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Four crashes hit I-84 near Hazelton, backing up traffic for hours



Idaho State Police trooper Travis DeBie radios dispatch Monday along the westbound lane of Interstate 84 near the Hazelton exit where a multiple-vehicle crash occurred. No injuries were reported from the accident.

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

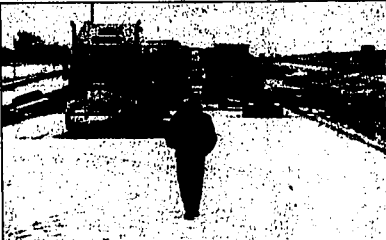
Semitrailers and cars collided Monday morning, twisting steel and dumping hay along an icy stretch of Interstate 84 near Hazelton in a massive pileup that shut down the highway and killed drivers for hours.

Idaho State Police handled four different crashes shortly before noon along the westbound stretch of I-84 between mile posts 196 and 194. ISP confirmed later that there were no injuries in spite of the numerous accidents.

"It was pretty much a miracle no one was hurt or killed in this situation," said ISP Sgt. Keith Thompson. Troopers said no one has been ticketed.

The quadric crash incident, which could be the region's largest of 2008, involved three full semitrailers, a large six-wheel truck and a couple passenger vehicles.

One semi carrying dozens of balls of hay spilled its load across the highway.



A man walks back to vehicles that were stopped along Interstate 84 for hours while the debris was cleared.

The scene was a mess as deputies from the Minidoka County and Jerome County sheriff's offices diverted vehicles stuck in lines of traffic stretching back as far as the eye could see.

Impatient children stuck their arms out windows of a crowded Valley School District bus, as

everyday drivers rested their checks in their hands.

Police say motorists were probably going too fast for conditions.

The crashes happened in the same area because of slowing traffic on icy roads, said Thompson.

The wreck stream broke loose as vehicles slowed for each crash,

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SEE a video and a slideshow from the Interstate 84 pile up.

"It was pretty much a miracle no one was hurt or killed in this situation."

— Idaho State Police Sgt. Keith Thompson

which led to subsequent collisions, he said.

Pitted up against a large truck by hay and boxes strewn in the roadway, motorist Don Swenson said he maneuvered his SUV past one crash.

But then, he found himself entangled in another. "I could see

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IDWR loses \$12 million for aquifer studies

Official: cut shouldn't affect current work

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

As part of his holdbacks across state budgets, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has cut two-thirds of the funding for a series of statewide aquifer projects, though officials say it won't have any immediate effect on the work.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources lost \$12 million of a \$20 million legislative appropriation it received last session for mapping out a number of aquifers across the state. The remaining \$8 million should be enough to cover the modeling for at least this year and two more fiscal years.

IDWR Director Dave Tullih said Monday. The department has \$2.76 million authorized for the program this year.

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Murder charge reduced against Jerome Co. man

Keipper accused of killing domestic partner Jan. 1

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A homosexual man originally charged with second-degree murder for shooting his male partner to death now faces a much lighter sentence.

During an unannounced plea hearing Friday in 5th District Court in Jerome, Clifford J. Keipper, 31, entered an Alford plea to a lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter for the Jan. 1 death of Jeremy Lee Thomas, who Keipper told police was his husband. The two men lived in Jerome County.



Keipper

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Congress sends White House \$15B auto bailout; 'car czar' would oversee industry

By Kalle Hirschfeld Davis
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats and the White House worked to resolve their last disputes Monday over terms of a \$15 billion bailout for U.S. auto makers — complete with a "car czar" to oversee the industry's reinvention of itself — that's expected to come to a vote as early as Wednesday.

Top Democrats gave the White House their proposal for rushing short-term loans to Detroit's Big Three through a plan that requires that the industry remake itself in order to survive. The Bush

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— Dana Perino, White House press secretary

administration gave a cool initial response, saying the measure didn't do enough to ensure that only viable companies would get longer-term federal help. Negotiators worked into the night Monday to resolve differences.

"We've made a lot of progress in recent days to develop legislation to help automakers restructure and

achieve long-term viability," Dana Perino, the White House press secretary, said in a statement. "We'll continue to work with members on both sides of the aisle to achieve legislation that protects the good faith investments by taxpayers."

President George W. Bush himself said it was "hard to

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ARMY OF THE FAITHFUL

Salvation Army charges into busy charity season

Hope for the Holidays

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348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls
Phone: 208-733-8720
Primary mission: Faith-based organization that seeks "to meet human needs in (God's) name without discrimination."
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch is at noon; various social services are available from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; after-school program runs immediately after school to 5:30 p.m.

Needs: Angel trees with gift requests for families are at the Magic Valley Mall. Fred Meyer and New in Twin Falls. The nonprofit also needs canned food items, volunteers and other general support.

before from any Salvation Army office.

"It's a little scary," Bonnett said. "But I'm glad we're getting out that they can come to the Salvation Army and get help for their children."

The worldwide organiza-

tion was founded in 1865 by a minister who resigned from his church to preach and care for those on the streets, Bonnett said. It's been a constant presence in the Magic Valley since 1906.

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MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

College of Southern Idaho's Symphonic Band Concert, featuring the Sideshow Trombone Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., CSI's Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Free admission with donation to CSI Music Department scholarship fund, (208) 732-6767 or ghsais@csi.edu.

BOOKSIGNING

Booksigning, Glenn Beck with new release "The Christmas Sweater" and bestseller "An Inconvenient Book," 3 to 4 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1239A Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, 733-5554.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Burley Rotary Club, noon, Burley Inn, 878-8382.
 Rupert Kiwanis Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-8124.
 American Legion Post No. 7 & Auxiliary meeting and potluck, contributions for Christmas shut-in baskets may be brought, 5:30 p.m. social hour with business meeting to follow, Post Home, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls. Bring dish to accompany Spiffy Jones, 733-1390, 734-1435 or www.twinfallslegion.org.
 Cancer Survivors' annual Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange, 7 p.m., St. Luke's Magic Valley Education Center, Sage Room (the old Norco building), 588 Addison Ave., Twin Falls, 734-1766 or 737-2800.
 Hagerman Valley Historical Society Potluck Dinner, dinner and entertainment honoring M.J. Freeman for her commitment to the museum, 6 p.m., Senior and Community Center, 140 E. Lake, Hagerman, bring dessert or side dish, all are welcome, 837-6666.
 Cassia County 4-H Teen Association, 7 p.m., Cassia County Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St., 878-9461.
 Citizens Protecting Resources (CPR) meeting, 7:30 p.m., Idaho Fish and Game Building, two miles north of the Frying J on U.S. Highway 93, 324-3202.
 Snake River Flute meeting, an all-male singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 1223 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

EDUCATION/LECTURE

Sun Valley Center for the Arts Lecture series, featuring author Michael Chabon on why superheroes wear costumes and other mysteries, 7 p.m., Church of the Big Wood, 100 Saddle Road, Ketchum, \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10.

EXHIBITS

Gallery Opening of Twin Falls Creative Arts Center's Christmas Student Art Show, featuring artwork of current students, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council, 132 Main Ave. S., no cost, refreshments, open to the public, 737-9111.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-7200.
 Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Snake River Grill, 837-9131.
 Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.
 Blaine County School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 118 W. Bullion St., Halley, 578-5000.
 Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 878-4367.

Crashes

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the hay out of my mirror," Swenson said before driving off with minor damage to the back of his SUV.
 "To avoid colliding with other vehicles, one semi veered off I-84 and smashed through a fence separating the highway from Tipperary Road."
 "I slammed through the fence," said Jason Maxfield from the driver's seat of his semi. "I had to think fast or hurt a lot of people."
 Most of the truckers reacted in ways that may have lessened the chance of

injuries to others, said Thompson.
 Some of the drivers involved in Monday's pileup said they think there was also a "whiteout" snow storm, which led up to the chaos.
 "Thompson confirmed snow blew in from the south into the fields. All these things come into the tie-in of (driving) too fast for conditions."
 I-84 has a 75 mph speed limit, but drivers are encouraged to cruise at about 40 mph in conditions like Monday's.

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- Multiple semi-trucks and vehicles slipped and crashed on I-84 Monday morning. See the video and a slideshow.
- See and hear about the metal craftsmanship of College of Southern Idaho welding students preparing for a fundraising sale.
- And does your home shine this Christmas? Let us know about your light display so others can enjoy it also by submitting your information on the Home and Garden, where there is a list of displays.

CORRECTION

Business misidentified

A business mentioned in a photo caption from the Parade of Lights on Saturday's front page should have read "Twin Stop Chevron."

The Times-News regrets the error.



Pat McCarron

grand do today
 This is a day for authors. • Glenn Beck, author of "The Christmas Sweater" and the best-selling "An Inconvenient Book" will sign copies from 3 to 4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239A Pole Line Road in Twin Falls. For the autograph rules, call 733-5554.
 • Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Chabon speaks at 7 p.m. at the

Church of the Big Wood, 100 Saddle Road in Ketchum, as part of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Lecture Series. He won the Pulitzer for his novel, "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay." Tickets are \$15 for center members and \$20 for nonmembers, and are available at www.sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10.
 • For music, the College of Southern Idaho's

Symphonic Band Concert plays at 7:30 p.m. at CSI's Fine Arts Center auditorium. Admission is a suggested donation to the CSI Music Department scholarship fund.

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 paim@magicvalley.com.

Water

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"Just how we proceed is being reviewed, and will be discussed with the governor," Tullihill said.
 The modeling program's current focus is on the Treasure Valley Aquifer and northern Idaho's Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. Tullihill said review work on the Big Wood and Palouse aquifers hasn't cost any of the \$20 million yet.
 He asked any concerns over convincing legislators to restore the missing \$12 million at some future date. Tullihill pointed out that aquifer issues aren't going to disappear anytime soon.
 The \$12 million cut is in addition to the agency's 4 percent holdback, which accounts for another \$539,300. That money will

come from a combination of sources, Tullihill said, including four already-empty positions, various opening and capital-fund cuts and a system of voluntary furloughs—leave without pay meant to avoid mandatory time off. No employees are being laid off.
 "We're getting creative here," IDWR spokesman Bob McLaughlin said.
 Tullihill said the holdback is spread out enough that no IDWR programs should be seriously harmed. Its total budget for this year is \$24.6 million. But the holdback only affects its appropriations from the state's general fund, or \$14.6 million.
 Officials still have high hopes for a plan aimed at rescuing and repairing the troubled Snake Plain Aquifer, already modeled. A

final version should be presented to legislators by February. Bright steps could cost \$7 to \$10 million a year for the first 10 years, with 40 percent of the funding coming from the state.
 Asked what the modeling cut means for the request, Tullihill said the Idaho Water Resource Board has some funding options that could be "instrumental" in keeping the proposal intact. He said he sees the process—sooht to be applied to other aquifers—as a "bright spot" for Idaho water management.
 "We continue to view this process as being the way of the future for aquifer management in Idaho," he said.
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Keipper

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Keipper faced a maximum possible punishment of life in prison under the second-degree murder charge. But now he's looking at a maximum punishment of up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.
 The plea hearing Friday came after a day of private mediation sessions between a judge, Keipper and lawyers.
 Jerome County Prosecutor Mike Selb did not return numerous phone calls from the Times-News about the case. Keipper was released after an August bond hearing where the defense argued for a lower bond, and the county didn't object, court records show.
 Keipper told police he shot Thomas dead, court records

show. By taking an Alford plea, Keipper acknowledges there is enough evidence to convict him of involuntary manslaughter, but he isn't admitting guilt.
 Thomas was fatally shot in the face in a crime prosecutors originally asserted was intentional. He was malice aforethought. They even wanted to seek a stiffer sentence because it involved a weapon.
 But on Friday prosecutors abandoned that plight, saying now that Keipper shot and killed Thomas without malice.
 Keipper's lawyers have argued he shot in self-defense, but authorities didn't find blood spatter on a firearm that Keipper alleged Thomas was holding.
 Malice can be implied when circumstances around

the killing show an abandoned and malignant heart, according to court records.
 Fifth District Judge John Butler recently denied defense motions to dismiss the case against Keipper. He agreed with a magistrate judge who found there was probable cause to prosecute Keipper for second-degree murder.
 Butler wrote in his March ruling — when Keipper was still charged with second-degree murder — that there was "sufficient evidence to establish that the defendant was the one who committed the crime, and that the killing was unlawful," court records show.
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Army

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and operates out of the area's business soup kitchens. But while it's famous for food, that's not all the group does: its staff and volunteers also provide disaster response, after-school programs and other services, and run a thrift store at 210 Second Ave. S.

Now, their ubiquitous bell-ringers are dotting Twin Falls again, braving the weather outside of businesses across the area in the group's annual fundraiser. Unlike last year, there are plenty of people for the work this time. Bonnett said, though many of them are still seeking a little compensation.
 "Jobs are scarce. The economy's down," she said. "People want some money." The nonprofit served more than 400 meals at a Thanksgiving and is seeing a huge need for its other programs. Groups such as the Snake River Corvette Club



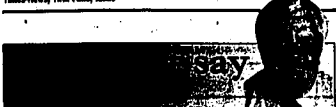
Salvation Army bell ringer Doc King greets a customer Monday morning at Walgreens in Twin Falls.

have already responded to "angel trees" at three local businesses, buying toys and other gifts for needy families.
 "That's the generosity of the community here," Bonnett said. "When they see a need, they always take care of other people first."
 In some ways, old times are back for the group. Maj. Ed Patterson, who headed the

office for several years before a detour to Montana, is back in Twin Falls and attacking this year's challenges head-on, Bonnett said.
 "He's in his element here," she said, describing Patterson's regular morning meetings to pump up the bell-ringers. "For him, it's about the children for Christmas. He loves it."

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In a history of unschooled speech of myth, nobody writes truer than Fisher ... He was more honest than Hemingway on a good day ...

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T.F. council wants four lanes for Falls Avenue West

By Iarel S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council on Monday authorized the city staff to design a widening of Falls Avenue West from two lanes to four lanes with sidewalks. A three-lane widening is also possible, though officials said it would take up as much space and cost the same as four lanes.

The 5-0 vote asked city staff to begin planning for four lanes but asks them to return with an official proposal for the project, council members and officials said. Engineers and city officials have said the controversial project — last summer about two dozen residents signed a petition to begin the process for the area grows with homes and businesses.

The decision followed updates from Ivan H. McCracken, a project manager at JUB Engineers — and city officials on Wednesday's open house with residents. A "slim majority" of more than 20 written comments submitted preferred a three-lane road over a four-lane road, McCracken said. Just one comment favored a five-lane road.

McCracken added that a

three-lane road — one lane in each direction with a middle turning lane — would provide space for bicycle lanes or on-street parking. The widening is planned for from Washington Street North to at least Grandview Drive.

But city officials have said future growth will eventually warrant four lanes. Falls Avenue West is an "arterial street" — a higher priority than "collectors," which see fewer cars. At least three larger residential subdivisions will be completed nearby and the new St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center will be built along Grandview Drive.

City Engineer Jackie Fields said the best option would likely be a four-lane road with sidewalks on each side, particularly because it would meet the standards set in the city's proposed comprehensive plan and transportation master plan. But she said three lanes would be sufficient for at least several years.

The projected cost is estimated at \$3.5 million, regardless of whether there are three lanes or four, said Finance Director Gary Evans. It's been 30 years since any major work has been done on the road.

The possibility of putting power lines underground —

a notion the council asked staff to review — appealed to at least one homeowner in the audience.

"If you're gonna put a highway down our neighborhood, at least try and make it a little better," said Donnie Knudson, who organized the summer's petition. "That might offset the damage that you're doing."

He also said no one has been able to tell him how property values will be affected.

The City Council agenda listed the item as a "presentation," not "action," which indicates a vote. City Attorney Fritz Wenderlich said the state's public meeting law only requires for agenda items to be listed, not whether it will be voted on.

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ITD hosts open house in Bliss on I-84 projects

Local residents and organizations are encouraged to attend an open house today to discuss the reconstruction of Interstate 84 between Bliss and King Hill. The meeting is sponsored by the Idaho Transportation Department.

The open house will provide information about the full-width pavement rehabilitation project scheduled to take place during next summer. Among the topics to be discussed will be the closure of the West

Bliss/Pioneer Road exit and the Bliss Rest Area.

The approximately eight-mile project will remove cracking, rutting and pot holes, restore the surface smoothness and increase the structural value of the section.

The open house meeting will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bliss Food cafeteria at 601 East U.S. Highway 30 in Bliss. ITD staff will be on hand to explain the proposed improvements, answer questions and gather comments.

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Gooding men charged with trying to steal guns

Times-News

Two men from Gooding were arraigned Monday on burglary and grand theft charges, after Wendell police said they caught them red-handed in a Wendell sporting goods store trying to steal more than a dozen guns.

Gooding County prosecutors said the Gooding men, Paul Worth, 19, and Ryan Damon Donaldson, 21, were arrested Sunday at about 10:30 p.m.

Police went to the business, Simerly's General Store, 280 S. Idaho St., because a

silent alarm was going off. Authorities discovered the men tried to steal 12 pistols and several thousand dollars, said Wendell Police Chief Kirous Gaston.

"At the time of their arrest both men were in possession of several firearms," according to a press release from Gooding County prosecutors.

Bond for both men was set Monday at \$50,000, and they have preliminary hearings scheduled for Dec. 18, according to Gooding County prosecutors.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY
Monday arraignments
Marsha C. Griffin, 26, Jerome; careless driving; Jan. 20 pretrial; not guilty plea; public defender appointed; recognition release.
Eric E. Alvarez, 18, Twin Falls; providing false information; fail to purchase; invalid driver's license; Jan. 20 pretrial; public defender appointed; recognition release.

recognition release.
Daggon W. Williams, 23, Twin Falls; concealed weapon; possession of a controlled substance; vitilif concealment; \$100 bond; public defender appointed; Jan. 20 pretrial.
Daggon W. Williams, 23, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; aggravated assault; \$75,000 bond; public defender appointed; Dec. 19 preliminary hearing.

