Print ornament.



Sur La Table's Ice Cream Cone glass ornament.



Flair 1's Moroccan Glass ornament.



The Cooran Shop's Red Mushroom ornament.



Crate & Barrel's Snowbert Ball ornament.

## Hip new tree ornaments reflect larger trends

By Tim Cook  
For The Associated Press

Christmas tree ornaments tend to reflect styles we see in the year's home furnishings, as well as what's on the fashion runway. We like to dress our tree as we dress our rooms and ourselves. This season, inspiration trotted the globe, from Morocco to Moscow, Punjab to Pyongyang. Stools and step chairs grace the living room, while ethnic fabrics and motifs adorn wall art and clothing. So it's no surprise

many holiday ornaments evoke these graphic prints and international sensibilities. Look for elaborate paintwork and embellishments, tassels, bright good-luck Asian reds and golds. At the other end of the spectrum are graceful, muted tones, simple Zen-like branches, winterberries and blossoms. No doubt you've seen the charming peasant looks, blanket-stitching and textural garments that fill stores this fall. In home decor, this trend has shown up in

Scandinavian-style carved furniture, homespun wool throws and Nordic patterned rugs. For the holidays, this translates into charming, folk-art, stitched-felt animals, stockings and people, as well as evocations of natural elements in carved wood, painted tin, bark and even dipped metal. Some see a cultural trend emerging that has to do with nesting, comfort, and home and hearth as a safe haven from the daily storms of life. So childhood treats like candy

canes, gingerbread cookies and cupcakes become temptations for the tree. Sur La Table, a national retailer of all things epicurean, stocks luscious glass ice cream cones, chocolate dipped strawberries and glitter frosted sweets. "Food plays such an important role during the holidays — dessert and food-related ornaments just appeal to our senses," says Linda Nangle, Sur La Table's tabletop buyer. With millions of Americans watching "Mad Men," "Life on Mars" and other shows

steeped in the styles of the '60s, '70s and '80s, it's no surprise that shelter magazines and on-trend furniture retailers have embraced the mid-century years. Retro-look ornaments such as martini glasses, starbursts and kooky teardrop shapes are smart, fresh and sophisticated once again. And for those who dress their homes in all-out glamour, Christmas is a time to really put on the glitz. We see lustrous hues such as peridot, silver, grape and chartreuse in pretty sweaters, silk

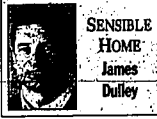
jackets and other party wear. There are myriad baubles dressed up in feathers, fur, sequins and glitter that catch the light. Robin Coogan, buyer and display artist for the gift and ornament store Seasons Too in Larchmont, N.Y., decorates 12 to 18 private homes for the holidays each year. "Everyone loves the sparkly metallics, as well as rich reds and chartreuse. Especially those who do a lot of entertaining — they want their tree and mantel to really set a festive mood."

# Keeping your power when the grid goes dark

**DEAR JIM:** We often have electric power outages. I checked into installing a backup generator, but the cost is too high. Is there anything I can use to keep a lamp, my computer and a few other things running? — Julie L.

**DEAR JULIA:** As modern families rely more on electronic devices for everyday activities and basic needs, an extended, or even brief, electric power outage can be an inconvenience. Installing a standby backup whole-house generator is most effective, but, as you noted, the initial cost can be very high. It helps if you already have natural gas or propane for simpler installation of the backup fuel source.

I recently had a three-day power outage because of a severe wind storm from the northeast during the week. By using backup portable battery power packs, I was able to keep my computer, reading lamp and security system running. The packs

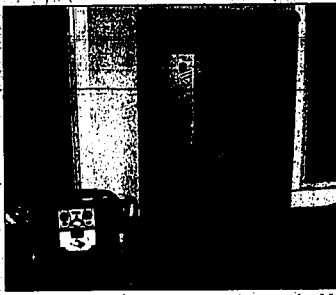


**SENSIBLE HOME**  
**James Dullea**

are not powerful enough to run a refrigerator for long, so the foods spoiled, but I did not feel totally isolated or a lack of security.

For general lighting at night, I brought my solar-powered yard lights indoors. At night, the light from these is not bright enough to read or use for tasks, but they provided enough brightness to move safely around the house at night. During the day, I placed them in a very sunny spot by my driveway so they would receive the maximum charge from the sun.

Another tip when using the solar lights indoors is to remove the batteries when you go to bed or no longer need light each night. This



James Dullea connects his cord/wood pellet stove to a battery power pack to keep it running for a day or more when the electricity goes off.

keeps the batteries from running down completely so they need less energy from the sun to be fully recharged the next day. During storms, clouds block the sun so the batteries may not fully charge from a completely

rainbow state. I also keep two portable power battery packs fully charged for emergencies. These power packs have from a 10 to 20 amp-hr (ampere hour) lead acid battery inside. The power pack

has an output socket for 12 volts d.c. (direct current) which can be used to run any appliance which can be plugged into a car cigarette lighter.

Most power packs also have a built-in inverter which converts the 12-volt output to 120-volt house power with a standard plug outlet. The maximum wattage output (usually about 400 watts) depends upon the size of the inverter. If you plug an extension cord into the power pack, make sure the wattage of all the appliances you attach to it do not exceed the inverter maximum.

During winter, when there is a power outage, even a gas or oil furnace shuts off. I use a freestanding cord/wood pellet stove to heat part of my house. I keep it connected to a battery power pack. When the electricity goes off, it automatically draws electricity from the power pack. It can keep the stove running for more than a day.

**DEAR JIM:** I have made my house more airtight to save energy, but I am now concerned about chemicals trapped in the air. I have heard charcoal is good for removing chemicals and odors. What type of charcoal is best? — Jamie W.

**DEAR JAMIE:** Charcoal is an excellent material, filtering dangerous chemicals and odors from the air. Standard activated wood-based charcoal works well, but charcoal made from bamboo is several times more effective.

The G60 Bamboo Carbon Co., (877) 587-6484, www.g60bamboo.com, now imports bamboo charcoal in pillows, canisters and decorative sachets. It is an environmentally friendly product because the bamboo plants grow back every three years to be cut again.

*Send inquiries to James Dullea, 6366 Regency Road, Toledo, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dullea.com.*

# Deadbolt technology makes hollow 'rocks' obsolete

By Dan Hall  
Los Angeles Times

You know, people don't take enough time to sit outside alone and just think. Listen to the birds. Feel the wind on their faces. Wonder when their spouses are coming home to unlock the door.

This summer, I locked myself out of the house. For four hours I waited, in damp heat that fused my unmentionables to places even more unmentionable. In houses past, this wouldn't have been a problem. I would have shimmed through an unlocked window or figured

out some other form of self-rescue. However, our current dwelling is like a residential Fort Knox, with automatic lights, window and door alarms, motion sensors and 911 on the security systems — speed dial, I couldn't get in. I tried one of Kwikset's SmartScan deadbolt locks — which reads fingerprints using the emerging technology of biometrics — is that you can always get in the house, unless you somehow forget your finger.

The principles of biometrics are familiar to any fifth-



Los Angeles Times photo by Christina Collier

With the SmartScan, your finger's the key.

grader who has watched a James Bond movie. The technology scans and measures a unique biological feature — a fingerprint, palm print, vein or iris pattern — and compares it with a sample on file using fancy mathematics. If the scan and the record on file match, voila — you have access to the evil genius' computer core, or whatever.

Fingerprint-scanning is now commonplace; you can buy a fingerprint-lock USB device for your computer for less than \$50.

The technology was fairly hackable in the past. The guys on the Discovery Channel show "MyBurglars" unlocked a device using the Xerox of a fingerprint, and some enterprising Japanese hacker replicated a finger using Gummibears.

But now, fingerprint scanning is a pretty robust and reliable form of security. The Kwikset lock, for instance, looks below the surface of the skin using radio frequency scanning, picking up land-

marks of your subdermal print. That means that your finger doesn't have to be perfectly clean or dry for the lock to work. As the father of 1-year-old twins, I find my fingers rarely are clean or dry.

Also, the lock will not operate if the finger in question has been separated from its owner. This addresses my first concern about this technology — that a routine burglary might escalate into a digli-removing nightmare and one of the unlikeliest sentences ever uttered: "Give me the finger!"

If you don't have a live person, it's not going to work," Kwikset spokesman Eric Lundquist said. I only hope this fact is well known in the home-invasion industry.

The SmartScan deadbolt retails for about \$200; however, at a Home Depot in Los Angeles recently, the devices had been put on clearance for \$149. I asked Lundquist about the lock being put in the discount bin. "It appeals to a demographic that would spend \$200 on a lock when you can get a deadbolt for \$25," Lundquist said. Apparently, said demograph-

ic doesn't include DIVERS. "It's more for early-adopter types."

Installation was easy. No external wiring is required; the device uses four AA batteries, which Kwikset says will last for more than a year of heavy use. I removed the old deadbolt, assembled the device in the door and zapped in five screws. Programming the lock was easy, although it took a couple tries to register my index finger as the "administrator." Among the SmartScan features are the ability to hold up to 50 fingerprints and to restrict access for some people — housekeepers, nannies, caregivers — to certain times of the day and week.

"If you wanted to lock your teenagers out after 10 o'clock, you could do that," Lundquist said. Tell me this guy isn't marketing!

In 20 minutes I had the handsome unit, in satin nickel finish, installed and powered up. To open my front door now I only have to run the tip of my finger under the sensor. About a second later, the motor pulls the bolt back. To lock the door, I only need to tap the sensor three times.

The lock also has a tumbler set and key if you want to open the door old-school.

Alas, the lock isn't quite as robust as I had hoped. I returned from a recent business trip to discover the latch handle had come out. Some re-assembly is required.

Of course, this lock is convenient for households with children, who tend to lose their house keys. (Now we can have biometric latchkey kids.) And sure, it's nice not to have to fumble for keys when you get to the door with your hands full. Also, I think the futuristic look of the lock might discourage intruders by suggesting that more high-tech security measures also might be in place.

But, clearly, and, I think, indisputably, this technology is directed at aging boomers whose minds are increasingly slipping their neural gears.

Think about it: The SmartScan lock effectively does more than one of the decorative rocks you can hide a key in (and decorative rocks are a lot cheaper). This is a product for people so added that they can't remember in which rock they hid the key.

# Catalog season is dream time for gardeners

By Dean Foydick  
The Associated Press

Christmas may be children's favorite time of year, but for gardeners the season of dreams comes immediately after the holidays when the seed catalogs begin to arrive.

Seed catalogs have been a direct-mail staple for generations of backyard growers, whose appetite for fresh fruits, vegetables and lively splashes of flowering color are building as winter settles in.

There are the familiar and proven plants and shrubs along with many promising hybrids, hybridized or exotic plants entering the market. "Catalogs are dream books," said George Ball, chairman and chief executive officer of W. Atlee Burpee & Co., one of the nation's pioneer seed catalog companies. "People use the catalogs to plan out their gardens. Catalogs sit on bedside tables. They're placed in workrooms and carried around in briefcases. Our catalogs are holiday and dog-eared long before the planting season begins."

Planting is a hobby, a (at-interventive) phase of gardening. It's when most buying decisions are made about organic supplies; seeds; plants; shrubs; trees; and gardening accessories, from greenhouses to gloves.

The Mallorcan Gardening Association estimates total mail order and Web site sales



George Ball, chairman and chief executive of W. Atlee Burpee & Co., works with his creative team in the same room at historic Fordhook Farm in Doylestown, Pa., where his company's namesake founder crafted the early Burpee seed catalogs a century or so ago. These 'dream books' have influenced the buying decisions of many generations of gardeners.

of more than \$3 billion in 2009, said Randy Schultz, a spokesman for the group. "The average household will spend about \$125," he said. Prices next year should rise an average 3 percent to 4 percent, Ball said. He blamed the higher prices on production costs used to competition for bio-fuel crops, greater demand for food and fodder, and fewer acres under cultivation.

