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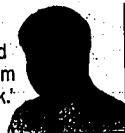
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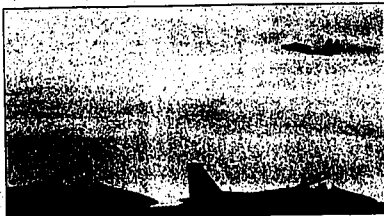
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Most days, Ruth Harder can see the jets through her binoculars, just from the porch of her western Twin Falls County home. For most in the Magic Valley, the occasional F-15 sighting is the only sign of the military installation just over the horizon. But follow the highway to Mountain Home, and it becomes apparent just how many ways a U.S. Air Force base can affect an entire region.



Life on the Base

A small town with fences and guards, Mountain Home AFB mixes parks and planes



Above, U.S. Air Force Airman Brandon Morrow leads an AFB-90 Stearnder on an F-15C Eagle at Mountain Home Air Force Base. At top, a ground crew member cleans the canopy of an F-15E Strike Eagle at the base. More than 50 F-15Cs and F-15Es are stationed at the base when there are no squadrons deployed on missions around the globe.

Story by Nate Poppino • Photos by Ashley Smith
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A standard of living

Mountain Home Air Force Base Staff Sgt. Brian Orban said during a recent tour, is an "average-sized" base. But it may be better characterized as a small town.

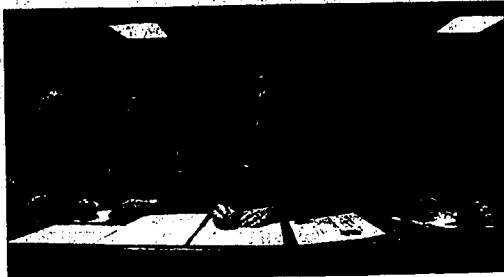
It's home to roughly 4,000 active-duty members of the military and their families, though only a third live on base. And while reminders are everywhere that it's a gated military facility, hangars and munitions buildings share space with the other trappings of modern American life.

There's a nine-hole golf course, a movie theater, a bowling alley and an arts and crafts center. Parents can take advantage of a school, teen center and child development center for their kids. Large patches of housing are dotted with play-

grounds and jogging paths. A chapel provides Catholic, Protestant and Jewish lay leaders, at a minimum. The occasional fast-food restaurant provides garish contrast to the typical base paint scheme. And the base has its own hospital, school, police force and base-tailored edition of the Mountain Home News.

"We're no longer the Cold War Air Force," Orban said while describing a vast fitness center featuring a gym, swimming pool and other facilities.

The houses — newer homes, elegant red-brick buildings and temporary apartments among them — are a particular point of pride, Orban said. They're regularly renovated based on a schedule. But at the same time, one-fourth of the whole base's structures



F-15E flight crew members of the 369th Fighter Squadron are briefed before a sortie at the air base.

probably need to be rebuilt due to age, said Lt. Col. Kevin Brown, director of operations for the 366th Support Squadron. The base's goal, Orban

said, is to provide those who live on it the standard of living of an average American.

"We recruit individuals, but we maintain families," he said.

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The arsenic mandate

Like other cities, T.F. must adhere to new federal standards

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

You might not see it or taste it. And few people cared about it until seven years ago. But the arsenic in Twin Falls' water will cost \$33.3 million to remove.

The city of Twin Falls hopes a judge will allow it to incur long-term debt to fund a multi-million-dollar water project package, bringing to a close an eight-year saga. Having to comply with new federal standards has plagued thousands of U.S. cities — none have refused to comply. Like

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See Pristine Springs property and video taken of a spring tour by state officials and representatives of water groups.



AP photo
Elizabeth Aralo, 52, of Miami, sheds a tear at the South Florida Workforce office in Miami, Friday. Aralo lost her job last August.

Faces of the jobless

Workers recall the moment they became unemployed

By Adam Galter
Associated Press writer

Some were called in by the boss and told to close the door behind them. Others received a brisk and impersonal phone call from a manager. Another was asked to come in on his day off to talk about "some people issues."

Employees cut the jobs of 533,000 U.S. workers in November — the worst monthly drop in 34 years. For many, the sting of being told they were no longer needed marked the moment the nations dire economic troubles became their own.

In interviews across the nation Friday, workers without work recalled how they found out they were out of a job.

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MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, 734-5084.
Oakley Valley Arts Council's annual Christmas concert, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, 160 Blaine Ave., Oakley, no cost, 677-2787.

BAZAARS AND FAIRS

The 18th annual Pappose Club Holiday Bazaar, over 50 vendors and new artists from across the West featuring hand-blown fused glass, ceramic tableware and vases, clothing, jewelry, unique handbags, fiber arts, soy candles, gourd art, photography and holiday home design items; also baked goods, soups, raffie, holiday music and free children's activities, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Santa Claus at 1 p.m., Hemingway Elementary School, 111 Eighth Street W., Ketchum, 726-6642.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation Festival of Trees Family Day, "A Child's Wish" with variety of performers, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, campus of College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost with Times-News coupon or \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$1 for children age 12 and under, proceeds benefit children's health care at the new St. Luke's, 737-2480.



Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation Festival of Trees, noon to 5 p.m., with inspirational entertainment from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., ISDB Round Building, Gooding, open to the public, \$2, 934-5760.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Faulkner Planetarium "Here Comes the Sun" at 1 p.m.; "Season of Light" at 2:30 p.m.; and "Steaming through the Holidays" at 4 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, campus of College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost with Festival of Trees admission, 732-6655.

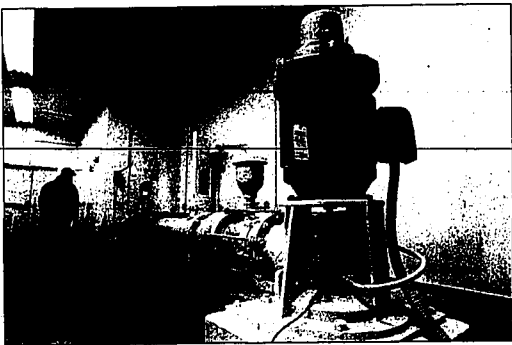
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Picks ... Pat Marcontonio

Hand-blown fused glass, ceramic tableware and vases, clothing, jewelry, unique handbags, fiber arts, soy candles, gourd art, photography and holiday home design items, along with baked goods are a few of the highlights of the Pappose Club Holiday Bazaar. You also can enjoy raffles, music and free children's activities from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. with Santa Claus coming at 1 p.m., all at Hemingway Elementary School, 111 Eighth Street W. in Ketchum.
 • Be an angel for a needy kid this year. Go to the Magic Valley Mall and pick a name or two from the Angel Tree, and then you buy them gifts. So simple. So fulfilling.
 • End the evening with holiday music. The Oakley Valley Arts Council's Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House, 160 Blaine Ave. You get in free.

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



Jeff Mallara, with the city of Twin Falls Water Supply, walks past a well at the Hankins Road booster station Wednesday in Twin Falls.

Water

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 those municipalities, Twin Falls will not be given permanent relief, from having to meet the mandates, according to public and independent officials.
 Since the Environmental Protection Agency, in 2001 lowered its drinking water arsenic standard from 50 parts per billion to 10 ppb, the city has explored its options and conducted numerous tests. Ultimately, officials chose to purchase water shares in the Snake River Canyon but estimate \$20 million is needed to move and blend the water. Officials say it's the best and cheapest option.

The other problem is the city doesn't have the money — and the feds aren't budging.
 Gene Taylor, the EPA's environmental specialist who oversees drinking water in the Pacific Northwest, said "hundreds" of cities had to make changes to comply. Local examples include Castleford, where levels were more than 20 ppb, and Buhl, where voters approved massive infrastructure changes.

But he said none have refused or missed their deadlines.
 Taylor said there are three options for cities to lighten EPA standards. Waivers allow cities to opt into less monitoring of contamination if they demonstrate less frequency. For example, if just one of the city's four tests in one year resulted in a violation, a waiver could be granted. Taylor said none have been given so far.

Another option, a variance for a permanent exemption, doesn't even matter in arsenic because the new standard measures "unreasonable health" in which there's no wiggle room.
 "For arsenic, it's really a moot point. A variance isn't going to come along," he said. "What do you say to other systems? They'll say 'I'm 10.2, why can't I get under the wire? ... Then essentially you don't have a standard.'"

In Twin Falls, City Manager Tom Courtney said he wasn't

sure how to apply for a variance but he's confident every alternative was explored, including whether it could opt out.

"The information we have received is there will be no variances," he said. "There was absolutely no question — that they expect us to fully comply with the requirements."

But, the city chose a deadline delay to Jan. 31, 2011, negotiated with state officials. A delay is the most common option nationwide, and more than a dozen Idaho cities have used it.

If the city fails to comply it can be assessed daily fines of as much as \$75,000. City officials also said the EPA could shut down wells in south Twin Falls, where arsenic averages 14 ppb.

"If it gets to the point where fines are assessed they are intended to be so punitive that it's better to comply than to not," said Taylor. "They're not just symbolic fines. They can be substantial."

But fines wouldn't actually come until after talks with the state and likely federal hearings, Taylor said. No cities have ever been fined. The city could sue the EPA. But when the cities of Portland and New York challenged federal standards in another water issue, they were unsuccessful.

"If they dare the gorilla to do something, then the gorilla will probably do something," Taylor said about challenging standards.

But perhaps there's been no legal challenge because of the scientific evidence and health research, including data that claims arsenic causes cancer. A recent study found a correlation between lower levels of the substance — an average of 7.1 parts per billion, as measured in the human body — and a rise in Type 2 diabetes.

Many wanted a lower standard — the 50 ppb was around for 50 years — and say 10 ppb is the most politically, technologically and economically viable. Experts and public officials refute the criticism popular in Idaho that the

standards are arbitrary and based on international studies.

"What I say is that the sun is naturally occurring and if you don't use the technology available to protect yourself — wear long sleeves, put on a hat or use sun block — you're going to get crisped and sunburned and have health problems," said Paul Schwartz, the national policy coordinator for Clean Water Action, a 1.3 million-member non-partisan group that advocates clean and safe water. "The same thing is true with arsenic."

Ultimately, it's about money.

Idaho's Constitution prohibits cities from taking on more than a year's worth of debt without approval of a judge or voters. In seeking judicial confirmation, Twin Falls is asking a judge to approve debt that is for "an ordinary and necessary" expense.

The EPA offers small communities options to get federal funds. Buhl secured funding to help with their compliance. Courtney said Twin Falls has inquired about federal funding, through the EPA and its congressional delegation, but have been told the city is too big to qualify.

And the tough economic times won't change much.
 "In these times, which seem to be unprecedented, I've never heard of that happening," Taylor said. "I've never heard of a regulation being altered by virtue of the general economic downturn."

Schwartz said the biggest hurdles are tied to money, and one solution is to increase federal funding to municipalities — and pointed out that Twin Falls is "small" on a national scale, however. The worst route, however, would be to refute the evidence on arsenic.
 "If we stop providing good, safe, clean water to our communities, we're not doing very well as a country," he said.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



The Episcopal Church of the Ascension officially started in 1908 when members finished their building on Fairview Street and Third Avenue North. Because of growing numbers, the decision was made to move the building to a new site on Blue Lakes Boulevard and add several rooms. This was accomplished in 1953. In 2003, again because of growing numbers, the parish moved to a new building on Eastland Drive, and the Blue Lakes Church was torn down in 2007.

Photo courtesy Twin Falls Public Library



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Take a look at the Pristine Springs property and video taken of a spring tour by state officials and representatives of water groups.

A Boise man was charged with kicking another man in the face during a concert. See a video of the incident.

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Police: Customers detain man with gun at Smith's

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Twin Falls Police say customers Saturday night at a popular grocery store held down a man with a gun who was suspected of stealing merchandise.

The incident at Smith's Food and Drug, 1913 Addison Ave. East, caused one customer to hyperventilate, but no other injuries were reported, said Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. John Wilson.

Police arrived after getting a call around 8:41 p.m. about a fight at the store, Wilson said. As authorities got closer to the business, they learned a gun was involved and customers were holding a man on the ground, he said.

Customers told store employees they saw a man stealing merchandise and tried to detain him. Then the

man removed a gun from a holster, which customers took away from him, said Wilson. Police arrested Dagon W. Williams, 23, of Twin Falls, on charges of willful concealment, a misdemeanor; aggravated assault, a felony; and carrying a concealed weapon, a city code violation. Police said Williams may also face a felony charge of possessing a controlled substance.

A candy bar was at least one item Williams allegedly tried to steal, Wilson said. "It was the customers who actually stepped in and tried to control it," he said.

Rear exit alarms at the business were going off when police arrived, because people may have tried to run when the handgun was brandished, Wilson said.

Smith's stayed open for business throughout the incident, Wilson confirmed.

Engineers, GE negotiating Filer sewer project

By John E. Svejnar
Times-News correspondent

Plans to build a sewer treatment facility in Filer are progressing slowly.

City Council members reported Tuesday that representatives from J-U-B Engineers in Twin Falls are negotiating with Zenon Environmental, Inc., a division of General Electric, to provide components in the construction of a membrane bioreactor.

"Right now, we're just kind of waiting on the outcome," Mayor Bob Templeman said. "We're expecting a report from the engineers in about two weeks."

Last month, due to vendor concerns over a third-party liability contract clause, all previous bids were thrown out and the project was offered to a wider market of bidders.

The \$7.9 million membrane bioreactor, scheduled to be completed in late 2010 or early 2011, uses a series of filters and ultraviolet radiation to remove impurities and create a quality of water suitable for irrigation and aquifer recharge. Remaining funds from a \$12.5 million bond passed in 2007 will be used to upgrade approximately 7 miles of deteriorated city sewer line.

The council also approved a resolution to increase the city's monthly

\$40 sewer rate an additional \$7.50 and the \$25 water rate to \$27.50. The change in sewer rates will help create funding to meet ongoing maintenance and operation costs for the new facility.

Water fee increases are in preparation for Department of Environmental Quality regulations requiring cities, beginning in 2011, to provide water treatment facilities that can meet acceptable arsenic level of 10 parts per billion. The rate increases will officially kick in Jan. 16, 2009, but residents will begin seeing the change in their March bills.

In other action, the city can expect reductions in the slice of revenue sharing, inventory phase out, highway distribution, and liquor funds it

receives from the state. "The governor's making cutbacks," Templeman said. "So we're going to have to make that up."

The state projected \$62,233 in revenue sharing distribution for Filer and the city budgeted for \$60,000. The state allocated \$69,000 in highway

funds and the city budgeted \$71,000. The city expected to receive \$74,600 from inventory phase out and the state is projecting \$71,706. The city also budgeted for \$18,000 in liquor revenues but can expect to receive \$14,316, divided into quarterly payments of \$3,575.

Concertgoers: Kick was accidental

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

The case against a Boise hair stylist charged with aggravated battery for a kick on the dance floor of a punk concert "should never have been filed, according to concertgoers who video recorded the October show.

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office deputies filed a charge last month against Justin Michael Sweat, 26, owner of Dye by the Sword Hair Boutique in Boise.

They assert Sweat looked over his shoulder and then kicked Devin Boudreaux in the face, causing him to fall and hit his head on the floor at The Shop in Twin Falls County, according to statements from two of Boudreaux's friends, court records show.

Boudreaux spent time in intensive care at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise and suffered bleeding in his brain, court records show.

Sweat and other concertgoers said Boudreaux got hurt in an unfortunate accident on the dance floor, which did not involve a crime.

"They say Boudreaux was kicked on accident in the waist area, not the head.

"It was all an accident," said Sweat about the kick. "I didn't know he was behind me."

Others saw it similarly. "I watched the whole thing play out, the kick was waist high and Justin didn't look over his shoulder," said local music enthusiast Devon Shaw of Twin Falls. "The only reason this got blown out of proportion is because people don't understand ... The whole situation is ridiculous."

Prosecutors will need to prove Sweat intended to do an act that caused the alleged battery, officials have said.

"They (Boudreaux's friends) believe that Justin purposefully kicked whomever was standing behind him. It just happened to be Devin," court records show.

Boudreaux's friends told authorities there was no animosity between the men. Sweat and his friends agreed.

Shaw provided the *Times-News* with a video recording of the Oct. 29 show where he and others say the kick happened.

The video was taken at The Shop, a warehouse open until at least a month ago as a dance and music venue for teens and young adults at 305 Hankins Rd.

In the video, Sweat cannot clearly be seen kicking anyone, but men are visible on

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WATCH: A video of the alleged dance kick.

the dance floor kicking and flailing their arms to the live music, which is common for hard-core punk music, according to concertgoers. At the end of the footage, lights turn on and at least 30 people are seen hovering around an unidentified person on the ground.

"Justin is the nicest dude in the world," said Victor Cruz, of Boise, a concert promoter. "Justin tried to help (Boudreaux) up and see if he could do anything."

Boudreaux's friends initially said it was an accident, Sweat and Cruz said. "As soon as they leave, they go call the cops. How weak is that?" said Cruz.

A female friend of Boudreaux's named in the police report declined to comment to the *Times-News*.

The charges and a Thanksgiving arrest shocked Sweat, who says the allegations have taken a toll on his reputation and business.

"He does women's hair," said Cruz about Sweat, described as a large-sized man with many tattoos. "He's not a thug."

Sweat and Cruz said they tried to contact Boudreaux before any charges were filed to arrange a benefit concert for his bills.

Boudreaux could not be reached for comment.

Sweat plans to fight the case against him, and is disappointed authorities didn't interview dozens of other concertgoers who may have witnessed what happened.

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For two years, Mark McDonald kept a tomato crate under his desk, mindful that he might need to pack up on short notice. He knew that a job with CTG Inc., which supplies contract workers for IBM, came with uncertainty, given the big computer company's reputation for sudden, drastic cuts.

But when two managers in the Research Triangle Park, N.C., office stopped by McDonald's workstation on the morning of Oct. 17, he was still caught off guard.

McDonald was checking e-mail and sipping hazelnut coffee. It was four days short of his 40th birthday. The managers had come to tell him that today would be his last day at work.

McDonald's first thought was that he had done something wrong. The managers, rather than give reasons in front of the office staff, asked him to join them in the conference room after he had packed.

As McDonald worked in a fog, an account representative nearby began crying softly—first in the hallway and then in the service desk group for IBM, came over and put a reassuring hand on his shoulder.

"Mark," he said, "if you need help finding another job, use me as a reference right away."

When he arrived at the brightly lit meeting room with his crate, McDonald was given a couple of forms to sign. One was to cancel his contract; the other informed him he could be rehired if things turn around.

In the seven weeks since then, McDonald has had a half-dozen job interviews. He is confident he will find something soon. But he is also sure things will never feel the same.

"I worked with a very special, unique group of people, and it just all of a sudden abruptly ended," he said. "I think on my next job, I'm going to be holding my breath."

Raymond Morgan knew that business at Wheels Inc., a suburban Chicago corporate auto leasing firm, was struggling and that his boss mentioned plans for a smaller staff. But Morgan felt good about his own job.



Bill Dye, 52, of Portland, updates his contact information at SE Works One-Stop Career Center Friday in Portland, Ore. Dyer, a machine maintenance worker lost his job on Nov. 12.

AP photo

That was until the 60-year-old Morgan was called in on his day off. His boss wanted to talk about "some people issues."

"I knew then," he said Friday on his way to an Illinois Department of Employment Security office. Morgan said he didn't go into a panic after he got the news. He didn't cry or get emotional because he is a "weathered individual."

"I just took time to decompress, and now I finished decompressing and Monday I got started on a new job search," he said.

Morgan admits being angry about what happened to him. "But I know it's a business decision and they have to make those decisions," said Morgan, who is married but separated from his wife and has two adult children and a 9-year-old daughter.

But just a few years shy of retirement, Morgan knows finding a new job won't be easy. "Age is a way of getting rid of people."

Brenda Junkin knows the exact minute that the nation's economic woes hit her—7:48 a.m. Tuesday. The lifestyle reporter for The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer had been told along with other newsroom employees to wait by the phone that morning for layoff announcements.

Junkin had an upset stomach all the previous night and hadn't really slept in two nights.

As she waltzed that morning, the 54-year-old got a grim text message from a colleague: "I've been axed."

Then at 7:48 Junkin's phone rang.

Editor Susan Goldberg told Junkin that she had been selected.

"As if you're winning a gift to be laid off," Junkin said.

The rest of the 60-second call was a blur. Something about coming in to pick up her things.

"I really kind of went into a fog. I just sat there. What do you say?" said Junkin, her voice breaking. "I kept thinking, 'Does he even know my face?' It was really impersonal."

The call ended. Her 12 years at a job she loved were over.

"I cried. I just cried," she said.

Junkin called her husband, her son and her sister. Then calls poured in from co-workers, many were crying. Some of them she barely knew. But she let them speak to her answering machine. She couldn't bring herself to pick up the phone.

"There was no way in hell I needed to hide for a while," she said. "It would have been just too sad."

It happened on a Monday. Loan officer Elizabeth Avalo was busy processing a \$400,000 mortgage for a client when her boss called everyone in the Pinercrest, Fla., office of IndyMac Bank together for a meeting.

Avalo hoped it wasn't bad news. She had moved to Florida two years before from Massachusetts to get away from a divorce and live closer to family. Avalo had worked in the mortgage industry in Massachusetts for 18 years and loved it.

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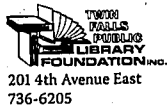
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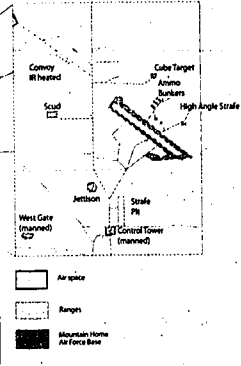
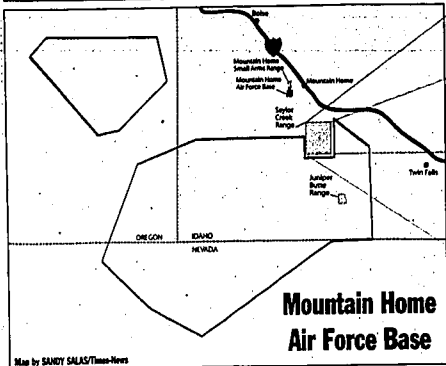
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Mountain Home Air Force Base

Life on the Base

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Round-the-clock flights

Three squadrons call Mountain Home, well, home. Both the 389th Fighter Squadron, the "Thunderbolts," and the 391st, the "Bold Tigers," fly F-15E Strike Eagles, two-seaters that specialize in air-to-ground attacks and can carry bombs. The 390th, the "Wild Boars," fly F-15C Eagles, designed to counter Russian MIG aircraft. All three fall under the 366th Fighter Wing.

It takes a lot to keep three squadrons operational and their pilots and support crews ready to deploy at a moment's notice. The base typically operates around-the-clock in three eight-hour shifts. And for those not deployed, the mission is to train and maintain their skills.

One afternoon in November, that meant practice attaching an AIM-54 Sidewinder missile to the side of an F-15C. A handful of bombs sat along one side of the hangar, awaiting use as training tools.

Trainees spend seven or eight days just learning one thing, said Master Sgt. Scott Snyder — nothing but weapons-loading, for example. The three practicing on the Sidewinder would come back through a month later to make sure they retained what they were taught.

Once trained, even launching a few fighters is still a complicated business. A support staff spends its days checking out every piece of equipment used by the pilots for wear, tear and other problems. They have a 98-percent pass rate and a motto that states "Your life is our business."

"The whole mantra behind these guys is perfection," said Orban.

On an airfield, everything is carefully tracked — losses include not only aircraft but also ground causing damage to an air-plane or be sucked into an engine. Before launching fighters, Mountain Home's crews walk the length of their section of tarmac and pick up debris. Lose one too during maintenance, and that jet can't take off until it's found, Orban said.

Expanding air space

The base is currently undergoing a couple of large-scale changes, including a series of reassignments that will send all but its F-15Es to other bases. But smaller projects are also in the works, Brown said, including expanding the already vast airspace pilots use as training areas in southwest Idaho and parts of Oregon and Nevada.

Some requirements meant to keep from disturbing the Snake Valley Indian Reservation, for example, have left tight areas for pilots to squeeze through, Brown said. The Air Force is now looking at expanding that airspace to the south, widening some corridors and providing more space for training missions.

In some places, aircraft are allowed to



A F-15E prepares to taxi before a training sortie.

ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Why were these bases?

Enter this space for a variety of purposes and... Vibrations from somewhere west of Twin Falls shook homes across the Snake River valley... After a week of... the Air Force strenuously denied that it was the cause of the problem.

Star Sgt. Brian Orban now says the base's initial response came from the fact that "it was actually in the middle of a training exercise involving... phone calls, as well as... determined... don't... the... research... with... type of air..."

Home or a base in New Mexico. The Air Force had already announced plans to build a small test reactor after federal lawmakers, including outgoing Sen. Larry Craig, prompted them to explore nuclear energy.

Brown and Orban said they believed the whole thing was an idea from Craig's office and weren't aware of any further discussion about it. Another nuclear power plant proposed for near Mountain Home wouldn't have any effect on the base's operations, Brown said, other than possibly creating a small no-fly zone above it.

Working in tandem

The base and local government officials — especially the city of Mountain Home — have often pointed out the strong support they give each other. And the base certainly holds up its side of its 2007 fiscal year estimated it directly contributes \$454.5 million to the local economy and has a total economic effect of just over two times that amount.

Aside from the occasional rumblings, the base's other neighbors seem to enjoy having it and the bombing ranges around.

Harder, who's lived in her home on the western edge of Twin Falls County for nine years, said she and her husband see Air Force jets flying around almost daily. The show is often the best at night, when the glow of the jet's engines is visible.

"We have our own little fireworks show out here," Harder said. "We enjoy it."

Just down the road, the jets apparently aren't enough to spook the cattle at Jerry Vlasco's Eagle View Farms. The dairy owner said he sometimes can see a glow in the west, and that sonic booms only "very infrequently" rattle his home. "We don't have any problems," he said.

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Different country, same fighter jets

Mountain Home prepares to train Singaporean crew

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer



In just a couple of years, Mountain Home Air Force Base personnel will wake up to some new neighbors from the other side of the globe.

The base is preparing to host and train a small squadron from the Republic of Singapore Air Force for as long as the next two decades, the first time it will be used for such a semi-permanent arrangement.

Singapore will be better off for the training, and the U.S. sees great benefit in fostering a long-standing relationship between the two countries, said Owen Dwire, program manager for the transition for the Air Force's Air Combat Command. Recalling other training exercises and joint programs, he said holding out the Asian country today means it is more likely to help the U.S. in its own times of need.

Relations are already healthy. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, for example, Singapore offered the use of its Texas-based training helicopters for supply and relief missions, Dwire said. It also sent F-16s to stay at another base in 1998.

"We've been doing this stuff for decades already," he said.

The complicated move requires the cooperation of a number of agencies, said Lt. Col. Keith Gibson, and is being made as a one-time thing that usually due to Singapore's needs. But some things make it easier: There's not much of a language barrier, he said, and the RSAF has a reputation for being professional and safety-conscious.

"They will not send anyone not top-notch," said Gibson, who is overseeing the foreign squadron. He added that the RSAF will follow U.S. Air Force guidelines and rules while at Mountain Home.

The proposal, Dwire said, fits well with an ongoing branch-wide base reorganization that will leave Mountain Home with only 16 and 18 aircraft, one of its current three squadrons of planes after 2010.

The restructuring will leave the Idaho base down 18 planes and 462 personnel, according to a March 2007 environmental assessment. But with Singapore's expected 10 planes, 179 RSAF personnel and 128 U.S. Air Force personnel needed to support them, officials say the base won't look too different than it does now.

There'll be some new structures: Accommodating the RSAF has required 13 ongoing construction projects creating 112,500 square feet of building space. And while overall sorties, or training flights, should rise by 25 percent, the military will still run about 31 percent less of them than it did in 2001, the report states.

The RSAF will fly the F-16G, a more recent version of the F-16E with more advanced systems and engines. Singapore's first jet rolled out of Boeing's St. Louis factory on Nov. 3, Mountain Home officials reported.

The RSAF will not deploy on missions while at Mountain Home, and may be here longer than the 20-year timeline, Dwire said. Pilots trained in the U.S. will cycle back home to train squadrons there.

On base, Air Force personnel seem excited about what's coming, though it's not really the first thing on their minds. Capt. Levi Hall, with the 389th Fighter Squadron, said his pilots said they'd met the change but are excited to work with their Singaporean counterparts. And Staff Sgt. Lahella Sanchez, in charge of maintaining the squadron's pilot gear, said she'd met the country's advance team when they came through to make sure their equipment lined up.

"They seemed very nice," Sanchez said.

Not everyone is excited for Singapore to stop in. In the 2007 assessment, Katie Fite — biodiversity director for Western Watersheds Project — filed extensive comments questioning everything from the data to the military's environmental estimates to the need for the RSAF to be in Idaho in the first place.

Singapore

Singapore, a tiny island nation in Southeast Asia between Malaysia and Indonesia, was founded as a British trading colony in 1819. Independent since 1965, it is one of the world's most prosperous countries with a per capita GDP equal to that of the leading nations of Western Europe.

Population: 4.6 million

Major ethnic groups:
Chinese: 75.8 percent
Malay: 13.9 percent
Indian: 7.9 percent

Major religions:
Buddhist: 42.5 percent
Taoist: 8.5 percent
Hindu: 4 percent
Catholic: 4.8 percent
Other Christian: 9.8 percent

Major languages:
Mandarin: 35 percent
Malay: 14.1 percent
Hokkien: 11.4 percent
Cantonese: 5.7 percent
Source: CIA World Factbook

Mountain Home Air Force Base timeline

Aug. 7, 1943: Mountain Home Army Air Field opens and begins training crews for the B-24 Liberator.

October 1945: Base placed on inactive status after WWII.

Late 1950 to 1953: Base trains covert and special operation crews.

December 1948 to April 1950: Base is home to RB-17 spy planes.

1948: Renamed Mountain Home Air Force Base to reflect non-independent U.S. Air Force.

1954: The base's first training range, Saylor Creek, is built 12 miles east of Bruneau and covers 110,000 acres.

January 1968: Base switches hands to Tactical Air Command, hosts spy planes and F-4D Phantoms.

1959: Titan nuclear missile sites built in "local area"; sites are closed in 1964.

1991: 366th is redesigned as a composite wing; includes first F-15s and F-16s, as well as various bombers and refueling aircraft. Elements of wing serve in Iraq, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

1998: The base's second training range, Juniper Butte, opens 37 miles southeast of Bruneau and covers 12,000 acres.

1972: 366th Tactical Fighter Wing arrives with F-111 and later EF-111 planes. Highlights include 1976 deployment reacting to a Korean border incident, and support for active combat in Panama in 1989 and Saudi Arabia/Iraq in 1990/1991.

2002: Bombers and tankers moved elsewhere; base sends personnel to Afghanistan and Iraq.

2007: Service realignment removes Mountain Home's F-16s to add more F-15s. Military begins consideration of hosting Singapore unit in Idaho.

Source: Mountain Home Air Force Base

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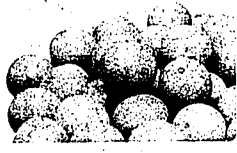
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And the money moves out

Health trust to fund 13 of 21 grant applications

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

More than half of the groups that applied for grant money from a fund set up by the 2006 sale of then-Magic Valley Regional Medical Center received full or partial grants this week. The money, an eventual \$20 million invested in a state pool, must be used to improve health care and related issues in the county. On Tuesday, the board of the Twin Falls Health Initiatives Trust voted to spend \$508,141 from interest income on 13 different projects, addressing issues ranging from drug abuse and mental health to dental care for uninsured children. In all, 21 groups applied for funding. The board could have awarded up to \$661,000 this year.

On Friday, board members said they felt they had conducted a fair process and were happy with the diversity of grant uses.

"I feel very fortunate to be able to do this," said Terry McCurdy, only a board member for a couple of months.

The board only partially funded several grants, including for the Mustard Tree Community Wellness Clinic, the Girl Scouts of Family Health Services. And it placed several limitations on how other grants could be used. Those that were rejected were usually because members weren't sure the use fit as well with their mission, or had concerns about how applicants would keep their programs going or ensure the people who needed them would benefit.

But even partial money is money. On Friday, John Sexton with the Mustard Tree said his group's grant was a welcome affirmation of its work.

"We are deeply grateful," Sexton said.

One grant, for Regence Caring Foundation for

Children, was not in an initial list passed out at a September meeting where the board first reviewed the applications. But it did meet the deadline, board Chairman Curtis Eaton said, and was somehow just omitted from the list. Only one application was rejected outright: Twin Falls School Board President Bryan Matsuoka sought to create after-school wellness programs, but just missed the deadline and did not include needed signatures.

Board members said Friday that they will now disperse the grant monies, work out agreements to monitor their use with the various groups and review how the process worked this year to see if any changes need to be made. The next round of grant applications should begin sometime next summer, they said.

Funds granted

The health trust approved the following grants this week:

- Regence Caring Foundation for Children: \$15,000
- Mustard Tree Community Wellness Clinic: \$105,000
- Twin Falls County, two grants: \$84,012 and \$6,672
- Southern Idaho Learning Center: \$26,616
- Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council: \$2,200
- Community Organization for Rehabilitative Efforts: \$15,000
- 5th Judicial District CASA: \$14,357
- South Central Head Start: \$70,000
- Southem Idaho Partners Against Drugs: \$27,961
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- Interfaith Volunteer Centers of Magic Valley: \$43,251
- Jubilee House: \$47,570

Road maintenance on Blue Lakes Boulevard to limit traffic Monday

Traffic on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls will be restricted to two lanes for a road maintenance operation on Monday, according to the Idaho Transportation Department. Delays of five minutes can be expected. Drivers are urged to consider an alternate route. Crews will be filling roadway cracks on Blue Lakes between Addison and Falls avenues from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Traffic will be open to one lane in each direction during working hours.

Drivers are asked to use caution near workers and equipment and to follow all temporary traffic control devices. Crews also will be filling cracks from milepost 14 to 17 on U.S. Highway 93

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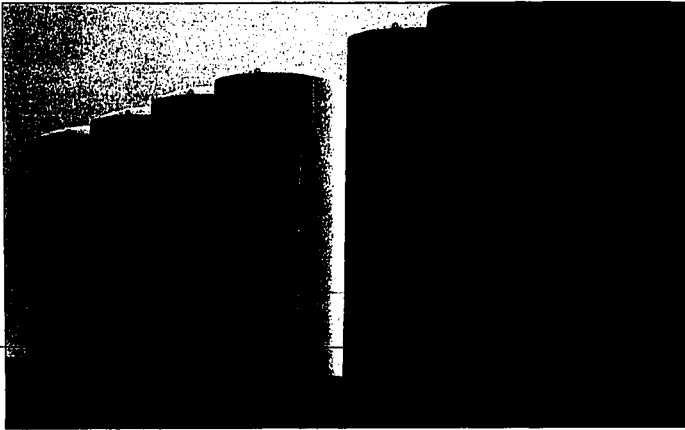


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A worker from Big-D Construction sprays the roof of the Idaho Milk Products plant east of Jerome. More than 400 workers helped build the dairy processing facility — most lived in Jerome or Twin Falls during the duration of the project.



Dairy processor to re-use,
recycle and return water
extracted from milk

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

A lot has changed since the first dairy processors opened in Idaho.

In south-central Idaho, where water is in short supply and few cities have the capacity to treat large quantities of wastewater, dairy processors have developed the technology to recycle and re-use water that is extracted from milk.

What most people outside the dairy industry don't know is that milk is 88 percent water.

That means dairy processors like Idaho Milk Products, which turn raw milk into

powdered proteins and other products, retain a valuable byproduct during production — water.

The owners of the Idaho Milk Products installed a filtration system in their Jerome facility that will purify the water that is extracted from milk.

The water will then be used to clean the facility and trucks before being purified and then fed into the city's wastewater system.

The process will reduce the impact on the city's wastewater treatment plant, and it will reduce demand for additional water from aquifers.

A project comes TOGETHER

Facility a welcome
sight to region with
rising unemployment

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Despite a difficult winter, construction on the multi-million dollar dairy processing facility east of Jerome is ahead of schedule, say business managers. The announcement is welcome news for a region that has suffered significant layoffs and rising unemployment.

"This couldn't have come at a better time," said Jan Roesser, regional economist for Idaho Department of Labor. "It's going to be nice to have something like this near our high-population areas as we experience layoffs."

Idaho Milk Products, which is owned by Bettencourt Dairy Farms, Big Sky Farms, Andrena Dairy and Scott Jackson, is expected to begin operation in mid-February. However, John Martin said the plant could begin "ramping up the factory" as soon as January 2009.

But before the factory can begin production, it will need workers — about 75 of them during the first phase. Martin said jobs will range from general labor work to positions that will require technical training. Idaho Milk Products is currently in discussions with the College of Southern Idaho to provide a training for some of the new jobs.

"Almost everything will be connected and operated by central computer, so we will need people with the know-how to run it," Martin said.

The computer will command a sophisticated system of membrane filters, evaporators and packaging machines that will turn raw milk into one of the purest forms of protein on the market.

However, to produce the final product, workers will have to extract most of the water in the raw milk — milk is about 88 percent water. The lactose and protein are then separated from each other before being turned into powder.

The protein powder, known as MPC-80, is used in supplement drinks and other foods. Martin said the powder will be shipped by rail and truck in 50-pound



An evaporator is installed in the Idaho Milk Products plant. The dairy processing facility will use the latest technology to produce milk, protein concentrates and whey permeate.

bags to clients in both domestic and foreign markets.

To accomplish the process, Idaho Milk Products installed several hundred miles of pipes and sophisticated equipment that fills the inside of the 185,000 square-foot building. The layout of the building is designed so that the facility can operate 24 hours a day — even during main-

tenance and other possible interruptions.

"The cows never sleep, so we don't either," Martin said.

That same theory applied to the construction of the facility, say company officials.

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IMP BY THE NUMBERS

220,000 square feet

>> Size of plant

75 >> Number of workers

needed during first phase

3 million lbs.

>> Amount of milk processed each day:

42 >> Number of trucks

needed each day to transport raw milk

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Travis Hooten, with Western Railroad Builders, says railroad lines for a rail spur that will allow the dairy processor to ship its final product by railcar. Besides shipping the product to domestic clients, Idaho Milk Products also plans to sell the protein concentrate and whey permeate to foreign markets.

Business Beat

Budget & Tax News, a monthly publication for elected officials, had a headline story proclaiming that the federal deficit will top \$1 trillion. That's trillion with a 'T,' it's the largest deficit on record, but taxpayers have voiced little concern about the federal government

taking out such a significant loan. How can we pay this back? And when the time comes, will we look back and question the decisions made by President George W. Bush and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson? It's your discussion, only at magicvalley.com/business.

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Carroll to award \$350K in scholarships

REPORT — Carroll, in collaboration with the National FFA Organization, will award \$350,000 in scholarships to high-school seniors who plan to enroll in post-secondary education next fall and currently live in communities where Carroll has operations.

The national program will award 350 scholarships of \$1,000 each. In addition, each recipient's high school will receive a \$200 grant from Carroll. FFA will process the applications and select the scholarship recipients, although students do not need to be FFA members to be eligible. Students are chosen based on academic achievement and leadership in extracurricular and civic activities.

"We are pleased to join FFA in recognizing outstanding students and supporting their educational goals," said

John Cummings, Rupert Plant Manager. "Carroll has a long-standing commitment to invest in programs that benefit young people in communities where we live and work."

Scholarship guidelines and the application are available at www.carroll.com and www.ffa.org. The application requires the signature of a Carroll employee from the local community. Applications are due Feb. 15, 2009. Scholarships will be awarded in May 2009.

Ag secretary appoints potato board members

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer appointed 31 producer members to serve on the National Potato Promotion Board (now known as the United States Potato Board) for terms beginning March 1, 2009, and ending on February 29, 2012.

Reappointed to the Board as producer members are: Kent Bitter, Shelley; Tom Church, W.L. Church; Nick Churchill, Murtaugh; Melanie A. Likes, Shelley; Ronald D. Lockwood, Eden; Shane Webster, Rexburg; Tim L. Young, Coral, Mich.; Jimmy Harrell, Elizabeth City, N.C.; John C. Probasco, Chesterfield, N.J.; Todd Michell, Urbana, Ohio; and Jeff Urbach, Sherwood, Ore.

The following newly appointed producer members are: Roger Christensen, Center, Colo.; Arnold H. Mack, Lake Wales, Fla.; Wyatt V. Penfold, Driggs; Jared Gehring, American Falls; Bryan Wah, Pingree; Brett Jensen, Idaho Falls; Ryan W. Cranney, Oakley; Kevin Searle, Shelley; Adam C. Culler, Samaria, Mich.; Lonnie Spokely, Nilesville, Minn.; Pete Ewing, Becker, Minn.; Mitch Jorde, Cando, N.D.; Tim May, Imperial,

Neb.; John N. Meyer Sr., Cochocton, N.Y.; H. Bruce Richardson Jr., Capeville, Va.; Kathy Blesdel, Kennecott, Wash.; Diana G. Martinez, Royal City, Wash.; Kristopher C. Bucher, Otisello, Wash.; Brad-Ballie, Connell, Wash.; and Mike Carter, Schofield, Wis.