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Teeing off at Burley Golf Course just became more expensive

By Damon Hutzler
Times-Herald writer

With snow on the ground, golf seems like an activity many yards away — but new fee increases are effective immediately.

The City Council has raised fees for using the Burley Golf Course by various percentages. It's a way, said City Administrator Mark Milton, explained, to offset the costs of fuel and the 72 new carts purchased by the city last month.

The new carts cost the city \$190,900.

"Most of it will go toward paying for increases in fuel — all we use out there is diesel fuel — and for the new carts," Milton said. "Some of it is for increased fertilizer costs, even spring-kier parts — because they're plastic."

Most of the cost increases are in the double-digit percentage range. The smallest increase is for a husband-and-wife season pass, which used to be \$665 and is

now \$705.

A single adult season pass increased from \$415 to \$450.

Seasonal rates for college and high school students remain the same. Daily rates for students under 18, however, have been raised by \$2. Daily rates depend upon rounds of nine or 18 holes — but, with the exception of further increases in week-end/holiday rates, all increases are in increments of \$2.

The rate changes passed by a 5-1 vote at the Dec. 2 City Council meeting. Contrary to a report in a local weekly newspaper edited by Councilman Jay Lenkersdorfer, which said the vote was unanimous, Lenkersdorfer voted no.

Councilman Vaughn Egan, while preemptively opposing any increases next year, suggested that the funds could be used for matters unrelated to the golf course.

"I'm looking forward to the time that our golf course brings in enough money to spread around to some of

the other needs in the city," Egan said.

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Calling in 'gay' to work is latest form of protest

By Lisa Leff
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Some same-sex marriage supporters are urging people to "call in gay" Wednesday to show how much the country relies on gays and lesbians, but others question whether it's wise to encourage skipping work given the nation's economic distress.

Organizers of "Day Without a Gay" — scheduled to coincide with International Human Rights Day and modeled after similar work stoppages by Latino immigrants — also are encouraging people to perform volunteer work and refrain from spending money.

Sean Hetherington, a West Hollywood comedian and personal trainer, dreamed up the idea with his boyfriend, Aaron Hartzler, after reading online that a few angry gay-rights activists were calling for a daylong strike to protest California voters' passage last month of Proposition 8, which reversed this year's state Supreme Court decision allowing gay marriage.

The couple thought it would be more effective and less divisive if people were asked to perform community service instead of staying home with their wallets shut. Dozens of nonprofit agencies, from the National Women's Law Center in Washington to a Methodist church in Fresno collecting food for the homeless, have posted opportunities for volunteers on the couple's Web site.

"We are all for a boycott if that is what brings about a sense of community for people," said Hetherington, 30, who plans to spend Wednesday volunteering at an inner-city school. "You can take away from the economy and give back in other ways."

Hetherington said he's been getting 100 e-mails an hour from people looking for volunteer opportunities, and that his "Day Without a Gay" Web site has gotten 100,000 hits since mid-November.

Despite Hartzler and Hetherington's attempt to fashion a positive approach, some organizers of the street demonstrations that drew massive crowds in many cities last month have been reluctant to embrace the concept, saying that it could be at best impractical and at worst counterproductive to "call in gay."

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Harnessed for safety

Seat belts saved two motorists from major injury, deputy says

By Mary Hanson
Times-News correspondent

A Friday accident southwest of Gooding could have been much worse, Gooding County's chief deputy said, had the drivers involved not buckled up.

Two vehicles — a 2008 Dodge Ram driven by an unidentified party and a 2003 Mazda sedan driven by Valeria Warren of Jerome — collided at the intersection of Idaho Highway 26 and 2800 East Road. According to the Idaho Vehicle Collision Report filed on the wreck, the pickup received \$1,000 in damages, while Wilson's car suffered \$8,000 in damages.

Both parties were wearing seat belts and neither party required medical attention at the scene, Gooding County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jerry Pierce responded to the accident.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts and the Mazda's air bags deployed, Pierce said. "I'm sure the woman in the Mazda would have been thrown out of her vehicle had she not been wearing her seat belt."

And possibly the man in the pickup too — if they had not been wearing belts, both lap and shoulder restraints, this wreck would have been a different story."

Asked about the importance of seat belt use, Idaho Department of Transportation Office of Highway Safety Grants Contract Officer Lisa Leones said, "Seat belts, when used, are the most effective safety feature ever introduced for passenger vehicles."

According to THD research, 63 percent of the state's drivers wore seat belts in 2007, compared to 75 percent nationally.

Current state programs are aimed at increasing that percentage in the coming months and years.

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A Friday crash between a large pickup and small passenger car south of Gooding resulted in only minor injuries due to the involved parties' use of seat belts.

Something to cheer about



The Holy Mountain All-Stars dressed up in their green, black and silver for a competition in November.

Cheer contest hits Halley Saturday

By Karne Bosick
Times-News correspondent

Their business is cheerleading. But they're looking for someone to cheer them on.

More than 300 athletes from throughout southern Idaho, including the Magic Valley, will descend upon Halley on Saturday to compete in the Altitude with Attitude Cheer and Dance Challenge.

The regional competition — the first Halley has hosted — starts at 11 a.m. at the Community Campus on Fox Acres Drive and runs through 2 p.m. Help members of the Holy Mountain All-Stars go to a March national competition in Anaheim, Calif., and buy new equipment for their gym.

"It's fun to watch," said Susie Moore, whose 9-year-old daughter Claire Gushre competes with the Holy Mountain All-Stars. "You have girls as young as 3

Altitude with Attitude Cheer and Dance Challenge

When: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday
Where: Community Campus in Halley
Admission: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5 to 15 and seniors and children 4 and younger, free food for all ages.

do this — they crack me up. And you have older girls who can throw people 20 feet in the air."

Competitive cheerleading has become a big draw in Idaho in the past five years, said Amanda Norton, in Fairfield. The All-Stars started in Fairfield and eventually moved to Halley where the 54-member squad is its own gym near Power Engineers on Halley's south side.

The sport has nothing to do with the type of cheerleading that's done at football and bas-

ketball games in high school. Rather, squad members performing a 2.5-minute routine involving dance, tumbling, gymnastics and stunting, or pyramid building and throwing routines.

"It's an expensive sport because of the travel and uniforms," said Norton. "And it requires a time commitment as well. We work out four days a week."

Both girls and moms say it's worthwhile, though.

"It's really fun. It taught me how to do a back stand, and I also learned about cheers and dancing," said Haley Bjorkman, 7, of Halley.

The sport teaches self-confidence, as well, said Moore. "My daughter has always been really shy. But ever since she started cheering, she started talking in front of people and then she started doing other things in front of people. She just did her first back-hand spring, and the grin on her face was amazing."

Gooding library re-opens

After two weeks of being closed for renovations, the Gooding Public Library is now open to patrons.

The library would like to thank volunteers, Annette Rousseau, the Athena Sabasa family, the Sheryl Baker family, the Rigler family, Gooding High School honor society. Thanks also go to Floyd Dewitt who helped remove and replace all books, shelving and furniture and spent Henderson on help with the painting.

New items at the library include:

- Adult fiction
 - "Wicked Lovely" by Melissa Marr
 - "Hokus Pokus" by Fern Michaels
 - "The Rogue Hunter" by Lynsay Sands
 - "Where Angels Go" and "A Cedar Cove Christmas" by Debbie Macomber
 - "The Drowning" by Simon Holt
 - "Eat Music" by Ian Rankin
 - "The Diamond of Darkhold" by Jenne DuPrau
 - "Night of Thunder" by Stephen Hunter
 - "A Spoonful of Poison" by M.C. Beaton
 - "M. Cavendish, I Presume" by Julia Quinn
 - "An Elegant Madness" by Venetia Murray
 - "Bad Business" by Robert B. Parker
 - "A Royal Pain" by Rhys Bowen
 - "Ham Bones" by Carolyn Haines
 - "Fuzzy Noodle" by David Baldacci
 - "The Woods" by Harlan Coben
 - "The Brass Verdier" by Michael Connelly
 - "Bones" by Jonathan Kellerman
 - "Darkness" by Iris Johansen
 - "Divine Justice" by David Baldacci
 - "Cross Country" by James Patterson
 - "A Lion Among Men" by Gregory Maguire
- Adult book on CD
 - "Presty Woman" by Fern Michaels
- Adult non-fiction
 - "American Lightning" by Howard Blum
 - "Smoke, Mirrors, and Murder" by Ann Rule
 - "Top Secret Restaurant Recipes" by Todd Wilbur
 - "Massacre at Bear River" by Rod Miller
 - "A Bold, Fresh Piece of Humanity" by Bill O'Reilly

The next youth book club will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.
Information: 934-4089.

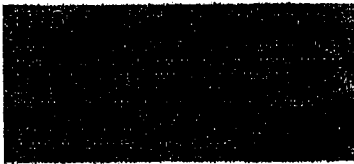
From Misfit Trees do community acorns grow

By Ariel Hanson
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — The trees may not fit into anyone's traditional notion of Christmas — a portable toilet decked out with lights, or a flocked tumbleweed — but the sentiment does.

At the "occasionally annual" Festival of Misfit Trees in Shoshone on Friday, Lincoln County residents came together to have a little fun and to raise money for the most needy among them.

"The basic rule is, you can decorate anything, but it can't be a tree," said Karma Fitzgerald, who started the event several years ago. "It was in response to all those festivals



of trees, because while they are beautiful and artistic, they are bloody expensive. Who can afford one of those trees?"

Giving the desert environs around Shoshone, it's not surprising that sagebrush has been a favorite decorating base over the years, and this year was no exception. Other "trees"

took a more creative bent.

Shoshone Fire Department Station 2 decorated an upended rake with flowers and gardening gloves in anticipation of spring. Firefighters also donated a fire-shape made entirely from a child's toys that proved a favorite among festival-goers. The item that

got the most bids, though, was a large metal spiral decorated with ornaments from Oasis Christian Church.

About 100 people attended the festival at Shoshone's Masonic Hall, which Fitzgerald felt was a good turnout since it had been on hiatus for the past few years. At least \$100 was earned in cash donations, several hundred dollars worth of toys were garnered about \$100 in bids, Fitzgerald said. All the proceeds and toy donations go to the Secret Angel fund, which purchases school supplies, clothing and Christmas gifts for area children and families.

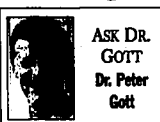
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Sara Withers, 11, helps Judy Hiestra finish the decorations on a tumbleweed by spraying flocked on the desert shrub before they carried it into the Festival of Misfit Trees on Friday evening.

Health screenings save lives despite some bad experiences

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am an avid reader of yours and felt compelled to write to you after reading an article you did about a gentleman who was very disgruntled with Life Line Screening. He was unhappy because his wife had gone through this, and they had advised her that her bone density was not good, but more extensive testing by her own doctor showed it



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

was fine. He then told of a friend that also had it done and was told the same thing.

Her doctor then put her on Fosamax and had her tested only to find out her density was fine. The gentleman writer more or less told you that you were off base for recommending these screenings.

The fact is, he is the one off base. The tests are exactly what they say they are, screening tests."

I want you and this gentle-

man to know that these tests can be life-saving screenings. In a group of five friends that had these screenings at different locations and times, three were saved by them. One had a serious aneurysm that was discovered, and he was notified immediately. He was advised to see his doctor, who ran additional tests and performed surgery at once. Another friend's

screening showed a severely blocked carotid artery and was again notified immediately and sent to her doctor. After additional tests, she had to have surgery, as well. The third friend had a different situation for which he was alerted and sent to his doctor. Thankfully, he did not need surgery but is now on medication to control the condition.

I would say that three out of five success stories is a pretty good recommendation for this type of preventive and cost-effective health care.

DEAR READER: In this case, I must agree with you. At least two of your friends certainly appear to have been saved from potentially

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gooding school Christmas concert nears

The Gooding School Christmas Concert's time has been changed and will now be held at 6 p.m. Monday...

Wendell holds Remembrance Ceremony

Wreaths Across America has chosen Wendell to be one of the participants for its program.

More than 300 Remembrance Ceremonies would be held in 2008. Saturday Local services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at South Central Idaho Veterans Park...

Information: Loren Wagner, 321-8526.

CSI Mini-Cassia holds open house

The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center in Burley will host an open house for the public to get to know more about its Adult Basic Education program.

The open house is from 10 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the CSI Mini-Cassia Center, 1600 Park Ave. CSI staff members will be available to answer questions about classes that are held throughout the year to help people earn their general and high school equivalency diplomas.

Information will also be available about classes for English as a Second Language. Students who want information about CSI's spring 2009 semester are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

Wood River medical center nurses honored

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum announced that the Idaho Chapter of Nurses in Adult Nursing have honored three of their nurses as recipients of the 2008 Nursing Excellence Awards.

Designed to recognize the remarkable work of nurses whose leadership and contributions have made a significant impact in their community, the recipients received their awards at a presentation on Nov. 15. St. Luke's Wood River congratulates its 2008 March of Dimes Nursing Excellence honorees; Suzanne Miller, RN, Clinical Education. Miller is often recognized for her positive energy and providing inspiration to her coworkers and patients.

Although relatively new in the nursing field, she has been selected to serve in a preceptor role, providing training to new nursing graduates. Nominated for chair person of the Inaugural Nursing Education Council, Miller exemplifies nursing excellence. Catherine Royston, RN, Post-Anesthesia Care Unit. Royston is a leader among the staff nurses of the hospital, and will sacrifice personally to assure patient care comes first. Recognized for excellent documentation and communication skills, her name is frequently mentioned in patient surveys as a "nurse who has made a difference."

Cherie Shardlow, RN, Post-Anesthesia Care Unit. Recognized as a role model patient care, Shardlow has long been a respected leader among staff and leadership at Wood River. With her calm demeanor and helpful approach, she is recognized by her coworkers as a patient teacher who provides the opportunity for continued learning within her department.

New items at Kimberly Library

The Kimberly Public Library announced new items for November.

Adult fiction "The Brass Verdict" by Michael Connelly, "Collateral Damage" by Fern Michaels, "Dark Summer" by Iris Johansen, "A Good Woman" by Danielle Steel, "Tough Weather" by Robert B. Parker, "Too Close to Home" by Linwood Barclay, "Divine Justice" by David Baldacci, "A Lion Among Men" by Gregory Maguire, "The Pirate King" by R.A. Salvatore, "Salvation in Death" by J.D. Robb, "Bones" by Jonathan Kellerman, "The Chocolate Snowman Murders," "The Chocolate Bear Burglary," "The Chocolate Frog Fram-up," "The Chocolate Cat Caper," "The Chocolate Puppy Puzzle," "The Chocolate Bridal Bash," "The Chocolate Jewel Case" by Keith Lyle, "Ripley's Believe It or Not! Prepare to Be Shocked" by Ripley, "Guinness World Records 2009" by Guinness, "Step-by-Step Crafts For Gifts" by Kathy Ross, "Ida Visits the Capital" by BSU. DVDs "The Polar Express," "Kangaroo Jack," "Meet Strawberry Shortcake."

and the Perilous Journey" by Trenton Lee Stewart, "Jay Jay's Christmas Adventure" by Kristen Larson, "I've Seen Santa" by David Bedford, "What Cats Want for Christmas" and "What Dogs Want for Christmas" by Kandy Hadzinski, "Christmas Angel" by Norman Bridwell, "Moose's First Christmas" by Lauren Thompson, "The Secret Santa Mystery" by Gall Herman.

Juvenile non-fiction "Avens of the World" by Keith Lyle, "Ripley's Believe It or Not! Prepare to Be Shocked" by Ripley, "Guinness World Records 2009" by Guinness, "Step-by-Step Crafts For Gifts" by Kathy Ross, "Ida Visits the Capital" by BSU. DVDs "The Polar Express," "Kangaroo Jack," "Meet Strawberry Shortcake."

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Trees

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This year Secret Angel organizer Wendt McKnight said the fund will help more than 70 families, who contact her when they are in need. She also finds children to help through the local schools.

"They come to me and say, 'I need to do this, or this,' and if I think it's justified, 'I'll help them,'" she said. McKnight started Secret Angel in 2004, and her company Lava Lava also donates \$5,000 of its proceeds to the fund. On Dec. 20, she will ride with Santa, the Grinch and carolers in a sleigh to distribute gifts at the homes of those the fund is helping this year.

Flitzgerald said the fund is lining up behind the fund. "The beautiful thing about the Secret Angel fund is it is just one example of how



ARLENE HANSEN/Times-Herald

Whoever won the bid on this portion of the bid for the decorations will be the recipient of a portable in 2009, courtesy of Great's North West Services. At left, volunteers at the Festival of Misfit Trees set up signs and prepare for the event on Friday evening.

Lincoln County supports its own," she said. "This year we have been working extra hard to work together."

As the Festival of Misfit Trees wound down on Friday, Flitzgerald was still winding up, preparing for Saturday's community dinner, at which about

300 people were fed for free at the Masonic Hall. The misfit trees that weren't auctioned off on Friday night were up for auction again on Saturday, and the money raised both nights amounted to about \$800, plus donated toys. At the Saturday dinner the community also considered what projects it wants to pursue in the coming year. If one of the suggestions — a new community center — is chosen, perhaps the Festival of Misfit Trees will be held there next year.