"We produce about half our seeds ourselves, but rely on vendors and contractors who breed and produce for us around the world," Ball said.

Despite the troubled world economy, however, suppliers appear optimistic.

"Sales of gardening products tend to be recession-resistant because people spend money planting gar-

dens and sprucing up their yards," Schultz said. "Strong sales for vegetable seeds and plants will continue during 2009."

Many seed catalogs and Web sites report the average order size has grown. Customers who already were vegetable growers are expanding their gardens to increase harvests, Schultz said.

Gardeners will have many appealing new varieties from which to choose once the catalogs land in their mailboxes.

Among the innovative products ready for launch are larger blooming begonias (Park Seed Co.); flavorful micro-green growing kits (Thompson & Morgan Seeds); a fragrant dwarf variety of Angel's Trumpet (Brugmansia "Angel's



The testing table during a product rollout at the Burpee 'big house' at Fordhook Farm. Burpee will introduce a seedless tomato for 2009, the meaty 'Sweet Seedless.'

Dream") that blooms all year and makes a great choice for hanging baskets (Logee's Tropical Plants); multi-colored chile peppers suitable for growing in containers (Cross Country Nurseries); the organic "Prairie Blush," a tasty, golden-fleshed potato with outstanding storage qualities (Wood Prairie Farm); and a sweet, personalized acorn squash ("Honey Bear" from Johnny's Seeds).

There's a songbird flower

seed mix that adds beauty to the yard and value to the landscape. After blooming, the flowers develop plump seed heads that help foraging birds and other critters survive the winter (Botanical Interests Inc.).

And then there's the "Sweet Seedless," a meaty hybrid tomato that Ball calls "by far" the most exciting new variety from Burpee in 2009.

"It has an entirely new type of tomato texture — juicy yet

firm and full of flavorful flesh — rather than the large seeded-leathered chambers found in normal tomatoes," he said, adding: "No seeds, no bitterness."

Seedlessness has been a goal of plant breeders for centuries, Ball said, but true seedlessness hasn't been possible until recently.

"The seeds tend to look off in the 1970s with the first seedless cucumbers, first in Europe and later in the U.S. It was a great development since the fruit possessed additional attributes such as a pristine quality taste and texture. They became associated with gourmet use and a high market value," Ball said.

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# Cranberries, Christmas balls make great DIY decor

By Melissa Rayworth  
For The Associated Press

Sure, the stores are filled with beautiful pre-made decorations this time of year. But do you really want your home to look like everyone else's?

We asked some HGTV designers what they could easily create out of two cheap, easy-to-find Christmas decorations: glass balls and cranberries, faux or real.

The visions were astonishingly diverse — from creating a holiday clock to wine-glass "jewelry." Here are their designs:

## HOLIDAY MIRROR

By Jennifer Bertrand  
Host of "Christmas Crafts" series and winner of HGTV Design Star 2008

Supplies:  
Small, framed mirror from craft store (unfinished wood frame)  
Primer  
Acrylic paint (two colors of your choice)  
Artists' brushes (2)  
Stencils (optional)  
Decorative glass balls (small)

Faux cranberry branches  
Craft adhesive  
Candle(s) (optional)

### Directions:

1. Remove mirror from the frame to avoid getting paint on it. (It will pop out easily, like a photo in a picture frame with tabs holding it in place.)
2. Prime wooden frame to ensure that paint will stick.
3. Paint frame a solid color using an artist's brush.
4. Using a second color, paint or stencil a design onto the frame. Get creative, says Bertrand, by stenciling words from a favorite holiday song or a message to loved ones. (Optional: After painting, spray frame with water-based polyurethane and allow to dry following the directions on can.)

5. Once frame is dry, put mirror back inside.
6. Remove hooks from the glass balls (so that balls are open at one end), then glue the balls onto the frame using a craft adhesive. Create any sort of pattern you'd like, clustering them together or sprinkling just a few on the frame. Balls located in the corners can be turned with their openings upward and used as tiny bud vases.

7. Cut faux cranberry branches to a smaller size to fit into the bud vases. Or cut individual cranberries off the branches and glue them into a decorative band around balls that have been attached to the frame.
8. With the mirror lying flat on a table, place one or more candles in the center to create a centerpiece. If you'd prefer to hang the mirror, leave the center empty.

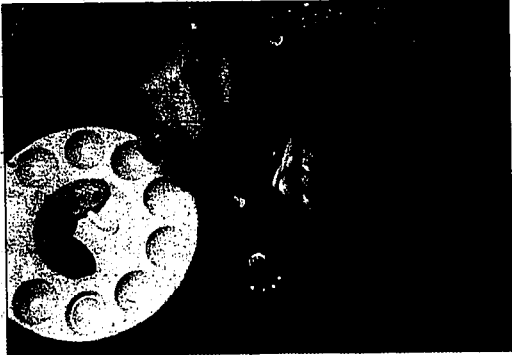
## TABLE TOP WREATH CENTERPIECE

By Frank Fontana  
Host of "Design on a Dime"

Supplies:  
Old red Christmas balls (medium to small) and a few gold and bronze for additional color  
Cranberry garland  
Shimmery or glittered gold and bronze leaves pulled off other old ornaments for filler  
Foam floral ring as a base  
Hot glue gun  
Spray paint in antique gold color

### Directions:

1. Spray paint foam floral ring gold.
2. Once dry, wrap cranberry garlands to evenly cover as much of surface as possible.
3. Randomly insert red ornaments into sides of foam ring using hot glue and slight pressure (be careful not to damage the ornaments).
4. Glue leaves on to fill in blank areas of ring.
5. Fill center of the ring with extra red, gold, and bronze ornaments. (You can also fill the open center area



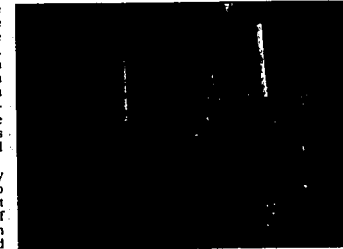
Jennifer Bertrand, of HGTV's 'Christmas Crafts' online series, is reflected in a mirror as she paints her holiday project which uses red balls and cranberries.



John Gidding, from HGTV's 'Designed to Sell,' poses for a photograph with a clock he created with cranberries and red ornaments.



Frank Fontana, a designer and host of HGTV's 'Design on a Dime,' creates a wreath centerpiece in his Chicago loft.



Designer Angelo Sirmells, from HGTV's 'Rate My Space,' demonstrates how to use red balls and cranberries to create decorations for the holidays at his Echo Park home in Los Angeles.

with a bowl of holiday candy or guacamole.)

## HOLIDAY CRANBERRY VASE

By Frank Fontana  
Host of "Design on a Dime"

Supplies:  
Fake decorative cranberries  
Small glass vase  
Spray paint in antique gold color  
Hot glue gun  
Christmas ornaments (to be used inside the vase)  
Cinnamon sticks  
Gold ribbon

### Directions:

1. Carefully spray inside of vase gold and let dry.
2. Using glue gun, adhere cranberries to the vase until it is completely covered.
3. Insert ornaments and cinnamon sticks.
4. Use gold ribbon to create a decorative bow on the front.

## CRANBERRY PHOTO VASE

By John Gidding  
Designer on "Designed to Sell" and expert on "Holiday Inspiration" series

Supplies:  
Cranberries (preferably fake, though dried would work)  
Plastic jewels (or glittery ornaments)

### Directions:

1. Paint the plastic foam pieces red.
2. To create the clock numbers: Using glue gun, attach a sprinkling of cranberries on the twig wreath in groups of two or three, and attach a few single cranberries farther out on the branches. While it dries, write the numbers 1 through 12 using the silver gel pen on the red Christmas balls. (Practice writing the numbers attractively on paper first.) Affix the numbered balls sequentially onto outer area of twig wreath (Christmas balls with a small wire attached are easiest to use, but they can also be glued on.)
3. To create the middle ring of the clock face: Pin cranberries in neat rows to completely cover plastic foam ring.
4. To create the inside ring of the clock face: Affix the clock mechanism to the plastic foam disk as the face of the clock, and pin cranberries to edge of the disk (so they don't impede the movement of the clock hands).
5. To put it together: Attach cranberry ring to the wall where you'd like to display the clock, then affix the twig wreath so that it fits around the ring. Affix the clock face and mechanism in the very middle of the ring.

Large cylindrical vase  
Plastic foam half-sphere that fits into vase  
Pearl-tipped pins  
3-5 family photos (preferably black-and-white)  
Red acrylic paint  
Paintbrush  
Newspapers to protect work area

### Directions:

1. Paint the plastic foam half-sphere red (so that when cranberries are pinned to it, any plastic foam showing through won't be obvious).
2. Line inside of vase with photos.
3. Fill the vase with cranberries and the sparkling ornaments to a few inches below rim.
4. Using pearl-tipped pins, pin cranberries in orderly rows on painted plastic foam, until it is covered.
5. Place cranberry dome on top of the cranberries in vase.

## CRANBERRY AND CHRISTMAS BALL CLOCK

By John Gidding

Supplies:  
Fake cranberries  
A dozen small red Christmas balls  
Hot glue gun  
Straight pins  
Twig or branch wreath  
Plastic foam ring (medium, to fit within wreath), and piece of foam disk (small, to fit inside ring)  
Clock mechanism (available in crafts stores)  
Silver gel pen  
Red acrylic paint  
Paintbrush

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## WINE GLASS "JEWELRY"

By Kim Myles  
Host of "Myles of Style" and a designer from HGTV's Home for the Holidays' special

Supplies:  
Wine or martini glasses 8" (per glass) mini Christmas ball ornaments (pre-wired)

### Directions:

1. Create a strand of mini Christmas balls by twisting one ball onto the wire of a second ball. Keep the balls close together like pearls on a necklace. (You don't want to see excess wire.)
2. Keep adding balls until



Kim Myles, of HGTV's 'Myles of Style,' works on her holiday craft project.

## CRANBERRY "GIFT" PLACE CARD

By Kim Myles

Supplies:  
Empty clear acrylic box  
Ribbon  
Fresh cranberries  
Name tag

### Directions:

1. Fill the box with cranberries.
2. Wrap the ribbon around it as you would a normal present.
3. Add the name tag, then place on top of each guest's place.

## CRANBERRY VASE

By Angelo Sirmells  
Host of "Rate My Space" and designer from "HGTV's

Supplies:  
Old red holiday ornaments in various sizes  
Clear hollow candlesticks, trifle dishes and clear vases of different sizes  
Piece of sturdy cardboard

### Directions:

1. Turn candlesticks upside down and fill from the bottom opening with small red ornaments. Then cover opening with cardboard and turn candlesticks back upright (cardboard will keep ornaments from dropping out as candlesticks are turned over.) Once they are upright, slide cardboard out and discard or reuse.
2. Fill clear vases, bowls or trifle dishes of different sizes with ornaments.
3. Group the pieces together for maximum impact.

## Home for the Holidays

Supplies:  
Two clear glass vases, or tall bowls of similar size, but one slightly smaller in diameter and height than the other (one should fit into the other)  
Favorite flowers, preferably white  
Fresh cranberries

### Directions:

1. Fill smaller vase with water and place inside large one.
2. Fill gap between the vases with cranberries all the way to the top, so smaller vase is no longer visible.
3. Arrange flowers in the center vase.

## RED "ORNAMENTS"

By Angelo Sirmells

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Piece of sturdy cardboard

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**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "THERE IT IS... MY LATEST INVENTION." (Character pointing to a toilet with a sign that says "TOILET INVENTIONS")

Panel 2: "NICE... WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?"

Panel 3: "AN ECONOMIC INDICATOR." (Character pointing to a toilet with a sign that says "TOILET INVENTIONS")

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "ANN FERRETS FOR LUNCH TOMORROW?" (Character with a sign that says "MEL")

Panel 2: "I'LL HAVE A TUNA SALAD WITH ANCHOVES AND ONIONS ON GARLIC BREAD." (Character with a sign that says "MEL")

Panel 3: "I THOUGHT YOU HATED FISH!" "YOU CAN'T HAVE A BAD-SPEECH CONTEST WITH TUNA AND ANCHOVES, MY FRIEND!" "DO YOU WANT AN EYE FOR AN EYE?" "I WANT AN EYE FOR AN EYE!"