Authorized under the 1971 Potato Research and Promotion Act, the Board is composed of producers, importers and a public member appointed by the Secretary. Producer members are nominated at state and local producer meetings and by mail ballot. Each state is entitled to at least one producer member, and additional members are allotted on the basis of the volume of production. Importer members are nominated by importers, and the number of members is related to the volume of imports, up to a maximum of five importer members.

CAREER MOVES

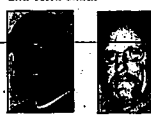
Shane Hamblin

D.L. Evans Bank announced the promotion of Shane Hamblin to commercial loan officer at the D.L. Evans Bank, Jerome Branch located at 980 S Lincoln. Hamblin has been with D.L. Evans Bank since January 2007. He graduated from Jerome High School and Idaho State University with a Bachelors Degree in Finance, and a minor in Spanish. He is actively involved in many community organizations including Boy Scouts of America Troop 94 and is a member of the coaching staff for the Jerome High School football team.

Reinke Service Network

are two of the most elite service technicians awarded by Reinke. Smith and Smith qualified for the honor during a recent Reinke service training session held in Boise. The Certified Technician Programs consist of a series of service-training classes and tests. Hicks, Tarbox and Smith received the awards by completing all of their classes and receiving very high marks on all testing.

Clay Hicks, Harley Tarbox and Terri Smith



Hicks



Tarbox

Stormee Harrison and Malissa Sears

Lia sophia recently announced top honors for its Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers for their outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism. Having just joined the fashion jewelry business, the following local advisors have earned this accomplishment in their first 15 weeks by attaining certain sales levels and by sharing Lia sophia with other new advisors. They are Stormee Harrison of Heyburn and Malissa Sears of Oakley.

All new Lia sophia Advisors have the opportunity to increase their earnings and earn free jewelry as part of the Excellent Beginnings Program. The plan celebrates the success of advisors who stay on track in the first four months in business. Lia sophia provides ongoing opportunities for recognition including monthly, quarterly and annual awards.

No one wants to pull the trigger in this showdown

WASHINGTON — What we have here is a standoff worthy of a spaghetti western.

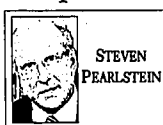
The players in this high-stakes confrontation are the domestic auto companies, their creditors, their unions, their dealers and elected officials in Washington. Each party seeks advantage by pointing the equivalent of loaded guns at the other parties. But none really wants to pull the trigger, knowing nobody is likely to emerge a winner in the ensuing financial and political shootout.

The companies know that none of the parties wants to be held responsible for pushing them into a long and messy bankruptcy that could send the economy into a tailspin.

But government leaders know that if they provide a bailout without wringing sufficient concessions from all of the parties, they will be publicly vilified and punished in the next election.

Meanwhile, the clock is quickly running out. General Motors and Chrysler both acknowledge that they will effectively be out of cash by the end of the month and will have to file for bankruptcy if they don't get a government loan. The fear is that if either files, the other two companies would be forced to follow suit as parts suppliers fall and consumers gain confidence more nervous about buying a car from a company in trouble.

In truth, there's not much doubt that the government is going to step in here, just as it has done with the financial system. The consequences of



STEVEN PEARLSTEIN

doing nothing — for the economy, for government revenue, for the political and social fabric — are just too great.

Although each of the companies is looking for something slightly different, General Motors presented the most detailed and convincing plan. After getting the first \$4 billion installment to keep the wolf from the door, GM proposes it would spend the next three months negotiating with various stakeholders the kind of deep restructuring that normally goes on as part of a "pre-packaged" bankruptcy — only in this case without actually going to court. Additional sums — up to \$18 billion in all — would be dependent on how successful the company is in executing its program, which it proposed to do under the watchful eye of a government oversight board much like the one created for the airline industry after the attacks of Sept. 11.

As part of its plan, GM envisions cutting a deal with creditors to give the half the amount of money it owes to bank lenders, bondholders and a new benefit plan set up to provide health care to retirees, in return for an unspecified ownership stake in the company. The automaker would effectively

shed the Subj. Hummer, Pontiac and Saturn divisions and reduce its network of dealers by 27 percent.

It would close an additional 9 assembly plants, shave an additional 25,000 jobs and negotiate reductions in pay and benefits to bring them in line with those at nonunionized plants. Shareholders would agree to go without dividends until the government loan is repaid and give ownership stakes to the government if they turn out as planned. Top executives would give up their bonuses and their private jets.

There is real pain in the GM plan, and the prospect of real gains. But there is no guarantee that the various parties will agree to it. GM's gamble is that the benefits afforded by a government bailout, and the threat of a bankruptcy filing, will finally bring folks around.

Ford, on the other hand, basically takes the position that it has already done the necessary restructuring over the past year and raised sufficient private capital that it probably won't need a government loan unless the economy falls even deeper into recession. That's why its request is for a standby \$9 billion loan facility that it hopes to never use. Other than a vague reference to seeking further concessions from the United Auto Workers and a promise that its chief executive would forgo his \$21 million annual salary and bonus, Ford presented no plan for how it would repay that \$9 billion should it turn out that its optimism proves unfounded.

Another problem for Ford is that the company pledged as collateral all the remaining unsecured assets on its balance sheet when it borrowed \$18.5 billion from private lenders two years ago. That means it should be in a force to use any of the \$9 billion, Ford cannot honor Congress' demand that the government be first in line for repayment. Ford's position, effectively, is that the government will have to live with its "junior" position in the company's capital structure. One would hope that congressional leaders would call that bluff and tell Ford that if it wants a government credit line, it will have to negotiate the deal with its other lenders.

Finally, there is the proposal from Chrysler, which winds up being an unsatisfying blend of the GM and Ford approaches. On the one hand, Chrysler says that the economy is now so bad that it is running out of cash and needs \$7 billion by the end of the month. On the other hand, it claims that it has already done most of the necessary restructuring to put it on a sound long-term footing, with only a vague and passing reference to "concessions from the company's constituencies."

Chrysler is now controlled by the private-equity firm Cerberus Capital, and its not-so-subtle message to Congress is that \$7 billion is a lot less than the government would have to put up in a full-fledged bankruptcy restructuring and a whole lot more attractive than a forced liquidation.

ket will likely continue to determine future prices.

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Workers had to cover the ground with straw to lay the foundation through the winter, they also spent thousands of dollars on propane to keep the concrete warm enough to set.

Later, during the summer, a small army of construction workers, engineers and technicians worked double-duty to finish the exterior and begin installation on hundreds of miles of stainless-steel piping.

The result has been a sigh of relief for the owners of Idaho Milk Products and dairymen in south-central Idaho.

Help wanted

Looking for employment opportunities at Idaho Milk Products? Idaho Milk Products will hold a job fair at the Twin Falls office of Idaho Department of Labor on Saturday, Dec. 13. The office is located at 420 Falls Avenue — across from the CSI main entrance. For more information, call: 208-735-2500.

Milk prices have deflated to about \$14.00 per cwt, but most dairies rely on prices to be around \$17.50 just to break even.

The hope is that the Idaho Milk Products facility will increase demand for milk and also the prices.

However, many in the dairy industry say the mag-

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Cooper Norman Certified Public Accountants announced the winners of its Fourth Annual Holiday Giving Card Contest. The student body at Bickel Elementary participated in the contest by submitting drawings of their depiction of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. These entries were displayed in the lobby of Cooper Norman's office and staff, clients and other patrons voted the winning designs. These designs were printed on the front of the holiday giving card. This year's winners are Reese Asson, third grader; Samantha McCandless, fourth grader; Tessa Belnap, fourth grader; and Gabe Llaeron, second grader. Cooper Norman donated cash prizes to each of the winning classrooms and backpacks filled with art supplies to the first, second, third and fourth place winners. Cooper Norman has offices in Twin Falls, Idaho Falls and Boise.

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Home prices future

Despite hope for quick recovery, some economists say it's years away

By James R. Hagarty
The Wall Street Journal

Over the past few years, Americans have had a brutal lesson in the risks of real estate. House prices have crashed more than 35 percent in some parts of the country, millions of people are losing their homes to foreclosure, and banks are falling.

The takeaway? Many Americans still see real estate as their best shot at wealth. In survey after survey, people expect prices to bounce back — in some cases, as soon as six months from now.

Those hoping for a quick rebound are likely to be disappointed. Economists and other pros generally say home prices won't bottom out before the second half of 2009, and some don't see a bottom until 2011 or 2012. Even when they do begin falling, prices may scrape along the bottom of the rut for years.

And longer term? Over the next 10 to 20 years, housing economists expect prices will rise again — but, on average, probably not nearly as much as they did in the years over the past decade. That isn't to say that some places won't experience booms (and busts). But, the experts say, you should generally expect house prices to rise just a bit more than inflation and roughly in line with household income.

Karl Case, an economics professor at Wellesley College whose name adorns the S&P Case-Shiller home-price indexes, has studied U.S. house prices going back to the 1890s. Over the long run, he says, home prices tend to increase on average at an inflation-adjusted rate of 2.5 percent to 3 percent a year — about the same as per capita income. He thinks the long-run pattern is likely to continue, despite the recent chopiness.

Other experts make similarly modest predictions. William Wheaton, a professor of economics and real estate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says he expects house prices to increase at a rate roughly one percentage point higher than inflation over the long term. Celia Chen, director of housing economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says he expects house prices to increase at an average of around 4 percent a year over the next couple of decades.

Some experts say it's a bad idea to count on your net worth rising in value all. People should think of their own homes mainly as places to live, not as investments, advises Kenneth Rosen, chairman of the Fisher Center for Real Estate at the University of California, Berkeley. Sure, home mortgages provide tax benefits, and most homes appreciate in value over the long run, he says, but there is always risk.

For all of those forecasts, many Americans are undaunted. Consider three surveys, all from October.

In a poll of 2,000 adults, real-estate-data provider Zillow.com found that 61 percent believed the value of their home would either remain the same level or rise over the next six months. Another survey of more than 1,000 homeowners, sponsored by real-estate-services firm Realty Corp., found that 91 percent thought that owning a home was the best long-term investment they could make. And an online survey of 5,000 people commissioned by Citigroup found that just 32 percent believed it was a good time

to invest in stocks — but 51 percent said it was a good time to buy a home.

"I just believe in real estate," says Jason Schram, a lawyer in Chicago who has bought two rental properties this year at what he considers fire-sale prices. "I've seen over and over people I know build wealth through rental real estate, and that's the path I intend taking, even though it's a bit bumpy at the moment."

So, as homeowners and buyers look ahead, what factors will determine whether their homes are really likely to rise in value, rather than just in their dreams? What are some of the bullish signs — and some of the bearish ones?

In the long term, house prices are driven by fundamentals that are hard to predict: immigration, birth rates, the size and nature of the U.S. economy. The trick is to figure out where job and income growth will be strongest and where immigrants and others will want to live.

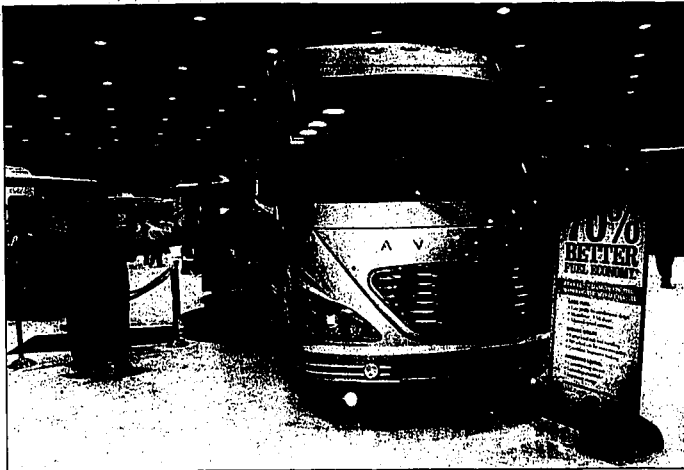
William Frey, a demographer and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a think tank in Washington, says young people and immigrants are likely to flow to Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia, Nevada, Arizona and some of the more affordable interior parts of California.

These areas generally have lower housing costs than the Pacific Coast or Northeast and job growth in recreation, industry and leisure businesses, he says. Areas with little immigration and low growth or falling populations are likely to include Michigan, Ohio, the Dakotas, Iowa, western Pennsylvania and upstate New York.

Newland Communities LLC, a San Diego-based planner and developer of neighborhoods, employs a full-time researcher to study long-term housing demand in various metro areas in terms of their growth prospects. The top among Newland's hit parade are Washington, D.C., Raleigh and Charlotte, N.C., Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Phoenix and Las Vegas, says Robert McLeod, the developer's chief executive.

All of them, Newland believes, will keep growing because they have well-diversified regional economies and other amenities, including mild climates. With the exception of Washington, they all have fairly affordable housing costs. Washington has a highly educated work force, high incomes, a stable source of government jobs and rapidly expanding technology firms, Newland says.

"The older industrial cities are going to suffer from shrinking employment and forbidding weather," says Mr. Rosen of the University of California. Some Sun Belt cities, including Atlanta, also could languish if traffic jams and sprawl ruin their charms, he says. Among metro areas that Mr. Rosen expects to do well in the long run are Albuquerque, N.M.; Boise, Idaho; Salt Lake City; Seattle; Portland, Ore.; Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo. He says those places generally offer "urban vitality" and "easy access to outdoor activities" combined with affordable housing and good job-growth prospects from modern industries, such as biotechnology.



Damon Motor Coach, a subsidiary of Thor Industries, Inc., displayed its new Aranti, a 31.5-foot-long, Class A motor home expected to get 14.5 miles per gallon Tuesday, at the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association's 46th Annual National RV Trade Show in Louisville, Ky.

Economy may be nail in RV's tire

Manufacturers hope some hybrid and slimmed-down models will lure buyers back

By Bruce Schreiber
and Dan Stump
Associated Press writers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Under the gloom of plunging motor home sales and with travel trailers stacking up on lots, recreational vehicle makers and dealers at their national trade show this week tried to lift their spirits by joking in song.

"You gotta have heart," they sang at the kickoff breakfast, trying to stay resilient in an industry that's hit a big speed bump. The swooning economy and a credit crisis that makes it tougher to finance a six-figure purchase are keeping potential RV buyers off the road.

"These are ugly times," said Richard Coon, president of the Virginia-based Recreation Vehicle Industry Association. "I've seen lots of down-trodden faces, and for good reason."

RV companies showcased their newest models at the industry event Tuesday through Thursday, including hybrids and slimmed-down motor homes touted as more energy friendly. Now the trick is to lure skittish customers to dealers' lots.

Sidestepped by the U.S. economic downturn, robust RV sales earlier in the decade have given way to lean times for the industry.

Through October, shipments from RV companies to dealers for the year fell 27 percent from the comparable period in 2007, according to RVIA. The downturn is expected to stretch into 2009, when shipments are forecast at 186,800 units, about 25 percent lower than this year's projected total of 248,000, according to the association, citing statistics from Richard Curtin, director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan.

This industry is in the middle of a three-year downturn, and you can really probably even date it farther back than that," said Kathryn Thompson, who follows RV companies for Avondale Partners.

At the height of the industry's upturn this decade, shipments totaled 390,500 units in 2006. But those are now fond memories for manufacturers and dealers feeling the economic pinch.

Larry Trout, an RV dealer in the Houston suburb of



Snow Chamberlain, left, and Ken Stump, both representing dealerships from the Tampa, Fla., area, tour Damon Motor Coach's new Aranti.

Waller, said his sales are down about 20 percent from last year. Customers are still checking out his stock and he's still making deals, but a larger percentage of his inventory has been stuck on his lot.

"Right now, my sales manager has my approval to sell anything that's close to a year old for what we paid for it," said Trout, who has a couple hundred units on his lot.

Tom Stewart, a retired oil company employee who heads an RV owners club outside Seattle, said he's noticed the effect of the tough economy. The club members are taking shorter trips to save on gas, he said. And he's looked for ways to save money on the RV trips he takes with his wife.

"We're doing a lot more inexpensive overnights, looking at the free RV parking," he said. "If we're en route to a stop, rather than pull in to an RV park with full hookups and pay \$25, \$30 a night, we have lots of casinos out here that welcome RVs, and we'll use those."

Expensive, "discretionary" items like RVs are often the most vulnerable to the downturn because they are easy to put off.

Towable RVs, affixed onto pickups or hitched to the back of another vehicle, run between \$4,000 and \$10,000, according to the

Standalone motor homes can start at around \$41,000 for van-like "Type B" RVs, according to the industry trade group, while spaciou-

whose walls, floor and roof are made of thermal plastic rather than wood, making it lighter.

But the optimism around new model rollouts comes amid a dour climate for the industry.

In the past 12 months, 45 of about 2,850 RV dealerships around the country have closed, according to the Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association.

RV makers, meanwhile, have reported dismal financial results and are closing factories. Last week, Fleetwood, based in Riverside, Calif., posted a \$57 million quarterly loss and said it would close eight plants and lay off 760 workers.

Coburg, Ore.-based Monaco Coach Inc. said it will slash white-collar salaries between 20 percent and 40 percent. The company plans to close three plants in Indiana and slash its motor home production in half.

Eskritt predicted the industry will weather the downturn because the "RV lifestyle is close to going away."

"People will always enjoy the great outdoors," he said. "Owning a motor home, travel trailer or fifth wheel has become a part of the American dream."

Although gas prices have fallen more than 50 percent from their summer highs, RV sales have not picked up, Thompson notes.

"The No. 1 thing we need right now is consumer confidence and the restoration of credit," she said.

At the trade show, RV manufacturers Winnebago Industries Inc. and Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. unveiled diesel-electric hybrid concepts expected to improve fuel efficiency by more than 40 percent.

"We know that the RV of the future must incorporate advanced technologies to remain relevant and viable in a changing world," said Paul Eskritt, president of Fleetwood's RV group.

Dutchmen Manufacturing Inc., a unit of Thor Industries Inc., showed off its Ecologic, an 18-foot towable trailer

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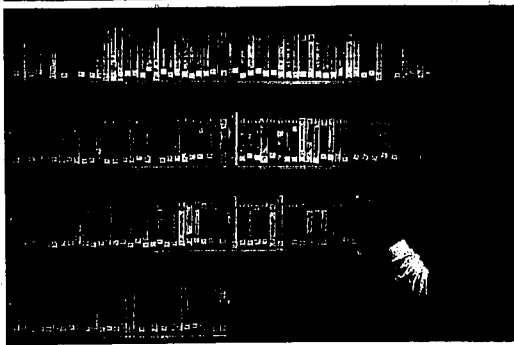
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Sergio Castillo reads at the Pico-Union branch in Los Angeles. "Traditionally, in tough economic times, public libraries experience an upswing," spokesman Peter Persic said.

Economic woe drives increase in library traffic

But libraries also hit by funding issues during financial slowdown

By Alana Semeles
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — On a recent morning, television journalist Heather Downie was carrying so many books, CDs and DVDs that it looked as if she'd need at least one shopping bag to get them to her car.

But she wasn't at Borders or Blockbuster. She was perusing the aisles of the Los Feliz branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, a place she's been visiting a lot more lately to save money.

Downie, 25, recently canceled her \$16 monthly Netflix subscription and is trying to resist the temptation to buy books, instead checking out movies and books from the library.

"It's a great way to cut costs without having to sacrifice anything," she said.

Stores may be quiet these days, but libraries are hopping.

The Los Angeles Public Library is "experiencing record use," according to spokesman Peter Persic, with 12 percent more visitors during the 2008 fiscal year, which ended June 30, than the previous. Patrons checked out 17.2 million books, DVDs, CDs and other items during that period, a 10 percent increase. Some branches report even bigger spikes in use.

"Traditionally, in tough economic times, public libraries experience an upswing in use," Persic said.

At the San Francisco Public Library, about 12 percent more items were checked out in October than a year earlier. Chicago's public library system experienced a 35 percent increase in circulation. The New York Public Library saw 11 percent more print items checked out (a spokesman said that could partly be explained by extended hours).

"I haven't bought anything from Borders in quite awhile," said Christopher Lutz, a freelance makeup artist who was browsing the Los Feliz branch for DVDs and books. With the writers' strike and potential actors'

strike, he said, he's been especially "careful" about where he spends his money.

Web sites such as PaperbackSwap.com that allow readers to exchange books for free are also becoming more popular. PaperbackSwap founder Richard Pickering said the site has seen a 25 percent increase in traffic in the past three months as people trade, rather than buy, books in an effort to save money.

As one of the few places with free Internet access and public computers, libraries also see an upswing in traffic from job-hunters when unemployment starts to rise, said Camilla Allire, president elect of the American Library Association. Last year, only 44 of the top 100 U.S. retailers accepted paper applications filled out in stores, she said, which means that applicants need the Internet.

Since they're not selling anything, libraries don't profit directly from the increased traffic. Like many things funded by taxpayer dollars, libraries take a hit when the economy does.

A public library in Georgia recently considered closing most of its branches due to funding issues. Allire said, and school libraries in Maryland have been hit particularly hard by budget cuts. The main library in Long Beach, Calif., was in danger of being closed down to save money, although the City Council voted down the proposal after widespread opposition.

Without a library, Crystal Fu wouldn't have anywhere to sit in comfy chairs and read newspapers and tabloid magazines that she says she "wouldn't be caught dead buying." Fu, a lawyer who recently returned from a 4-month sabbatical in India and is searching for a job in public interest law, said she loves reading but doesn't want to spend on books until she finds work.

"I've got to be a little frugal these days," she said. "The shift, from buying books to borrowing them, is hurting bookstores and publishing houses."

Barnes and Noble Inc. last week reported a third-quarter loss of \$18.4 million, which Chief Executive Steve Riggio attributed to a significant "drop-off in customer traffic and consumer spending." In late October, Amazon.com Inc. cut its sales forecast for the holiday season.

"October was probably one of the toughest, slowest retail months that many of our

members have had since their stores were in business," said Oren Telcher, chief operating officer of the American Booksellers Association.

Scholastic Corp. reported sluggish sales in the last quarter, which President Richard Robinson blamed on a "challenging" market. Random House Inc. froze the pensions of current employees and did away with them for recent hires. Other publishers have laid off employees.

Still, bookstores and publishers alike should be thankful that there are still people such as Laura DePalma, a 27-year-old English teacher who was taking her students to downtown Los Angeles Central Library on a recent Friday.

She said she never checks out library books for herself; she only buys them, even though money is tight.

"I'm really broke. I can't go out on weekends anymore," said DePalma, who was holding "The Crying of Lot 49," which she'd bought that morning, between two sheets of paper so she wouldn't get fingerprints on it. "My parents don't want to do gifts this year to save money," she said. "But all I want for Christmas is one book."

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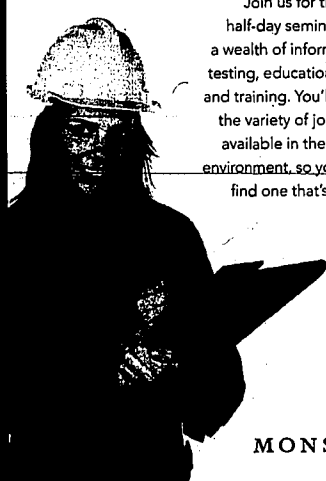
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WHEN:

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WHERE:

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FORMAT:

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Meltdown weakens NYC as global financial capital

By Samantha Cross
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — For the hundreds of camera-toting tourists who visit Wall Street every day, the New York Stock Exchange presents an imposing sight.

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These icons of national pride mark Wall Street as both a site of business and a symbol of the risk-taking and financial success that have spurred American global dominance and helped shape this country's identity.

But the nation's top investment houses shuttered, sold or changing into staid commercial operations, doubts have emerged about whether the city that for generations has been known as the world's financial capital can retain that title — or the daredevil swagger that has defined Wall Street for so long.

It is a transformation that some say was under way long before the meltdown of 2008.

"It's going to be a long, slow process and take many years for us to really restore our leadership in the world," said Ron Chernow, who has written extensively on the history of Wall Street. "New York has been damaged, and some of it I think is permanent."

First, Bear Stearns nearly collapsed and was bought by JPMorgan Chase in a deal backed by \$29 billion in federal money. Then Lehman Brothers filed the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history and the British bank Barclays PLC swept in to buy up key units of the firm. Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley opted to become commercial banks. And even Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. — long associated with Wall Street's iconic bull — announced its sale to an out-



Rolando Gomez sweeps up litter Sept. 30 on Wall Street in front of the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Once the undisputed financial capital of the world, it remains unclear whether New York City can retain the title.

of-town commercial bank, North Carolina-based Bank of America Corp. Citigroup has been crumbling day by day in the last week.

At the same time, places like London, Tokyo and Hong Kong have become global financial centers on a scale that some believe already rival New York.

The New York Stock Exchange still far outweighs the London Stock Exchange — with the value of shares traded at the NYSE in 2007 nearly triple the \$10.33 trillion traded in London.

However, the financial sway of cities such as London has been growing faster than New York's. From 1997 to 2007, the new capital raised yearly in New York dropped by nearly one-quarter — while in London the figure almost quadrupled, according to the World Federation of Exchanges.

Even the domestic market capitalization, or value of the market, has been growing faster in London than New York, the exchange federation says.

"In the short and medium term, the U.S. will still remain a very important financial center, and I think most likely

the most important. But after the term of five years, I'm no more sure," said Lorenzo Gallai, economic statistician at the World Federation of Exchanges.

A loss of status in the world of finance could hurt the city on many levels. Money is stored here, higher-income jobs come here. This creates tax revenue and supports a higher quality of life, as businesses and cultural activities — which themselves attract visitors — spring up to support these workers, said Richard Sylla, a curator at the Museum of American Finance. He is also a professor of economics and financial history at the New York

University Stern School of Business.

Last year, 11 percent of the city's employees worked in the finance and insurance industries, but they made nearly 40 percent of the city's income. The meltdown is expected to wipe out tens of thousands of those jobs.

Even the top achievers in the financial field — the people in pinstriped suits who live on adrenaline, bet big and reap even bigger rewards — could be making less money.

As the major investment banks change their focus following the crisis and evolve into commercial banks, they will be more constrained by government regulation, limit-

ing both their risk-taking and potential profits.

And the federal government's injection of hundreds of billions of dollars to bail out the banking industry also means that financial institutions will be forced to be more conservative in their investments, Chernow says. Taxpayers simply wouldn't stand for the kind of bold risk-taking that has defined Wall Street, he said.

"When you think of Wall Street ... one has an image of these very free-wheeling, razzle-dazzle, buccannering kinds of firms," Chernow said. "That style of business is now history."

David Henderson knows all about this history. He works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and is a fifth-generation Wall Street worker whose great-grandfather started the family tradition in the 1860s.

Back then, London was the global financial capital. Although Wall Street traces its roots to the 1600s, it did not become the pre-eminent global financial center until after World War I.

Now Henderson wonders if he'll see that era end.

"This wheeling and dealing atmosphere we've had going on for umpteen years, that's going to be more contained," he said.

Others are not as ready to predict Wall Street's downfall, including Ted Welsberg, who has worked at the New York Stock Exchange for 40 years.

"When you walk outside the New York Stock Exchange every day, there are thousands and thousands of tourists taking pictures of a building that they're not even allowed to get inside," Welsberg said. "They're not standing out in front of the London stock exchange ... they're not standing out in front of NASDAQ."

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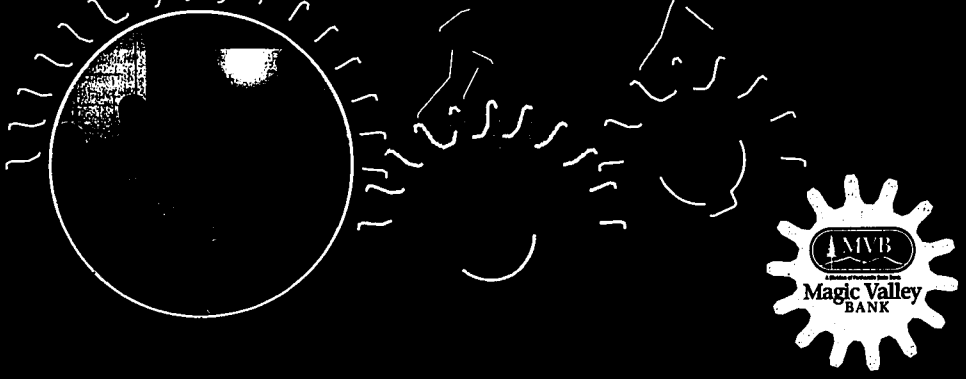
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Francis Carter

BURLEY — Francis Merley Carter, age 97, of Burley, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at the Warren House in Burley.



He was born on June 3, 1911, in Salt Lake City. He is the son of John Martin and Elizabeth Rocky Goodfellow Carter. He received and completed his education in Park Valley, Utah. He married Gladys Yates on June 25, 1939, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Francis worked as a rancher, a farmer and cattle broker all of his life, having received many awards for his service in the community including the County Grassman of the Year in 1973 and the Idaho Cattleman of the Year in 2004. He had served on the Cassia County School Board, Unity Light and Power Board, was a 4-H supporter, and sponsored the Francis Carter 4-H scholarship.

He was an active member of the LDS Church, having served as a bishop, high counselor and as a counselor.

In the stake presidency with Isaac Lee, Ernest Blauer and Frank Ham. During the Great Depression, he served as a missionary with his wife, Gladys, in the Texas-Louisiana Mission. He is survived by his daughter, Glens (Gary) Turner of Burley; four grandchildren, Craig (Michelle) Turner of Hyde Park, Utah, Darby (Tod) Stapelman of Rexburg, David (Sandra) Turner of American Fork, Utah, and Shannon (Matt) Monroe of Blackfoot; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; one sister; his wife, Gladys; and one granddaughter, Catherine Turner.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Mark W. Fillmore officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Scott Thomas Chestnut

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Scott Thomas Chestnut passed away peacefully and surrounded by the love of his family and friends in the early morning hours of Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008, after a long battle with alcoholism. Scott will be remembered for his sense of humor, intelligence, generosity, and ability to live life in the moment.



Scott was born in California and grew up in Twin Falls. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1986, leaving behind a legacy of many memorable stories. After Twin Falls High School, he graduated from Saddleback Community College and continued his study of physics at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Scott lived

in Twin Falls, Boise and, most recently, Walnut Creek, Calif., while working as a network engineer.

He is survived by his fiancée, Amy Gibbons; his parents, David and Jill Chestnut; his siblings, Shannon and Steve Rehauer; Amy and Jeff Dodds; and Todd and Lacie Chestnut; his grandmother, Anna Dugan; his grandfather, Wesley Chestnut; three nephews and one niece; and numerous uncles; cousins; and numerous friends.

A time of remembrance will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Scripps Research Institute, Pearson Center for Alcoholism & Addiction Research, www.pcaarc.org. (858)784-7268 or a charity of your choice.

DEATH NOTICES

Lyla Murphy

TUCSON, Ariz. — Lyla Murphy of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Wendell, 68, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2008.

A service will be held at a later date.

George Vanhoozer

JEROME — George Vanhoozer, 75, of Jerome, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, at his home.

A time of remembrance will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the family home, 405 E. Third St. in Jerome (Hovel-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Albert J. McAvoy

Albert James McAvoy, 59, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec.

5, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Dwight H. Felt

RUPERT — Dwight Hanes Felt, 82, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Garison L. Jeppesen

SALT LAKE CITY — Garison "Gary" Lance Jeppesen, 38, formerly of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Payne Mortuary.

SERVICES

Gary Lee Boguslawski of Jerome, memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Lenore Larin Kadlec of San Carlos, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2456 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Joseph D. Ferris of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Monday at BridgeView Retirement Estates in Twin Falls; burial at 3 p.m. Friday at the MAR Cemetery in Rupert (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Gall Ann Peacock of Twin Falls and formerly of Scottsdale, Ariz., celebration of life memorial service at 2

p.m. Wednesday at the Devon Senior Apartments, 1338 N. Collier Road in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Mary Teresa Last of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; rosary at 6:30 p.m. and vigil service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Virginia Southwick of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Barry O. Bragg of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Holy Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the mortuary.

Ronald Brent Galloway

Ronald Brent Galloway, 56, passed away Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008, in Twin Falls at his home from complications of a ruptured appendix surgery.



He was born Sept. 27, 1952, in Twin Falls. He was the eldest son of Ronald Kidd Galloway and Shirley Walker.

He attended Madison Elementary School and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1970. He enrolled in a trade school to become a travel agent. Ronald served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Georgia-South Carolina Idaho. He became interested in restaurant equipment repair and worked at Standard Restaurant Supply in Salt Lake City, Utah. He

moved to Twin Falls, where he met his wife, Donna Johnson. They were married July 29, 2005.

Ronald was preceded in death by his father and younger brother, Craig. He is survived by his wife, Donna of Twin Falls; two brothers, Darel (Beth Anne) Galloway of Kingstow, Wash., and Kim (Kristie) Thompson of Twin Falls; and his mother and stepfather, Shirley and Richard Thompson of Kamiah, Idaho.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the 13th Ward LDS Chapel on South Temple Drive, behind the Twin Falls LDS Temple. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Family and friends may share thoughts and memories of Ronald at www.MoM.com.

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'Sunny' von Bulow, heiress at center of legal drama, dies at 76

By Matt Schudel The Washington Post



Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, a heiress of fortune who spent almost 28 years in a coma and whose husband Claus von Bulow twice went on trial for attempting to kill her, died Saturday at a nursing home in New York City. She was 76. Sunny von Bulow had an estimated net worth of as much as \$75 million when she married Claus von Bulow, a Danish-born financier, in 1966. By all accounts, they lived a charmed life in multimillion-dollar homes on New York's Fifth Avenue and in Newport, R.I.

Trouble developed in the marriage, however, and Sunny von Bulow went into a coma Dec. 27, 1979, but was seen revived, a year later, on Dec. 21,

1980, she was found unconscious on her bathroom floor and never recovered.

Sunny von Bulow's two children from her previous marriage to an Austrian private financier a \$400,000 private investigation that led to Claus von Bulow's indictment in 1985. They alleged that Claus von Bulow was having an affair and stood to inherit \$14 million if his wife were to die.

In one of the most sensational legal scandals of the 1980s, Claus von Bulow was

initially convicted of attempting to kill his wife with an overdose of insulin, "knowing that he could be forgiven if he had found a black bag in Claus von Bulow's closet containing syringes with traces of insulin and sedatives.

Harvard University lawyer Alan Dershowitz took up von Bulow's case on appeal and painted his wife as an alcoholic and drug abuser who was subject to attacks of hypoglycemia. High-profile friends, including writer Truman Capote and Johnny Carson's ex-wife, Jane Fonda, testified that he had used drugs extensively — a charge her older children strenuously denied.

In the end, Claus von Bulow's conviction was overturned on technical grounds that police had mishandled

evidence — specifically, the black bag with the syringes.

Rhode Island prosecutors brought a second indictment against von Bulow on criminal charges against von Bulow a second time in 1985, but he was acquitted. The trials, the mysteries surrounding the case and the sad fate of Sunny von Bulow became the subject of a best-selling book by Dershowitz, "Reversal of Fortune." The book was made into a popular film in 1990, with Jeremy Irons and Glenn Close as the von Bulows and Ron Silver as Dershowitz.

The movie depicted Sunny von Bulow as a nagging wife with problems with substance abuse. Her children objected, saying, "Our mother has been portrayed as pathetic and self-destructive. We reject this injurious and erroneous portrayal."

Beverly Garland, actress with long and varied career, dies

By Dennis McLaughlin Los Angeles Times

supporting role in the 1950 movie noir classic "D.O.A.," Garland appeared in about 40 films and scores of television shows.

"Not only was she a terrific actress, she was a great person," said one of those special gals who was fun to work with, said M.R.K.



Garland, who also was an involved owner of her namesake hotel in North Hollywood, died Friday evening after a lengthy illness at her Hollywood Hills home, said son-in-law Pecky Smith.

In a 50-plus-year career that began with her film debut in a

humor, she was very thoughtful and had a great laugh," Connors said. "You couldn't help but laugh with her when she laughed."

Despite her reputation for doing heavy drama — including being nominated for an Emmy Award in 1955 for her performance as a leukemia patient in the pilot of the medical drama "Medic" — Garland was best known to many people for her comedy turn in "My Three Sons." She played the second wife of Mackenzie's widower Steve Douglas during the last three seasons of the popular series that aired from 1960 to 1972.

"The only thing that bothers me is that everybody loves this character so much," Garland told the Los Angeles Times in

1969. "I don't remember anybody loving me all that much."

Garland also played her fair share of mothers in TV series. She was Stephanie Zimbalist's in the 1980s in "Remington Steele," Kate Jackson's in the 1980s in "Scarecrow" and Mrs. King in "The Dick Van Dyke Show." She also had recurring roles in the TV shows "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman," "7th Heaven" and the ABC soap opera "Port Charles."

Early in her career, Garland played undercover New York police officer Casey Jones in the 1957-59 syndicated series "Decoy," reportedly the first American TV series built around a female protagonist.

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Prison leaders fear economy could reverse progress

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — For the past few years, officials at the Idaho Department of Corrections have worked closely with the state Department of Health and Welfare, the Idaho Courts and the Commission on Pardons and Parole with one goal in mind: Reduce the state's prison population.

It's been working, so far. Instead of the usual 7 percent increase in new inmates entering the correction system, the prison population has grown by only 3 percent this year. But with an ever-worsening economy and hefty budget cuts pending in every state department, Idaho Department of Corrections Director Brent Jones fears all the recent gains could be lost.

"It's not like you can just go out and say, 'We're going to take this and eliminate it,'" Reinke said. "The Department of Correction has a dependency on local government, our relationship with the courts, our dependency on the Department of Health and Welfare."

"The state has taken several approaches to reducing the prison population. Judges have established drug and mental health courts that provide offenders

with close supervision while they get treatment and take classes — often through Idaho Department of Health and Welfare programs — so they can learn the skills needed to live a healthy, drug-free life outside prison walls. Those who successfully complete the courts, or "graduate," don't have to serve their prison sentence.

The Correction Department is working more closely with the state parole board to make sure that inmates have access to all the rehabilitation programs and classes they need before they show up at a parole hearing. That way, they're more likely to be ready for release, Reinke said.

And the Parole Board frequently orders parolees to participate in support programs while on parole. Some are run by private groups, others by the Department of Health and Welfare, said Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole Executive Director Olivia Cavens.

"Last year we were able to get a thousand more inmates through programming than the year prior — we can't get that service up because that truly makes for a much better transition for people into the community. They're much less apt to return to prison," Reinke said.



Inmates Mike Peterson, right, and Tyler Taylor chat during dinner at the Idaho State Correctional Institution in Kona on Thursday.

Other has ordered all state departments and agencies to cut 4 percent from their budgets, and to develop a plan to cut another 2 percent if needed. For the Department of Corrections, that represents a \$4 million reduction. Department heads don't have to present their plan until Monday, and most are keeping quiet about

the details until then. But Reinke says his department will try to use salary savings — such as holding off on promotions or filling the spots left by higher-paid, retiring workers with less experienced and cheaper employees — and ordering mandatory furloughs for workers on certain days. Reinke will also try to get

at least some of the 630 Idaho prisoners currently held in out-of-state facilities back home, where it is cheaper to house them. But Idaho prisons are still crowded — the reason the prisoners were sent out-of-state in the first place — and Reinke didn't offer many details on just where those inmates would be housed.

"I've got the prison divi-

sion working on that now, to see what we can do in the short term," he said. "They'll talk and the existing facilities in the state. These are extreme times, and they're going to be extreme measures."

Patricia Tobias, Idaho Supreme Court justice, said the judicial branch intends to "make every effort to participate fully" in the governor's budget cut request, and said court leaders were still discussing how to trim the budget.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spokeswoman Emily Simmt declined to release any details about her agency's planned budget cuts, but said many of the department's substance abuse treatment programs are federally funded and so would not be as impacted as some other department services.

"Treating these criminal justice clients are one of our priority populations," Simmt said. "We're starting to see success with this and that's something that we want to be able to continue with."

Cavens said the parole board would likely double up the number of parole hearings an officer hears on trips around the state as one way to reduce costs.

S. Idaho schools request looser lottery money limits

POCATELLO (AP) — The superintendent of local Pocatello-Chubbuck School District wants lawmakers to temporarily remove limitations on how state lottery money is spent on education.

"Public schools within the Idaho district receive \$900,000 to \$700,000 a year from the lottery, money the state earmarks for building improvements, said superintendent Mary Vagnef.

While the Idaho economy sizzles from sluggish tax revenues, Vagnef said restrictions on the lottery money could be temporarily lifted to allow public schools to include the funds as part of general operating budgets.

"The legislators look for money next year to keep schools going, this is one place they might look, using lottery money differently," Vagnef told the Idaho State Journal.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter told state agencies Monday to slash 3 percent from budgets, which were already cut by 1 percent in September. Public schools will lose about \$60 million under the plan, a shortfall that will be covered with money from an education reserve fund created by lawmakers.

Democratic Rep. James Ruchti, of Pocatello, said the fund, which held about \$114 million this year, could prove difficult to replenish if the economy doesn't improve.

Temporarily lifting restrictions on the lottery money given to public schools is just one option the Legislature needs to consider during the 2009 session, Ruchti said.

"We've got to think outside the box," he said. "We can't gut the K-12 education system or the higher education system. We need to use those systems to help parents prepare their kids for the future."

