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## South-central Idaho reports lowest monthly housing costs

### Average housing costs in Twin Falls County rise slightly

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

Homeowners in south-central Idaho have some of the lowest monthly mortgage payments in the state, according to recently released statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau's three-year American Community Survey that was released Tuesday reported that the median monthly housing costs — an estimate of

individual monthly mortgage payments — in Jerome and Cassia counties were the lowest of the 17 counties reporting.

Twin Falls moved up one spot — surpassing Blingham County — to the sixth lowest county for monthly mortgage payments.

The three-year survey that was conducted from 2005 through 2007 only included counties with populations greater than 20,000 people.

"The community surveys are

Group says Idaho's job market falling families.

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only released once every three years, but they include a lot of the counties in our area," said Jan Roeser, regional economist with Idaho Department of Labor. "The problem is that the first two years are sometimes outdated."

According to the survey, the

median monthly housing cost in south-central Idaho increased at a slower pace than larger counties such as Ada and Kootenai counties.

The combined average of the median monthly housing cost for the three-county area was \$919 — the state average was \$1,117.

Roeser said low regional wages likely contributed to slower growth in housing costs during the pre-2006 boom in the housing market.

### Idaho median monthly housing cost by county\*

Blingham	\$1,780	Jefferson	\$973
Ada	\$1,324	Bingham	\$956
Kootenai	\$1,206	Payette	\$852
Bonner	\$1,183	Jerome	\$810
Latah	\$1,117	Cassia	\$873
Madison	\$1,097	*The survey did not include all 44 counties in Idaho.	
Nev. Adair	\$1,096	Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2005-07 American Community Survey.	
Elmore	\$1,096		
Caribou	\$1,061		
Bonneville	\$1,052		
Bennett	\$991		
Twin Falls	\$974		

# Opening our eyes

## Blind woman faces social resistance

By Andrew Jackson  
Times-News writer

A blind woman who recently moved to Twin Falls says merchants should open their eyes to the needs of disabled people.

Marianne Schmidt says she was denied access to the handicapped section of a Greyhound bus, and sat for nearly three hours with her legs and feet cramped up on her seat so her guide dog could lie on the floor beneath her during an uncomfortable Thanksgiving ride from Twin Falls to Ogden, Utah.

She also says a passenger kicked her guide dog as she waited for the bus, in a case Twin Falls Police are still investigating.

Schmidt, a blind, soft-spoken single mother, said she wants businesses and the public to see that they're not all doing enough to accommodate the disabled. And in some cases, they may be breaking the law.

Schmidt and her 12-year-old full-sighted son say the more spacious handicapped section of the Greyhound bus was completely occupied by non-handicapped people during their ride to Utah.

They said the driver refused to ask the non-disabled people to move to another area of the bus so

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"I'm as disabled as someone in a wheelchair. If there's no one in a wheelchair, I should have a right to sit there."

— Marianne Schmidt, on the handicapped section on a Greyhound bus, to which she was denied access



Pocho, Marianne Schmidt's golden Labrador retriever mix, guides her to her home Friday in Twin Falls. Schmidt, who's visually-impaired, relies on Pocho to guide her around town to avoid hazards.

## Sen. Larry Craig loses appeal in airport sex sting

By Steve Karnowski  
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig on Tuesday lost his latest attempt to withdraw his guilty plea in a Minneapolis airport bathroom sex sting case, but said he's considering another appeal.

A three-judge panel of the Minnesota Court of Appeals on Tuesday rejected the Republican's bid to toss out his disorderly conduct conviction.

Craig was arrested June 11, 2007, by an undercover police officer who was conducting a sting operation against men cruising for gay sex at the Minneapolis-St. Paul

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## Illinois governor's arrest stuns politicians

By Sharon Cohen  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — The words on the recording sound as if they were uttered by a mob boss. Instead, federal authorities say, it is the governor of Illinois speaking.

"I've got this thing and it's (expletive) golden, and I'm just not giving it up for (expletive) nothing. I'm not gonna do it," Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich says in a conversation intercepted by the FBI.

Federal prosecutors Tuesday accused the 51-year-old Blagojevich of scheming to enrich himself by selling Barack Obama's

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# State budget cuts are hitting the disabled community

By Ben Bodin  
Times-News writer

With his hands grasping a leash, 16-year-old Leroy Hamlin of Jerome walked a yellow lab named Chebby about the Twin Falls Animal Shelter grounds on Monday afternoon.

For Hamlin, dog-walking and other tasks with animals are learned skills necessary for a productive life. Hamlin, who has Down syndrome and is autistic, is able to work at the shelter because of Medicaid services received through SL Start in Twin Falls.

His mother, Cindy Hamlin, says Leroy's work at the shelter could lead him down the path to a job and greater future independence.

But with state budget holdbacks ordered by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is making cuts to the Medicaid programs that help those with developmental disabilities. For Leroy, it means that starting in January, he likely will only get 22 hours of programs instead of the 30 he currently receives.

"Eight hours for my son is huge," Cindy said.



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To see the letter that the state sent Medicaid recipients, and to watch a video about an affected family,

For Cindy, it means she might have to give up her job at SL Start and return to being a stay-at-home mother. The dilemma demonstrates what's being faced statewide by people with developmental disabilities who rely on Medicaid services, which are administered through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The Idaho Association of Developmental Disabilities

Agencies is asking health and welfare officials to take time to consider other alternatives before the scheduled January cuts take place. The organization will meet on Dec. 17 with the state agency and ask it to look at ideas to save money.

The association is also asking that any cuts not be made until March.

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Leroy Hamlin, 16, of Jerome pets Midnight, a cat at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter in Twin Falls, while his mother, Cindy, looks on. Hamlin who has Down syndrome and is autistic, enjoys making visits to the shelter.



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# MORNING BRIEFING

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Christmas Concert** presented by Marcus Meek Center Shop students and associates, 7 p.m., presided by petzack dinner at 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., Burley, no cost, open to the public, 678-5131.

**Christmas Through the Ages**, Shoshone High School and Middle School choir and band students annual holiday concert directed by Ms. Sarah Butcher, 7 p.m., 61 E. Idaho Highway 24, Shoshone, sabbath@shoshone.k12.id.us.

**Dr. Del Parkinson with "Classical Piano Favorites"**, Herrett Forum presentation, 7:30 p.m., Herrett Center Rick Allen Community Room, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, 732-6655.

**Martough School Board**, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd St. W., 432-5451.

**Paul City Council**, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 500 W., 438-4103.

**Rickland School Board**, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit** programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding IDWB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert City Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Flirt Elementary and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at C.S.I. Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.

**Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class**, 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Halley, no cost, 737-8988.

**Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class**, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-9588.

**SilverSeniors Fitness Program**, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for In-home-insured or YMCA members and 55 per class for non-insured, 732-4324.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3**, Chapter 17 of Twin Falls, weigh-ins from 4:50 to 5:20 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6 p.m., BridgeView Great Room (north entrance, third floor), BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

### HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

**Woodcarving days**, public welcome to come and carve wood, 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Flirt Ave. W., Twin Falls, classes available, 736-0061.

**Lap blankets for injured soldiers**, a knitting/crocheting group project organized by Caprina, 1 p.m., Burley Senior Center, 678-2666.

### OPEN HOUSE

**The City of Declo and North Cassia Rural Fire District open house**, for the new Declo city office and fire station, 5 to 7 p.m., with ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m., 654-2124.

### SPORTS

**Burley Lions Club basketball registration for 8th and 6th grade boys**, 5:15 p.m., White Pine School front lawn, registration fee: \$15, or \$5 and a good used coat, 878-3653.

### TODAY'S DEADLINE

**Reservation deadline for Dec. 11 Magic Valley Advertising Federation monthly meeting and lunch**, with guest speakers Rick Magnusson and Mike Sanders of MSVM Group on the branding of Middlekapp Automotive Group, 11:15 a.m. check-in and 11:45 a.m. presentation, Shilo Inn, Twin Falls, members \$10, nonmembers \$15 and non-members \$25 (three lunch choices), 308-0488 or Melissa.Crane@cablone.net.

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



**Pat Marcantonio**  
Go and do today

\* If you like classical piano, youngsters are on display at the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center's Christmas Student Art Show at the Magic Valley Arts Council gallery, 132 Main Ave. S., in Twin Falls. The display goes through Dec. 25 and it's free.

\* More young talents star in "Christmas Through the Ages" Shoshone High School and Middle School choir and band students present their holiday concert at 7 p.m. at 61 East Idaho Highway 24.

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

## Budget

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"The families are the ones that are in a bind over this," said Michelle Weaver, president of the association. "They have eight hours of a week where they have to find an alternative service. That's not easy to do when you have a kid or loved one with challenges."

Weaver said she will send a letter this week to legislators asking them to form a subcommittee to look at the issue with input from affected people.

Emily Simmitt, spokeswoman for the state agency,

stressed that no programs were eliminated entirely.

"This is one of the cuts we have had to make in order to meet the required rollback from the governor," she said. "Certainly, we understand it does impact people."

Sen. Denton Harrington, R-Declo, said he would be open to hearing other ideas for making cuts, adding that a committee, if formed, would need to work quickly.

"We're all going to work really hard to work through this and we do have care and compassion for the develop-

mentally disabled," said Rep. Sharon Block, a Twin Falls Republican who chairs the House Health and Welfare committee.

As for Cindy Hamlin, she doesn't want her son's needs — or others with developmental disabilities — to be overlooked.

"They still contribute to the community," she said. "They're still people with thoughts and needs and wants."

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## Blind

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Schmidt and her certified guide dog, Poncho, could sit comfortably.

"I'm as disabled as someone in a wheelchair. If there's one in a wheelchair, I should have a right to sit there," said Schmidt, adding that she called Greyhound 48 hours before her ride, alerting them of her disability. "The driver just didn't want to ask them to move."

Greyhound spokeswoman Abby Wumbaugh said Greyhound drivers are supposed to ask non-handicapped passengers sitting in the more spacious, yet first-class, first-seats to accommodate handicapped passengers.

"If there's a situation where that wasn't done, that's a situation we would look into," Wumbaugh said.

Schmidt said she complained to Greyhound officials after her trip but has to hear back from the company.

The federal Americans with Disabilities Act is supposed to ensure that people with disabilities and their service dogs have equal access to all places everyone else in the public is allowed to go.

But Greyhound's policies chiseled away at her equal access to a comfortable ride, Schmidt says.

Service dogs have to be within the customer's space

and may not travel in the aisle or occupy a seat, according to the Greyhound Web site.

Schmidt said she gave up her first space, so Poncho — an 80-pound male golden retriever — wouldn't be crushed since he was already jammed between seats.

She said she's contacting the American Civil Liberties Union. And she's already talked to Twin Falls Police about a woman who allegedly told Poncho to get away from her and then kicked the dog.

"That's disturbing," said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks. "We'll be looking into that."

Interfering with a service animal is a misdemeanor crime, and kicking the animal could also constitute animal cruelty.

Schmidt said she's also encountered resistance from five or six Twin Falls businesses during the past couple of months. Employees have tried to keep Poncho out, even though he wears a harness indicating he's a service dog, she said.

Schmidt said she routinely explained the law to unaware employees and was ultimately allowed to be guided in by Poncho. The only exception, she said, was a worker at Barnes & Noble coffee shop who refused to let the dog enter when Schmidt recently tried to purchase coffee with her son.

"I could have pushed it. I guess," said Schmidt, adding the baristas continued refusal allowed her to enter and waited in the bookstore with Poncho while her son bought her coffee in the cafe.

A manager of the Twin Falls Barnes & Noble, Scott Taylor, said he didn't know about the incident. He said guide dogs are allowed in all the store's public areas.

"We're trying to appease two sources," Taylor said, noting cafe customers who don't want dogs in the food area and disabled people requiring service dogs. "We would prefer they be in and out as fast as they could."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice about 2.5 million Americans are legally blind.

Nations advocates for blind people are surprised by the resistance Schmidt has faced from Twin Falls businesses.

Even as a trained and certified service animal, Poncho has been raising eyebrows — from security guards following Schmidt around the mall, she says, to movie theater employees stopping her for an explanation.

"It's a disappointment to me," said American Council for the Blind Spokesman Ronald M. Millman, adding he too is blind. "We hear these things more often than what we should."



**"The Nutcracker,"** presented by Eugene Ballet Company, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, \$19 for adults and \$13 for children, (208) 732-6289.

**Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol,"** presented by College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center Theater, \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students, 732-6288 or Tickets.csi.edu.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Ladies Lifeline Fellowship** (a non-denominational group), noon to 2 p.m., Connor's Cafe, Interstate 84 Idaho Highway 27, Heyburn, 436-5380.

**Shoshone Valley Toastmasters** meeting and no-host lunch, focus: assisting members in developing speaking, communication and leadership skills, 12:10 p.m., Idaho Pizza, 1855 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 736-1025.

**Rupert Lions Club**, noon, Wayside Cafe, Heyburn, 678-3230.

**Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch**, noon, Norma's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 737-0240.

**American Legion Post No. 10 meeting**, 7 p.m., Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W., 436-6788.

**Jerome Gun Club monthly meeting**, 7 p.m., Snake River Elks Club, U.S. Highway 93, 733-6045.

**Burley Kiwanis Club**, noon, Mory's Steakhouse, 2219 E. Third St. N., 436-0720.

**Burley Synagogue Int'l.**, noon, Springs Plaza, 626 Ebs Ave., 438-8666.

**Rupert Rotary Club**, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-6852.

### GOVERNMENT

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

**DeWary Memorial Library Board**, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-3874.

**Twin Falls Public Library Board**, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964.

**Declo City Council**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 18 N. Clark St., 654-2124.

**Heyburn City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 8th St., 679-8158.

**Martough City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth St., 432-6882.

## Craig

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**International Airport.** The senator quietly pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor and paid a fine, but changed his mind after word of his arrest became public.

The appeals panel said in a 10-page opinion that Craig failed to show that the district court judge abused his discretion by denying his petition to withdraw his plea. The opinion also said Craig failed to show that the state's disorderly conduct

law was unconstitutionally overbroad.

Craig said he was considering an appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court. "I am extremely disappointed by the action of the Minnesota Court of Appeals," Craig said in a statement. "I disagree with their conclusion and remain steadfast in my belief that nothing criminal or improper occurred at the Minneapolis airport. I currently maintain my innocence and am currently my attorneys

and I am reviewing the decision and looking into the possibility of appealing."

His attorney, Billy Martin, said he was disappointed with the ruling.

Patrick Hogan, a spokesman for the Metropolitan Airports Commission, which runs the airport, said the appellate decision again confirms that Craig knew what he was doing when he entered his plea. He said the MAC hopes it's the end of the case.

## Illinois

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vancat Senate seat for cash or a lucrative job for himself. In excerpts released by prosecutors, Blagojevich snarls profanities, makes threats and demands an allegedly concocted list of names of schemes for profiting from his appointment of a new senator.

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to last week. Blagojevich seemed almost oblivious as he vented his frustrations about being "stuck" as governor, complained of "struggling" financially, and allegedly talked of using the Senate appointment to land a lucrative job in the private sector, or even an ambassadorship or a Cabinet post.

"It's about greed," said Don Rose, a longtime political strategist in Chicago. "He's got to be completely off his rocker to be talking like that at a time when he knows the feds are looking at him. ... He's out there like he's talking to his wife in bed."

He added: "I think this is beyond ordinary sanity. We're talking about something clinical here. This is beyond logic. It's beyond greed as we know it."

Don Rose, a longtime political strategist in Chicago, recorded from late October

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THURSDAY IN OUTDOORS

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Hundreds turn out for a book signing by Glenn Beck in Twin Falls. See a video package about the event.

A blind woman says some businesses denied her and her guide dog access. Check out a video interview with her.

State budget cuts are impacting services to the disabled. In an excerpt released by prosecutors, Blagojevich snarls profanities, makes threats and demands an allegedly concocted list of names of schemes for profiting from his appointment of a new senator.

Idaho Power is seeking nearly 10 percent in rate increases. See the scene at an Idaho Public Utilities Commission hearing in Twin Falls on the request.

And get the sports lowdown with the Sports Blitz show.



# English cooking, and other assaults

**W**hen my wife was a teenager, her parents took the family on a summer trip to Europe. Their journey was supposed to end with the purchase of a Volkswagen to ship back to the United States. But Victoria, Ken, Sally and Melissa ran out of money before they ran out of British Isles, fetched up in the coldest of cold weather and were forced to subsist on beans on toast for a week. Unaccountably, Victoria grew to revere keeping Christmas in the traditional manner, which means she has Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" pretty much memorized.

And that she has an especially unhealthy — in my opinion — fascination with 19th century English holiday cuisine.

Figgy pudding, wassail, trifle, baked treacle pudding, steamed syrup sponge pudding, burnt Tynin coffee creams — and my personal favorite — spotted dick.

I should like to point out two things.

1. Spotted dick is a steamed suet pudding containing dried currants and commonly served with butter.

2. Life expectancy in London in 1843, the year "Carol" was publicized, was 29.

Dickens' book itself warns of all manner of dire consequences from taking English cooking internally. When Ebenezer Scrooge says to his late partner Jacob Marley, he slurs, "You may be an undigested bit of beef, a blot of mustard, a crumb of cheese, a fragment of underdone potato. There's more of gravy than of grave about you, whatever you are!"

Later, Scrooge commissions a passing street urchin to summon the poulterer with instructions to deliver a large, unrefrigerated Christmas goose to the family of Scrooge's clerk Bob Cratchit, which already had its own problems.