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

Panel 1: "YUK! THIS TASTES LIKE GARBAGE!" "I RESENT THAT!"

Panel 2: "HERE! COMPARE!" (Character pointing to a plate of food)

**Blondie** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: "I WANTA BUY CAR SCOOT! RAFFLE TICKET FOR A CHRISTMAS TURKEY, MR. B?" "SURE." "I'LL BUY IT FOR ONE." "IT'S GOING TO A VERY WORTHY CAUSE, AND YOU SEE, I'M BLOND." "PLEASE, MR. B. I SAID I'D BUY ONE. ANY SALES TALK." "IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY WORTHY CAUSE, AND YOU SEE, I'M BLOND, BLOND, BLOND, BLOND." "PLEASE, MR. B. I SAID I'D BUY ONE. ANY SALES TALK."

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

Panel 1: "CAROL, I WANT YOU TO TAKE ANY CONFERENCE ROOM CHAIRS THAT ARE IN CUSTODY AND PUT THEM BACK WHERE THEY BELONG." "PEOPLE ARE GOING TO STEAL THE CHAIRS BACK AS SOON AS I LEAVE." "MAYBE, BUT DO IT ANYWAY." "SO... WE AGREE THAT THERE'S NO WAY TO TELL IF I REALLY DID IT?"

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Panel 1: "Dusty's mailbox" (Character with a sign that says "real email from real folks")

Panel 2: "Dear Dusty. What sort of advice do you have for investing money in this economy? Sincerely, Nina in Phoenix." "Dear Nina. Ahm a big believer in hiding yer money in yer mattress..."

Panel 3: "Not only is yer money safe, ya instantly there yourself one of them 'Sleep number beds'! Just spend more for a softer sleep, let save more for a firmer night's rest!"

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

Panel 1: "LOOK, LALLY... HOW ABOUT TRYING THIS NEWFRANGLER DIET?" "WATERCRASS, CELERY, SPINACH, POACHED FISH, BOILED CHICKEN, YOGURT..." "IT SAYS THIS IS AN AWARD-WINNING DIET. WONDER WHY?" "CRUSE ANYONE WHO DOES TROUGH WITH IT DESERVES ONE."

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: "THIS IS OUR LATEST INVENTION. IT WILL COOK YOUR FOOD, KEEP YOU WARM AND EVEN LIGHT YOUR FIRE FOR YOU!" "DOES IT COME IN ANY OTHER COLORS?"

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

Panel 1: "THIS SHOULD BE AN EASY TWO-FOOTER... AND..." "OH, NO!" "HE FELL IN THE HOLE!" "ELF GOLF?"

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

Panel 1: "WHAT'S FOR BREAKFAST?" "I'M RUNNING OUT OF THINGS TO MAKE..." "HAVE YOU EVER TRIED PANCAKES?"

**Hill and Lois** By Chance Browne

Panel 1: "HOW ABOUT IF I GET DIPPED IN HIS OWN TOILET BOIL CHRISTMAS?" "OK, BUT DON'T GET ANY IDEAS..." "IT'LL BE YEARS BEFORE WE CAN TACKLE YOUR TO-DO LIST."

**Luann** By Greg Evans

Panel 1: "I FIND THIS CALENDAR OFFENSIVE!" "FIREFIGHTERS SHOULD NOT POSE LIKE THIS! THEY'RE ROLE MODELS FOR OUR CHILDREN!" "LOOK AT THIS PHOTO! THIS ONE'S DISGUSTING!" "THE SEVEN MEN WHO SOLD THE SEALS TO THE ANIMALS!"

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: "SORRY, MA'AM... I DIDN'T HEAR THE QUESTION..." "MY MIND WAS A THOUSAND MILES FROM HERE..." "OR LIKE MAYBE ON THE MOON!" "PUNISH HER SEVERELY, MA'AM..."

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

Panel 1: "HEY, RAT, CHECK THIS OUT. IT'S A BOOK ON SOMETHING CALLED CYRIL DISPERBENCE. I CAN GET YOUR WAY USING PEACEFUL, NON-VIOLENT MEANS." "WHY YOU READING THAT?" "SO I CAN TEACH IT TO OTHERS. I'M GOING TO TRY TO SUBVERT ALL THE TACTICS IN A ONE-PAGE MEMO." "AND GIVE TO WHO?" "AND IF YOU WANT STOP PARKING IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE, I WILL SIT ON YOUR LAUN AND SING KUMBAYA."

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

Panel 1: "HOW ON EARTH COULD YOU MISTAKE A GUISSE CROCK FOR A TUBE OF LIP BALM, EARL?" "WELL, THIS IS JUST GREAT! I CAN... HARDLY EVER GET YOU TO TALK TO ME, AND NOW YOU'VE CALLED YOUR MOUTH SHUT." "ON THE OTHER HAND, I CAN HARDLY EVER GET YOU TO LISTEN TO ME EITHER, SO..." "SIT DOWN AND GET COMFORTABLE. WE GOT A LOT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT."

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

Panel 1: "HEY, ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST, PROBABLE, GRATED BUBBLES DETERMINED TO WIN THIS AN HOUR-DURATION 'HEAVY TRAIN'?" "WHAT ARE THEY TRAINING FOR, DUFF?" "THE PINECONE PRAIRIES!"

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

Panel 1: "ACTUALLY, MY OFFICIAL JOB TITLE IS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSITION TEAM." "MRS JOHNSON BROUGHT US ANOTHER FRUITCAKE! ARE WE GONNA GIVE THIS ONE TO DUFF, TOO?"

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "THIS MAN HIJACKED A SEPTIC TANK WAGON." "WHAT WAS HE AFTER?" "AN INSANITY PLEA?"

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "SO YOU WANT TO HIDE ON TOP OF GARBLE LOCKER IN A GORILLA SUIT, THEN LIMP IN FRONT OF HER AND ASK HER TO BE THE WRITER FOR A...?" "THAT'S MY PLAN." "I THINK IT'S HILARIOUS." "YES!" "THAT MOST GUY HAVE THE ROMANTIC LQ OF A COACH?"



## A different sort of horse 20-year-old Carey dam births first foal



Reed Shuler, left, and his daughter Andy Hansen stand with 20-year-old mare Casey and her new 3-week-old filly. **MARY HANSEN/For the Times-News**

By Mary Hansen  
Times-News correspondent

Casey was a different sort of horse from the start. Karen Shuler, former Gooding County Leader office manager, says she knew the 2-year-old filly she purchased 18 years ago was going to be a special animal—and not simply due to the registered quarter horse's lineage.

"No, it was her youthful antics and the games she invented that some people still remember," Shuler said. "Who could forget the sight of a young Casey curiously checking out the boarding arena restroom, sniffing horse lotions and medications? She had to be backed out of the small space, but as usual, she didn't get excited."

Casey created her own game of chicken at arenas where the horse was boarded. She would gallop

around the arena before charging top speed, head toward anyone along the arena's fence. Shuler says Casey used perfect timing to lean back on her haunches and slide in—coming to a stop alongside the startled fence-sitter.

According to Shuler, Casey would tease and startle the Arabian horses by playing with nifty objects they were afraid of.

Andy Hansen, Shuler's 20-year-old granddaughter, said of growing up

with Casey: "I sometimes jumped off Casey, dropping the reins while I ran in our house to get something. I think Casey thought of herself as human at times because she would walk into the house if you left the door ajar."

Casey's motherly nature was obvious, too. The horse carefully carried children who had never ridden by taking small, soft steps and standing perfectly still if they slid down her legs to the ground. Casey was known for gently separating calves from their mothers to care for them.

Despite that nature and being bred several times, Casey didn't produce foals of her own.

When Andy was 13, the 13-year-old horse's papers were handed over to her as a gift.

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## Gooding High collects phones for soldiers

Students, parents and staff of Gooding High School and local Gooding residents have been gathering cell phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers recycling program. The phones will be given to the more than 150,000 soldiers serving overseas.

The donation of used cell phones allows men and women away from home to keep in contact with their families. The program hoped to collect more than 50,000 cell phones this year and to buy prepaid calling cards for soldiers serving in the Middle East.

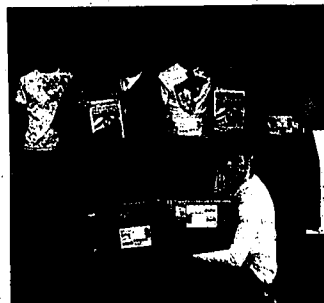
On Nov. 21, the students of Gooding High School Health Occupations carried the boxes of used cell phones to Cell Phones for Soldiers.

Approximately half of the phones ReCellular processes are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in more than 40 countries around the world.

Residents of Gooding can support the collection drive by donating phones at Gooding High School, 1057 Seventh Ave., Gooding, ID, 83330, or by visiting [www.cell-phonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cell-phonesforsoldiers.com).

Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled to reclaim materials including gold, silver, and platinum from circuit boards, copper wiring from phone chargers, nickel, iron, cadmium and lead from battery packs and plastic from phone cases and accessories.

"We're proud to show our support for U.S. soldiers, and to contribute to a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers," said Dene Miller, retired Idaho Army Guard nurse and instructor for Gooding's health program.



The students of Gooding High School are shown taking the boxes of used cell phones to donate to Cell Phones for Soldiers Recycling Program. Pictured from left, back row, Tyler Rex, Ethan Brown, Tommy Shobe, Colton Knapp, Reese Novells and Lara Nelson; front row, Genser Jenson and Curtis Frampton. **Courtesy photo**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Veterans Services officer in Wendell

Steve Teague, state service officer with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, will be available from 9 a.m. to noon today at the American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St. in Wendell.

Get answers to your questions about current veterans' benefits, assistance with ongoing claims and make new claims.

Information: Jim Benson at 536-5140.

### Hagerman Elementary holds fundraiser

Hagerman Elementary School is holding its annual gift basket fundraiser. Each class is making theme-filled gift baskets that will be displayed, now through Dec. 17 in the multi-purpose room at the school.

The community is encouraged to come to the school and make a bid for the baskets. Silent auction winners will be notified Dec. 18.

All money earned will help support the school.

Information: 837-4777.

### Shoshone students hold holiday concerts

Shoshone High School and Middle School choir and band students will present their annual holiday concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at the school located at 61 E. Idaho Highway 24 in Shoshone.

This year's concert is Christmas Through the Ages and will be directed by Sarah Butcher. Information: 886-2338 ext. 351.

Shoshone Elementary School students will present their annual holiday music concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at

the school, located at 61 E. Idaho Highway 24 in Shoshone.

The show, entitled A Whacky Christmas, is directed by Emily Krohmer.

Information: 886-2338 ext. 351.

### Long-term care wish lists wanted

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

Interested facilities can gather lists of three to five items or wishes per resident and e-mail them, along with each resident's name and the name of the facility, to front-door@magicvalley.com.

The submission deadline is noon, Friday. Lists will run Dec. 11-16.

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## Christmas dinner held in Hagerman

The Hagerman Valley Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas Potluck Dinner at 6 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Senior and Community Center, 140 E. Lake St., Hagerman.

Members are encouraged to bring a guest. Anyone interested in the Hagerman Valley is invited to attend regardless of membership. The society will provide ham, potatoes and beverages. Attendees may bring a side dish or dessert.

MI Freeman, who recently retired as museum director, will be the honored guest at the party. In 1981 Freeman, along with Billie Reed and Gretchen Uppland, founded the Hagerman Museum. She worked diligently to have the Hagerman horse named as the state fossil.

She has vast knowledge of the area and pioneer families, which proved invaluable when researching family histories. She has published articles for several newspapers and is a published writer of fiction and non-fiction. While digging in her garden, she discovered several Indian artifacts and worked with Kelley Murphy on excavating the area. Some of the artifacts found on her property are on display at the Hagerman Museum. There will be no gift exchange this year.