Both sides agree: Money decisive in U.S. House upset

BOISE (AP) — Congressman-elect Walt Minnick and ousted U.S. Rep. Bill Sali agree on at least one thing — campaign spending proved a decisive factor in the Democrat's Nov. 4 upset over the incumbent Republican.

Minnick spent \$2.5 million in his campaign to grab the 1st Congressional District and become the first Democrat from Idaho to win a congressional seat since 1992. Sali spent less than half that amount — \$1.2 million — to try to keep his seat, according to campaign finance reports filed last week.

The contest was the most expensive U.S. House race in Idaho history, breaking a record set two years earlier when Sali defeated Democrat Larry Grant in a \$1.8 million battle.

"You have to spend more money than an incumbent to beat him, everything else being equal," Minnick told the Idaho Statesman.

"Whether I had to spend that much or not — well, I guess I did. I didn't win by much."

Minnick beat Sali by 4,211 votes, winning 51 percent of the vote in a congressional



district that runs west of Boise, north to the Canadian border.

Sali spokesman Wayne Hoffman said money proved critical in the race, in part because Minnick could use his own to pay for television ads in July and give himself a boost with early voters.

"We always knew we would be outspent, mainly because our opponent could write himself a check for any dollar amount, and Bill could not," Hoffman said.

Both campaigns finished in debt.

Sali owes \$124,085 from his 2006 campaign for the congressional seat he lost during the November election, and \$100,000 of that is money he loaned to his campaign.

The Minnick campaign is \$394,673 in debt, with \$250,000 of that owed to the

congressman-elect. Minnick, a Harvard University graduate and businessman, gave a total of \$925,000 toward his campaign through loans and direct contributions.

He also raised more money than other candidates who went up against incumbents in U.S. House races this year, said Massie Ritch, a spokesperson for the Washington, D.C.-based watchdog Center for Responsive Politics.

The average incumbent raised \$1.25 million, which was about four times as much as the typical challenger, Ritch said.

Minnick proved successful in using his own money initially to campaign, convincing contributors he could win and earning their financial support, said Boise State University political scientist Gary Moncrief.

"It's just an extraordinary thing that a Republican incumbent in one of the

most Republican districts in the country gets outspent and outraised," Moncrief said.

Contributors to the Minnick campaign in November included political action committees for bankers, optometrists, financial services, convenience stores and venture capitalists. Communications companies Qwest and Verizon also gave.

"It's obscene how much money is required," Minnick said. "But it's what you have to do if you want to be a credible candidate. The system is badly broken and continuing to go in the wrong direction."

Hoffman said Sali has not decided whether to run again for the seat in 2010.

The race will most likely prove a stiff challenge for Minnick, though, even if Sali doesn't try to regain the seat, Moncrief said. "He's still a Democrat in a Republican forest," Moncrief said.

North Idaho judge reverses text message ruling

LEWISTON (AP) — A judge in northern Idaho has reversed his decision to bar prosecutors from using cell phone text messages as evidence in a Nez Perce County murder trial. Lewis B. Branigh III, 32, of Clarkston, Wash., has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the shooting death of 32-year-old Michael S. Johnston in Lewiston last year.

Last week, Idaho 2nd District Judge Jeff M. Brudle ruled that jurors would not be allowed to see text messages Branigh sent to Johnston shortly before the shooting,

because an improper police warrant was used to obtain the cell phone records.

Defense attorney Charles Kovis argued that Lewiston police obtained the records with an improper warrant to search Sprint Nextel Corp. offices outside the state.

The warrant was not only served to search an office outside the 2nd Judicial District, Kovis said, it also included the wrong state. Police obtained the warrant to search a Sprint Nextel office in Overland Park, Texas, while the cell phone records were found in Overland Park, Kan.

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Payments by mail must be postmarked on or before December 22, 2008.

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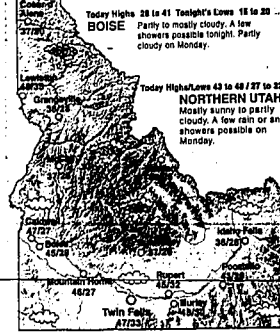
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Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Includes Yesterday's and Today's times.

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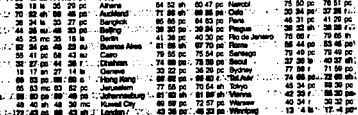
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Montana judge rules man has right to assisted suicide

By Amy Beth Hanson, Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — A Montana judge has ruled that doctor-assisted suicides are legal in the state, a decision likely to be appealed as the state argues that the Legislature, not the court, should decide whether terminally ill patients have the right to take their own life.

Judge Dorothy McCarter issued the ruling late Friday in the case of a Billings man with terminal cancer, who had sued the state with four physicians that treat terminally ill patients's rights group. "The Montana constitutional rights of individual privacy and human dignity, taken together, encompass the right of a competent terminally ill patient to die with dignity," McCarter said Saturday that attorneys in his office would discuss the ruling next week and expected the state will appeal the ruling.

"I am glad to know that the court respects my choice to die with dignity if my situation becomes intolerable." — The 75-year-old Billings man with terminal cancer who sued the state

individual patients who should be entitled to make these critical decisions for themselves and their families, and not the government." The state attorney general's office had argued that intentionally taking a life was illegal, and that the issue was the responsibility of the state Legislature. Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Anders had argued the state has no evaluation process, safeguards or regulations to provide guidance or oversight for doctor-assisted suicide.

"It's a major constitutional issue and the Supreme Court should rule on it," said McGrath, who will be sworn in as chief justice of the Montana Supreme Court in January. The plaintiff, Robert Baxter, said he was comforted by McCarter's ruling. "I am glad to know that the court respects my choice to die with dignity if my situation becomes intolerable," the 75-year-old retired truck driver said in a statement. Kathryn Tucker, the legal director of patients' right

group Compassion & Choices who helped argue the case, said the court found "it is the

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125 pounds lost. Off the sidelines and back in the game. Trish Higley began to retreat from much-loved activities as she gained weight, becoming a spectator in her own life. At 262 pounds, she no longer performed on horseback with her precision drill team. On vacations, she couldn't keep up with her active husband and children. After gastric bypass surgery, Trish is back in the game. Her high blood pressure is gone and she is completely off all medications. She and her husband are back in the saddle and out on the square dance floor. Her days on the sidelines are over. Free Seminars held at St. Luke's Magic Valley. Seminars on weight loss - or bariatric - surgery, including gastric bypass, adjustable gastric band, duodenal switch, and sleeve gastrectomy, are presented by surgeons W. Christian Oakley, MD and Bob Korn, MD, PhD. To register, or for more information, visit www.stlukesonline.org or call Robyn Johnson at 737-2007. Service provided by St. Luke's Boise. St. Luke's Clinic. Center of Excellence. Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

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Louisiana voters oust indicted Rep. William Jefferson

By Cain Bardeau
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Voters in Louisiana ousted indicted Democratic Rep. William Jefferson on Saturday, instead electing a Republican attorney who will be the first Vietnamese-American in Congress.

Official results showed Anh "Joseph" Cao denying Jefferson a 10th term. Republicans made an aggressive

push to take the seat from the 61-year-old incumbent, who has pleaded not guilty to charges of bribery, laundering money and misusing his congressional office.

Cao, 41, won a predominantly black and heavily Democratic district that covers most of New Orleans.

A barrage of election-day automated telephone calls on Cao's behalf flooded the district, including a pitch from

the national Republican Party.

New Orleans voters had long been loyal to Jefferson, reelecting him in 2006 even after news of the bribery scandal broke. Late-night TV comics made him the butt of jokes after federal agents said they found



Jefferson

\$90,000 in alleged bribe money hidden in his freezer.

"People are innocent until proven guilty," said Faye Leggins, 54, an educator and Democrat who moved back to the city six months ago and still has fresh memories of Hurricane Katrina. She voted for Jefferson on Saturday. "He has enough seniority, so he can do a lot to redevelop this city."

But Republicans argued the scandal had cost Jefferson his

clout in Congress. Election Day brought excitement to the state's usually low-key Vietnamese-American community, said David Nguyen, 45, a store manager and Cao supporter.

"The Vietnamese aren't much into politics," he said.

Turnout appeared light in the district, where two-thirds of voters are Democrats and 11 percent are Republicans. More than 60 percent are black.

Though he was the underdog in the election, endorsements from some Democrat and green-conscious groups as well as the area's Vietnamese-American community.

Cao came to the United States as a child after the fall of Saigon in 1975 and went on to earn degrees in philosophy, physics and law.

The election was one of two in Louisiana postponed because of Hurricane Gustav.

Time short, Congress tries to seal auto deal

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Racing to seal a deal with the White House, Democratic congressional leaders dispatched aides Saturday to draft an emergency \$15 billion aid package to pull Detroit's Big Three automakers from the brink of collapse.

Capitol Hill leaders prepared to sell yet another bailout to a skeptical Congress. It is an uphill battle. The anger is fresh over how the Bush administration used the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue fund and lawmakers are questioning whether the once-mighty auto giants can survive.

Still, with Washington spooked by massive job losses that provided the latest evidence of a deepening recession, the White House said it was in "constructive discussions" with lawmakers in both parties on the assistance. House and Senate Democratic staff aides worked through the weekend to hammer out details, with votes on the plan expected in the week ahead.

The emerging measure would speed short-term help to General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC, while empowering the government to order a restructuring of the industry and imposing tight restrictions on the Big Three, according to congressional officials and others close to the talks. They described the developing plan on a condition of anonymity because the details were not final.

It is designed to tide over the companies — particularly GM and Chrysler, which have warned that they are just weeks from going bust — through March, when Barack Obama is president and a new Congress could consider a longer-term solution.

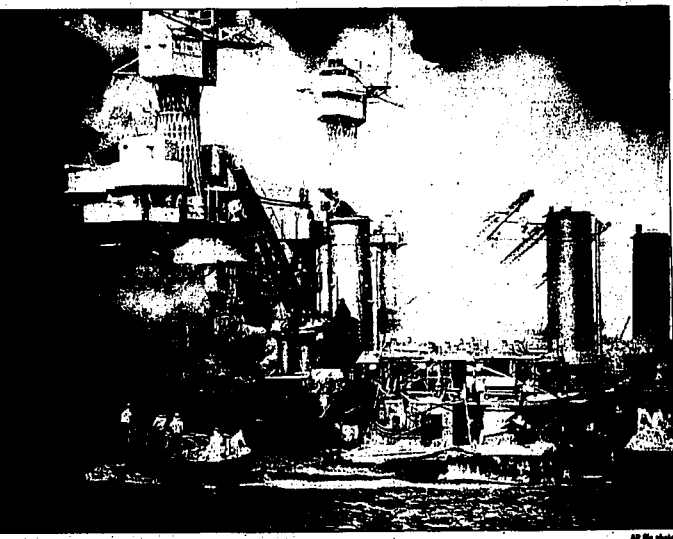
A breakthrough on the long-stalled rescue came Friday when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., yielded to President George W. Bush on a key point: allowing the aid to come from an existing fund set aside for the production of environmentally friendly cars.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said that was central to any agreement, along with requirements that the carmakers swallow tough business decisions and taxpayers be protected.

Taxpayers should not be asked to finance assistance for automakers without a strong likelihood that they will be paid back, Perino said in a statement Sunday.

Pelosi said the House would consider legislation in the coming week that would include rigorous oversight and strong taxpayer protections.

INFAMY REMEMBERED



A boat rescues a USS West Virginia crew member from the water Dec. 7, 1941, after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. With an eye on the immediate aftermath of the attack, thousands of World War II veterans and others are expected today to commemorate the 67th anniversary of the raid.

Pearl Harbor commemoration to focus on U.S. response

By Herbert A. Sampedro
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — With an eye on the immediate aftermath of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, thousands of World War II veterans and other observers are expected on Sunday to commemorate the 67th anniversary of the devastating Japanese military raid.

The theme of the event — "Pacific War Memories: The Heroic Response to Pearl Harbor" — is something of a departure from the past.

Usually, the commemoration focuses on the attack on the USS Arizona, Pearl Harbor and several other installations on Oahu. But this year's remembrance ceremony will center more on the months following the raid, said Ellen Martinez, chief of interpretation for the National Park Service.

"We're moving into the Pacific War, the first strike back," she said.

To that end, one of two keynote speakers will be Thomas Griffin, a surviving member of the pilots and crew who answered the Pearl Harbor attack four months later with an aircraft carrier-launched bomber raid on Tokyo.

Bush creates monument for Pacific vets

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday established a World War II monument dedicated to those who fought in the Pacific.

The World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument will encompass nine sites: five in Hawaii, three in Alaska and one in California at the Tule Lake Segregation Center, where thousands of Japanese-Americans

were detained after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The purpose of the monument is to remind generations of Americans of the sacrifices that Americans made to protect our country. But, there's a broader purpose as well and that is to remind generations of Americans about the transformative effect of freedom," Bush said in brief remarks.

The B-25 mission, led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle, inflicted little damage on Japan but boosted morale in America and led the embarrassed Japanese government to launch an ill-fated attack on Midway Island.

The other keynote address will be delivered by Admiral Robert B. Willard, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Sunday's commemoration will feature a performance by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, marching colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by the U.S. Marine Corps and a recognition of those who survived the attack.

At 7:55 a.m., when the attack began 67 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. The destroyer USS Chung-Hoon will render honors to the USS Arizona, which still lies beneath the harbor with its dead.

Almost 2,400 Americans were killed and nearly 1,180 injured when Japanese fighters bombed and sank 12 naval vessels and heavily damaged nine others on Dec. 7, 1941. The Arizona, which sank in less than nine minutes after an armor-piercing bomb breached its deck and exploded in the ship's ammunition magazine, lost 1,177 sailors and marines.

Rumsfeld nemesis Shinseki eyed for VA chief

By Hope Yen
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama has chosen retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki to be the next Veterans Affairs secretary, turning to a former Army chief of staff once vilified by the Bush administration for questioning its Iraq war strategy.

Obama will announce the selection of Shinseki, the first Army four-star general of Japanese-American ancestry, at a news conference Sunday in Chicago. He will be the first Asian-American to hold the post of Veterans Affairs secretary, adding to the growing diversity of Obama's Cabinet.

"I think that General Shinseki is exactly the right person who is going to be able to make sure that we honor our troops when they come home," Obama said in an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press" to be broadcast Sunday.

NBC released a transcript of the interview after The Associated Press reported that Shinseki was Obama's pick.

Shinseki's tenure as Army chief of staff from 1999 to 2003 was marked by constant tension with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, which boiled over in 2003 when Shinseki testified to Congress that it might take several hundred thousand U.S. troops to control Iraq after the invasion. Rumsfeld and his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, belittled the estimate as "wildly off the mark" and the army general was ousted within months. But Shinseki's words proved prophetic after President George W. Bush in early 2007 announced a "surge" of additional troops to Iraq after miscalculating the numbers needed to stem sectarian violence.



Shinseki

Angered by lay-offs, workers occupy factory in Chicago

By Rupa Shenoy
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Workers who go three days' notice that their factory was shutting its doors have occupied the building and say they won't go home without assurances they'll get severance and vacation pay.

About 250 union workers occupied the Republic Windows and Doors plant in shifts Saturday while union leaders outside criticized a Wall Street bailout they say is leaving laborers behind.

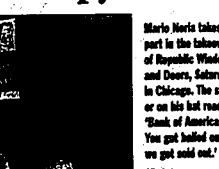
Leah Fried, an organizer with the United Electrical

Workers, said the Chicago-based vinyl window manufacturer failed to give 60 days' notice required by law before shutting down.

During the two-day peaceful takeover, workers have been shoveling snow and cleaning the building, Fried said.

"We're doing something we haven't done since the 1930s, so we're trying to make it work," she said, referring to a tactic most famously used in 1936-37 by General Motors factory workers in Flint, Mich., to help unionize the U.S. auto industry.

Fried said the company



Marie Marie takes part in the takeover of Republic Windows and Doors, Saturday in Chicago. The sticker on his hat reads: 'Bank of America: You got bailed out, we got sold out.'

can't pay its 300 employees from \$4 million during the past month. In a memo to the union, obtained by the business journal, Republic CEO Rich Gillman said the company had "no choice but to shut our doors."

Bank of America received \$25 billion from the government's bailout package. The company said in a statement Saturday that it isn't responsible for Republic's financial obligations to its employees.

"Across cultures, religions, union and non-union, we all say this bailout was a shame," said Richard Berg, president of Teamsters Local 743. "If this bailout should go to anything, it should go to the workers of this country."

Outside the plant, protesters wore stickers and carried signs that said, "You got bailed out, we got sold out."

Youthfulness an American obsession — at a cost

By Martha Irvine and Lindsay Turner
Associated Press writers

LAS VEGAS — It's one of those photos that make you do a double-take.

Dr. Jeffrey Life stands in jeans, his shirt off. His face is that of a distinguished 60-year-old man, his hair thinning, balding, and what hair there is white. But his 67-year-old body looks like it belongs to a muscle-bound 30-year-old.

The photo regularly runs in ads for the Cenegenics Medical Institute, a Las Vegas-based clinic that specializes in "age management," a growing field in a society obsessed with staying young. Life, who swears that his real last name, also keeps a framed copy of the photo on his office wall at Cenegenics.

"He's the man!" patient Ed Detwiler says teasingly, pointing to the photo of the doctor who, in many ways, has become his role model.

Detwiler, 47, has been Life's patient for more than three years. In that time, he has adopted the regimen that his doctor also follows — drastically changing his exercise and eating habits and injecting himself each day with human growth hormone. He also receives weekly testosterone injections.

He does it because it makes him feel better, more energetic, clear-minded.

He does it because he wants to live a long and healthy life. "If I were stooped over and bedridden, what kind of quality of life is that?" asks Detwiler, a real estate developer in suburban Las Vegas who says he's doing this, in part, for his wife, who is nine years younger. "If I can get out and be active and travel and see the world and be able to make a difference in other people's lives, then yes, I would want to have as long an existence as possible."

It's a common sentiment in a society where many of us strive to look and feel decades younger — to prove to ourselves and the world that we are healthier and more vital than our parents were at our age. We all healthily in 60 is the new 50, the new 40 and so on.

But often, we need a little help. Sometimes, a lot of help. As the baby boomers march toward retirement, Botox, wrinkle fillers and hormones of various kinds become big business. Medco's latest drug trend report shows, for instance, that human growth hormone use grew almost 6 percent in 2007.

It isn't a new quest. But experts in the field say it is taking on a new urgency as a generation of adults that's buying into the modern marketing message — that for a price, you can have it all.

There is, of course, much to be said for taking good care of yourself. Eating healthy, exercising your body and your brain regularly are considered



Cenegenics Medical Institute/AP photo
This updated photo shows Dr. Jeffrey Life when he was 67, after being on the Cenegenics program for about two years. Life, the chief medical officer of Cenegenics, will be 70 on Christmas Day.

tried-and-true tactics for staying young. Protecting yourself from harmful sun rays is another. Even flossing teeth is a habit that, according to research on people who live to 100, might extend life.

But that's generally where the consensus ends. Many in mainstream medicine and elsewhere worry that we're becoming too focused on treatments with short-term benefits that have potentially dangerous side effects and scant, if any, evidence that they'll help in the long run.

Some of the more bizarre methods include fetal cell injections, inhaling radon gas, even cutting off testicles, an ancient practice meant to reduce overexposure to reproductive hormones.

"There's a large industry of people trying to sell to people who doesn't yet exist and they're making gobs of money doing it — much to the dismay of those of us who are vigilant about protecting public health," says S. Jay Olshansky, a public health professor and longevity researcher at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

There also are concerns that this obsession is sending the wrong message to younger generations.

Surveys from cosmetic surgery trade groups suggest that single numbers of people, even in their 20s, are getting cosmetic procedures. And a fall 2007 survey from TRU, a research firm that specializes in the teenage demographic, found that a quarter of people 12 to 19 — an age that girls in that age group — are interested in having cosmetic surgery to improve their appearance.

However, as they age, many baby boomers are far more concerned with feeling younger, and extending their lives.

So while it is illegal for

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human growth hormone and other hormones to be dispensed for anti-aging purposes. Life's patient Detwiler spends more than \$1,000 a month to take relatively low doses prescribed for "hormone deficiency." The idea is to bring his levels back up to those of a young man in his 20s.

"My friends say, 'Oh, Ed's on steroids,'" Detwiler says. "No, I'm not. ... I'm on hormone therapy."

He holds out his arms to indicate that his body is fit-looking, but not monstrous. Besides human growth hormone, testosterone, and an adrenal hormone known as DHEA, his diet now largely consists of things like hard-boiled eggs, fruits, nuts, Greek yogurt, salads and palm-sized pieces of fish, chicken or low-fat beef. He also exercises regularly, alternating between light-intensity cardio workouts and weight-resistance training.

"I can't tell you in words how great I feel," says the man who used to crack open a Pepsi to get him through the day.

For a group known as the Calorie Restriction Society, youthfulness isn't found in hormones. It's reducing food intake to, in some cases, near-starvation levels.

But the claims are much the same — "lots of energy" and feeling "sharp," says Brian Delaney, a 67-year-old California-born writer now living in Sweden. He's president of the group that claims about 2,000 members worldwide and many more followers who use the method in hopes of markedly increasing their longevity.

By cutting daily calories to about 1,900, roughly half the recommended amount for someone his height and age, and exercising every day, Delaney has lost himself about 140 pounds. He says his blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels have improved dramatically.

Youthfulness is seen as a means of survival in the business world, says Renee Young, a 48-year-old public relations executive in New Rochelle, N.Y.

"It feels like you're put out to pasture. No one wants to feel that how they look means that their ability to do anything is decreased," she says. In the back of her mind is

the fact that her own mother died when she was only 56. So five or six mornings a week, even when she'd rather

pull the covers over her head. Young gets up and spends two hours at the gym.

That's more than double the hour or so a day generally recommended for optimal health. And still, for her, that wasn't enough. She recently spent nearly \$20,000 on a tummy tuck, which she says has inspired her to take better care of herself overall.

Using a cosmetic procedure

as a motivator is worthwhile, and lucrative, to say the least, says Dr. Jonathan Lipitz. He's an emergency room physician in suburban Chicago who does cosmetic procedures, such as Botox and skin fillers, in a separate practice. But it's also a "very slippery slope," with patients sometimes willing to take more risk than they should and some doctors who'll accommodate.

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Court OKs diaper evidence at ex-astronaut's trial

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Diapers, latex gloves and other items found in an ex-astronaut's car can be used as evidence when the woman accused of driving 1,000-miles to confront a romantic rival goes to trial, an appeals court ruled.



Nowak

But the three-judge panel said Friday that Lisa Nowak's six-hour police interview after her arrest cannot be used. Nowak has pleaded not guilty to attempted kidnapping, battery and burglary with assault. She is accused of trying to abduct Air Force Capt. Colleen Shipman from the Orlando International Airport in February 2007. Nowak and Shipman were vying for the affections of the same space shuttle pilot. A lower court judge also

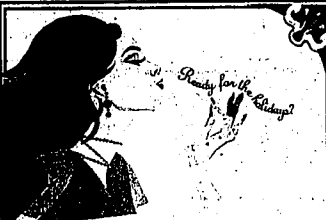
threw out Nowak's comments from the interview, saying investigators took advantage of the former astronaut, who had not slept for more than 24 hours, coercing her into giving information.

"The trial court applied the correct legal standards in determining that Nowak neither waived her Miranda rights, nor voluntarily spoke with police," the appeals panel ruled. "Consequently, the state cannot use the statements that Nowak made during her custodial interview with police as part of its direct case."

The judges' decision to admit the car's contents reversed an earlier ruling. Besides the diapers, authorities found mops from Houston to the Orlando airport and a map to Shipman's Cape Canaveral home.

A knife, mallet and a BB gun resembling a real handgun were vying for the affections of the same space shuttle pilot. No trial date has been set. She is free on bail.

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By Angela K. Brown Associated Press writer

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Indian police arrest 2 men in Mumbai investigation

Some officials say one was undercover police officer



A man with his face covered, identified by the police as Mukhtar Ahmed, appears at a court in Calcutta, India, Saturday. Police arrested two Indian men accused of illegally buying mobile phone cards used by the gunmen in the Mumbai attacks, police said Saturday.

By Aijaz Hussain
Associated Press writer

SRINAGAR, India — One of the two Indian men arrested for illegally buying mobile phone cards used by the gunmen in the Mumbai attacks was a counterinsurgency police officer who may have been on an undercover mission, security officials said Saturday, demanding his release.

The arrests, announced in the eastern city of Calcutta, were the first since the bloody siege ended. But what was touted as a rare success for India's beleaguered law enforcement agencies, quickly turned sour as police in two Indian regions squared off against one another.

Senior police officers in Indian Kashmir, which has been at the heart of tensions between India and Pakistan, demanded the release of the officer, Mukhtar Ahmed, saying he was one of their own and had been involved in infiltrating Kashmiri militant groups. Indian authorities believe the banned Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, which has links to Kashmir, trained the gunmen

and plotted the attacks that left 171 people dead after a three-day rampage through Mumbai that began Nov. 26. The implications of Ahmed's involvement — that Indian agencies may have been in touch with the militants and perhaps supplied the SIM cards used in the attacks — added to the growing list of questions over India's ill-trained security forces, which are widely blamed for not thwarting the attacks.

Earlier Saturday, Calcutta police announced the arrest of Ahmed and Tauseef Rahman, who allegedly bought SIM cards by using fake documents, including identification cards of dead people. The cards allow users to switch their cellular service to phones other than their own. Rahman, of West Bengal state, later sold them to Ahmed, said Rajeev Kumar a senior Calcutta police officer. Both men were arrested

Friday and charged with fraud and criminal conspiracy. Kumar said, adding that police were still investigating

how the 10 gunmen obtained the SIM cards. But the announcement had police in Srinagar, the main city in Indian-controlled Kashmir, fuming.

We have told Calcutta police that Ahmed is "our man" and it's now up to them how to facilitate his release," said one senior officer speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the information. Other police officials in Kashmir supported his account.

The officer said Ahmed was a Special Police Officer, part of a semiofficial counterinsurgency network whose members are usually drawn from former militants. The force is run on a special funding from the federal Ministry of Home Affairs. "Sometimes we use our

men engaged in counterinsurgency ops to provide SIM cards to the (militant) outfits so that we track their plans down," said the officer.

Police said Ahmed was recruited to the force after his brother was killed five years ago, allegedly by Lashkar-e-Taiba militants for being a police informer.

About a dozen Islamic mili-

tant groups have been fighting in Kashmir since 1989, seeking independence from mainly Hindu India or a union with Muslim-majority Pakistan.

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Powerful quake off the coast rocks East Timor

By Gabe Couder
Associated Press writer

DILI, East Timor — A powerful earthquake struck off East Timor's coast Saturday, shaking buildings and sending screaming residents running into the streets, geological officials and witnesses said.

The quake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.2 and struck 100 miles northwest of the capital, Dili, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It was centered 250 miles beneath the Banda Sea, it said. There was no threat of a tsunami because of the

quake's depth, officials said. "Everything in my house was shaking," said Santina Araujo, a mother of two, as men banged on oil drums and utility poles, providing additional warning to residents. "People were running from houses and from buildings."

Some were screaming, others clutching onto crying children.

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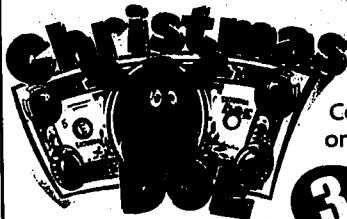
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Police: Bombs and shootings kill 6 in Iraq

By Samer N. Yacoub
Associated Press writer



A relative mourns over the body of an Awakening Council member at a hospital in Baquba, Iraq, who was killed when gunmen attacked a checkpoint in a village outside Baquba on Saturday. Three council members were killed and four were wounded in the attack. Awakening Councils are made of former Saddam militants who turned against al-Qaida and sided with the Americans.

BAGHDAD — Bombers and gunmen targeted Iraqi police recruits and U.S.-allied Sunni guards in a series of attacks Saturday that killed at least six people and wounded dozens, officials said.

Iraqis, meanwhile, welcomed the U.S. indictments of five Blackwater Worldwide security guards in last year's shooting that killed 17 Iraqi civilians at a central Baghdad square.

The deadliest attack on Saturday was an ambush on a checkpoint manned by members of an armed Sunni group, that has joined forces with the United States against al-Qaida in Iraq.

Gunmen opened fire on the checkpoint in the village of Qubayba, about 100 miles inside a Baquba area that is frequented by so-called Sons of Iraq, the name given to the Sunni groups working with the U.S., wounding eight of them and 11 civilians, police and hospital officials said.

In Baghdad, a bomb attached to a police truck exploded near a popular vegetable market in a southern neighborhood, killing a Sunni tribal leader who was a member of a group that has joined forces with the Americans against al-Qaida, and his driver, police and hospital officials said.

The Sunni revolt in Iraq has

been one of the key factors in a sharp decline in violence over the past year, and members of the group have frequently been targeted as insurgents try to derail the security gains.

A wave of violence also has targeted official Iraqi security forces following the approval of a security pact with the United States that allows American forces to remain in Iraq for three more years.

A suicide bomber targeted police recruits near a checkpoint in the northern oil town of Kirkuk, killing at least one and wounding 14 other people, police Brig. Gen. Burhan Thyeb-Taha said.

The explosion occurred

during a recruiting drive at the academy, another police official, Brig. Gen. Sarhat Qadir, said, adding that the aim was to recruit 1,000 people but only 150 were present when the explosion happened.

All Mahmoud, 24, a recruit, said the blast was so powerful that it threw him to the ground. "The explosion caused panic and chaos. Most of the recruits were young men and they were shivering in fear," he said.

Iraqi police acting on tips also found the remains of 27 people in two mass graves Saturday in separate areas.

A senior police official in

Babil province said 19 were unearthed south of Baghdad near the former al-Qaida in Iraq stronghold of Arab Jabour.

The victims included two women and a boy and were all apparently killed by hanging more than two years ago, the official said, adding that rope was found among the remains.

Nine other bodies were discovered near the northern city of Tal Afar after a detained Sunni insurgent confessed to helping murder nine Shiite civilians about two years ago and revealed the grave's location, according to police and hospital officials.

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Nobel winner sees HIV vaccine in 5 years

By Louise Nordstrom
Associated Press writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — One of the scientists sharing the Nobel Prize in medicine for discovering HIV, said Saturday he believes there will be a therapeutic vaccine to treat the virus within five years.

Luc Montagnier told reporters in Sweden that he believed it was "a matter of 4 to 5 years" before a therapeutic vaccine to treat HIV infection is developed. He did not elaborate as to why he believed scientists were close.

Scientists have developed "preventing" drugs that can inhibit the disease, but there is no vaccine to prevent or treat HIV infection. Finding a vaccine has proved elusive in the past, with the most recent trials ending in failure.

However, a therapeutic vaccine would be a key step in fighting the virus, he said. A therapeutic vaccine would be given to people who are already infected, in order to lessen the impact of the disease while a preventive vaccine would, ideally, protect people from HIV.

So far, scientists have focused on drugs to fight the disease because they have been proving effective in developed countries. AIDS has become manageable

because of the drugs. HIV was first identified 25 years ago, but still poses difficult challenges. Scientists cannot explain, for example, why it causes the immune system to collapse.

Montagnier, together with other Nobel laureates, began arriving in Stockholm on Saturday ahead of a week of Nobel festivities that culminates with a lavish banquet and awards ceremony Dec. 10.

The 76-year-old scientist shares one half the 10 million kronor (\$1.2 million) prize with 61-year-old Francoise Barre-Sinoussi, also of France, for their research on HIV. The other half goes to Germany's Harald zur Hausen, 72, for showing a viral cause for cervical cancer.

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Amsterdam to close many brothels, marijuana cafes

By Toby Starling
Associated Press writer

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Amsterdam unveiled plans Saturday to close brothels, sex shops and marijuana cafes in its ancient city center as part of a major effort to drive organized crime out of the tourist haven.

The city is targeting businesses that "generate criminality" including gambling parlors, and the so-called "coffee shops" where marijuana is sold openly. Also targeted are peep shows, massage parlors and souvenir shops used by drug dealers for money-laundering.

"I think that the new reality will be more in line with our image as a tolerant and crazy place, rather than a free zone for criminals," said Lodewijk Asscher, a city council member and one of the main proponents of the plan.

The news comes just one day after Amsterdam's mayor said he would search for loopholes in new rules laid down by the national government that would close marijuana cafes near schools citywide. The measures announced Saturday would affect about 36 coffee shops



Signs for sex shops, coffee shops, mid supermarkets and restaurants are seen Saturday in Amsterdam's Red Light district.

In the center itself — a little less than 20 percent of the city total.

Asscher underlined that the city center will remain true to its free-wheeling reputation. "It'll be a place with 200 windows (for prostitutes) and 30 coffee shops, which you can't find anywhere else in the world — very exciting, but also with cultural attrac-

tions," he said. "And you won't have to be embarrassed to say you came."

Under the plan announced Saturday, Amsterdam will spend \$38 million to build new underground parking areas.

Amsterdam already had plans to close many brothels and some coffee shops, but plans announced Saturday go further.

Asscher said the city would reshape the area, using zoning rules, buying out businesses and offering assistance to upgrade stores. The city has shut brothels and sex clubs in the past by relying on a law allowing the closure of businesses with bookkeeping irregularities.

Prostitution will be allowed only in two areas in the district — notably De Wallen ("The Walls"), a web of streets and alleys around the city's medieval retaining dam walk. The area has been a center of prostitution since before the city's golden shipping age in the 1600s.

Prostitution was legalized in the Netherlands in 2000, formalizing a long-standing tolerance policy.

Marijuana is technically illegal in the Netherlands, but prosecutors won't press charges for possession of small amounts. Coffee shops are able to sell it openly.

"I think that the new reality will be more in line with our image as a tolerant and crazy place, rather than a free zone for criminals."

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CSI drops intense matchup to Harcum

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

As the College of Southern Idaho men looked on in disappointment while the Harcum (Penn.) College Bears celebrated on the CSI Gymnasium, there's no doubt the Golden Eagles were thinking about missed chances.

There were the 14 missed free throws (15-of-29), the 25 turnovers, an untimely timeout and some tough breaks with the officials' whistles. It all combined to send CSI to a 69-64 defeat in the Boise

Office Equipment Invitational finale, the second setback of the season for the 11th-ranked Golden Eagles (8-2). Harcum, in its first year as an NJCAA Division I team, used balanced scoring and a 25-for-36 night at the foul line to steal the win.

"It was a tough one," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. "We let it come down to one possession and we shouldn't have let it come to that."

The Golden Eagles led 61-59 when sophomore forward Jay Watkins put up a short hook that appeared to give

CSI a four-point lead. But the shot was waived off for a shot clock violation.

Tied at 63-all, two of the Bears' starters fouled out on offensive fouls. With 59.1 seconds left on the clock and CSI's Jamelle Barrett racing down the lane for the go-ahead hoop, Gosar called a timeout, taking away Barrett's layup opportunity. CSI turned the ball over on the ensuing inbound play and Harcum's Antonio Bumpus sprinted the other way for a slam dunk.

"I shouldn't have called a timeout there," said Gosar.

CSI had a chance to tie, but Daquon Montreal went just 1 of 2 at the line with 22.9 to play. Harcum (8-3) made 4 of 6 foul shots from there while Barrett missed a pair of treys.

"We felt like we let it slip away," said Watkins, who paced CSI with 21 points in the defensive battle.

The Golden Eagles' man-to-man defense made the going tough for Harcum, while the Bears' used a 2-3 zone to stifle CSI's slashing offense. Montreal, playing with a bruised Achilles' heel,

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The College of Southern Idaho's Romario Souza attempts to maneuver around a Harcum defender during the first half of play Saturday night in Twin Falls.

BUSTIN JACKSON
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STAUFFER Jerome Football

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

When Jerome's star quarterback Jake Lammers broke his arm in the Tigers' Class 4A state quarterfinal playoff game at Nampa, it seemed like advancing to the next round wasn't in the cards.

But Cameron Stauffer, Jerome's offensive handyman and understudy to Lammers, had been groomed for that moment. A junior, Stauffer was already tabbed the heir apparent. Lammers' injury just meant Stauffer inherited the keys to the Jerome offense a bit earlier than anticipated.

And while he didn't exactly know how it would go, Jerome head coach Gary Krumm had no doubt.










"We knew he was a gamer, and we knew he would make plays for us," Krumm said. "Just knowing his demeanor and having observed him for the past three years ... I expected that he would be that good for us (at quarterback)."

Stauffer was indeed that good. Though his impact was more noticeable in the shotgun, he was every bit as important as a vocal leader and a playmaker on offense and defense. It's for all these reasons that Stauffer is the Times-News' 11-man football player of the year.

All Stauffer did in his two-plus games as the man was orchestrate the two most important drives in Jerome's recent football history, the first being a 89-yard march against Nampa during which he dove out of the end zone to avoid a safety and generated a touchdown drive out of it.

The second one: Well, unless you've been in a cave the last four weeks you know about "that drive against Minico," the last-second 98-yarder that booked Jerome's ticket to the Class 4A title game — a game in which Stauffer set a passing record for

11-man football: Position MVPs

 <p>Jake Lammers, Jerome Best of the rest: A.J. Hunter, Burley; Jeremy Jenkins, Declo; Chris Joyce, Minico.</p>	 <p>Skyler Morgan, Minico Best of the rest: Michael Crane, Glenns Ferry; Eric Marvin, Kimberly; Eric Sengvenhpheng, Buhl.</p>	 <p>Landon Barnes, Minico Best of the rest: Gus Callen, Jerome; Jon Pulsifer, Twin Falls; Kevin Williams, Jerome.</p>
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the 4A title game with 370 yards in the air.
Eleven touchdowns to three interceptions and a little more than 1,000 yards in the air, plus a passer rating flirting with 145 are Stauffer's quarterback numbers. In his two-plus games as a starter, Stauffer was 76-for-126 for 807 yards, 10 touchdowns and two picks. He also rushed for 211 yards.
Take into account that he moved from second to first in the season rushing statistics for the Tigers while winging it downfield close to 60 times a game as the team's quarterback (just better than 500 yards overall), and you understand just

how potent a weapon Stauffer has become.
He realizes that, to an extent, but points strictly toward those two defining drives, as does Krumm.
"Those two drives epitomize Cameron Stauffer as a quarterback. He makes plays with his feet, makes smart decisions throwing the football — even knowing when to throw the ball away."
Said Stauffer: "Those two drives just gave me a lot of confidence that I can lead this team down the field and score some points. It's something I can build on for next year."
He may not have played at

quarterback the whole season, but Stauffer was as integral to Jerome's successes as his slot/receiver/running back/safety position as he was when he switched to quarterback. And when he made that switch amid all the pressure of a playoff run, Stauffer not only stepped in admirably, he flourished.
"And he's got one more year to evolve into a bigger thorn in defenses' sides."
"It's going to be fun for me next year, because all of us seniors will get to play together again," Stauffer said.
"It'll be fun for Jerome, at least. Not so sure about the opposition."

Gator chomp! Florida likely headed to BCS title game

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Florida appears headed back to the national championship game. Alabama picked the worst possible time for its first loss of the season.

Tim Tebow threw three touchdown passes — including the decisive score with just under 3 minutes remaining — to lead the No. 2 Gators to a 31-20 victory over No. 1 Alabama in the Southeastern Conference championship game on Saturday. That should be enough to give Florida a spot in the BCS title game

for the second time in three years.

Showing it could win a close game in a season of routs, Florida (12-1) went into the fourth quarter trailing 20-17. But Jeff Demps, helping fill in for injured Percy Harvin, scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 2-yard run with 9:21 remaining.
Tebow finished the scoring, hitting Riley Cooper on a 5-yard scoring pass with 2:50 left. Alabama (12-1) will likely have to settle for a spot in the Sugar Bowl, raising its hopes of a seventh national championship in school history.

Instead, mark down a spot for Florida, which won the title during the 2006 season with a rout of Ohio State in the title game. The Gators came into the game ranked fourth in the BCS standings, but the impressive win over unbeaten and top-ranked Alabama will almost surely be

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Minico stumbles against Skyview

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

Skyview wrapped up a successful road trip to the Magic Valley with a 55-36 win over Minico Saturday in Rupert.

Less than 15 hours after finishing off a win at Twin Falls, the No. 1-ranked Hawks tipped off with Minico and controlled the game from start to finish, outscoring the host Spartans in all four quarters.

Minico (2-1), which was coming off a strong win over Nampa the night before, struggled with 28-percent shooting from the field, including 1-of-14 from beyond the arc.

"We just couldn't get going," said Minico's Shad Hubsmith, who had 10 points and 10 rebounds. "Based on tonight, I'd say they are deserving of being No. 1 in the state, but I still felt like we had a shot at them."

"This is probably one of the worst games we've ever had. We've got a lot of talent on this team that hasn't been found yet. There's a lot of hidden talent, but it's there."

"Skyview (4-0) got balanced contributions with 10 different players in the scoring column. Marc Taylor led the way with 10 points and 11 rebounds."

"Minico battled, but the Hawks used their size advantage to control the boards with a 45-29 rebounding advantage."

"The fight was there and the effort was there, we just couldn't get over the hump," said Minico coach Mike Graef. "If we would have made shots, it would have made it more interesting."