I have urged my beloved to consider the recommendations of "A Christmas Carol" to be just a metaphor, but I'm not getting much traction. As far as I can tell, Christmas dinner at our house will consist of "great, round, pot-bellied baskets of chestnuts, shaped like the waistcoats of jolly old gentlemen, lolling at the doors, and tumbling out into the street in their apoplectic opulence ... ruddy, brown-faced, broad-girthed Spanish onions, shining in the fatness of their growth like Spanish friars, and winking from their shelves in want of the attention of the girls as they went by, and glanced demurely at the hung-up apples, clustered high in blooming pyramids ... bunches of grapes, made, in the shopkeepers' benevolence, to dangle from conspicuous hooks, that people's mouths might water gratis as they passed; there were piles of filberts, mossy and brown, recalling, in their fragrance, ancient walks among the woods, and pleasant shuffling ankle deep through withered leaves; there were Norfolk Biffins, squab and swarthy, setting off the yellow of the oranges and lemons, and, in the great compactness of their jelly persons, urgently entreating and beseeching to be carried home in paper bags and eaten after dinner."

And all topped off with a fine English Pilsener.

May your days be merry and bright, and may all your Norfolk Biffins be squab and swarthy.

Steve Crump may be reached at 735-3223.

# Beck signs books in Twin Falls

By Ben Boklin  
Times-News writer



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WATCH: Video from Glenn Beck's book signing

The line was long outside Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls on Tuesday afternoon.

They were fans of radio talk show host and author Glenn Beck, who made a stop Tuesday in Twin Falls as part of his book signing tour for "The Christmas Sweater." The holiday story is about a 12-year-old boy who receives a sweater for Christmas instead of the bike he longed for.

Fans said they like Beck's willingness to speak his mind regardless of who might be offended.

Justin Boyce of Twin Falls made a Beck enthusiast out of his wife, Erika, when the two dated several years ago. On Tuesday, he took his wife to the book signing for her birthday.

"New I listen to him more than my husband," Erika said.

Tyson Anderson of Twin Falls said he has enjoyed Beck's show for the last five years.

"He does a lot of imitations of his wife that are always funny," Anderson said, adding that Beck covers a wide variety of issues like immigration and the economy.

While he has a reputation as a conservative, that doesn't mean Beck always

agrees with Republicans.

"I instantly became addicted because he was not afraid to point out the faults of those who are on the political right," said Trel Kennet of rural Paul.

Margaret Wilcox of Jerome has a daughter who used to attend the same Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ward in Pennsylvania with Beck. Wilcox mentioned that to Beck and he remembered, she said.

"He reached out and gave me a hug," she said, adding that she likes Beck's down-to-earth personality and sense of humor.

Scott Taylor, manager of Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls said turnout was good for the event.

"Everybody's patience was greatly appreciated," he said.

Beck quickly signed books for a full hour before leaving Twin Falls. He was on a tight schedule, with stops also planned for Tuesday in Pocatello and Idaho Falls.

"Guys, thank you," Beck said as the time to leave arrived. "Sorry it was so rushed."

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Conservative radio and television talk show host Glenn Beck greets visitors and signs autographs Tuesday at Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls. ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

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# TFSD concerned about traffic needs at new school

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Twin Falls School District officials have concerns about traffic safety near Canyon Ridge High School. They want traffic lights in place at the intersection of Washington Street North and North College Road by the time school starts next fall. However, the traffic lights aren't expected to be up until 2010 — one year later than the district would like.

The Twin Falls School Board decided at Monday's meeting to send a letter to the city this week outlining its concerns about traffic safety and flow near the school if no traffic lights are in place when the high school opens up.

"Anything we can do to speed that process up would be good," said Brady Dickinson, principal of Canyon Ridge High School.

Besides lots of traffic from drivers, there are also concerns because students from nearby I.B. Pertine Elementary School walk in the area, Dickinson said.

The issue also has attracted the concerns of the new high school's Parent Teacher Student Association. The association's members recently decided to start circulating a petition that will be presented to city hall.

"We're hoping to get it put in

before the school opens," said Lynda Detweiler, president of the PTSA.

About 12 volunteers have started circulating petitions for signatures, and Detweiler said that everyone has been

receptive to the concern.

She doesn't know when the petition will be presented to city officials.

The traffic signals are part of a larger plan to widen Washington Street North, an

upcoming project with federal funding. Because federal funding is involved, a change in the schedule for installing the signal would complicate plans, city officials have said. Councilman Don Hall said

he's aware of the school district's concerns. He also encouraged drivers to use the intersection of Washington and Cheney Drive, where there will be a new traffic signal when the school opens.

"We understand that concern, but we can only build projects we have the money for," Hall said.

Ben Botkin may be reached at 208-735-3238.

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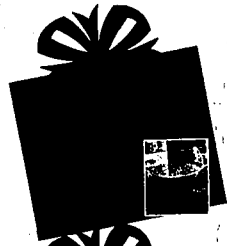
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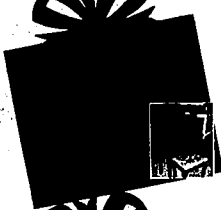


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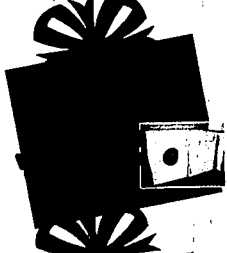
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### Sage grouse group meets again in Burley

By Damon Hunzaker  
Times-News writer

Do you have any good ideas about how to help sage grouse thrive?

The fourth meeting of the South Magic Valley Sage Grouse Local Working Group will take place Thursday night in Burley. The public is invited to attend and provide thoughts on the birds' diminishing population.

The purpose of the group, as wildlife biologist Justin Barrett of Idaho Fish and Game explained, is to preserve the grouse population and habitat at the local level. If the population continues to dwindle, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service could place sage grouse under the Endangered Species Act, which could, in turn, surrender local land management to the federal government.

In order to become a voting member, the group's charter requires a long-term commitment.

The group will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Burley of Land Management office at 15 East, 200 South in Burley.

### Authorities to release findings today of ISP shooting investigation

Times-News

Authorities said they're holding a press conference today about the Idaho State Police shooting that killed a Burley man in August along U.S. Highway 30 near Kimberly.

Ada County prosecutors reviewed the fatal shooting of Cody Hanks and plan to release their findings today at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

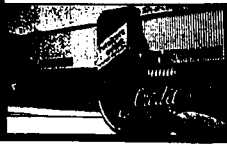
Hanks' family has said they feel sorry for the trooper, Michael A. Wendler, who went back to work within weeks of the shooting.

Wendler shot Hanks after attempting to arrest him for suspected DUI and possession of a controlled substance. But then he became entangled by Hanks' pickup truck, fired his gun when Hanks wouldn't stop and killed him with one shot according to an ISP press release after the incident.

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# Police: off-duty deputy helped detain man with gun

By Andrew Jackson  
Times-News writer

An off-duty deputy from Twin Falls County helped hold down a man with a gun at Smith's Food and Drug, according to court records filed this week.

Authorities say off-duty court security officer Ken Danson, along with other customers, struggled with Dagon W. Williams, 23, and prevented what could have been a fatal situation.

Danson told police he was at the video rental machine in the store when he heard a commotion behind him and saw an employee with two customers trying to stop Williams from leaving with a DVD player and a candy bar hidden under his jacket, court records show.

That prompted Danson to step in.

He told Twin Falls Police officers that he informed Williams he was a deputy and would detain him until police got there. Then Danson and the customers forced Williams to the ground

because he was uncooperative, court records show. That's when Williams pulled a black 40-caliber handgun from under his sweatshirt, according to court records.

From there, the police report points to herolism.

Danson yelled "gun" and immediately grabbed Williams' right hand to control the loaded gun and try to prevent it from being pointed at him or other customers. Another customer grabbed Williams and put him in a headlock until the gun was taken away, according to the police report.

Danson, who declined to comment to the *Times-News* because the case is still active, told police he feared for his life, he believed he or other customers could have been shot, according to court records.

Danson's boss, Sheriff Wayne Tausley is pleased with his actions. "I think it was him being in the right place at the right time," said Tausley. "I'm glad no one got hurt. He did a good job."

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# Sun Valley to open runs today

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

On Monday night, the snow-making machines were running at full volume up on Dollar Mountain, sending a fine frozen mist into the dimming sky.

That snow was the final step in Sun Valley Co.'s struggle to get the resort's ski runs ready for downhill enthusiasts. This winter has been unusually warm and free of snow, so much so that it's been 13 years since the resort last opened in the second week of December. The years in between have seen the lifts start around Thanksgiving.

Of course, the resort could use a little help from Mother Nature.

"Hopefully we get the snow they're predicting this weekend," said Jack Sibbach, Sun Valley Co., director of sales, marketing and public relations. "Come up and enjoy it."

In the meantime, several runs on Dollar Mountain and Bald Mountain are scheduled to open today, with additional runs expected to open soon.

On Baldy, the Lower River Run, Lookout Express and Challenger lifts will serve six runs: Upper College, Flying Squirrel, Lower Picabo's Street, Lower Warm Springs, Middle River Run and Lower

River Run. Both the Warm Springs and River Run day lodges will be open for food service, ticket sales and gift purchases.

On Dollar, the Quarter Dollar and Accelerator lifts will serve two runs: Half Dollar Bowl and Poverty Flats. Sibbach said more runs on Dollar will likely open very soon.

Lift tickets for both mountains are discounted until Dec. 20, and novice and sport rental packages will be half-off until the same date. Through Dec. 19, full-day tickets on Baldy will be \$45 for adults and \$20 for children, and for Dollar, \$20 adults and \$10 children.

Other resorts, Soldier Mountain in Fairfield, Pomerele in Albion and Magic Mountain in the South Hills, have no firm openings yet.

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EDITORIAL

# Sharing Mountain Home's wild blue yonder

That network of airstrips 80 miles northwest of Twin Falls technically isn't part of the Magic Valley. But it's hard to imagine south-central Idaho as we know it without Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Never a day goes by without silver-white contrails from F-15 fighter jets crisscrossing our skies, and the tapestry of distant thunder carried along through thin high-desert night air has been part of the soundtrack of Gooding and Twin Falls counties since World War II.

The environmental controversies generated by the base have been among the most divisive in our history, pitting national security against the Magic Valley's deep-seated agricultural legacy.

Yet largely because of its proximity to clear skies and boundless federal land, the base has survived round after round of postwar defense cutbacks. Few of the facility's employees live east of Glenns Ferry, but studies by the Air Force and the state show a surprisingly hefty economic impact on the western Magic Valley.

Now the aerodrome where actor Jimmy Stewart and future presidential candidate George McGovern learned how to be World War II bomber pilots has a new role on the horizon.

Mountain Home is preparing to host and train a small squadron from the Republic of Singapore Air Force for as long as the next two decades.

That's not unique among Western air bases. New Mexico's Holloman Air Force Base has been as much a German base as an American facility since 1992, when the Luftwaffe started training there.

But as the RSAF ramps up at Mountain Home, the USAF will be dialing back: The base will host only F-15E ground-attack jets after 2010, operating two squadrons there instead of three.

The restructuring will leave the Idaho base with just 18 USAF aircraft and 462 personnel. But with Singapore's expected 10 planes, 179 RSAF personnel and 128 U.S. Air Force personnel needed to support them, officials predict the base will be much as it is now.

The RSAF won't deploy on missions while at Mountain Home, and may be in Idaho longer than the 20-year timeline. Pilots trained in the U.S. will cycle back home to Southeast Asia to train other pilots there.

In effect, the RSAF is ensuring Mountain Home another generation of life, which means millions of dollars to southern Idaho's economy. The Halley-based environment group Western Watersheds Projects — which never met a productive use of public lands it didn't hate — notwithstanding, this seems to be an emerging relationship that benefits everyone. With the clear training advantages that the base and its abundant nearby flying space provide, the RSAF might not be the last U.S.-allied military to operate in Idaho.

And with a solution to the long-running Owyhee Canyonlands preservation debate at last in the offing, the USAF could have a facility in Mountain Home that will prove to be a template for how American military installations can thrive in sensitive environments.

**Our view:**  
Plans for the Republic of Singapore Air Force to train at Mountain Home Air Force Base for as long as 20 years could ensure the future of the Elmore County facility.

# Those modern-day pirates are scarier than you think

What if by sea? With security tightening on the land routes into the United States from Canada and Mexico, and with new warnings that the United States could face a nuclear or biological attack within five years, could the next outrage come through America's largely unguarded ocean frontiers?

The distance from Karachi to Mumbai is about the same as from Hall to Miami, Tampico to Houston, Halifax to Boston, and Baja, Calif., to Los Angeles, says an old shipmate from my Navy days. Wouldn't it be simple for terrorists to acquire a ship, perhaps a fishing trawler, and sail it into any number of ports virtually undetected?



"There is now no routine surveillance of the broad oceanic approaches to the homeland," he says. "Only in the close approaches to major U.S. ports does the Coast Guard maintain the type of active radar coverage essential to the control of shipping, and this surveillance is focused on the relatively large commercial ships ...

Because he is still involved with government work he asked that I not use his name.

Much thought has been given to the possibility that mass death could arrive in a closed container aboard a cargo vessel, and be shipped directly from its port of entry to anywhere in the United States. Efforts are made to inspect ships in their ports of departure, with the cooperation of foreign governments, but even so only a

tiny fraction get inspected. But my friend argues that terrorists, having gone to great effort to acquire their death-dealing devices, might not be willing to consign them to commercial shipping systems.

"There is no system in place for detecting and investigating the larger number of ocean-going, noncommercial vessels plying our coastal waters that are capable of carrying weapons of mass destruction," he says.

A yacht could slip into Miami from the Caribbean virtually undetected and blow the city to smithereens. A small freighter offshore could launch smaller attack boats, as the Somali pirates do, and as was done in Mumbai, and remain undetected until too late.

The same would be true of any number of European ports, especially in the Mediterranean with close proximity to the discontort of North Africa. It wouldn't have to be nuclear to do great damage. One remembers the French ammunition ship that blew up by accident in Halifax harbor during World War I, devastating the city.

Port cities everywhere are vulnerable to what would be powerful, maritime truck bombs.

Stephen Flynn, a former Coast Guard officer, now at the Council on Foreign Relations, points out that in addition to our sea ports, most of America's inland cities are located along waterways, "and the level of patrols is next to none. We are very exposed to waterborne attack."

My ex-Navy friend thinks we need a sea-traffic control system, "analogous to the one that manages all air traffic. But, politically, this is proving to be very hard. Commercial and general aviation grow up under the eye of government air traffic control systems. Seafaring has been unregulated and uncontrolled since the beginning of time," he says. There is no mandatory identification system for smaller boats entering U.S. waters.

The Coast Guard does have a "Marine Domain Awareness" program, and a volunteer auxiliary in which civilians donate their time, their boats, and sometimes planes, to patrol our coasts

and harbors looking out for anything unusual. According to Flynn, this is probably the best way to thwart an attack because terrorists like to carry out surveillance and make dry practice runs. People who work our waterfronts and in coastal waters are in the best position to notice something strange.

Flynn thinks this should be greatly expanded, with Homeland Security "engaging with the maritime public, yacht clubs, fishermen, coastal home owners, dock workers, and the like, telling them what to look for." He says the British are much better at alerting communities than we are.

Drug runners now use semi-submersible submarines to avoid detection. Terrorists could follow suit with something much worse than heroin in the Gulf. The 9/11 attacks came from the air from our own airports. The fire next time could be undetected, as my Navy friend says, from the "great anonymity of the ocean."

H.D.S. Greenway is a columnist for the Boston Globe.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Counties have violated constitutional rights

Amendments IV, VI and VIII in the Bill of Rights are being broken over and over here in Idaho.

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And the police, the lawyers, the judges, the elected officials, and the business leaders all said with one voice, "There is nothing we can do!"  
REV. BETTY LUGINBILL  
Boise

### Experienced leaders shouldn't be recalled

I am writing about the recall petition that is going around the city of Kimberly for the recall of the mayor, David Overacre, and two council members, George Plow and Lee McKinlay.

We have lived in Kimberly for more than 13 years now. I know each of these individuals. They are all fine, outstanding, honest people who have served the city for many years. It would be a shame to have these experienced leaders recalled because of these individuals.

I urge the citizens of Kimberly to stand up and not allow this recall to happen.  
BURKE RICHMAN  
Kimberly

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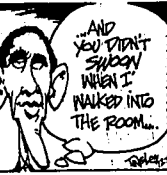
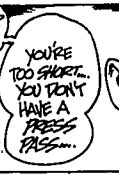
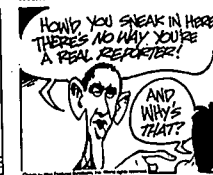
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By Bruce Tinsley

# Job Bush and the charge of the small brigade



**WILLIAM KRISTOL**

President-elect Barack Obama and a Democratic Congress are about to serve up a superized helping of big-government liberalism. Conservatives will be inclined to oppose much of what Obama and his party cook up. And, I believe, rightly so.

But conservatives should think twice before charging into battle against Obama under the banner of "small-government conservatism." It's a banner many Republicans and conservatives have rediscovers since the election and have been waving around energetically. Job Bush, now considering a Senate run in 2010, even went so far as to tell Politico last month that Obama should not be such a thing as a big-government Republican.

Really? Job Bush was a successful and popular conservative governor of Florida, with tax cuts, policy reforms and privatizations of government services to show for his time in office. Still, in his two terms state spending increased more than 50 percent — a rate faster than inflation plus population growth. It turns out, in the real world of Republican government, that there aren't a whole lot of small-government Republicans.

Five Republicans have won the presidency since 1932: Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and the two George Bushes. Only Reagan was even close to being a small-government conservative. And he campaigned in 1980 more as a tax-cutter and national-defense-builder-upper, and less as a small-government enthusiast in the mold of the man he had supported — and who had lost — in 1964, Barry Goldwater. And Reagan's record as governor and president wasn't a particularly government-slashing one.