MI Freeman, who recently retired as museum director, will be the honored guest at the Hagerman Valley Historical Society's annual Christmas Potluck Dinner. **Courtesy photo**

Entertainment will be provided. For more information contact the museum between 1 and 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 837-6288.

## Apply powdered alum to help cure canker and cold sores

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had been meaning to send this home remedy long before I read your column about cold and canker sores.

My mother had recurring cold sores on her lips but also frequently had canker sores in her mouth. I used to have frequent canker sores but have never had a cold sore. Even though it does seem



ASK DR. GOTT  
Dr. Peter Gott

a lot of high-acid foods can trigger canker sores, mine were often associated with

being overtired or stressed. The tried-and-true treatment for us was to dab powdered alum (from the seasoning section of the grocery store) on the tip of a damp finger and then apply it to the canker or cold sore. There is a brief, intense tingling and bitterness from the application, but relief is instant, and, for us, the sores were usually gone within a

day or two. I have even used this for a huge 3/4-inch-by-3/14-inch sore in my throat. I simply dampened a Q-tip, dabbed it in the powdered alum and applied to the spot. The pain was gone instantly, and the sore was completely healed in three days.

I hope this will help your readers as much as it has helped me and my mother.

DEAR READER: I have received several remedies for treating canker and cold sores. They have included everything from using L-lysine tablets to eliminating peanuts and high-acid foods to reducing stress. But, by far, the most commonly recommended home remedy was crystallized or powdered alum. Alum is used in many applications, including crys-

tal deodorants, makeup and pickling. DEAR DR. GOTT: I read your column about the woman with treatment-resistant UTIs with interest. I, too, was having this condition. When I asked my doctor why, he said he wasn't certain about the cause, but it could be bacterial. I

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# Wood River Middle School honor roll

Wood River Middle School announced its first trimester honor roll.

**Sixth grade**  
 Gisela Andrade, Alagna J. Ashurst, Elizabeth Baeza, Abigail Barton, Cameron Benson, Miriam Bingham, Britney Bradley, Lucy Brannon, Liza Buehl, Tara Burghomes, Samuel Burns, Coey Carter, Sarah Carty, Janeth Castanos, Riley Clark, Bailey Cleveland, Avery Closser, Rory Cole, Hollann Davis, Alexandra Fields, Silas Fortuin, Kaedri Fry, Hunter Frye, Hayden Gibson, Sammie Goliandina, Grace Gorham, Cutter Grathwohl, Shelby Green, Hector Gutierrez, Connor Hayes, Hector Habtmegle, Castro Hayes, Cormac Heneghan, Samantha Hernandez, Teriah, Ashley Hicks, Kalkoura Howe, Cassandra Hurtado, Corban Johnson, Allison Jones, Nora Jones, Gage Jorgensen, Tanner Josey, River Kelly, Sage Kelly, Timber Kelly, Brian Keira, Leticia Lagunas, Mary Letitia Taylor Leone, Jody Lema Quinterno, Carline Lira, William Lott, Jennifer Lourd, Jasmine Marquez, Cole Mauldin, Payton McCune, Matthew McLaw, Cassidy Milroy, Tatam Morali, Aysha Morse, Sandra Mizgall, Megan Murphy, Andrew Neel, Madeline Nelson, Michael Niedrich, Danyelle Opp, Amber Park, Colcaylee Perez, Kaja Perez, Nicole Penrose, Karla Perez, Haylee Peltz, Emma Pele, Anastasia Poklemba, Desmond Porth, Eduardo Regalado, Claire

Reynan, Joel Ringwald, Jack Ruby, Lucas Robertson, Juana Rosales, Claire Sauestry, Austin Jarvis, Emmett Say, Jasmin Schofield, Kenya Schott, Jonathan Scott, Renee Shapiro, Caitlin Shotts, Isabella Stimac, Cheyenne Topp, Denon Surozo, Lauren Sunday, Samantha Sutton, Zachary Swanson, Hayden Thayer, Bridget Thomas, Gregory Toolihman, Klyer Torres, Jazmine Valverde, Tyson VanDyck, Collie Weber.

**Seventh grade**  
 Fabio Aguirre, Hunter Altken, Kenza Alaoui, Marco Alvarado, Creighton Arlat, Sarah Arters, Annie Ashfield, Trent Avery, Sarah Baza, Coeger Bailey, Courtney Ballard, Shelby Barnes, Eron Bates, Emilia Bingham, Angelica Black, Sabrina Bourgetta, Alexa Browne, Wyatt Caccia, Kimberly Cancino, Augustus Catherine-Sauer, Alanna Clark, Kyle Clark, Shelby Cooper, Lane Coulthard, Anson Cuddle, Charlotte Currie, Chloe Davis, Sadie Dawson, Brandon Dolener, Allison Fluetsch, Alyona Frazier, Kelsey Furling, Laurel Goedert, Keary Gammou, Caleb Garvin, Shayna Gelsky, Miguel Gerhardt, Chandler Gifford, Andrew Graves, Destiny Guisoalla, Quinn Guthrie, Gisel Guzman, Jacob Halopoff, Lisa Hart, Jacob Hagan, Addison Holmes, Megan Huskinson, Finn Isaacson, Lauren Jacobs, Megan Kaminski, Meghan Kehrer,

Reyna Kelly, Bridget Kernan, Riley Klinger, Schmidt-Elena King-Nakaoka, Isabel Kirk, Ethan Kjesbo, Paola Lagunas, Menasseh Lee, Chloe Lichtenberg, Diana Loera, Carolina Loera, Andrew Malloa, Hayden Mann, Max Mauldin, Kiana Mestas, Jorge Merza, Zachary Micalulski, Haley Montgomery, Jesus Morales, Andrew Morse, Martin Mosqueda, Jaqueline Murillo, Anna Murphy, Nathan Nasvik, Sandra Navarrete, Michel Nunez, Benjamin Parker, Janet Passetz, Lane Payette, Mary Petzke, Stephen Pfeiffer, Josie Poets, Ellie Punnett, Matthew Reidy, Ty Reinemann, Marshall Reynolds, Cooy Richmond, Aramiah Rubin, Sage Rust, Salvador Saldana, Yati Sanders, Chantal Santacruz, Ashley Shardlow, Marcia Smith, Tyler Spence, Mariah Stout, Kein Sutton, Kelsey Syms, Alexandra Taylor, Teal Torres, Brian Troje-Carranza, Montana Tucker, Kay Walton, Tanya Wilkinson, Wyatt Wilson, Kelley Witt, James Wygle.

**Eighth grade**  
 Jacob Adcoff, Emily Altematt, Jander Anderson, Paige Anderson, William Ashfield, Randall Bahtenfuss, Thomas Bailey, Andrew Barsch, Taylor Bates, Taylor Berrison, Tara Bingham, Lucas Bird, Timothy Boyle, Colton Breutz, Audrey Brassill, Julia Broderick, Christian Bruner, Nickolas Brunker, Maceo Bulotti, Cole Caminiti, Cole Caulkins,

McKenna Chase, Rachel Cenover, Forrest Dacie, Magan Davis, Julia Dwyer, Augusta Eagan, Rachel Evans, Alexandra Feldman, Jesus Fletes-Ayala, Emmet Fortulin, Zachary Freeman, Lena Frieson, Amelia Fugate, Benjamin Gampmeyer, Alison Ganesica, Miranda Gasenica, Michael Gillette, Snea Holt, Springa Hansen, Mateja Heinrich, Madison Henrich, Catherine Henry, Lara Hobbs, William Jablonski, Alberta Jefferson, Richard Jensen, Keifan Jones, Shyla Jones, Chase Josey, Karel Kaiser, Joshua King, Tyler King, Nathan Lago, Kaitlyn Lander, Brooke Lawrence, Lauren Lichtenberg, Taylor Little, Jesus Lopez, Quinn Matthews, Reed Matthews, David Maxwell, Talar McClure, Eli McNeese, Chandler Moore, Joshua Morel, Parker Morris, Alicia Nelson, Alyse Northrup, David Plunso, Angelo Pappasopoulos, Kori Paradis, Jonathan Paris, Tiffany Parrish, Steven Poldiamba, Nicole Pratt, Drew Punnett, Lillian Richards, Skyler Richards, Hannah Robideaux, Olivia Roche, Clara Rodriguez, Kalen Searvia, Emily Sellen, Alexis Shapiro, Kaitly Stevenson-Black, Paige Stevenson, Maranda Stoppel, Danielle Theobald, Sydney Tidwell, Crystal Tullis, Guillermo Velasco, Katie Walton, Britny Ward, Colby Werley, Maggie Williams, Lauren Willows-Munro.

## Horse

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Together, Casey and Andy explored the hills and mountains around Gannett and Picabo. They were seldom separated as they rode in parades and worked cattle.

When Andy met and married Steven Hanson, the couple kept Casey at the home of Andy's parents, Reed and Betty Shuler, near Carey.

"This year, the family noticed that Casey seemed to be gaining a little more

weight than she usually did the summers. Nobody gave much thought to the 20-year-old mare's weight, however.

One evening, Reed Shuler looked out over the hilly pasture where Casey and the couple's other horses lived, and saw a foal with Casey.

He remembers thinking, "Oh no, Casey has stolen the neighbor's foal."

Reed jumped in his pickup, drove up the hill and discov-

ered a young foal nursing calmly at Casey's side. It took 20 years, but Casey had a foal of her own.

As the Shuler family exalted in the shock of the mare's first birthing, it became aware of an odd coincidence — Andy and Steven had just learned that Andy, also 20, was expecting a baby.

The quarter horse known for her quirky nature had produced the best trick of her life.

Now Casey, her young filly, the Shulers and the Hansens are awaiting the next new arrival. Andy and Steven both agree — Casey's filly already belongs to their baby.

The family's newest generation of human and horse will be the same age and grow up together — just like their mothers.

Mary Hanson may be reached at mhanson mbd@aol.com.

## Community

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**First Friday Dinner this week**

The Gooding Basque Association will hold a First Friday Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Gooding Basque Center at 285 Euskaldi

Lane (located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 26 and Idaho Highway 46, behind Family Dollar in Gooding).

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

homemade soups, salad and various desserts.

Information: Julie, 308-5051.

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## Dr. Gott

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figured if the cause was bacteria, perhaps betadine would help.

I simply started washing "down there" with the betadine, and the infection was gone! Now, if I feel a UTI starting, I immediately wash or add a few drops to a bottle of prepared douche. It immediately resolves the problem. I hope this helps some of your other readers.

**DEAR READER:** Urinary tract infections can be difficult to treat, especially in women who have recurring or frequent infections. Typical treatment usually consists of a course of oral antibiotics, but finding a simple home treatment to prevent them can be vital.

I am printing your letter in the hopes that it will help other women who suffer from similar situations.

I would also like to recommend drinking a glass of cranberry juice daily. It may prevent urinary tract and bladder infections. Drinking several glasses a day during

an acute infection can also lessen symptoms and shorten recovery time.