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Fjeld buzzer-beater lifts Bruins to win

Times-News

Katelyn Fjeld banked in a 3-point jumper in time expired to lift the Twin Falls girls basketball team to a 40-30 win at Pocatello on Saturday.

The Indians tied the game with 3.5 seconds left, setting the stage for Fjeld's heroics. Sara Federico, who scored a team-high 16 points for the Bruins (9-5), took the inbound pass in the backcourt and found Fjeld along the 3-point arc for the winning bucket.

"It was nice to see the girls excited," said Twin Falls head coach Nancy Peterson. "Katelyn's been injured for a while, so it's a good confidence booster for her to hit that."

Twin Falls hosts Century on Tuesday.

Twin Falls 43, Pocatello 40
Twin Falls 12, Pocatello 10
Pocatello 11, Twin Falls 11
Twin Falls 10, Pocatello 9
Twin Falls 10, Pocatello 10

kicked in 12 of Raft River.

The Trojans (5-11) host Richfield on Tuesday.

Raft River 69, Shoshone 63
Raft River 27, Shoshone 27
Shoshone 12, Raft River 12
Raft River 30, Shoshone 24
Raft River 10, Shoshone 10

RIGBY 49, MINICO 43
Minico suffered a tough 49-43 defeat to Rigby in Rupert despite 19 points from Kendra Bailey.

Minico (9-4, 1-0) will host Jerome on Tuesday.

Rigby 49, Minico 43
Rigby 27, Minico 27
Minico 12, Rigby 12
Rigby 30, Minico 24
Rigby 10, Minico 10

Buhl 37, Wood River 33, OT
It took Buhl an overtime period but the Indians picked up their first victory with a 37-33 win over Wood River.

"Mollie Bourner took control of the team and made a big thing in the overtime," said Buhl coach Karen Peterson. "She set the pace." Ballew Montgomery led the Indians (1-4) with 11 points.

Buhl hosts Glenns Ferry on Tuesday.

Buhl 37, Wood River 33, OT
Wood River 17, Buhl 17
Buhl 16, Wood River 16
Wood River 16, Buhl 16

Jerome 41, Mountain Home 24
Class 4A No. 1 Jerome struggled with Mountain Home for three quarters, but the Tigers held their visitors scoreless in the fourth quarter to up their record to 10-0 with a 41-24 win on Saturday afternoon.

Aubree Callen led Jerome with 16 points, and Thibaut Garey and Carrie Thibault both added nine. But it was an improved defense and rebounding effort that won the day for Jerome, as the Tigers were up just 28-24 after three quarters.

"It was one of our best games where we lacked a lot of energy in the first three quarters," said Jerome assistant coach Scott Burton.

Jerome heads to Minico on Tuesday.

Jerome 41, Mountain Home 24
Jerome 18, Mountain Home 12
Mountain Home 12, Jerome 12
Jerome 23, Mountain Home 10

SKYLINE 37, BURLEY 36
Skyline closed with a 15-9 scoring edge in the fourth quarter to snatch a 37-36 win over visiting Burley on Saturday afternoon.

Kassl Kerbs had a game-high 17 for the Bobcats, including three 3-pointers. But Burley went 0-for-7 from the free-throw line.

Lizelle Widenberg had 14 for the Grizzlies.

Skyline 37, Burley 36
Skyline 17, Burley 17
Burley 19, Skyline 19
Skyline 20, Burley 19

CHAHLIS 53, HAGERMAN 37
Hagerman was felled by Challis 53-37 at the Carey Holiday Tournament, where Hagerman placed fourth.

Challis pulled away in the second quarter, outscoring the Pirates by 13 points.

Haley Artaga provided the Pirates with 15 points.

Hagerman (5-2) will host Challis on Friday.

Challis 53, Hagerman 37
Challis 27, Hagerman 27
Hagerman 16, Challis 16
Challis 26, Hagerman 10

Shelley 55, Minico 36
Shelley 27, Minico 27
Minico 12, Shelley 12
Shelley 28, Minico 17

Twin Falls 59, Nampa 30
Twin Falls 27, Nampa 27
Nampa 12, Twin Falls 12
Twin Falls 32, Nampa 11

Shelley 55, Minico 36
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Minico 12, Shelley 12
Shelley 28, Minico 17

Twin Falls 59, Nampa 30
Twin Falls 27, Nampa 27
Nampa 12, Twin Falls 12
Twin Falls 32, Nampa 11

Boys basketball

CAREY HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT CAREY 62, HAGERMAN 50

Brett Adamsen scored 20 points as Class IA Division II No. 1 Carey won its home tournament by beating Class IA Division I No. 2 Hagerman 62-50 on Saturday evening.

The Panthers (2-0) outscored the Pirates 37-23 in the game, including 25 defensive rebounds. Wacey Barg scored 16 for Carey, while Dillon Simpson had 11.

Tanner Owen had a game-high 22 for Hagerman. Carey is at Camas County on Tuesday.

Carey 62, Hagerman 50
Carey 32, Hagerman 28
Hagerman 18, Carey 18
Carey 30, Hagerman 22

MARSH VALLEY 58, BUIH 45
J.D. Leckey had a team-high 15 points and Eric Seungphing tossed in 13 but the Indians came up short in the scorching Colburn as Buhl lost to Marsh Valley 58-45.

"We came out a little slow on defense and they beat us up on the offensive glass," said Buhl coach Ryan Bowman. "They were able to get the offensive boards and we had to foul them."

Marsh Valley was 21 of 36 at the charity strip and the Indians were 5 of 13.

Buhl (0-2) hosts Wood River on Saturday.

Marsh Valley 58, Buhl 45
Marsh Valley 27, Buhl 27
Buhl 18, Marsh Valley 18
Marsh Valley 31, Buhl 18

Dietrich 64, Raft River 51
Ryan Stoddard registered a double-double with 28 points and 12 rebounds as Dietrich defeated Raft River 64-51 in the consolation game of the Dietrich Tournament.

For the Blue Devils, Luke Hubert posted 11 points and Scott Perron had seven assists, nine steals and only one turnover.

Jordan Scott led the Raft River squad with 14 points. Dietrich (1-1), which lost to Birch-11 66-54 on Friday despite Stoddard's 21 points, is on the road at Bliss on Tuesday.

Raft River hosts Oakley on Wednesday.

Dietrich 64, Raft River 51
Dietrich 32, Raft River 28
Raft River 23, Dietrich 23
Dietrich 32, Raft River 23

DECLO 64, KIMBERLY 61
Connor Garner scored 18 points and Tyler Briggs tossed in 12 to lead Declo to a 64-61 win over Kimberly.

Cody Wadsworth led Kimberly with 12 points and A.J. Schroeder and Duston Brown each added 10.

Declo (2-0) returns to Twin Falls on Wednesday.

Declo 64, Kimberly 61
Declo 32, Kimberly 31
Kimberly 29, Declo 29
Declo 32, Kimberly 31

BURLEY 66, FRUITLAND 60
The Bobcats got 36 points from Kyle Hepworth as Burley picked up its first win of the season, beating the Fruitland Grizzlies 66-60.

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Burley 66, Fruitland 60
Burley 33, Fruitland 30
Fruitland 27, Burley 27
Burley 33, Fruitland 30

RICHFIELD 59, WENDELL 55
Richfield had three players in double digits as the Tigers edged the host Trojans 59-55.

Tel Clark led Richfield with 15 points followed by Mike Lezmann with 16 and Brody Norman added 11.

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Bliss Invitational

CASTLEFORD 43, ROCKLAND 27
Nick Howard had 16 points and Oscar Vargas added 12 as Castleford beat Rockland 43-27 in the championship game of the Bliss Invitational.

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Castleford 22, Rockland 12
Rockland 11, Castleford 11
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CSI's Cassie Wood makes a run to the basketball during the Golden Eagles' game against Columbia Basin Saturday night in Twin Falls.

CSI women win ugly against Columbia Basin

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

It wasn't pretty by any stretch, but the No. 23 College of Southern Idaho women picked up their fifth straight win Saturday.

In a game that featured sloppy play (the teams combined for 57 turnovers) and teeth-jarring contact (one player lost two teeth after a full-half collision), the Golden Eagles took down scrappy Columbia Basin (Wash.) College 72-48 at the Boise Office Equipment Invitational.

"There was no flow to the game," said CSI coach Randy Rogers. "We didn't get anything going on defense or offense I didn't think."

Sophomore point guard Marlaina Holloway was the spark plug for a Bat CSI team, totaling 10 assists, nine steals, 13 rebounds and five steals. LaCela Pringle-Buchanan added 18 points, seven rebounds and five steals. Shauneice Samms, Soana Lucet and Noelle Millie each scored 10 for the Golden Eagles, with Samms and Lucet grabbing seven boards apiece.

"It was really a weird game," said Pringle-Buchanan. "You couldn't really get a flow going. Games like that are really hard to play."

CSI jumped out to a quick 11-0 lead before things bogged down.

"When it went to 11-0, a lot of us just got really comfortable and we can't do that when we're not going to win league games playing like that. We're going to have to pick it up."

Holloway hit two long 3-pointers to start 16-0 run that CSI in total control with a 31-10 lead by the Golden Eagles (8-3) led 33-17 at the break and quickly pushed the lead to 20 at 39-19 after they by Pringle-Buchanan and Nicole Harper.

Hawks sophomore guard Lauren Rada lost two teeth when her mouth connected with Samms' elbow with seven minutes left in the first half. A few minutes later, Rada crashed hard to the floor and left the game.

Dietrich High graduate Caitlin Dill led Columbia Basin (2-4) with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Chelsey DePeel added 11 points.

The Golden Eagles take a few weeks off before heading south for the Central Arizona Tournament Dec. 29-31.

"These next three weeks of practice are going to make us or break us," said Pringle-Buchanan, who pointed out the start of Scenic West Athletic Conference play is

CSI women win ugly against Columbia Basin

just four games away.

Southern Idaho All Stars 98, Lethbridge College 96
Merrilee Sears was a 3-pointer in the closing seconds to lift the Southern Idaho All Stars to a 98-96 win over Lethbridge (Alberta) College in Friday's opening game. Sears, an assistant coach with the CSI women's team, finished with 16 points and seven assists. Cady Williams paced the All Stars with 41 points and 11 boards.

Anne Mercer tallied 22 points and 13 rebounds for Lethbridge, while Kayla Linton netted 22 of 30 with 12 assists and Nadine Adams scored a team-high 25.

FOOTHILL CC 73, SALT LAKE CC 66
Former CSI player Jennifer Kio led a balanced attack at FootHill (Calif.) Community College beat No. 19 Salt Lake Community College 73-66 in Friday afternoon.

Jessica Montgomery had 12 points and eight boards for the Owls, while Nicole Brandy (20 points, 10 boards) and Kelsey Sparkman (22 points, 7-4 Bruins, got but little help from the rest of the lineup.

No. 23 CSI, Columbia Basin 72-48
CSI 32, Basin 28
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Minico

Coltin Johson finished with 11 points to lead the Spartans in scoring.

"I don't know how good we are. I like our team. I like our size and athleticism," said Graefe. "Not one of these kids has a lick of varsity experience, so you're just learning. I think we're ahead of where I thought we might be, but we have to correct, and those came out today."

One area of concern for Minico on Saturday was consistent point guard play. The Spartans were lacking a floor general who could settle the team down and help them execute the offense. In addition, Minico was missing reliable shooting from the perimeter.

"But those are things we can correct," Graefe said.

Minico will get another good test Tuesday as it travels to play at Class 5A No. 3-ranked Highland.

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GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE listing various sports events, times, and channels. Includes 'ESPN - PGA, Chelan', 'FOX - Philadelphia at New York Giants', etc.

FOOTBALL

Table showing NFL game results and scores. Columns include team names, scores, and game status.

RODEO

Table showing Rodeo National Finals scores for various events like Barrel Racing, Bull Riding, etc.

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HOKEY

Jerome boosters meet Monday. The Jerome Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m., Monday in Room 101 at Jerome High School.

TRANSACTONS

Local travel VB team seeking members. TWIN FALLS - The 25th annual Southern Idaho Volleyball Association will be held Dec. 27-29 at the Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Ohl wins 3rd round of tie-down roping at NFR Sports Shorts

LAS VEGAS - Five-time world champion tie-down roper Cody Ohl won the third round of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo on Saturday night, finishing just four-tenths shy of his NFR record.

Ohl, from Hilo, Texas, had a time of 6.9 second. Seven-time world champion Fred Willard of Hood River, Ore., finished in 7.1.

Steele wrestling, 2006 world champion Dean Gorsuch of Gering, Neb., won in 3.5 seconds. World leader Luke Branquihlo of Los Alamos, Calif., was third in 3.8 and stayed in first for the third consecutive days.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Sarkisian to be football coach at Washington. Steve Sarkisian might need all the energy this week on musters in order to turn around Washington's program right now.

De La Hoya's left eye was closed shut as he sat on his stool after the eighth round and the ring doctor, referee and his cornermen discussed his condition.

LPGA

We poised to finally earn her card. DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Michelle Wie is in the final group at a golf tournament for the

announced. Washington linebacker Mason Foster said after the loss to Cal. "We can get an early start on what we need to do next year to show everybody that this season is only temporary."

And if Sarkisian can mend a fan base that severely fractured during Willard's tenure, all the better. The simplest way of course, is with wins. Washington's hope is that Sarkisian can provide needed stability for a program that has cycled through four head coaches in the last 10 years - Willingham, Keith Gilbertson, Rick Neuheisel and Jim Lambright.

BOXING

Paquiao wins in eighth round over De La Hoya. Paquiao dominated his bigger and more famous opponent from the opening bell Saturday night, giving De La Hoya a beating and closing his left eye before De La Hoya declined to come out of his corner after the eighth round.

The fight was so lopsided and De La Hoya looked so inept that it could spell the end for boxing's richest and most marketable star. It was only the second time in De La Hoya's 16-year pro career that he was stopped in a fight, and it was made even more shocking because it came at the hands of a fighter who fought at just 129 pounds months earlier. At the age of 35 he seemed not only well beyond his prime, but unable to offer any answer to the punches that Paquiao was landing almost at will.

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first in more than two years, this time without the pressure of trying to win their first tournament as a pro. We saved par for three of her last four holes Saturday for a 4-under 66 that left her one shot behind former NCAA champion Stacy Lewis at the LPGA Tour qualifying tournament, where the only goal is to leave LPGA headquarters with a full-time job.

Better than being in second place, Wie wins nine shots clear of the cutoff for the top 20 players to earn their cards. Lewis hit a delicate pitch over the bunker on the par-5 16th, sending her to a 5-under 67 and the lead at 15-under 273.

We went bunker-to-bunker on the 15th and escaped with par, made birdie from the greenside bunker on the 16th, hit a tough chip down the slope to save par on the 17th and closed out the round with another tough bunker save on the 18th to finish at 14-under 274.

Any Yang of South Korea, who has won on four tours around the world, shot a 67 and was at 275.

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grades 4 through 8 is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon the same days. The deadline to register is Dec. 28.

This year's camps will be held at O'Leary Junior High School. The cost is \$30, which includes a lunch and a T-shirt. The K-3 camp will perform at halftime of the Bruin girls game on Jan. 8. Forms can be found at Donnelly Sports or Twin Falls High School.

Information: Matt Harr at 737-5208, ext. 3050.

CSI holds winter baseball camp

TWIN FALLS - The 25th annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 27-29 at the Eldon Evans Expo Center. The camp, which has a long tradition of offering great instruction at an affordable price, features a combination of hitting, pitching, catching and infield and outfield play.

Information: 732-6650 or 734-6285.

KIMBERLY holds spaghetti feed

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly wrestling team is hosting its second annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 4:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the Kimberly High School commons area. The cost is \$7 per person, \$4 for children age 7 and under, and includes spaghetti, salad, bread, cake and drink. The dinner coincides with the Bulldogs' first conference match of the season against Hilo and Buhl, held at 6 p.m.

Information: Theresa Albright at 539-6186.

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Sooners lower boom on Mizzou for Big 12 title

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Sam Bradford and Oklahoma wanted to drive home one point: They belong in the BCS championship game.

The No. 4 Sooners did that with a 62-21 blowout of No. 19 Missouri for the Big 12 title Saturday night.

Taking advantage of an opportunity many felt it didn't deserve, the highest-scoring team in major college football history romped to a third straight conference crown and became the first to reach 60 points in five consecutive games.

If all goes accordingly Sunday, Oklahoma (12-1) will be in the top two of the Bowl Championship Series standings, looking at a title game matchup against No. 2 Florida on Jan. 8 in Miami.

Touted as the best two conferences in college football this season, it seems appropriate their champions will

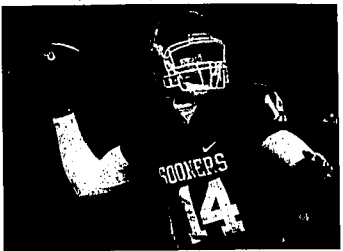
play for the national title.

For Oklahoma and coach Bob Stoops, it'll be their fourth appearance in a BCS national championship game. The Sooners won their first try in 2001 against Florida State, but have lost their last two to LSU after the 2003 season and to Southern California after the 2004 campaign.

The Sooners' losing streak in BCS games overall is four, taking some of the luster off a coach who earned the nickname "Big Game Bob" early in his tenure.

No one would argue with Big 12 Bob, though. Stoops improved to 6-1 in the conference title game. No other Big 12 team has won more than two in the league's 13-year history.

This one was over by halftime. By then Bradford had already put up Heisman-worthy numbers, with 240 yards and two touchdown passes,



Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford drops back to pass during the Big 12 Championship football game against Missouri at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., on Saturday.

and the Sooners led 38-7. Along the way he zoomed past Hawaii's NCAA record 656 points set in 2006.

The Sooners kept trying to put up more points until the

end. Chase Daniel and Missouri (9-4) never really had a chance.

Even Boomer and Sooner, the white ponies who pull the Boomer Schooner around

after OU scores, cut out early. They took a short trot after Jimmy Stevens kicked a 30-yard field goal that made it 41-7 with 9:00 left in the third quarter and called it a night.

Bradford, injured non-throwing hand and still didn't even have it that easy. He was still playing in the fourth quarter and finished with a Big 12 championship game record 383 yards.

Especially euphoric to be in New York next Saturday when the Heisman Trophy is handed out, along with fellow Big 12 quarterbacks Colt McCoy of Texas and Graham Harrell of Texas Tech.

Maybe Texas can beat Oklahoma in that competition. Surely it won't make it any easier for the Longhorns to watch the Sooners, a team they beat in October 45-35, play for the national title. Oklahoma and Texas finished in a three-way tie for the

Big 12 South title with Texas Tech, but the Sooners' victory over Texas Tech, combined with Tech's win against Texas, made head-to-head moot. According to Big 12 rules, the poll voters and computer ratings used by the BCS were left to break the deadlock, and the Sooners got the nod.

Texas fans have done all they could to remind anyone paying attention about their team's victory in Dallas, setting up Web Sites, handing out signs and flying banners from planes — including one over Arrowhead Stadium before the Big 12 title game that read "Enjoy the Longhorns.com Bowl."

Yes, the Beathybeats also beat Missouri in the regular season. But it wasn't enough to combat the Sooners' dominance. Since losing to Texas, Oklahoma has won seven straight games by a combined score of 419-205.

USC beats UCLA, clinches Rose Bowl

PASADENA, Calif. — For a few precious minutes, UCLA had visions of a second straight shocking upset over Southern California at the Rose Bowl.

Then, reality set in. Mark Sanchez passed for 269 yards and two touchdowns, USC's hard-hitting defense stuffed UCLA at every turn, and the fifth-ranked Trojans won 30-7 Saturday to give them nine victories in the last 10 games between the cross-town rivals.

The win assured USC (11-1, 8-1 Pac-10) of an unprecedented seventh consecutive BCS bid, seven straight 11-win seasons and seven conference championships in a row. They'll also make a fourth straight appearance in the Rose Bowl game, where they will meet No. 6 Penn State on New Year's Day.



Southern California running back Joe McKnight dives for the end zone during USC's 28-7 win over UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., on Saturday.

— Bill Stull threw for two touchdowns and LeSean McCoy ran for another to help Pittsburgh beat Connecticut, giving the Panthers their first nine-win regular season since 1982 and a bid to the Sun Bowl.

Pittsburgh (9-3, 5-2 Big East) scored 24 points in the third quarter to blow open a close game in front bowl officials, who said they would offer the Panthers a bid to play in the New Year's Eve game.

Connecticut (7-5, 3-4) could be headed to the Motor City Bowl.

0-9 Pac-10) wrapped up its miserable year as the nation's only winless school and the first 0-12 team in conference history. The Huskies, who already announced Willingham's departure in late October, have lost 14 straight since their last victory, over Cal in Seattle late last season.

Washington will introduce Southern California offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian at a press conference Monday to replace Willingham, the former Stanford and Notre Dame coach who won just 11 games in four seasons with the Huskies. Washington confirmed the hire after USC completed its win over UCLA, saying that both schools wanted to wait until their regular seasons were completed to make the announcement.

NIAA SEMIFINALS
CARROLL (MONT.) 38, LINDEWOOD (IOW.) 37

HELENA, Mont. — Defending national champion Carroll led by as many as 21 points in the second half, but it took a failed 2-point conversion attempt with 39 seconds left before Lindenwood finally fell in defeat and the Salts advanced to the NIAA championship game.

Lindenwood stopped Carroll at its own 1-yard line on fourth-and-goal with 5:43 to play, then marched 99 yards to make it 38-37. The Lions went for the win, but Ben Kinser's pass to Rudy Fleming fell incomplete.

John Camino carried for 216 yards and four scores for Carroll (13-0), which has won five of the past six national championships.

Carroll will face the University of Sioux Falls (S.D.) for the championship in Rome, Ga., on Dec. 20. Carroll defeated USF 17-9 to win the 2007 championship.

ARIZONA 31, ARIZONA STATE 10
TUCSON, Ariz. — Mike Thomas broke the game open with a 52-yard punt return for a score, and Arizona whipped Arizona State 31-10 on Saturday night, clinching the Wildcats' first winning season since 1998.

Nic Grigsby rushed for 114 yards and a touchdown and Willie Tullama threw for 284 yards and two scores for Arizona (7-5, 5-4 Pac-10), which was expected to accept a bid to the Las Vegas Bowl.

Cardinal-clad Arizona students rushed the field to celebrate the Wildcats' most lopsided Territorial Cup triumph since a 30-6 victory in 1964. The Wildcats ended a three-game losing streak to the Sun Devils (5-7, 4-5), whose string of four straight bowl appearances ended.

Down 10-7 at halftime, the Wildcats blew the Sun Devils halfway to Casa Grande with 21 third-quarter points and Arizona took a 14-10 lead on Tullama's 18-yard pass to Delashaun Dean midway through the quarter.

Then comeback Marquis Hundley picked off Rudy Carpenter's pass and returned it 47 yards to the ASU 34. Four plays later, Grigsby scored on a 12-yard run to make it 21-10.

Then came the backbreaker: the punt return by Thomas that electrified the Arizona Stadium crowd of 58,704.

— Staff and wire reports

Grizzlies avenge only defeat, reach FCS semis

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Chase Reynolds ran for 185 yards and two touchdowns Saturday and Montana avenged its only loss of the season with a 24-13 win over Weber State in the quarterfinals of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

Reynolds' final score, a 12-yard run with 4:02 remaining, came after Weber State (10-4) pulled to 17-13 on a 22-yard field goal by Jon Williams with just over nine minutes to play.

No. 5 Montana (13-1) advances to the FCS semifinals at top-ranked James Madison (12-1), a 31-27 winner over No. 6 Villanova. James Madison beat Montana 31-21 in the 2004 national championship game.

Cole Berquist passed for 113 yards and ran for 68 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown run to open the scoring for Montana.

Tevyn Smith rushed for 104 yards and a touchdown for No. 12 Weber State, while Williams kicked two field goals. Cameron Higgins



Montana running back Chase Reynolds, right, carries the ball against Weber State cornerback Josh Morris (24) in first quarter of a Football Championship Subdivision quarterfinal game at Missoula, Mont., on Saturday.

passed for 270 yards and was intercepted once. The Wildcats also lost two fumbles in the first quarter.

Weber State beat Montana 45-28 in Ogden, Utah on Oct. 4. The teams shared the Big Sky Conference regular season title.

Gator

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enough to move them into one of the top spots.

Whoever it is will have to stop Tebow, who was 14-of-22 passing 216 yards and led the team in rushing with 57 yards. He tossed a 3-yard touchdown pass to Carl Moore to finish off Florida's opening possession, went 5 yards to David Nelson to give the Gators a 17-10 halftime lead, and came through one more time to clinch the victory.

"Going 12-0 is a hard thing to do," Alabama coach Nick Saban said. "Every time they needed to make a play, Tim Tebow made the plays that made the difference in the game."

With Florida facing third-and-goal at the 5 after a strange penalty for sideline interference, Tebow found Cooper breaking toward the middle in front of a crouching Johnson. The perfectly thrown pass — low enough to give no chance of an interception — was cradled by Cooper to make it 17-20 score game.

Then Haden's interception ended any hope of a comeback. Tebow was named the game's MVP.

"One more year! One more year!" the Florida fans chanted afterward, hoping their junior quarterback will return for his senior season. Alabama trailed at halftime for first time this year, but just the fact that it was close put the Gators in an unusual position. Florida came in as the nation's third-highest scoring team (46.3 points a game) and its average margin of victory was a staggering 37 points. Then again, the Gators did lose their only close defeat, a shocking 31-30 defeat to



Florida teammates David Nelson (83) and Jason Watkins (77) celebrate during Saturday's SEC Championship in Atlanta.

Mississippi at the Swamp on the final weekend in September.

The Tide was feeling good about itself after Mark Ingram scored on a 2-yard run and Leigh Tiffin booted his second field goal, a 27-yarder that pushed Alabama ahead going to the final period.

But Florida caught a huge break when Demps was dragged down short of the marker on third down, but only because... Don't. Hightower got a handful of fackernak. The 15-yard penalty gave the Gators first down at the Barna 27.

Tebow took it from there. A 13-yard pass to Nelson. A 6-yarder to the same receiver to convert another third down by a yard. And finally, a quick pitch to Demps, who streaked around the left side and hurdled over two fallen players at the goal line for a 24-20 lead.

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VIRGINIA TECH 30, NO. 19 BOSTON COLLEGE 12
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College Scores

FAR WEST
Arizona 31, Arizona St. 10
California 48, Washington 7
Montana 24, Weber St. 13
Southern Cal 28, UCLA 7
Utah 31, Utah St. 38, Lindenwood, Mo. 37

SOUTHWEST
East Carolina 27, Tulsa 24
Oklahoma 62, Missouri 21

SOUTH
Fla. International 27, W. Kentucky 3
Florida 31, Alabama 20
James Madison 31, Villanova 27
Richmond 33, Appalachian St. 13

Troy 35, Arkansas St. 9
Virginia Tech 30, Boston College 12

EAST
Abany, N.Y. 28, Jacksonville 0
New York 34, Army 0
Pittsburgh 34, Connecticut 10
West Virginia 13, South Florida 7

CROSS COUNTRY

Gooding's McHan wins at Nike regional qualifier

Mike McHan of Gooding, pictured first in the boys 5K Freshman-sophomore race at the Nike Cross Nationals Northwest regional qualifier Nov. 15 in Boise. McHan had a time of 16 minutes, 49 seconds. Davis Jones of Declo took 10th in the field of 88 with a time of 17:38. In the boys 5K championship run, Taylor Bean of Burley took 33rd in 16:17, while David Fillmore was 44th in 16:29. Ian Birch of Twin Falls was 60th in 16:40, while Ander Jayo of Twin Falls took 77th in the 173-runner field in 16:53. In the girls freshman-sophomore race, Keely Pickens took 27th in 23:39. Caitlin Pickens placed 74th in the girls open 5K in 22:21.

Courtesy photo



MARTIAL ARTS



Winning at Winter Regionals

Twin Falls intermountain Martial Arts sent four competitors to the IIT Winter Regionals hosted at Circus Circus in Reno, Nev. The group earned one gold medal, two silvers and three bronze medals. Pictured, from left, are David Hornbacher, Grandmaster Jack Pierce, Master Don Rider and Brandon Rider. Not pictured: Poyan Sedgick.

Courtesy photo



Courtesy photo

Intermountain Martial Arts competes at Pii Sungs' TKD Tourney

Students of Intermountain Martial Arts in Twin Falls traveled to the fourth annual Pii Sung Martial Arts Taekwondo tournament hosted by Master Bill Falcher. Pictured, from left, front row: Milan Marcetic, Tazs Potthoff, Bethany McAfee, Hannah McAfee, Shannon Wilson, Asana King and Master Don Rider; second row: Master Bill Falcher, David Hornbacher, Brandon Rider, Terrie Rider, Nikolai Marcetic, Lilly Yergensen, Madison Yergensen and Patrick Roca; back row: Master Veria Soow, Alan Jones, Todd Wilson, Jay Ha, Charles Yergensen, Chief Master Jay Hartwell and Grandmaster Jack Pierce.



Courtesy photo

Moving on up

Burgess Intermountain Martial Arts recently held its November advancement testing. Pictured, from left, front row: Logan W., Doshyan S., Kaden S., Sawyer K., Paul G. (floor conductor); back row: Steve Otley (floor conductor), Alex W., Kyloe A., Malik H. and Josh Burgess.

Your Scores

BOWLING

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUNDAY ROLLERS
MEN'S SERIES: Stan Vlesser 632, Dan Shepherd 607, Jeff Whittemore 606, Vance Mason 604.
MEN'S GAMES: Vance Mason 243, Zach Black 238, Dan Shepherd 235, Jerry Seabolt 234.
LADIES SERIES: Amanda Crier 609, Margie Adema 578, Ida Countryman 566, Angel Campbell 549.
LADIES GAMES: Ida Countryman 256, Mergie Adema 223, Annast Rider 217, Angel Campbell 201.
COMMERCIAL SERIES: Rob Maxfield 714, Leon Klimes 680, Matt Olson 657, Joe LaMarina 624.
GAMES: Rob Maxfield 258, Leon Klimes 248, Bruce Major 233, Joe LaMarina 232.

MASON SERIES: Jean Stokesberry 506, Joan Lels 493, Eddie Barkley 489, Nina Caruthers 473.
GAMES: Nancy Lewis 182, Dot Van Hook 180, Jean Stokesberry 178, Shanda Pickett 177.

PIONEER SERIES: Georgia Randall 605, Sunny McKelvey 569, Cheryl Freeman 568, Julie Shull 566.
GAMES: Sunny McKelvey 235, Julie Shull 226, Cheryl Freeman 214.

VALLEY SERIES: Mike Tackett 718, Kent Stowe 695, Tim Soran Sr. 676, Tony Brass 661.
GAMES: Dale Black 296, Tim Soran Sr. 278, Mike Tackett 258, Kent Stowe 257.

FIFTY PLUS MEN'S SERIES: Bud Whismore 629, Howard Harder 581, Earl McCoy 579, Charles Lewis 562.
MEN'S GAMES: Steve Hall 235, Bud Whismore 234, Earl McCoy 230, Ed Dutry 219.

LADIES SERIES: Jean Stokesberry 530, Barbara Smith 519, Pat Glass 509, Charm Petersen 504.
LADIES GAMES: Barbara Smith 199, Jean Stokesberry 190, Pat Glass 189, Nancy Lewis 188.

THURS. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Charles Lewis 612, Robert Watkins 593, Clayne Williams 555, Joe McClure 552.
MEN'S GAMES: Charles Lewis 241, Clayne Williams 224, Robert Watkins 212, Joe McClure 205, Brian Olson 205.

LADIES SERIES: Eddie Barkley 499, Elara Smith 473, Joyce Parks 472, Georgia Johnson 469.
LADIES GAMES: Eddie Barkley 190, Joyce Parks 181, Georgia Johnson 178, Elara Smith 169.

EARLY FRID. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Mike Goodson 659, Marc Owens 624, Chet Stone 622, Blayne Thompson 615.
MEN'S GAMES: Ted Wasiko 244, Marc Owens 237, Blayne Thompson 236, Mike Goodson 232.

LADIES SERIES: Tawnia Bryant 668, Glenda Barrutia 595, Bobbie Thompson 574, Julie Shaffer 570.
LADIES GAMES: Tawnia Bryant 234, Connie Davis 218, Bobbie Thompson 205, Glenda Barrutia 204.

SAT. YABA BOYS' SERIES: Kyle Mason 736, Kevin Wakley 573, Anthony Brady 507, Michael Jenkins 435.
BOYS' GAMES: Kyle Mason 259, Kevin Wakley 213, Anthony Brady 182, Michael Jenkins 166.

GIRLS' SERIES: Jessica Jenkins 543, Kalliyann Simpson 490, Marissa Eggleston 436, Chelsea Brady 316.
GIRLS' GAMES: Jessica Jenkins 200, Ryann Simpson 181.

Kalliyann Simpson 180, Marissa Eggleston 167.
SLAKE RIVER BOWL MONDAY MARAUDERS SERIES: Derry Smith 504, Lori Parish 472, Kristie Johnston 451, Diane Stolberg 442, Alice Ferrin 396.
GAMES: Derry Smith 183, Lori Parish 176, Diane Stolberg 163, Kristie Johnston 159, Sharon Schafer 144.

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS SUN. EARLY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Bob Leazer 622, Cobey Magee 589, Kelly Powers 552, Doug Sirucek 519.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Leazer 249, Cobey Magee 214, Doug Sirucek 212, John Harrel 202.
LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 526, Tina Jacobsen 480, Leanna Magee 475, Suzi Leon 464.
LADIES GAMES: Kim Leazer 223, Tina Jacobsen 197, Suzi Leon 177, Leanna Magee 177.

MON. MAJORS BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 531, Tyler Black 502.
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Cowboys move up in class by going to Pittsburgh

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

The Dallas Cowboys will find out Sunday whether Tony Romo, back from his broken pinkie, can be as effective against one of the NFL's elite teams as he has been against also-rans.

Dallas has won three straight since Romo returned, but the last two have been at home against San Francisco and Seattle, team with six wins between them. This week, the Cowboys go to Pittsburgh to take the AFC North-leading Steelers (9-3), who beat the Patriots 33-10 in Foxborough last week when they forced five straight turnovers to start the second half.

Romo seems fine now, but two of Dallas' best players have injury problems: Linebacker DeMarcus Ware and running back Marion Barber. Ware injured a knee and Barber a foot in the Thanksgiving Day win over the Seahawks, although both say they expect to play.

While they've won only one more game than Dallas (8-4), the Steelers are in a better position to win the division. A game up in Baltimore with four to go in the AFC North, they can clinch a playoff spot with a win and a combination of other developments. The Cowboys trail the Giants by three in the NFC East and are basically playing for a wild-card playoff spot; one more win by New York clinches the division.

"I think we are kind of a nicely boring team," Pittsburgh defensive end Aaron Smith said. "We just

Cowboys-Steelers a classic showdown

The Dallas Cowboys will find out Sunday whether Tony Romo, 3-0 since his return from a broken pinkie on this throwing hand, will be as effective against one of the NFL's elite teams. The Pittsburgh Steelers have the top-ranked defense in the league.

Washington at Baltimore (7-5)
Ravens have a decent shot at winning AFC North. Sims made postseason at 3-7 last season, but that probably won't be good to make it in NFC this season.

Jacksonville at Chicago (4-8) (9-4)
Bears have little margin for error over their final four games if they are to make the playoffs. Jacksonville seems to have teased in the towel.

Minnesota at Detroit (7-5) (9-3)
The Vikings are a game ahead in the NFC North and looking for a title. The Lions are probably trying to avoid becoming the first team ever to go 0-16.

Houston at Green Bay (5-7) (5-7)
Packers' decline is due to the 'D' which is 22nd in NFL in points allowed to more than 60 teams. Houston held last two opponents to a combined 23 points.

Cincinnati at Indianapolis (11-0) (6-4)
Colts have won five in a row and are positioning themselves nicely for an AFC wild-card spot. Bengals offense is league-worst in points (12.6).

Atlanta at New Orleans (8-4) (8-6)
Falcons keep on winning, entering the home stretch in the owner's seat for a surprising playoff berth in the NFC. Saints are fighting to stay alive.

Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants (9-5) (11-1)
Game is overshadowed by the Plaxico Burress situation. Giants can clinch NFC East title and first-round bye with a win. Eagles in desperation mode.

Cleveland at Tennessee (4-8) (11-1)
It appears Browns coach Romeo Crennel is on his last four games: GM Phil Savage might be too. Titans can wrap up its first division title since 2002.

Miami at Buffalo (7-5) (6-6)
Dolphins are one game behind the Jets in the AFC East and Colts and Ravens in the wild-card race. Bills are losers of five of their last six games.

Kansas City at Denver (2-10) (7-5)
The Broncos lead the AFC West by three games over San Diego with four to play. One of two Chiefs' wins was over the Broncos in Week 4.

N.Y. Jets at San Francisco (4-8) (4-8)
Ladonby by the Jets last week has left the door wide open in the AFC East. Niners are determined to finish strong in a season's role under interim coach Mike Singletary.

St. Louis at Arizona (2-10) (7-5)
Arizona's effort to clinch its first division title since 1975 has ended again after better season from NFL East. Rams have scored just 150 points, allowing 360.

Dallas at Pittsburgh (8-4) (9-3)
Dallas pays its first visit to Heinz Field in a matchup of teams riding three-game winning streaks and two of the NFL's most sack-happy defenses.

New England at Seattle (7-5) (2-10)
Patriots may need to win six final four games to have a chance at a postseason berth. Seahawks have already lost five in a row for the first time since 2000.

Tampa Bay at Carolina (9-3) (9-3)
A matchup for sole possession of first place in the NFC South. Bucs will be facing a defense that has been inconsistent, but has 13 sacks in its last five games.

come out and find a way to win.

That might apply to the Pittsburgh offense. But not the defense, where outside linebackers James Harrison and LaMarr Woodley have accounted for 25½ sacks between them. Harrison has 14 sacks, one off the team record, and six forced fumbles, two of them last week against New England.

Still, Dallas' three straight wins after four losses in six games have the Cowboys in a positive frame of mind. Their theme for the last month has been reversing what hap-

pened last year, when they got home-field advantage for the playoffs, lost to the Giants in their first playoff game, then watched New York go on to win the Super Bowl.

"I think the physical health is getting better, but mentally we're right on the edge approach," tight end Jason Witten said. "That doesn't guarantee wins, but what it does for us is help us understand what the challenges are. I think this team is excited about the opportunity to win, and really it's almost kind of like we're the underdog during the whole thing."

Including Sunday against the Steelers.

The Giants, Arizona and Tennessee can clinch their divisions this week.

New York wins the NFC East by beating Philadelphia at home or if Dallas loses to Pittsburgh. The Giants also clinch a first-round playoff bye with a win.

Arizona wins the NFC West with a win at home over St. Louis or a San Francisco loss at home or if Dallas loses to Pittsburgh.

Tennessee clinches the AFC South with a victory at home against Cleveland or an

Indianapolis loss at home to Cincinnati.

PHILADELPHIA (6-5-1) AT SEATTLE (2-10) @
The game is overshadowed by Plaxico Burress' suspension by the Giants following his arrest on gun possession charges this week. In fact, New York has won the three games Burress has missed this season by a total of 62 points.

"Every time Plaxico doesn't play, those receivers sure seem to play well," Eagles coach Andy Reid says.

'Take me to a hospital,' NFL star's night out

NEW YORK (AP) — It started as a typical Friday night at the Latin Quarter: exclusive guest list, \$200 bottles of Moet champagne and well-dressed clientele trying to pay a \$30 cover charge to party at the swank Manhattan club.

Then a few very, very important people rolled up in a black Cadillac Escalade: New York Giant stars Plaxico Burress and Andre Brown. The two sauntered inside, heading for the VIP section amid the pulsing merrigence and hip-hop. Burress with a loaded, illegal gun tucked into the waistband of his track pants.

Within an hour, the Latin Quarter would be a crime scene and the center of a drama that has transfixed the sports world and left Burress' career in jeopardy.

One week later, authorities are still trying to piece together details of what happened that night. But interviews with investigators and those connected to the case paint a picture of chaos, extraordinary secrecy and a frustrating hunt for answers by the police department.

Burress and Pierce showed up at the club at 1:20 a.m. Burress bypassed the line of patrons and got into the club despite the semiautomatic gun in his pants and ordered a drink.

Around 1:50 a.m., as Burress fumbled with the glass in his hand, the 40-caliber Glock slipped down his leg, and as he grabbed at it, he accidentally pulled the trigger and shot himself in the thigh. Witnesses reported hearing a "pop" as his legs started to quiver and the pistol dropped from his pant leg to the floor.

"Take me to a hospital," Burress said, according to investigators.

Despite the gunfire and blood, no one at the club called police. In fact, investigators say, no one reported the incident at all. Not the



New York Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress, right, is escorted from a police station in handcuffs, Monday in New York. Burress accidentally shot himself at a Manhattan nightclub Nov. 28.

"Given the extraordinary circumstances of that evening, (Pierce) acted responsibly in trying to save the life of a friend," Bachner said.

The SUV sped to the hospital, arriving at 2:04 a.m. and Burress was registered under the alias Harris Smith. It's not known why that alias was chosen.