Flitzgerald said, a hopeful tone in her voice. That sense of hope is what she and other Lincoln County residents are working to create, through community projects that bring people as lighter moments like the Festival of Misfit Trees.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity from Minidoka County 5th District Court included the following:

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS Danielle Hall, 23, driving under the influence, \$200 fine, \$557.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 26 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, 2 days time credited; IPV probation violation, 15 days jail, credit for 9 days, 30 days additional discretionary probation violation, guilty. Jay Paul Setser, 28, driving under the influence amended to driving under the influence (second offense), \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$90.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 175 suspended, 8 days other time, 1 day time credited, 8 days McWork in lieu of jail. Christina R. Arredondo, 32, driving under the influence, with held disposition, \$200 fine, \$557.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 173 suspended, 2 days other time, 1 day time credited, 2 days McWork in lieu of jail. Edith Ramona Chacon, 25, driving under the influence, \$200 fine, \$90.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 180 days jail, 179 suspended,

2 days other time, 1 day time credited, 2 days community service in lieu of jail; injury to a child (felony) amended to injury to a child (misdemeanor), no purchase/invalid drivers license, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs. Riley M. Ingram, 22, driving under the influence, withheld disposition. Adan Enrique Sustaita, 33, driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$90.50 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 18 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, 2 days time credited; failure to purchase/invalid drivers license, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs. Jose O. Acaeniso-Veldera, 27, driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$90.50 costs, drivers

license suspended 180 days, 18 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, 2 days time credited; failure to purchase/invalid drivers license, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs. Lary Joe Bean, Rupert, vs. Doris Ann Bean, Rupert. DIVORCES FILED FAST BAIL BOND NORTH SIDE 536-2953 Jack E. Green

license suspended 180 days, 18 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, 2 days time credited; failure to purchase/invalid drivers license, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.

Dr. Gott

Continued from page A5 fatal conditions. I continue to receive more negative comments about these screenings than positive, but the bad experiences are centered primarily around the osteoporosis screenings.

I believe that Life Line Screening is a personal choice. It is indeed cost effective, especially for those with little or no health insurance, but in some instances it can lead to unnecessary additional testing. People should avoid the bone-density scans available through this company and opt for the more expensive but more accurate hospital-based bone-density study. The other screenings, as long as they are performed by competent, well-trained professionals, preferably nurses, physician's assistants or

other medical personnel, are an appropriate option. Thank you for writing to share your story, and I hope it will help others to make better-informed decisions about this service. Because you mentioned carotid-artery blockage, I am giving you a copy of my Health Report "Coronary Artery Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newcliffe, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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

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Albert James McAvoy

Albert James McAvoy attended elementary school at St. Luke's Magie Valley Medical Center with his wife by his side.

A.J. was born Sept. 23, 1949, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He was a member of the St. Luke's Magie Valley Medical Center with his wife by his side.

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grandkids and wife. As everyone knows, he was a very loving and caring person and would give the shirt off his back to help anyone. He had a personality that was out of this world. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A.J. is preceded in death by his parents, Marvin T. and Frances M. McAvoy; and his sister, Margaret McAvoy-Ecke. He is survived by his wife, Yolanda of Twin Falls; sons, Christian McAvoy of Hayward, Wis., and Michael (Karl) McAvoy of Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; stepson, Cody Rumsay (Jennifer Nevins) of Twin Falls; daughters, Lara McAvoy of Paris, Texas, and Susanna Zeichel McAvoy of Germany; stepdaughter, Lindsay Reed of Twin Falls; four grandchildren, Katelyn, Kaylee, Austin and Kinsey; and his siblings, Mary Smith of Corydon, Mo., Kenneth (Lana) McAvoy of Cypress, Texas, and Sheila (Bill) Ohlenburger of San Antonio, Texas.

A funeral service for family and close friends will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating and military honors by Magie Valley Veterans Association at the Idaho State Cemetery and Guard. Family and friends may call from 4 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Reynolds Chapel. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Maxine E. (Beltran) Uhrig

SHOSHONE — Maxine E. (Beltran) Uhrig, 72, of Shoshone, died at home after a lengthy bout with cancer on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008. She was surrounded by her family.

Halley. The couple lived in Halley many years and raised six sons, Ken (Denise), John (Loretta), Scott (Christi), Ed, Curtis (Lisa), Philip (Jennifer).



A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the First Baptist Church of Shoshone, 205 N. Alta in Shoshone. Interment will follow the service at the Shoshone Cemetery. Following interment is a celebration of Maxine's life and a reception will occur back at the church.

Maxine was born Jan. 20, 1936, in Bingham Canyon, Utah. She moved to Triumph in April of 1939 with her mother and father, and later to Halley; and her three sisters, Marian, Madeline and Martha. Maxine attended first grade at the North Star School in Triumph. The family moved to Halley in 1941, where Maxine attended second grade. She completed grade school at Halley Elementary School and high school at Halley High School. She graduated in 1953.

Maxine and Ted Uhrig were married in June of 1954 at St. Charles Catholic Church in

the past several years.

Maxine leaves behind her husband, Ted; their six sons; her mother, Anna Beltran of Halley; and her two sisters, Marian, Madeline and Martha Bolliger, both of Halley. She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren, Morgan, Chase, Brandon, Monica, Josh, Jake, Jackson, Kennedy, Jessica, Miranda, Madeline, Mia and James; and one great-grandchild, Ashley. She also leaves numerous nieces and nephews. Maxine was preceded in death by her father, Mike; and one sister, Madeline.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Peter's Church, 215 W. B. St., Box 336, Shoshone, ID 83352, or St. Luke's Hospice Services, 708 Shoshone St. E. Twin Falls, ID 83401. Services are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Carol Lee Nelson

Carol Lee Nelson, also lovingly known as "Grandma's very" passed away Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, in her home in Twin Falls.

Carol was born Sept. 6, 1950, in Tremonton, Utah, the daughter of Dan Lee Nelson and Ione Anderson. Carol grew up on a ranch in Lynn, Utah. She loved the western way; she was a true cowgirl. She enjoyed horse racing, gardening and her granddaughters, "Elle" and "Mylo Jo." She was blessed with a beautiful mind, a strong will and a drive for life.

Carol is survived by her mother, Ione Wright of Burley; brothers, Rodney (Vicky) Nelson of Buckeye, Ariz.; children, Chris (Alma) Perotto of Twin Falls, Josh Perotto of Idaho Falls; and

granddaughters, Eliana and Myla Perotto. She was preceded in death by her father, Don Lee Nelson; and brother, Randal Nelson.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at 187 Dubois Ave. in Twin Falls, with a burial service at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Arrangements were handled by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

Allen Ray Thurston

BURLEY — Allen Ray Thurston, age 50, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Burley, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008.

He was born June 6, 1958, in Burley, the son of Robert Kelch and Rita Jane Prescott Thurston. He received his elementary and secondary schooling in Burley and completed his education at the College of Idaho. He was a certified welder. He married Mary Francine Woods on March 3, 1995, in Burley. They have made their home in Salt Lake City, Utah. Allen was skilled in the field of transportation. He loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed hunting, fishing and four-wheeling. He liked collecting hats, coins and guns. Allen loved his family and was a loving son, brother, husband and dad.

He is survived by his wife,

Mary of Salt Lake City; his children, Emily Marie Thurston and Travis Thurston; and Scott Miller, both of Salt Lake City, Utah; his only sister, Debbie (Dorothy) Gonzales of Burley; and one hour niece and nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Bob Ramsey officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Merlin W. Ottley

ELBA — Merlin Ward Ottley, age 85, of Elba, Idaho, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at the Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah, from results of a fall.

He was born May 22, 1923, in Burley, the son of William Ray and Mattilda (Ward) Ottley. He attended school in Elba and graduated from the Raft River High School. He then attended Idaho State University. Merlin was married to Oulla Wenzel on Sept. 2, 1955, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. To this union were born four children, Kirk, Connie, Marnae and Thane.

Merlin was a rancher all his life. He was honored as the Idaho Centennial Farmer in 1982, was the Farm Bureau Grand Farmer of the Year in 2002, and was inducted into the Livestock Hall of Fame in 2006. He was an active member of the LDS Church all of his life and was in many callings. Merlin's goal in life was to love his family and to

be a good friend.

He is survived by his wife; his four children; his grandchildren, Cade, Wendy, Jacob, Brandon, Logan, Skyler, Kelsey, Cameron and Sarah; one great-granddaughter, Sophia; and three brothers, Leonard, Ross and Ed.

Merlin was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Wenzel, Alvin and Stephen; and one sister, Geraldine.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Elba LDS Church with Bishop Carl F. Boden officiating. Merlin will be laid to rest in the Grand View Cemetery in Elba. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Raul Gil

GOODING — Raul "Junior" Gil, 48, of Gooding, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at his residence.

Prayers of the rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church (Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Suzanni Nielsen

Suzanni Nielsen, 39, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at a local care facility in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, and one hour before the service at the church.

Lucile Funk

FAIRFIELD — Lucile Spinnaker Funk, 74, of Fairfield, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at the Shoshone Rehab and Living Center in Shoshone.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Gooding LDS Church; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church (Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Ernest L. McKinnon

HAGERMAN — Ernest Leo McKinnon, 78, of Hagerman, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at his residence.

Arrangements will be handled by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

SERVICES

Ronald Brent Galloway of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS 13th Ward Chapel on South Temple Drive (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Charles Burras (Chuck) CB Thomas of Boise and formerly of Jerome, funeral mass at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Boise; viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. with vigil service at 7 p.m. today at the church (Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City).

Francis Merley Carter of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Way; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Garison (Gary) Lance Jeppesen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS 2nd and 3rd Ward Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley.

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. College Road in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Rose Meyer Toone

GOODING — Rose Meyer Toone, 95, a resident of Gooding, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at the Shoshone Rehab and Living Center in Shoshone.

Rose was born January 7, 1913, in Gooding, the daughter of Ward and Stella Cohn Meyer. Rose was raised and educated in Gooding, graduating from Gooding High School in 1930. She later attended the University of Idaho, where she graduated in 1934. Rose married Clifford S. Toone on May 23, 1947, in Gooding, where they made their home. Rose was a member of the Tinytiny Episcopal Church in Gooding, where she was active with the ECW, and

was also active with the Gooding County Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, sons, Ward (Ioleen) Toone and Mark (Sally) Toone; and daughter, Nancy (Rod) Hohnhorst, all of Gooding; and three grandchildren, Cliff (Tara) Toone, Steven Toone and Brittan Toone. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her twin sister, Ruth Meyer.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

AROUND THE WEST

IDAHO

21-year-old Nampa man burned in bonfire

NAMPA — A house fire in Nampa burned a 21-year-old man over 80 to 90 percent of his body.

Jud Winters was apparently using gasoline to boost a bonfire at his home in this northwestern Idaho town.

Winters was the cozzie got out of control, spreading to a attached garage behind the house.

Witnesses said they heard two loud explosions and saw flames up to 10 feet high shooting from Winters' garage.

Winters was airlifted to the University of Utah Burn Center in Salt Lake City, where he remains in critical condition.

Boise man arrested after smashing pickup into home

BOISE — A 34-year-old man drove his pickup into a home near Boise's downtown, narrowly missing a room where a young child was sleeping.

Benjamin Lister was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving Sunday and faces an additional charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

Nobody was injured in the crash.

Though there was severe damage, the home's concrete foundation prevented the truck from entering its interior.

The driver of the vehicle smashed the truck into the house and was in the process of leaving the accident scene when police arrived, officers said.

The truck's license plate was found outside the home.

Groups hold vigil in protest of immigration raid

BOISE — The Idaho Community Action Network and Catholic Charities of Idaho are among groups protesting an immigration raid at a wood manufacturing company in Nampa last week.

The groups held a candlelight vigil in Boise on Sunday, four days after federal agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

arrested 16 Mexican nationals employed by the Idaho Truss & Component Co.

ICE says employment records for the men show some may have used fake documents to secure their jobs. The workers were arrested on Thursday and will remain in federal custody until they appear before an immigration judge.

INL building 2nd space battery, this time for Mars

IDAHO FALLS — A team of up to 50 Idaho National Laboratory scientists is completing a new space battery that's due to power an unmanned mission to Mars in 2011.

Previous Martian rovers have been powered by the sun. But by using batteries powered by plutonium-238, a radioactive isotope with a half-life of 88 years, scientists say the Mars Science Laboratory will be able to operate in cold, dark winters during Martian dust storms.

The battery will extend the mission's reach into places on Mars previously off-limits to solar-powered rovers.

including dark interiors of craters obscured from the sun.

WYOMING

Idaho man held after pedestrian struck

ROCK SPRINGS — The Wyoming Highway Patrol said Monday that a 30-year-old woman was injured and killed by a truck as she walked along Interstate 80 over the weekend.

Tannyy Dye of Rock Springs was walking near Point of Rocks when the truck hit her around 7 p.m. Sunday, according to a patrol release.

The truck apparently didn't stop at the scene, but investigators were able to determine that Dye was struck by a red truck and issued an alert to area law enforcement agencies, the patrol said.

About an hour and a half later, a patrol trooper stopped and arrested 37-year-old Kelly D. Noble on U.S. Highway 30 in Lincoln County, about 100 miles away.

Noble, of Grace, Idaho, was being held Monday at the Sweetwater County Detention Center in Green River.

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Blackwater shootings unprovoked, U.S. says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wild, unprovoked gunfire and grenades killed 14 innocent Iraqis and hurt dozens more in a 2007 Baghdad attack, prosecutors said Monday. In announcing charges with mandatory 30-year prison terms against five Blackwater Worldwide security guards.

The Justice Department called the shooting a shocking and devastating violation of human rights. The harsh words echoed the outrage of Iraqis, who have waited more than a year to see how the U.S. would respond to the shooting on a busy street in the Iraqi capital.

The shooting by the largest U.S. security contractor in Iraq sparked international condemnation, congressional hearings and inspired anti-American insurgent propaganda.

The five security guards — all decorated military veterans — surrendered in federal court in Utah, where one of them lives. The five guards walked wordlessly through a phalanx of reporters. A judge ordered the guards to report to a Washington courthouse Jan. 6, where they were expected to plead not guilty.

A sixth Blackwater guard struck a deal with prosecutors, turned on his former colleagues, and pleaded guilty to killing one Iraqi and wounding another.

Prosecutors said the slain included young children, women, people fleeing in cars and a man whose arms were raised in surrender as he was shot in the chest.

Twenty others were wounded in crowded Nisour Square, including one injured by a grenade launched into a nearby girls' school.

9-11 suspects to confess

About-face takes court by surprise

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Khalid Sheikh Mohammed said Monday he will confess to masterminding the Sept. 11 attacks, throwing his death-penalty trial into disarray and shocking victims' relatives who watched from behind a glass partition.

Four other men also abandoned their defenses, in effect during the Pentagon to grant their wish for martyrdom. The judge ordered lawyers to advise him by Jan. 4 whether the Pentagon can apply the death penalty — which military prosecutors are seeking — without a jury trial.

"When they admitted their guilt, my reaction was, 'Yes! My inclination was to jump up and say 'Yay!' But I managed to maintain my decorum," said Maurice Santora, of Long Island City, N.Y., whose firefighter son Christopher died responding to the World Trade Center attacks.

Santora was one of nine victims' relatives watching the proceedings, the first time relatives of the 2,975 people killed in the attacks have been allowed to observe the war-crimes trials. She watched from the back of the courtroom, wearing black and clutching a photo of her son in uniform.

In an about-face that appeared to take the court by complete surprise, the five men announced they were abandoning their attempts to mount a vigorous defense



American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Executive Director Anthony Romero speaks to journalists in the hangar which houses the media center during a recess in a pre-trial session for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and his four co-defendants at Camp Justice on the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Monday.

and instead requested "an immediate hearing session to announce our confessions." The confessions were delayed, however, when the judge said two of the defendants couldn't enter pleas until the court determines their mental competency. The other three said they would wait as well.

"Our plea request was based on joint strategy," said defendant Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali. In a letter read aloud by the

judge, the defendants implied they want to plead guilty, but did not specify whether they will admit to specific charges.

Their letter was so unexpected that the judge, Army Col. Stephen Henley, was unsure how to proceed. He noted that the law specifies that only defendants unanimously convicted by a jury can be sentenced to death in the tribunals. No jury has been seated.

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Frank also threatened to tie up the remaining half of the \$700 billion financial industry rescue money unless the Bush administration provides some of it for borrowers facing fore-

Military jet crash in San Diego kills 3 on ground

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A fighter jet returning to a Marine base after a training exercise crashed in flames in a San Diego neighborhood Monday, killing three people on the ground, leaving one missing and destroying two homes.

The pilot of the F/A-18D Hornet jet ejected safely just before the crash around noon

at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Explosions rocked a neighborhood of half-million-dollar homes, sending flames and plumes of smoke skyward.

"The house shook; the ground shook. It was like I was frozen in my place," said Steve Krasner, who lives a few blocks from the crash. "It was bigger than any earthquake I

ever felt."

Three people were killed in a house where two children, a mother and a grandmother were believed to be at the time of the crash, but fire officials did not immediately know who died. Another person remained missing.

"We just know that four people were inside, and three of them have been accounted

for." Fire Department spokesman Maurice Laque said.

The pilot, who ended up hanging by his parachute from a tree in a canyon beneath the neighborhood, was in stable condition at a naval hospital in San Diego, said Miramar spokeswoman 1st Lt. Kathryn Putnam.

Foreclosure relief unlikely until Obama is in office

WASHINGTON (AP) — With job losses mounting and lawmakers pressing to funnel money to Detroit automakers, a top House Democrat said Monday that a new government effort to help borrowers avoid foreclosure will have to wait until President-elect Barack Obama takes office.

Wall Street rallied for the second straight day with the major market indexes jumping more than 3 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 300-point advance gave the blue chips their highest close in a month.

Speaking to reporters during a housing industry forum in Washington, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said any use of \$700 billion in financial industry rescue money to aid homeowners will come after President George W. Bush leaves office next month.

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Frank also threatened to tie up the remaining half of the \$700 billion financial industry rescue money unless the Bush administration provides some of it for borrowers facing fore-

closure. "They're not going to get the (money) unless they get very serious about the foreclosure modifications and showing us how we're going to get some lending out of the banks," said the House Financial Services Committee chairman. "At this point I don't see that happening."

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EDITORIAL

South-central Idaho can cope with recession better than Boise

Folks are losing their jobs in places around south-central Idaho where significant unemployment doesn't happen very often. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate for the Twin Falls area in November was 4.7 percent, according to the Idaho Department of Labor. In the Halley Labor Market Area, unemployment was 5 percent.

Bad times? Sure. But bad vibes are probably a better explanation. Southern Idahoans — and visitors to the area — have been so comprehensively spooked after the jaw-dropping economic developments of the past 2 1/2 months that they're hanging on to their wallets.