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

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

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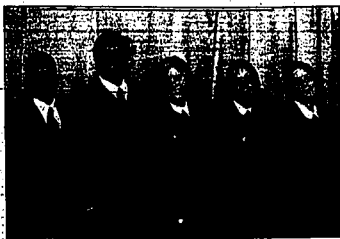
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### FFA TEAM



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Members of the Kimberly FFA Chapter were among the 28 teams participating in the 2008 National FFA Food Science and Technology Career Development Event. The competition was held Oct. 22-25 in Indianapolis during the 81st National FFA Convention. Team members met with an event sponsor representative of Kraft Foods North America, Inc. Pictured from left are advisor Cody Porath and team members Cody Wadsworth, Kelsey Molyneux, Emma Jones and Edith Jones. Participants were asked to take an objective test, design and formulate or reformulate a simulated food product, conduct nutritional analysis and apply food safety as well as sanitation principles. The National FFA Food Science and Technology CDE is sponsored by Kraft Foods North America, Inc. It is one of 23 different national events that use the fun of competition to connect classroom learning and careers.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



A group of sixth-grade students from the community service class at Gooding Middle School recently participated in Operation Christmas Child by filling shoe boxes with items to be sent to children who might otherwise not have Christmas gifts. They also included letters with the hope that they would hear back and find out in which country their gift box ended up. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. The community service class is an elective class taught by Chris Thompson. The students are already involved in another project that will put food on the table of two Gooding families this holiday season. Pictured from left: front row, Ricardo Garcia, Brandi Corbin, Brock Nelson, Miranda Sabala, Charli Cabarrus; back row, Dallas McCool, Bryce Sims, Alyssa Freeman, Kaitie Shadrwick, Bailey Gough, Rosanna Garcia, Nikki Harbaugh and Johnny Varin-Perkov. Courtesy photo

### POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Roger Curtis from the Walker Center in Gooding recently presented checks and certificates to the Red Ribbon Week poster contest winners. Pictured, from left, are the winners from Gooding Middle School: first place, Darva Graves; second place, Sandra Zarate; third place, Mylie Vermillion; and Curtis.



Courtesy photo

## West Minico honor roll announced

West Minico Middle School announced its honor roll for the first trimester.

Storm Pawson, Eric Tapla.

#### Seventh Grade

Carly Bailey, Jarike Ball, Kamil Blacker, Kelsey Blincoe, Chloe Bradford, Meg Broadhead, Rebecca Damon, Megan Dibb, Elaine Dougal, Elizabeth Freilburger, Tanisha Lopez, Siyalar Luna, Kailae May, Alexandria Pool, Nicole Reynaga, Roman Rivera, Shirish Sibbett, Kolbee Tibbets, Dakota Twiss, Brittany VanLeuven, Tiana Wheeler, Luke Allied, Mackenzie Bair, Linzy Bingham, McKenzie Caldwell, Brandon Duncan, Naomi Koyte, Braton May, Brian Mendez, Maranda Nava, Raylee Reeves, Adina Ruiz, Nathan Schneider, Sage Shradley, Adriana Vega.

#### Eighth Grade

Isalah Alvarado, Wyt Bedke, Justin Bourne, Kendall Carter, Teryn Carter, Tyle Coliflesh,

Andrea Edie, Joshua Evenson, Monica Farfan, Andrew Frank, Trishan Garcia, Ali Gee, Cheyanna Hawkes, Walker Hunt, Jake Johnson, Kimberly Kunzler, Martin Lopez, Nathan Maughan, Sydney Meier, Lyndie Mittelsteadt, Zhailenna Ney, Jessica Page, Anne Pollard, Nicholas Reuder, Holly Robbins, Taylor Saastad, Kirsten Sanderson, Kelsie Scott, Ryan Scully, Brett

Smith, Courtney Stocking, Brett Thompson, Taylor VanTessell, Derek Wilkins, Jessica Wilson, Katherine Alverson, Mandi Brecht, Jordan Browning, Shay Chandler, Dylan Corless, William Leedom, Zakari Pool, Benjamin Stevenson, Casey Stevenson, Daryn Terry, Bradon VanLeuven, Kayla Wilkie, Jerry Wilson, Jessica Woodward, Caleb Worley.

**Sixth Grade**  
 Maria Acosta Lopez, Jordyn E. Anderson, Joshua Barclay, Justin Borden, Willem Bradford, Christian Caldera, Callin Carter, Sabra Chantry, Domenicó Chavez, IsalhyCofer, Kadlesha Craythorn, Shelby Doyle, Josephina Greco, Tanner Harper, Kaylaann Hawkes, Bradley Higgins, Camilla Korth, Tyler Maughan, Bianca Murillo, Cherydan Onishi, Katie Perrigot, Dalton Robbins, Lexington Rogers, Cassandra Sanchez, Clancy Sayer, Jaden Silve, Lucas Stevenson, Jaylee Stimpson, Garret Stocking, Jaquay Twiss, Jacie Wilkins, Jordyn M. Anderson, Kylie Gutierrez, Maddison Lisenbee, Nestor Madridgil, Janeth Martinez, Rylan Olsen, Randy Palacios,

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Rev. George M. Docherty and his wife, Sue, look at a display of photos celebrating the retired minister's life at Huntington Presbyterian Church in Huntington, Pa., on Feb. 4, 2004. Docherty, whose sermon before President Dwight Eisenhower helped prompt Congress to insert the words "under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance, has died. He was 97.

# George Docherty dies, urged 'under God' in Pledge

By Matt Scheidel  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Rev. George M. Docherty, the former pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church here who delivered an influential sermon that led to the insertion of the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954, died Nov. 27 of a heart ailment at his home in Alexandria, Pa. He was 97.

Docherty (pronounced DOCK-er-tee) was summoned from his native Scotland in 1950 to become pastor of the historic church in downtown Washington, which Abraham Lincoln attended when he was president in the 1860s. Each year on the Sunday closest to Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, the church had a special service that was traditionally attended by the president.

On Feb. 7, 1954, with President Eisenhower sitting in Lincoln's pew, Docherty urged that the pledge to the flag be amended, saying, "To omit the words 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance is to omit the definitive factor in the American way of life."

He borrowed the phrase from the Gettysburg Address, in which Lincoln said, "This Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

Docherty's inspiration for the sermon came from his son's schoolroom experience of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which was written in 1892 by Baptist minister Francis Bellamy. When Docherty realized that it had no reference to God, he later said, "I had found my sermon."

Without mentioning a

deity, Docherty said, the pledge could just as easily apply to the communist Soviet Union. "I could hear little Muscovites recite a similar pledge to their hammer-and-sickle flag with equal solemnity."

In fact, Docherty first delivered his sermon in 1952, but to little effect. Other groups, including the Knights of Columbus and a veterans' organization, had advocated a similar change in the pledge.

But in 1954, with Eisenhower in the congregation and the threat of communism in the air, Docherty's message immediately resounded on Capitol Hill. Bills were introduced in Congress that week, and Eisenhower signed the "under God" act into law within four months.

Then as now, legal scholars questioned whether a reference to a deity in a patriotic pledge violated the First Amendment separation of church and state. In recent years, there have been several court challenges to the phrase.

But Docherty remained unmoved. The phrase "under God" could include "the great Jewish community and the people of the Muslim faith," in his view, but he drew the line at atheists.

"An atheistic American is said in his sermon, 'I see a contradiction in terms.' He says in his sermon, 'If you deny the Christian faith, you fall short of the American ideal of life.'"

George Macpherson Docherty was born May 9, 1911, in Glasgow, Scotland, and was a shipping clerk in his youth. He was in his 20s when he decided to enter the ministry and later received two degrees from the University of Glasgow.

## Larry Duane Parke

Larry Duane Parke, 81, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at his home of a long battle with cancer.

He was born on May 17, 1927 in a farm house in Jerome County, to Rula and Dale Houston. At the age of 4, he went to live with his paternal grandparents, Frank and Daisy Houston. He started elementary school in Jerome and finished third grade there. He then moved to Halley to live with his mother and her new husband, Hall Parke. He was adopted by Hall Parke in 1941 at the age of 14. He was graduated from Halley High School in 1945, after which he joined the U.S. Navy.

He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946. He became a miner and worked for the Triumph Mine and also worked for his father-in-law, Grover Crocker, in mines in the Lost River and Wood River valleys. He moved his family to California in 1953, where they lived for seven years before moving back to Idaho to run a rental business in Idaho Falls in 1960. Larry then went to work for the INEL in 1966 until his retirement in 1989.

He was involved in Little League Baseball for nearly 20 years, spending the last few years as president of the league.

In 2001, he moved to Twin Falls to be near his 30-year-old son and daughter. On May 1, 1947, he married his high school sweetheart, Faye Crocker, in Halley. Together they had a son, Larry Dennis in 1948, and a



daughter, Vicki Lynn in 1951. Larry and Faye later divorced in 1974. In 1975, he married Betty Murr, inheriting four stepchildren, Brett Murr, Blake Murr, Bruce Murr and Brenda Murr. Larry was an avid golfer, hunter, fisherman and card player. He liked to be active all the time. He was the Rock of Gibraltar for his family and was much loved by all.

He is survived by his son, Larry Dennis (Vicky Lee) of Boise; his daughter, Vicki Lynn, of Twin Falls; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four stepchildren, Brett (Lynette) Murr, Blake (Janice) Murr, Bruce (Debbie) Murr and Brenda (David) Murr; and 13 step-grandchildren. He is also survived by three nephews, Lowell Bingham, Gary Bingham and Mike Chavez. Also surviving him is his loving, loyal and doting companion, Faye, for five years. Or a Death: Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Geri Kinzey; both of his wives; and his stepmother, Evelyn Parke.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls. Donations may be made in Larry's memory to the Elk's Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

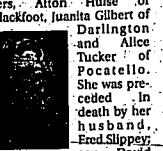
## Virginia Slippey

RUPERT — Virginia Slippey, 79, of Rupert, passed away Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, at her home.

She was born Nov. 20, 2008, to Adren and Susan Peterson Lewis in Blackfoot, where she grew up and attended school. She married Claude Robinson and was later divorced. She married Fred Slippey on Oct. 7, 1956.

Virginia worked as a senior companion and helped at the senior center. She also was a cook for the food room at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church for eight years. She was a member of the St. Nicholas Catholic Church and a Eucharist minister. She also was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the CFWOC Association, where she won the Freddy and the Statue awards. She enjoyed ceramics, bingo, cards and traveling.

Virginia's survived by her children, Karen Hale of Burley, Charles Roy Slippey of Idaho Falls, Fred Arthur Jr. Slippey of Pocatello, Edward Gene Slippey of Maralona, Calif., and Allen Lee Slippey of Reno, Nev.; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; brother, Chet Lewis of Darlington; and sis-



ters, Afron Hulse of Blackfoot, Juanita Gilbert of Darlington and Alice Tucker of Pocatello. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Slippey, son, David

Lowell Slippey; parents, Adren and Ethyl Lewis; brothers, Adren Slippey, Albert Lewis and Rudy Lewis; sisters, Adna Dolores Cameron, Norma Routsam, Josephine "Tommy" Woods, sons-in-law, Carl Hale and Buddy Tucker; daughter-in-law, Mary Slippey; and grandson, Sam Hale.

A funeral mass will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 E. St. in Rupert, with Father Mike St. Marie as celebrant. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery at a later date.

The family would like to thank Joy Gee, Mildred Trindel, Alma Hammond, Barbara Walsh, and Home Health and Hospice for the care given to Virginia.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Elwyn Steube

HEYBURN — Elwyn Steube, 87, of Heyburn, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

### Carma J. Adams

ALBION — Carma June Adams, 82, of Albion, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

### Clarisa S. Wilske

HEYBURN — Clarisa Fay Simons Wilske, 42, of Heyburn, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen-Funeral Home

### Shirley Armstrong

BUHL — Shirley Armstrong, 79, of Buhl, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008 at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

### Edith S. Hamilton

Edith S. Hamilton, 93, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Twin Falls Seventh-day Adventist Church, 131 Grandview Drive. Inurnment will follow at a later date at the family cemetery in Salmon Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place an ad in an individual online guestbook, go to [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

## Lawyer: Trampled NY worker lacked crowd training

By Frank Dinnan  
Associated Press writer

MINEOLA, N.Y. — A worker trampled to death when customers stormed a Wal-Mart for bargains on the day after Thanksgiving had no experience in crowd control and surveillance, provided by the store while considering possible criminal charges. Lawyers were also preparing to sue over the episode.

The details about the deadly stampede came out as police poured over video surveillance, provided by the store while considering possible criminal charges. Lawyers were also preparing to sue over the episode.