Dr. Josselyn Absibaas was working her normal night shift at the hospital and treated Burress. As the doctor patched him up and they realized the woman wasn't Pierce, Barni arrived and spoke to Burress. At some point, the Giants alerted NFL security officials, saying the team left it to the league to alert police.

But police say the league and the team were not initially forthcoming, stalling the investigation. They have since been more cooperative, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said.

"We want people to report gunshots as quickly as possible. We want people to be good citizens. It's an obligation of all of us to report gun shots," Kelly said Friday.

Hours passed as the first media reports of the shooting hit the airwaves. Acting on the rumors, police started canvassing local hospitals looking for signs. The NFL says its security department contacted police; NYPD officials say league officials called a precinct about 10:30 a.m., wondering whether anyone made a 911 call related to the shooting, but provided no details.

By 1 p.m. Saturday, Burress was discharged and on his way to his Totowa, N.J., home. Pierce went back to New Jersey as well, boarding a 1 p.m. train

flight for Washington.

At the same time, police were hunting for clues about the mysterious shooting. They were learning details from media reports and not getting answers. Police say the NFL called fishing for information at one point, but didn't divulge any details about what they knew.

Finally, at 2:30 p.m., they learned Burress had in fact been hospitalized. But details beyond that were fuzzy.

The frenzy over the shooting intensified Sunday. Burress laid low as Pierce and the Giants took the field in Washington against the Redskins, beating their division rival 23-7 on a dreary, rainy day.

All the while, reporters gathered outside the New Jersey home of Burress' lawyer, Benjamin Brafman. Burress' attorney announced his client would report to the 17th Precinct.

He arrived at the precinct Monday morning, surrounded by reporters and fans snapping pictures with cell phones. He was booked, led away in handcuffs, taken to the courthouse and arraigned on charges of criminal possession of a weapon. He pleaded not guilty, posted \$100,000 bail and left.

"He is standing tall. He is a mature adult," Brafman said at the time, stressing his client is innocent until proven guilty. "I think any professional athlete in his situation would be concerned."

The Escalade was impounded earlier in the week as police searched for blood and gun residue. Police sought out Pierce to find out he knew and whether he tried to cover up the shooting.

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Seasonal Rock Splitters/Quarry Workers available. Job involves extensive outdoor physical labor and heavy equipment in varying weather conditions. Hot and cold weather. Duties include stone extraction, splitting, grading, and packaging. Steel-toed boots and protective gloves are required at the worksites. The Employer will furnish required hard hats and safety glasses. Attendance at safety classes is required and will be provided by the Employer. Rate of pay is determined by production; however, the average hourly equivalent and guaranteed wage is \$9.50 per hour. Workers will be expected to work a minimum of 8 hours per day, 5 days per week. No experience required. Work will be done for Oakley Valley Stone, Inc. 6 miles south of Oakley, Idaho on Goose Creek Rd. Housing is provided onsite free of charge for workers only. Applicants may contact Idaho Commerce and Labor 127 West 5th St. N. Burley, Idaho 83318 or call 208-475-5316. Refer to Job Listing Number 1335651. (Temporary/ Seasonal work April 1, 2009-November 1, 2009)

GENERAL
 Gillette Sharp Corporation is looking for 30 stone splitters. The job is for seasonal workers to work in rock quarry sites near Oakley, ID. The job is at high elevation with unpredictable weather conditions. This job is a temporary position and is available from April 1st 2009 to October 1st 2009. The job consists of splitting stone using a hammer and chisel. Stones will then need to be graded, stacked, and palletized in a neat and orderly fashion with very strict guidelines. Heavy lifting will be required. Employees will be paid on a piecework basis. A \$2 per finished pallet bonus will be given if worker stays on-site season and fulfills all terms of employment. \$9.90 per hour, 40 hrs. per week will be guaranteed. There is no overtime anticipated. Housing will be provided for single people. No experience or education required. Training will be done on site. All safety equipment (safety glasses, dust masks, etc.) will be provided. Employee will be required to have steel-toed boots and gloves. Please send resume to Idaho Department of Labor at 127 W. 5th N., Burley, ID 83318 or send a resume with job listing number to Idaho Department of Labor 317 W. Main St. Boise, ID 83735-0810. Idaho Department of Labor job listing # 1335650 Gillette Sharp Corporation.

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Wealthy friends' generosity troubles middle-class couple

DEAR ABBY: Our best friends, "Bill and Melinda," are financially well-off. My husband and I make just enough to get by. We have been friends for a long time, are extremely close and always have a good time together.

Bill and Melinda are always inviting us to go with them on expensive trips. When we say we can't afford it, they insist on paying. Abby, we don't WANT them to pay for it! We don't want to be indebted and are afraid they'll end up holding it over our heads. We have to pay for airfare and lodging, it still costs us a lot in meals and "fun" money. We try to pay for everything we can so we don't feel like freeloaders. Bill and Melinda don't seem to understand the financial strain these "fabulous" put on us. They even offered to buy us a membership to their country club. When we explain that we're uncomfortable with them paying for everything, they tell us they don't want to go on these trips without us and that the money is no big deal.

How can we make them understand that we appreciate their generosity but are uncomfortable accepting their charity? We love them and our friendship but fear the money issue may drive a wedge between us.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

—MRS. MIDDLE CLASS.
DEAR MRS. MIDDLE CLASS: While the disparity in your financial means is a sensitive issue for you, please consider this: Your friends have been blessed with financial success. But while money can buy company, it isn't the basis for true friendship. You and your husband and Bill and Melinda share a lot of history and a special relationship, and they want to share their good fortune.

So accept some of their invitations. Repay their hospitality in thoughtful ways you can afford — a meal at your home, a cookout or a picnic. But I see no reason why you should not accept their generosity in the spirit in which it is intended.

DEAR ABBY: Whatever happened to the idea of keeping to the right? Most drivers observe this rule in their cars, but as soon as their feet hit the pavement, all their courtesy vanishes. Our sidewalks, airports, grocery stores and shopping

malls have become free-for-alls.

I was taught in school that keeping to the right prevents accidents. People have crashed into me with their grocery carts as I try to get to the front of the next and they are making a left turn around the left side. Then they look at me as if I'm in the wrong place.

Rules like this are designed to make life easier. It seems a growing number of people don't realize this is common courtesy or just don't care. I hope that by mentioning this in your column that it will remind people so our sidewalks, stores and malls will be safer for all who are walking.

If people will remember to stay to the right and pass on the left, they will see that these important rules of the road make all traffic move more smoothly.

—TIRED OF THE DO-SI-DO IN ATLANTA

DEAR TIRE: I'm pleased to read your column on the left, but I would like fewer collisions — of every kind — if we practiced good manners more of the time. And speaking as someone who has sashayed up my share of the center of supermarket aisles, I promise to be more careful in the future. I see a real need for a demonstration of the respect and concern we have for others.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraline Saunders

phone battery. Back up your hard drive and be ready to deal with rescheduling of meetings in the week ahead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep your hand on the rudder. Friendships could run into stormy seas or unexpected crosscurrents. All will go well in the week ahead if you steer a clear course and refuse to be deterred by minor obstacles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This week your might challenge your plans. Your romantic life may flourish and be satisfying this week, but work, career and business might draw a few unexpected surprises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This week might challenge your plans. You will be able to plan for all contingencies. When people you depend upon are involved, however, there could be some ups and downs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Remember the lesson of the ancient mariner. Something that is "new and improved" might end up becoming an albatross around your neck. This is a good week to

welcome calm seas and boredom. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A quick fix can cause more damage than good. Try to work within the parameters already in place. If it seems that a change is needed in the week ahead take your time to consider all angles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Helebs don't always have a good time. A message you receive either enthused about something that is only a flash in the pan during the upcoming week. Don't jump from the frying pan into the fire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Change happens. A message you receive this week might get you all stirred up — but prove to be a false alarm. Big accomplishments are possible if you have the wisdom to ignore distractions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sit still and hold on tight. This week you might get rocked in the coming week and you don't want to go overboard. Brilliant ideas or new technologies might seem feasible, but could cause mix-ups.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Hang on to your hat this week. Changes will occur. You might be from the crowd as a maverick can cause problems. Behave like a consummate professional in business dealings and avoid making sudden changes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1912, convicted murderer Charlie Brooks Jr. became the first U.S. prisoner to be executed by injection, at a prison in Huntsville, Texas.

In 1963, in Madrid, Spain, an Aviac DC-9 collided on a runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 747 that was accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42 people aboard the DC-9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet.

In 1967, 43 people were killed after a gunman aboard a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger, the two pilots and himself, causing the plane to crash.

In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25,000.

Ten years ago: On the eve of historic hearings, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde said there was a "compelling case" for impeaching President Bill

Clinton. Attorney General Reno declined to seek an independent counsel investigation of President Clinton over 1996 campaign financing.

Five years ago: Allies of President Vladimir Putin in Russia's parliamentary elections. Zhirinovsk withdrew from the Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies, which had suspended it for alleged abuses of civil liberties.

One year ago: Congressional Democrats demanded a full Justice Department investigation into whether the CIA had obstructed justice by destroying videotapes documenting the harsh 2002 interrogations of two alleged terrorists. Two window washers fell 47 stories from a Manhattan skyscraper when their scaffolding failed; Edgar Moreno was killed, but his brother, Alcides, miraculously survived. Barry Bonds pleaded not guilty in San Francisco to charges he'd lied to federal investigators about using performance-enhancing drugs.

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Dear Mr. Wolff: You recently had a problem hand where one player opened a weak two-bid and his partner needed to find a specific card to make a slam. Can you recommend any asking bids facing a weak-two?

Miguel Trickett, Sun Lake, Ontario, Calif.

ANSWER: Most conventions are optional (transfers, Slayman, and negative doubles are surely vital); Jacoby is useful, but not essential. A two-no-trump response to a major shows game values and four (NOT three) trumps. Opener can bid four of his major with a balanced minimum, or bid a new suit at the three-level with shortage. Jumps in new suits show a good five-carder, three-no-trump shows a strong no-trump or so, and rebidding his own suit shows extra length.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ A-J-4, ♥ Q-4, ♦ A-5-4-3, ♣ 9-7-5-2, and my RHO bid one club. I passed, and now came one diamond on my left and one heart from partner. After a pass on my right, with what call, if any, should I advance?

Wayfarer, Miami, Fla.

ANSWER: This is a complex hand. You have values, no great fit, and no club stop for no-trump. I suspect a simple raise to two hearts is about right on balance; your high cards compensate for the weak trump. But a simple one-no-trump bid (while potentially wrong-sided the clubs) is also acceptable.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Do you know of any way to increase concentration, particularly late in the session? I have been nibbling on raisins to help keep my blood sugar up, but seem unable to prevent the odd accident, such as forgetting the bidding after the eighth trick.

Fuzzy Logic, Duluth, Minn.

ANSWER: Taking a high-energy snack may work as a quick fix. Coffee also works for me. But maybe it is more a question of avoiding the wrong things: sleep deprivation, alcohol, etc. When you feel a loss of focus coming on, try to get up from the table and clear your head; and yes, we all get these moments, even the best of us.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ J-7-4, ♥ Q-J-6-4, ♦ A-Q-J-3, ♣ J-2, and my RHO opened one heart. I passed because I could think of nothing to say. (This decision was later criticized.) When my LHO bid one no-trump and my RHO bid two clubs, should I have bid two diamonds? We missed a 4-4 fit.

Louised Out, Rockford, Ill.

ANSWER: Any who criticize your initial pass need their heads examined. (Let's be honest — some people would commit them to the asylum without examination!) You cannot double without more spade length, you cannot bid one no-trump without more values, and two diamonds shows six or five very good diamonds. At your second turn, a takeout double would have been risky but not entirely unreasonable. (Make the spade jack the king and you might have done it.)

Dear Mr. Wolff: Please tell me about the Jacoby two-no-trump response to a major. Can one survive without it these days?

Fidgely Phil, Honolulu, Hawaii

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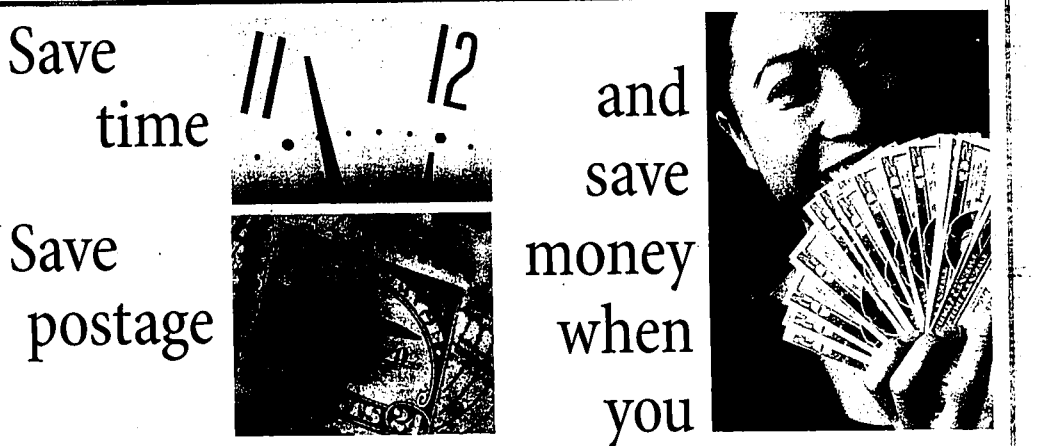
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Pleasing the teens

Feeling charitable? Don't forget the kids who've outgrown stuffed animals

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Donating a new, unwrapped toy to charity is a holiday tradition for many southern Idaho families — a tradition that has brightened Christmas for many needy children.

But what happens when those children aren't so little anymore?

Paul Johnson, organizer of KMYT's Christmas for Kids, said it's easy to forget about older children when shopping for gifts to donate.

"The hearstrings are pulled when you see a little 3- or 4-year-old who doesn't have Christmas," he said. The charity collects for children up to 16 years old, but the majority of presents received are for younger children.

Another problem is knowing what to buy. Many items on the typical teenagers wish list include expensive video games or electronic gadgets — unrealistic for most people who are shopping for charity — or clothes, which are hard to shop for when you don't know what size to buy.

"If you do know the kids, if they are in need, and you know the size, you can lean toward clothes," Johnson said. "But that's really tough if you don't know who you're buying for."

In some communities, it's a non-issue. Robin Plank, co-coordinator for the Hagerman School District toy drive, said no high schoolers turned in applications for presents this year. The oldest children who will benefit from the charity are in sixth grade, she said.

Other communities aren't collecting for high schoolers. In Wendell, organizers are gathering presents only for children ages 12 and younger.

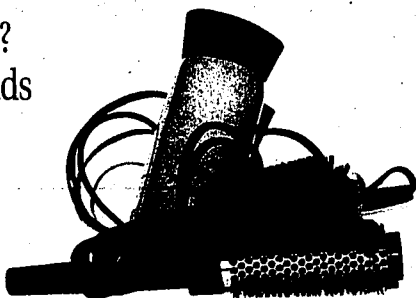
"Typically in the past, for the older kids, it was just very hard for people to know what to buy," said Beth Andrus of Wendell High School. Because donations are so low this year, the charity organizing committee decided to focus on younger children.

That doesn't mean teenagers don't want presents. Sixteen-year-old Hannah Webb of Filer said there is nothing wrong with small gifts. What would please her peers, including those who are needy?

"I would definitely say awesome nail polish, some good-smelling body spray. Just small stuff like that," she said.

Robin Lee of Kimberly agreed. "We're not so little that we want Barbies and, like, simple stuff like that," said Lee, 16. "But we still want fun stuff."

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What to give

While picking out gifts to donate this Christmas, don't forget the teenagers. Here are some affordable ideas that will help make an older child's Christmas more special. We consulted Magic Valley teens, as well as the organizers of several charitable gift drives, to compile this list:

- For the girls:**
- Hair dryers, curling irons and brushes
 - Nail polish, manicure kits or other cosmetics
 - Perfumed body spray and scented soap
 - Jewelry
- For the guys:**
- Deodorant body spray
 - Shaving kits
 - Remote control cars
- For both:**
- Gift certificates for clothing, music, books or restaurants
 - Sleeping bags
 - Sunglasses
 - Sports equipment
 - Novels, DVDs and CDs
 - Stationery
 - Movie tickets

Where to give

There are plenty of places to donate kids' gifts for charity. To get you started, here's a list of drop-off locations for Christmas for Kids. For ideas about other charities, watch the "Hope for the Holidays" series in the Times-News in the coming weeks.

- Twin Falls: Caffe Mocha, McDonald's, Shopko, Kimberly Nurseries, King's, Abertons, Vision Communications, UPS Store, Family Dollar, Con Paulos, Clearwater Mortgage, Rob Green, Magic Valley Bank, Ganbla Foods, Amalgamated Sugar, Clear Talk Wireless
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More gift guides inside

- For your favorite furry friend. See page F3
- For the green guy on your list. See page F4
- For your kids and grandkids. See page F8

A father of five

"O.K. Dad, quick!" The urgency in the doctor's voice jolted me in a fright way, especially how he fired out that last word. It sparked an instant of worry that had been absent most of the day. When you're in a hospital for the delivery of your fifth child, you like to think that you're going through a monumental event without surprises.

With one word from the doctor, that all vanished. Not to worry, I knew how dire the situation was. I took my eyes off my drained wife and gazed down at the delivery table. There, looking up at me was the latest addition to our family: a purple and slippery child No. 5. His eyes were open, but there were no cries, strains or sprints to greet me.

Perhaps that was the first indication that even with your fifth child, there is such a thing as the unfamiliar. In spite of everything, life throws at you with a new kid, there is a constant truth to the world of parenting: With every child, you will occasionally be thrust into an abyss of uncertainty. To our good fortune, our sudden worry with our new son lasted just a moment. The baby's dropping heart rate was a short emergency. The capable doctor, nurses and assistants had the baby's airway cleaned, and his limbs moving in mere minutes. Finally, I could look down at a perfectly pink, healthy boy and whisper: "Don't worry, you're going to be all right."

That's what I was looking forward to the most with our fifth child — a cool sense of capability in being Dad. This time, after two boys and two girls, I know how to hold, where to wipe, how long to wait for the big burp. The anxieties of the past that seemed so critical — baby monitors, safety seats, savings accounts, baby formula brands — are as fleeting as the first cries of a newborn.

As a repeat parent, you earn experience like stripes on a uniform. After repeat occurrences of leaky diapers, car infections, parent-teacher conferences, ball games, first days of school, it's natural to expect life won't throw very many curveballs that you haven't seen.

(And no, I haven't raised teenagers, yet. I know that's coming.)

But our doctor's word of urgency in the delivery room, however brief, served as a useful reminder in the first few days of our baby's life: Experience is one thing, and wisdom is another. If I am confident in my ability to raise five kids automatically leads to wisdom in raising a fourth, I probably don't have enough of either.

Now, some seven weeks after the birth, I realize this kid deserves to break uncharted territory. I shouldn't be seeking the familiar, but rather that which is novel and new. Maybe the parenting formula we provided to the first kids needs to be shaken up. Or maybe he won't need the same kind of tight parental supervision that his siblings would require.

After all, look at me: I was the fifth of five children and I know — without complete certainty — that I made life a breeze for my parents.

The experience of raising children shouldn't be as formulaic as baking bread or changing a tire. Each child bursts into this world with his or her own traits, wants and needs — and grows. If parents strive to guide and teach their child, always with present notions of what their other children did, perhaps they miss the evolving marvel that comes from each child's journey in life.

So here goes trip number five. I'm ready to be broken in once again.

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A mixed sleigh full of holiday books for kids

By Leanne Hiale
Associated Press writer

A peg-legged pirate St. Nick with a sleigh pulled by sea horses, and a best-headed flying caribou who's fed up with the cult of Rudolph provide fresh spin for the holidays on a beloved Christmas poem for kids.

Clement Clarke Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas" has delighted one and all since it first appeared anonymously in a newspaper in 1823. This season, some oldie-but-goodie versions are available, along with a few wacky new ones amid piles of pleasing picture books for Christmas.

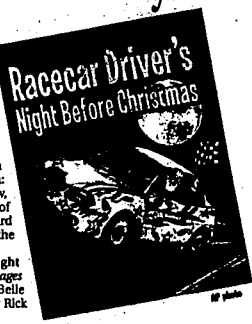
• "A Pirate's Night Before Christmas" (E1.99), ages 4-8, *Sterling* by Philip Yates, with illustrations by Sebastia Serra.

This is a bellylaugh of a book for young buccaners, loaded with jargon that lends itself to amusing readalouds. Christmas Eve aboard the Black

Sark has the pirates "snorin' like pigs in their beds, while visions of treasure chests danced in their heads." With a shout of "Avast!" from the poop deck, seafaring Santa emerges from the mist with a Captain Hook hand and one good leg, snarling at his harnessed team of giant sea horses from his shell sleigh. "Now, Saly! Now, Scurry! Now, Sinbad an' Mollie!" A couple of women pirates are on board and there's a surprise for the ship's hardworking lookout.

• "Racecar Driver's Night Before Christmas" (E15.95), ages 4-8, *Pelican* by Una Belle Townsend and illustrated by Rick Anderson.

The book has "old Santy Claus" in a fireproof red suit as a late-starter in a bus-t-er up Christmas Eve race dubbed the Jingle Bell Jammer.



• "The Dinosaurs' Night Before Christmas" (\$18.99), ages 4-8, *Chronicle* by Anne Muecke, with illustrations by Nathan Hale.

A boy is snug in his New York City apartment bed when a clatter from the American Museum of Natural History across the street awakens him. Racing over snow in barefeet, he walks into a dinosaur holiday party in the fossil room.

Lighting a yule log in the middle of the floor and munching on gingerbread in the shape of Pterosaurs, the boy is hoisted by his new friends to place a star atop their tree, then the booming voice of Santasaurus swells as he calls to his dino-deer Bronco and Maia and Steggle and Packy. Tri-Tops and Raptor and Rexie and Brachid are included in a CD of dinosaur-themed holiday songs and a readaloud of the book by Al Roker. A portion of book sales goes to the museum.

• "Night Before Christmas" (\$17.95), ages 4-8, *Putnam*, written and illustrated by Jan Brett.

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Give pets gifts that are secretly treats for you

By Linda Lombardi
For The Associated Press

Some think it's a little crazy to give gifts to pets. But pet owners know that secretly, they're also gifts to ourselves. Here are some suggestions for you and your furry friends this holiday season.

• **Give yourself the gift of a tired dog.**

A tired dog is a well-behaved dog, and outdoor exercise can be hard to come by on short, dark winter days. Fortunately, mental exercise helps.

The food puzzle toys designed by Nina Ottosson require dogs to figure out how to get treats by pushing buttons, sliding blocks, or turning disks. These aren't inexpensive (\$39.95 and up), but Julie Paez of The Big Bad Woof in Washington says that owners find they're absolutely worth it "for really active dogs that need to be kept entertained and busy."

For somewhat less determined dogs, Jessica Simon of Living Tuff in Silver Spring, Md., recommends the Premier Tug-A-Jug (two sizes — \$14 and \$21). It is a plastic bottle stoppered with a spiky ball on a piece of rope. It's round so it rolls, and the treats make noise and can be seen through the clear plastic.

For a similar idea with an eccentric slant, there's the Katie's Bumpers Bottle Tracker (\$14). It's a sleeve made from the ends cut off in process of making fire hoses, into which you put an empty soda bottle, which makes an appealing (for the dog) crunching sound.

This might be the one you dog would choose for himself: Paez says she had a sample on display in her store, but one dog took it and wouldn't let it go, leaving the owner no choice but to buy it.

• **Give yourself less hair on the furniture.**

If you've ever used aluminum foil to keep cats off the countertop, you'll recognize the idea behind the new Petzoff blanket, designed to keep cats off the furniture (\$59.99 and \$79.99). It's a throw blanket that's foil on one side. The fabric side looks nice when you're in the room, and then you can spread it out foil side up when you're not

using the couch and pets won't use it either.

• **Give yourself a laugh.**

The new battery-powered Fling-A-String cat toy (\$24.95) hangs on a doorknob and pulls a string around on a sort of conveyor belt so that it disappears into the toy and then flies back out again and again. It's absurdly simple but works really well. And for dogs, Moody Pet's Humming Tongue (\$12) is a ball with a long tongue sticking out — so that when the dog is carrying it around, the effect is hilarious.

• **Keep the clawing and scratching where it belongs.**

For dogs, a great natural chew treat is Sam's Yams "veggie rawhide." Made of dried American grown sweet potato — nothing else — it comes in two sizes of ripple-textured slices as well as the fliclion Fries sticks (starting at \$4.99 for 5 ounces).

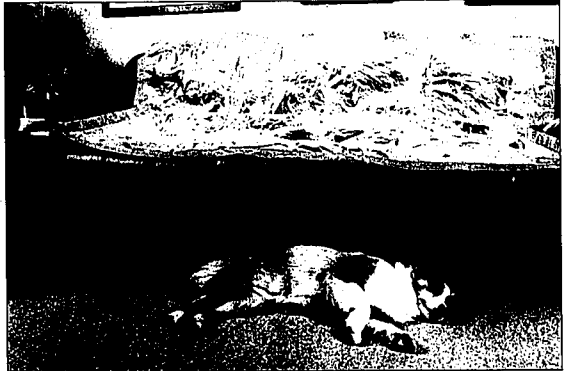
Your cat can't have too many of those refillable corrugated cardboard scratching pads, available at pet stores and online pet suppliers for around five dollars. But while kitty doesn't care what they look like, you might enjoy the funny versions made by Imperial Cat that are shaped and decorated like cars, pieces of furniture and all kinds of animals (\$20 and up).

• **Share a treat.**

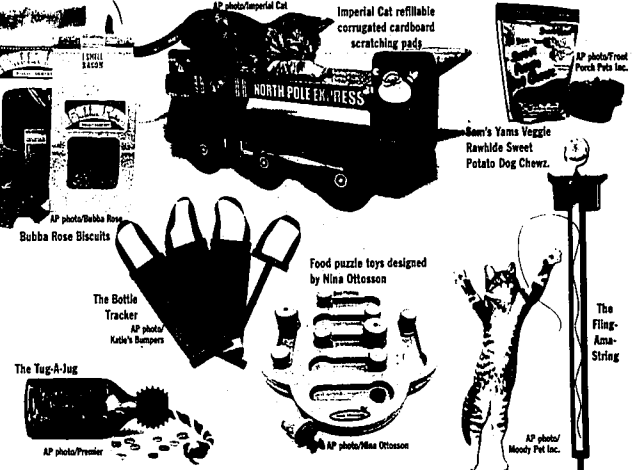
Share about Rose Biscuits (starting at \$8.25), in flavors like "foast Beef & Swiss" and "I Smell Bacon." are made with ingredients that sound like the contents of a human pantry — organic oat and brown rice flour, cheddar cheese, organic eggs. And indeed, Simon of the Living Tuff store says, "Whenever we get a sample bag they don't get out to the dogs. I eat them all." For dogs with allergy problems, note that they're wheat, corn and soy free.

• **Feel good by helping others.**

Finally, don't forget to think about animals less fortunate than yours. You can support the ASPCA's national programs by shopping on line at www.aspcanet.org/shop. Closer to home, call your local shelter and see what donations they are looking for.



The Petzoff blanket is a throw blanket that's foil on one side. The fabric side looks nice when you're in the room, and then you can spread it out foil side up when you're not using the couch and pets won't use it either. AP photo/Petzoff International Inc.



AP photo/Imperial Cat
Imperial Cat refillable corrugated cardboard scratching pads.

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Flint's Yams Veggie Rawhide Sweet Potato Dog Chew.

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Food puzzle toys designed by Nina Ottosson.

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Moody Pet's Humming Tongue.

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Quick Study

Update on major health topics

By Linda Searing
Special to The Washington Post

PREGNANCY: Depressed women may be more apt to deliver early

THE QUESTION
Does depression affect pregnancy?

THIS STUDY
It involved 791 women who were screened early in their pregnancies for symptoms of depression. When they were, on average, 10 weeks pregnant, 326 of the women (about 41 percent) had depressive symptoms, including 172 whose symptoms were rated severe on a standardized scale. About 1.5 percent of the women had been prescribed an antidepressant.

Overall, 44 women gave birth prematurely (before 37 weeks gestation). Those with the most severe symptoms were more than twice as likely as women without depression to have a premature delivery; milder symptoms correlated to about a 60 percent increased risk.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?
Pregnant women, about 12 percent of whom deliver prematurely each year in the U.S.

Preterm births are a leading cause of

infant deaths. Although depression after childbirth, known as postpartum depression, is widely recognized, medical experts say experiencing depressive symptoms while pregnant also is common.

CAVEATS
Depression was measured in early pregnancy only. The study did not determine why depression might contribute to premature delivery.

FIND THIS STUDY
It's in the Oct. 23 online issue of Human Reproduction.

LEARN MORE
Learn about pregnancy and depression at www.womenshealth.gov/faq. Learn about premature birth at www.marchofdimes.com.

The research described in *Quick Study* comes from credible, peer-reviewed journals. Nonetheless, conclusive evidence about a treatment's effectiveness is rarely found in a single study. Anyone considering changing or beginning treatment of any kind should consult with a physician.

Books

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This is the 10th anniversary hardcover of Brett's magical vision that honors the Victorian feel of the poem with Stockbridge, Mass., as the setting. She includes lively margin art that's a story unto itself, lots of animals and a twist all her own: a couple of stowaway elves.

• "Alaskan Night Before Christmas" (\$15.95, ages 4-8, *Pelican*) by Tricia Brown and illustrated by Alan Stacy. The head of Santa's team is a self-centered caribou named "Kotz," short for the Alaskan town Kotzebue. With a flashy smile, he hogs the media spotlight and dreams of stardom ala Rudolph, but he ends up down and out in Anchorage instead.

• "Hawaiian Night Before Christmas" (\$15.95, ages 9-12, *Pelican*), written and illustrated by Carolyn Macy. Here Santa rides in on the balmy trade breezes aboard an outrigger canoe pulled by sea turtles. The book is filled with Hawaiian words and has bare-chested Santa in a malo (men's cloth wrapped around his hips). After leaving gifts near a trimmed coconut tree, he bids "Aloha, and Mele Kalkimaka to all!"

• "A Flake Like Mike" (*HarperCollins*, \$16.99, ages 3-8, for sale exclusively at *Saks Fifth Avenue* stores and *Ruecksack*) by Mike Reiss and illustrated by Chris Capuzzo. A curlicue snowflake named Mike is shunned by the mass of loonlike flakes, but he leads a bookless revolution against come-unity gifts near a trimmed tree.

The story and art with bohemian flair are the inspiration for

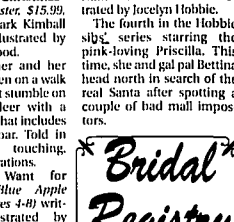
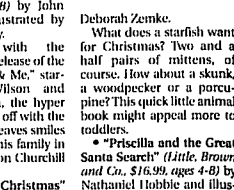
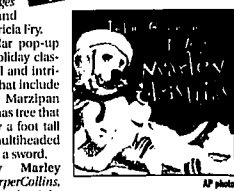
the Saks holiday windows at the flagship store in New York. A portion of proceeds will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

• "The Nutcracker" (*HarperCollins*, \$24.99, ages 5-up) written and illustrated by Patricia Fry. This spectacular pop-up version of the holiday classic offers colorful and intricate paper cuts that include a sumptuous Marzipan Palace, a Christmas tree that unfolds to nearly a foot tall and a fierce, multi-headed mouse king with a sword.

• "A Very Marley Christmas" (*HarperCollins*, \$17.99, ages 4-8) by John Grogan and illustrated by Richard Cowdry. Coinciding with the Christmas Day release of the movie "Marley & Me," starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston, the hyper yellow pup runs off with the lawn lights but leaves smiles on the faces of his family in the little house on Churchill Road.

• "Reindeer Christmas" (*Simon & Schuster*, \$15.99, ages 4-8) by Mark Kimball Moulton and illustrated by Karen Hillard Good. A granteer, mother and her two grandchildren on a walk in a snowy forest stumble on an ailing reindeer with a mighty resume that includes an ability to soar. Told in rhyme with touching, dreamlike illustrations.

"All I Want for Christmas" (*Blue Apple Books*, \$9.95, ages 4-8) written and illustrated by



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Use what you have to create holiday savings

By Heather Lally
For The Associated Press

Some quick ideas for saving cash this holiday season:

- Don't forget to check out thrift shops for gifts during your holiday rush. Michael Gold of Vero Beach, Fla., Gold runs TheThriftShopper.com, a national directory of charity thrift stores, recommends shopping thrift stores early on sale days to snag the best deals.

- "The good stuff can be gone within the first hours that the store is open," Gold says.

- You may also find baskets and wrapping supplies there too. And make sure to stop by the "boutique" area to find a worn-once party dress.

- Don't spend money on takeout after a big shopping day. Drag your slow-cooker out of the cupboard,

says Stephanie O'Dea, who writes the "74 Year of Crockpotting" blog (crockpot365.blogspot.com). Before heading out to shop, toss an inexpensive roast or whole discounted chicken in the cooker and add a bottle of barbecue sauce or a jar of salsa. Cook on low all day, shred meat and serve with rice and salad.

- Need an inexpensive, thoughtful gift for the extended family? Put together a family photo calendar. Choose photos from the past year to decorate each month and be sure to include birthdays and special dates on the calendar. Make a photo calendar for about \$10 at Costco.com (if you are a member) or try out your favorite photo-sharing site.

- Make your own Christmas ornaments out of stuff you have in your attic, says Kate Holmes, a Sarasota, Fla.-based resale and consignment expert who writes at

HowToConsign.com. First place to look? That box of baby things filled with small toys and mobiles.

"Those darling figures are just the thing for memory-laden Christmas ornaments," Holmes says. (And it can be a fun family project, too.)

- It can be tricky to come up with something creative, thoughtful and inexpensive for a child's teacher. This year, enlist your child in creating a "memory book" for that special teacher.

Ask your young child to fill in statements such as "I like my teacher because ____." And "My favorite school memory this year is ____." And "I'm so happy I've learned ____."

Put the answers on nice paper and decorate with drawings or photos. Embellish the creation any way you like. Use a three-hole punch and tie with ribbon to bind it.

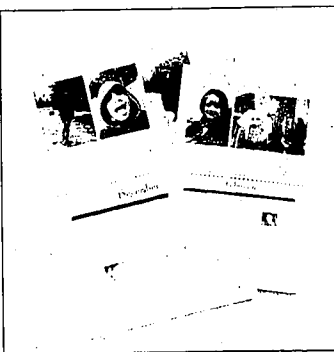


Photo calendars made using Snapfish. Need an inexpensive, thoughtful gift for the extended family? Put together a family photo calendar.

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Easy ways to give green this holiday

By Jennifer Forker
For The Associated Press

Kermit the Frog only had it half right: It may not be easy to be green, but it's certainly easy to give "green." With "green" the hot buzzword these days, it's not hard to find gifts in every price range.

Some ideas:

1. The "Adela" Recycled Tire Tube Handbag (\$42.95, The Hunger Site), which is sold on several Web sites run by GreaterGood.org, is created by El Salvadoran artists. There are other sizes and styles available, including a toiletry bag for men.

2. The Acal Rainforest Beaded Bracelet (\$12, The Rainforest Site) is made from the nut of a palm plant that's native to rainforests throughout Central and South America, according to the Web site. The seeds are colored with organic vegetable dyes. Purchases at this site, also managed by GreaterGood.org, help fund land preservation. The sale of this bracelet includes a \$1 donation to the World Wildlife Fund.

3. The Succulent Wreath (\$98 plus \$10 surcharge, VivaTerra) includes five varieties of succulents arranged to highlight differences in texture, shape and color around a wire-mesh frame. The plants can last for several years with proper care and watering, the company says.

4. The Recycled Car Part Earrings (\$35, WorldofGood.com) are crafted by Trillium Artisans of Portland, Ore., which is a community economic development program. Available in black or antique gold.

5. The brightly colored Patchwork Kalamkari Pillow (\$24, WorldofGood.com) is made in India for Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit retailer with more than 155 stores in the U.S. and Canada. The naturally dyed and painted cotton pillows also are available via this Web site, an online marketplace launched by eBay in September.

6. I Am Not a Paper Cup (\$20, MoMA Store), from the gift shop at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, is an amusing reminder to bring your own mug to a meeting. The porcelain cup has a pliable, silicone lid to keep drinks hot, and it's dishwasher-safe.

7. The Desk Pendulum Clock (\$86, Eco-Artware.com and other Web sites) is artist-crafted from recycled automotive tire rubber and bicycle parts for this online company that sells eco-friendly gifts.

8. The Green Toys Tea Set (\$24.99, Target and other retailers) is made from recycled, plastic milk jugs by Green Toys, a California company that prides itself on making toys locally.

9. The fun of a Recycled Tire Swing (\$129.99 to \$129.99, Target and other retailers) never goes out of style. The company that crafts this swing, Wildlife Creations International Inc., also makes 13 other styles, from dragons to airplanes, and they're sold at retailers, such as Target, and online.

10. The Optibike 800 LI (\$899.5, Optibike) is a best-selling, hybridized electric bicycle hand-built by this Boulder, Colo., company. Great for commuters or recreational cyclists in search of a kick, the bike can travel 30 miles on one charge, but that distance is doubled with an optional battery. It uses about 9 cents of electricity to travel 50 miles, according to the company.



The salutary effect gratitude can have

Los Angeles Times

If you want to feel happier — fast — grab a pen and paper.

One secret to happiness might be in expressive writing: specifically, writing letters to people showing gratitude. Steven Topfer, an assistant professor of family and consumer studies at Kent State University, conducted a study to determine what would make people feel happier, especially in a consumer-oriented culture in which things are supposed to bring us joy.

He had students write one letter every two weeks for a six-week period to people who had had a positive influence on their lives. The letters had to be positive, include some insight and reflection, not venture into trivial waters and express great appreciation. After each letter was written, the students took a survey that gauged their mood,

their satisfaction with life and their feelings of gratitude and happiness.

According to Topfer, the students' levels of happiness increased after each letter, and 75 percent of them said they wanted to keep writing the letters, even when the study was finished.

"The most powerful thing in our lives is our social network," said Topfer in a news release. "It doesn't have to be large, and you don't always need to be the life of the party, but just having one or two significant connections in your life has shown to have terrific psychological and physical benefits."

He added, "We are all walking around with an amazing resource: gratitude. It helps us express and enjoy, appreciate, be thankful and satisfied with a little effort. We all have it, and we need to use it to improve our quality of life."

Dating and Facebook: Caution is advised

By Elen McCarthy
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A few weeks ago a man on my Facebook network (a person I know of but don't really know) changed his relationship status from "engaged" to "single," triggering a news alert that was immediately sent to all his online associates.

What ensued was a public outpouring of bafflement and support for the broken-hearted guy. "Keep your chin up," folks wrote on his publicly visible wall. "Be strong."

Probably some of his more than 600 friends knew the whole sad story; the rest of us were incidental, unwitting voyeurs.

Lots of Facebook users have by now figured out tricks to ensure discretion on the social networking site (turning off the news feed, for instance). But not everyone has mastered a strategy of navigating the digital world — or come to terms with the ramifications of sharing so much.

Let's face it, these digital straits are precarious. You can, of course, simply choose not to report a rela-

tionship status at all. But for single people, that might mean cutting off opportuni-

ties to connect with interesting friends or friends. And once a real connection is made, how long do you wait to change the status to "in a relationship"? Does a couple need to have "the Facebook conversation" before either makes a status change? Jennifer Kellton, publisher of Dallydatingadvice.com, has some thoughts on the matter. "Know your audience, and know who's looking at what you're saying. Just be thoughtful," she says. "No one is everybody; you know every tidbit of your information."

After all, our man's ex-fiancee might have something to say about the way he told the world of their split. In an extreme, tragic case, a man in Britain — upon hearing that his recently estranged wife changed her status to "single" — flew into a rage and killed her. He told police he was "humiliated" by her online posting.

Hopefully it never comes to that again, but online networks and their role in modern relationships are here to stay.

The biology of a smile

Los Angeles Times

Researchers have been entranced by the science of smiling. A smile does more than transmit information; it trips pleasure circuits in the brains of others.

One study published in August in the journal Pediatrics found that an

infant's smile sets off an explosion of brain chemicals in the mother.

The reaction motivates the mother to do things that will make the baby smile, researchers say, setting in motion a feedback cycle that produces ever-tightening emotional bonds.



Karen O'Neill, of Hopkinton, Mass., sits in front of a monitor that displays the home page of her new Web site called FrumUs.com at her home. O'Neill developed the site with the objective of offering tips on how to do large group gift exchanges while saving time and money.

Save us, Secret Santa!

Gift swaps a holiday reality

By Leanne Italle
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Families, friends and companies looking to stretch scarce budgets without stomping all over holiday cheer are turning to Secret Santa, charitable donations and similar group gift exchanges in these sour economic times.

Web sites that take the sting out of organizing group giving report big increases in usage heading into Christmas and Hanukkah, with members of book groups, class parents buying the sole gift for teachers and other group givers joining the effort to hold down holiday spending.

Elfish.com, which offers three online steps for inviting participants, drawing names and exchanging gifts, expects traffic to double this year over last year to more than 1 million visitors.