Even the GOP's 1994 Contract With America made only vague promises to eliminate the budget deficit, and proposed no specific cuts in government programs. It focused far more on crime, taxes, welfare reform and government reform. Indeed, the "Republican Revolution" of 1995 imploded primarily because of the Republican Congress' one major small-government-type initiative

— the attempt to "cut" (i.e., restrain the growth of) Medicare. George W. Bush seemed to learn the lesson. Prior to his re-election, he proposed and signed into law popular (and, it turned out, successful) legislation, opposed by small-government conservatives, adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare.

So talk of small government may be music to conservative ears, but it's not to the public as a whole. This isn't to say the public is fond of big-government liberalism. It's just that what's politically vulnerable about big-government liberalism is more the liberalism than the big government.

Now it's true that the size of the government and the modern liberal agenda are connected. It's also true that modern conservatism has to include a strong commitment to limited government and to constitutional government. Still, there's a difference between a conservatism that is concerned with limited and constitutional government and one that focuses on simply opposing big government.

So, if you're a small-government conservative, you'll tend to oppose the bailouts, period. If you more or less accept big government,

you'll be open to the government's stepping in to save the financial system, or the auto industry. But you'll tend to favor those policies — universal tax cuts, offering everyone a chance to refinance his mortgage, relieving auto makers of burdensome regulations — that, consistent with conservative principles, don't reward irresponsible behavior and don't politicize markets.

Similarly, if you're against big government, you'll oppose a huge public works stimulus package. If you think some government action is inevitable, you might instead point out that the most unambiguous public good is national defense. You might then suggest spending a good chunk of the stimulus on national security — directing dollars to much-needed and underfunded defense procurement rather than to fanciful green technologies, making sure funds are available for the needed expansion of the Army and Marines before rushing to create make-work civilian jobs. Obama wants to spend much of the stimulus on transportation infrastructure and schools. Fine, but lots of schools and airports seem to me to have been refurbished more

recently and more generously than military bases I've visited.

I can't help but admire some of my fellow conservatives' loyalty to the small-government cause. It reminds me of the nobility of Tennyson's Light Brigade,

as it charges into battle: "Theirs but to do and die." Maybe it would be better, though, first to reason why.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Thayne's education plan needs a little 'tweaking'

Rep. Thayne should be applauded for seeking solutions to one of the main grievances of teachers — poor parental involvement. His "Parents as Teachers" proposal would place parents in the "driver's seat" for their student's initial, formal educational experience, kindergarten. It would also send cash to those parents for their efforts. Like all great ideas, it needs a little tweaking. Just consider reading instruction.

Research shows that between third and fifth grade, there is a marked plateau in reading progress. Many experts see the root cause as a lack of fundamental exposure to a language rich environment at a young age. For many of our students, the environment created in kindergarten is vital to their success as readers later on.

Mr. Thayne will test the students before allowing them to enroll in first grade. Again, kudos to him for demanding that students are prepared to enter our educational system. But who will test these students, and what will the cost be? The state had to forgo ISAT testing this year because it was too expensive. How can we add another round of high stakes testing when we can't afford the assessments we have now? And this is high-stakes, what happens if the student fails the first grade entrance exam? Send him back home for another year and \$2,225, or put him in kindergarten?

Mr. Thayne means well and, at first blush, his proposal sounds good, but consider what he said about it: "It does everything, it gets the parents involved. It gets kids ready for first grade and it saves a little bit of money." When something tries to be everything to everybody, it becomes nothing to anyone. A little tweaking, more like lot of tweaking, maybe just shove it for now.

**TIM RIERDEN**  
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(Editor's note: Tim Rierden is a special education teacher.)

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## WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESS ON BRINK OF AUTO DEAL

# GEARS IN MOTION

Republicans still have deep concerns over \$15 billion deal

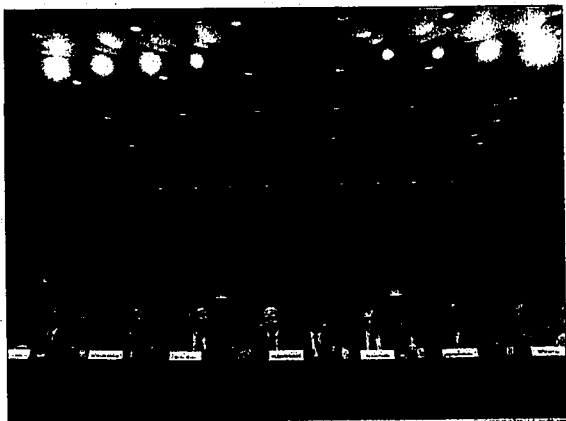
By Julie Hirschfeld Davis  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Wary Democratic congressional leaders and White House officials agreed in principle Tuesday on a \$15 billion bailout of U.S. automakers that would give the government extraordinary power to restructure the failing industry. But the rescue faced deep concerns.

Congressional aides and a senior administration official said the proposed deal would spread the loans to Detroit's struggling car companies and place a "car czar" named by President George W. Bush in charge of overhauling the auto industry. Congress could vote on the plan as early as today and the money could be disbursed within days.

A breakthrough came when negotiators reached a compromise to require the czar to revoke the loans and deny any further federal aid to automakers that don't strike a deal with labor unions, creditors and others to ensure their survival by next spring — essentially pushing them into bankruptcy.

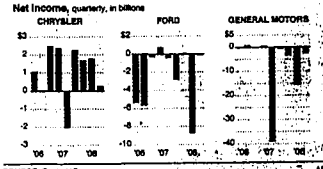
A great deal of progress has been made on auto legislation that will protect the taxpayer and ensure that short-term financing is available only to companies prepared to undertake the dramatic restructuring necessary to become viable and competitive.



Asto executives, from left, General Motors Chief Executive Officer Richard Wagoner, IAW President Ron Gettelfinger, Ford Chief Executive Officer Alan Mulally, Chrysler Chief Executive Officer Robert Nardelli, Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association President James Fleming, Johnson Controls President Keith Waseell and economist, Dr. Mark Zandi, testify on Capitol Hill in Washington before a Senate Banking Committee hearing on the auto industry bailout.

### Rocky earnings in recent years

Earnings for the Big Three automakers were weak in the third quarter. General Motors has had losses in the last five quarters.



SOURCE: Capital IQ

press secretary, said late Tuesday. Earlier in the day, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the Financial Services Committee chairman, said the remaining issues were minor. "There do not appear to me to be differences in principle of a sufficient nature to blow this thing

up," said Frank, whose staff is helping to draft the bill. Still, staff aides worked into the night fine-tuning legislative details of the agreement. It could face substantial obstacles from congressional Republicans, who remained skeptical of the White House-negotiated plan. A group of conservatives led by Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., has threatened to block the measure.

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## Group says Idaho's job market failing families

Jobs that pay 'living wage' are hardest hit by tough economy

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

For every 10 job seekers in Idaho, there is only one available job that pays a living wage of \$24.71 for a family of three, according to a survey compiled by the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations.

The federation is a regional non-profit network of organizations in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington that promote economic, racial and social equity.

The report, which is entitled 2008 Job Gap: Tough Times for Northwest Families, was released days after Idaho's unemployment rate reached 5.8 percent,

more than double that for the same time in 2007. Over the past few months

as companies such as Micron, Jayco Manufacturing Inc., and several small businesses have laid-off large numbers of workers. State jobs also hang in the balance with the budget cut.

"These jobs, which pay a living wage and also offer good benefits, like health insurance coverage, (unlike the majority of jobs that are being cut) are in Idaho," said Rowena Pineda, executive director of Idaho Community Action Network, which co-released the report. "The question that arises is where will these people be able to work and still make ends meet, when their unemployment benefits run out?"

The annual report calculated a living wage for a variety of family sizes, and then measured how many job openings in Idaho pay that wage. A living wage was considered to be a wage that allows families to meet their basic needs without public assistance, while providing some ability to deal with emergencies.

Officials with the Idaho

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## Economy bad all over — even before current crisis

New numbers might explain why housing bubble burst

By Stephen Ohlemacher  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Things really did bad all over — and they had gone bad even before the housing and finance industries crashed and sent the economy into a tailspin.

New census data shows that throughout the first half of the decade, the slumping economy touched nearly every community in the

country. Incomes dropped while poverty and unemployment rose in the vast majority of the nation's cities and towns.

Small and medium-sized cities in the Midwest, already suffering from an ailing auto industry, were hit the hardest, with unemployment rates doubling or tripling in communities throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Athens, home to Ohio

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Economic census data findings.

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Plymouth, had the highest poverty rate — 52.3 percent — among all cities surveyed. Oxford, home to Miami University, ranked among the 10 cities with the largest drops in income, a 30 percent plunge to \$21,930 since 1999.

Portsmouth was among the 10 cities with the highest unemployment rates at 19 percent unemployed, a 82 percent increase from 1999.

The data from the American Community Survey, which is being released Tuesday, is the first detailed economic, social and demographic information for small- and medium-sized cities since the 2000 census. It was collected over three years, from 2005 through

2007, providing a mid-decade snapshot of every community with at least 20,000 residents.

The numbers weren't, as bad outside the Midwest, but no region was spared, with incomes dropping as home prices escalated. The result: an unsustainable housing market that ultimately fueled the current economic crisis.

"For a while we were on a binge of living beyond our means," said David Wyses, chief economist at Standard

and Poor's, the credit rating service. "We were financing our spending habits by treating houses like giant ATMs."

The new numbers explain why the housing bubble burst and why the economy was such a big issue in this year's presidential campaign. They also explain why voters soured so much on President George W. Bush's handling of the economy, even before the

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On a compromise providing some \$15 billion in emergency loans to see the industry through the winter.
When the titans of the financial industry faced calamity this fall, Congress and the White House swooped in with unprecedented speed to pour \$700 billion into the banks whose high-risk ventures nearly brought markets to their knees.

CEOs of the banks drive to town in a Wells Fargo armored truck. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, said.
"I'm sure you will feel a little singled out," Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., told the CEOs at a contentious Capitol Hill hearing. "There seems to be a glaring double standard."
There's little question that the carmakers are paying a price for the Wall Street rescue, enacted over bitter public opposition by a politically feckless Congress just a month before a high-stakes election.
"Whatever's at play as much as anything else is an embarrassed Congress that essentially wrote a blank check to (Treasury Secretary) Henry Paulson, and in doing so, engaged the public," said Democratic pollster Peter Hart, who's studied public opinion on the auto bailout.
"Along comes the automob...

ble industry, and they decide. This is where we're going to lay down the markers, and now we can show that we're good stewards of your money and we're being diligent and tough." It's an easy target," Hart said.
That's partly because of wounds the industry inflicted on itself, as it resisted a shift to smaller, more fuel-efficient cars in favor of gas-guzzling SUVs, and openly flouted Congress over meeting stricter clean-air rules.
It's also born of public outrage over what's perceived as gold-plated contracts for autoworkers, with high hourly wages and rich retirement benefits. A commonly cited figure puts autoworkers' hourly pay at more than \$70, although the estimate actually describes the carmakers' total pension, health care and other obligations that both employers and workers spread out among the number of workers currently on the job.
Still, like the CEOs' jets, the figure has soured the public on an industry that during World War II earned Detroit the moniker "Arsenal of democracy."
The Big Three executives, their allies in Washington

and Detroit and the powerful United Auto Workers have been scrambling to repair the auto industry's image as they press their case for federal aid. A major part of their pitch: A carmaker failure would deepen an already painful recession — and kill off an industry that's woven into the very fabric of America.
PA message to Washington: INVEST IN AMERICA, blared a front-page editorial in the Detroit Free Press on Friday.
In the halls of Congress, lawmakers weren't sure it would be money well-spent. "I think you're skating on extremely thin ice," said Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski, D-Pa.
It's an attitude auto industry allies say they've seen before.
"I don't think there's any question there's a bias in favor of the financial services community and against manufacturing. I don't know whether it's an Eastern seaboard thing or an elitism thing," said former Michigan Gov. Jim Blanchard, who helped design the bailout of Chrysler as a congressman in 1979. "The public loves to beat up on the auto industry and they love to criticize the companies."

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Bailout Continued from page B1 A further stumbling block was Democrats' refusal to scrap language, vehemently opposed by the White House, that would force the carmakers to drop lawsuits challenging top emissions limits in California and other states.

That measure "kills the deal," said Dan Meyer, Bush's top lobbyist. Senior Democratic aides acknowledged as much Tuesday and said they expected the provision to ultimately be dropped. Environmentalists, who court House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., among their closest allies, already were trait that the bailout uses money set aside for a program to help the autoworkers

finance the retrofit of their factories so they could produce greener vehicles. Another remaining hang-up was over ensuring that Cerberus, the private equity firm that owns Chrysler LLC, would reimburse the government if the auto company defaulted on its loan, said a congressional negotiator who spoke only on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose details of the emergency aid.

But the White House and congressional Democrats resolved other major conflicts. Democrats said they were willing to toughen the measure to require that the czar revoke loans from car companies that couldn't show they were viable by the end of March — rather than simply allowing the overseer to take back the money.

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# Meltdown slows bid for family/work improvements

## Some say recession is not the time to raise employer costs

By David Gray  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In some ways, conditions couldn't be better for those seeking to make in-family loans and paid sick days available to more American workers. In some ways, conditions could scarcely be worse.

The work/family cause now has ardent champions in the White House. Barack Obama and self-described mom-in-chief Michelle Obama, who says it will be among her top priorities. The strengthened Democratic majority in Congress is certain to lend a hand.

Yet the ambitious agenda, featuring bills that would for the first time mandate paid sick days and paid family leave nationwide for many businesses, is colliding head-on with the worst economic crisis in decades, giving wary employers and their allies fresh ammunition for their fight against the mandates.

"A recession is not the time to raise the cost of work,"

said Douglas Besharov, a public policy expert with the American Enterprise Institute. "If Obama gives into his consumer groups, he just will make it much more difficult to fix the economic crisis."

Liberal activists say the meltdown should send the opposite message.

"Bad economic times are the worst times to lose a job because your child is sick or your father has a stroke," insists Ellen Bravo, a Milwaukee author and teacher who advocates on behalf of working women.

Events of recent months, as the meltdown intensified, give hints of a seesaw national debate that likely lies ahead.

In Milwaukee, voters on Election Day made their city the first to pass a paid family leave law. In San Francisco and Washington, D.C. — to require private employers to provide paid sick days.

However, a proposed ballot measure that would have mandated statewide in Ohio was withdrawn by its backers after Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland came out against it. He worried it would place the state's businesses at a disadvantage until there was

a federal sick-day law. In Washington state, the Democrats who hold power say they will have to delay the start of a paid family leave plan because of budget woes. And in New Jersey, Republican lawmakers citing the meltdown want to postpone implementation of a paid family leave law which is due to take effect July 1.

Advocates of pro-worker reform contend the economic crisis makes their cause all the more valid.

"Laws and policies that support families in their everyday struggles are more important than ever," said Debra Ness, president of the National Partnership for Women and Families. "The risk of losing pay, or a job, is even greater because jobs are going to be so scarce."

But our opposition will say the opposite — it's an economy that has everybody quite fearful," Ness said. "This is a time when families need these kind of protections the most."

Even in favorable economic times, the United States ranks behind other developed countries in regard to many family-friendly workplace policies. According to McGill University's Institute for Health and Social Policy,

# Fannie, Freddie execs turned aside warnings

## Democrats say Wall Street led to market decline

By Alan Zibel  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Top executives at mortgage finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac ignored warnings that they were taking on too many risky loans years before the housing market plunged, according to documents released Tuesday by a House committee.

E-mails and other internal documents released by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee show that former Fannie Mae CEO Daniel Mudd and former Freddie Mac CEO Richard Syron disregarded recommendations that they stay away from riskier loans.

"Their irresponsible decisions are now costing the taxpayers billions of dollars," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the committee, which reviewed nearly 400,000 internal documents from Fannie and Freddie.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday that an index of pending U.S. home sales fell only 0.7 percent in October from the previous

month. The result beat analysts' expectations, but partially reflected a deeply discounted foreclosures and distressed sales that made up roughly 40 percent of all transactions.

Stocks fell as investors sold shares on doubt about corporate earnings. The Dow Jones Industrial was down nearly 250 points in afternoon trading.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans argued that weak government regulation of Fannie and Freddie and policies to promote homeownership during the Clinton administration were the key causes of the financial meltdown. "We knew a long time ago that this rate was going to crash," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn.

Democrats acknowledged the two government-sponsored companies contributed to the financial crisis, but stressed that Wall Street banks and not Fannie and Freddie — led the dramatic decline in lending standards that caused mortgages to start defaulting in huge numbers two years ago.

The two companies were seized in September by government regulators. Two months later, Freddie Mac asked for an injection of \$13.8 billion in government aid after posting a massive quarterly loss. Fannie Mae has yet to request any government aid but has warned it may need to do so soon.

Fannie and Freddie own or guarantee around half the \$11.5 trillion in U.S. outstanding home loan debt. The two companies are the engines behind a complex process of buying, bundling and selling mortgages as investments.

They traditionally backed the safest loans, 30-year fixed rate mortgages that required a down payment of at least 20 percent. But in recent years, they lowered their standards, matching a decline fueled by Wall Street banks that backed the now-defunct subprime lending industry.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., grilled Syron about the Freddie Mac's decision to fire David Andrukonis, its former chief risk officer.

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# Economy

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current financial crisis. The years covered by the report include the housing market at its peak. Incomes had started to rise while poverty and unemployment rates had begun to fall, following the recession earlier in the decade.

But in the vast majority of America's cities and towns,

economic conditions never fully reached the prosperity that marked the beginning of the decade.