Nassau County Police Commissioner Lawrence Mueby noted that the worker, Jdmytal Damour, was 6 feet 5 and 270 pounds, making the trampling all the more stunning. He was killed when a crowd, estimated at 2,000 people, broke down the electronic doors in frantic pursuit of bargains on big-screen TVs, clothing and other items.

Mart store," said Mueby. Mueby said an autopsy found the damour, 34, died of asphyxiation related to his trampling and he conceded that it would be difficult to file criminal charges against any of the shoppers.

"It goes beyond identifying specific people to make a case," Mueby said. "You have to establish recklessness or intent to harm, which led to his death."

Attorney Jordan Hecht, who represents Damour's family, said the family declined to make any public statements about the man's death. Funeral arrangements were pending, he said.

Hecht said Damour had been working at the Wal-Mart only for about a week and was hired through an employment agency that provides temporary staffing. Damour had not been trained for any security assignments and had no background in crowd control, he said.

A call seeking comment from the employment agency was not returned. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in a statement Friday, called the incident a "tragic situation" and said it had tried to prepare for the crowd by adding staffers and outside security

workers, putting up barricades and consulting police. "Despite all of our precautions, this unfortunate event occurred," senior Vice President Hank Mullany said. A company spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday on Mueby's remarks.

Hecht said that he was considering a lawsuit but that no decision had been made. Two other injured shoppers filed a notice of claim Monday, the first step toward proceeding with a lawsuit.

At least four other people were treated at hospitals and released, including a woman who was eight months pregnant.

Mueby said while investigators are still piecing together details, it is apparent that the Wal-Mart store lacked adequate security to handle the crowds of shoppers that converged on Friday morning.

In fact, security was inside the store and not outside organizing, arranging and planning for this anticipated opening," Mueby said. Police officers had been called to the scene at about 3 a.m. but left after about a half-hour, he said. The crowd — then estimated at about

400 — was not unruly at that time.

The National Retail Federation, the industry's largest group, was unaware of any other store workers ever dying on the job in the post-Thanksgiving rush.

Shoppers said outside the country line up early the stores on the day after Thanksgiving in the annual bargain-hunting ritual known as Black Friday. It got that name because it historically been the day stores broke into profitability for the full year.

Burt P. Flickinger III, managing director of Strategic Resource Group, a retail-consulting firm, said retailers quickly learned they can attract massive crowds if they promise amazing savings and limit the inventory or availability of the sale items to a few hours.

A number of retailers have opted to distribute vouchers or organize the sales in other ways to "cut down on the tsunami of shoppers entering the store all at once," he said. There are so many retailers doing it, the result, it seems senseless there wasn't strategic and operational planning here," Flickinger said.

## SERVICES

Arthur Reed Hubsmlth of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert West LDS Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W. in Rupert; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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

Donald Dwight Ramseyer of Twin Falls, family service at 3 p.m. Friday at St. Ann's Memorial Church; public memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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

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.

Emma J. Dodge of Twin Falls, memorial spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Elmer Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

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— Angie Bayo, Twin Falls

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## Boise State leads in All-WAC awards

### Vandals also earn spots

By Dustin Lapray  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Although the No. 9 Boise State Broncos pride themselves on unselfish play, team-oriented goals and program success, the nation and the Western Athletic Conference took notice of the accomplishments of an outstanding group Broncos. Five BSU football players won first team All-WAC hon-

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ors Monday and six others were named to the second team.

BSU head coach Chris Petersen won his first WAC Coach of the Year honor as well. Petersen is 34-3 as a head coach and led his team to its third undefeated regular season in five years.

"He deserves it," cornerback Kyle Wilson said. "He's really down to earth. I really like his coaching style." Kellen Moore was named to

the second team, but was also named the conference's Freshman of the Year. Through a dozen games, he completed 259 of 370 passes for 3,264 yards, 25 touchdowns and an efficiency rating of 161.53.

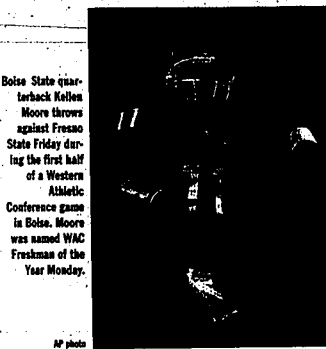
"Kellen is unbelievable," Jeremy Childs said. "That Oregon game people thought he was going to be rattled. He showed his composure. That guy's real competitive, and it's fun playing with somebody like that."

Childs carried his second first team honors. The junior wideout led the team with 65 catches for 741 yards and

seven touchdowns. "It's a blessing for me to get the honors two years in a row, but nobody gets honors without the team success," Childs said. "This honor is for all the receivers and the coaches."

Childs recognized his position coach, Bruce Peterson, for his success. His fellow receiver Austin Pettis made it to the second team with 45 receptions for 502 yards and a team-high nine touchdowns. "Pettis became one of my closest friends on the team," Childs said. "He's a young guy.

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Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore throws against Fresno State Friday during the first half of a Western Athletic Conference game in Boise. Moore was named WAC Freshman of the Year Monday.

AP photo

# Hi, my name is . . .

## Three new coaches, one new team enter SCIC fray

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

It might not be easily seen on the surface, but the Buhl Indians know they have something of an edge in preparing for the 2008-09 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference campaign.

Sure, Buhl returns just three players who saw significant playing time last season. And one of those, Nick Hamilton, had his junior season end early when he tore his ACL against Spring Creek (Nev.) in the middle of last season.

The Indians also don't have a true post to speak of. Five guards. Is what head coach Ryan Bowman said at Monday's practice.

But at least they have the familiarity of the same coach coming back. And the same league to come back to.

The same cannot be said of the other four competitors in the SCIC. Three are sporting new head coaches this season, and the fourth — former Class 2A participant Wendell — is making its Class 3A debut.

"When you're used to seeing the same guys coming back each year, as coaches, you start to get an idea of what they're going to do, how they're going to do

things," said Bowman. In his seventh season in charge of Buhl's program, "It'll be interesting to see this year . . . they're all pretty much learning new systems, and our kids are in the same one. It gives us a little bit of an advantage. In that way, but we're really young and have a lot of growing up to do."

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Buhl senior guard Eric Seagrangphong (3) is one of the few players with significant varsity experience returning for the Indians. The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference as a whole, in addition to the usual player turnover, welcomes three new coaches and one new school to the boys basketball fold this year.

## Problems at the point for CSI men

The question just had to be asked.

At one point this summer, more than one-third of the players on first-year men's basketball head coach Steve Gosar's College of Southern Idaho roster were point guards.



MIKE CHRISTENSEN

Of the first eight freshmen to sign with the Golden Eagles, four played the point.

So the question was posed to the boss: What's up with stockpiling so many point guards?

At the time, Gosar said, "If you've got a guy that can pass, dribble, shoot and understand the game like most point guards do, I can't get enough of those guys."

Had Gosar owned a crystal ball, he'd have noted another reason as well.

Attrition. Jump forward from that summer afternoon to this past Friday when freshman guard Janelle Barrett dropped to the CSI gymnasium floor in a writhing heap, gripping his knee with both hands. When Barrett was helped off the court, Gosar was left with just one active point guard on his roster, freshman Charles Odum.

And when Odum picked up two early fouls in Saturday's game against Chemeketa (Ore.) Community College, Gosar had to turn the ball-handling duties to 6-foot-7 forward Jay Watkins.

Those desperate circumstances came through a bizarre series of events that whittled away at Gosar's point guard posse. The first came when LeMario Harris, a 6-foot guard out of Dallas, returned home during the summer to play closer to home. Not long after, Burley High grad Colton Moorm decided to postpone his collegiate career, while staying in school at CSI.

But not to worry. Invited walk-on Paul Beckdens joined the team out of Boston, Mass., and Byago Diouf brought his high energy game from Dakar, Senegal. Only problem? Beckdens isn't eligible until winter semester and a language barrier meant putting Diouf on the wing to simplify the offense for him.

Shortly before the season, Lacy Haddock, a talented 6-1 guard out of Las Vegas, was dismissed from the team. That left Barrett and Odum to run the show.

Through eight games, the duo has done just fine for the 10th-ranked Golden Eagles.

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## No clear favorite in Canyon Conference race

By Bradley Cairn  
Times-News writer

With Wendell's move up to the Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference and the future Canyon Conference boys basketball champion will be anyone's guess as a trio of teams vie for the lone District IV seed to the Class

2A state tournament.

"It's going to stay competitive," Glenns Ferry coach Jeremiah Johnson said. "I don't see that changing this year."

Glenns Ferry tied Wendell for the regular season championship last season but won the high seed to the conference tournament on a coin flip. There, they were defeat-

ed by Wendell twice for the state tournament berth. The Pilots will field a considerably greener team as only one player, junior Michael Crane, returns with any significant varsity experience.

Crane averaged 13 points and 9.5 rebounds per game last season.

The Pilots will have two seniors in Johnny Popoca

and Jordan Shenk, so the bulk of the squad will be underclassmen.

"They're really young, but good athletes," Johnson said. "They play as well as a group, and I look forward to seeing what they can do."

Crane, Robin Shenk, and Codee Roberts are three of the Pilots' biggest bodies, each at 6-foot-3.

The Declo Hornets finished 7-15 in the SCIC last season but now compete in the Canyon. Declo coach Dee Lewis said that the Hornets should be competitive in the conference as they have played Glenns Ferry in years past and Valley this summer.

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## Williams, Slaton lead Texans past Jags 30-17

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Mario Williams, Steve Slaton and the Houston Texans put on quite a show in their Monday Night Football debut.

Williams had a season-high three sacks and forced a fumble and Slaton ran for a pair of touchdowns to lead the Texans to a 30-17 win over the stumbling Jacksonville Jaguars.

Andre Johnson added a TD reception and Kris Brown kicked three field goals in the win, a highlight in Houston's disappointing season so far. The top pick in the 2006 draft, Williams brought down quarterback David Garrard in the second, third and fourth quarters. He forced a fumble by Garrard on his last sack and Houston

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Houston Texas running back Steve Slaton (20) breaks away on a run against the Jacksonville Jaguars Monday during the fourth quarter in Houston. The Texans beat the Jaguars 30-17.

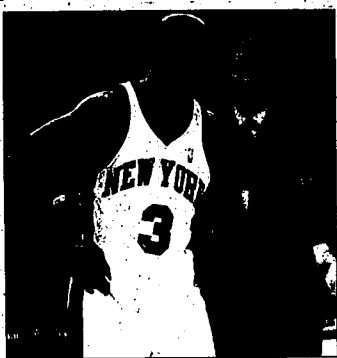
# Marbury's Knicks status 'not resolved' in meeting

—GREENBURGH, N.Y. (AP) — Stephen Marbury did not get the divorce he wants, but he and the New York Knicks agreed to a separation.

Marbury was ordered Monday to stay away from the team while the team looks for a solution to its \$21 million problem — one that has lingered since the preseason and exploded last week when the team suspended him for refusing to play and he retaliated with a series of inflammatory remarks about coach Mike D'Antoni.

Marbury's future was "not resolved" during a meeting with team president Donnie Walsh at the Knicks' practice facility, according to the players' association attorney representing him. The sides will continue to talk, but Marbury won't be around in the meantime.

"After meeting with Stephen and his representatives this afternoon, we have directed Stephen not to participate in practice or attend games until further notice," Walsh said in a statement.



New York Knicks' Stephen Marbury (3) reacts to a call on Oct. 24 as coach Mike D'Antoni looks on during the second half of a game in New York.

"We want to continue to meet with him to discuss a long-term resolution."

is adamant that he won't give much of it up in a buyout. However, that salary makes him nearly impossible to trade, and the Knicks are reluctant to give him all his money to leave.

Walsh's decision to ban Marbury comes on the heels of the latest trouble in his stormy Knicks career. The Knicks suspended the New York native one game and penalized him nearly \$400,000 last week for what they claimed was his refusal of D'Antoni's request to come off the inactive list and play in a game at Detroit last Wednesday.