FrumUs.com and SecretSanta.com said their users were also exploding ahead of Thanksgiving, when many people begin planning group gift exchanges.

"People are really concerned about the economy and want to cut back on their spending," said Peter Imburg, creator of Elfish. Group gift exchanges managed online and off, including Yankee Swaps and White Elephants, will preserve fun and keep spirits high this year while making it

easier to reduce spending, he said.

At SecretSanta.com, founder and CEO Franco Yuvencio said the site has experienced a 25 percent increase in users so far this year over 2007.

While spending limits imposed on groups by their online managers typically increase by about 10 percent, this year's limits remain the same as last year, he said.

Even those who have done gift exchanges in the past are scaling back further.

Rosemarie Fabien suggested to her retired parents, aunt and sister that they change their annual Secret Santa ritual in two ways: First, everyone would spend \$25 instead of \$50. Second, everyone would donate that money to a charity rather than buying gifts that were likely to get returned anyway.

"I had no problem saying, 'Look guys, we're broke,'" said the Wynnewood, Pa., communications consultant who turned to freelancing after losing her job with an architectural firm in February. "Saving money has to happen."

The five young children in the family remain off limits for less giving. Fabien said, a common sentiment among parents and grandparents planning to trim back the holidays.

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ENGAGEMENTS

MCCLELLAN-PAYNE

Sara Elizabeth Walker McClellan of Gooding and Benjamin Todd Payne of Orem, Utah, announce their engagement.

McClellan is the daughter of Jay and Sally Walker of Gooding. She is a student at the College of Southern Idaho.

Payne is the son of Jeff and Lori Payne of Heber City, Utah. He will graduate next summer with a bachelor's degree from Utah Valley University. He works at Vantage Controls Inc. in Orem.



Ben Payne and Sara Walker McClellan
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ANNIVERSARY



Arthur and Elsa Chandler Jr.



Elna and Arthur Reuel Chandler Jr. of Buhl will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 20, in Idaho Falls.

Arthur Chandler and Elna Harmon were married Dec. 6, 1948, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They have lived in Idaho Falls and Buhl.

He worked at Coca-Cola, Idaho Falls Fire Department and Scenic Falls Federal Credit Union. She worked at Rogers Brothers and was a beautician at home at Elna's Beauty Shop. They have

served three missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippines, Singapore and Detroit.

Their children are Michael (Lois) Chandler of Halley; Christine, deceased, and Leonard Martin of Idaho Falls; Mary (John) Blacker of Idaho Falls; Libby, deceased, and Perry Graves of Idaho Falls; and Julie (Grant) Lovelock of Buhl.

The couple has 20 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Noel Cecilio Rodriguez Jr., son of Maria & Sofina Amadoris of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 27, 2008.

Paytin Averece Bova, daughter of Stephanie Francis Davis of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 19, 2008.

Yalzin Miguel Sanchez, son of Faith Trista Welch of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 21, 2008.

Yazmin Valenzuela-Vall, daughter of Yolanda Valle and Jose Luis Valenzuela of Jerome, was born Nov. 23, 2008.

Josh Daniel Gastelo, son of Kristie Marie Nelson and Fernando Gastelo Jr. of Gooding, was born Nov. 25, 2008.

Grace Lee Martin, daughter of Allison Lee and Joshua Williams-Martin of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 25, 2008.

Brynnlee Ann Purkey, daughter of Michelle Lynn and Joshua Lee Purkey of

Twin Falls, was born Nov. 25, 2008.

Shallmar Ann Swick, daughter of Marlina May and Sherwood Wayne Swick of Jerome, was born Nov. 25, 2008.

Riagan Stephen Richard Tanguy, son of Stephanie Renee and Stephen James Tanguy of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 25, 2008.

Kylee Marie Martinez, daughter of David Marie and Juan Bernardo Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 20, 2008.

Ian Christopher Snell, son of Jennifer Ann and Scott Richard Snell of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 26, 2008.

Yadira Eva Hurtado, daughter of Roxanna Hurtado and Miguel Angel Hurtado of Bellevue, was born Nov. 27, 2008.

Ryan Jeffrey Hartgrave, son of Jennifer Leigh and David Charles Hartgrave of Kimberly, was born Nov. 28, 2008.

Weekly deadline

To submit an announcement, e-mail it to remone@magicvalley.com. The photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call 735-3262.



How to organize a group gift exchange

You'd like to organize a group gift exchange this year to save some money. But breaking the news with family can take a little finesse. Pointers:

- HOW TO BRING IT UP**
- Bonnie Russell, the mother of two grown children in Del Mar, Calif., has organized group gift exchanges with family, friends and colleagues for years. She suggests these pitches for broaching the subject:
 - As a fall account — a done deal — "so hopefully they fall like dominoes."
 - Explain it's a way to join together during "our country's time of need." This approach, said Russell, who works in media relations for a legal Web site, doesn't require that people reveal personal dilemmas, avoiding any possible embarrassment.
 - "Unsaid, but which they will quickly grasp, is it's a completely, economical way to save a ton of money, time and stress," she said.

OTHERS IN THE SAME BOAT

You may anticipate resistance to gift exchanges where none will rise to haunt you.

Elizabeth Castro of Chicago said her extended family and her husband's family are converting to Secret Santa with a \$50 limit and: "Guess what? No one is complaining about it."

Everybody had a story on how the economy was hitting them, she said. Some in the family were worried about 401(k)s. Some about not being able to sell a condo. Still others about surviving in retirement.

"We're all thinking very differently about money but when somebody suggested let's spend less, we all said sure."

TAKE A PAGE FROM TOM SAWYER

Families up against it budget wise seem to have a built-in "kid clause" that allows for the usual onslaught of gifts for little people, so try a little Tom Sawyer and his fence if you'd like to trim costs on kid gifts as well.

Karen Jeske of Milwaukee, Wis., said the kids in her extended family saw how much fun the grown-ups were having running around a mall buying for their Secret Santa exchange that they wanted to join in, too.

"Now they just receive gifts from one person like the adults," she said. "It's a blast."

TRY CHARITABLE GIVING

Renee Junewicz of New York City has been exchanging gifts of \$25 in value with members of her book club for years, but she wanted to shift to a group donation for a care package benefiting a soldier this holiday season. She felt "it might be good for all of us to do something a bit more altruistic than years past. It might raise all of our spirits. I had anticipated having to justify my suggestion."

Everybody was surprised. When she brought up pooling money to buy something through Testafortroops.com, her 10 fellow readers jumped at the chance without the need for her to mount a soapbox.

"Somehow, I think we all feel that we will honestly know that our gift is appreciated," she said. "Not that I didn't love that scarf with the multicolored sequins."

SECRET SANTA OR POLLYANA

This is a common tradition. A few weeks ahead of a holiday, all group members put their names in a hat and then each draws the name of a person. You keep the name a secret and buy a gift for the person, often according to a spending limit. The gifts are typically bestowed during a holiday party, and your personal "secret Santa" is revealed.

To make things run smoothly, the group can also appoint an in-the-know coordinator who makes sure no one gets a name they had last year, or who can collect and distribute wish lists. Some Web sites have been created to help manage the game.

WHITE ELEPHANT

The general idea of this group gift exchange is to steal your way to a great gift. Here's how it works: Instead of bringing a gift for a designated person, each guest at your party brings a random present, with a cap on the cost.

Everyone draws a number from a hat. "Number 1" selects a random wrapped present first and unwraps it. The person with "Number 2" can either choose another wrapped present or take Number 1's present. And so on. If your gift is stolen, you get a new turn to either steal a gift or take an unwrapped one.

(Many people also limit the times a single gift can be stolen. So, say, whoever is the third stealer gets to keep it.)

When everyone has had a turn, the game can end or you can go around the circle again.

Be careful not to play with small children who don't take kindly to a present being whisked away. But grown-ups can get a kick out of it.

"It's a lot of fun when people throw ridiculous gifts in the pile," says Brian Kimura, an architect in Portland, Ore., who's played the game at work. "It's especially funny when the price cap is low, like \$10. I once ended up with a pile of firewood."

NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T

Similar to the White Elephant, this game is good for big groups.

In this game, everyone brings a few wrapped presents to a party, from legitimate gifts to housewares to gag gifts. The wrapped gifts all go in a central spot. The host distributes pairs of dice, say one set down in front of every fifth person or so. Each player rolls the dice. Double sixes means player a gift of their choice and a chance to roll again. Play passes around the table, until all the gifts are taken.

At that point, the host sets a timer for 10 or 15 minutes, and doubles now earn players the chance to "steal" a gift from their friends. The pace of play usually quickens, and some players duel over specific gifts.

When time is up, everyone owns what they are left with. Unwrapping the gifts often proves amusing, when someone discovers that what was in the fancy, gold-wrapped giant box was actually a peck of toilet paper.

A COMMUNITY EFFORT

Sometimes, group gift exchanges work better as group gifts. Evette Riles, home and design expert on "Rachel Ray" and host of "G-Spot" on the Planet Green channel, says parents can band together and create something for all the kids on the block or in a play group.

For example, she suggests creating a neighborhood video game library. Each parent buys one of the latest video games and children can "sign out" the game for a period of a few weeks. "Kids go through video games so quickly and then Grand Theft Auto 2 is still sitting there — why not pool resources?" she says.

COLLECTION CORRECTION

When you want to give to exchange gifts as a group but just want to give one as a group? A noble notion, but the person who has to organize that is usually in for some work.

Karen O'Neill, a Boston-area working mom, developed a free Web site this year called FrumUs.com (www.frumus.com) that allows the organizer to create a group Web site where people can contribute via a PayPal account or credit card; vote on gifts; comment and share. As a working mother, I was grateful that there was no online solution for this end-less stream of group gifts," she says.

The best in toyland

Toy trivia

An American kid uses about 730 crayons by his or her 10th birthday. That's enough to cover an NBA basketball court!

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

Every year we ask second-through sixth-graders to test about 80 toys before the holiday toy season. We ask them to tell us what they like best, and they always have thoughtful responses.

This year there was a bumper crop of great games. It's hard to top the comments about Fliblix, a game from a new company.

"Kids stayed in from recess to play this game," one teacher wrote to us in disbelief. You build your own board each time you play Fliblix, so it's always different — and clearly lots of fun.

Another winning game was one your parents will remember: Operation. It has been released again with more sounds and new objects to pull out of the patient's body — such as a cellphone! Here is the list of all our testers' favorites and a few runners-up.

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Photo courtesy of the manufacturer

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Photo courtesy of the manufacturer

Games

Fliblix (Merillan Games, ages 7-13, \$40). In this game you make your own board — and rules! "One of the best board games we have ever played," our fifth-grader testers said.

Operation (Hasbro, 6 and older, \$15). Fourth-graders liked playing surgeon and plucking things out of the body. But it's hard. Sound effects (including burping and ringing cell-phones) in this updated version of the classic game are loud and giggle-inducing. Bzzz!

Griddly Headz Baseball Game (Griddly Games Inc., 8-12, \$30). Scored a perfect 10 from all testers. "Fun and exciting," a sixth-grader said.

Buckseat Drawing (Out of

the Box Games, 12 and older, \$25). A fast-paced, laugh-a-lot drawing game that sixth-graders called "the coolest," "so much fun" and "the best toy ever."

Bainigan Battle Brawlers Battle Arena (Spin Master, 5 and older, \$30, with booster packs starting at \$3). A little hard to put together, but the game is "fun," and our fourth-grade testers loved the "cute" and "cool" collectible pieces.

Music/dance

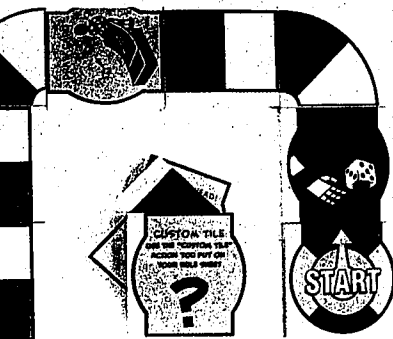
High School Musical 3 Rockin' Sing-A-Long Mic (Zizzle, 6 and older, \$13). Third-grade testers loved the music and "that you can sing along." Good fun for the price, but all the testers wanted more than two songs!

U-Dance motion-based TV dance game (Hasbro/Tiger Electronics, 8 and older, \$75). One tester said she "likes everything about it," and that pretty much sums up the fifth-graders' reactions.

Crafts

Beaded Snowflake Ornaments (Creativity for Kids, 5 and older, \$20). The only thing second-graders didn't like about this pretty, fun craft is if you drop it, all the beads can fall off. Oops!

Pixos Super Studio (Spin Master, 8 and older, \$30). The second-graders who used this toy to make patterns with beads "loved" it, calling it challenging, cool, creative and easy to use.



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Girl! Gourmet Cupcake Maker (Jaks Pacific, 8 and older, \$30). This toy got a solid 10 rating from fourth-grade testers, who said it was easy to use and made delicious cupcakes.

Tech toys

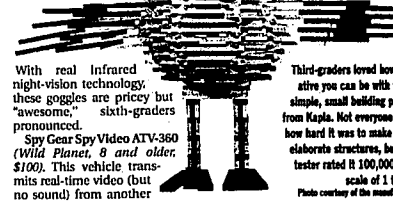
Clone Troopers Learning Laptop (Oregon Scientific, 5 and older, \$40). Second-graders said this laptop was "hard to unplug" but "had great games" and was really fun.

U.B. Funky Starter Kit (Mattel/Radica, 8 and older, \$20). This kit got a 10 from all fifth-grade testers for being easy to set up and for having great games. "This was just as much fun as an expensive game system for a lot less money," they said.

Spy gear

Spy Gear Night Goggles (Wild Planet, 8 and older, \$15). Third-grade testers said that being able to see in the dark was fun and that the goggles were easy to use, but some said they "hurt your head."

EyeClops Night Vision infrared stealth goggles (Jaks Pacific, 8 and older, \$80).



With real infrared night-vision technology, these goggles are pricey but "awesome," sixth-graders pronounced.

Spy Gear Spy Video ATV-360 (Wild Planet, 8 and older, \$109). This vehicle transmits real-time video (but no sound) from another

Building

Lego Agents Mobile Command Center (Lego, 8 and older, \$80). A much-loved set with a whole lot of pieces (1,154). Fifth-grade testers said it's not easy, but they all called it "fun."

Kapla building system (Kapla, 3 and older, \$30 and up). Third-graders loved how creative you can be with these simple, small building planks. Not everyone liked how hard it was to make more elaborate structures, but one tester rated it 100,000 on a scale of 1 to 10!

Runners-up

Discovery Kids Tornado Lab (Discovery Kids, ages 8 and older, \$30). This toy was slightly "messy," but the third-graders loved the "science experiment" nature of it. And the effect is "soooooo cool!"

Walkaroo II Aluminum Stilts (GeoSpace International, 5 and older, \$36). Stilts are always fun, but second-graders really liked that this uniquely shaped version is "easy to use."

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Talking with actor Jason Dolley

By Anna Correa, Kameron Christie and Quinn Tesaruro
Midday reporters, Newsday

We spoke with 16-year-old actor Jason Dolley (Cory in "The House" and "Minute-men") in Manhattan recently.

Question: What has been your favorite episode of your Disney Channel show "Cory in the House"?
Answer: I think "The Presidential Seal." The seal was so much fun to work with, but it was weird because ... they had a truck with a tub that the seal was in, and when they brought the tub on set, everybody had to stand back and clear a path for the seal. It was like he was a big star.

Q: What do you like most and least about your character, Newt?
A: Most, I think I like the scenes where I have to play guitar. They're the most fun scenes. It's kind of hard to pick something bad about Newt.

He's a good guy, a nice guy, just kind of in his own world. I'd kind of got a screw loose, but his heart's in the right place.
Q: Do you play guitar like Newt?
A: I do, not on the show, though. When the show first started, I thought it would be

a good idea to learn because it would probably look better if I knew what I was doing. When I'm playing on screen, it's pretty close to what the notes really are, but it's not actually me playing. I would like to be, though.

Q: Did you ever play a prank on Kyle Massey (Cory)?
A: Most of the pranks are between Jake Thomas (huson) and Malara Walsh (Mona). Throughout one episode they were kind of having a prank war going on. It was pretty

low-key until Jake poured hot sauce on her food when she wasn't looking. The next night it was his birthday, and the cake was brought out in front of a live audience. Malara got a piece of cake and smashed it in his face. I'm usually on the sidelines watching the pranks. I don't usually get involved because I'm not very good at them.
Q: Do you have a hard time going out in public?
A: Normally it's not a big deal. Sometimes people will

come up to me, but that's cool. There's never a problem when I go out to dinner; I still get to eat.

Q: Do you ever buy a fan magazine when you're in it?
A: Usually my mom will do that. My friends will tell me, "Oh, I bought a magazine and you were in it." At the beginning it was kind of weird, but I'm kind of used to it now.

Q: What other TV show would you like to be on?
A: I want a guest spot on "The Simpsons." That's pretty much the only TV show I watch.

Q: We read you have a 4.0 average. What is your favorite school subject?
A: Spanish. (My) tutor is fluent in Spanish, so we talk in Spanish together, which is fun. There's also a Mexican restaurant near my house, so ... we'll go to there for lunch and talk to people in Spanish.

Q: What career would you like if you're not an actor?
A: (I once) entertained being a lawyer, but I'm not interested anymore. Maybe something ... with marine biology. I don't know if I could work in an office all day.
Q: Where has your favorite vacation been?
A: The Caribbean on a Disney cruise. I've been twice and both have been the best vacations. ... I didn't get to passail, but I want to. It might be a little scary, but I want to do it.

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EDITORIAL

Do Idahoans have government they deserve?

Idaho county government was designed by the best minds of the 19th century, and it shows. City governments in the Gem State too often operate under the taxpayers' radar and at cross-purposes with themselves.

School boards devote too much time to process, turf wars and outmoded methods while doing too little to ensure that kids actually learn.

And state government? It cedes responsibilities ranging from daycare regulation to contractor licensing to local government because the governor isn't leading and the legislature puts conservative ideology and power politics ahead of effective public policy.

In short, Idaho taxpayers just aren't getting their money's worth.

And make no mistake, it's serious money. According to the Americans for Tax Reform Foundation, it takes each Idahoan 181 days a year to pay his or her taxes. That means you're working to support the government from New Year's Day until July 1, which by unhappy coincidence is the start of Idaho's government fiscal year.

For the next four Sundays, the *Times-News* will examine various aspects of Idaho's failing governments — and what can be done to fix them.

We start today with consolidation, and an unhappy number: 423. That's the total number of city and county governments and school and highway districts in Idaho.

That's too many government entities by at least a fourth.

We've long been a proponent of local control, but that doesn't mean tiny fiefdoms work best. Idaho needs more than government consolidation. Idaho needs an entirely new mind-set about governing.

Does Gooding County really need five separate highway districts? Why does Twin Falls County have eight school districts?

Do there have to be parallel governments in Fairfield (pop. 404) and Camas County (pop. 1,050)? Why are there separate law enforcement agencies for Gooding County, Gooding, Wendell and Hagerman?

If there ever were good reasons for all of the above, they've long faded away.

Simply put, Idaho can't afford to continue doing things as we always have. The state's labor market is contracting and Idaho's personal income is flat — and might not grow at all in 2009.

Yet Idaho squanders millions of dollars on duplicated government infrastructure and services.

There are 21 public school superintendents in south-central Idaho — one for every 1,600 students. And the median salary of an Idaho superintendent is \$75,000.

Are people in Hansen so utterly different in politics, culture and spirit that they cannot possibly coexist with folks in Kimberly and Murtaugh in a more efficient school district that would be able to offer better quality education?

To their credit, the cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley aren't waiting to be forced to do the right thing. They seem to have arrived at the conclusion that they can do better with a joint police force.

We applaud their move, and would like to see them take an even bigger step: Why settle for a slightly bigger small-town force when you can get more bang for the buck by contracting with the Blaine County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services?

When the Burley Police Department and the Cassia County Sheriff's Office merged 20 years ago, it was because Mini-Cassia was reeling from the national farm recession. That one agency now covers all of Cassia County with better results than would be seen from having multiple small departments struggling to keep up.

It shouldn't take a crisis to force us to do the right thing.

Idaho's pioneers didn't accept the status quo. They were bold, pragmatic and imaginative. They found a better way.

We should honor and revive that spirit in finding a better way to manage their legacy going forward.

TIMES-NEWS

Brad Hurd . . . publisher Steve Crump . . . Opinion editor

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Our view: Idahoans are ill-served by a system of government that's served us badly for generations. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Watershed moment

How the Hells Canyon decision transformed everything

By Karl Brooks

EDITOR'S NOTE: 2009 will be the 50th anniversary of the completion of Brownlee Dam, the first of the three-dam Hells Canyon Complex on the Idaho-Oregon border. It's an Idaho Power facility whose licensing was the defining event in the long-running national debate between public hydroelectric development — agencies such as the Bonneville Power Administration and the Tennessee Valley Authority — and private power.

Previously the Truman Administration had planned to build a much larger, federally owned dam on the Snake River in Hells Canyon, earmark some of the electricity to support expansion of the phosphate mining industry in southeastern Idaho, and use the stored water to develop 1 million acres of irrigated farmland in the Mountain Home Desert between Boise and Mountain Home.

"The victory of Idaho Power" — backed by southern Idaho irrigators, the state's Republican Party and the Eisenhower Administration — over federal power reaffirmed Idaho's prior appropriation water-rights policy ("first-in-time, first-in-right"), fundamentally shaped per se economic development in southern Idaho and indirectly made future efforts to save Idaho's salmon and steelhead runs possible.

Perhaps the most important figure in the Hells Canyon debate was a Twin Falls water lawyer, R.P. "Pat" Parry, who represented Idaho Power in the dam licensing process and led the legal effort to block the federal Hells Canyon High Dam.

In 2006, University of Kansas history and environmental studies professor Karl Brooks — a Boise native who served in the Idaho Senate from 1987-92 — published "Public Power, Private Dams: The Hells Canyon High Dam Controversy." The following is an excerpt, used by permission of Brooks and the University of Washington Press.

Idaho Power Company's victory in the Hells Canyon controversy changed the Snake River and its watershed forever. Its three-dam complex ultimately eliminated salmon and steelhead trout races that had inhabited the Snake River Basin above Hells Canyon for 10 millennia. Its hydroelectricity encouraged both more intensive urban settlement and extensive irrigated agriculture. However, corporate victory and federal defeat preserved natural features of the basin and left Snake Basin politics mostly unchanged. Things forever changed, coupled with those that endured, make the Hells Canyon controversy worth understanding. Antagonists on one of the first "modern" environmental battlegrounds contested old issues rooted in the New Deal's transformation of

the Pacific Northwest. But the outcome of their fierce, decade-long struggle shaped future controversies over power, water, fish and land.

Private power's victory at Hells Canyon unplugged the postwar New Deal in the Northwest before it annexed the Snake Basin. Unable to turn the Snake's hydropower to the cause of industrialization and widespread desert reclamation, federal planners in the Bureau of Reclamation and BPA left the Snake Basin almost as they had found it at the dawn of the postwar. High Hells Canyon's defeat preserved Snake Basin irrigators' distinctive relationship with the water they controlled. What did not happen at Hells Canyon is at least as important to

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It's an opinion; feel free to disagree with it

Adrian Arp of Twin Falls, who regularly expresses himself in our letters columns, counts himself a conservative — the kind of guy who would chew off his own foot rather than vote for a Democrat.

"I see a guy who 'gets it' when it comes to our philosophy regarding opinion columnists."

"I see people complaining about Michelle Malkin and other conservative viewpoints," Mr. Arp recently wrote in a note to me. "I hope you will continue her column to counter the many liberal columns you print from *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, etc. I feel you need more conservative ideas as I know many who either have stopped taking the paper or are considering doing so because of the overload of liberal columns. I do want to compliment you for general news you cover and feel that your paper is far superior to other papers I read in areas I travel...."

132 FAIRFIELD ST. WEST James G. Wright

Thank you for considering more balanced editorial columns."

He's right, of course: We do run columns by alleged liberals. But then again, we also run columns by reputed conservatives. For every Michelle Malkin there's a Maureen Dowd. For every Thomas Friedman, we have a Cal Thomas.

Mr. Arp has tumbled to our run column plan: We want to offer a broad range of opinion; a little something for everyone.

Of course, by trying to cut things down the middle we reduce some readers to split-the-differences puddles of molten rage. From either end of the political spectrum, we hear from people who simply can-

not stand the idea that someone out there might hold a political view that does not precisely match their own, and they are greatly offended by the fact that they just might be exposed to that opinion in the pages of their local paper. Those are the people who routinely write to demand that Malkin be muzzled or that Dowd be dropped.

I actually enjoy the fact that people care enough to make entirely unreasonable demands on us, and that some even do so in vile, nasty language. It's oddly... heartwarming.

But it's even more gratifying to know that readers such as Mr. Arp don't expect us to limit our stable of columnists to their own personal amen chorus. Those folks understand that this section of the paper is intended to be a marketplace of ideas where people can sample before making up their minds.

Now, what about our "overload of liberal columns," as Mr. Arp succinctly put it.

I recently went through a month's worth of newspapers and tried to rank the columnists based on their political leanings. This is an admittedly subjective view, but I came away thinking that most — not all, but most — offer relatively straightforward analysis based on expertise, rather than coming at issues as partisan ideologues. David Broder is a good example of that.

But rest assured, Mr. Arp: Mr. Arp might disagree and lump Broder in with the libs. But someone from the other side of the philosophical tracks might consider Broder a conservative. That's just the way the world works. But rest assured, Mr. Arp: we're not going to cancel Malkin because some people complain. Nor are we going to cancel Dowd because some people complain. In fact, if no one ever complained I'd think we were doing something wrong.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big Three have contributed a lot to this country

In response to Matt Smith and others who want to bury the Big 3 U.S. car companies: You are the same people who forget what the Big 3 have done for the people of the United States and want to crush the backbone of the United States car industry. You forget what took place after Sept. 11, 2001, or maybe you didn't even support U.S. companies before this.

Ford: Chrysler and GM's contributions after 9/11: Ford: \$10 million to American Red Cross matching employee contributions of the same number plus 10 Excursions to New York Fire Department. The company also offered emergency room response team services and office space to displaced government employees.

GM: \$10 million to American Red Cross matching employee contributions of the same number and a fleet of vans, SUVs and trucks.

Daimler Chrysler: \$10 million to support of the children and victims of the Sept. 11 attack.

Harley-Davidson motorcycles: \$1 million and 30 new motorcycles to the New York Police Department.

Volkswagen: Employees and management donated a Sept. 11 foundation, funded initial with \$2 million for the assistance of the children and victims of the World Trade Center.

Foundations: \$300,000 to the American Red Cross. Audi, BMW, Dacia, Fiat — nothing. Honda, nothing, despite boasting of second best sales month ever in August 2001. Isuzu, Mitsubishi, Nissan — nothing.

Porsche, nothing press release with condolences via the Porsche Web site. Subaru, Suzuki — nothing. Toyota, nothing, despite claims of high sales in July and August 2001, condolences posted on the Web site. It's OK for these companies to take money out of this country, but it is apparently not acceptable to return some in a time of crisis. I believe we should not forget things like this.

GAYLAND EDWARDS Jerome

Framework for economy was fundamentally flawed

When assessing the viability of a structure or system, one must first look at the foundation, the framework and then at the various components: If the foundation or framework is flawed, the whole system or structure will be adversely impacted and may need to be torn down and rebuilt or ways found to shore up the foundation. If the components are exceptionally good, one might extend its life by compensating for the foundation flaw with "fixes" on the components, but the flaw in the foundation will eventually show through.

This analysis is apropos to the current economic situation. As great as the foundation of our country is, manifest in the words of the Declaration of Independence, then institutionalized in the Constitution, it does not balance rights with responsibilities. That flaw carried forward to our financial system, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton were at loggerheads over this issue. Jefferson believed gov-

ernment should control the currency. Hamilton favored a central bank. William Paterson, founder of the Bank of England, said, "The bank hath benefit of interest on all moneys which it creates out of nothing."

Our financial system is based on greed, debt and waste. The lack of responsibility shows through. We have some great components, the incredible natural resources that sustain us, the human ingenuity to transform those resources and the hard work to make things happen. There are flaws, "planned obsolescence" being one of the worst. These flaws in the foundation and in some of the components are bringing the system down. False fixes (ballouts) aren't going to do it. We need to invest in solutions (distributed power generation and mass transit).

Move from "growth for the growth's sake" to a sustainable foundation, from greed to personal and corporate responsibility and from wasteful production and consumption practices to the prudent.

BILL CHISHOLM Buhl

What's the message Black Friday sends to children?

I am deeply saddened by the fact that we as human beings are willing to trample someone to death and behave in such an animalistic manner just to purchase "stuff" that is not a need but more of a want. Or maybe it is for the bragging rights of being able to tell people how you stole something out of someone else's cart because there were no more on the shelf, or you camped out overnight just to be the first one in line.

How pathetic are we as human beings to put such things over what is truly the reason we celebrate such a beautiful holiday. Is someone's life really worth a DVD player or a GPS unit or a toy?

If you are one of those people who think a life should be taken or someone shoved, scratched and hit just so you can get what you want, I feel very sorry for you. What kind of message are we sending our children with this type of behavior?

MICHELLE NIELSON Twin Falls

Obenauer was a good servant to Jerome County

In 1849, Henry David Thoreau published an essay titled "Resistance to Civil Government". At the beginning of the essay he introduces the notion "That government is best which governs not at all"; and when men are prepared for it, that will be the kind of government which they will have." The good citizens of Idaho

accept and take to heart the first half of this statement but as a whole have not grasped the essence of the caveat: personal responsibility.

A notable exception is Jerome County Commissioner Diana Obenauer. As she leaves office, I feel I would be remiss if I did not pay tribute to her as a remarkably courageous and responsible public servant. During her tenure as a Jerome County commissioner she has been a visionary who consistently and persistently fought for the public health, safety and general welfare in the midst of ridicule by less mature and less insightful individuals.

Thank you, Diana. JIM SYLVA Hansen

including her fellow commissioners. Her steadfast courage in defense of the county's citizenry-environment (they are inseparable) has been truly heroic.

Unfortunately, the citizens of Jerome County have not seen clearly the rare jewel they had elected to office and have chosen to take a step backward into mediocrity. Hopefully, the citizens will eventually see the folly of their decision and develop the maturity and courage to support the next citizen candidate who reflects the qualities of Diana Obenauer.

Thank you, Diana. JIM SYLVA Hansen

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When it comes to charter schools, Gooding isn't Meridian

To respond or not respond? That is the question. However, after reading Briana LeClaire's letter to the editor (several times) in the *Times-News* (Nov. 19), it became apparent that a response seemed more than just warranted.

Ms. LeClaire, president of the Coalition of Idaho Charter School Families, suggested that the Gooding School District has... to adjust to a new reality or risk retreat.

That is a fairly bold statement to be making from someone living in the Treasure Valley who (obviously) does not understand what it means to live in a small community.

First and foremost, comparing a charter school in a small community to one located within the Meridian School District's boundaries is tantamount to comparing Washington, D.C. politics to Idaho state politics. There simply is no comparison!

Since Meridian School District is the largest in Idaho, losing a small number of students to a charter school would not even dent the general fund budget of that district. In contrast, losing more than 100 students to the North Valley Academy charter school in Gooding will have devastating effects on the

READER COMMENT

By Gus Spiropoulos

Gooding School District's general fund budget. And, when high school students are allowed to attend North Valley Academy next year, the strain on our district's general fund budget will be even more critical.

Several months ago, our superintendent informed all staff that the district stands to lose between six and eight teaching positions next year. This is due to declining enrollment, which is directly linked to students moving from our district to North Valley Academy. Ms. LeClaire states in her letter the following: "Successful ventures self-analyze and adjust when things go wrong." Having to cut about 10 percent of our teaching staff is a much more significant problem than simply "self-analyzing and adjusting" to the problem!

Our school district, like other school districts across Idaho, is responsible to see to the health, safety and well-being of all students and staff. Our district is also responsible for providing students and teachers with the necessary textbooks and teaching supplies in order that students

receive the best, possible education.

Losing between six to eight teaching positions next year coupled with additional losses in revenue could seriously hamper our school district's ability to properly maintain a positive beginning fund balance in the district's general fund budget. If that happens, providing students with the proper education alluded to above could be seriously jeopardized. According to the Idaho State Constitution, Idaho public school districts are required to maintain balanced budgets. In other words, they are not allowed to deficit spend. However, this also becomes a potential problem and/or challenge for our school district because of the creation of North Valley Academy.

So, Ms. LeClaire, while you attempt to make several salient points as to the value of public charter schools in Idaho, I hope you can now appreciate that a small community is vastly different than a large one such as yours, and that establishing charter schools in either causes a multitude of issues with which each community must contend.

Gus Spiropoulos, a former superintendent in the field.

Kuna and West Jefferson school districts. Is a teacher at Gooding Elementary School. He submitted this letter along with 24 other signers, all staff members at Gooding Elementary School and Gooding Middle School.

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Obama should take Gates' advice skeptically

WASHINGTON—In the two most critical areas facing his presidency, national security and economic policy, Barack Obama has opted for continuity, not change. That is reassuring to many in the short term, but it entails long-term risks.



DAVID BRODER

ically the Bay of Pigs adventure.

The idea for an American-sponsored invasion of Cuba by a CIA-trained group of anti-Castro rebels was hatched while Dwight D. Eisenhower was in his final months in office. When the new president was briefed on the plans, he raised questions but Obama was persuaded to give it a try.

It blew up in his face and, in the end, he was forced into the humiliating position of bargaining with Fidel Castro for the release of the detained forces. Some scholars argue that Castro's reading of the fiasco led to Moscow's boldness in erecting the Berlin Wall and attempting to place missiles in Cuba.

There may be nothing at all similar in the Bay of Pigs invasion on the secret books of Gates' Pentagon. If there were, we would not know. But we do know that special forces are operating in Iraq and in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border area, and we have been told that they have been deployed on anti-terrorist missions in many other countries.

When and if Gates brings such missions to his new White House boss, he will presumably come as an advocate. The Kennedy example suggests that Obama and his advisers should be very skeptical in their questioning. Gethner's example could be equally consequential, if less dramatic.

He has a personal and institutional investment in the policies now on the books for containing and, hopefully, reversing this banking-credit-economic mess. Obama clearly is ready to go well

beyond the existing remedies, but he has not yet indicated whether he is prepared to scrap any of the past steps because they have not yielded the desired results.

With Gethner at the table, will Obama be more reluctant to change courses? Will Peter Orszag at the Office of Management and Budget or Larry Summers at the White House National Economic Council, the other key economists named by Obama, be willing to challenge Gethner if they disagree?

It's often been said that in government, people are policy. When the people are holders, their policy needs extra scrutiny.

By keeping Robert Gates as secretary of defense and selecting Tim Geithner as his secretary of treasury, the president-elect has signaled to the stars of the outgoing Bush administration. No one will fault Obama's judgment in recognizing their talents or the contribution they can make to his success.

Gates, who took over from Don Rumsfeld two years ago, has not only managed the Pentagon with a firm hand but has rebuilt its relationships with Capitol Hill and with the State Department, both badly damaged by his predecessor. In a series of thoughtful speeches, Gates has argued for a higher level of coordination in administration-policy, rejecting any hint of parochialism and setting an example for others in the national security arena.

Gethner, head of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, is the premier academic economist and a wealth of experience at the Treasury Department to his post near the top of the Fed bureaucracy. Along with Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, he has been helping to lead the effort to rescue the financial system from the effects of the economic meltdown.

Obama could not hope for better counsel when he inherits two wars, a recession and other scary challenges. But one hopes that Obama will not forget the lesson John Kennedy learned about handoffs. In his case, it was not so much a question of personnel as of policy, specif-

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the contemporary environmental history of the Snake River Basin as what old-timers called the Boise and the Payette — stayed in their canyons instead of being forced through turbines into tunnels under granite peaks and onto rolling deserts.

More than 1 million acres of sagebrush plain remain arid but biologically diverse. The United States' largest wild-river system, the Salmon, remained free flowing.

Its water, instead of pooling behind a concrete neck of federal dams, continued to nurse the world's richest anadromous fishery. Phosphate beds, piled against the Continental Divide at the head of the Snake Basin, did not vanish abruptly into the maw of an industrial complex tied umbilically into a federal hydropower grid. They seeped, but slowly, disappeared into two small fertilizer plants.

Had the Federal Columbia River Power System with the Hells Canyon controversy, the Bonneville Power Administration would have mastered Snake Basin hydropower, as it had the Columbia Basin's energy grid during the Depression and Second World War.

Under BPA domination, the Snake Basin — southern Idaho, eastern Oregon and northern Utah and Nevada — would likely have urbanized more thoroughly and quickly during the postwar. More Snake Basin people would have worked in more factories and offices. Downriver political influences from the Columbia Basin would probably have quickened the postwar.

More Snake Basin people would have worked in more factories and offices. Downriver political influences from the Columbia Basin would probably have quickened the postwar. After 1957 in directions being pioneered by Oregonians and Washingtonians. The irrigators who dominated Snake Basin life would have had to share power sooner with industrialists, labor unions and urban salaries workers. Indeed, victory in Hells Canyon for Idaho Power ensured two more generations of political and cultural battles for Snake Basin agricultural leaders.

The Hells Canyon controversy deserves understanding because the long postwar debate over its fate reflected both northwesterners and the larger American nation struggling to craft a new balance between private capital, public authority and natural features. The chief combatants — engineers and planners, industrialists and irrigators, biologists and fishers, politicians and publicists — tried to make and use law to serve their competing claims to shape a natural system in the public interest. They advanced their competing visions in a multitude of places where American law is made. People seeking legal advantages in each of those places exerted some influence over the course of the Snake through Hells Canyon. However, taken together, acting and reacting constantly on one another, northwestern people and the region's natural features and forces made history in Hells Canyon. The Snake River Basin's natural system of rivers and canyons, basal plains and silvery fish persistently bent human interests into new forms that reflected nature's own imperatives.

The Hells Canyon controversy divides the history of the modern Northwest. Roughly at the midpoint of the 20th century, northwesterners appraised dams more critically. They grasped more clearly cheap hydroelectricity's ecological consequences. They helped lead all Americans to begin exploring different ways of living along all of the waters that bind places on earth together. They displayed a new willingness to ask less from rivers, to let them do more of the work they had been doing before people damned them to make electricity and diverted them to irrigate fields. Idaho Power Company's campaign for a federal license illustrated how customary legal tools — administrative agencies and

About the Hells Canyon Complex

Idaho Power owns and operates 17 hydropower projects on the Snake River and its tributaries. The largest, the Hells Canyon Complex, makes up nearly two-thirds of the company's hydro-generating capacity. The complex is located on the Snake River in Hells Canyon. Hells Canyon is considered to be the deepest river gorge in North America. Nearby Mt. Devil Mountain is 9,393 feet above sea level. The canyon plunges 7,913 feet, 1 1/2 miles from its summit to the mouth of Granite Creek, six miles away at 1,480 feet above sea level. The 40-mile-long chasm divides Oregon from Idaho. Hells Canyon Complex includes Brownlee (420 feet tall, completed in 1959), Oxbow (175 feet tall, finished in 1964) and Hells Canyon (350 feet tall, opened in 1967) dams, reservoirs and power plants, all of which are operated under the same license granted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

They still do. In Idaho and Oregon, and in the nation as a whole, Americans have still not rendered a final decision about the respective legal preferences due environment and capital. With luck and skill, they never will.

Changing popular hopes and beliefs, fears and frustrations, during the decade of so following World War II revised the meaning of legal rules that resolved the Hells Canyon controversy. Social and environmental changes stimulated legal change.

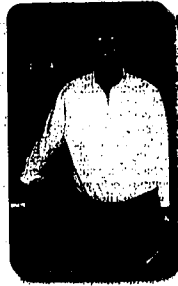
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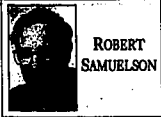
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Fix the economy, then the other stuff

WASHINGTON — As he assembles his economic team, Barack Obama faces a central strategic decision: how can he make his "economic stimulus" plan, will he focus mainly on reviving the economy and relieving the financial crisis? Or will he use the economic crisis as a vehicle to advance a more ambitious social and economic agenda? The two approaches are at odds. The first aims at building political consensus and economic confidence; the second would intensify political conflict and economic uncertainty.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

face increased taxes or large spending cuts. The compelling case for a big "economic stimulus" package is that it would cushion these and other spending declines. The odds are that any package will include the following: some direct payments to states; a renewed extension of unem-

ployment benefits; tax cuts — reflecting Obama's campaign pledge — of \$500 for most single workers and \$1,000 for most two-career families; spending for infrastructure (roads, bridges, schools and, perhaps, windmills). Obama wants Congress to pass a stimulus package soon after his inauguration. Assuming he gets his wish, it's then that he must make his crucial choice. The temptation will be to press ahead with a "bold" legislative agenda — to ape the New Deal. This would be a mistake. The psychology of bruising legislative battles will not bolster confidence.