The Associated Press analyzed economic data from the 2,000 or so cities and towns across the nation with populations of 20,000 or more, comparing the 2007 data to figures from the 2000 census.

## Economic census data findings

- Median household income dropped in 75 percent of the cities and towns. Incomes dropped in the wealthiest communities as well as the poorest. Charleston, Ill., home to Eastern Illinois University, saw the biggest drop — 31 percent — to a median household income of just under \$21,000. Nationally, incomes dropped by 4.3 percent during the period, to \$50,007.
- The unemployment rate increased in 71 percent of the cities and towns. Muskegon, Mich., a city of about 40,000 near Lake Michigan, had the highest unemployment rate, at 22.1 percent.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate increased from about 4 percent in 2000 to 6.6 percent in the 2005-2007 period.
- Median home values increased in 92 percent of the cities and towns studied — doubling and tripling in many cities, mainly in California.
- Nationally, the median home

value increased 26 percent, to \$181,800.

It's not surprising that many communities were doing better in 2000 than they were mid-decade, said Scott Hoyt, senior director of consumer economics at Moody's Economy.com. "The year 2000 was at the end of an incredible boom that lasted a decade," Hoyt said. Incomes were up, unemployment was down and the dot-com bubble had not yet burst on Wall Street.

"We just didn't have enough years of expansion" this decade, he said.

# Jobs

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Department of Labor have said that wage increases in south-central Idaho are not keeping pace with rising inflation. The median wage for all occupations in the region rose 2.3 percent from 2006 to 2007, however, inflation swelled more than 4 percent during the same time period.

The report released by the federation also compared the number of job seekers to the number of living wage job openings.

"These findings are alarming," the report stated. "Only 16 percent of job openings pay a living wage for a household of four with one adult at home."

The report also said that 12 percent of job openings will pay a salary to meet basic needs of a single parent looking for a job.

The report's job gap figures are based on 2007 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics — job losses during 2008 were not reflected in this report.

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# Blagojevich arrest adds to scandals marring Democrats

By Janet Hook  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The arrest of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Tuesday marks the latest in a series of recent scandals erupting around Democratic politicians — an ironic turn for a party that has been in control of Congress in 2006 in part by saying it would end a "culture of corruption" under Republican leadership.

Democrats also highlighted Republican ethical problems in the successful bid to expand their congressional majorities in 2008, and Barack Obama made government transparency and a crack-

down on lobbyist influence a central theme of his presidential campaign.

The corruption charges against Blagojevich came as one of the most powerful Democrats in Congress, Rep. Charles B. Rangel of New York, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, remains under investigation by a House ethics panel.

The panel is looking at Rangel's occupation of several rent-controlled apartments in Manhattan, failure to pay taxes on an offshore rental property and other ethics questions. Tuesday, it announced that the investigation was expanding to include

allegations that Rangel supported a tax break for an oil drilling company in exchange for a donation to a school that would bear his name.

Democratic Rep. William J. Jefferson of Louisiana is awaiting trial on charges of bribery, money laundering and misusing his congressional office, to which he has pleaded not guilty. Saturday, he was ousted from his House seat in a run-off election.

Earlier this year, Democratic Gov. Eliot Spitzer of New York resigned after revelations that he was involved in a prostitution ring.

The allegations against

Blagojevich — including charges that he solicited favors to influence his decision about who should replace Obama in the Senate — were shocking to fellow Democrats.

"It straitened my hair," said Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, D-Fla.

Democrats said they hoped

the political fallout for their party would be limited, but they acknowledged that the developments would give Republicans a new political target during Obama's transition months.

The new chairman of the GOP's Senate campaign committee was quick to respond to the Blagojevich news.

"Every Democratic and labor union official, whether in Illinois or in their national organizations, who has spoken with the governor or his aides about this U.S. Senate seat should step forward and immediately make public the full details of those conversations and meetings," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

## George E. Vanhooser

In 1960,

In 1956, I was married and started my family with children, Jeff, Lynn, Sandy, Kevin and Greg. While raising my family, I co-owned the Wood's Cafe and Lounge. After I retired from the restaurant business, I went on to manage the Elk's Lodge, then I went on to my final career as a master fisherman, outdoorsman and grandfather.

In 1981, I married Paula, my soul mate and the love of my life. Together, we enjoyed a life filled with camping, fishing, travel and family, sometimes all at the same time or as much as the weather and family would allow. I was member of the Jerome Elks Lodge for 44 years and a longstanding member of the Dam Fools Club at Magic Reservoir Resort.

Survived by my wife of 27 years, Paula Vanhooser; five children, Jeffery (Paula) Vanhooser, Lynn (Carol) Vanhooser, Sandy (Phil) Herink, Kevin Vanhooser and Greg Vanhooser; three grandchildren, Sherri (Brian) Elson, Paul (Christine) Standtke and Susan (Mike) Brown; 18 grandchildren;

four great-grandchildren; my sister, Grace (Billy) Parham and nephews, Lynda (Parham) Shivers, Wade (Barbie) Parham, Randy (Julie) Parham, Steve (Carol) Parham, Scott (Jennifer) Parham; nine grandnieces and nephews; and two great-grandnieces and nephews.

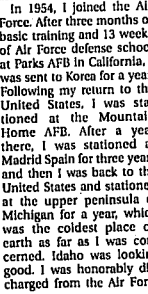
Special thanks to the St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute in Twin Falls; you have become like family. St. Luke's Home Health and Hospice, you were wonderful. To all my friends that came by to chat, thank. I'll see you on the other side. As I always say, "Just this life and one more."

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, P.O. Box 1100, Boise, ID 83718.

There will be a remembrance to celebrate George's life from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, with a light luncheon at George and Paula's Home, 405 Third Ave. E. in Jerome. Funeral arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Born on Nov. 10, 1933, in Yalobusha County, Miss., to Ernest and Christine (Harvelle) Vanhooser, I spent my childhood years on the family catfish and cotton plantation, later moving to Grenada, Miss. I graduated from Grenada High School, where my nickname was George "Dog" Vanhooser for my assertive football skills.

In 1954, I joined the Air Force. After three months of basic training and 13 weeks at Air Force Tech School in Parks AFB in California, I was sent to Korea for a year. Following my return to the United States, I was stationed at the Mountain Home AFB. After a year there, I was stationed at Madrid Spain for three years and then I was back to the United States and stationed at the upper peninsula of Michigan for a year, which was the coldest place on earth as far as I was concerned. Idaho was long overdue. I was honorably discharged from the Air Force



## SERVICES

Charles Burras (Chuck/ CB) Thomason of Boise and formerly of Jerome, funeral mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Boise (Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City).

Albert James McAvoy of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Francis Merley Carter of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Garrison (Gary) Lance Jeppesen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley LDS 2nd Ward Chapel; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church. (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Gall Ann Peacock of Twin Falls and formerly of Scottsdale, Ariz., celebration of life memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Devon Senior Apartments, 1330 N. College Road in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Mary Teresa Last of Twin Falls, funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 218 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; rosary at 6:30 p.m. and vigil service at 7 p.m.; today at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Merlin Ward Otley of Elba, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at

the Elba LDS Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Rose Meyer Thorne of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Allen Ray Thurston of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the funeral home.

Dwight Hans Felt of Rupert, memorial service at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Carol Lee Nelson of Twin Falls, gathering for family and friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at 187 Dubois Ave. in Twin Falls; burial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Bessie Ivene Goodman Blackburn of Emmett and formerly of Murtaugh and Eden, funeral at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the South Slope LDS Ward Chapel, 1601 E. Second St. in Emmett; visitation from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Friday at the church; interment Saturday at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn (Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Maxine E. (Beltran) Uhrig of Shoshone, memorial serv-

ice at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, 205 N. Alta in Shoshone; rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone.

Scott Thomas Chestnut of Walnut Creek, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

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### Don Robert Hymas

Don Robert Hymas, loving husband, father, and grandfather, slipped away peacefully at home Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, surrounded by his devoted family.

One of two children born to Benjamin and Sarah Elizabeth Hymas on March 6, 1923, in Sharon, he grew up in a loving family, with fond memories of helping on the family farm, adventures with his dog, Ring, and enjoying community dances and activities throughout the valley. He entered the Army during World War II and served his country proudly for three years.

He married his sweetheart, Lillie Roma Beckstead, on June 14, 1945, in the Uiah Temple. They lived in Preston for a time and then moved to Twin Falls. Together they have six children, 25 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. He was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many capacities, including ward clerk, executive secretary and counselor to the bishop, as well as serving with him in the Uiah Temple. He found joy in hard work. His profession was in

the grocery business, as well as being a transport driver. He was involved with the American Legion for many years and loved fishing with his boys, being in the out of doors, wood working, cooking, gardening and being with family. He found great joy in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved being with them and hearing of their achievements and activities.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie Roma Beckstead Hymas; and children, Shawna (Larry) Dunn, Kent Hymas, Randy (Carolyn) Hymas, Catherine (Bill) Garrison, Kristine (Darrell) Durst, and Richard (Kelly) Hymas; as well as his sister, Pearl (Verl) Perkel.

He was a gentle giant. We will miss his loving and devoted ways, his hugs, his teasing nature and the joy he brought to his family and friends.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the LDS 9th Ward Chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard in Twin Falls, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park, 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," 136 Fourth Ave. in Twin Falls, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Friends and family can share their thoughts and fond memories at [www.Mem.com](http://www.Mem.com).

### Raul 'Junior' Gil

GOODING — Raul "Junior" Gil, 46, was born Jan. 16, 1960, in Falal, Portugal, son of Raul and Maria Gil, and died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at his home in Gooding.

He was raised and educated in Portugal until 1977, when he and his parents moved to California. Junior met Gail Collard and they were married, having spent 23 years together. They moved to Gooding in 1980 to farm with his wife, Maria and Raul. Junior loved his animals, fishing and, most of all, the San Francisco 49ers.

A special thank you to First Choice Hospice, Stacey, Kristine and Lori, brought the doctors and nurses from St. Luke's in Boise and Gooding County Memorial

### Virginia 'Ginny' Kathryn Southwick

Hospital. Your care and kindness is appreciated. He is survived by his wife, Gail; and his parents, Raul and Maria Gil, all of Gooding; his uncle, Fernando and wife, Maria Lurdes and cousins, Nelson and Christina, all of Florida; his cousins, Greg and Elaine Gooding, Elaine Putman and Joe Mendonca of Kimberly; father-in-law, James; Zeman of Gooding; and sister-in-law, Lois Collard of California. He was preceded in death by both maternal and paternal grandparents; one aunt, Maria Lurdes Serpa; and one uncle, Greg Andre.

Prayers of the rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. The funeral will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

### Suzann Nielsen

Suzann Nielsen, 39, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at a local care facility after a two-year battle with breast cancer.

She was born Nov. 11, 1969, in Manchester, Conn., to Clive and Dorothy Nielsen. She lived in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Wyoming before settling in Filer. She attended Filer High School and later earned her associate degree in computer graphic design at CSI, where she loved being a student. Suzann married Kelly Kalfelisch in 1986 and was later divorced. In May 1993, she married her best friend and soul mate, Shane Nielsen, in Filer. Suzann worked at all the people working at her jobs. Made in Idaho, Daisy's Old Time Confections, Kurt's Hallmark, Cain's, Thomasville (Meridian) and, lastly at her favorite job, her two months at Wendell, Margaret and her.

Suzann loved spending time with family and friends; her three daughters were her most valued treasures. She loved spending time with her husband, Shane, doing what they loved to do at all. She treasured her relationships she maintained with people she briefly met years before but reconnected with later. She was a member of the Filer Mountain Ranch and was a talented artist on the computer and as a designer.

She loved being a socialite, telling stories and expressing her opinions; she would bring her infectious smile everywhere and brighten everyone's day. She always kept an upbeat attitude with whatever life brought her, and she was always proud of the fact that she could set her mind to a goal and achieve it. Her struggle with breast cancer never got her down. She was an inspiration to many and will always be remembered for her gracious and caring manner.

She is survived by her husband, Shane Nielsen; four daughters, Kalice (Justin) Walker of Twin Falls; Kristy Kalfelisch of Twin Falls; Kanna Nielsen of Twin Falls; mother, Diane (Dick) Hamilton of Filer; brothers, Scott (Kathy) McKinney of Twin Falls; Danny (Wendy) McKinney of Lacey, Wash.; sisters, Renee (Joel) Melerohoff of Buhl; Ariane (Carmelo) Cabral of Murtaugh; Arnie McKinney of Ringold, N.H.; Beth and Megan McKinney, both of Hillsboro, N.H.; aunt, Wilma McKinney of Enfield, Conn.; uncle, David Lemay of Las Vegas, Nev.; Tammy (Nelson) Hamilton; four nieces; and four nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Clive McKinney; beloved uncle, Cliff McKinney; grandmother, Marie Hamilton; great-aunt, Gert Collette and great-uncle, Leo Collette and Rita Hamilton.

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, with a viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral, 253 Kinross, and was in Twin Falls, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com).

### Ernest Leo McKinnon

HAGERMAN — Ernest Leo McKinnon, age 78, of Hagerman, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at his residence after an extended battle with cancer.

He was born June 22, 1930, in Burns, Ore., the son of Helen McKinnon. After losing his mother at a young age, he was raised by his grandparents, Patrick and Emma McKinnon in Susanville, Calif. Ernest graduated from Lassen High School in 1948, where he was very active in sports. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his family. On April 1, 1948, he married Dorothy Bates. He was employed by the state of California as a fingerprint technician and as a guard at Folsom Prison. In 1956, he went to work as a printer for American Salscraft. In

1958, started employment with PacBell, where he was employed until his retirement in December of 1988 in Jerome.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Dorothy McKinnon (Hagerman); children, Helen (Nick) Bavaro, Michael (Carmel) McKinnon and Kathy McKinnon; 18 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Ernest had a great sense of humor. He is greatly loved and missed by family and friends.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 710-945 E. Highway 395 in Gooding. Burial will be in the Diamond Crest Cemetery in Susanville.

For those who desire, contributions may be made to the Cancer Society or any charity of choice.

Arrangements are by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

### Lucile Funk

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

Lucile Spackman was born on March 18, 1934, in Ogden, Utah, the daughter of Thomas and Swanny Spackman. She was raised and educated in Fairfield.

Lucile married Foster D. Funk in July of 1953 in Fairfield. They were divorced in June of 1988.

Lucile is survived by two sons, Bruce Funk (Carol) of Shoshone, and Jeffrey D. Funk (Jennifer) of Boise; one daughter, Donna Funk of

Restburg; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Swanny Spackman; two brothers, Thomas and Rodney Spackman; and one sister, Glenn Jacobson.

The funeral will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding, with President Jason Walker conducting. Burial will follow at the Mayard Cemetery near Fairfield. Family members and friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Saturday, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Memorial contributions may be made in Lucile's name to the Camas County Senior Center.

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The funeral will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding, with President Jason Walker conducting. Burial will follow at the Mayard Cemetery near Fairfield. Family members and friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Saturday, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Memorial contributions may be made in Lucile's name to the Camas County Senior Center.

### Diane Denise Prock Larison

GOODING — Diane Denise Prock Larison, age 52, former resident of Fairfield, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at her home in Gooding, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family in this beautiful, sunny day.

Diane was born Dec. 17, 1955, in Jerome, to Nolan "Bud" and Barbara L. Prock. She was the fourth of five children, Larry Prock, Linda L., David Ray and Samuel Joseph (Sam). She was raised in Fairfield, where she attended Carnas Elementary and High School. She graduated from Jerome High School in 1974. She continued her education by attending one year of college at the University of Idaho.

Diane loved the outdoors around Fairfield. She would often go hiking in the foothills to enjoy the sights and smells that were so richly abundant. The beauty of the wild flower, their colors and aroma were her favorite.

Diane met and married Donald M. Larison Sr. on Dec. 27, 1979 at Elko, Nev. To this union were born three children: Diana, Donald and Donald M. (Donnie) Jr. Her husband, Donald, preceded her in death.

Diane became the sole provider for her three children at a young age. She was not afraid to work and wear hard hats. Diane was able to provide for her young family. Diane was employed by Tupperware, Sun Valley Resort, Soldier

Mountain Resort and the Denise Prock Center. She worked up until the time of her death. She was extremely proud of her children and loved them greatly. Her grandchildren were the "Apple of her eye."

Diane had a soft spot for those who were struggling, and she would lend a helping hand at any time.

Diane was preceded in death by her father, Nolan (Bud) Prock; her husband, Donald M. Larison Sr.; and her grandparents. Diane is survived by her mother, Barbara L. Prock; and sister, Linda L. (Coy) Jones, both of Gooding; three brothers, Larry (Pam) Peck of Florida, and David (Jana) Prock and Samuel Prock, both of Gooding; four children, Diana (Matt) Schilz of Jerome, Donnell Larison of Meridian and Donald M. (Donnie) Larison of Gooding; a step-son, Wiley Larison; and five grandchildren, McKenzie, Kylie, Anastasia, Devon and Shilana.

Diane was loved and cared for by all those who knew her. The family would like to express their thanks to Diane's doctors and the wonderful people at hospice for their kindness and help in the care of our mother during this time.

The memorial for Diane will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Soldier Mountain Ranch and Resort in Fairfield. A private luncheon will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Diane Larison Memorial Fund at US Bank

### Margaret Rogers

Margaret Rogers, of Nampa, was born Oct. 15, 1920, in Leicester, England, and passed away Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, at the age of 88.

She graduated from high school in Leicester and worked as a lens grinder for Taylor and Hobson. In 1944, she met and married Russell Rogers from Carey. In 1946, her first daughter, Beverly, was born at their home in Leicester, England. Margaret brought Beverly to Carey and was later joined by Russ. In 1947, son, David, was born in Gooding and daughter, Susan, was born in 1948 in Wendell. Margaret and her family moved from Richfield to Twin Falls in 1952, and son, Robin, was born there in 1958. They retired to the Nampa/Caldwell area in 1985.