Marbury then blasted the coach in a pair of stories in the New York Post, saying he didn't trust D'Antoni and adding that "the marriage is over."

Not yet, though. Marbury arrived at the team's practice facility at 2:25 p.m. Monday and met with Walsh for about 20 minutes. His representative, Hal Biagas, walked out of the building shortly after 3 p.m.

and into the car where Marbury was waiting. "We'll try to keep this in house and so no comment at this time," Biagas said. "We'll keep you posted if things happen."

The decision to ban Marbury from the team is similar to what Indiana is doing this season with Jamarl Tinsley and did in the past with Ron Artest. Walsh, the former Pacers president, had little choice after Marbury lashed out at coaches and teammates Monday.

"I'm there for three weeks and didn't say one word," Marbury told The Post. "I didn't hear one of my teammates say, 'Why isn't Stephen Marbury playing?' This is a good system for him, even to play with the second unit and bring more freewop."

"When things got bad and then worse, guys like Quentin Richardson say, 'I don't consider him a teammate. He let his teammates out to dry.' He didn't care I was his teammate when I

was banished. They left me out for dead. It's like we're in a foxhole and I'm facing the other way. If I got shot in the head at least you want to get shot by the enemy. I got shot in the head by my own guys in my foxhole. And they didn't even give me an honorable death."

Knicks players have grown tired of Marbury's many dramas, especially because they'd like more focus on their improved play. New York (8-0) ended November at 8-0 or better for the first time since going 2-6 in 2004. "I don't know what to say to that, more than I'm sorry he feels that way and I don't get the impression that we've done that," forward David Lee said. "But moving forward, as I said, this has just got to get taken care of when ever it gets taken care of, and we've just got to focus on winning. And buying into comments like that or responding to them does nothing more than take the focus off our team and winning."

## Richardson leads Bobcats past T-Wolves 100-90

—CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jason Richardson scored 25 points in another strong performance following arthroscopic knee surgery, and the Charlotte Bobcats beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 100-90 on Monday night.

It was the third straight game of at least 21 points for Richardson since his return after sitting out seven contests following the arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. He led an efficient offense that included a season-high 24 points from Emeka Okafor and 14 assists and just one turnover for Raymond Felton. Randy Foye scored 23 points and Mike Miller added 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who were never in sync in their second straight loss.

**CELTICS 107, MAGIC 88**  
—BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 17 of his 24 points in the third quarter to lead the Boston Celtics to their ninth straight win, 107-88 over the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

Ray Allen added 21 points. Rajon Rondo had 16 points with 12 assists and Kevin Garnett scored 15 points for



Charlotte Bobcats guard Jason Richardson (23) drives past Minnesota Timberwolves forward Ryan Gomes (8) and guard Randy Foye (4) for a dunk Monday during the second half of their game in Charlotte, N.C.

the Celtics (17-2) in a win over a top Eastern Conference rival.

Barbaso Lewis paced Orlando (13-3) with 30 points. Hedo Turkoglu 19 and Dwight Howard, the league's rebounding leader, had 14 points with 15 boards.

The Magic had their four-game winning streak snapped. Orlando had won six straight road games, one short of its club record set at the start of last season.

—The Associated Press

## Murtaugh boys open with win

**Times-News**  
The Murtaugh boys basketball team opened its season with a 53-45 victory Monday over the Lighthouse Christian Lions.

Freshman Austin Stanger led the Red Devils with a double-double, and Zach Cummins added 11 along with 10 from Terry Perkins.

"We built a nice lead," Murtaugh coach Adam Johnson said. "Then we got in foul trouble. We had kids come off the bench and play positions they weren't comfortable with, but they maintained composure to get the win."

Zane Lesser scored 10 points in the Lions' effort. The 1-0 Red Devils travel to Hansen on Wednesday.

**Murtaugh 53, Lighthouse Christian 45**  
Lighthouse Christian: 10-10 20-17-48  
Murtaugh: 10-10 20-17-48  
Trey Perkins 10, Zach Cummins 11, Terry Perkins 10, Austin Stanger 10, Ryan Gomes 8, Hedo Turkoglu 19, Dwight Howard 14, Ray Allen 21, Paul Pierce 17, Kevin Garnett 15, Jason Richardson 25, Jason Terry 15, Ray Allen 21, Paul Pierce 17, Kevin Garnett 15, Jason Richardson 25, Jason Terry 15.

**TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 55, BLISS 47**  
Twin Falls Christian Academy boys basketball team defeated Bliss 55-47 Monday, with a game-high 22 points from Tommy Bradford.

Austin Brown added 18 more for the Warriors for their first game of the season. Cole Erkins led Bliss

with 20 points. The Warriors (1-0) will host Community School Thursday, while Bliss will host an invitational tournament this weekend.

**Twin Falls Christian Academy 55, Bliss 47**  
Twin Falls Christian Academy: 10-10 20-17-48  
Bliss: 10-10 20-17-48

**RICHFIELD 93, TWIN FALLS SOPH. 12**  
The Richfield Tigers remained undefeated with a

93-12 victory over the Twin Falls sophomore squad Monday.

Tennie Kent led Richfield with 21 points, followed by Michelle Kent and Sasha Kent with 18 and 14 from Lea Piper. Piper led with nine rebounds. Mirian Rivas recorded 11 steals on defense, with 10 more from Sasha Kent.

The Tigers (4-0, 1-0 Sawtooth Conference) will travel to Murtaugh tonight.

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## CSI

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Barrett has a first step reminiscent of Tim Lincecum and back on the court after suffering from a shoulder injury.

As for Odum, he more than proved his value Saturday, scoring 27 second-half points and getting to the foul line for 17 attempts with his aggressive north-south mentality. He hit 11 of 17 of those free throws, dished seven assists and snatched three steals as CSI pulled away for a 92-82 win and a 7-1 record on the season. Odum never left the floor after intermission.

He might be asked to do more of the same during this weekend's Boise Office Equipment Tournament as Barrett is questionable with a back brace.

Not long from now. Beckens and 6-foot-1 freshman sharpshooter Cheyne Martin will be eligible. And not long from now, shooting guard Erick Felix will get back on the court after suffering a hairline fracture in his wrist. And in February, 6-foot-7 UConn transfer Nate Miles will get the chance to display one of the best shooting touches in the country.

In the meantime, Coach's patchwork lineup and short bench continue to find a way. It's not always pretty, but the scoreboard says it's effective.

"We're learning how to win," said Gosar.

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## Buhl

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Buhl has seven seniors on his roster, but it's a general lack of experience that is proving the biggest hurdle to overcome. Eric Senghanpheng will anchor the backcourt, with J.D. Leckenby and Hamilton providing scoring options down low. But it's hard to figure out over time, but Buhl is confident it will be there it needs to be come postseason time.

"It's going to be a little 'bumpy in the early going," Bowman said. "But I think that'll smooth out over time and we'll just see where we are in January and February."

Bowman holds no illusions about Buhl assuming its customary position as "team to watch" that it's had over the past few seasons. In fact, he sees up for the fight and happy to be the hunter for once rather than the hunted.

"Kimberly's absolutely the favorite. I think there are a couple of teams that may surprise," Bowman said. "I think we've got as good a chance as anyone to advance. It's just a matter of how we're going to

## Texans

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recovered on the 7. Slaton scored on the next play to make it 23-3 with about 5 minutes left. The rookie tacked on a 40-yard TD run and finished with 180 yards rushing on 21 carries. He also had two catch-

es for 52 yards.

Slaton, Williams and the rest of the Texans were clad in their "Battle Red" uniforms for their first Monday night game. The city of Houston hosted a Monday night game for the first time since Nov. 21, 1994, when

the New York Giants beat the Oilers 13-10 at the Astrodome.

Sage Rosenfels, making his fourth consecutive start in place of injured Texans quarterback Matt Schaub, threw for 200 yards and a score with an interception.

Williams, who has 11 starts this season, third on the team, will get the prime-time spotlight. In his only other night game, a Thursday night matchup against Denver last season, he finished with 3/4 sacks.

## Race

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Declou runs "a motion offense that strives to balance scoring from the inside and out. Seniors Nate Garner, Shaylan Fenstermaker and Connor Garner will be key members of the team. Nate plays the point. Connor, a transfer from Bonneville High School in Utah, will take the wing and Fenstermaker is

a 6-foot-6 post.

"I think they'll step right in and be ready to take off," Lewis said of the trio. "Connor will be who we look to early for scoring. He's a bit more polished. Fenstermaker, with his size, will be a force in the middle." Juniors Jeremy Jenkins, Tyler Briggs and Brandon Peterson also saw varsity

playing time last year. Lewis said that the underclassmen should give the Hornets some more athleticism.

On defense, Declou's scheme is a half-court man-to-man with a full-court press and half-court zone to mix it up. The Hornets will look to put pressure on the ball, to force turnovers.

The Hornets might start a

little slow as many players last practice time as they vied for the Class 2A state football championship recently, finishing second.

The Vally Vikings, who finished 11-11 last season, will return four players in Juan Zambrano, Daniel Burns, Montana Barlow and Matt Gatt. They will also be led by new head coach

Steve Hunter.

Team speed will be a key for the Vikings' up-tempo offense, but Hunter noted that rebounding will be a concern. Canyon Conference play will begin in late January. Bradley Guire may be reached at 208-735-3229 or bguire@magicleague.com.



# Burress appears in handcuffs, posts \$100,000 bail

NEW YORK — Taken to court in handcuffs, Plaxico Burress posted \$100,000 bail on weapons possession charges Monday as the frenzy grew around the Giants star receiver who accidentally shot himself in a nightclub.

Authorities said teammate Antonio Pierce was being investigated over his role in the weekend shooting, while the Super Bowl-champion Giants weren't sure what action they would take, if any, against Burress. The NFL said it was monitoring developments. Mayor Michael Bloomberg also weighed in, saying it would be an outrage "if we didn't prosecute to the fullest extent of the law."



New York Giants' Plaxico Burress, right, arrives at Manhattan Supreme Court for arraignment with an unidentified man on Monday in New York.

Burress shot himself in the right thigh in the VIP section of the Latin Quarter nightclub in Manhattan about 1 a.m. Saturday, police said. He did not have a permit to carry a handgun in New York.

A witness reported hearing a popping sound before Burress' legs began to shake, according to a criminal complaint. It said the person saw a bloody pistol fall out of his hand and land on the floor before Burress said "Take me to a hospital."

Burress was charged with two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, which could result in a prison sentence of 3½ to 15 years if he is convicted. He was not required to enter a plea Monday and is due back in court on March

31. Burress did not say anything in court.

The Giants have not decided what to do with Burress, who was suspended for a game and fined earlier this season for missing a team meeting in September. New York could either suspend him again or deactivate him for Sunday's game at home against the Eagles. There are more extreme actions, such as releasing Burress, but that could put a strain on the team's salary cap next season. The shooting occurred as

Burress somehow fumbled his gun — .40-caliber Glock — in the VIP section and it discharged, hitting his leg. Pierce was with Burress when that occurred, police said. The weapon was eventually recovered at Burress' house in New Jersey, authorities said.

### BROWNS' ANDERSON OUT FOR YEAR

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland quarterback Derek Anderson, who lost his starting job to Brady Quinn several

weeks ago, will miss the final four games after tearing a ligament in his left knee on Sunday against Indianapolis. An MRI taken Monday revealed Anderson tore the medial collateral ligament when he was sacked in the final minutes of Cleveland's 10-6 loss to the Colts. Anderson, making his first start since Nov. 2 after being benched for Quinn, will not need surgery. He will be placed in a brace and will need four to six weeks to recover.

Quinn, too, is done for the season with a finger injury. He has not yet decided whether to have surgery on his broken right index finger, which he hurt on Nov. 17 at Buffalo.

The injuries to their top two QBs means the Browns (4-8) will start third-stringer Ken Dorsey on Sunday against the Tennessee Titans (11-1). Return specialist Joshua Cribbs, who played quarterback at Kent State, will serve as Dorsey's backup unless the Browns can sign a veteran quarterback in the next few days.