The country does need to face its health and energy problems as well as deficit-ridden federal budgets. But trying to do too much too soon risks doing none of it well. We — and he — are caught up in a web of contradictions. In the long run, we need to discipline our appetite for health care and energy; we need to reconcile our desire for government benefits and our willingness to be taxed. But Obama's first job is to avert an economic freefall.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

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The decision ought to be easy. Every new president is assaulted by his own supporters, who want him to put their particular agendas atop his "to do" list. That's already happening, as Obama allies clamor for speedy action to provide universal health insurance, combat global warming and support trade unions. But Obama — and the nation — would be better served if he concentrated for his first year on stabilizing the economy while patiently laying the groundwork for more far-reaching proposals.

The hallmark of this economic crisis has been its capacity to surprise: the desperate plight of the Big Three U.S. automakers is the latest reminder. We can expect more surprises, because the U.S. and global economies continue to weaken at a worrying pace. Consumer confidence has plunged. In October, U.S. factory orders for durable goods (machinery, autos, appliances) slipped 6.2 percent. Abroad, things are no better. Worldwide manufacturing production is declining at an 8 percent rate.

Germany is in recession; China's growth has slowed sharply. Against this backdrop, the frantic pursuit of crisis management and sweeping domestic reform is at best distracting. In practice, it may be politically poisonous. Superficially, the two objectives can be made to mesh: Obama's "green" investments as a way to restore job growth; he can tout a more efficient health-care system as a way to control health costs. But these rhetorical debating points obscure as much as they reveal.

Any program to refashion the energy and health-care sectors — to take these obvious candidates — would be complicated and contentious. Some producers and consumers would win; others would lose. Proposals would create massive uncertainties for businesses and raise the probability of higher costs. To succeed in curbing greenhouse gas emissions, for example, any "cap and trade" program must involve higher energy prices.

The notion that "green" investments would be large, permanent net creators of jobs is mostly a mirage. Somehow these investments must be paid for. If that happens through higher prices, higher taxes or cuts in other government programs, then "green" jobs will mainly substitute for other types of jobs. As for curbing health-care costs, that's desirable. The trouble is that the first effect of Obama's health-care program would probably be the opposite. Expanding insurance coverage would initially raise health spending. Greater demand for medical care met a (relatively) fixed supply of doctors, hospitals and clinics.

Obama won the election, and in normal times, his campaign agenda ought to be front and center. But these are not normal times, and what's most important now — as he repeatedly emphasizes — is to prevent the recession from feeding on itself. This is a clear danger. Consumer spending (70 percent of the economy) has declined for five consecutive months. Eroding tax revenues may result in state budget deficits between \$200 billion and \$250 billion through mid-2011, estimates the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal advocacy group. Required to balance their budgets, states

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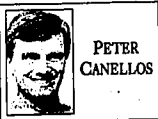
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Big business transfers loyalty, money to Dems

The crush of economic developments surrounding Barack Obama — from the possibility of a large government stimulus package, to the possibility of a bailout for automakers, to the creation of a new presidential advisory panel of economists — may or may not turn out to be economic miracles. And with a crisis of vast proportions, the economy may be bad enough that it will be hard to judge the impact of all the government activity.

But the Obama administration's promise of swift government action to protect companies and workers is likely to achieve one result that has been unthinkable for 75 years: It will make the Democrats the party of Big Business.



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No Child Left Behind law and then campaigned against it as soon as they had a plausible excuse.

Moreover, an antibailout position would be pleasing to the growing numbers of populists in the Republican Party. With Obama to blame for corporate giveaways, the populist lion of the GOP is likely to start roaring at any moment.

In fact, most of the party's 2012 presidential hopefuls — Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Gov.

Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota and Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana — already conceive of themselves as heart-land populists, eager to blame the coasts for the economic meltdown. Most of them are already warming up crowds with the type of anti-Wall Street rhetoric that used to be the bread and butter of Democrats.

Even former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt

Romney, the only businessman among the GOP contenders, recently weighed in against a bailout of the Big Three automakers, a surprising position, given his Michigan roots.

It's a reasonable guess that the more that Republicans become aligned with lower-income voters, the quicker they will lose their fondness for tax cuts, and that the more that Democrats enjoy

the support of upper-income voters, the more likely they will be to abandon plans to snare the rich with tax hikes.

Obama could end up resembling Ronald Reagan more than anyone could have imagined.

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The two major political parties have been shifting their coalitions for a while now, as higher-income Americans move closer to the Democrats, despite the prospect of tax increases on high-wage earners. The Iraq war, which unsettled global markets, and the conservative social agenda combined to alienate many Wall Street executives from the Republican Party even before the recent financial meltdown.

In the recent presidential campaign, the financial sector, long the biggest backer of the Republicans, actually gave more money to the Democrats, by roughly \$65 million to \$59 million, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

This may not be a significant difference, given that Democrats outlasted Republicans by substantial amounts overall. For example, lawyers and lobbyists, a traditionally reliable Democratic constituency, backed the Democratic presidential candidates over Republicans by a whopping \$58 million to \$21 million. The presence among the top-tier Democrats of Hillary Clinton, a New York senator who had cultivated a close relationship with Manhattan financiers, probably boosted Big Business contributions to her party beyond what they otherwise would have been.

But if the financial sector split the difference between the two parties in 2008, it will probably skew toward the Democrats in succeeding elections, as Obama becomes the chief advocate of the Wall Street bailout. Such a development would be shocking considering the animosity between Big Business and the Democratic Party that began during the New Deal of the 1930s, which drove up taxation and slapped new regulations across many industries. That animosity continued throughout the Reagan era, when businesspeople craved the lower tax rates and deregulation of Reaganite Republicans.

Since Reagan's heyday, however, the Republican Party has fallen apart in the Northeast and upper Midwest, home to many of the largest financial-service companies and industrial manufacturers. Corporate executives seem to be among the many Northerners who have bailed on a party that is increasingly dominated by Southern evangelicals.

There are no signs that Republicans are going to try to win back Big Business anytime soon. Even though the recent \$700 billion bailout package was orchestrated by a Republican president, the GOP as the party in exile, will almost certainly coalesce around opposition to it.

Many Republican House members were quick about the plan to begin with, and the fact that they ultimately supported it won't prevent them from disassociating themselves from it in the future, the way Democrats voted for the President Bush's

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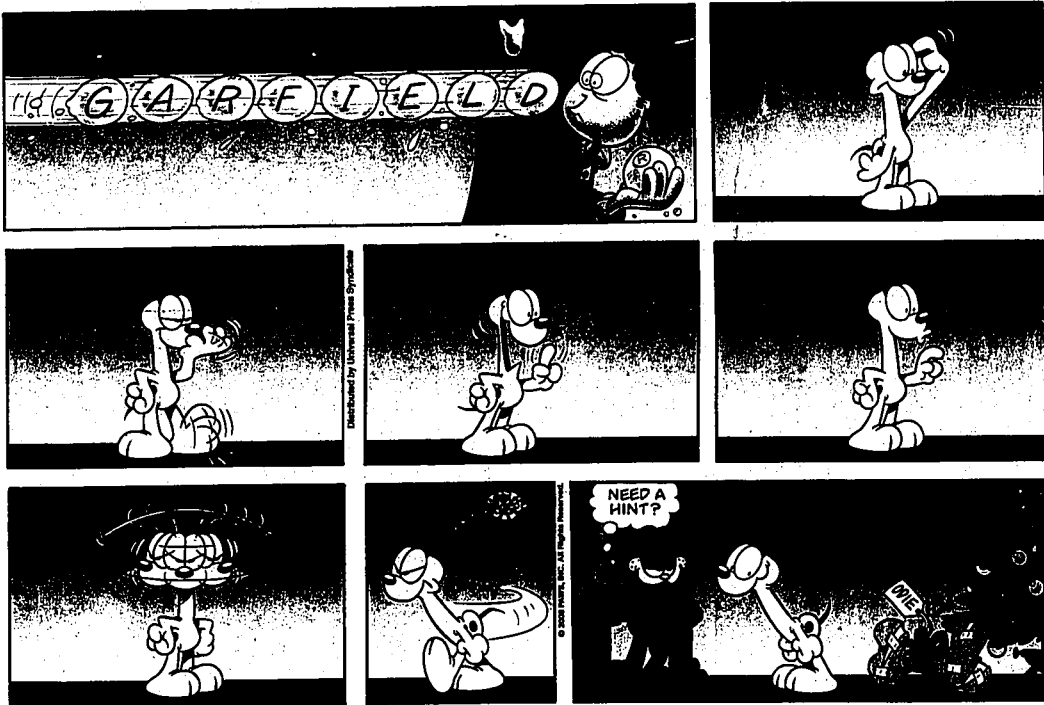
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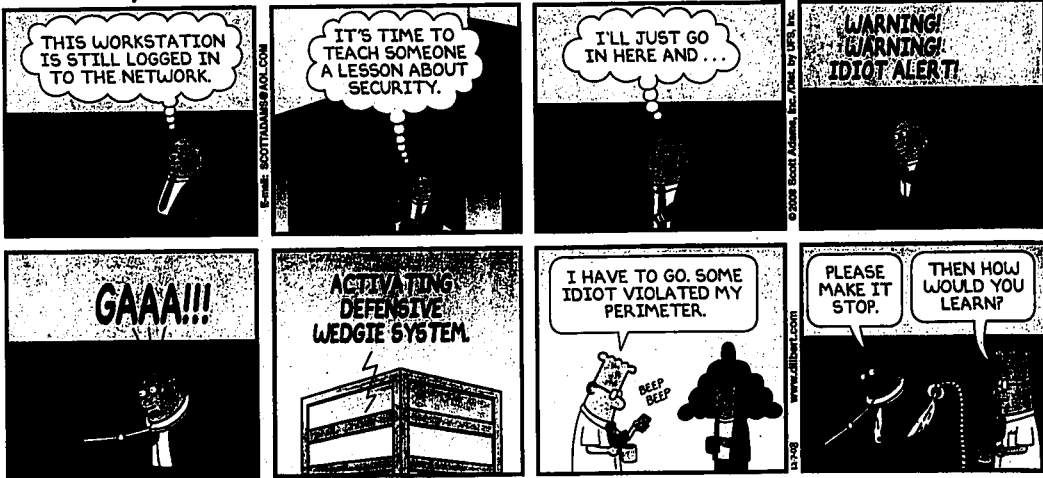
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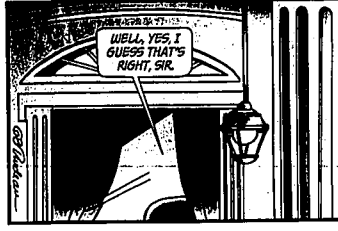
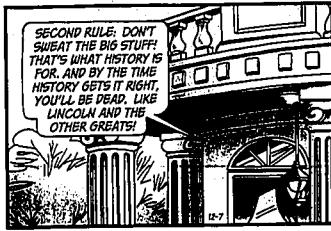
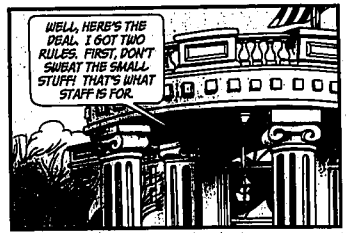
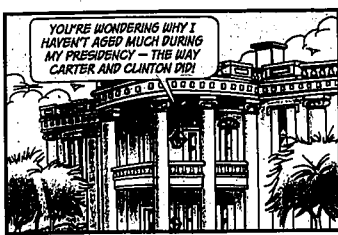
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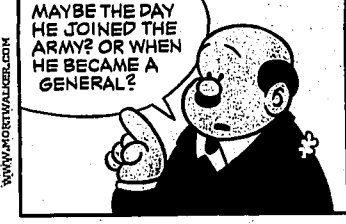
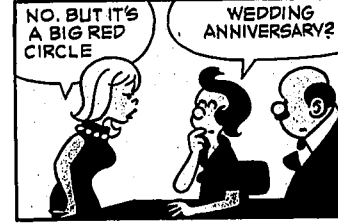
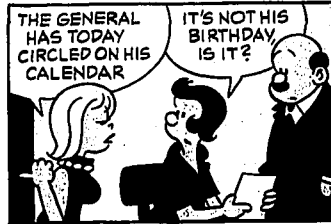


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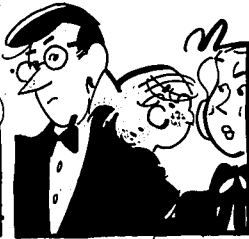


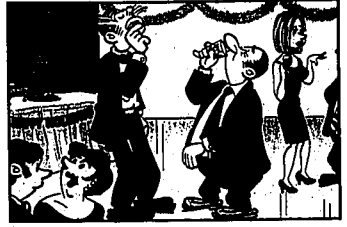


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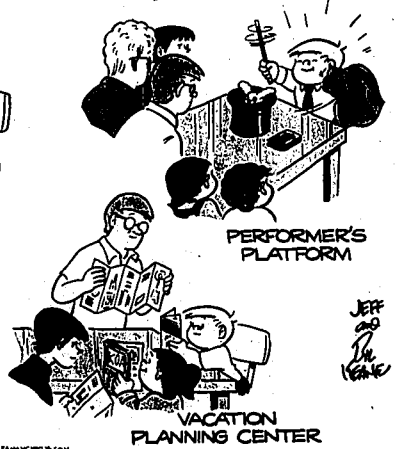
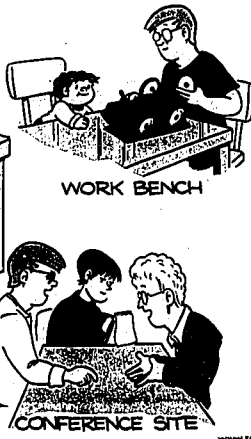
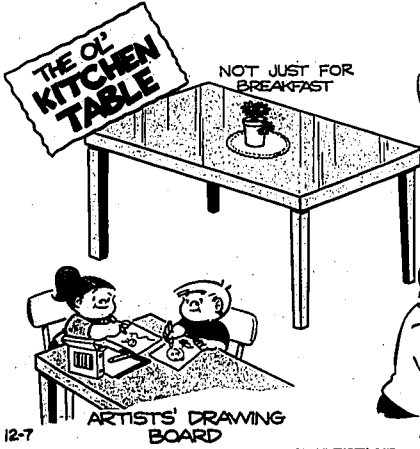
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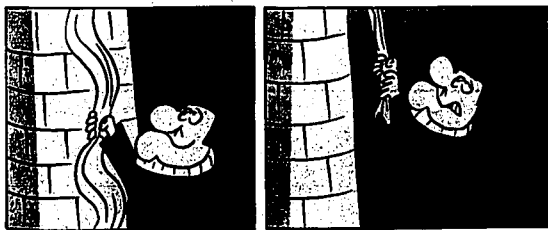
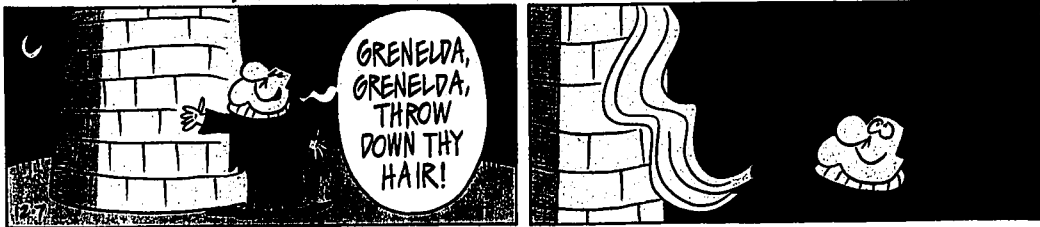
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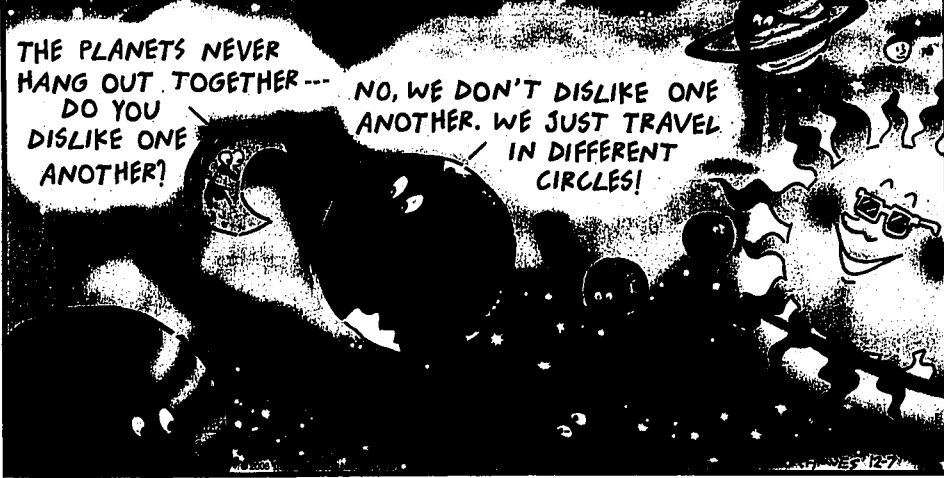


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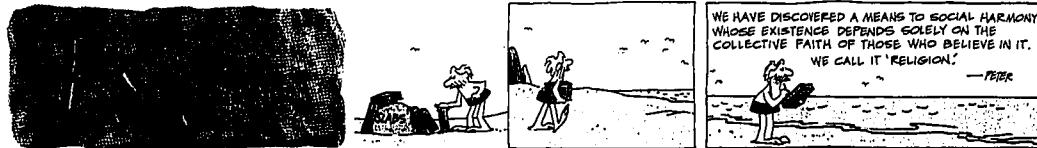
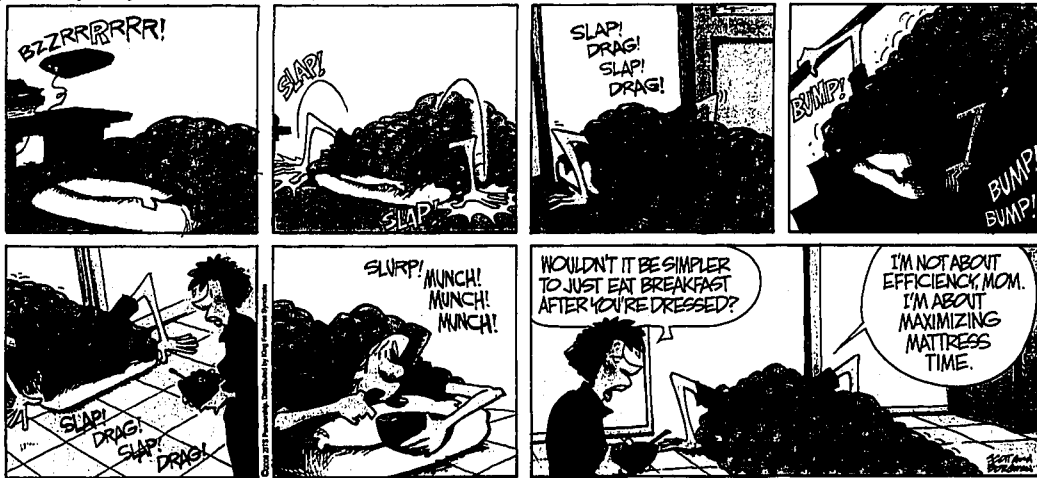


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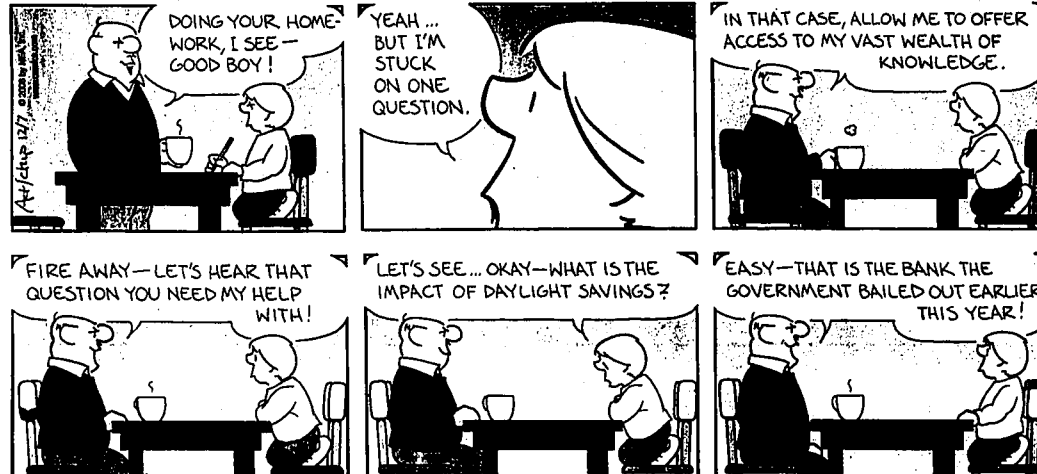




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MONDAY

5:00 a.m. **(TMO) SMARTEST GIRL IN TOWN** *** (1993, Comedy) Ann Sothern, Gene Reynolds, (A) CHARLOTTE *** (1992, Suspense) John Grant, Audrey Hepburn.

5:10 a.m. **(TMO) NATIONAL FIRE: BOOK OF SECRETS** ** (2007, Action) Robert John Walker.

5:15 a.m. **(TMO) SPLINTER** (2006, Suspense) Tom Sizemore, Edward James Olmos, Jr.

5:30 a.m. **(TMO) HARRIS' WIFE** (2000, Suspense) Kathleen Quinlan, Ingrid Kavaleris, TV Pioneers.

5:45 a.m. **(TMO) THE INVASION** ** (2007, Science Fiction) Nickolas Costantino, Scott Gray.

6:00 a.m. **(TMO) A FEATHER IN HER HAT** ** (1933, Drama) Pauline Lord, Boaz Fatiozno, Premiers.

6:45 a.m. **(TMO) BETSY'S** (1984, Comedy) John Stryker, Comedian Alan Alda, Madeline Kahn.

6:55 a.m. **(TMO) JUMPI** (2007, Documentary) (A).

7:00 a.m. **(TMO) THE BEAT FILLER** (2004, Romance-Comedy) Kelly Rowland, Diddy, etc. (A).

7:15 a.m. **(TMO) LOST & FOUND** ** (1999, Romance-Comedy) David Spade, Sophie Marceau, (A).

7:30 a.m. **(TMO) ARMAGEDDON** (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, (A).

7:45 a.m. **(TMO) THE SECRET WEAPON** ** (1942, Mystery) Paul Robeson, Nigel Bruce, Robert Montgomery, (A).

7:55 a.m. **(TMO) FREE WILLY 3: THE RESCUE** ** (1997, Adventure) Jason James Richter, August Schenkberg, (A).

8:00 a.m. **(TMO) I AM THE LAW** *** (1986, Drama) Edward G. Robinson, Wendy Hinkle, (A).

7:30 a.m. **(TMO) LOVE STORY** ** (1970, Romance) All Music.

8:00 a.m. **(TMO) HOUSEBUILT** ** (1992, Comedy) Steve Buscemi, (A).

8:10 a.m. **(TMO) THE CHASE** ** (1954, Action) Charles Bronson, (A).

8:30 a.m. **(TMO) HAPPILY EVER AFTER** ** (2007, Comedy) Voices of Sarah Michelle Gellar, Freddie Prinze Jr.

8:40 a.m. **(TMO) MOVING** (2007, Romance-Comedy) Ben Gwynne, Mike Kunkin, (A).

8:45 a.m. **(TMO) MEET THE ROBINSONS** *** (2007, Comedy) Voices of Angela Bassett, Daniel Hanson, (A).

9:00 a.m. **(TMO) BURY MY HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE** ** (2007, Documentary) Austin Quinn, Adam Beach, (TV14).

9:00 a.m. **(TMO) SPEECHLESS** ** (1999, Romance-Comedy) Michael Keaton, Geena Davis, (A).

9:10 a.m. **(TMO) COWBOY FROM BRULIN** ** (1993, Musical) Comedian Pat O'Brien, Dick Cavaliere, (A).

9:30 a.m. **(TMO) THE LADIES MAN** ** (2000, Comedy) Tim Allen, (A).

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9:15 a.m. **(TMO) EVAN ALMIGHTY** ** (2007, Comedy) Steve Carver, (A).

9:25 a.m. **(TMO) BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA** *** (2007, Comedy) Voices of Rachel McAdams, (A).

9:40 a.m. **(TMO) THE TRY OF A MAN** ** (1963, Horror) Vincent Price, Nancy Kovack, (A).

10:00 a.m. **(TMO) CHARLOTTE'S WEB** *** (2006, Drama) Voices of Julia Roberts, David Fanning, (A).

10:05 a.m. **(TMO) MR. JEALOUSY** ** (1997, Romance-Comedy) Eric Stoltz, Annabella Sciorra, (A).

10:15 a.m. **(TMO) BROOKLYN ORCHID** ** (1942, Comedy) William Bendick, Joe Sawyer, (A).

10:30 a.m. **(TMO) MAJOR PAYNE** ** (1995, Comedy) Damon Wayans, Kevin Connolly, (A).

10:45 a.m. **(TMO) BOB** *** (1990, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins, (A).

11:00 a.m. **(TMO) BEDAZZLED** ** (2002, Comedy) Brendan Fraser, Elizabeth Hurley, (A).

11:15 a.m. **(TMO) ARE WE THERE YET?** (2005, Comedy) Ice Cube, Nia Long, (A).

11:20 a.m. **(TMO) BALTO** by: WOLF (1995, Adventure) Voices of Mark Hamill, David Cross, (A).

11:25 a.m. **(TMO) THE MCGUIERS FROM BROOKLYN** ** (1942, Comedy) William Bendick, Greg Sestero, (A).

11:30 a.m. **(TMO) CENTENNIAL MAN** ** (1999, Science Fiction) Robin Williams, Sam Neill, (A).

11:35 a.m. **(TMO) GOLD** (1967, Comedy) Robert De Niro, (A).

11:40 a.m. **(TMO) BEAR MOUNTAIN** ** (1995, Adventure) Christina Ricci, Anthony Franciosa, (A).

11:45 a.m. **(TMO) MICKY'S CHRISTMAS** (1999, Fantasy) Voices of Wayne Atwine, Russ Taylor, (A).

11:50 a.m. **(TMO) NOT RAPPAPORT** ** (1998, Drama) William H. Macy, Debra Davis, (A).

11:55 a.m. **(TMO) A SHOT AT GLOVE** (1994, Drama) Robert Downey Jr., Michael Keaton, (A).

12:00 a.m. **(TMO) THE FAIR GAME** ** (1989, Suspense) Gregg Kinnear, (A).

12:05 p.m. **(TMO) A CHRISTMAS WEDDING** (2000, Comedy) Sara Paulinger, Eric Macias, (TVPG).

12:15 p.m. **(TMO) PERFECT STRANGER** *** (2007, Suspense) Halle Berry, Bruce Willis, (A).

12:20 p.m. **(TMO) WHISTLING IN BROOKLYN** ** (1943, Comedy) Peggy Sioban, Ann Rutherford, (A).

12:45 p.m. **(TMO) THE MEXICAN** ** (2001, Comedy-Drama) Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, (A).

1:00 p.m. **(TMO) HERBIE: THE LOVE BUG** (2005, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Marky Keaton, (A).

1:15 p.m. **(TMO) DIAMONDS** *** (1999, Comedy) Kirk Douglas, Dan Aykroyd, (A).

1:35 p.m. **(TMO) CASINO** (1995, Comedy, Action) Daniel Craig, Eva Green, (A).

1:45 p.m. **(TMO) A CHRISTMAS CAROL** ... (1984, Fantasy) George C. Scott, Angela Lansbury, (TVG).

1:50 p.m. **(TMO) STARGATE** ** (1994, Science Fiction) Kurt Russell, James Spader, (A).

1:45 p.m. **(TMO) HEAD TRAUMA** ** (2000, Horror) Vince Moe, Jami Mangano, TV Pioneers, (A).

2:00 p.m. **(TMO) BLONDE FROM BROOKLYN** ** (1945, Musical) Comedian Robert Staron, Lynn Harlick, (A).

2:10 p.m. **(TMO) EDWARD SCISSORHANDS** *** (1990, Fantasy) Johnny Depp, Debra Messing, (A).

2:15 p.m. **(TMO) THAT THING YOU DO** ** (1996, Comedy-Drama) Tom Everett Scott, Ivy Hines, Premiers, (A).

2:25 p.m. **(TMO) THE CRISIS** ** (1994, Action) Charlie Sheen, (A).

2:45 p.m. **(TMO) AMERICAN GANGSTER** ** (2007, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe, (A).

3:00 p.m. **(TMO) IT HAPPENED IN BROOKLYN** ** (1947, Musical) Comedian Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson, (A).

3:15 p.m. **(TMO) KEEPING MUM** ** (2008, Comedy) Rowan Atkinson, Kristin Scott Thomas, (A).

3:30 p.m. **(TMO) AFFLICTION** *** (1997, Drama) Nick Nolte, (A).

3:45 p.m. **(TMO) PRANCER** ** (1989, Comedy) Sam Elliott, Rebecca Harrel, (A).

3:55 p.m. **(TMO) BABE** ** (1999, Drama) James Cromwell, Magda Szubanski, (A).

3:45 p.m. **(TMO) NANCY DREW** ** (2007, Mystery) Emma Roberts, (A).

4:10 p.m. **(TMO) JERRY MAGUIRE** ** (1996, Romance) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr., (A).

4:15 p.m. **(TMO) THE WEDDED HOLMES AND THE SECRET WEAPON** ** (1942, Mystery) Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce, (A).

4:45 p.m. **(TMO) TWO KNIGHTS FROM BROOKLYN** (1944, Comedy) William Bendick, Joe Sawyer, Premiers, (A).

5:00 p.m. **(TMO) BIG NOTHING** (2008, Comedy) Simon Pegg, David Schwimmer, (A).

5:10 p.m. **(TMO) THE MESSENGERS** ** (2007, Horror) Kristen Bell, Dylan McDermott, (A).

5:20 p.m. **(TMO) CHARADE** ** (1993, Suspense) Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn, (A).

5:30 p.m. **(TMO) THE SON OF SKATEBOARDER** (2006, Documentary) (A).

5:45 p.m. **(TMO) THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM** ** (2007, Action) Matt Damon, (A).

6:00 p.m. **(TMO) ACCEPTED** ** (2008, Comedy) Simon Pegg, David Schwimmer, (A).

5:00 p.m. **(TMO) COMEDY** Justin Long, Jonah Hill, (A).

5:45 p.m. **(TMO) THE HEARTBREAK KID** ** (2007, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Michael Vartan, (A).

TUESDAY

5:00 a.m. **(TMO) REDLINE** ** (2002, Action) Steve Phillips, Nicolas Brown, (A).

5:15 p.m. **(TMO) MIRACLE ON ICE** *** (1991, Documentary) Karl Malson, Andrew Stevens, (TVPG).

5:15 a.m. **(TMO) END OF THE CENTURY: THE STORY OF THE RAMKALE** ** (2003, Documentary) Rodney Bengtson, Danny Fields, (A).

5:30 a.m. **(TMO) BUS STOP** *** (1956, Comedy-Drama) Marilyn Monroe, Tom Murray, (A).

5:30 a.m. **(TMO) SILENT** (2007, Drama) Christopher Reeve, Michael Pate, (A).

5:45 p.m. **(TMO) CHAMPION** (1949, Drama) Kirk Douglas, Marilyn Monroe, (A).

5:55 p.m. **(TMO) THE BROTHERS SISTER** ** (1999, Romance-Comedy) Juliette Lewis, Diane Keaton, (A).

6:00 a.m. **(TMO) CASINO ROYALTY** *** (2006, Action) Daniel Craig, Eva Green, (A).

6:15 a.m. **(TMO) AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER** ** (1957, Romance) Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr, (A).

6:45 a.m. **(TMO) HANNAH MONTANA AND MILLIE KRIBBS: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS CONCERT TOUR IN DIGITAL 3D** ** (2006, Documentary) Miley Cyrus, (A).

7:15 a.m. **(TMO) MODGLIAN** ** (2004, Biography) Anya Cunniff, (A).

7:30 a.m. **(TMO) MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000: THE MOVIE** ** (1996, Comedy) James Van Der Beek, (A).

7:30 a.m. **(TMO) BOB** *** (1990, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins, (A).

7:45 a.m. **(TMO) THE HOLE** ** (1951, Drama) Kirk Douglas, Jan Sterling, (A).

7:55 a.m. **(TMO) MURDER** ** (1997, Documentary) Robert Young, (TVPG) (A).

8:00 a.m. **(TMO) THE BROTHERS GRAM** ** (2004, Comedy-Drama) Adam Sandler, (A).

8:10 a.m. **(TMO) THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS** ** (2006, Drama) Will Smith, (A).

8:15 a.m. **(TMO) THE WEDDED COULD PAINT THAT** ** (2007, Documentary) (A).

8:30 a.m. **(TMO) BLOOD AND JULIET** *** (1998, Romance) Leonard Whiting, Olive Byrne, (A).

8:30 a.m. **(TMO) THE JAZZ**

6:00 a.m. **(TMO) WHITE COATS** (2004, Comedy) Peter Onorati, (A).

6:10 a.m. **(TMO) LORENZO'S OIL** ** (1992, Documentary) Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon, (A).

6:30 a.m. **(TMO) DISTURBIA** ** (2007, Suspense) Shia LaBeouf, David Morse, (A).

6:45 a.m. **(TMO) THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** *** (1952, Drama) Lana Turner, Kirk Douglas, (A).

6:45 a.m. **(TMO) CHRISTMAS** ** (2007, Comedy-Drama) Drury Lindo, Kirk Eise, (A).

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	ASAW (3) News				Good Morning America				The View		Judge David Young	All My Children	Dragnet Tales
	KJRT (3) World News	World Programs	Classical Stretch	Master Renner's Neighborhood	Archie	Martha Speaks	Curves George	Ed the Science Kid	Saver Why?	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Sesame Street	Judge Alex	Judge Mathis
	KCFT (3) On the Air			Shepherd's Chapel		Trotz	The Morning Show With Mike & Julie		Judge Karen	Cristina's Court	Shirley Court	Judge Alex	Judge Mathis
	KTFD (3) News			Today									The Weir Right and Left
	KTTD (3) News Programs			The Early Show		AgDry	First Business	Maury	The Price is Right		Jerry Springer		Montel W. Raphael Ray
	KDOK (3) News			The Early Show					The Price is Right		The Young and the Restless		Inside Edition
	KMYT (3) CBS CBS Eye (8:24) AgDay	(8:24) AgDay	(8:24) AgDay	CBS Morning News	The Early Show				The Price is Right		The Young and the Restless		Inside Edition
	KBAV (3) Movie & Specials	Paid Program	Animal	Animal	Animal	Jerry Only	First Business	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paola	Paola	Paid Program
	KYTL (3) El Camino de Vie	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada	Paigada
	KCFE (3) Live Electric	Martha	Martha	Martha	Martha	Martha	Martha	Martha	Martha	Martha	Martha	Martha	Martha
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	CSPH (3) Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
	CIN (3) American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning	American Morning
	FNC (3) Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends
	CHBC (3) Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning
	ESPN (3) SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
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	ANM (3) The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals	The World's Funniest Animals
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	DSN (3) Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast	Recast
	TOON (3) Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base	Members Base
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	LIFE (3) The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle	The Widening Circle
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	STV (3) News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
	WDH (3) Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing	Changing

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15	WTRV 35	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM
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- 6:40 am (R) 10 TEMPS OR LESS # (2002), Comedy, Morgan Freeman, Paz Vega. 0
- (R) THE KILLER ELITE # (1975), Action James Caan, Robert Davi. 0

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Q Why are people so interested in photos of celebs like Jennifer Garner with their children?—*Patricia Avery, Macon, Ga.*

A The public loves personal details about celebrities, which are guarded by an army of publicists, managers, and bodyguards. Other than the red carpet, practically the only time stars are visible is when they're with their kids. In our view, those photos make the stars seem less glamorous and more ordinary.



Garner: An "ordinary" mom?

Q Whoopi Goldberg has referred to her "better half" on *The View*. Has she ever identified this man?—*Mariellen Jackson, Riverdale, Ga.*

A No, and she won't even tell her view *hoochie*, Barbara Walters. The three-married Whoopi, 53, has dated a succession of famous and not-so-famous men. Best known are actors Timothy Dalton, Ted Danson, and most recently Frank Langella, with whom she split in 2000.

Q Now that Madonna is divorcing Guy Ritchie, what do you think about a reunion with her first hubby, Sean Penn, who was close to splitting up with Robin Wright earlier this year?—*Wes Pierce, Orlando, Fla.*

A We think a Madonna-Penn rematch would make a good pay-per-view event. Readers, which celebrity split shocked you the most? Tell us and take our poll at Parade.com/popculture



Madonna and Sean: Happy to be apart

Q When Barack Obama is sworn in as our 44th President, will he use the same Bible as past Presidents?—*A. Stewart, Alachua, Fla.*

A Not likely. It's customary for a new President to use his family Bible, and Barack Obama is expected to follow that tradition by placing his hand on the same copy he used during his 2005 Senate swearing-in ceremony.

Q Tom Selleck is handsome and a terrific actor. So why doesn't he appear in more feature films?—*Betty Hayden, Glens Ferry, Idaho*

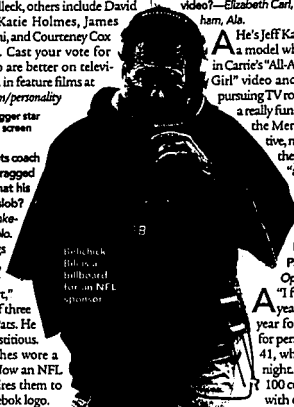
A Despite his looks and size (he's 6 feet 3), Selleck, 63, is among a number of TV stars who somehow fail to fill the big screen. In addition to Selleck, others include David Caruso, Katie Holmes, James Gandolfini, and Courteney Cox Arquette. Cast your vote for stars who are better on television than in feature films at Parade.com/personality



Selleck: Bigger star on smaller screen

Q New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick wears a ragged sweatshirt at games. Is that his lucky shirt, or is he just a slop?—*Michelle McShane-Frankewich, Colorado Springs, Colo.*

A "I wear other things from time to time, but the sweatshirt is my first choice—for comfort," says Belichick, winner of three Super Bowls with the Pats. He adds that he's not superstitious. Time was, many coaches wore a suit and tie at games. Now an NFL endorsement deal requires them to wear clothing with a Reebok logo.



Belichick: Bill is a billiard on an NFL slopster



Perkins as Anne Frank in 1959 film

Q Are any stars from *The Diary of Anne Frank* still alive?—*Lipoz Lopp, Brookfield, Ohio*

A "A few of us survive," says Diane Baker (Margot), 70, who has appeared as Hugh Laurie's mom on *House*. Millie Perkins (Anne), 70, lives in L.A. She does occasional TV roles, as does Richard Beymer (Peter), 70. Joseph Schildkraut and Gusti Huber (Anne's parents) died in 1964 and 1993, respectively. And Shelley Winters (Mrs. van Daan) died two years ago at 85.

Q Who's the guy in Carrie Underwood's "Just a Dreamer" video?—*Elizabeth Carl, Birmingham, Ala.*

A He's Jeff Kasser, 24, a model who's also in Carrie's "All-American Girl" video and is now pursuing TV roles. "She's a really fun girl," says the Memphis native, noting that they go to do "a smooch-in scent."



Dream duo: Carrie and Jeff

Q After seven years on *The Amazing Race*, how many passports has host Phil Keoghan filled up?—*Josh Oppenheimer, Potomac, Md.*

A "I'll fill up a passport every two years, logging 100,000 miles a year for *Race* plus 400,000 miles for personal trips," says Keoghan, 41, whose season finale airs tonight. He's traveled to more than 100 countries and has a shoebox with dozens of old passports.

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RECKLESS AGAIN

CLINT EASTWOOD AFTER 70

by Gail Sheehy

HIS SITTING AT HOME, STROKING HIS PET RABBIT. HIS WIFE IS out. His latest picture is a wrap. He is content to have nothing to do. "When you're young, you're very reckless," says Clint Eastwood with his usual economy of words. "Then you get conservative. Then you get reckless again." That is, if you live long enough. Days before, I had seen Clint's latest film, *Gran Torino*, in which he plays a bent and bitter old racist. In the film he lopes, with his trademark dynamic lassitude, into a hail of bullets. He does not look like a man who pets rabbits.

But that's Clint—a coil of contradictions that go to the very soul of the American male. On film, Clint likes his characters gritty, dark, uncomfortable. In person, he looks younger, kinder, incredibly fit. He could be 50. He is, in fact, a year and a half from 80.

After the screening, I await him in the bungalow where he set down his production company 40 years ago. Clint always seems to appear out of the mist. Suddenly, he's there. His crew calls him Zen Daddy. He smiles generously. His voice is gentle.

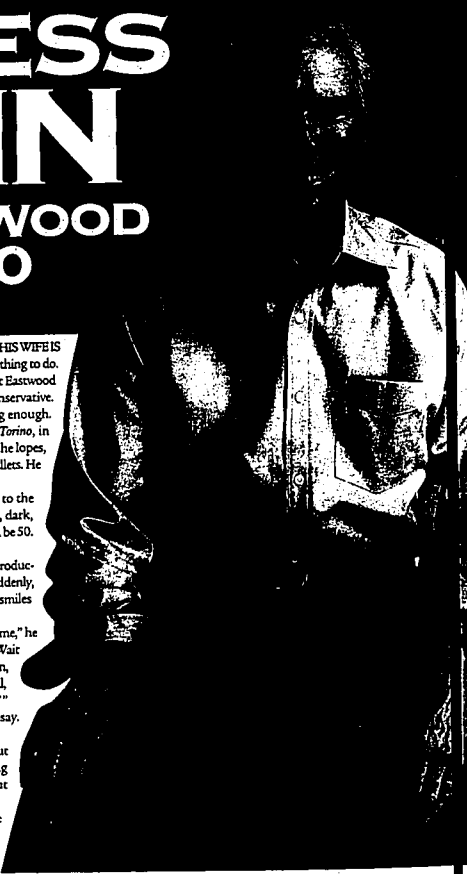
'I'd always tried to resist playing the supervirility thing.'