Margaret enjoyed her Monday afternoon tea with daughter, Bev, and grandchildren. She enjoyed flowers and bowling and all the family get-togethers. For many years in Twin Falls, she came to the weekly meeting with the Britishers. She and Russ were avid travelers and they enjoyed many trips back to England.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Russ;

### Lewis H. Canine

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 Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows, 20s.  
 Tomorrow: Increasing clouds. Highs, 40s.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**  
 Today: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy. Highs, 40s.  
 Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, 20s.  
 Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs, 40s.

**TWIN FALLS: 5-DAY 10-DAY CAST**

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	A few clouds	Partly to mostly cloudy	Windy, perhaps a few light flurries	Off and on snow showers	Clouds with snow coming in late
High 45	Low 26	48 / 29	47 / 28	33 / 21	32 / 17

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Butte	36	18	0%
Coeur d'Alene	32	18	0%
Idaho Falls	32	18	0%
Jerome	32	18	0%
Lewiston	32	18	0%
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**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 There will be more clouds than anything across the high country today. The weather will likely stay dry today and Thursday as we are in between weather systems. Expect the snow to return on Friday.

**Today Highs: 34 to 41. Tonight's Lows: 18 to 22.**

**BOISE:** The rest of the work and school week looks like it will stay dry. There will, however, be more clouds on a day to day basis. On Friday, get ready for a lot of wind.

**NORTHERN UTAH**  
 The region is currently in between weather systems. Therefore, expect mainly dry weather with partly cloudy skies.

**Today Highs: 48 to 66 / 23 to 28**

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 41 Yesterday's Low: 24 Normal High/Low: 38/21 Record High: 58 in 1878 Record Low: -12 in 1878	Yesterday: 0.00" Month to Date: 0.24" Normal Month to Date: 0.28" Year to Date: 2.04" Normal Year to Date: 2.28"	Yesterday's Maximum: 74% Yesterday's Minimum: 30% Today's Maximum: 87% Today's Minimum: 50% 6-hour year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	8 pm beginning Yesterday: 30.24 in.	Today: Sunrise: 7:27 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM Thursday: Sunrise: 7:28 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM Friday: Sunrise: 7:29 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM Saturday: Sunrise: 8:00 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM Sunday: Sunrise: 8:00 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM

**Moon Phases**

Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 27	Jan 4
Full Moon	Last Day	New Moon	First Day

**Moonsrise and Moonsset**

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	47-26	47-29	48-26
Burley	43-25	43-26	43-26
Butte	43-25	43-26	43-26
Coeur d'Alene	37-22	38-21	38-21
Idaho Falls	43-25	43-26	43-26
Jerome	43-25	43-26	43-26
Lewiston	43-25	43-26	43-26
Malta	43-25	43-26	43-26
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Twin Falls	43-25	43-26	43-26
Walters	43-25	43-26	43-26
Wendover	43-25	43-26	43-26
Wyco	43-25	43-26	43-26

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Alaska	68-70	68-70
Alma	68-70	68-70
Anchorage	70-48	68-47
Barrow	84-66	84-66
Bethel	35-17	32-21
Chena	37-22	35-24
Delta	75-60	73-68
Edna	37-22	35-24
Elmendorf	75-60	73-68
Empire	37-22	35-24
Galena	37-22	35-24
Healy	37-22	35-24
Kenai	37-22	35-24
King Kong	72-50	70-58
Kotzebue	80-62	78-64
Manley	37-22	35-24
Meridian	77-57	75-65
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North Star	37-22	35-24
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Redoubt	37-22	35-24
St. Lawrence	37-22	35-24
St. Michael	37-22	35-24
Thule	37-22	35-24
Wainwright	37-22	35-24
Wendover	37-22	35-24
Witvoort	37-22	35-24

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**

**MORRIS MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
 "Push forward on what you can do, because that's what you cannot do."  
 - Morris M. Middlekauff

**AROUND THE STATE**

**BOISE**  
**Coroner: Man crushed in paper bale was drunk**

BOISE — Autopsy reports show a 51-year-old homeless man was very drunk when he

was crushed to death in a bale of newspapers. Authorities said Terrance Fitzpatrick was likely trying to stay warm when he climbed inside a large trash bin the first week of November. His autopsy showed he had a blood alcohol content of 0.28 — more than three times the legal driving limit in Idaho — when he was crushed inside a 1,500-pound bale of news-

paper at a recycling center in Garden City on Nov. 7. Dr. Lee Binion with Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center said that amount of alcohol intoxication would likely lead to unconsciousness for a light drinker, but not for a heavy drinker or chronic alcoholic. Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg said last month that the autopsy showed no evidence of any drug play.

**N A M P A**  
**Governor mulls 2 dozen names to replace Risch**

NAMP — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is considering as many as two dozen people as possible replacements for Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, who will be sworn in next month as Idaho's new U.S. senator. Risch was elected in November to replace outgoing Sen. Larry Craig. Otter must appoint his replacement. Otter hasn't publicly announced his candidate list, but has spoken with state Sens. John McGee, R-Caldwell, and Brad Little, R-Ermet. In addition, Senate President Pro Tem Bob Goddes, R-Soda Springs, has said he'd take the job if asked, while House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, con-

firmed he's in the running, too. Cella Gould, a former state lawmaker who now runs the Department of Agriculture, has withdrawn her name from contention. John Hanlan, Otter's spokesman, said an announcement won't be made until Jan. 6, when Risch is officially sworn in as senator.

— The Associated Press

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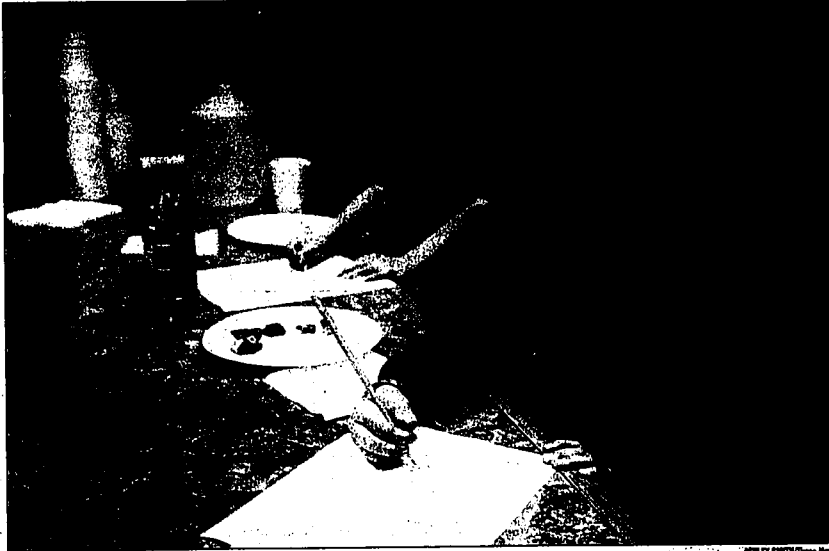
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# Cookie Conundrum



Cookie judge Lindsay Stoneberg, 8, of Twin Falls records her observations during the Dec. 1 contest at the Times-News.

## The winners:



**BEST TASTING:**  
Ron Lowe  
Rupert  
Peanut Butter  
Chocolate Chip  
Cookies



**BEST CHOCOLATE:**  
Isabella and  
Jeff Agundez  
Kimberly  
Bella Blossoms



**BEST DECORATED:**  
Amy White  
Twin Falls  
Sugar Cookies



**KIDS' CHOICE:**  
Frances  
Denamore  
Twin Falls  
Caramel  
Pecan Bars



**FEATURES DESK CHOICE:**  
Hank Verburg  
Denamore  
Twin Falls  
Caramel  
Pecan Bars



**Meet the rest of the cookie contestants on page C3.**

## Tasting panel sorts out the cookie champions

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

The sugar rush is back. On Dec. 1, 22 cookie contestants competed in the second Times-News Cookie Championship. Entries ranged from traditional frosted treats to zany mayonaisse cookies. At the end of the day only six secured honors, and we kept them secret until today.

We smoothed out a few kinks in this year's competition. Instead of making two different kinds of cookies like last year, contestants were asked to supply half a dozen cookies from their best recipe — making it easier on both contestants and judges.

And instead of awarding just one grand champion, we crowned one each in six categories: Best tasting, best decorated, most unique, best chocolate, kids' choice and features desk choice.

We asked seven locals — including former pastry chef Troy Bishop, family and consumer sciences teacher Helen Cutler, last year's Cookie Champ Grace Stukenholtz and four children of Times-News employees — to give us their takes on the baked treats.

Taylor Cooper, 11, was a tough judge. "That was pretty dry," he said after nibbling one cookie. "It might take a couple water barrels to get that out of



In the Times-News conference room, cookie judges taste little bites of 22 cookies vying for six awards. Panelists rate each cookie's appearance, taste and creativity.

my teeth." Stukenholtz, 16, was equally discerning — and eloquent. "When a cookie tastes like a shoe, you know that's something wrong," Stukenholtz said.

Praise was plentiful, too, as the panelists scored the cookies on appearance, taste and creativity. Norman Huckfeldt's chewy oatmeal cookie was a "perfect shade of cookie golden brown!" Taylor wrote on his score sheet. Taylor said Huckfeldt's cookie was one of his favorites — so good, he said, he couldn't find words to give it justice.

"It was really, uh ... it's hard to describe," he said. "I'm speechless." As the night progressed, some

Judges showed sugar fatigue. "How does Santa Claus do this every year?" Bishop moaned halfway through the sampling. Kam Sales, 7, had to drop out of the judging when his tummy started hurting, and 8-year-old Lyndsey Stoneberg got more and more hyper — much to dad Rick Stoneberg's chagrin.

"It's gonna be a long night," he said as his daughter bounced in her seat. At the end of the night, the judges left with full bellies and crumbs on their aprons. We tallied the results to find their choices for the best cookies in southern Idaho.

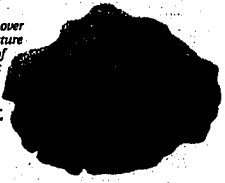
Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

## The recipes:

### BEST TASTING: PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATE CHIP

Ron Lowe, Rupert. This simple cookie won over the judges with its soft texture and perfect combination of chocolate chips and sweet peanut butter. Grace Stukenholtz described it as "a peanut buttery, chocolatey utopia in my mouth."

- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups flour



1 (12-ounce) bag chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together in medium bowl. Form into cookies. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes.

### BEST DECORATED: EGGNOG SUGAR COOKIES

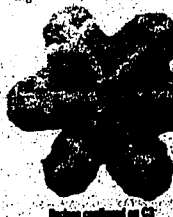
Jean Nodacker, Buhl. Nodacker's expertly designed cookies tasted as good as they looked. For a fun alternative, drizzle with tinted white chocolate, Nodacker said.

- For the cookies:
- 1/2 cup butter-flavored Crisco
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup eggnog
- 1/4 teaspoon eggnog flavoring

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

For the buttercream frosting:  
1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup butter  
4 cups powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 tablespoons water  
2 tablespoons light corn syrup

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Blend shortening, eggs, sugar, eggnog and flavoring. In separate bowl, combine dry ingredients and stir into wet mixture. Roll out dough on floured board and cut into shapes. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for 8 minutes or until done.



Recipe continued on C3

## The cookie judges:



Lindsay Stoneberg, 8  
Twin Falls  
Favorite kind of cookie: Sugar



Kari Solms, 7  
Twin Falls  
Favorite kind of cookie: The sugar kind of one.



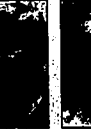
Taylor Cooper, 11  
Twin Falls  
Favorite kind of cookie: Sugar



Troy Bishop, former pastry chef  
Twin Falls  
Favorite kind of cookie: White chocolate macadamia nut



Grace Stukenholtz, 2007 Cookie Champ  
Kimberly  
Favorite kind of cookie: Peanut butter



Helen Cutler, family and consumer sciences teacher  
Twin Falls  
Favorite kind of cookie: Gingerbread



Sydney Cooper, 8  
Twin Falls  
Favorite kind of cookie: Chocolate chip



# Cocktails:

## Nothing succeeds like simplicity

By Jason Wilson  
Special to The Washington Post

I'm a pretty lazy person at heart.

And laziness often overtakes me at inopportune moments. A few evenings ago, I was leafing through a new book called "Artisanal Cocktails" by Scott Beattie, formerly of Cyrus Restaurant in Sonoma County, Calif., and one of the nation's most innovative bartenders. This gorgeous book is full of good information on such matters as the importance of using freshly squeezed fruit juices, top-quality mixers and perfect ice cubes, and it offers a range of tips on such things as salting glass rims and making garnishes and syrups.

"My hope with these recipes is to inspire," Beattie writes. "In attempting to add more drama to my cocktails, I've added foams, dehydrated fruit, and pickled and candied treats, along with fresh herbs and edible flowers. And instead of muddling whole fresh herbs in the bottom of the mixing glass, I sometimes chop them into a chiffonade."

Some evenings (and this was one of them) I am so burned out and tired that I do not want to muddle, let alone chop anything into a chiffonade. But the book's drink photography was so stunning that I took a closer look. Bring on the inspiration!

One of the first recipes I turned to was the Lotus Potion. To make one I would need: mandarin orange blossom vodka; regular vodka; freshly squeezed orange juice; freshly squeezed Meyer lemon juice; orange blossom separating recipe for Chinese five-spice syrup involving anise pods, fennel seeds, a cinnamon stick, whole cloves, honey and Szechuan peppercorns; another recipe for an orange blossom syrup to stabilize for 24 hours in advance; yet another recipe for Crispy Lotus Root Chips that involves a vanilla bean that must be split and placed in sugar for 24 hours as they dry; and a recipe for a citrus cocktail. Simple, but can take 36 hours. Finally, rosemary blossoms or other edible purple flowers, for garnish.

"Whoa. Eyes glazed over. Closed book. Grabbed highball glasses and filled with ice cubes. Grabbed spirit (in this case, blanco tequila). Grabbed soda (in this case, Izze Sparkling Grapefruit). Poured both liquids into highball glass. One plus one equals cocktail. Sang in easy chair. ... Enjoyed immensely."

Yes, folks, sometimes it's that easy. To be fair, I made this one a little more advanced by taking the standard steps of salting the rim of my glass and slicing off a wedge of lime to add to the drink, which I'm calling the E-Z Paloma.

I have a sneaking suspicion that there are a lot of people like me out there, mainly because I am always getting e-mails from readers asking for simpler, time-saving cocktails so they're not stuck playing bartender all night. Beyond making a punch in advance, I usually suggest the wonderful simplicity of choosing a nice spirit and matching it with a nice soda or tonic. There is something very appealing — to both server and drinker — about the simple mix of booze, effervescence and a slice of citrus.

Even Beattie nods to that impulse in "Artisanal Cocktails" with recipes for such drinks as the Cuba Libre, in which he calls for Mexican-formula Coca-Cola (vastly superior to our high-fructose corn syrup version) to be mixed with the rum and lime. He also has a recipe for a gin and tonic that calls for the excellent Fever Tree artisan tonic water. Both are nice places to start for the gracious-host-but-lazy-bartender.

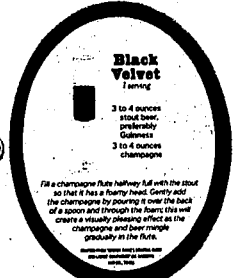
My lazy-bartender plan



**E-Z Paloma**  
Levering

1/2 ounce blanco tequila  
2 to 4 ounces pink grapefruit juice, preferably IZZE brand  
1 lime wedge, for garnish

Salt the rim of a highball glass, then fill the glass with ice. Add the tequila and grapefruit juice. Stir gently. Garnish with the lime wedge.



**Black Velvet**  
Levering

3 to 4 ounces stout beer  
1 lemon half  
3 to 4 ounces champagne

Fill a champagne flute halfway. Fill the stout so that it has a hearty head. Gently add the champagne by pouring it over the back of a spoon and through the foam. Stir will create a foamy head. Repeat until the champagne and stout are gradually in the flute.



**Campari Aranciata**  
Levering

1/2 ounce Campari  
2 to 3 ounces Italian orange soda, preferably San Pellegrino Aranciata  
1 round, thin orange slice, for garnish

Fill a highball glass with ice. Add the Campari and orange soda. Stir gently. Garnish with the slice of orange.



**Vertigo**  
Levering

1/2 ounce Averna  
4 ounces ginger beer  
1 lemon half  
1 round, thin slice of lime

Fill a highball glass with ice. Add the ginger beer, then place a fine-mesh strainer over the glass and pour in the Averna (this should be about 1/2 ounce). Pour the Averna on top. Garnish with the slice of lime.

requires you only to open two bottles and pour them into an ice-filled highball glass. The real trick lies in brainstorming new and interesting combinations of those bottles. You want to surprise your guests, but you don't want to, say, spend 36 hours dehydrating lotus roots. In the past, I've suggested pairing a big red wine, such as Rioja, with Coca-Cola, in the classic Spanish Calimocho.

Last year I suggested a rum and tonic. Instead of the standard gin and tonic. This year I'm offering another easy

twist to the gin and tonic. Before pouring in the tonic, add about four dashes of Angostura bitters, and voilà! A Pink Gin and Tonic.

A great place to turn for interesting mixers is Italian sodas such as San Pellegrino's Aranciata (orange soda), Limonata (lemon soda) or Chinotto, a strange, brown, bitter orange soda. Aranciata classically pairs with Campari or Aperol, and is a standard aperitivo ingredient in Italian bars. Chinotto, which has been getting more attention lately in cocktail circles, mixes well

with tequila or apple brandy and a slice of orange.