Sill, this isn't your father's "Great Recession."

Want to borrow money to buy a pickup? Take your pick, at attractive rates. In the market for a new home? Lots of local mortgage lenders have a deal for you. Need a loan to run the farm next summer? Just dial your banker.

Sure, it's harder to qualify for credit — but not difficult if you have a history of paying your bills on time.

So what we have here is an utterly new economic phenomenon to the Magic Valley: an economic crunch without a credit crunch.

Traditionally in ag country — from the Midwest through the Columbia Basin — hard times follow when money can't be borrowed. That's such an enduring article of economic faith in Middle America that when times get rocky, folks stop spending.

There's an entire branch of academe — microeconomics — devoted to the study of why people make the individual economic decisions they do. The science owes as much to psychology as it does to economics.

Microeconomics teaches that economic perceptions invariably catch up with economic reality, although it often takes a while. And the greater the difference between how folks think the economy is performing and how conditions really are, the faster they rebound.

Such quick turnarounds, however, only happen in economies with solid fundamentals, which you can't say about Idaho's Treasure Valley, where nearly half of Idaho's 44,000 jobs unemployed workers live. Ada and Canyon counties still have huge inventories of unoccupied houses and there are vast tracts of unoccupied commercial real estate.

The traditional engine of Treasure Valley economic growth — high-tech — is sputtering badly. And the ingredients for economic resilience — competitive wages, a flexible labor force, accessible and affordable job re-training, and employers whose problems aren't tied to economic paralysis elsewhere — just don't exist in large enough numbers in Ada and Canyon counties.

But they're available in spades elsewhere in Idaho.

In much of the state — including south-central Idaho — economic challenges are manageable and the resources to confront them are readily available. The banks are healthy, ag is holding its own and the College of Southern Idaho makes it possible to turn this economy around on a dime.

"To be sure, there are hard times between Glens Ferry and Rupert, Ketchum and Jackpot. But they're temporary times.

Our View:
It's a more diverse and flexible economy in south-central Idaho.
What do you think?
Welcome to our readers on this and other issues.

When barbecue does not return the love

Taking pills with breakfast is a slippery slope. You start with one pill and a bowl of cereal, and before long you're up to a bowl of pills and precious little room left for any Cheerios.

I watched this happen to my father, who was in his 40s when he started taking one little green pill every day.



MARK RUTLEDGE

Mornings when Mom forgot to put the pill beside Dad's breakfast, he would entertain us with a little song called, "Green Pill, Where Did You Run To?"

"You said we'd be together soon, but you're not here and I'm so lousy ...
Oh, green pill, where did you run to?
Green pill, where did you go?"

By the time my father reached 70, he was eating so many pills for breakfast Mom needed a logbook to keep him from singing. My breakfast has never included a regular diet of pills. I have vowed, in fact, that it never will. My strong belief has been that regular exercise and occasional salads would ensure certain other dietary and lifestyle freedoms.

My doctor and dangerously high cholesterol levels recently turned that belief



system upside down. It seems that in addition to my words, I must also now eat a significant quantity of daily pills.

This I will gladly do, because if the numbers fail to improve I risk having to give up some dietary freedoms that are precious to me.

Hickory-smoked pork barbecue comes immediately to mind.

I'm not blaming anyone for my troubles, but I do consume as much pulled pork as possible, prepared by Dixie Barbecue Co., each time I visit my mother and siblings in east Tennessee.

In addition to the fabulous food, my strong feelings for Dixie Barbecue are based on personal relationships I've cultivated over many years.

Every family member and friend I have in that part of the world loves Dixie Barbecue. When my first child was born, owner Alan Howell arranged the letters on the restaurant's marquee sign to read, "Let's all welcome Carly Grace to the race."

I took snapshots from every possible angle. When my father died earlier this year (with normal cholesterol levels, I hasten to add), Dixie's sign displayed a message of condolences.

One does not remove oneself easily from such a warm association so deeply rooted in Southern culinary culture.

I do find it puzzling, however, that no one else in my family has ever suffered

from this problem. Of all the ailments my father endured, high cholesterol was never among them.

I have to believe I was singled out for this affliction for a reason. Perhaps I must eat pills for breakfast every day so that I will better appreciate a less frequent barbecue platter.

That must be it, for the thought of ordering salads at Dixie is simply unbearable.

If that day ever comes, I'll have no choice but to sing, "Pulled Pork, Where Did You Run To?"

And that one always makes me cry.

Mark Rutledge is a columnist for The Daily Reflector in Greenville, N.C. Write to him at mrutledge@carxinc.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sherrill can do two jobs and save county money

What are our county commissioners thinking? They have opened the position for applications for parks and recreation supervisor. This position pays \$42,000 to \$15,000 depending on skills. Kelli Sherrill was given the chance to prove she could do both the parks department and weed bureau and proved she could do it. She wants an additional \$15,000 to do both departments. This is a savings of a minimum of \$30,000 not counting the cost of the benefits she would save the county.

The commissioners should not care where this puts her on the pay scale. It's good gender is not a factor in this. With the economy and the times the way they are, you would think they would be looking out for any savings they could save the taxpayers. Come on, guys, let the lady do the job. She has proven that she can do both jobs and be damn good at it.

BILL PRICE
Twin Falls

Some thoughts about communists, socialists, terrorists and felons

"His (Obama's) relationships in his formative and adult years with communist,

socialist and terrorist and felons."

Ms. Pello (author of a Nov. 30 letter), ever meet a communist, socialist, terrorist or a felon? Probably not. You should — and open your mind just long enough to hear what they have to say. You might find that the Czarist system of Imperial capitalism fell to the Bolsheviks simply because it was stupid, taxed, murdered, tortured and terrorized its people for years; but still, the meltdown didn't happen until it sent 9 million Russian sons to their death in World War I. It was the communists who wanted to stop the never-ending slaughter, nobody else.

Socialist? What is American capitalism anyway? Well, it's not capitalism, its corporate socialism and has been since before our "Civil War"; indeed it was the misuse of public money, like today, that led directly to that historical conflict. Charles Dickens wrote, "The Northern onslaught upon slavery was no more than a piece of specious humbug designed to conceal its desire for economic control of the Southern States." Southern opposition, once annihilated (literally), left the northern corporate socialist renewed freedom to plunder public money.

Terrorist? Societies create

their own terrorist for the benefit of whom? It's no benefit to me or the people I work with, but it certainly is beneficial to government and other persons in power. Understand, terrorists do not appear out of thin air but are created by the inequities and injustices, real or perceived, in any system. As capitalists create markets to exploit, governments create criminals and terrorists for the same reason, profit.

Felons? They're easy to exploit because they have no political voice. But they know, better than most, it's the "rich thieves that throw the poor thieves into jail." Bailout? It's nothing more than the biggest bank robbery in history.

MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

our membership rolls, many do not currently come to most meetings. I would love to have company.

The American Legion is chartered by Congress and is open to all veterans who have served during the periods of conflict designated by that charter and all current military.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars requires members to have served in a war zone, but the American Legion has no such restriction.

The other day, I made the mistake of asking a woman if she had "family members" who were in the military and she replied "I'm the vet" and walked away before I could get my f--- out of my mouth. I received quite a ragging from the person I was with! The percentage of people in the U.S. who have ever been in the military is shrinking while the percentage of the population in the military is increasing. Our post is committed to being welcome to those women.

We have a Web site, www.twinfallslegion.org. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month. Our Christmas party will be on Dec. 19. I am joined by all my fellow officers and our members in inviting Susan and any other female veteran to join us.

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AROUND THE WORLD

GREECE

Gangs of rioting youths cripple main cities

ATHENS — Gangs of youths smashed their way through central Athens, Thessaloniki and other Greek cities on Monday, torching stores, buildings and cars in the third day of mayhem after the fatal police shooting of a teenager.

In the country's worst rioting in decades, dozens of shops, banks and even luxury hotels had their windows smashed and burned as youths fought running battles with riot police. Black smoke rose above the city center, mingling with clouds of tear gas. Broken glass littered the streets.

In an outpouring of rage, high school and university students joined self-styled anarchists in throwing everything from fruit and coins to rocks and Molotov cocktails at police and attacked police stations throughout the day.

"Cops! Pigst! Murderers!" protesters screamed at riot police.

Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis, who has already faced a growing number of sometimes violent demonstrations, called an emergency cabinet meeting Monday night.

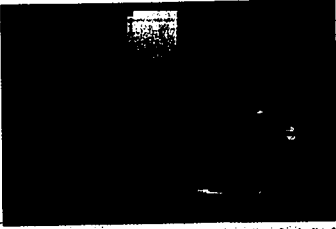
AFGHANISTAN

Taliban vows response to U.S. troop increase

KABUL — The Taliban's fugitive leader said the planned increase in U.S. troops in Afghanistan will give his fighters incentive to kill and maim more Americans than ever.

Mullah Omar, who is believed to be sheltered by fiercely conservative tribesmen on the Afghan-Pakistan border, said battles would "flare up" everywhere.

"The current armed clashes, which now number into hundreds of armed clashes. Your current casualties of hundreds will jack up to thousand casualties of dead and injured," said the statement, which was written in broken English and posted on a Web site Sunday that has previously carried militant messages. Violence in Afghanistan has spiked in the last two years, and 2008 has been the deadliest year for U.S. troops since the 2001 invasion to oust the Taliban for hosting al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden.



Two men pass by a shop set on fire by rioters in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki, Monday. The slogan on the panes reads '15 years old and dead: Revenge.'

ENGLAND

Tarmac protest raises airport questions

LONDON — Environmental protesters' cutting through the perimeter fence at Britain's third-largest airport Monday and occupied the tarmac, forcing the cancellation of more than 50 flights and raising questions over the vulnerability of airports.

Two waves of protesters arrived at Stansted Airport before dawn. The first group used an old fire truck to provide cover as they sliced through the perimeter fence with bolt cutters. A second group ran through the gap. The protesters then chained themselves together and erected a barrier around their selves.

It took nearly five hours to clear the tarmac. Police arrested 57 people.

"If they can do it, I'm sure there would be nothing to stop terrorists," said Terry Purton, 61, a passenger whose flight to Bratislava was delayed.

The action — meant to protest a possible second runway at Stansted and escalating carbon emissions — caused 56 cancellations and extensive delays. The British government is also considering adding another runway to Heathrow Airport, already Europe's busiest.

PAKISTAN

Pakistan arrest suspected Mumbai attack plotter

ISLAMABAD — Troops raided a militant camp and arrested a suspected mastermind of the Mumbai attacks, Pakistan's first reported response to U.S. and Indian demands for action against alleged plotters on its soil, officials said Monday.

The arrest in Pakistani Kashmir of Zaki-ur-Rehman

Lakshvi could signal the beginning of a wider crackdown aimed at reducing tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbors and satisfying Washington.

Lakshvi is allegedly a memorial protester's cutter of Lashkar-e-Taiba, a banned group blamed for other attacks on its soil. Analysts say it was created in the 1980s by Pakistan's intelligence agencies to act as a proxy fighting force in Indian Kashmir.

Many analysts suspect elements within Pakistan's intelligence agencies keep some links with Lashkar and other militants, either to use against India or in neighboring Afghanistan, but U.S. counterterrorism officials say there is no evidence linking Pakistan state agencies to the Mumbai attacks.

BELGIUM

EU ships to arrive early for piracy mission

BRUSSELS — Six warships will deploy early to the waters off the Horn of Africa to combat piracy amid growing alarm over attacks on international shipping, European Union officials said Monday.

The six warships will arrive on Dec. 15 — five days ahead of schedule — to replace the four-vessel NATO flotilla conducting anti-piracy patrols off the Somali coast. The early deployment is a sign of the urgency in protecting one of the world's most important shipping lanes, spoke spokeswoman for the bloc's foreign policy chief Javier Solana.

"It will be an important contribution to addressing one of the most challenging threats to maritime trade, and particularly to the people of Somalia who have had their humanitarian support hampered by acts of piracy," Galich said.

— Wire reports

Mexico says gang killings up 117 percent to 5,376

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's attorney general says organized-crime slayings more than doubled in the first 11 months of 2008 to hit 5,376.


Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora says the 117 percent spike in gangland killings compared to the same period in 2007 is mainly related to increased fighting among drug cartels.

The number of killings for the first 11 months of 2007 was 2,477.

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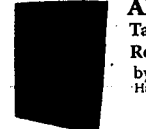
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(AP) A stock market gaining in confidence shot higher for a second straight session Monday as investors bet that President-elect Barack Obama's plans to increase spending on public works projects will help lift the economy back to health.

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FUEL REPORT

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho declined as lower wholesale prices reached regional retailers. The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline was \$1.93, while the average price for a gallon of diesel fell to \$2.77. According to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report, the state average for a gallon of gasoline was \$1.67, while the national average was about \$1.70. Oil prices rebounded from four-year lows and shot above \$43 a barrel Monday as OPEC floated the possibility of a production cut.

Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Fill Mart, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: \$1.82
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$2.51
- Burley: Bowen Cardlock - Sinclair, 502 N. Fifth St.: \$1.65

Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Fill Mart, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: \$2.45
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$2.45
- Burley: Smith's Fuel, 937 Main St.: \$2.37

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

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

Block	Close	Change
Daily Feed Supply	\$1.794	+0.041
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.768	+0.042
Butter		
Average price	\$1.543	-0.082
Whey protein concentrate	\$4.00	
Average price		
Class III milk	N/A	N/A
Average price		
Class IV milk	N/A	N/A
Average price		

Feed

Corn (Per 100 pounds)	Close	Change
Daily Feed Supply	\$8.00	
Land O'Lakes	\$7.50	
Rangen	\$8.40	

Barley (Per 100 pounds)

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

Hay (Mid/Ton)

	Low \$175	High \$175
Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low N/A	High N/A
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$130	High \$140
Alfalfa(Fair)		

Small grain

Soft white wheat	N/A	N/A
Rangen	\$4.81	
Ogden	\$4.35	
Pocatello	\$4.35	
Burley	\$4.15	

Livestock

Lambs and hogs	Low \$90	High \$100
Feeder lambs	Low \$89	High \$92
Breeding eyes	Low \$11	High \$21

Price quotes as of Dec. 8. Prices subject to change at any time.

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1. Little Wood: 21%
2. Lake Walcott: 42%
3. Ririe: 45%
4. American Falls: 47%
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With late start, snowpack at near-normal levels

SNOTEL sites report varying averages across southern Idaho

By Cindy Seyder
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Looking up at the brown mountain peaks, it may be hard to believe that the 2008-09 water year is actually off to a near-normal start.

October and November precipitation averaged between 70 and

100 percent of normal across the state. But the state's SNOTEL sites are reporting anywhere from 7 to 65 percent of average snow water equivalent on Dec. 4. The low is in the Owyhee Basin in western Idaho and comes despite receiving 92 percent of normal precipitation for the water year that began Oct. 1. The high — 65 percent — was recorded in the Upper Snake Basin above Palsades where 87 percent of average precipitation has fallen.

"We're getting a late start," said Ron Abramovich, hydrologist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise, "a

very, very late start." Many of the state's SNOTEL sites are at or near record lows for snow water on Dec. 1. That data goes back to the early 1980s.

Jeff Anderson, also a hydrologist with the USDA-NRCS in Boise, has looked back at the record to find years with a similar slow start. Because the NRCS begins keeping official records as of Jan. 1, he identified the five lowest Jan. 1 snowpacks for the Upper Snake above Palsades (1994, 2000, 1987, 1990, and 1988, respectively) and then compared the Dec. 1 graphs from those years to this year.

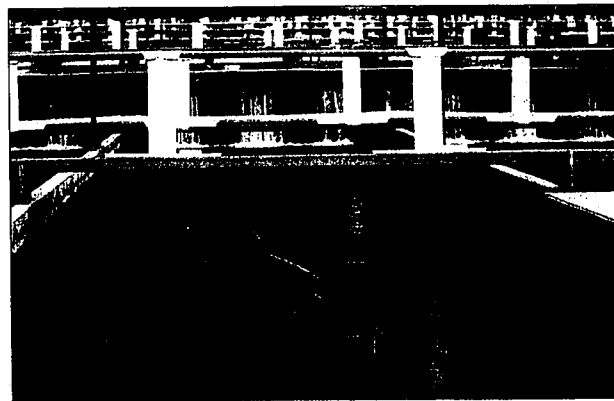
"In all cases, we have a better snowpack now," he said.

He also looked at the Salmon Falls Basin, south of Twin Falls, which primarily provides irrigation water to the Salmon River Canal Company.

According to the NRCS records, this year's snowpack is about equivalent to the Dec. 1, 1993, snowpack. The snowpack on Jan. 1, 1994, was the sixth worst Jan. 1 in 48 years, Anderson said. While Abramovich admits the snowpack numbers aren't as

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Defining organic



Larry Miller cleans a race way at a Clear Springs Food Inc. fish hatchery this fall.

USDA panel approves first rules for labeling farmed fish 'organic'

By Isabel Elvirin and Jane Black
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For the first time, a federal advisory board has approved criteria that clear the way for farmed fish to be labeled "organic," a move that pleased aquaculture producers even as it angered environmentalists and consumer advocates.

The question of whether farmed fish could be labeled organic has vexed scientists and federal regulators for years. The standards approved late last week by the National Organic Standards Board would allow organic fish farmers to use wild fish as part of their feed mix provided it did not exceed 25 percent of the total and did not come from forage species, such as menhaden that have declined sharply as the demand for farmed fish has skyrocketed.

"Finally, maybe there's a light at the end of the tunnel in terms of defining what's organic," said Wally Stevens, executive director of the Global Aquaculture Alliance. "The challenge is to figure out how we can produce a healthy protein product with a proper regard to

where the feed comes from." Environmentalists and consumer advocates blasted the recommendations, which would serve as the basis for regulations to be issued by the Agriculture Department. Activists questioned why up to 25 percent of fish feed could be made up of non-organic material, while all other animals certified as organic must eat 100 percent organic feed. They also noted that open-net pens can harm the environment by allowing fish waste and disease to pollute the ocean.