Coach Romeo Crennel said the club will try to find another quarterback familiar with Cleveland's system. Dorsey went 2-8 as a starter for the San Francisco 49ers in 2004-05. In college, he was 38-2 as a starter at Miami and won a national championship in 2001. Dorsey hasn't completed a pass in an NFL game in three years, and has attempted just four since joining the Browns in 2006.

### BUCS MUM ON MONTE KIFFIN'S FUTURE

TAMPA, Fla. — Although the Tampa Bay Buccaneers expect to have Monte Kiffin drawing up defensive game plans for the rest of the season, his future with the NFC South co-leaders remains unclear.

Neither Kiffin or the Bucs have done anything to end

speculation that the 68-year-old defensive coordinator has decided to leave the NFL to work for his son, Lane, the new coach at the University of Tennessee.

Bucs general manager Bruce Allen said Monday he knows how the situation will play out, but would not disclose whether Kiffin is staying or will give up a \$2 million salary that makes him one of the highest-paid defensive assistants in the league.

### PATS TO PLAY BUCS IN LONDON IN 2009

LONDON — The New England Patriots will play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers next season at Wembley Stadium, the third straight year the NFL will stage a regular-season game in the British capital.

The game will be played Oct. 25. The Bucs will be listed as the home team, giving up a game in Tampa.

Five weeks ago, the New Orleans Saints beat the San Diego Chargers 37-32 before 83,000 fans at Wembley. Last season, the New York Giants defeated the Miami Dolphins 13-10. Both games were sold out.

The NFL is also expected to play a regular-season game in London in 2010.

The Buccaneers are owned by the Glazer family, the same group that runs defending Premier League champion Manchester United.

— The Associated Press

## No. 1 'Bama underdogs in Dome again

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama has pushed aside all comers on its way to a perfect regular season, climbed to the top of the rankings and stuck around for quite awhile.

Now, it's back to Square One for team No. 1: As an underdog in the Georgia Dome.

No. 2 Florida is a 10-point favorite to topple the top-ranked Crimson Tide Saturday in the Southeastern Conference championship game in Atlanta, where 'Bama opened the season as an underdog to Clemson.

"I ain't worried about that at all," Tide cornerback Javier Arenas said. "It's been like that the whole season, starting with Clemson and going to Georgia. You're accustomed to now."

Still, it is that way to treat a team that just walloped archival Auburn 36-0.

Then again, maybe the point spread is a compliment to Alabama (12-0) considering Florida's last eight opponents have come no closer than Vanderbilt's 28-point loss.

"As well as they've been playing, it doesn't surprise me," Tide linebacker Cory Rouser said. "They've been putting up 50 points, beating people by four touchdowns. Anybody that gets in their way, they're just



Alabama defensive lineman Terrence Cody (62) reacts after recovering a Koolha fumble Saturday during the Iron Bowl at Bryant-Denney Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

mowing over.

"People have written us off as underdogs before and we've proven them wrong. It's nothing different."

Much of it could have to do with styles. The Tide has won with defense, special teams and the running game. Ho hum.

Florida has excelled in all those areas, too, but won by 58 points against a Kentucky team that Alabama eked out a 17-14 victory against and has

dazzled with coach Urban Meyer's spread offense.

Maybe a team that routinely puts up huge offensive numbers is just more glamorous than one that is more known for shutting offenses down.

Annas compares it to the New England Patriots facing the Baltimore Ravens in a big game.

Or as Tide linebacker Cory Rouser said: "Offense always gets the glory."

## Lane Kiffin introduced as Tennessee's 21st coach

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Even though Tennessee's new coach is the youngest one leading a major program, Lane Kiffin has been around football for almost all of his 33 years.

The former coach of the NFL's Oakland Raiders and son of longtime NFL defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, is five months younger than the previous youngest coach in the Bowl Subdivision, Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald.

During our process, Lane Kiffin stood out," athletic director Mike Hamilton said. "He has great football bloodlines and has been part of a strong football tradition since birth."

Kiffin returns being surrounded as a child by chalkboards scrawled with defensive plays and spending weekends in pregame meetings with his dad's desks.

"He's the Volunteers' 21st coach but only the third in the last 32 years. His selection came after the first national search for a football coach in University of Tennessee history," Hamilton said.

He took over the

Volunteers two days after Phillip Fulmer's 17-season tenure ended with a win over Kentucky and has a six-year contract worth \$2 million in 2009 with the chance for bonuses.

It's not the first time Tennessee has hired a youthful coach — Fulmer had no previous head coaching experience and the Vols' revered Gen. Robert Neyland was 33 when he was hired.

### WILLINGHAM'S FINAL GAME AT UW BRIVES

SEATTLE — There won't be any sentimental speeches or remembrances this week if Tyrone Willingham has his way.

Many Washington fans would probably prefer if there weren't any flashbacks of Willingham's tumultuous four years — and his 11-36 record — that ends Saturday when the White Huskies try to avoid the first 0-12 season in Pac-10 conference history at California.

Those fans are more interested in the search for Willingham's replacement, a process that appears to be picking up speed.

### MISSOURI COORDINATOR CHRISTENSEN TAKES WYOMING JOB

The secretive search being conducted by Washington athletic director Scott Woodward is known to have only two candidates interviewed so far: Fresno State coach Pat Hill and Notre Dame offensive coordinator Michael Hayward. Other names rumored to be on Woodward's secretive wish list include Texas Tech coach Mike Leach, Cincinnati's Brian Kelly and Utah's Kyle Whittingham. The school has declined all comment on the coaching search.

Missouri coach Gary Pinkel confirmed Monday that his offensive coordinator, Dave Christensen, would take the Wyoming job.

— The Associated Press

## WAC

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an unbelievable athlete. He stepped up this year. He made plays unbelievable catches."

Childs said the departure of Titus Young (perhaps the fastest man on the Bronco squad) earlier this season for violations of team rules, helped unite the corps. He credited Pease with instilling that unity.

Andrew Woodruff joins Childs on the offensive first team, his first selection. Woodruff became a leader on a rotating offensive line this

season, an anchor in rattled seas. When no one knew who all would be starting on the O-line, they all knew Woody would be there, stabilizing the quintet.

Wilson, defensive end Ryan Winterswyk and linebacker Ellis Powers earned honors from the defensive side of the ball.

Wilson led the WAC with five interceptions (No. 10 in the nation). He made 28 tackles and led the team with 10 pass breakups. He made the second team after last season.

He credited his personal focus for making the first team in 2008.

"I've actually put that [focus] into production for the team," Wilson said. "Overall, it's just making the plays I'm supposed to, doing what I'm supposed to, being a person everyone can count on, listening to coaches and things like that. Just being a leader on this team."

Winterswyk led the team with 4.5 sacks for 33 yards and 10 tackles for loss (45 yards). Powers became a stud safe-

ty after playing minimally the past few years. The senior finished second on the team with 71 tackles (49 unassisted). He made eight tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, forced one fumble and recovered two fumbles, returning both for touchdowns.

Wilson also made the second team as a punt returner, even though he's only begun returning punts five games ago. He led the WAC with 470 return yards and three touchdowns.

Tailback — Ian Johnson,

defensive end Mike T. Williams and free safety Jerm Johnson join Moon, Wilson and Pettis on the second team.

Johnson again led the team, with 738 yards and 12 touchdowns. He tied Marshall Faulk for the WAC rushing touchdown record with 57 scores. He made first team All-WAC the previous two seasons.

Williams made 35 tackles, four sacks and six tackles for loss. Johnson was led the Broncos with 84 tackles,

including a team high 60 unassisted. He also recovered three fumbles.

The University of Idaho also had players named to the All-WAC teams. Eddie Williams was picked as first team tight end and T.J. Conley made first team punter. Mike Iupati and Tino Armanico landed on the second team list. The Vandals finished the season at 2-10 and 1-7 in conference.

Dustin Lappay covers Boise State football for the Times-News.

- ### 2008 All-Western Athletic Conference teams
- Individual awards**
    - Offensive Player of the Year:** Colin Kaepernick, So., QB, Nevada.
    - Defensive Player of the Year:** Solomon Elinimlan, Jr., LB, Hawaii; Jarrod Gilbert, Sr., DT, San Jose State.
    - Freshman of the Year:** Kellen Moore, QB, Boise State.
    - Coach of the Year:** Chris Petersen, Boise State.
  - First team offense**
    - Wide receivers:** Jeremy Childs, Boise State; Marko Mitchell, Nevada; Chris Williams, New Mexico State.
  - First team defense**
    - Tight end:** Eddie Williams, Idaho.
    - Linebacker:** Andrew Woodruff, Boise State; Bobby Leport, Fresno State; John Estes, Hawaii; Adam Kirby, Idaho; Dominic Green, Nevada.
    - Quarterback:** Colin Kaepernick, Nevada.
    - Rushing back:** Daniel Porter, Louisiana Tech; Val Tava, Nevada.
    - First team defense**
      - Linebacker:** Ryan Winterswyk, Boise State; D'Anthony Smith, Louisiana Tech; Kevin Basped, Nevada; Jarrod Gilbert, San Jose State.
      - Linebackers:** Ellis Powers, Boise State;
  - Second team offense**
    - WR:** Austin Pettis, Boise State;
  - Second team defense**
    - DL:** Mike T. Williams, Boise State; David Velkume, Hawaii; Keala Watson,
  - Michael Washington, Hawaii; David Richmond, San Jose State.**
  - TE:** Bear Pascoe, Fresno State.
  - OL:** Andrew Jackson, Fresno State; Mike Iupati, Idaho; Rob McGill, Louisiana Tech; Alonzo Durham, Nevada; Mike Gallitt, Nevada; Richie Bolden, New Mexico State; Brennan McFadden, Utah State.
  - QB:** Kellen Moore, Boise State.
  - RB:** Ian Johnson, Boise State; Yunus Davis, San Jose State.
  - Second team defense**
    - DL:** Mike T. Williams, Boise State; David Velkume, Hawaii; Keala Watson,
  - Hawaii:** Dontay Moch, Nevada; Carl Ihenacho, San Jose State.
  - LB:** Chris Carter, Fresno State; Ben Jacobs, Fresno State; Justin Cole, San Jose State; Jake Hutton, Utah State; Paul Igoe, Utah State.
  - DB:** Jeronimus, Idaho State; Moses Harris, Fresno State; Derrick Richardson, New Mexico State; Coye Francis, San Jose State.
  - Second team specialists**
    - PK:** Tino Armanico, Idaho.
    - P:** Chris Keagle, Louisiana Tech; Bradn Langley, Nevada; Boise State.
    - ST:** Kyle Wilson, Boise State.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS section featuring a '100' logo and 'Lost and Found' items.

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED. RE: Irrigation District Assessment # 630-03. Legal Description: Pt. NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho.

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED. RE: Irrigation District Assessment # 303-43. Legal Description: Lot 4 Bk 2, Rich Subdivision, Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho.

FOUND Black Lab mix, age on Box Barton Rd. in Wandell. Call 208-308-8262. FOUND Cat, young male, grey & white, near Southview School. 208-431-9313.

Table with 5 columns: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, TOTAL. Rows include O & M Assessment, Interest, Recording Fee, Litigation Guarantee Fee, Publication Fee, Registered Mailing Costs (11), and TOTAL.

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FOUND Tools box full of dry wall tools. Found in a parking lot on Shoup Ave. W. Call to identify. 208-734-7304 or 208-424-8488.

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED. RE: Debra H. Hickey. Legal Description: Pt. SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 11, Township 10 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho.

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED. RE: Sharon Shoets. Legal Description: 839 Burley Ave., Burley, ID 83316.

LOST Garman Short Haired Pointer, female, blue collar, silver eyes - 4 yrs. Call to identify. 208-370-6171.

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LOST Golden Lab in the vicinity of east 27th in Burley. 16 year old neutered male with a stripe down his nose, wearing a green collar. 208-678-0845.

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