Ginger beer, rather than ginger ale, is another secret ingredient of the lazy bartender. It works well with rum in the Dark and Stormy, and I've been seeing it paired with Italian amari such as Averna. In fact, if you're willing to take the extra step of squeezing half a lemon in with the ginger beer and then adding the Averna, you can make a delicious Vertigo.

Beyond sodas and tonics, one of my favorite holiday cheats is the Black Velvet, a mix of stout beer (usually Guinness) and champagne (not expensive). Fill a champagne flute halfway with stout and then, very gently over a spoon, pour in the champagne. The visual effect of the bubbly mingling with the stout will be lovely. Your family and friends will be transfixed. They will admire and praise you; they will, technically.

Which is good. That means you've distracted them just long enough so they won't figure out how lazy you really are.



**Pink Gin and Tonic**  
Levering

Ice  
2 ounces gin, preferably Plymouth brand  
4 dashes Angostura bitters  
Tonic water  
1 lemon wedge, for garnish

Fill a highball glass with ice. Add the gin and bitters, then top with tonic water and stir gently. Garnish with the lemon wedge.



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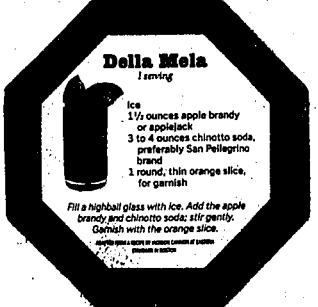
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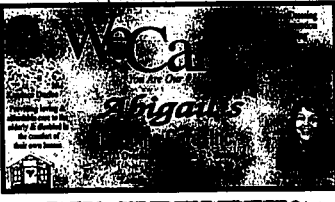
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**Della Mola**  
Levering

Ice  
1 1/2 ounces apple brandy or applejack  
3 to 4 ounces chinotto soda, preferably San Pellegrino brand  
1 round, thin orange slice, for garnish

Fill a highball glass with ice. Add the apple brandy and chinotto soda; stir gently. Garnish with the orange slice.



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# The other cookie contestants: Recipes



**Diane Brooks**  
Twin Falls  
Double Chocolate Drops



**Norman Huckfeldt**  
Twin Falls  
Norman's Chewy Oatmeal Cookies



**Sherry Phillips**  
Shoshone  
Grandma Betty's Mayo Cookies



**Sandra Kennedy and Holly McDevitt**  
(not pictured)  
Buhl  
Holly's Chocolate-Covered Cherries



**Teri Reid**  
Filer  
Spiced Wassail Cookies



**Jeff Castro**  
Twin Falls  
Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies



**Roslyn Kinley**  
Twin Falls  
Potato Chip Cookies



**Amanda Revels**  
Wendell  
Cinnamon Vanilla Sugar Cookies



**Charissa Chappell**  
Twin Falls  
Charissa's Caramel Chocolate Cookies



**Julie Lynch**  
Wendell  
Cowboy Cookies



**Martha Roberts**  
Twin Falls  
Chocolate Caramel Cookies



**Charisay Chappell**  
Twin Falls  
Ultimate Chocolate Chip Cookies



**Shelley McCuan and Emma Brulotte**  
Twin Falls  
Gingersnaps



**Kathy Ugaldé**  
Twin Falls  
Ranger Cookies



**Linda Foreman**  
Twin Falls  
Sugar Plum Cookies



**Kathleen McCurdy**  
Twin Falls  
Chocolate Winter Delights



**Jeff and Isabella Agundez**  
Kimberly  
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## MOST UNIQUE: STROOP Waffles

Hank Verburg and Ben Hamlett, Hagerman

This traditional Dutch cookie won praise from the judges for its fun design and delicious filling. The cookie requires a pizzelle maker or a stroopwafel iron.

**For the cookie:**  
8 cups flour  
2 cups brown sugar  
3 packages yeast (not quick rise)  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon cinnamon  
2 cups butter  
1 tablespoon dark Karo syrup

**For the filling:**  
1/2 cup butter  
1 pint dark Karo syrup  
1 pound brown sugar  
1 tablespoon cinnamon

**For the cookie:** Combine all dry ingredients and mix well. Add butter and syrup and work all ingredients together, making sure to knead, and mix well. Form 1-inch balls and place on a plate. Place plate with towel covering in warm room for two hours.

**For the filling:** Melt all ingredients together on stove. Remove from heat, but keep warm.

**For assembly:** Place balls in pizzelle maker and brown. Allow to cool slightly, then slice in half and spread filling between halves.

## BEST CHOCOLATE: BELLA BLOSSOMS

Jeff and Isabella Agundez, Kimberly

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2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup Hershey's cocoa  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 1/4 cups margarine  
2 cups Splenda  
2 eggs  
3 teaspoons vanilla  
1 package Reese's peanut butter chips  
1 package Hershey's chocolate peanut butter Kisses

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt. In separate bowl, beat margarine and Splenda with a mixer until fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Gradually add flour mixture. Stir in peanut butter chips. Form into cookies and place on ungreased cooking sheet. Bake for 7 minutes. Immediately place Kisses in center of hot cookie, then place on cooling rack.

## KIDS' CHOICE: SUGAR COOKIES

Amy White, Twin Falls  
It's no wonder a sugar cookie won over the children. More than half of them listed the traditional treat as their favorite kind of cookie. White's classic rendering is simple, sweet and soft — perfect for a late-night offering for Santa on Christmas Eve.

1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 cup butter, room temperature  
1 cup sour cream  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
4 1/2 cups flour

**For the frosting:**  
1 pound powdered sugar  
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese

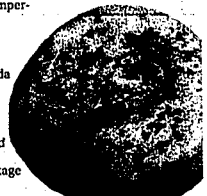
1/2 cup butter, room temperature  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Food coloring (optional)  
Sprinkles (optional)

For the cookies: Cream together butter and sugar in a large bowl. Add sour cream, egg and vanilla. Continue mixing until well blended.


Add dry ingredients to a medium bowl and stir lightly until mixed. Add flour mixture to butter mixture one cup at a time until all ingredients are well incorporated. Refrigerate dough a minimum of one hour.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness and cut out cookies. Place cookies on greased sheet. Bake for 5 minutes.


For the frosting: Beat all ingredients until well blended and there are no lumps. Add food coloring if desired. Spread frosting on cooled cookies and top with sprinkles if desired.



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Frances Densmore, Twin Falls  
Editor Virginia Hutchins and writer Melissa Davlin enjoyed this cookie bar's combination of sweet and nutty. The cookie would pair perfectly with coffee, Hutchins speculated.

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar, divided  
1 1/4 cups room-temperature butter, divided  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1 1/2 cups chocolate chips


Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Blend together flour, 1 cup of brown sugar and 1/2 cup of butter until particles are fine crumbs. Pat mixture into bottom of ungreased 9-by-13-inch glass pan. Spread pecans over mixture.

Put the remaining butter, brown sugar and vanilla extract into a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil and cook for one minute, stirring constantly.

Drizzle mixture over crust and pecans. Bake for 20 minutes.


Remove from oven and sprinkle the top with chocolate chips. When the chips have melted, spread them evenly over the crust with a spatula. Cut into squares when chocolate is hard.

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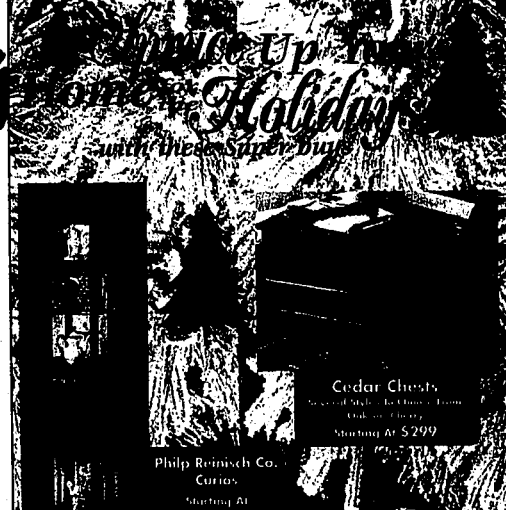
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# Chicken dinner in 35 minutes

The Washington Post

The perennial search for good, fast chicken almost inevitably ends at the front of the bird. This time, look a little farther toward the thigh: meaty, moister and more flavorful than the average boneless breast will ever be.

Here, Jacques Pepin cooks thighs skin side down in a nonstick skillet to ensure crispness, and yields a few judicious cuts of the knife to promote quicker cooking. In his new cookbook, he writes that "portions are relatively small, but within the context of a full menu, this is enough meat."

The flavor of the wine is prominent, so make sure the wine you use is one you like to drink. Serve with a green salad.

Adapted from "Jacques Pepin: More Fast Food My Way" (Houghton Mifflin, 2008).

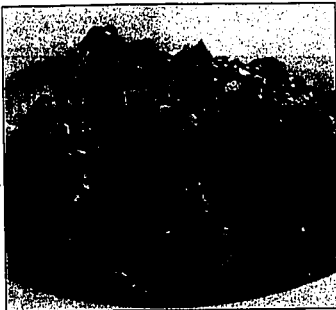
## CRUSTY CHICKEN THIGHS WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE

4 servings

4 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs (about 1 3/4 pounds total)

- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 small onion
- 2 to 3 large cloves garlic
- 10 ounces baby bella or white mushrooms
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 6 to 8 chives, for garnish

Preheat the oven to 150 degrees (or 170, if that is the



Tom Houghlin, from "Jacques Pepin: More Fast Food My Way" (Houghton Mifflin, 2008)

lowest temperature). Have ready an ovenproof platter and 4 heatproof dinner plates.

Place the chicken thighs skin side down on a cutting board. Use a sharp paring knife to trim away any excess skin and fat at the edges. Cut a slit about 1/2 inch deep into the flesh on either side of the thighbone to help the meat cook faster.

Use 1/2 teaspoon each of the salt and pepper to season the thighs all over. Arrange them skin side down in one layer in a nonstick skillet with a tight-fitting lid, then place the skillet over high heat. When the thighs start to sizzle, reduce the heat to medium, cover tightly and cook for 16 to 18 minutes, checking occasionally to make sure they are browning properly. If the chicken seems to be

cooking too fast after 10 minutes or so, reduce the heat to low. The skin of the chicken should be very crisp and brown. Transfer the thighs skin side up to the platter and place in the oven, along with the stack of plates.

While the chicken is cooking, cut the onion into 1/4-inch dice to yield 1 cup. Coarsely chop the garlic to yield 1 1/2 tablespoons. Wash and trim the mushrooms, wipe them dry and cut them into 1/2-inch dice. Slop or trim enough chives to yield 1 tablespoon; reserve for a garnish.


Discard all but 2 tablespoons of fat from the skillet in which you cooked the chicken. Add the onion, garlic and mushrooms, stirring to combine; cook over high heat, stirring frequently, for about 3 minutes. Sprinkle

the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper over the mixture, then add the wine and any liquid that has accumulated around the thighs on the platter. Cook over high heat for about 1 minute, to reduce the liquid.

To serve, divide the mushroom sauce among the warmed dinner plates. Place a thigh in the middle of the sauce on each plate, and sprinkle the chives on top.

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# Enjoy this tart fresh from the oven

From Stephanie Witt Sedgwick Special to The Washington Post

Here, kale is used in a tart in much the same way spinach would be. Feta balances its strong flavor. The tart is wonderful just out of the oven or reheated the next day. After that, the taste of the cooked kale becomes a little strong.

## FETA AND KALE TART

Makes one 9-inch tart (8 servings)

- 1 unbaked pie crust (for a 9-inch pie)
- 8 ounces curly kale (tough stems discarded), rinsed well
- 1 to 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 medium onion, cut into 1/4-inch dice (1/2 cup)
- Salt:
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped dill
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 3 large eggs, plus 1 egg yolk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup whole or 2 percent milk
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

4 ounces (1 cup) crumbled feta cheese

Roll out the single-crust pie dough; press it into a 9-inch pie plate, a tart pan or a springform pan with a removable bottom. Refrigerate until ready to fill. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the kale and cook for 30 seconds, then immediately drain the kale into a colander. Squeeze out as much water as possible. As soon as the kale is cool enough to handle, coarsely chop it and set it aside; there should be 1 cup.

Add just enough oil to lightly coat the bottom of a medium skillet. Heat over medium-high heat, then add the diced onion. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until the onion softens. Add the chopped kale and a pinch of salt; cook for 1 to 4 minutes or until the excess moisture has evaporated. Remove from the heat, then add the dill and parsley, stirring to combine.

Whisk the eggs and egg yolk together in a large mixing bowl, then add the cream and stir to incorporate.

Combine the cornstarch

and milk in a measuring cup, stirring to mix well, then add it to the egg-cream mixture in the bowl. Add pepper to taste and the nutmeg; whisking to combine.

Scatter the kale-onion mixture over the prepared pie dough, then evenly distribute the crumbled feta over the vegetable mixture. Pour the egg mixture on top.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes, until the tart is set and the crust is lightly browned. Let it sit for 15 minutes before serving.

Per serving (using whole milk): 276 calories, 7 g protein, 20 g carbohydrates, 19 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 135 mg cholesterol, 338 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber.

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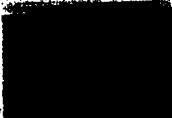
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# Dinner in 25 minutes: A fine catch

By Bonnie S. Bewick  
The Washington Post

Even fish benefits from fall's signature fruit, and this quick dish works well with almost any kind of white-fleshed fish.

Sauce-wise, there are two ways to go: Use the reduction of sparkling cider and optional apple brandy, or swirl in creme fraiche or a few tablespoons of butter just before serving (and off the heat).

Serve with steamed green beans or new potatoes. Wine columnist Dave McIntyre suggests pouring a glass of a Sipp Mack 2004 Grand Cru Josacker Riesling from Alsace or a Winzer von Erbach 2007 Riesling from the Rheingau region of Germany. Adapted from "Cider: Hard & Sweet," by Ben Watson (Countryman Press, 2008).

## FISH POACHED IN CIDER

4 servings

2 to 3 shallots (may substitute 1/4 small onion)  
5 ounces mushrooms, such as portobello, button or cremini

1 1/2 to 2 pounds white-fleshed fish fillets, such as black cod, line-caught haddock, Pacific halibut or U.S. farm-raised tilapia  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus an optional 2 tablespoons for swirling in at the end

Salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1 cup dry sparkling hard cider

1/4 cup apple brandy, such as Calvados or applejack (optional)  
3/4 cup creme fraiche (optional)

Peel and mince the shallots; there should be 2 to 3 tablespoons' worth.  
Stem and wash the mushrooms, then coarsely chop;



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there should be 1/2 to 3/4 cup.

Cut the fish into 2 or 4 equally sized pieces, if necessary, so that they fit comfortably in a large skillet.

Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet, preferably nonstick, over medium-low heat. When it is foamy, add the shallots and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 to 7 minutes, until they are translucent.

Season the fish lightly on both sides with salt and pepper. Arrange the fish pieces in the skillet in a single layer. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes, then add the mushrooms, stirring to combine. Add the cider and apple brandy, if using; increase the heat to medium or medium-high so that bubbles appear at the edges of the skillet. Cover and cook for 8 to 10 minutes; turn the fish pieces over halfway through, if desired.

Transfer the fish to a deep serving dish to keep warm, leaving the liquid in the skillet. Increase the heat to medium-high, if needed; cook uncovered for 2 to 3 minutes to reduce the sauce slightly. Taste and adjust the seasoning as necessary.

(At this point, if you want

to make a richer sauce, remove the skillet from the heat. Add the creme fraiche or butter and stir to incorporate.)

Spoon the sauce over fish. Serve immediately, at the table.

Per serving (with sauce reduction): 191 calories, 32 g

protein, 12 g carbohydrates, 1 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 73 mg cholesterol, 134 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber.  
Per serving (with creme fraiche): 281 calories, 33 g protein, 14 g carbohydrates, 9 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 103 mg cholesterol, 149 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber.

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## Minico takes down No. 1 Jerome

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

Minico upset the previously unbeatn and No. 1-ranked Jerome Tigers 39-30 Tuesday in Rupert.

In handing Jerome (10-1, 2-1 Great Basin Conference West) its first loss of the season, the Spartans improve to 4-4 overall, but more importantly move to the top of the GBW standings with a 2-0 league mark.

Spartan junior guards Kelli Kindig and Tiffani Browning held Aubree Callen, Jerome's leading scorer, to a season-low four points. Minico coach Joe D. Shepard calls Kindig and Browning his "bird dogs."

"We played hard D," said Browning. "We knew that (Callen) is their best player and to hold her to four points is exciting."

Added Kindig: "We knew they were the team to beat. I'm not really sure what 'bird dog' means.

It's something Coach came up with. I guess it means we follow Callen everywhere like retrievers. So that we could defensively shut her down."

Minico controlled the tempo with a slow, methodical offensive game plan. Each time down the floor, the Spartans would stall by passing the ball around the perimeter for 30 seconds before running an offensive play. Last Garner led Minico with 13 points.

"Minico had a good game plan. They shortened the game," said Jerome coach Brent Clark.

As for Minico's defensive effort on Callen, Clark said, "We couldn't put the ball in the hole. We've seen a box-and-one before, but we've just got to get better executing offensively against a box-and-one."

Minico's slow-it-down mentality seemed doomed in the first quarter when Jerome raced out to an 8-0 lead, forcing Shepard to call timeout.

"We got a little nervous," said Garner of Minico's early deficit. "Coach got after us a little bit. I think it focused our mindset, that we knew we had to pick it up or it was going to be a blowout."