"What we think is at stake is not just the integrity of a standard for fish but the whole organic standard and consumer confidence in it," said Patty Lovera, assistant director of advocacy group Food & Water Watch. "A huge part of the growth in organic is driven by people looking for food that comes with assurance. When you start bending the rules, that's a big risk."

George Leonard, a marine ecologist and aquaculture director for the Ocean Conservancy, said the board should to accomplish the "extraordinarily complicated" task of establishing a sustainable farm-

ing practice that does not yet exist. He noted that requiring organic operations to use feed made of trimmings from sustainable wild-caught fish, such as pollock, or from organically farmed fish would be better than relying on the small, wild fish farmers currently use.

"This is a good example in which the devil is in the details," Leonard said. "There is a very real risk that the decision could undermine consumers' confidence in the organic label if the goal of sustainable and environmentally friendly fish does not play out in practice."

Federal officials and advisers have devoted enormous time and effort to developing an organic fish standard, reflecting the dramatic growth of the industry in recent years. U.S. sales of organic food and beverages have grown from \$1 billion in 1990 to an estimated \$20 billion in 2007 and are projected to reach nearly \$23.6 billion this year, according to the Organic Trade Association. Fueled at least in part by fears about food safety, sales of organic meat increased tenfold, from \$33 million in 2002 to \$364 million in 2007, according to market research firm Mintel.

Strip till offers beet growers another option

By Cindy Seyder
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH — Acey Shaw admits he had grown to dislike the sugar beets in his rotation.

From planting through mid-summer, beets have to be cared for: irrigating, cultivating and spraying. But Shaw is growing more fond of beets thanks to the combination of new Roundup Ready beet seed and strip tillage.

He's not the only one. Robert Downard, a fieldman with Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Twin Falls, estimates that between 1,000 and 1,500 acres of sugar beets were strip tilled in 2008. Of that, Shaw planted over 600 acres. Downard expects that acreage to at least double, and wouldn't be surprised to see as much as 4,000 acres of beets strip tilled in 2009.

Strip tillage is a hybrid between no-till or direct seeding, where crops are sown right into last year's crop residue and minimum tillage where growers limit tillage passes. Shaw used just one pre-plant pass this spring compare to the five tillage passes he traditionally would use. He plans to reduce that to just one pass in 2009 when he will pull a caddy with the planter behind the strip till unit.

A strip till unit essentially opens a slit in the ground for the seed and fertilizer. That leaves most of the previous crop residue on top to stop wind and water erosion in a field.

While the technology has taken hold in rain-fed growing regions such as the

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Urgent priorities, lingering problems at USDA

Obama supports big reduction in subsidies

By Kimberly Kibaly
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On the campaign trail, President-elect Barack Obama said his administration would help small family farms, end childhood hunger and upgrade roads and bridges in rural areas.

His commitment to the rural parts of America helped secure critical victories for him in Midwestern Corn Belt states, such as Iowa and Minnesota, and has heightened expectations for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as Obama prepares to appoint an agriculture secretary to oversee wide-

ranging efforts. During cash-strapped times, the challenges of mounting new initiatives are mounting. And the USDA is still battling long-running problems: subsidy programs that give huge sums to ineligible, millionaire farmers; food inspections that put Americans at risk for food-borne illnesses; and nutrition programs that still to identify more than 30 percent of Americans who live in poverty and are at risk of hunger every month.

"Things are not working like they should. When things go wrong, it's difficult if not impossible sometimes to determine who should take responsibility," said Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. "The mission of the department needs to be examined; there needs

INSIDE

Meet the three candidates for Secretary of Agriculture.

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to be some restructuring." Officials in the Bush administration defended the department's record over the past eight years, saying that despite the need for continued reforms, the agency has successfully responded to a number of crises and has kept the agricultural industry healthy, its core mission.

"We have established a very good foundation. The country produces what is essentially a positive in our balance of trade with agriculture,"

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From left: Acey Shaw of Dietrich checks out the emergence of his strip till sugar beets in mid-June. He was pleased with how the practice worked this year. He is planning to pull his beet planter directly behind the strip till unit in 2009.

MARKET SUMMARY

Market summary table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, INDEXES, STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST, and HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT. Includes stock prices, gains/losses, and market commentary.

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NATION
Dow Chemical to plant
5K jobs, close 20 plants

NEW YORK — Dow Chemical Co. says Monday it will slash 5,000 full-time jobs about 11 percent of its total work force — close 20 plants and sell several businesses to rein in costs amid the economic recession.

AGRIprocessors worker
expected to plead guilty

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — A former human resources employee at a northeast Iowa kosher slaughterhouse is expected to plead guilty to be complicit in federal charges.

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She pleaded not guilty last month after a federal grand jury returned a 12-count indictment against Agriprocessors and its managers.

BEANS
METALS/MONEY

BEANS: Soybean futures prices are up 1.5 cents to 11.25 cents per bushel. METALS/MONEY: Gold prices are up 1.50 to 1,200.00.

Snowpack

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pleasant as irrigators and ski resort owners would like, it is still early in the season.

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What she offers: Wolff, 57, has firsthand experience running a farm and managing a government agriculture department. In Pennsylvania, he has expanded farmers markets, which Obama wants to see grow nationally.
Vetting: His political experience is limited, primarily to the three years in his current post in a state with great agricultural challenges. He is viewed by some small farmers as being too supportive of larger, corporate farmers.
Quote: "Food safety is a top priority for ensuring public health. From farm fields to the dinner plate, every participant involved in the supply chain plays a key role in the food system. USDA's largest and best government agriculture department, in Pennsylvania, he has expanded farmers markets, which Obama wants to see grow nationally."
Charles Stenholm
Current job: Lobbyist and senior policy adviser at Washington-based agricultural law firm Olsson Frank Weida.
Credentialed: Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 13 terms, from 1979 to 2005, and former ranking Democratic member of the Agriculture Committee. Graduated from Texas Tech University with bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture education. Operated a cotton farm near Abilene, Texas, for several years.
What he offers: Stenholm, 70, has extensive experience shaping agricultural policy in Congress and a working knowledge of farming operations.
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GRAINS

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COMMODITIES REPORT

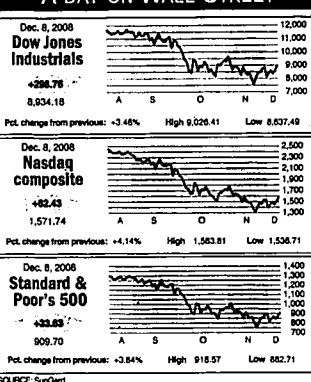
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LIVESTOCK

Table with columns for Livestock prices. Includes prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

GRAINS

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NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market showed renewed confidence Monday, extending its rally and lifting the Dow Jones index to its highest level in nearly a month.
Barack Obama's promise to increase infrastructure spending to lift the economy.
The Dow advanced nearly 300 points, gaining 560 points in the two sessions to extend a period of relative tranquility on Wall Street. The Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 have risen in nine out of 11 sessions with investors absorbing bad economic news without signs of the panic that rocked the market for much of the fall.
The Dow rose 298.76, or 3.46 percent, to 8,934.81, its highest close since it finished at 8,943.81 on Nov. 7. The blue-chip index, which added 255 points on Friday, is now up for December. Broader indexes also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 33.63, or 3.84 percent, to 909.70; and the Nasdaq composite index jumped 62.43, or 4.14 percent, to 1,574.74.

Farmers target EPA report they say might tax cows

By Bob Johnson
Associated Press writer

For farmers, this stinks: Belching and gaseous cows and hogs could start costing them money if the federal government decides to charge fees for air-polluting animals.

Farmers so far are turning their noses up at the notion, which they contend is a possible consequence of an Environmental Protection Agency report after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2007 that greenhouse gases from motor vehicles amounts to air pollution.

"This is one of the most ridiculous things the federal government has tried to do," said Alabama Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks, an outspoken opponent of the fees.

EPA officials insisted Friday that the lengthy, highly technical report, which mostly focuses on other sources of air pollution, does not include a proposal to tax livestock.

But the American Farm Bureau Federation said, based on federal agricultural department figures, it would require farms or ranches with more than 25 dairy cows, 50 beef cattle or 200 hogs to pay an annual fee of about \$175 for each dairy cow, \$87.50 per

head of beef cattle and \$20 for each hog.

The executive vice president of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation, Ken Hamilton, estimated the fee would cost owners of a modest-sized cattle ranch \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year. He said he has talked to a number of livestock owners about the proposals, and "all have said if the fees were carried out, it would bankrupt them."

Sparks said Wednesday he's worried the fee could be extended to chickens and other farm animals and cause more meat to be imported.

"We'll let other countries put food on our tables like they are putting gas in our cars. Other countries don't have the health standards we have," Sparks said.

The farm groups say the fee would apply to farms with livestock operations that emit more than 100 tons of carbon emissions in a year and fall under federal Clean Air Act provisions.

EPA officials said the agency has not taken a position on any of the matters discussed in its response to the Supreme Court ruling. And John Millett, a spokesman for EPA's air and radiation division, said there has been an oversimplification of the EPA's document "to the point of distortion."



AP photo
These Auburn cows are unaware of a proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency to charge a fee for air-polluting cows and hogs. The proposal was one of several drafted after a 2007 Supreme Court ruling found that greenhouse gases the animals emit through flatulence or belching amounts to air pollution. It would require farms or ranches with more than 25 dairy cows, 50 beef cattle or 200 hogs to pay an annual fee of about \$175 for each dairy cow, \$87.50 per head of beef cattle and \$20 for each hog.

"EPA is not proposing any type of tax on livestock," he said.

The EPA briefly mentions "raising livestock" in its report on ways to regulate greenhouse gases under the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Paul Schlegel, director of public policy for the

American Farm Bureau Federation, said it determined the possible fees that could be imposed by using Agriculture Department statistics on the amount of greenhouse gases that come from livestock and applied it to the EPA's permitting rules.

Farmers from across the

country have expressed outrage over the EPA report, both on Internet sites and in opinions sent to EPA during a public comment period that ended last week. Many call it a "cow tax" and say the EPA proposed it.

"It's something that really has a very big potential

adverse impact for the livestock industry," said Rick Krause, the senior director of congressional relations for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The fee would cover the cost of a permit for the livestock operations. While farmers say it would drive them out of business, an organization supporting the proposal hopes it forces the farms and ranches to switch to healthier crops.

"It makes perfect sense if you are looking for ways to cut down on meat consumption and recoup environmental losses," said Bruce Friedrich, a spokesman in Washington for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"We certainly support making factory farms pay their fair share," he said.

U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, a Republican from Haleyville in northwest Alabama, said he has spoken with EPA officials and doesn't believe the cow tax is a serious proposal that will ever be adopted by the agency.

"Who comes up with this kind of stuff?" said Perry Mobley, director of the Alabama Farmers Federation's beef division. "It seems there is an ulterior motive, to destroy livestock farms. This would certainly put them out of business."

Team studies perennial fix to perennial problem

By Henry C. Jackson
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — The solution to a perennial problem of farming could be, well, perennials.

Researchers at Iowa State University are experimenting with the placement of perennial prairie strips in corn and soybean fields as a way of lessening runoff and soil erosion — problems nearly as old as farming itself.

"We know the farmers need to make a profit, but how do we intercept some of these strips so that the farmers can still do what they need to do, but we can have other benefits?" asked Lisa Schulte, an assistant professor at Iowa State and project investigator.

Perennials — plants that grow back naturally, year after year — may offer the solution. Preliminary research on the project, done in partnership with the state's Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, shows that placing the strips at key points in and around crop fields can lead to a 10 percent to 20 percent reduction



AP Photo/Steve Stastny
In this photo released by Iowa State University, researchers at the university are seen working with the placement of perennial prairie strips in corn and soybean fields as a way of mitigating run off and soil erosion — problems nearly as old as farming itself.

in sediment loss.

Soil erosion is a longterm problem for farmers, who collectively are often criticized by environmental groups for not taking enough care to prevent runoff from reaching waterways. Chemicals used in farming are blamed for a variety of problems in waterways, including the growth of the

so-called Dead Zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

The idea behind the project is to take a concept already common to farming — buffer strips — and improve it with more strategic thinking, said Matt Helmers, an assistant professor and extension agricultural engineer at Iowa State. Helmers and other

researchers believe there are environmental and practical benefits to precision placement of the strips. Farmers may be able to keep more land in use by incorporating the system, he said, while it would also help protect waterways and natural ecosystems.

"This is taking some land out but trying to maximize the environmental benefit of all of the land that's out of production," Helmers said.

The experiment is under way at 14 watersheds in the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge in central Iowa. Besides examining water quality and erosion, researchers hope to find out whether the prairie strips can attract wildlife that would otherwise avoid an area designated for row crops.

There are positive signs so far, Schulte said.

"We have some birds who are here who are only using the strips," she said. "Birds that were already doing well within the agricultural fields we don't need to worry about. We need to worry about these birds."

Till

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Midwest and also the Palouse in northern Idaho and in southern Idaho have had reservations about leaving crop residue on the surface because of concerns about getting irrigation water through. But for Shaw that residue was a blessing.

His field tilled in 2008 that typically yielded 18 to 24 tons per-acre sugar beets because the light soil blew with the wind and sheered plans off. A 30 to 40 acre spot in the middle of the field blew out so regularly the area only yielded 6 tons per-acre.

Shaw planted the field around April 22 this year and didn't suffer wind or frost kill during the June cold snap. A stand per acre yielded 29 tons per-acre with a yield of 29 tons per-acre and 16.8 percent sugar.

He was concerned about dealing with the residue at harvest, but was pleasantly surprised by how well it went.

"We had a little trouble at times staying on the row with a topper but otherwise it was no trouble," Shaw said.

Soils on the north side of the Snake River tend to be lighter and more susceptible to blow outs from wind, but growers in areas with heavier soils are also giving strip till a closer look — more than 120 growers and three manufacturers participated in a field trial at the Shaw farm

in September.

Researchers with the The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service laboratory at Kimberly compared a chisel plow system with five tillage passes before planting a moldboard plow with three tillage passes at the farm — the field averaged 32 tons per acre with 17.7 percent sugar. But using strip till reduced production costs by \$30 to \$35 per acre based on the University of Idaho custom rate guide.

Although strip till alone will save trips across the field, it's the combination of using Roundup Ready beets with strip till that offers the greatest savings. Using Roundup Ready beets allowed him to spray the field twice and cultivate once compared to cultivating four times. And he didn't have to pay for a hoeing crew.

While Shaw hasn't run the numbers to see how this strip till fields compared to conventional tillage in terms of production costs, he expects the strip till unit he bought this year will pay for itself in two to three years, depending on how many acres it is used to plant.

Water savings was another area with a real but uncalculated payback. In the past, Shaw has turned the pivot on as soon as he finished plant-

ing and let it run until the beets entered gear. This year, he planted into undisturbed soil and didn't start irrigating until the beets were up.

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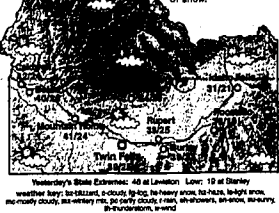
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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Generally partly cloudy today and tonight. Partly to mostly cloudy Wednesday with a slight chance of a few snow showers. Turning colder with snow by week's end.

BOISE
Today: Highs 29 to 34. Lows: 18 to 21.
Partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday. A touch warmer Wednesday. Turning much colder Friday and this weekend with a chance of snow.

NORTHERN UTAH
Today: Highs 48 to 53 at 24 to 28.
Partly to mostly cloudy through Wednesday. Turning colder Thursday and Friday with a chance of snow.



Yesterday's State Extreme: 40 at Lewiston. Low: 10 at Starkey.

TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE-OF-THE DAY

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"Be a better person than you were yesterday." - Regg Middlekauff

Detective: Shackled teen was chained to fireplace

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — Three people appeared in court Monday on charges of kidnapping and torturing a 16-year-old boy who an investigator said had been kept chained in a fireplace, choked with a belt and denied food for days at a time during more than a year in captivity.

Dog rescuing dog a hero in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chileans have a new hero: an apparently homeless dog that pulled the body of another dog through traffic off a busy highway. Surveillance camera on a Santalito freeway captured images of a dog trotting past speeding cars to pull the lifeless body of the other canine, which had been run over by a vehicle, away from traffic and onto the median strip.

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Study: Gender gap remains for heart attack care

NEW YORK (AP) — Women hospitalized with heart attacks still don't get the treatment they need and are more likely to die than men if they suffer a massive heart attack, a new study of U.S. hospitals shows.

NYU Langone Medical Center in New York. "I think my colleagues need to get on the stick." The study examined the hospital treatment for 78,254 heart attack victims to see if guidelines were followed and how many died. Hospitals in the heart association's 'Get with the Guidelines' program are required to put that information in a registry.

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The fine and the fanciful

Woodworking, welding students auction off their handiwork

By Virginia Hutchins
Times-News writer

Perhaps you appreciate handcrafted furniture—solid wood, fine design, joints that inspire a craftsman's pride. Perhaps your garden needs an imaginative ornament or towering trellis. Either way, here's an auction you can't miss.

Pieces for sale Saturday at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science were crafted by College of Southern Idaho woodworking and welding students, employing what they've learned about drafting, cabinetmaking and finish work—or about plasma torches, metallurgy and machining.

Sawdust fills the air in one noisy workshop. Sparks fly and lights flash in the other. From both emerge things of high quality and surprising beauty.