"I just ran into a guy a little younger than me," he tells me. "He says, 'I'm going to retire.' I say, 'Wait for me. Keep going.' Everybody in my generation, once you get in the seventh decade, they go, 'Well, what the hell. I'm on bonus time. Let me retire.'"

But making movies is your passion, I say. Would you ever want to give it up?

"No. Never. Never would." He muses about his father, who was in and out of work during the Depression. "All he ever dreamed about was retiring. And so he did, around 60. He didn't last very long."

What we know about Clint Eastwood, this elusive American icon, is that he drifted through his youth: loner, self-taught jazz pianist, digger of swimming pools, star of spaghetti Westerns. In the 1970s, when he was in his early 40s, he asked to direct, did it for nothing, and invented characters who captured



cinematic moments: the victim of an obsessed stalker in *Play Misty for Me*, the vigilante cop "Dirty Harry" Callahan, the anti-war anti-hero of *The Outlaw Josey Wales*.

Then, in his 50s, Clint turned conservative. "I cruised through the '80s doing a few odds and ends," he admits. "They wanted to see me do the old stuff," mostly safe, lackluster action films. His personal life, though, was anything but staid. He had blown up his nearly 30-year marriage to Maggie Eastwood, with whom he had two children, by taking a lover—Sondra Locke, his co-star in *Josey Wales*. His relationship with Locke lasted through six films and ended in a palimony suit. Then came Jacelyn Reeves, a former flight attendant with whom he had two more children but whom he never married. He seemed allergic to real intimacy, even on film, making sure most of his characters' wives were dead before the opening scene.

As he moved into his 60s, Clint made an unorthodox Western, *Unforgiven*, about an aging gunslinger, that allowed him to turn the image of the outlaw on its head. "I'd always tried to resist playing the supervirility thing," he tells me. "I liked showing the vulnerability of age."

I ask if his father's death, at 63, had motivated him to take more chances at the same age.

"I never thought about it. Maybe so."

With *Unforgiven*, Clint took home two Oscars—as well as the feisty rethead he cast as a prostitute in that picture. Frances Fisher and Clint never married, but they had a daughter together, and Fisher remains very much part of what he calls, lovingly, "our dysfunctional family."

By 63, having sired six children by four women, Clint was resigned to riding to the end of the trail solo. Then he was interviewed by a TV reporter named Dina Ruiz. She was 35 years his junior, a beauty of Japanese, European, and African-American descent. Their chemistry was instant.

If Clint surprised himself by marrying again, he certainly didn't imagine more kids. "We were in Hawaii on our honeymoon," he tells me. "After a few weeks, she said

she felt a little nausea. She asked me to stop at a gas station so she could buy one of those sticks. She came back and said, 'We're pregnant.'" He laughs. "At least nobody stood there with a shotgun when we got married."



Above: Clint in *The Outlaw Josey Wales* (1976). Right: As an aging racist in his latest film, *Gran Torino*, due out this month.

'Prime time for men is 35 to 45. Then they level off.'



Has being a father again been a rich experience?

"Oh, yeah. I love it. I adore her. Morgan is coming up on 12—a great kid, smart as can be."

For the first time, Clint seemed content to be a husband, a father again, and a grandfather. (His oldest daughter, Kimber, gave him a grandson who will carry on the name of Clinton Eastwood.) Friends say his contentment is easily explained: He found someone who loves *him* instead of Clint Eastwood. With that, Clint began to relax.

"I figured I'd had enough of acting," he recalls. "Maybe I'd just direct a project occasionally."

Instead, he became reckless again. He made a dark picture, *Mystic River*, about haunted men. He followed it with *Million-Dollar Baby*, playing a character who exposed his own demons—a man who shrinks from intimacy, sobs over an estranged daughter, and endures excruciating loss in letting go of a surrogate child who wants to die. "I don't think Clint has a care anymore about how he's portrayed on film," says his wife. "He likes now being seen as a grandfather, as vulnerable, as crying over his daughters."

Does his new recklessness stem from a fear

of dying? "No, nothing to do with that," he protests. Then, growing misty, he talks about his mother's death two years ago. "She was a big influence on me. She was 97 and almost voluntarily bailing out. I kept trying to give her incentive. 'C'mon, Ruth, we're going to make 100!' But she said, 'No, I've been here long enough.'"

Clint credits his wife with keeping him creative now. "Dina is a great asset to me," he says. "She doesn't have the usual resentment about prior relationships. She's befriended everyone, so it keeps this dysfunctional family together." When Frances Fisher was burned in a fire in Canada in 2001, Clint says, he and Dina "flew there right away and brought Frances back and got her to a burn center."

The usual trajectory of the American male is the opposite of Clint's. "Prime time for men is, say, 35 to 45," he says. "Then they level off and fall off. It's better to just keep it slow."

Slow? Clint directed two movies this year—*Changeling*, starring Angelina Jolie, and *Gran Torino*, opening this month. His character is an aging Korean War veteran. "When I grew up, people said 'Sam the Jew' and 'Joey the Wop,' just like my character, Walt Kowalski," Clint explains. "Walt worked for 50 years at the Ford plant. He can't stand change. But, like Clint, Walt *does* change, discovering he has more in common with his immigrant neighbors than he does with his own spoiled boomer sons.

I ask again: Is Clint Eastwood afraid of dying?

"I don't think so." Then he reconsiders. "I learned from my mother that when the time comes that you don't enjoy it, that's a good time to give it up."

For now, though, making movies is still fun, especially since he couldn't care less what the critics say. "I only want to do movies about characters that interest me, who learn and change, like Walt."

Is he worried that audiences

may take offense at this character? Clint smiles slyly. He has told friends, "I'm going to touch a chord, or they're going to run me out of town."

He strokes his pet rabbit. "What can they do to you after 70?"



"Dina was a great asset to me," Clint says of the wife.





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What are the possible side effects of ENBREL®? Serious side effects have happened in people taking ENBREL®, including:

- Serious Infections including tuberculosis (TB). See "What is the most important information I should know about ENBREL®?"
- Nervous system problems such as Multiple Sclerosis, seizures, or inflammation of the nerves of the eye have occurred in rare cases. Symptoms include numbness or tingling, problems with your vision, weakness in your arms and legs, and dizziness.
- Blood problems. In rare cases, your body may not make enough of the blood cells that help fight infections or help stop bleeding. This can lead to death. Symptoms include a fever that doesn't go away, bruising or

- bleeding very easily, or looking very pale.
- Heart failure including new heart failure or worsening of heart failure you already have. Symptoms include shortness of breath or swelling of your ankles and feet.
- Allergic reactions. Signs of an allergic reaction include a severe rash, a swollen face, or trouble breathing.
- Immune reactions including a lupus-like syndrome. Symptoms include a rash on your face and arms that gets worse in the sun. Symptoms may go away when you stop taking ENBREL®.
- Lymphoma (a type of cancer). People with rheumatoid arthritis or psoriasis may have a higher chance for getting lymphoma.

Call your doctor right away if you develop any of the above symptoms.

Common side effects of ENBREL® include:

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- Upper respiratory infections (sinus infections)
- Headaches

These are not all the side effects of ENBREL®. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information.

How should I store ENBREL®?

- Store ENBREL® in the refrigerator at 36° to 46°F or use to 30°.
- Do not freeze.
- Keep ENBREL® in the original carton to protect from light.
- Keep ENBREL® and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General Information about ENBREL®

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes not mentioned in a Medication Guide. Do not use ENBREL® for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give ENBREL® to other people, even if they have the same condition. It may harm them and it is against the law.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about ENBREL®. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about ENBREL® that was written for healthcare professionals. For more information call 1-888-ENBREL (1-888-436-2756).

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What are the ingredients in ENBREL® Single-use Prefilled Syringe and the Single-use Prefilled SureClick® Autoinjector?

Active Ingredient: etanercept
Inactive Ingredients: sucrose, sodium chloride, L-arginine hydrochloride and sodium phosphate

What are the ingredients in ENBREL® Multiple-use Vial?

Active Ingredient: etanercept
Inactive Ingredients: mannitol, sucrose, tromethamine.

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GOVERNMENT WATCH

What Our Ex-Presidents Earn

Being an ex-President can be lucrative. Bill Clinton has earned \$52 million in speaking fees since leaving office, and his memoirs brought in \$23 million more. George H.W. Bush earns up to \$100,000 per

courting the First Lady, they've told President Bush to wait several years before trying to sell a book. He will have a steady source of income, though: Like all former Presidents, he'll receive a pension (currently \$191,000) and money to cover rent for an office, a small staff, and ancillary expenses—paid for with our tax dollars.

Given ex-Presidents' high earning potential, should taxpayers foot their bills? Yes, says Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "A President runs a multitrillion-dollar enterprise for years under great stress and constant criticism. Most corporate CEOs have much smaller organi-

zations and less scrutiny, yet they are paid tens or even hundreds of millions." Pete Sepp of the National Taxpayers Union disagrees. "In an age when ex-Presidents can rake in millions of dollars, it seems pointless to guarantee them a system of lavish lifetime benefits," he says.

The greatest outcry by far is for security: At last estimate, Secret Service protection for the former Presidents and their spouses totaled more than \$23 million each year—a necessary expense given the risks associated with being a former head of state. But since each of them left office, Congress also has appropriated \$12.1 million for Carter, \$9.75 million for Bush, and \$7.93 million for Clinton. Tell us: Should Presidents receive a pension and other benefits after their terms end? Vote at Parade.com/intel



speech and was a paid adviser to the Carlyle Group. Jimmy Carter has made millions from his books.

But while publishers have been

ECONOMY

Unemployment Funds at Risk

Nineteen states—including New York, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina—are in danger of running out of money to pay unemployment benefits. Michigan already has drained its state fund and is \$340 million in debt. Unemployment benefits are paid from a tax charged to businesses. But so many people currently are unemployed that benefits payments exceed employer contributions.

During the 2001 recession, the federal government gave \$8 billion to replenish state unemployment accounts nationwide. But

many states used the money to lower taxes instead. Now they may have to reduce benefits, redefine who is eligible, or require that recipients do a certain number of job searches or be out of work for a set number of weeks before they get any money.

"The financial picture is looking pretty dismal," says Susan Canevaro of the Council of State Governments. "Perhaps states will learn this time that they need to replenish funds during strong economic years to have enough cash on hand to cope with a downturn."



NEWSMAKERS

Getting Kids To Read

Jon Scieszka, author of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, is the first National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.



You've put special emphasis on encouraging young boys to read. Why?

For a whole range of social and biological reasons, many boys develop more slowly than girls. Kindergarten is too early for most boys to read. They get behind, and it becomes a reinforcing spiral. We have to connect boys with books that interest them, but I hate to see books written "just for boys" or "just for girls." We shouldn't stereotype—should excite the underlying passion for reading.

What do you say to a child who tells you reading is boring?

You don't argue. You find a book that will spark his or her interest. People are literate in different ways. Personally, I love funny books. After all the boring "Dick and Jane" readers in school, *Go Dog Go* and *Green Eggs and Ham* changed my life. They were so much more real in their own twisted way.

How can books compete with TV, computers, and other technology?

One year, Turn Off the TV Week was in the middle of the national hockey playoffs. My son came to me and said, "Dad, I can't turn off the TV." He was right—it's not the same to read about a hockey game. But books have their own unique power. They allow you to get inside a character or an idea in a way that movies and TV don't. And the paperback book is still one of my favorite pieces of technology. It's portable, and you can tell how far along you are just by the feel in your fingertips.

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A DEADLY BUG INVADES OUR TOWNS

by Dr. Ranit Mishori

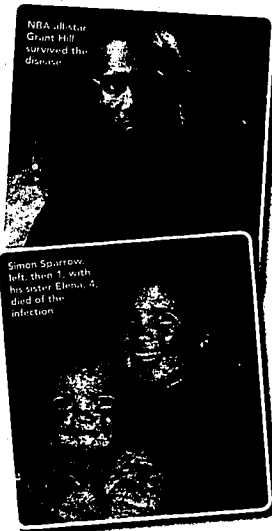
A FEW YEARS AGO, I BEGAN noticing an unusual number of patients coming in with what they described as spider bites. In clinics and emergency rooms across the U.S., colleagues were seeing it, too: Young people and old, male and female, complaining about a skin sore not unlike a pimple, often red and swollen, sometimes oozing and painful. The only thing was, very few of these patients recalled being bitten by a spider or any other kind of insect.

That's because, in most of these cases, it wasn't an insect. But it was a bug—a bacterium called methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, better known to most of us now as MRSA. These patient complaints were clear signs of what is now a MRSA epidemic.

According to a recent article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, MRSA caused more than 94,000 life-threatening infections and nearly 19,000 deaths in the U.S. in 2005. One study in *The New England Journal of Medicine* found MRSA 59% of the time when adults came to emergency rooms with skin infections.

MRSA is not new. It has been plaguing our hospitals for decades. It kills by infecting the blood and lungs of very sick patients or those recovering from surgery. But at least doctors knew—or thought—that if you weren't a hospital patient in weakened condition, MRSA wasn't going to find you.

"That is no longer true," says Dr. Robert Daum, a pediatrician and infectious-diseases specialist at the University of Chicago. "Hospital transmission is not what's driving the epidemic disease we see everywhere." New strains of MRSA have been born outside hospital walls and are finding anybody and everybody. That includes, says Dr. Rachel Gorwitz



An infection that resists antibiotics has been finding new victims

of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "otherwise healthy people in the community, including children."

Consider Susan Wagoner, 49, a businesswoman from Scottsdale, Ariz. MRSA first appeared as a small abscess on her upper leg. Even though she was treated with antibiotics, the abscess grew larger, and then another one developed elsewhere. The pain became excruciating. As weeks turned into months, her illness forced Wagoner to quit her job, and she says, "I began looking into funeral arrangements."

Grant Hill, the NBA all-star, contracted MRSA a few years ago as a skin infection near his ankle, and he had to spend a week in the intensive-care unit. "I was lucky to survive," Hill says.

Not so lucky was an 18-month-old in Chicago named Simon Sparrow, in good health before MRSA got into his lungs. Once it took hold there, even the most aggressive treatment could not rescue the toddler.

These new strains of MRSA—not all as deadly as the one that afflicted Simon—are showing up all over the community: in homes, schools, gyms, military bases, prisons, or any place people get in close proximity with each other. They are transmitted through skin-to-skin contact with uncovered infections, such as shaking hands or bumping up in a football game. MRSA also can spread by sharing objects that are contaminated: towels, clothing, and razors. Indeed, the pattern of infection has earned this variant of the bug a new name: CA-MRSA, for community-associated.

The infection usually shows up as a skin sore. At that point, it's generally not life-threatening and can be treated by draining the pus, with or without antibiotics. The only problem is that the antibiotics used for most bacterial infections won't work.

It's the R in MRSA, which stands for "resistant," that tells the story. Just after antibiotics were introduced, tiny organisms—*Staphylococcus aureus*—became "immune" to our first line of antibiotic drugs. These variants survived, thrived, and spread. "Staph Aureus is a very smart bug," says Dr. Daum. "It figured out every antibiotic we humans have thrown at it and has developed resistance mechanisms to them one by one."

The nightmare scenario is a world in which we don't have a pharmaceutical answer for some of the most common germs making us sick. Our experience with MRSA and other infections suggests we've taken a step or two in that direction. The current epidemic, says Dr. Daum, has put "tremendous pressure on our antibiotic treatment armamentarium."

Still, it is way too soon to panic. In most cases, doctors can find drugs that kill the bug. Some—such as Bactrim, continued

Season's Savings Recipe #3

Lavish Lava Cakes

Serves: 6-7

Ingredients

- Häagen-Dazs® Vanilla Ice Cream
- 1-½ cups Semi-sweet chocolate chips (or 8 oz. chocolate)
- 5 tbsp. Butter, plus butter for ramekins
- 3 Eggs, separated
- ¼ cup Granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. Finely ground espresso beans (optional)
- 2 tbsp. Unsweetened cocoa powder

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°F. Generously butter six ¾-cup size ramekins or custard cups, or 7 muffin cups.
- In microwave-safe bowl, heat chocolate and butter on medium power 1-2 minutes until butter is melted. Stir, reheating if necessary to melt chocolate; set aside. Stir egg yolks and 2 tbsp. sugar into chocolate-butter mixture. Add espresso if using.
- Place egg whites in large mixing bowl; beat until foamy. Combine remaining 2 tbsp. sugar and cocoa powder; gradually beat into whites, until soft peaks fold over when beaters are lifted.
- Stir ½ of chocolate-butter mixture into whites mixture. Gently fold in remaining chocolate mixture until completely combined. Divide evenly between cups (can cover at this point and refrigerate up to 24 hours before baking).
- Bake 10-12 minutes until puffy and cracks form on top. Edges should be firm and center moist between the cracks (bake 14-16 minutes if refrigerated). Cool 3 minutes. Serve in ramekins, or run knife around edges and invert cakes onto dessert plates. Serve hot with ice cream. Dust with cocoa powder if desired.

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The EdenPURE® can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the advanced infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

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The EdenPURE® will also keep you healthy. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. And, as you know, most other portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide, any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation into the room.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?



ing element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones.

Q. What advantages does this advanced infrared heating process have over other heating source products?

A. This infrared heater was designed around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety.

In the EdenPURE® process, electricity is used to generate a type of infrared heat which, in turn, creates a very safe heat.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE®?

A. The EdenPURE® will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE®, will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE® is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, by up to 50%.

End of interview.
The EdenPURE® will pay for itself in a matter of weeks. It will keep a great deal of extra money in a user's pocket. Q. What is one of the biggest advantages of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?

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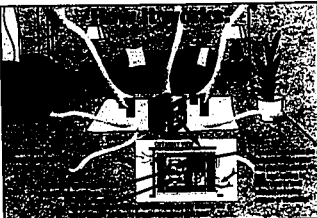
great savings as the time goes by.

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diamycin, and tetracycline—haven't commonly been used to treat staph infections. There's also a range of super-powerful antibiotics that have been used successfully in hospitals.

Yes, bugs are smart, and we can't change that. But the resistance of bacteria also stems from human misuse. We all know people who want to take antibiotics even though their infection is likely caused by a virus. Or doctors who prescribe antibiotics just because patients demand them. Or people who use leftover antibiotics given to them by friends and relatives. Or people who fail to finish the entire dose of a prescription, allowing the "toughest" germs to survive and reproduce.

Many experts believe that antibiotics given to animals also contribute to the development of resistance in humans and that the use of antibacterial soaps is another problem.

Just the other day, a patient came to see me with an infection on her chest. When I mentioned MRSA, it scared her. "Is that bad bug I've heard about?" she asked. I told her "yes" but was able to add, "This is still something we can take care of." The question is, how long will that be true? □

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

■ Know the signs of MRSA. A staph infection may appear as a boil, bump, or insect bite.

■ Wash your doctor if a skin lesion becomes red, warm to the touch, is filled with pus, painful, or accompanied by a fever.

■ Wash your hands regularly. Plain soap and water or alcohol-based gels (with at least 60% alcohol) are enough.

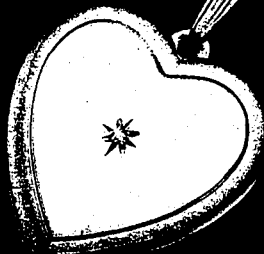
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The Great American Holiday Quiz

by Bill O'Reilly



As the holidays near, the pace of the nation quickens. How much do you really know about this festive season? Interesting fact: Congress was in session on Christmas Day, 1789, because it had not yet been declared a holiday. Our religious traditions have always aroused political passion. Test your holiday IQ with our

1 Who created the American image of Santa Claus?

- a) Thomas Nast c) Walt Disney
b) Benjamin Franklin d) John Adams

2 What does Hanukkah mean in Hebrew?

- a) Gift c) Deliverance
b) Blessing d) Dedication



6 Who created Kwanzaa?

- a) The NAACP c) Bill Cosby
b) A college professor d) Martin Luther King Jr.

4 Which American general used Christmas as an occasion to attack the enemy?

- a) MacArthur c) Grant
b) Patton d) Washington

5 From 1659 to 1681, Christmas was actually outlawed in what American city?

- a) New Amsterdam
b) Boston
c) Providence
d) Philadelphia

3 What is the best-selling Christmas song of all time?

- a) Silent Night c) Deck the Halls
b) Winter Wonderland d) White Christmas



9 Who first recorded the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"?

- a) Burl Ives
b) Gene Autry
c) Bing Crosby
d) Perry Como

10 In New Amsterdam, now New York City, what was St. Nicholas called?

- a) Santa Klaus c) Sinter Klaas
b) Kris Kringle d) Hey, you

7 Which was not a reindeer name in "The Night Before Christmas"?

- a) Donner
b) Vixen
c) Runner
d) Cupid

8 Which was the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday?

- a) Massachusetts
b) New York
c) Virginia
d) Alabama



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Read the Medication Guide that comes with LUNESTA before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. The Medication Guide does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or treatment.

What is the most important information I should know about LUNESTA?

After taking LUNESTA, you may get up out of bed while not being fully awake and do an activity that you do not intend you are doing. The next morning, you may not remember that you did anything during the night. You have a higher chance for doing these activities if you drink alcohol or take other medicines that make you sleepy with LUNESTA. Reported activities include:

- driving a car ("sleep-driving")
- making and using tools
- talking on the phone
- riding a bike
- eating and drinking

Call your doctor right away if you find out that you have done any of the above activities after taking LUNESTA.

Important:

1. Take LUNESTA exactly as prescribed.

- Do not take more LUNESTA than prescribed.
- Take LUNESTA right before you get into bed, not sooner.

2. Do not take LUNESTA if you:

- drink alcohol
- take other medicines that can make you sleepy. Talk to your doctor about all of your medicines. Your doctor will tell you if you can take LUNESTA with your other medicines.
- cannot get a full night's sleep.

What is LUNESTA?

LUNESTA is a sedative-hypnotic (sleep) medicine. LUNESTA is used in adults for the treatment of a sleep disorder. Common side effects and warnings of insomnia include:

- trouble falling asleep
- waking up often during the night

LUNESTA is not for children.

LUNESTA is a federally controlled substance (C-IV) because it can be abused or lead to dependence. Abuse of LUNESTA can be a habit that is difficult to stop. Selling or giving away LUNESTA may harm others, and is against the law. Tell your doctor if you have ever abused or been dependent on alcohol, prescription medicines or street drugs.

Who should not take LUNESTA?

Do not take LUNESTA if you are allergic to anything in it. See the end of this page for a complete list of ingredients in LUNESTA.

LUNESTA may not be right for you. Before starting LUNESTA, tell your doctor about all of your health conditions, including if you:

- have a history of depression, mental illness, or suicidal thoughts
- have a history of drug or alcohol abuse or addiction
- have liver disease
- are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding

Tell your doctor about all of the medicines you take including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements. Medicines can interact with each other, sometimes causing serious side effects. Do not take LUNESTA with other medicines that can make you sleepy.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of all medicines with you to show your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine.

How should I take LUNESTA?

- Take LUNESTA exactly as prescribed. Do not take more LUNESTA than prescribed for you.
- Take LUNESTA right before you get into bed.
- Do not take LUNESTA with or right after a meal.
- Do not take LUNESTA unless you are able to get a full night's sleep before you must be active again.
- Call your doctor if your insomnia worsens or is not better within 7 to 10 days. This may mean that there is another condition causing your sleep problems.
- If you take too much LUNESTA or overdose, call your doctor or poison control center right away, or get emergency treatment.

What are the possible side effects of LUNESTA?

Possible serious side effects of LUNESTA include:

- getting out of bed while not being fully awake and do an activity that you do not know you are doing. (See "What is the most important information I should know about LUNESTA?")
- abnormal thoughts and behavior. Symptoms include more serious or aggressive behavior than normal, confusion, agitation, hallucinations, worsening of depression, and suicidal thoughts or actions.
- memory loss
- dizziness
- drowsiness
- severe allergic reactions. Symptoms include swelling of the tongue or throat, trouble breathing and hives and vomiting. Get emergency medical help if you get these symptoms after taking LUNESTA.

Call your doctor right away if you have any of the above side effects or any other side effects that worry you while using LUNESTA.

The most common side effects of LUNESTA are:

- unpleasant taste in mouth, dry mouth
 - drowsiness
 - dizziness
 - headache
 - symptoms of the common cold
- You may still feel drowsy the next day after taking LUNESTA. Do not drive or do other dangerous activities after taking LUNESTA until you feel fully awake.

There are not all the side effects of LUNESTA. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I Store LUNESTA?

- Store LUNESTA at room temperature, between 59°F to 86°F (15°C to 30°C)
- Do not use LUNESTA after the expiration date.
- Keep LUNESTA and all medicines out of reach of children.

General Information about LUNESTA

- Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use LUNESTA for a condition for which it was not prescribed.
- Do not share LUNESTA with other people, even if you think they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them and is against the law.

This page summarizes the most important information about LUNESTA. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about LUNESTA that is written for healthcare professionals.

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Finding Family at the Holidays

by Lynn Schunmberger

WHEN I WAS A KID, WE called them "stepfamilies"—the children, in-laws, and other assorted relatives who are part of the package when you get remarried. These days, they're known more gently as "blended families"—and by the next decade, blends will be the most common type of family in America.

The larger the family, the more people there are to love. And if you can make your way past the squabbling, blends offer unexpected opportunities for caring. I know. My husband Martin was a widower with a 3-year-old, Alliana, when we met. I can't have children, and Alliana was the daughter I'd always dreamed of. What I hadn't dreamed of, and eventually came to treasure, were Aunt Gloria, Uncle Sonny, Dawn, Angela, Aunt Marlena, Uncle Anthony, and more—the extended family of my husband's late wife.

The first holiday after Martin and I got married, I filled the house with poinsettias and found funny ornaments for the tree. I looked forward to Christmas dinner with Martin's family. But when Martin told me that there'd be a second celebration, with his first wife Lisa's relatives, the festivities came to a screeching halt.

Martin handed me a shopping list of Lisa's aunts, uncles, cousins, and her cousins' children.

"This is a little crazy," I said.

"Do we really have to go? You don't even know who half these people are."

"It's important for me to stay in touch," Martin said.

Not for me it wasn't. The last place in the world I wanted to be was in a room full of Lisa's family. It was still early in our marriage, and there were times when I felt like an intruder. Lisa had died suddenly of a heart attack almost two years before Martin and I met. I didn't want to be reminded that I was a replacement. I felt squeamish enough as it was. Still, it was too selfish, too petty. I was too embarrassed to talk about it.

On the day of the party, as Lisa's uncle greeted me, my worst fears were realized. "You'll never be my niece," he said, ushering me past a towering, tinsel tree. Usually shy around groups, Alliana at first clung to my side. But within half an hour, she was off and running with her cousins. Martin was deep in conversation with, well, I didn't know whom, but he was huddled with a group of men. On the other side of the room, I walked around, nursing a hot chocolate, pretending to be fascinated by the decorations.

One by one, people came over to introduce themselves. About midway through the party, Aunt Marlana sat down

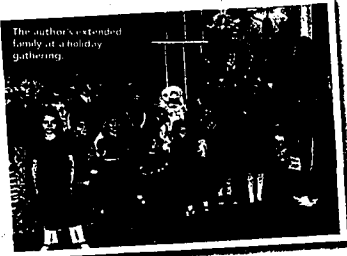
"Blended" means more relatives, in-laws, and kids to love

on an oversized couch, patting a pillow for me to join her. "It's wonderful," she said, "to see Martin and Alliana so happy."

Later, we gathered to watch the children open their presents. As the new person, I was given the task of going around the room with a huge trash bag to collect the discarded wrappings. "It's an honor!" called out the boyfriend of a pretty college senior, from whom I'd inherited the job.

As we left, Lisa's uncle put his arm around my shoulder. "You'll still never be my niece," he said, and this time I heard that it was not said unkindly. "But I'm really glad you're here."

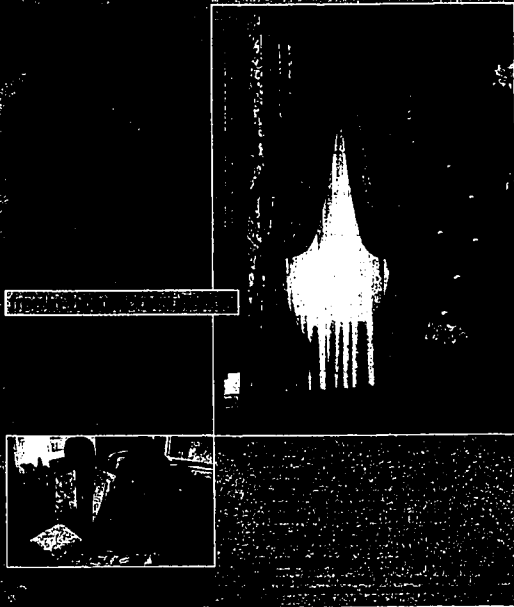
In those early years, their acceptance—and the support of Lisa's parents, who somehow reached across their grief to embrace me—made me feel less guilty about finishing the work that Lisa had started. They treated me as one of their own, and in turn I brought them into my world. When a novel I co-wrote was published, Aunt Gloria was first in line to buy 12 copies for her book group; when my mom was hospitalized, I commiserated with Aunt Marlana, who'd recently lost her own mother. For Martin, whose aunts and uncles live in England, this big, boisterous, generous Italian



family is the extended clan he'd always wished for. And for Alliana, they're a living, vital, loving link to the mommy she never got to know.

It's Christmas again, but this year will be different. Alliana's 17 now, Martin and I are an old married couple, and traditions, alas, change. Though we're hoping to see the relatives at graduation or a family birthday, this year there's no holiday party. Frankly, I'll miss Aunt Gloria's struffelli. And while I may never remember the names of every last one of the many children, one thing stays absolutely clear in my mind: that very first Christmas, when I bought three-dozen presents—and got so many more in return.

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I often read about celebrities who justify their use of, say, private jets by buying carbon offsets. How does this system work?

—Almea DiGiovanni, O'Fallon, Ill.
When one buys a carbon offset, one donates to a "green" project such as planting trees or subsidizing wind power or solar energy. This is a good thing, but so-called "green marketing" is growing much faster than those trees. Environmentalists call extravagant claims "greenwashing."

A large, square, brick wall is one brick higher and one brick narrower than another wall. How many more bricks are in the first wall?

—David Price, Decatur, Ill.
For excellent mental exercise, readers, try thinking through this one in your imagination. You can get it! The answer is at the end of the column.

How many people in this country are 100 or older?

—Oscar Martinez, Tucson, Ariz.
At the time of the last census, in the year 2000, the U.S. had about 50,000 centenarians. The largest number (5341) lived in California, followed by 3997 in New York. Perhaps more revealing, the two states with the highest

proportion of their populations 100 years or older were South Dakota (one out of every 3056 people) and Iowa (one out of every 3110 people).

Feeling guilty? You could try buying a carbon offset.

I have a friend who loves exotic food. Her latest discovery is authentic bird's nest soup, which is wildly expensive. But why would anyone eat a bird's nest? Even if it could be eaten, how could twigs or pieces of bark possibly have any food value?

—Erin Polaski, Richmond, Va.
The nests used in true bird's nest soup aren't typical. Instead of employing materials such as dry grass, dead leaves, or pine needles, the male cave swift builds his nest with—are you sitting down, Erin?—his own saliva. Not that this is a good source of nutrition, either!

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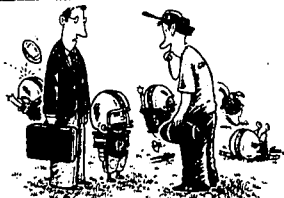
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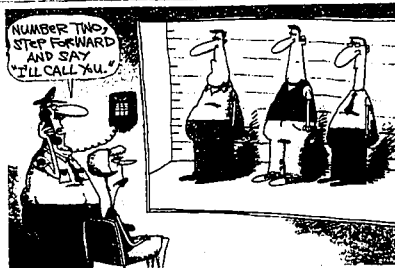
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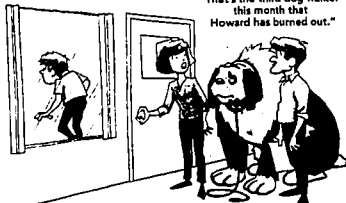


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What is Cymbalta?

Cymbalta is a prescription medicine that is approved to treat multiple conditions. Cymbalta is approved for the treatment of major depressive disorder (MDD), diabetic neuropathic pain, generalized anxiety disorder (GAD), and for the management of fibromyalgia (FM) and diabetic peripheral neuropathic pain (DPNP), also called diabetic nerve pain.

What is depression?

Depression is a serious medical condition with a variety of symptoms. Symptoms may include sadness, loss of interest in things you once enjoyed, feelings of guilt or worthlessness, restlessness, trouble concentrating or making decisions, fatigue, vague aches and pains, headaches, and changes in weight or sleep patterns. For some, depression can include thoughts of death or suicide. These could be depression symptoms if they go on for two weeks or more and interfere with your daily activities.

How does Cymbalta work?

Although the way Cymbalta works is not fully known, medical experts believe it increases the activity of two naturally occurring substances in the brain, called serotonin and norepinephrine. In the brain, these two substances are thought to affect mood. These same substances are thought to be associated with regulating and reducing feelings of pain that come from the body.

When will Cymbalta begin to work?

In clinical studies, many people taking Cymbalta began to feel improvement in their symptoms as early as 1 to 4 weeks after starting Cymbalta. As with any treatment, results may vary from person to person.

Who should NOT take Cymbalta?

You should not take Cymbalta if:

- You are taking a type of antidepressant known as a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI), such as Nardil® (phenelzine sulfate), Parmanol® (tranylcypromine sulfate) or Ensam® (selegiline transdermal system). Using an MAOI with any prescription medicines, including Cymbalta, can cause life-threatening reactions. You must wait at least 14 days after you have stopped taking an MAOI before you take Cymbalta. You need to wait at least 5 days after you stop taking Cymbalta before you take an MAOI.
- You have uncontrolled narrow-angle glaucoma (an eye disease).
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What should I talk to my healthcare provider about?

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- About any medical conditions you may have, including kidney problems, glaucoma, or diabetes.
- If you have itching, right upper belly pain, dark urine, yellow skin/eyes, or unexplained bruise or bleeding.
- If you are taking any Cymbalta, which may be signs of liver problems. Severe liver problems, sometimes fatal, have been reported.
- About your alcohol use.

• If you are taking or plan to take any prescription or nonprescription medications, as Cymbalta may interact with some of these products.

- If you take medications known as triptans, commonly prescribed for migraines. A potentially life-threatening condition may occur when triptans are used with Cymbalta.
- If you take NSAID pain relievers, aspirin, or blood thinners as these medications may increase risk of bleeding when used with Cymbalta.
- If you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant or are nursing.

In clinical studies, some people taking Cymbalta experienced an increase in blood pressure. Your healthcare provider may periodically check your blood pressure. Dizziness or fainting may occur upon standing, due to a sudden drop in blood pressure. This may happen especially when first starting Cymbalta, when increasing the dose, or when used in combination with certain other drugs.

How should I take Cymbalta?

• Take Cymbalta exactly as directed by your healthcare provider.

- Cymbalta should be taken by mouth. Do not open, break or chew the capsule. It must be swallowed whole.
- Cymbalta can be taken with or without food.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is time for your next

dose, skip the missed dose and take only your regularly scheduled dose. Do not take more than the daily amount of Cymbalta that has been prescribed for you.

- Remember to refill your prescription before you run out of Cymbalta.
- Talk with your healthcare provider before stopping Cymbalta or changing your dose.

What are the possible side effects of Cymbalta?

Like all medicines, Cymbalta can cause side effects.

- In clinical studies of depression, the most common side effect was nausea. For most people who had it, the nausea was mild to moderate and usually went away within 1-2 weeks.
- Other common side effects included dry mouth, constipation, decreased appetite, fatigue, sleepiness, and increased sweating. This is not a complete list of side effects. For full patient information, visit www.cymbalta.com. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns about any side effect.
- You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I do if I think I have taken an overdose of Cymbalta?

If you have taken more Cymbalta than has been prescribed for you, contact your healthcare provider, a hospital emergency department, or the nearest poison control center immediately.

What happens when I stop taking Cymbalta?

Like other antidepressants, Cymbalta should not be stopped suddenly. Stopping Cymbalta may result in symptoms including dizziness, nausea, or headache. Talk with your healthcare provider before stopping Cymbalta as he or she may wish to decrease the dose slowly to help you avoid these kinds of symptoms.

Can children take Cymbalta?

Cymbalta has not been studied in children under 18 and is not approved for this age group. See Boxed Warning above.

General advice about Cymbalta

• Store Cymbalta at room temperature and out of the reach of children.

• Until you know how Cymbalta affects you, be careful when driving a car, or operating hazardous machinery.

- Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than the ones listed. This medication has been prescribed for your particular condition. Do not use it for another condition or give this drug to anyone else.
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For crazy comedy, you can't beat Ben Stiller, Robert Downey Jr., and Jack Black (below, l-r) in **Tropic Thunder** (Paramount, \$20), about pampered actors making a Vietnam War movie. Finally, for action fans, there's the Batman blockbuster **The Dark Knight** (Warner, \$29).



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Out of This World

One of the most delightful movie surprises this year was *Wall-E* (Disney-Pixar, \$20), a visually astonishing animated sci-fi tale of a lonely little trash compactor (above) who goes on an unexpected quest for love. And for lots of furry fun, Muppet creator Jim Henson's musical TV show *Fraggle Rock* celebrates its 25th anniversary with the complete series (47 hours; Lionsgate, \$140).

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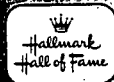
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In Step With® Kristi Yamaguchi

by James Brady

WHEN OLYMPIC GOLD-MEDAL figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi first heard about plans for an ABC program called *Dancing With the Stars*, she was skeptical. "What a hokey idea," Kristi said. "I thought, 'Who's going to watch ballroom dancing on television?'"

But she soon succumbed to the show's charms and had her agent suggest her name to the producers. They in turn said, "We don't want any skaters."

So how did she not only become a contestant but also win the competition last season?

"They changed their attitude, and there I was," she said. "Then you say to yourself, 'Hey, I made it this far, now I want to go further.' The competitive juices flow."

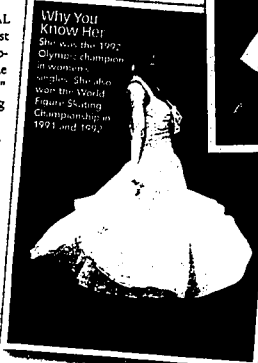
If anyone knows about pressure and wanting to win, it's this dynamo with whom the world fell in love during the 1992 Winter Games. Now she is the mother of two young girls and married to Olympic hockey player and NHL star Bret Hedican.

These days Kristi regularly appears on TV. When we spoke, she was preparing to host and narrate the San Francisco Ballet's performance of *The Nutcracker*, airing next Wednesday evening on PBS' *Great Performances*.

"I must have been 6 or 7 when my mother took me to my first *Nutcracker*," she said. "Now, for the first time, I'll be taking our daughters, ages 3 and 5."

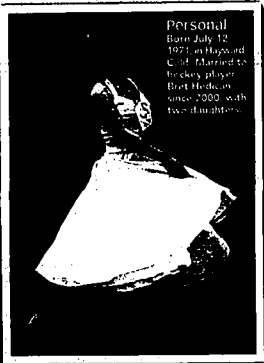
Is there a kinship between figure skating and dancing? "Both are performing arts, but in the choreography is faster," she said. "On ice, we're in gliding movements. The funny thing is, I studied ballet before I ever skated."

Why You Know Her
She was the 1992 Olympic champion in women's singles. She also won the World Figure Skating Championships in 1991 and 1992.



The Olympic skating champ and *Dancing With the Stars* winner is back on PBS

Personal
Born July 12, 1971, in Hayward, Calif. Married to hockey player Bret Hedican since 2000 with two daughters.



What You Don't Know
Kristi authored two books, *Figure Skating for Dummies* and *The Best Selling Motivation & Attitude Dream*.



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Kristi and her husband met at the 1992 Olympics but didn't really connect until the 1995 inauguration of a new arena in Vancouver, where he was playing in the NHL and she was touring in *Stars on Ice*. Have they ever skated together? "Only once," she said.

"When he was playing for Carolina, they had family day for all the kids and parents on the ice." Growing up, Kristi used to ski with her family. Are daughters Kara and Emma athletic? "Hard to say when they're so young," she said. "But they are well-coordinated. We want them to enjoy a range of things: sports, dance, the arts."



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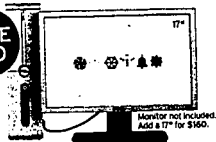
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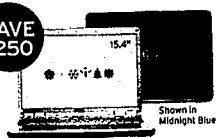
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