Garner connected on four straight buckets to start the second quarter and Tianna Stimpson nailed a 3-pointer at the first-half buzzer to give Minico a 17-15 lead. For Minico, it was quality over quantity. The Spartans threw up half as many shots as Jerome (22 attempts for Minico, 41 for Jerome), but the Spartans made 68 percent of their shots to Jerome's 34 percent. The Tigers were 0-for-18 from beyond the arc.

"This win is a turning point for us. It kind of pushed the door open because we had been struggling a little bit," said Garner. "Playing the No. 1 team, we knew we had to step it up and we knew we could do it."

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Minico's Luci Garner looks to pass out of Jerome's double team of Aubree Callen, right, and Jordann Hollifield during Tuesday's girls basketball game in Rupert. Minico won 39-30.

RYAN HOWE/Times-News

## Jenkins jumper lifts Declo over Wendell

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

Declo's 70-69 victory Tuesday night at Wendell was a tale of redemption and opportunism hidden inside the wrapping paper of a boys basketball game.

Jeremy Jenkins, a do-everything junior for the Hornets (3-0), let a pass from Connor Garner go through his hands with about 10 seconds left and his team down by 1. He scrambled for the loose ball and tied the game. His counterpart, then made sure his 11th point would be the most precious as he sunk the decisive 9-foot jumper on the ensuing inbound play, another pass from Garner, with just 3 seconds to go.

"I was just really mad at myself that I missed the earlier pass from Connor, and I was glad that I got that last shot to go in," Jenkins said. "I noticed that (defender Gary) Koopman was facing me up, so I knew I could go to the basket a bit more and one was there."

Garner, a senior guard, missed out on most of the first three quarters, saddled with foul trouble. But in the fourth he scored eight points, including six straight to give Declo a 1-point lead with midway through the fourth quarter. He finished with 13 points in the game.

"I knew I needed to hit those shots, to get my team back into the game," said Garner, noting that Wendell (1-3) seemed in control despite holding to a narrow advantage. "I played really badly in the first half, and made some bad fouls."

Then there was Jared Erickson, who scored 15 points and though he only pulled down six rebounds, it

seemed like every one of them came at a pivotal moment in the ebb and flow of the game.

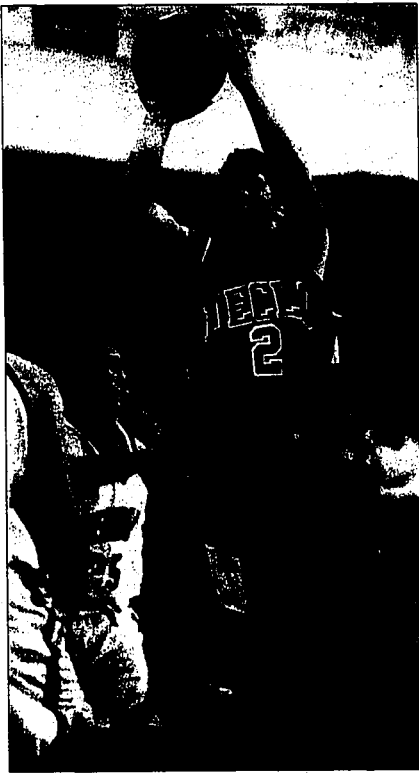
For the Trojans, there was the recovery of a sluggish start without normal point guard Jordan Koopman, who aggravated an ankle injury sustained during the football season during Saturday night's loss to Richfield. Koopman helped redeem the game, sinking four 3-pointers and finishing with a game-high 17 points. Nolan Stouder and John Campbell both scored 16.

But the trio couldn't overcome a couple of potentially crippling mistakes combined with the naivety of inexperience.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Garner slashed to the basket and appeared to bowl over Wendell defender Nathan Ormond for a charge. It would have been his fifth foul, but instead a block was called. The Wendell bench argued, to no avail, and was issued a technical foul. Instead of the Trojans being up 5 with the ball, they were soon down 1.

Then with less than a minute to go, Wendell coach Ryan Jarvis mistakenly pulled his offensive rebounders out of the lane on the front end of a 1-and-1, thinking it was a 2-shot situation. Keith Mowery missed that shot, and Declo rebounded easily to set the stage for the game's climax.

"You know, yes, (the technical foul) got them back within two with the ball, but we still carried the lead the rest of the way. And the (foul-shot error) was something we would have done on the second shot anyway," Jarvis said. "But I think we relaxed on the final play and weren't paying attention to what was going on. I would have hoped for a deflection



Declo senior Tucker Eager (2) takes a shot Tuesday night during their game with Wendell.

on the pass to let time run out." Declo's redemption was immediate. Wendell's, Jarvis hopes, will unfold down the road.

"Learning how to win is a hard, hard thing to do and the kids got a

taste of what could have been tonight. Now they know that it takes 32 minutes of concentration ... that on the last play of the game they

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## Bruins, Senators clash for first meeting on the mat

By Bradley Gair  
Times-News writer

The Gooding wrestling squad opened the season at home Tuesday with Twin Falls and the Senators held their own against the Class 5A Bruins.

The Bruins won 54-27 in team points but had the advantage of five forfeits for 30 points. Accounting for actual matches, the Senators edged the Bruins 27-20.

Twin Falls and Gooding earned four pin-falls each.

Gooding's Derek Christiansen built a 7-0 lead on Brady Barton in the 152-pound match after two periods and eventually got the decision, 8-2. He said he got a little tired during the third period, allowing Barton a two-point reversal.

"We talked about determination and having the heart to win," he said. "Coach said I had to find it inside me to finish."

Christiansen was one of two Gooding wrestlers to



Derek Christiansen



Zak Stouder

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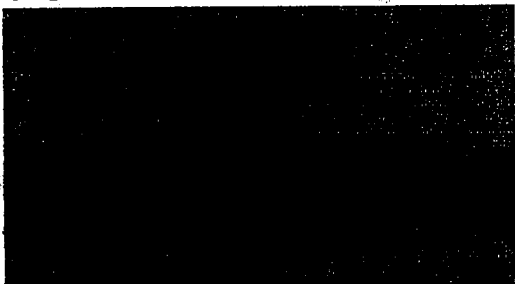
## Kimberly grapplers aiming for improved season

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

Wrestling is all about the process, all about what it takes to get better.

For area wrestlers, the process has begun, and for Kimberly the getting better means building upon a second-place finish at the District IV meet last season and try to take the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference championship for itself.

The Bulldogs return seven wrestlers who reached the state meet last season, plus Hansen's Kolin Kenney — who wrestles for Kimberly during the season but for Hansen at district and state. None of the



wrestlers placed at the state meet last season, but experi-

ence still abounds, particularly with a senior class that's

10 members strong.

"We are returning most of

our starting lineup from last season, so most of our kids have at least one year of varsity experience," said Kimberly coach Troy Palmer. "Our senior class is pretty big ... they have been wrestling together for a number of years and are pretty strong leaders."

Chandler Holcomb, Adam Perry, Nolan Ward, Nate Young, Evan Albright, Braxton Altom and Jangle Folk are the returners who will have to help fill the void left by Tucker Mulberry, who graduated after taking fourth at the 130-pound level at the state meet last year.

But continuity has been key, and with Palmer entering his 18th year of coaching,

the status quo can be expected.

"Most of our kids have been in the program for a number of years," Palmer said. "They know what we do and how we do things. Some of them are starting to see their work in the weight room pay off."

One of the problems for Kimberly is that while its roster is pretty well-stocked, there seems to be a lot of similar athletes.

"We have average numbers as far as wrestlers go, but nearly half of them are in three or four (of the 14) weight classes," Palmer said. "In order for us to compete

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# K-Rod to Mets; Wood appears headed to Indians

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Francisco Rodriguez became the first top-tier free agent to reach an agreement when he decided to join the New York Mets, and Kerry Wood was on the verge of striking a deal with the Cleveland Indians at the winter meetings.

Coming off a record 82 saves for the Los Angeles Angels, Rodriguez reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday on a \$37 million, three-year contract with the Mets, desperate for bullpen help. The sides still have to work out a written agreement and the pitcher must pass a physical, two people familiar with the negotiations said Tuesday. They spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the contract had not yet been completed.

"He's pretty special," said Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre, familiar with K-Rod from his days managing the New York Yankees. "You get tired of looking at him in October. I mean, he had a lot of success against us and he's certainly that dominant guy out there, and he's very durable."

Rodriguez's deal is unlikely to be finalized before next week. The Mets wouldn't comment publicly on it.

"K-Rod's got very good stuff and he knows how to pitch," Yankees manager Joe Girard said. "How a guy reacts in a situation, you never know, but you would think that he'll continue to be very successful."

Cleveland was closing in on a two-year contract with Wood, the former Chicago Cubs starter-turned-reliever,

a person familiar with that deal said on condition of anonymity because the sides still were working through details. Wood, who had had numerous injury problems in the past, also needs to pass a physical before the deal can be completed.

Other high-profile free agents are taking longer to determine their market value. A.J. Burnett and Derek Lowe likely will wait for CC Sabathia to make a decision. Mark Teixeira and Manny Ramirez also could become lengthy negotiators.

"We're just wanting to see what happens with Teixeira and Sabathia," Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia said, strolling casually in the Bellagio lobby.

In the second trade of the four-day session, the

Cincinnati Reds acquired center Ramon Hernandez, and cash from the Baltimore Orioles for utilityman Ryan Freel and two minor leaguers.

"Ramon is a guy we put high on our list and stayed with it," Reds general manager Walt Jocketty said. "We set our offseason objectives and one of the big things for us was to try to acquire a quality catcher. We felt there was something that we were lacking last year."

The Dodgers reached a \$17.5 million, three-year agreement with third baseman Casey Blake and a preliminary one-year deal with infielder Mark Loretta, pending a physical.

The offseason, teams are being more cautious about spending money on players, causing agents to

play a waiting game to determine whether prices will go up.

"I would suspect that it has mostly to do with the economy and both sides trying to gauge what impact that should have on the market," San Diego Padres chief executive officer Paddy Alderson said. "We are more mindful of the economy than we have been in the past."

Sabathia told Dodgers general manager Ed Colletti on Monday that he wants to join Los Angeles, and Torre called the lefty "the pearl," saying his statement "ceases you."

The Yankees offered Sabathia a six-year contract for about \$140 million on record for a pitcher, but he may prefer to avoid New York's fishbowl atmosphere.

"It didn't impact me until I was there a few years to

watch. Just players change from what you thought they were to, you know, what they became in New York," Torre said. "They weren't as comfortable as they appeared that they would be. And that's what New York does to you."

The Yankees spoke with the agents for Burnett, saying they were prepared to exceed \$60 million over four years, and they examined the medical records of Ben Sheets.

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# Texas QB McCoy grew in to Heisman contender

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — There was a time Colt McCoy's voice cracked in the Texas huddle. Today he commands it with a hard look or a stern word if needed.

The self-described "stick figure" weighed 185 pounds soaking wet just a few years ago, when his body would break down and get tired over the course of a season. That was before he added nearly 30 pounds of muscle.

The Texas quarterback also used to live and play in the shadow of Vince Young, the Texas superstar who led the Longhorns to the 2005 national championship. That was before McCoy led Texas to the No. 1 ranking and at least had the Longhorns included in the hot debate over who should play for the title this season.

Along the way, McCoy passed Young in career victories, and just like Young in 2005, is among the favorites to win the Heisman Trophy. Some felt this once-upon-a-time skinny country kid would never be good enough to carry a water bucket, let alone be called college football's most outstanding player after that title earned his predecessor.

"He's been the heart of our offense," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "He means to this team what Vince Young



Texas quarterback Colt McCoy celebrates a touchdown pass earlier this season in Austin, Texas. There was a time when Colt McCoy's voice cracked in the Texas huddle. Today, he commands it with a hard look or a stern word if needed. Now, after adding 30 pounds of muscle, this skinny country kid is a top candidate for the Heisman Trophy.

meant to the one in 2005. McCoy's regular season ranks among the best in school history.

With 576 rushing yards, he leads the Longhorns by 200 yards and is second on the

team with 10 rushing TDs. His 3,445 yards passing and 32 touchdowns are school records, and McCoy's 77.6 percent completion rate will smash the NCAA record if he maintains it against Ohio

State in the Fiesta Bowl.

He was so good that Brown says McCoy out-tubowed Tim Tebow, Florida's 2007 Heisman winner who is also one of McCoy's rivals for the award this year.

"He's done for this team what Tim Tebow has done for Florida," Brown said. "I can't imagine a player that means more to his team than Colt does to ours."

McCoy was at his best in Texas' toughest games.

Against No. 1 Oklahoma, he rallied Texas to a 21-10 upset to a 45-35 win to get the better of Sooners quarterback Sam Bradford, another top Heisman contender.

"He beat us with his arm. He beat us with his feet," Sooners defensive tackle Gerald McCoy said.

A week later against then-No. 11 Missouri, he completed all but three of his 32 passes with two touchdowns and ran for two more. A week later against No. 8 Tennessee, he had a season-high 391 yards passing and two scores.

Even in Texas' only loss, McCoy's two TD passes rallied the Longhorns from a 19-point deficit to tie the lead with 89 seconds left before Texas Tech won on a touchdown pass from fellow Heisman contender Graham Harrell to Michael Crabtree with 1 second remaining.

# Maryland looking for fun and a victory in Boise

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Not too long ago, Maryland entertained hopes of playing in the Orange Bowl as champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Terrapins had just defeated then-No. 7 North Carolina, a comeback victory that fueled the possibility of spending the final week of the year sitting pool side in Miami before playing in a prominent BCS game.

Then came a 27-3 loss to Florida State and a 28-21 defeat at Boston College.

Forget the suntan lotion and bathing suits. Instead, the Terps (7-5) will be packing gloves, scarves and heavy coats for a trip to chilly Idaho, where they will face Nevada in the Humanitarian Bowl on Dec. 30.

"It's definitely some kind of disappointment. But you have to sleep in the bed you made deal with the consequences," center Edwin Williams said Tuesday. "At the same time, we're still going to a bowl game."

Playing in Idaho, or anywhere for that matter, beats packing up your equipment for good in November — especially for Williams and the other 29 seniors on Maryland's football team.

"I'm just happy I'm not going to be sitting at home all day," Chris Robinson, a break watching other guys play, defensive lineman Jeremy Navarre said. "You've got to take what you get. I'm happy we're still practicing, to be honest with you. That's all I really care about."

Locksley said Tuesday. "I'll be putting my personal touches on the great foundation that's already been laid."

Locksley is the fourth black head coach in the Bowl Subdivision. Asked about the low numbers of black head coaches in college football and what his hiring means, Locksley drew applause with his response. "I don't think we're late because I'm a black football coach," he said. "Hopefully, I was hired for all the work I put in. Hopefully, my success will open up doors for others that look like me."

**UIC PLAYER STILL HOSPITALIZED; INQUIRY UNDERWAY**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Central Florida administrators are questioning the teammates of a freshman football player who collapsed during workouts last week.

Brandon Davis became dehydrated while participating in a weightlifting session and was taken to Florida Hospital East with kidney failure.

He remained hospitalized Tuesday as school officials began interviewing teammates who were present at the workout. President John Hitt said he expects the findings late this week.

**WAKE FOREST'S CURRY WINS BUTKUS AWARD**

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest senior Aaron Curry has won the Butkus Award honoring the nation's top college linebacker.

Curry received 63 points in voting, finishing seven ahead of USC's Rey Maaugha, James Laurinatis from Ohio State, USC's Brian Cushing and at Boston College's Mark Herzlich rounded out the top five.

Curry finished the regular season with 101 tackles, three fumble recoveries and an interception to help the Demon Deacons reach their third straight bowl game.

**OKLAHOMA'S OC WINS BROYLES AWARD AS TOP ASSISTANT**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Oklahoma offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson has won the Broyles Award, given to the nation's top assistant coach.

The Sooners will play Florida in the BCS title game thanks to an offense that has scored at least 60 points in five straight games. Led by quarterback Sam Bradford, Oklahoma ended up with an NCAA-record 702 points this season.

The other finalists were Florida defensive coordinator Charlie Strong, Utah defensive coordinator Gary Anderson, TCU defensive coordinator Dick Pimpas and Ball State offensive coordinator Stan Parrish.

The Broyles Award is named for former Arkansas football coach Frank Broyles. More than 25 of his assistants became head coaches. They include Joe Gibbs, Jimmy Johnson and Johnny Majors.

— The Associated Press

# BYU coach: Focus on Arizona, not Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Las Vegas Bowl may have long-term feelings for No. 17 BYU, but coach Matt Mendenhall says his team has its eyes on its date, not its host.

Mendenhall said Tuesday that the Cougars are looking forward to playing Arizona, a Pac-10 team that had its first bowl game in a decade by winning last week against rival Arizona State.

"I think there's maybe an overemphasis on playing or preparing for a place that you've been before — really, the focus is on playing a team," Mendenhall said.

Mendenhall said BYU (10-2, 6-2 Mountain West Conference) is hoping to improve its reputation in college football by winning a third consecutive Las Vegas

Bowl in four straight trips.

"I'm looking at it from a much broader perspective of moving forward (as a program)," Mendenhall told The Associated Press. "History starts to build toward your side and say, 'Wait a second, maybe the perception of the league is not accurate.'"

Arizona's quarterback Willie Tuitama and coach Mike Stoops both described the Dec. 20 bowl at Sam Boyd Stadium as a reward for overcoming several tough years. Arizona (7-5, 4-4 Pac-10 Conference) had not had a winning season since 1998, when the Wildcats went 12-1 and beat Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl.

"We were able to exercise some demons that have

been lingering the last three years," Stoops said.

Beating the Sun Devils to get to the bowl game has made the difference between a successful and unsuccessful season during which Arizona has struggled with consistency, Tuitama said.

"It's just one of those things where you have to finish out games," Tuitama said.

BYU defensive lineman Jan Jorgensen said his team had to look at the game as a springboard to build momentum for next year, even though its goal at the beginning of the year was to end up in a more prestigious bowl.