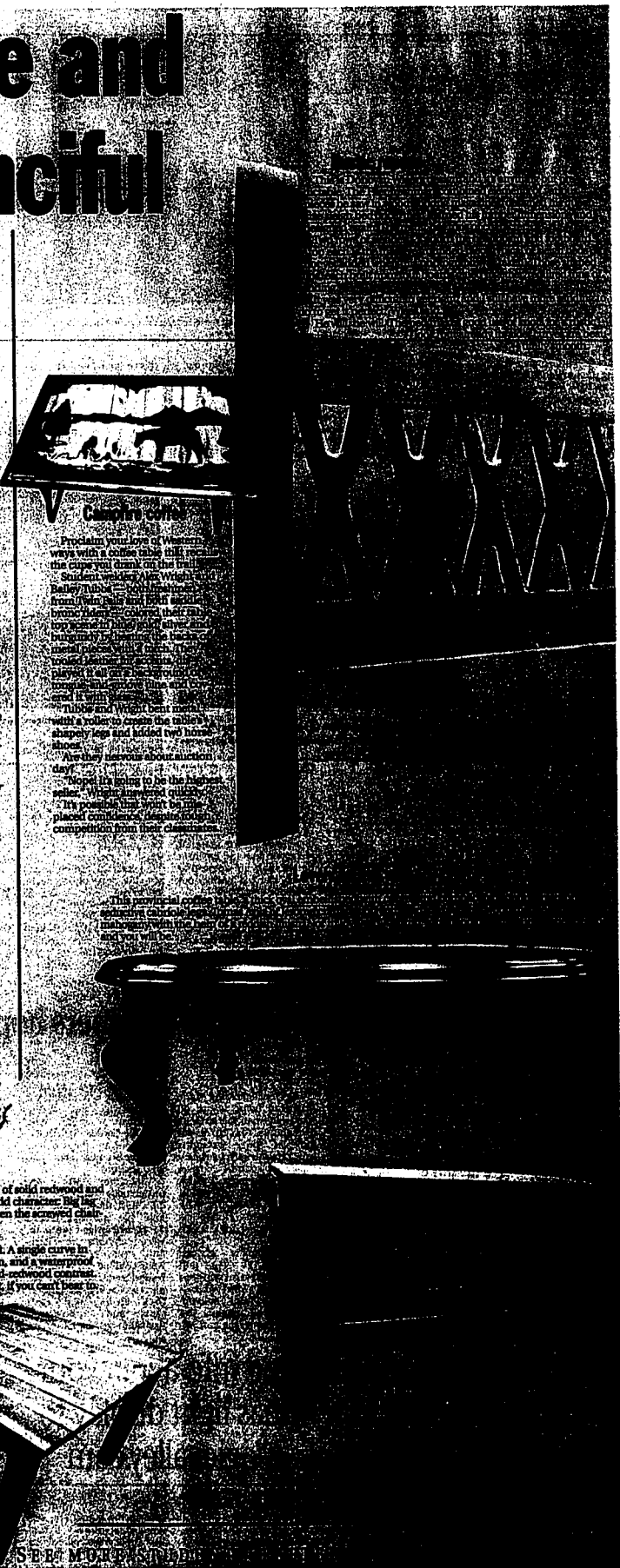
You can look over them all on Friday at the Herrett Center, before Saturday's afternoon auction. (Many of the wooden pieces featured here weren't completed when they were photographed. Hardware was missing, a bed lacked its rails and headboard, and stains and finishes hadn't yet highlighted the colors of the woods. The pieces will be finished by Friday.)

See something you love? Buy it now or say goodbye. You'll never see other pieces quite like these.

Virginia Hutchins may be reached at 735-3242 or virginia.hutchins@lee.net.

Handcrafted pieces

The College of Southern Idaho's cabinetmaking and welding students crafted the furniture, garden art and decorative pieces for sale at the 19th annual Christmas auction, which organizers say is bigger than ever. The event helps fund CSI woodworking and welding students' educational trips and travel to competitions. See the merchandise: The furniture will be displayed from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday in the foyer and Rick Allen room at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the CSI campus. Place your bids: The Rick Allen room's doors will open at 1 p.m. Saturday, and live-auction action begins at 1:45 that afternoon. Other attractions: Also on Saturday, the college's residential construction students will sell at least one barn-like storage unit, to be displayed outside the Herrett Center. Culinary arts students will serve cookies and other refreshments. Informator: CSI cabinetmaking professor Kenneth Triplett at 732-6335, or welding instructor John Peterson at 732-6373.



Camping chairs

Proclaim your love of Western ways with a coffee table that recalls the cups you drank on the trail.

Student welder Alex Wright built the table. Both the table and the chairs are made of solid wood and feature decorative metal pieces.

Wright used a plasma torch to cut the metal pieces. The table has a metal piece with a hole that played a role in a student's welding project. The table and chairs are made of solid wood and feature decorative metal pieces. The table has a metal piece with a hole that played a role in a student's welding project.

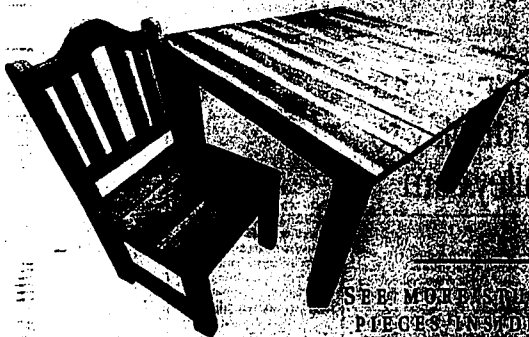
Are they nervous about auction day? "We're all going to be the best seller," says Wright. "I'm quite confident." It's possible the work he placed confidence in despite the competition from their classmates.

This provincial coffee table, which carries a rustic, Western message with the help of metal pieces, is a student's work.

Sit in style

Twin Falls sophomore Charlie Wrigley built his patio table of solid redwood and his four chairs of redwood and pine, letting plentiful knots add character. Big bolts attach the table's frame to its legs, and dowels strengthen the screwed chair-leg joints.

Sturdy is an understatement. The chair's seats and backs are flat, but angled for comfort. A single curve in each chair back adds just the right restrained ornamentation, and a waterproof finish will darken the wood a little, highlighting the pine-and-redwood contrast. Drill your own umbrella hole in the table's center. Or don't, if you can't bear to.



SEE MORE IDEAS FOR YOUR HOME AND GARDEN IN THE PHOTO GALLERY ON PAGE C2.

Insulating shades slow windows' energy loss

DEAR JIM: I should replace my windows to save energy, but with the bad economy, I just cannot afford more debt. Is installing insulating window shades or curtains a viable option, and which types are best? — Megan J.



SENSIBLE HOME James Dulley

DEAR MEGAN: Windows account for a substantial amount of heat loss from a house. This is because a single pane of glass has an insulating value of only about R-1, whereas an insulated wall may be R-17. The window will lose 17 times more heat per square foot than the wall. Also, there is air leakage around windows which further increases heat loss and creates chilly drafts.

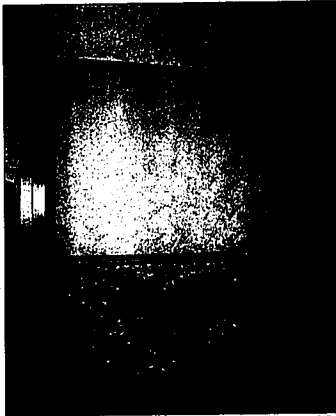
Another indirect energy loss from windows, even double-pane ones without low-e (low-emissivity) coatings, is radiant heat loss. Even though the room air is adequately warm for comfort, you feel chilly near the clear cold glass. When someone feels chilly, they often set the furnace thermostat a little higher making the furnace run longer

and using more energy. The savings from installing insulating shades and/or curtains often provides a much faster payback than expensive replacement windows. Many people still choose replacement windows because of cleaning convenience, less furniture fading or nice appearance, or because their old windows are totally shot.

The additional insulating value from indoor window coverings can range from R-1 to R-5, but the insulation is only part of the story.

Insulating shades which have the edges trapped in vertical side tracks are most effective. This reduces the room air flow around the shade and across the cold glass.

Last fall, I installed Warm Window Insulated Window



Insulated Window Quilt shade in Dulley's home/office increases the R-value of the windows from R-2 to R-7 and reduces air leakage.

Quilt shades in my home office where I am writing

this column. I realize a significant overall savings

because I feel much more comfortable in this room. I am able to set the furnace thermostat 3 degrees lower than before.

These shades use a quilted, multi-layered fabric with heat-reflective film in the center. This layer reflects the radiant heat back indoors and minimizes air/moisture migration through the fabric. The plastic side tracks stick to the wall opening with double-sticky tape, so they were easy to install. A pull rope is used to roll them up under a matching fabric cover box.

Making Roman shades yourself is another attractive and efficient option. Use as many layers as possible with some type of reflective film for the center layer. The film does not have to be thick to be effective. Many kits are available.

Another option is a lightweight cellular pleated shade. When it is hanging down over the window, the cells open to create insulating dead air spaces. Ecstasy Curtains makes typical-

looking window curtains with a dense weave to block 99 percent of the light and most air migration and to provide substantial insulation value.

DEAR JIM: My house has a stucco exterior. Several years ago, mold started to grow on it. I had it cleaned and painted, but the mold is starting to grow back. How can I keep it from coming back each time? — Bob N.

DEAR BOB: Mold requires moisture, organic nutrients (dirt) and mold spores to grow. If you can remove a few tree limbs to allow sun to reach the wall, the sun's rays can slow the mold growth and the heat will help keep it dry.

Wash down the wall periodically with a cleaner which inhibits mold growth. Some cleaners will not harm landscaping. Make sure the gutters are not leaking so the soil does not stay damp near that house wall.

Send Inquiries to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

Fall's a good time to start a healthy compost pile

By Lee Reich For The Associated Press

Taking your compost pile's temperature is one way to tell how it's doing. A healthy compost pile often has a passing, healthy "fever" that may be as high as 150 degrees Fahrenheit. This temperature, which a compost pile might maintain for a few days, is enough to cook to death virtually all pathogens, insects and weed seeds.

Building up steam

An abundance of compost materials makes autumn a good time to assemble a large pile all at once, and large, quickly assembled piles are the ones most likely to get steaming. Heat dissipates too easily from a small pile — one less than 3 feet on a side — and heat is lost as rapidly as it is produced from a pile built very slowly.

This time of year, autumn leaves and garden debris, in addition to the usual grass clippings and kitchen trimmings, quickly fill compost bins.

The steam you often see billowing out of compost piles comes from the combined body heat of bac-



By adding a wide variety of materials to your compost pile, you offer a smorgasbord of nutrients, and the different textures allow for good aeration.

teria, earthworms, fungi and other organisms working away at digesting raw materials. All these organisms are happiest if provided adequate food, water and oxygen.

By adding a wide variety of materials, you offer a smorgasbord of nutrients, and the different textures allow for good aeration. For instance, old corn stalks or straw fluff up grass clippings or maple leaves, either of which packs down like a sodden mass when used alone.

Get a bin

The most important thing you can do for your compost pile is to enclose it in some kind of bin. An enclosed pile is easier to build and, depending on the material, will retain heat and moisture better than an open pile, which can too easily leak like a pot of garbage.

Once materials are assembled, composting organisms get right to work in a wonderfully orchestrated sequence of activity. First come those organisms that



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thrive at lower temperatures, the so-called psychrophiles, which work happiest from below freezing up to about 70 degrees.

Once temperatures warm a bit, the next group, the mesophiles, get to work, and continue to do so up to about 100 degrees.

As internal temperatures rise, the group of organisms called thermophiles start to multiply. They work above even 160 degrees.

After a few days at high temperatures, thermophiles have finished their food and are exhausted, so tempera-

tures begin to drop. Mesophiles and psychrophiles' wading at the cooler edges of the pile multiply and move in, and they, along with earthworms and other creatures, finish the work. The temperature drops a few weeks in summer, but is hurried along in autumn's coolness.

When a fever is good

There's no need to fret over the temperature of a compost pile. Sliding the long probe of a compost thermometer into the innards of a compost pile

is just a way to see what the pile is doing. Are they working fast, so decomposition will be well on its way before colder weather temporarily slows or stops activity? If the herd is sluggish, perhaps the pile needs moisture or more nitrogen — manure or a sprinkling of fertilizer — to get cracking.

Temperature isn't everything

Whether the herd works quickly or slowly, however, any pile of organic materials eventually turns to compost. So don't worry if your pile never gets a fever. At lower temperatures, the process is merely slower.

It is a combination of temperature and time that does in bad guys, such as diseased plants, within the pile. If an hour at 140 degrees kills a pathogen, that pathogen might still die at 120 degrees in 24 hours, even at a balmy 100 degrees in a week.

Whether you compost fast or slow, the material is ready to use once it is brown, with the original materials no longer recognizable, and when it has a nice woody smell. The pile also will have cooled to surrounding temperatures.

Shower heads easy to install

By Adrian Salaz Associated Press writer

Tired of that leaky, single-stream shower head left over from the Nixon administration?

If so, there's no need to call Joe the Plumber. Just pick up a wrench and change the shower head yourself, because replacing it is one of the easiest things for a homeowner to do. Consumers can find a wide variety of shower heads, from water massagers to handheld versions.

With a wrench and some thread tape, most shower heads on the market can be changed in a few simple steps.

"The most common thing among consumers is that people don't know that this is easy," said Mark Kruerek, senior product manager for Moen Inc. "They think there is something they have to do behind the wall, that they

have to install a new arm in."

Shower heads can experience lime buildup that affects water flow, and older shower heads may not be up to code, before working on the shower head.

You also would want to turn on the shower handles and let whatever is sitting in the pipes drain out so you don't have any extra leakage while you work, Kruerek said.

Another good piece of advice: Be careful when working with copper pipe, which is relatively soft and flexible. It could get damaged if you use too much muscle.

"You have to work slowly and gingerly with your wrenches," Matthews said.

Make sure you follow the product instructions carefully. Keep your shower head spout and span with an over-the-counter cleaner to avoid lime accumulation.

New styles designers hope we can't do without

By Jura Koncius The Washington Post

The French dressing of the American home began 40 years ago when Pierre Deux brought us the Provencal look of toile, wrought-iron chandeliers, falence tableware and cotton print tablecloths. Now, a new licensed collection of Pierre Deux furniture by Highland House is about to come to a wider audience.

The company, started by Pierre Le Vec and Pierre Moulin as an antiques shop in New York's Greenwich Village, became a nationwide chain. The two Pierres sold the compa-

ny in 1989. In the early 1990s, the new owners filed for Chapter 11. But in 1993, Pierre Deux was purchased by Hedwige and Andre Cointreau, a couple who owns Le Cordon Bleu cooking school, and the two have built the business back up to 20 U.S. stores.

"Americans like the uniqueness of it, the chic and the charm, and love the stories behind it," says Hedwige Cointreau, whose homes in Paris and the Loire Valley were combed for antiques reproduced for the 60-piece collection of ladder-back chairs with rush seats and upholstered daybeds.



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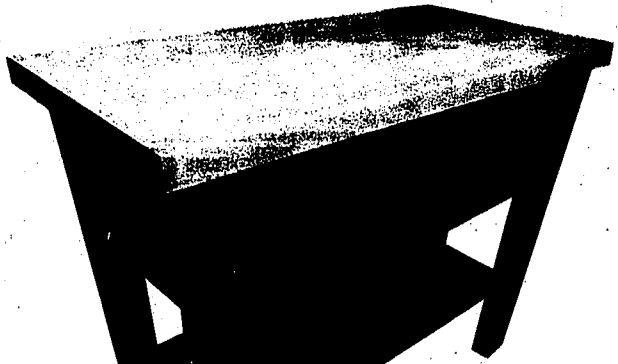
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The wooden wares

The pieces pictured here are only a sampling of the furniture up for auction Saturday, built by 25 woodworking students. You'll also find:

- Maple entertainment center
- Arts and Crafts-style curio/library cabinet, of quartersawn white oak
- Three-legged coat tree of lyptus
- Lyptus gun cabinet for six rifles
- Open yoke-shaped clock/thermometer/barometer of white oak
- Toy rifle of walnut and purple heart
- Chess and game table of lyptus, walnut and maple, with reversible top
- Alder blanket chest/bench
- Rustic hope chest of butternut and alder
- Rustic six-drawer dresser of butternut and alder
- Cherry crib
- Padded ottoman of alder
- Occasional table of curly maple
- Small lyptus chest
- Tuscan bar with dry sink, plus four stools, all of alder
- Gate-leg table of cherry, with folding leaves
- Maple china cabinet
- Pair of contemporary alder end tables with stone accents
- L-shaped office desk of walnut and maple
- Bookcase of maple and mahogany
- Dining or conference table of alder and metal
- White oak rocking chair
- Cutting boards
- Ornaments



Cook's best friend

Cramped countertops? Let this kitchen cart on wheels solve your troubles. Its two drawers — built with half-blind dovetail joints that leave their flush fronts untouched — open from both sides. Its hefty butcher block, more than 2 inches thick, is crafted of maple boards with alternating grains for strength. The rest of the mission-style cart is of white oak, with mortise and tenon joints. "By the time I'm done, it should be a really stable, good piece," Paul woodworking student Suzette Gates said, working to make the drawers slide smoothly. She had yet to add hardware and experiment with various wood finishes. Whichever she chooses, this piece will be a beauty.

The welded wares

With about 35 welding students preparing for this year's auction, expect more and bigger metal works than in the past. Besides the pieces featured here, welding students will offer for auction:

- 9-foot-tall replica windmill
- Birchbath
- Rustic wishing well with planter
- 8-foot-tall sunflower
- Decorative garden bench
- Large multi-compartment flower pot
- 6-foot-tall rose tree
- Wrought-iron coat rack
- Howling wolf inlay table
- Browning shadow box
- 4-foot Indian wall hanging
- 4-foot willow wall art
- Nature scene shadow box
- Stagecoach with horse team
- Dragonfly yard ornament
- Wall-mount candle holders
- Various flat signs and cutouts
- Various disc cutouts

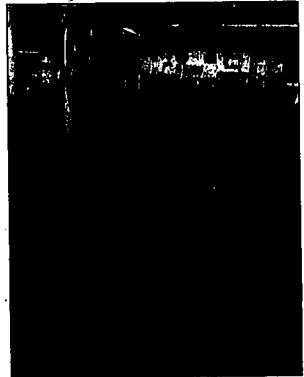
Reviews by Virginia Hutchins Photos by Meagan Thompson

Swing in style

The frame won't spread when you sit in this porch swing, and even southern Idaho winds won't tear it apart. First-year welding students Cole Merrick of Braneau and Jay Long of Grand View estimate their creation at about 130 pounds. "It's a heavy-duty swing. It's not going to break on you," Merrick said. "It's not some China. It's American-made."

The seat of woven sheet metal — yes, the pair managed to weave the strips square and keep them tight — hangs from chains with adjustable links. Have trouble rising from a reclined seat? Just adjust for a flatter pitch. Short legs? The height is flexible, too.

Bolt this silver-gray swing to your deck, plant its flower boxes with blooms next spring, hang baskets from the hooks on either side and you'll be the envy of the neighbors.



Organic arbor

Requiring more hours in creation than any of the other welded wares, this arbor features 400 or 500 metal leaves individually shaped with a plasma cutter, bent to add texture and welded to a network of branches. The result is surprisingly organic.

And heavy. Freshmen Scott Adams of Hagerman and Alejandro Cortes of Buhl put a lot of metal into their masterpiece. Pick the perfect spot on your garden path for this pretty piece, because you won't want to move it more than you must.



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Why won't the grass grow?

By Scott Akar
Special to The Washington Post

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A. You should ask a reputable septic tank installer to look at your system to determine why the soil won't support turf grass. It could be that the soil over the tank is too shallow, and you may be able to add a few inches to the top to improve the chances of establishing grass.

In the course of installation of any septic system, subsoil is bound to make its way to the soil surface. Because of its acidity and lack of nutrients, it may not support grass. It may simply be that subsoil was placed over your septic tank, and you may be able to remove some of it and replace it with good topsoil.

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Any successful bidder shall carry out its employment practices and payment of wages according to the provisions of Idaho Code §§ 44-1001 through 44-1005 (Equal Work/Employment) and shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity provisions set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations.

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Paul L. Klosterman
70 West 830th Lane South
Rupert, ID 83350
Occupant
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Paul, ID 83347

RE: Irrigation District Assessment # 830-43
Legal Description: Lot 8 Elk C, Rich Subdivision, Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 23 East of the Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho
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Ruth S. Bales, Treasurer
Minidoka Irrigation District
98 West 50 South
Rupert, ID 83350
(208) 436-3188

	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL
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Recording Fee:	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$12.00
Litigation Guarantee Fee:	\$200.00				\$200.00
Publishion Fee:	\$357.10				\$357.10
Registered Mailing Costs (7):	\$50.00				\$50.00
TOTAL:	\$867.74	\$57.90	\$54.70	\$44.65	\$1,044.99

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DATED: October 10, 2008
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Treasurer
cc: Chocata, Inc., Grantor
PO Box 112, Declo, ID 83323
Wilson Bates, Inc., Judgment Lienholder
2560 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Flar School District 4113, 700 B Stevens Avenue, Flar, ID 83328 for a Intermediate School, unit February 4, 2009 at 2:00 pm.
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Bids will be opened at the above stated place and read aloud, following the closing time for receipt of bids. Bidders and other properly interested parties are invited to be present at bid opening. Drawings will be available on December 22, 2008, from the Construction Manager, Brennan Construction Company.
Drawings and specifications, including bidding documents and conditions of agreement, may be examined at the following offices:
Brennan Construction
718 S. 2nd, Pocatello, ID 83202
208-232-0813 Fax 208-232-5021
AGC - Twin Falls
1415 N. Filmore, Ste. 703A, Twin Falls, ID 83301
208-734-1831 Fax 208-734-1763
Twin Falls Plan Room
1415 N. Filmore Blvd S., Suite 5
Twin Falls, ID 83301
208-734-7258 Fax 208-734-7731
Interoceanic Contracting
1743 West Alexander Rd.
Sah Lake City, UT 84119
801-772-4040 Fax 801-972-8975
AGC - Idaho Falls
904 John Adams, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
208-528-2320 Fax 208-523-9267
AGC - Boise
110 North 27th Street, Boise, ID 83702
208-344-2631 Fax 208-343-5321

Bona fide prime bidders and major sub-bidders may obtain one (1) complete set of construction documents at Brennan Construction Company's office upon deposit of \$100.00 for each set. Plan holders may retain the construction documents for seven (7) days, and must return them within that time in order to have the deposit refunded. If a plan holder retains the construction documents for more than seven (7) days, the deposit will be forfeited. If sealed bidders may purchase a set of the construction documents for \$100.00. Direct all inquiries to Joe Reams of Brennan Construction Company at (208) 232-0613.

All bids must be made on the forms furnished and must be signed by the bidder with his name and post office address.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for receipt of bids unless the awarded contract is delayed for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

Any successful bidder for work involving a contract amount greater than \$10,000.00 will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds equal to the full contract amount. Bids may not be loaned in the State of Idaho, in accordance with provisions of Idaho Code §§ 54-1901 et seq. ("Public Works Contractors"). The term "Public Works Contractors" includes, but is not limited to, general contractors, subcontractors and specialty contractors.

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TO: Kip L. Osterhout
350 West 400 South
Heyburn, ID 83336
Cheryl A. Osterhout
350 West 400 South
Heyburn, ID 83336

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Rupert, ID 83350
(208) 436-3188

	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTAL
O & M Assessment:	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$74.00	\$74.00	\$288.00
Interest:	\$22.40	\$15.40	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$52.60
Recording Fee:	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$12.00
Litigation Guarantee Fee:	\$200.00				\$200.00
Publishion Fee:	\$391.90				\$391.90
Registered Mailing Costs (8):	\$78.96				\$78.96
TOTAL:	\$665.56	\$88.40	\$84.40	\$70.30	\$1,208.76

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Residential Funding Company, LLC (fka Residential Funding Corporation)
Homecoming Financial LLC
PO Box 8300 Fort Washington, PA 19034
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PO Box 50050, Idaho Falls, ID 83405

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Occupant
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RE: Irrigation District Assessment # 650-00 Rupert, ID 83358

Occupant 350 West 400 South Heyburn, ID 83338

FOUND Digital camera in the 300 block of Monroe St. in Twin Falls, on Dec 7-2008

AGC - Idaho Falls 894 John Adams, Idaho Falls, ID 83401 208-229-2200 Fax 208-823-8287

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FOUND set of keys in baseball field near CSI. Please call and describe. 878-2529

AGC - Boise 110 North 27th Street, Boise, ID 83702 208-242-2531 Fax 208-343-5211

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On Tuesday, the 21st day of April, 2009, at the hour of 10:30 AM of said day at the front entrance of the Twin Falls County Courthouse... The trustee is: DAVID A. COLEMAN, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction...

DRIVER

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IHSAA to vote on state wrestling tourney

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The 2009 state wrestling tournament may be squeezed into two days if the Idaho High School Activities Association approves a change today at the Board of Directors meeting in Boise.

The tournament, which hosts every classification

from 5A through 2A, is currently held at Pocatello's Holt Arena. The topic was discussed earlier this fall and was put on the action agenda for a vote.

District IV board member and Jerome High School athletic director Ty Jones said that the number of rounds will remain the same despite

the loss of a day.

"All the breaks (between rounds) that exist wouldn't exist anymore," Jones said.

The board will also vote on whether to move the high school golf season from the spring to fall, beginning with the fall 2009 semester. If approved, the golf season and championship tournaments would

be held in May 2009 for the 2008-09 year and again in October 2009 for the 2009-10 year.

"We're talking about moving a sport," Jones said. "The impact will be on the smaller schools because for those kids, golf isn't the No. 1 sport as compared to the larger schools that have more kids that are golfers first. I'm not

sure how that will go. It'll be an interesting conversation."

Filer Middle School principal Greg Lansing, also an assistant golf coach at Filer High School, made the most recent push for the change this fall. If approved, the matter will see a final vote in January.

Other matters concerning District IV up for vote:

- A final vote on admitting Canyon Ridge High School to the IHSAA.
- Approval for combined programs, including Jerome and Shoshone for softball, and Buhl and Hagerman for baseball.

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What does the Canyon's future hold?

Depending on how the planets, stars and athletic directors align, or simply school enrollment numbers, the Canyon Conference could have a different look within the next few enrollment cycles.

There was a change of the conference's cast this year (Declo moved down from 3A, and Wendell moved up from 2A), and it might not stop there.

Schools won't have to reclassify until 2010, and assuming the Idaho High School Activities Association doesn't change its classification numbers (Class 3A is 320 to 639 students, Class 2A is 160 to 319, Class 1A Division I is 100 to 159, Class 1A Division II is 99 and below), the Canyon could house anywhere from two teams to six. Here's how:



BRADLEY GUIRE

DECLO

Now: 2A; 2-year average: 305.5 students

Gooding appears to be contently placed in 3A, with about 40 students above the cutoff. The Hornets are one of the two teams pretty much assured to be in the conference in the near future.

GLIENS FERRY

Now: 2A; 2-year average: 161 students

The Pilots have seen their numbers drop during the last few years. They were dangerously close to reclassifying this year but stayed at 2A. When the state reclassifies for 2010, Glens Ferry will likely become a Class 1A Div. I program. This will affect the football program, which must be in District IV and the Pilots' baseball and softball teams may also be affected, as neither sport is currently offered at the 1A level.

GOODING

Now: 3A; 2-year average: 359 students

Gooding appears to be contently placed in 3A, with about 40 students above the cutoff. The wrinkle in that plan is the new charter school in town. If North Valley Academy succeeds in opening a high school with approximately 100 students in the 2009-2010 school year, the Senators will fall well below the 3A cutoff and will be forced to reclassify in 2010.

NORTH VALLEY ACADEMY

Now: no high school and not an IHSAA member

According to school Chairman of the Board of Directors Deby Infinger, North Valley Academy plans to offer 8-man football and become sanctioned to compete in District IV and the IHSAA state possession. It is unknown when this will happen. Given the school's projected first-year enrollment of 100 students or fewer, the school would join the Class 1A Div. II Sawtooth Conference if admitted.

SHOSHONE

Now: 1A Div. I; 2-year average: 138 students

The Indians are on the cusp of becoming a 2A program, but according to athletic director Tim Chapman, it won't happen until the 2012 at the earliest.

VALLEY

Now: 2A; 2-year average: 197.5 students

The Vikings are the foundation of the Canyon. Athletic director Brian Hardy said that Valley High School has remained a steadfast Canyon program for decades now and is projected to do so for quite some time.

WENDELL

Now: 3A; 2-year average: 330 students

Just as the Trojans moved up to face in-county rival Gooding in postseason play, they may lose the Senators again. Wendell could go either way but will likely stay up.

My take is that the Canyon Conference will include Declo, Gooding and Valley, starting in 2010. Glens Ferry will join the 1A Div. I Snake River Conference at that time.

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Minico wrestler Jake Hruza defeated Jerome's Tyler Powell, sporting black head gear, on Dec. 15, 2007, during the Bear-Cat Wrestling Invitational in Twin Falls. Hruza is aiming for a Class 4A championship this season.

Mighty Minico

Spartans hope to compete for regional, state team titles

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

Reigning Class 4A District IV-V champion and perennial wrestling powerhouse Minico appears reloaded for another stellar season on the mat.

The Spartans sent 20 wrestlers to the state tournament last year, and many of those kids are back, according to Minico coach Brad Cooper.

Cooper enters his 26th year at the helm of Minico's wrestling program. Assistant coach Steve Barnes has been with the program for 23 years. Together they have never experienced a losing season in a quarter century.

"I like to think we're a team to

reckon with every year," Cooper said. "We work hard at it. We try to get as many kids to tournaments and camps in the offseason and put them on the national team. I like to think we do a good job at it, and I like to think we're competitive every year."

The Spartans will boast one of the top wrestlers in the state — in any weight class — in Jake Hruza, who placed fourth at state last year at 140 pounds.

Miguel Simental (second at state, 171) and Nathan Barclay (sixth at state, 215) also return.

"It wasn't a bad year last year," Cooper said of the Spartans sixth-place team finish at state. "We lost a lot of those kids — we had a couple state champs and probably two or three other

placers — but we still have some good kids coming up. We have a lot of kids back with state experience even though they didn't bring home a medal."

In addition, Cooper says he has a few freshman wrestlers that could turn some heads.

District IV-V should be really solid this year, with Jerome and Pocatello near the top. Contenders for the Class 4A tournament — which will be held at Holt Arena in Pocatello the last weekend in February — should include Blackfoot, Columbia and Nampa.

Minico's season gets under way Wednesday as the Spartans wrestle against Madison and Rigby at Burley High School.

Jerome

Jerome coach Don Case is in his 11th year at the Tigers' helm. Jerome finished third at districts last year, behind Minico and Pocatello. Jerome qualified 14

wrestlers to the state tournament last year.

"The vast majority of our state team is back," Case said. Senior Cory Cummins returns after earning a state championship at 103 last year. He'll probably wrestle at 112 or 119 this season.

Wade Bennett (fifth at state, 171) and Keenan Allen (sixth at state, 112) are back to lead a Jerome squad that has depth.

"It's a little early right now. We'll have our first matches (this week, and we'll be able to tell a little more after those)," Case said. "We're working hard in the room right now and just trying to get better. We'll know more after we get on the mat."

Burley

Burley was fifth at districts last year, but graduated a core group of senior leaders. Last

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Williams powers Panthers past Bucs 38-23

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Given a national stage, the Carolina Panthers made a pretty good case to be included among the NFL's top teams.

Running all over Tampa Bay with their emerging tandem of DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart, the Panthers seized control of the competitive NFC South with a 38-23 win over the Buccaneers on Monday night.

Williams rushed for a career-high 186 yards and two touchdowns. Stewart added 115 yards and two more scores and the Panthers set a team record for yards rushing for the second year in a month.

And this time it was against a team that came in having allowed only one rushing TD all season.



Carolina Panthers' DeAngelo Williams (34) runs past Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Derrick Brooks (55) for a touchdown Monday during the fourth quarter of a game in Charlotte, N.C.

The Panthers (10-3) avenged their worst loss of the season and grabbed the top spot in the

division for themselves, moving one game ahead of the Buccaneers (9-4).

The Monday nighter featuring the top teams in the NFC South was billed as a chance for the division to emerge from the shadow of the tough NFC East.

The overlooked contenders, played even through three quarters, before the Panthers wore down the Buccaneers' highly regarded defense in the final period behind their emerging stars in the backfield.

Steve Smith added nine catches for 117 yards and a touchdown, and the Panthers overcame Jake Delhomme's two interceptions behind their dominating ground game and an effective second-half defensive performance.

The Panthers moved within a game of the New York Giants for the best record in the NFC.

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Heisman-worthy Bradford no longer anonymous

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Sam Bradford was the kind of kid everyone knew and nobody noticed.

He played every sport, and played most well, but Oklahoma already had its quarterback of the future in Robert Bomer, and Bradford just didn't have the credentials.

Bomer was considered the nation's best coming out of high school and a surefire NFL prospect to boot. Bradford was the local kid, not even considered the best in his own state.

A three-star recruit, a middle-of-the-pack guy — that was Bradford. A Heisman Trophy candidate? Not so much.

But come Saturday night, there he'll be, on a stage in New York with some of college football's other top players as the sport's top individual honor is handed out. He's likely to be one of conference rivals Cal McCoy of Texas and Graham Harrell of Texas Tech, along with Florida's Tim Tebow —

Heisman watch

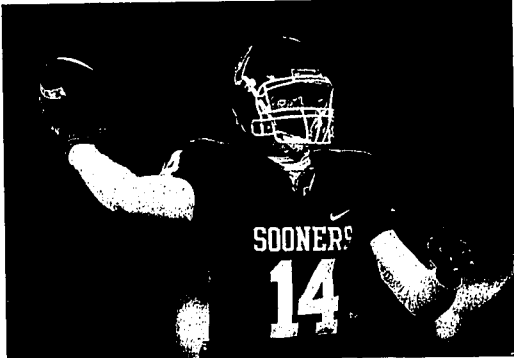
This is the first in a series of Associated Press stories on the 2008 Heisman Trophy candidates.

last year's winner:

No longer underrated, Bradford earned his spot by shattering every school passing record and leading the most prolific offense college football has ever seen. In winning an unprecedented third straight Big 12 championship and earning a shot at the national title against top-ranked Florida, Bradford's Sooners broke the NCAA season scoring record and topped 60 points for the fifth straight game — the first time that's happened in major college football since 1919.

In the process, he has made Bomer an afterthought, a bad memory from the lowest stretch in coach Bob Stoops' tenure.

Not bad for a kid who never truly devoted himself



Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford passes Saturday during the first quarter of the Big 12 Championship football game against Missouri in Kansas City, Mo.

to football until he got to college.

"Back then, I was just happy that I had the opportunity to come here and play," said Bradford, whose

father, Kent, lettered for the Sooners in 1977 and 1978. "And now that I have this opportunity, I'm just trying to make the most of it."

Bradford leads the nation with 48 touchdown passes and a 186.3 quarterback rating, throwing for 4,464 yards with only six interceptions in 442 attempts. He hasn't thrown a pick in the last four games — including wins against then-No. 2 Texas Tech, then-No. 11 Oklahoma State and then-No. 20 Missouri.

Coach Bob Stoops called him the best of his quarterbacks — a lot that includes 2003 Heisman winner Jason White and 2000 runner-up Josh Heupel.

"He's a great competitor, and you love it because the players see it. That's what makes him such a good leader because the players recognize it," Stoops said. "You can't fool players that are out there with you. They know, and they play for him because they know that."

Wade leads Heat rally past Bobcats, 100-96

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 41 points, 10 in the final five minutes to help the Miami Heat rally in the fourth quarter and beat the Charlotte Bobcats 100-96 on Monday night.

Mario Chalmers scored 15 and Shawn Marion added 13 points for the Heat, who extended their winning streak to four — their longest in nearly two years.

Jason Richardson scored 24 for Charlotte, but missed two free throws that would have tied the game with 32.3 seconds remaining. Emeka Okafor added 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Bobcats, who lost to Miami for the second time in the team's last eight meetings.



Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade shoots against the Charlotte Bobcats Monday during the second quarter of a game in Miami.

WARRIORS 112, THUNDER 102
OKLAHOMA CITY — Andris Bledins has 17 points and 21 rebounds, and the Golden State Warriors ended their nine-game losing skid by holding off a late charge led by Kevin Durant to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 112-102 on Monday night.

Two of the Warriors top scorers, Stephen Jackson (20.1 points per game) and Corey Maggette (19.1) set out with injuries but didn't slow their offense. Jamaal Crawford scored 19 points, and Brandon Wright and Anthony Morrow each had 15 at Golden State (6-15) shot 50.6 percent from the field in leading from the opening tip.

Durant scored a season-high 41 and helped Oklahoma rally from 21 down in the fourth quarter, making consecutive 3-pointers to pull the Thunder (2-2) to 105-102 before dropping their fourth straight.

GRIZZLIES 109, ROCKETS 97
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rudy Gay scored 20 points, Hakim Warrick and G.J. Mayo added 18 points apiece and the Memphis Grizzlies won their second straight at home, 109-97 over the Houston Rockets on Monday night.

Memphis made its first six 3-pointers to build an early lead and shot 51 percent overall. Gay made eight of 14 shots and Mayo was 7-of-13.

Kyle Lowry had 11 points and five assists, while Mike Conley and Marc Gasol each had 10 points. Gasol and Warrick had eight rebounds apiece for Memphis.

Luis Scola had 16 points and 15 rebounds, and Rafer Alston had 16 points and eight assists for the injured depleted Rockets. Von Wafer added 15 points, and Yao Ming and Aaron Brooks finished with 14 apiece. Carl Landry had 12 points.

— The Associated Press

Minico

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year Burley also had a large number of freshmen on the team. The good news is those kids have a year of experience under their belt. The bad news is they're still only sophomores.

"We'll have some kids who will be in the mix toward the end. We're just so young," said Clint Milliron, who coaches the 11U and 12U Bobcats' coaches. "We have seniors on the team, but we don't have a lot of experience with those seniors."

Burley's top returnees include art Jake Lake (third at district, 130) and Christian Parke (fourth at district, 125) The Bobcats will also have three wrestlers back who missed the end of last season due to injuries. Milliron believes that if they would have stayed healthy, neither Ryan Lott (171), sophomore

Adrian Quiroz (160) and senior Michael Durfee (112) would have qualified for state last year.

"We lost that good core of seniors last year, but we'll be deeper than we ever have with our top weights go with good quality kids," Milliron said. "We're going to have some holes for the first couple weeks, but we should have all of the lineup filled."

WOOD RIVER

Wood River returns two state qualifiers and a bevy of wrestlers who were on the bubble, coming one match shy of making the state tournament.

Third-year coach Tyson Young is enthusiastic about this year's group of Wolverines. "There's a lot of kids that could break out of their shell and do some great things this year," Young said. Young's River's wrestlers include junior Tanner

Orchard at 145 and sophomore Andrew Orr at 152. Both finished fifth at the district tournament in their respective weights.

"Both had success throughout the year and really turned it up toward the end of the season so I look for good things from them," Young said of Orchard and Orr.

Another one to watch, if he can stay healthy, is 130-pound junior Nick Chase, who has been hindered by injuries the past two years. Sophomore Tyler Bartlett (103), senior Alex Jones (160) and freshman Robbie Trautwein (125) could make some noise.

I think Tanner, Andrew and Nick are the leaders. I think that if we lead by example, we'll come out OK," Young said.

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NATIONAL FINALS RODEO



Dean Franzow, of Sidney, Mont., fails to complete his round Monday during the fifth go-around of steer wrestling at the National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. Monday's results were not available for publication. Check MagicalValley.com or Wednesday's edition of the Times-News for final results.

Shoshone girls win overtime battle

SHOSHONE (AP)
Smith 2, Green 15, Oberman 4, Yoderman 11, Bear 18, Norman 2, Linn 19 12-18 50.

DIETRICH 58, CAMAS COUNTY 23
The Dietrich girls basketball team improved to 3-0 in Northside Conference play Monday with a 58-23 victory over Camas County.

Lacey Knip kept Sho-Ban from pulling away during the third quarter by hitting a few baskets from beyond the arc. She finished with 15 points, while Astle recorded a 24-point, 12-rebound double-double.

Perron finished with eight points. "She was a big key there," Blue Devils coach Acey Shaw said. "She made some nice post moves."

Tonight, the Moushers will host Carey, and Dietrich (3-2) will travel to Bliss.

Dietrich 58, Camas County 23
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Bliss 12-17-22-58
CHAND COUNTY (2)

Michelle McLean 2, Maggie Stanger 4, Tiana Thornberry 6, Jennifer Peppers 1, Lisa Plummer 2, Sierra Young 2, Brian 9 21-22 52.

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Jerome IV 51, Community School 22

The Jerome junior varsity squad defeated the Community School varsity 51-22 Monday.

Chase Capps led the JV Tigers with 14 points while Paul Davis paced the Cutruths with 10.

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NFL

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At the Giants in two weeks, the Panthers — yes the Panthers — hold their own destiny for the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

The Buccaneers wasted a career day from Antonio Bryant, who caught nine passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns, including an outstanding one-handed TD grab with 2:29 left.

Matt Bryant's extra-point attempt after Antonio Bryant's final score was thwarted by Julius Peppers. The Panthers then recovered the onside kick, and Williams scored his 13th touchdown — breaking Stephen Davis' single-season team record — to put it away.

It was a frustrating night for the Bucs, who had roughed up Carolina 27-3 in October. A win would have given them control of the division.

Tampa Bay recovered from its customary poor start to make it a game heading into the fourth quarter.

In his first game back in Carolina since suffering a career-threatening knee injury 14 months ago, Carmel "Cadillac" Williams had a 4-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter to tie it at 17.

Williams and Stewart then took over. Stewart rambed over tackles for an 18-yard gain before his 4-yard TD run with 1:31 left put the Panthers ahead to stay.

Williams gained 41 yards, Stewart picked up 3 and 30, and then Williams rced 16 yards for the decisive four-play TD drive.

used their woes in the red zone in the first half. Entering with the second-worst touchdown conversion rate in the league, the Buccaneers couldn't punch it in from the end of Bryant's 52-yard catch.

After Matt Bryant averted for hitting left upright on a 40-yard field goal earlier by kicking a 20-yarder, the Panthers went on the game's first TD drive.

Williams became only the third player in Carolina's 14-year history to surpass 1,000 yards rushing in a season when he rumbled 400 yards up the middle. That set up Stewart's 2-yard TD run with 1:56 before halftime to give Carolina a 10-3 lead.

Carolina finished with 299 yards rushing, surpassing the team-record 264 it had last month against Detroit.

Former 2B Joe Gordon elected to Hall by vets panel

NEW YORK — Joe Gordon joined former teammates Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig and Bob Feller in the Hall of Fame.

For the likes of Joe Torre, Jim Kaat and Ron Santo, it was another shutout.

Gordon was elected Monday by a 12-member Veterans Committee composed of Hall members and historians that studied pre-1943 players. A nine-time All-Star, the late second baseman won five World Series titles with the New York Yankees and Cleveland.

But another panel made up of the living 64 Hall of Famers didn't come close to picking anyone who started after World War II. Santo fell short, followed by Kaat, Tony Oliva, Gil Hodges and Tommie Agee.

This marked the fourth straight time that nobody was chosen from the new group.

It took 75 percent — 48 votes — for election and Santo did the best with 39. The former Cubs slugger led Kaat (38), Oliva (33), Hodges (28) and Torre (19).

GREG MADDOX ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT
LAS VEGAS — After 355 wins and 23 major league seasons, Greg Maddux held a 30-minute news conference to announce his retirement on the opening day of the winter meetings — just minutes from his Las Vegas home.

Next stop, the Hall of Fame. Maddux leaves with four consecutive NL Cy Young Awards (1992-95) and a 3.16 ERA, especially impressive in the steroid era. He ranks eighth on the career wins list, with one more victory than

Roger Clemens. Maddux spent his final season with the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers, finishing 355-227. His remarkable resume includes a record 18 Gold Gloves, including one this year.

WINTER MEETINGS OPEN IN SAN CITY
LAS VEGAS — CC Sabathia and Francisco Rodriguez were in town over the weekend, so teams wanting to make a bigger splash than the 1,200-nozzle fountains outside the Bellagio hotel could

get an early start on the meet-and-greet sessions. Just 12 of the 171 free agents had finalized contract agreements as of the four-day session.

San Diego general manager Kevin Towers indicated the Chicago Cubs were the only team currently in the running to acquire 2007 NL Cy Young Award winner Jake Peavy. Los Angeles Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said he hadn't heard from representatives for free-agent slugger Manny Ramirez and pitcher Derek Lowe after extending offers.

Detroit and Texas completed the first trade of the session. The Tigers acquired catcher Travis Hafner from the Rangers in a deal that sent right-handed pitching prospect Guillermo Moscoso and Carlos Melo to Texas.

In other news, Major League Baseball planned a category 1 news conference with the players' association to announce changes designed to strengthen wood bats. Players still would be allowed to use maple bats.

—The Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	11	1	.917
Chicago	10	2	.833
Denver	10	2	.833
Golden State	10	2	.833
Los Angeles	10	2	.833
Memphis	10	2	.833
Minnesota	10	2	.833
Phoenix	10	2	.833
Portland	10	2	.833
Sacramento	10	2	.833
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Seattle	10	2	.833
Utah	10	2	.833
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GAME PLAN

LOCAL
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Malibu at Glendora
Mountain Home at Jerome
Richfield at Murtagh
Cary at Camas County
Nipico at Highland
Declo at Wendell
Shoshone at Hansen
Dierhorn at Bliss
Butley at Century
Oakley at Rockwood
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
7:30 p.m.
Cary at Camas County
Dierhorn at Bliss
Butley at Century
Oakley at Rockwood
WRESTLING
7:30 p.m.
Oakley, Challis at Wood River

Twins Falls at Gooding

MINI'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
5 p.m.
ESPN — Jimmy V Classic, Davidson vs. West Virginia, at New York
7:30 p.m.
ESPN — Jimmy V Classic, Texas vs. Villanova, at New York
MLB BASKETBALL
5 p.m.
FSN UTAH — Utah at Minnesota
8 p.m.
NRX — N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia
12 Mid.
ESPN2 — PRCA, National Finals, sixth round, at Las Vegas (same-day tape)
SOCCER
12:30 p.m.
ESPN — UEFA Champions League, Chelsea vs. CFR 1907 Cluj, at London
4 p.m.
ESPN CLUTCTV — UEFA Champions League, Werder Bremen vs. FC Internazionale Milano, at Bremen, Germany

NFL Box

Game	Time	TV
San Diego at Oakland	4:05	ESPN
San Francisco at Pittsburgh	4:05	ESPN
Seattle at Denver	4:05	ESPN
Arizona at New York Jets	4:05	ESPN
Atlanta at Carolina	4:05	ESPN
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Men's College Basketball

Game	Score
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Atlanta at Carolina	Atlanta 10, Carolina 0
Washington at Tampa Bay	Washington 10, Tampa Bay 0
Indianapolis at Baltimore	Indianapolis 10, Baltimore 0
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Minnesota at Detroit	Minnesota 10, Detroit 0
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Women's College Basketball

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Arizona at New York Jets	Arizona 10, New York Jets 0
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Washington at Tampa Bay	Washington 10, Tampa Bay 0
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AP Top 25

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UW introduces Sarkisian as football coach

SEATTLE — University of Washington officials have introduced Steve Sarkisian as the new football coach, replacing Tyrone Willingham.

Sarkisian was introduced Monday by athletic director Scott Woodward and University of Washington president Mark Emmert who says, "We think we got our guy."

Sarkisian says he's grateful for the opportunity and says he can't wait to "get this thing going" and to compete for championships.

Stucki, a school history 5, 210-pound senior guard from Pocatello, Idaho, fell just short of recording a triple-double in the 72-68 victory over Utah, which came in Holt Arena 5-0 and the No. 3 team in the nation in the RPI ratings.

Stucki scored 20 points with nine rebounds and nine assists, made 7-of-13 shots from the floor and was 3-of-5 from 3-point range in the victory Saturday night.

MAGIC VALLEY
Buhl hosts youth hoops sign-up
BUHL — Signups for boys and girls basketball (grades 2 through 6) will be held from 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Popplewell Elementary School in Buhl.

Club Canyon/CSI volleyball camp news

JEROME — The Club Canyon/College of Southern Idaho Winter Volleyball Camp will be held Dec. 29-30 at the Jerome Recreation Center. The cost is \$60 and the camp is limited to 40 athletes.

Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.
Information: Jim Carlisser at 404-2768.

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, offers instruction for hitting, pitching, catching and infield and outfield play.

Information: Theresa Albright at 539-6186.

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 Filer and Buhl, held at 6 p.m.

Information: Theresa Albright at 539-6186.

Transactions

TEXAS RANGERS — General Manager and Lead to the Texas Rangers for Ron LeFlore and LeFlore's son, Ron LeFlore Jr., have been named as the new general manager and lead coach, respectively, of the Texas Rangers. LeFlore Jr. will be the first general manager to be named by the Rangers since 1961.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HI THERE, I'M A SHARK.
WHAT DO YOU DO?
I SWIM, EAT AND MAKE LITTLE SHARKS.
WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO ACCEPT 2 OUT OF 3?

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

ONE HOUR LATER...
HAI HO!
HAI HO!
HAVE YOU EVER LET A PLAN ORS GO TO THE STORE WHEN YOU GET THERE?
IS THAT EVER PROBABLE?

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

WHY DOES THIS SIGN SAY "YOU ARE HERE"?
BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE WE ARE.
HOW DOES IT KNOW THAT?
GROSS! NOT MORT WALKER!

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

LOOK, HONEY! I FOUND AN OLD PIECE OF JUSTICES IN OUR DECORATIONS!
SMACK
HOW DOES IT KNOW? IT STILL WORKS!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

YOU WILL GET A SURVEY ASKING YOU HOW SATISFIED YOU WERE WITH MY SERVICE TODAY.
IF YOU DON'T RATE MY SERVICE SUPERIOR IN ALL CATEGORIES, I WILL LOSE MY JOB AND MY WIFE WILL LEAVE ME FOR A MORE SUCCESSFUL MAN.
IS SHE CUTER? WHY DO YOU ASK?

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Am I Present? Time to turn up the heat!
I wouldnt Touch that.
Step away from the thermostat!!
DO NOT TOUCH!
First man scale tells me Ahm Fat and new thing
Please return to the allowable fat net (this unit...)

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR BROTHER, I'D LOVE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM!
I KNOW HE'S ATTRACTIVE, BUT HE'S A THUNDER BOLT OF A PERSON - WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR.
HE WENT TO SCHOOL IN VANCOUVER, HE'S WORKING ON HIS OWN BUSINESS, HE'S LOVED IN MONTREAL!
BUT BEFORE YOU TELL ME ANYTHING ELSE... DOES HE HAVE A COLLEGE?

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

NO, THAT'S "VIRGINIA WOLF" WITH ONE "O".

Garfield By Jim Davis

EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT!
HOLD ON!
FOR ME? I DON'T KNOW, LET'S READ THE TAGS.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

AS I'VE MENTIONED, I'E HELLOWED AND NOW I TREAT MY BISHOPS AS MEMBERS OF MY OWN FAMILY!
MY WIFE'S SISTER IS MY FAMILY!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THERE'S STILL SOME JUSTICE LEFT IN THIS WORLD.
WHERE?
THIS CEO'S "GOLDEN PARACHUTE" WAS REPLACED WITH AN "IRON ANVIL".

Luann By Greg Evans

I WANNA GET TONIGHT!
HEY! THIS GUY I KNOW WON A GIFT AT A SPECIAL FOR CHARITY AUCTION - AND HE WANTS TO SELL IT!
WHAT KIND OF GIFT?
A WEEK FOR TWO AT A PRIVATE RESORT IN COSTA RICA!
WHAT? ASK TONS TO GO TO COSTA RICA WITH ME? PSH, RIGHT.
NO, I'M THINKING MAYBE A NICE SCARF.
BRADY I'M GOING TO SHACK UP WITH YOU! YOU USUALLY USE THE HEAD KNOW, BRADY?

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

YES, MA'AM... I SORT OF NEED YOUR ADVICE.
DO YOU THINK I SHOULD SPEND THE ONLY DOLLAR I HAVE ON A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR A GIRL WHO DOESN'T KNOW I EVEN EXIST?
THANK YOU.
I JUST SAVED A DOLLAR...

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

RAT SAID YOU'RE WORKING HARD TO REALIZE THAT SWINE GROUP HAVING THE BOMB IS UNLAWFUL IF THEY DON'T HAVE A PERMITS SYSTEM!
NOT ANYMORE, PIG. I DID SOME RESEARCH AND NOW I CAN REALIZE THAT SWINE GROUP HAVING THE BOMB IS UNLAWFUL IF THEY DON'T HAVE A PERMITS SYSTEM!
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
THEY HAVE TO HAVE A WAY TO FIRE AT YOU IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM! YOU CAN JUST PLEWER IT TO YOUR FRONT DOOR.
Reeng doorbell.
You reeng doorbell.

Pickles By Brian Crane

WOOW, JUST THINK, THAT PIECE OF PENCIL LEAD HAS BEEN STUCK IN YOUR HAND SINCE YOU WERE A LITTLE BOY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
AND WHEN MY MOM WAS BORN, AND WHEN I WAS BORN...
AND WHEN LINDA... WAS BORN...

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

SHES CERTAINLY HANGING WITH AN AIR OF CONFIDENCE!
I'LL BET IT'S THE SHARK!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

GOVERNING FROM THE MIDDLE...
REMEMBER, GEORGE... YOU WERE ONCE A KID LIKE PENNIS.
THERE NEVER WAS A KID LIKE PENNIS.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

I HAVE A NEW GIRLFRIEND.
BUT SINCE I MET HER, I CAN'T EAT OR SLEEP.
ARE YOU IN LOVE?
NO, I'M IN DEBT.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

GET UP!
I'M UP!