BYU lost its bid for a share of the conference title when it lost to No. 7 Utah 48-24 in

its final regular season game.

The focus is on six turnovers by Cougar quarterback Max Hall, including five interceptions. BYU had won conference championships outright the previous two seasons.

"I think any team starting out a season, their goal should be to win all their football games and to make it to a BCS bowl game," Jorgensen said. "Obviously we want to be there. I'm sure if you asked Arizona that question, they'd want to be there, too. But if we're not going to be there, this is a great place to be."

The Las Vegas Bowl, now in its 17th year, is sponsored by Pioneer and has a total purse of \$1 million. ESPN will televise the game with kickoff at 6 p.m. MST.

## Mat

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weigh in at 145, but he took on the challenge of wrestling up a division.

Chance Adamson claimed one of Gooding's three pin fall victories in the 180-pound match. His opponent, Andrew Water, got the initial takedown, but Adamson reversed and got the pin with one second left in the opening round.

Brandon McBride (145), Kyle Sanders (189) and Calvin Walgarnot (285) also earned points for the Senators via pins.

Bruin wrestler Zak Sletten had the fastest match of the night, pinning Casey Pierson in 37 seconds for the 171-pound match.

"A win is always a good way to start off," he said,

"but I would have liked to go longer and get more of a workout."

Teammates Austin Quale (103), Joe Hamilton (119) and Todd Anderson (140) also won via pins.

The Bruins will travel to Jerome tonight to face Hillcrest and Bonnellville, while the Senators will host Wendell next Tuesday.

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# Economic slump causes NFL to cut staff

NEW YORK — The NFL pays its players billions of dollars a year and fans pack its stadiums every week. But even the deep-pocketed league is shedding jobs.

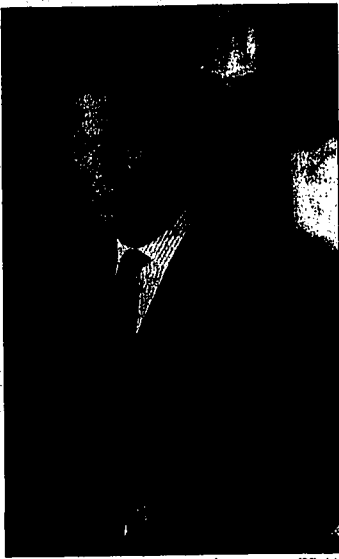
Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday that the league is cutting more than 10 percent of its staff in response to the downturn in the nation's economy that could put a dent in ticket sales for next season.

Goodell announced the cuts in a memo to league employees. The NFL is eliminating about 150 of its staff of 1,100 in New York, NFL Films in New Jersey and television and Internet production facilities in Los Angeles.

"These are difficult and painful steps," he wrote in the memo. "But they are necessary in the current economic environment. I would like to be able to report that we are immune to the troubles around us, but we are not. Properly managed, I am confident the NFL will emerge stronger, more efficient and poised to pursue long-term growth opportunities."

The NFL long has been regarded as one of the most wealthiest pro sports leagues on the planet. In September, Forbes called the NFL "the richest game" and "the strongest sport in the world." The league has revenues of approximately \$6.5 billion of which an estimated \$4.5 billion goes to players.

But now it joins the NBA, NASCAR teams and the company that runs Major League Baseball's Internet division in announcing layoffs. The NFL has laid off workers, though it is in a hiring freeze, a spokesman said Tuesday.



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## Frustrated Portis unloads on Redskins coach Zorn

WASHINGTON — Washington Redskins running back Clinton Portis unleashed a load of frustration toward rookie coach Jim Zorn on Tuesday, criticizing the coach for giving inconsis-

ent messages and flippantly calling Zorn a "genius."

Portis, in his weekly appearance on WTEM-AM radio, was still smarting from his lack of playing time in Sunday's 24-10 loss to the Baltimore Ravens, when he was removed from the game after the first series of the

second half.

"Either you feel like you need to sever ties with me — I split ties with me — but don't sit here and throw me out like I don't pay attention, like I don't know what's going on, like I'm making mistakes, like I'm the problem," Portis said. "It is what it is, bro."

Portis, third in the NFL in rushing with 1,250 yards, had only 11 carries for 32 yards Sunday. His strong start to the season — five consecutive 120-yard games from Weeks 4-8 — helped lead the Redskins to a 6-2 start, but he has barely practiced over the last few weeks because of injuries to his knee, ribs and neck. He has not missed a game but has tallied only 54 yards the last two weeks for the Redskins (7-3), who have lost four of five.

Zorn said Monday he did not use Portis for most of the second half against the Ravens because Portis' lack of practice time had finally caught up to the running back. The coach said Portis had stayed in to block too long instead of going out for a pass on some occasions in the first half.

Portis was almost derisive when asked if teams have figured out how to defend Zorn's offense after the team's hot start.

"We got a genius for a head coach, I don't know, so I'm sure he's on top of things," Portis said. "He's got everything figured out. All I can do is when he calls the plays to try and execute to the best of my ability."

## Panthers' Giants switched to night game on Dec. 21

NEW YORK — The Carolina Panthers-New York

Giants game on Dec. 21, which could impact home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs, was shifted to a night game and will be televised by NBC.

The game was moved from 11 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. under the NFL's flex scheduling policy.

The Giants (11-2) clinched the NFC East and lead the NFC South-leading Panthers (10-3) by a game. The winner would have the edge if they finish tied for the top seed by virtue of a head-to-head victory.

San Diego at Tampa Bay, scheduled to be the Sunday night game, will be played at 11 a.m. and televised by CBS. Philadelphia at Washington and Atlanta at Minnesota on Dec. 21 will move from 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. and be televised on FOX affiliates.

## Union appeals suspension, fine of \$25,000

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The NFL Players Association filed a grievance on Tuesday challenging the suspension and fine given to Plaxico Burress by the New York Giants after the receiver accidentally shot himself in a nightclub more than a week ago.

The union said that the team violated the collective bargaining agreement last week when it placed Burress on the reserve-non-football injury list, suspended him for the final four games of the regular season and fined him an additional week's salary for conduct detrimental to the team.

Placing Burress on the non-football injury list also will keep him out of the playoffs. The Giants (11-2) won

the NFC East title on Sunday. Union spokesman Carl Francis said the grievance will be heard by an arbitrator after the season ends.

## NFL upholds 3-game suspension of Jags WR Jones

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars will play the rest of the season without their leading receiver.

The NFL upheld Matt Jones' three-game suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse policy Tuesday, meaning Jones will sit out the final three games without pay.

"The league handed down the suspension in October, but Jones appealed. His hearing was last week in New York. We have received notice from the league and will move ahead accordingly," coach Jack Del Rio said in a statement released by the team. "We spoke earlier and Matt indicated to me how intent he is on putting this behind him."

## Lions fine Raolola \$7,500 for offensive gesture

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Detroit center Dominik Raolola's offensive gesture toward heckling Lions fans will cost him \$7,500.

The team announced the fine against the eight-year veteran on Tuesday, two days after Detroit fell to 0-13 with a 20-16 loss to Minnesota at Ford Field. The money will be donated to a local charity.

Lions executive vice president Tom Lewand says in a statement that the club apologizes to any fans offended by Raolola's gesture. But Raolola said Monday that he had no remorse and was tired of being a doormat.

— The Associated Press

# Williams, Stewart help surging Panthers run wild

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — While Carolina coach John Fox's offensive philosophy has always emphasized pounding the ball down the field, the Panthers have a dubious history on the ground: two 1,000-yard rushers in their first 13 years in the NFL.

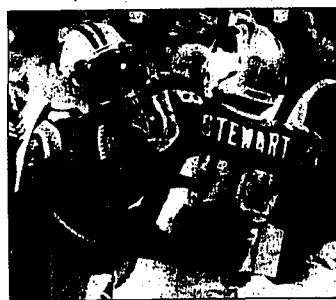
After two straight seasons out of the playoffs, Fox was determined to transform the Panthers into the ball-control, run-oriented team he's comfortable with.

Enter Smash and Dash. The named colts for the ground attack of Deangelo Williams (Dash) and Jonathan Stewart (Smash) sizzled on a national stage Monday night when Carolina (10-3) took control of the NFC South with a 30-23 win over Tampa Bay (9-4).

"Smash and Dash, they ran the ball hard," said Steve Smith, who caught nine passes for 117 yards and a touchdown but was overshadowed by the two dynamic backs. "Man, you can't say enough good things about them."

Consider all the records set while shredding the Buccaneers, who had allowed only one rushing TD in their first 12 games.

—Williams ran for a career-high and team-record 186 yards and two touch-



Carolina Panthers running backs Jonathan Stewart (28) and Deangelo Williams celebrate after Stewart's touchdown in the fourth quarter against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Charlotte, N.C. The Panthers now hope this young tandem lead them into the playoffs.

downs on 19 carries. —Stewart had 115 yards and two scores on 15 carries, making them only the sixth set of backs since 1960 to each have over 100 yards and two TDs in a game, according to STATS LLC.

—The Panthers rushed for 299 yards — including Jake Delhomme's kneeling twice for minus-2 yards to end the game. That eclipsed the team record of 284 yards set a month ago against Detroit.

—Williams surpassed that

exclusive 1,000-yard mark with a 40-yard burst in the second quarter. With 1,141 yards, he joins Stephen Davis (1,444 in 2003) and Anthony Johnson (1,120 in 1996) on Carolina's short list of running success.

With Stewart sitting on 699 yards, the Panthers have an outside chance to have only the fifth set of teammates to go over 1,000 yards in the same season.

"Both of those backs have been special for us," Fox said. "They're a big reason that

we're sitting with the record we have. They've done a perfect job."

The Panthers' bold offense moves have turned out perfect, too.

After being held under 100 yards rushing in half their games last season, the Panthers released fumble-prone DeShawn Foster and promoted Williams to

starter. They drafted Stewart with the 13th pick, and gambled by signing their 2009 first-round pick — to Philadelphia to take jumbo right tackle Jeff Otah 19th overall.

They cut two starters on the offensive line, signed right guard Keydrick Vincent, moved Jordan Gross to left tackle, Travell Wharton to

left guard and inserted Ryan Kalil at center.

That giant line wore down defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin's Buccaneers, who made the NFL's fourth-rated defense. The Panthers ran for 215 yards in the second half, including a four-play, 90-yard TD drive — all on the ground — in the fourth quarter that broke a 17-1 tie.

## Kimberly

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"We'll need to field a full team."

## GOODING SENATORS

The Senators lost 70 percent of their state meet competitors from last season. Eric Hernandez, Chris Burnett, Frisco Miralles, Blair Gerratt, Ross Koyle and David Bauman all graduated, while Derek Gerratt transferred to Valley. That leaves just Chad Koyle, Eric Chaney and Calvin Walgamott with 2008 state meet experience. Clay Robinson ascends from an assistant position to take over the reins as the head man in Gooding, and continuity in coaching despite a change could fall in the Senators' favor.

There's also freshman Brandon McBride, a 145-pounder, who is ranked No. 1 nationally in his weight class in Freestyle and Greco-Roman.

## WENDELL TROJANS

Ten starters from last year's lineup return for the Trojans' first Class 3A form. Last year Wendell finished 10th in the state at the Class 2A level, and will hope to replicate a Top 10 performance at a higher classification this season. With seasoned returners like Kevin VanLoover, Andrew Ringling, Ryan Slade and Ethan Wiberg, the Trojans may be poised to surprise this season.

**BURL INDIANS**  
Gone is Ryan Sirucek, the

"face" of Buhl's wrestling last season as he worked his way to second place in the Class 3A 160-pound state tournament bracket. The Indians have a few key returners in Blake Finney, Kurran Kelly, Chance Share, who is talented to share with.

Buhl hopes a new coach (Chris Porter) will bring some new ideas and a new level of success on the mat this season.

## FLIER WILDCATS

The Wildcats return a handful of regulars from last season, including a couple of state tournament wrestlers. Sophomore Andrew Juarez and Junior Nick Fleener will help headline a squad that has 12 of the 14 weight classes filled out.

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South Locust Mini Storage, 1911 South Locust, Twin Falls, ID 83301 will offer contents of 5 storage units to the highest bidder on site 12/22/2008 at 9:00 AM, cash only at time of sale. To be noticed by 6:01 PM 12/22/2008. Melissa Rathbun, Unit #1, 621 5th Ave. W, Twin Falls, ID 83301

PUBLISH: December 10 and 17, 2008

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

Case No: CV08-3593
A Petition to change the name of Lay Windolyn Rym, born July 12, 1990, in Los Angeles, California, residing at Rm 202, 2024 Birch, has been filed in Blaine County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Lay Windolyn Guzman. I want to change my name because my step-parent asked me to.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Ave, Unit #101, Twin Falls, Idaho, Charles W. Favcott, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

LOT 4 IN BLOCK 3 OF OAK PARK SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS, 2009, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 8 OF PLATS, PAGE 1. The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of said real property, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding encumbrances or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ANDRÉ R. ALVARADO and MAYRA ALVARADO MEDINA, Husband and Wife, Grantors, to Charles W. Favcott, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., 2007-027146, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and assigned to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 14, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-027568. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTEE IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated November 5, 2007, in the amount of \$148.00 each, for the months of August through November, 2008, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement of the loan or until the entire amount as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. All delinquent payments are now due, together with accrued interest, and any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.27% per annum from July 1, 2008, to the date of sale or reinstatement of the loan. The principal balance as of the date of the foreclosure by said Deed of Trust is \$153,356.29, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.27% per annum from July 1, 2008, to the date of sale or reinstatement of the loan. DATED THE 1st day of December, 2008. CHARLES W. FAWCOTT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 5, 2008, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission for consent to the assignment of the license for KYTL-LP, Channel 53, Twin Falls, Idaho, from Todd A. Lopes to Lopes Broadcasting of Twin Falls, LLC. KYTL-LP broadcasts from a transmitter located at Jerome Drive using 150 kW of power. Copies of the application, and any amendments, are available for public inspection during regular business hours at 1159 Falls Avenue East Suite 3, Twin Falls, ID 83301 and at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

PUBLISH: December 10, 2008

TWIN FALLS COUNTY NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 10-184529-0 SALES NO. 0420104283 A.P.N.: RPT001003265A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 2/26/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), At the entrance to the First American Title Company Building, 260 3RD Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 25, 26, 27 AND THE NORTH 1/4 SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 21 N, RANGE 30 E OF BLUE LAKES ADDITION TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED IN BOOK 8 OF PLATS, PAGE 20, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is 198 BUCHANAN STREET TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83301 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding encumbrances or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantors, to TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, as Beneficiary, dated 9/22/2005, recorded in Book 20 of Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. THE ABOVE GRANTEE IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 9/22/2005. The monthly payments for Principal, interest and Impounds (if applicable) are \$1,326.00, due per month from 9/22/2005 through 2/26/2009, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of the date of the foreclosure by said Deed of Trust is \$172,288.49, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.75% per annum from 9/22/2005, together with accrued late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. THE ABOVE GRANTEE IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 9/22/2005. THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH IS BEING ACCRUED MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due on 2/26/2009 \$3,356.00 All delinquent payments are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and expenses made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$74,298.49, together with accrued interest at 8.50% per annum from 9/22/2005, to the date of sale or reinstatement of the loan. The beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objections to any of the grounds why the sale will be allowed an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale. DATED: 10/21/2008. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Office: 910 REGIONAL TRUSTEE CORPORATION, Alloway, Oregon 97101 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Beaverton, OR 97104 Phone: (503) 340-2555 Fax Information: http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 2924457

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MINIDOKA COUNTY NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. ID-16394-C Loan No.: 7421006172 A.P.N.: RPI-23-07790-A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 1/30/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), At the entrance to the First American Title Company Building, 260 3RD Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Minidoka, Idaho, and described as follows: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 18, Part of the NE 1/4 Section 18, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 Section 18; Thence West 322 feet to the east boundary right of way of Idaho Highway 27 (Burley-Park Road); Thence North 6790 feet East 635 feet parallel to the center line of Idaho Highway R.P.C. 40 feet R.L. 1491.8; Thence at a distance of 40 feet from the center line an 8° curve left 452 feet to the East boundary of said Section 18; Thence South 651 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT the following described tracts: TRACT No. 1; Beginning at a point which is 3372 feet North 250 feet West of R.P.C. 40 feet R.L. 25.0 feet West of the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 Section 18 of Section 8, which point will be the Point of Beginning of the tract. Thence on a line bearing S09°35' West for a distance of 459 feet to the South right of way boundary line of Idaho Highway 27; Thence S 52° 52' East 127.91 feet; R.L. STA. 114-1.8; Thence at a distance of 40 feet from the center line of an 8° curve left 452 feet to the East boundary of the East boundary of said Section 18; Thence North 210 feet; Thence East 207 feet to the Point of Beginning. THE ABOVE GRANTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 60-113, IDAHO CODE, THE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE ADDRESS SOMETIMES ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY IS: 373 SOUTH 800 WEST HELENA, IDAHO. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by KRIS A. HANSEN and ROSE HANSEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantors, to TRANSITION TITLE AND ESCROW AS TRUSTEE, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. THE ABOVE GRANTEE IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust and Note dated 7/27/2004. The monthly payments for Principal, interest and Impounds (if applicable) are \$1,185.00, due per month from 7/27/2004 through 1/30/2009, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of the date of the foreclosure by said Deed of Trust is \$1,035,417.87, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.75% per annum from 7/27/2004. All delinquent payments are now due, together with accrued late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED: 10/21/2008. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Office: 910 REGIONAL TRUSTEE CORPORATION, Alloway, Oregon 97101 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Beaverton, OR 97104 Phone: (503) 340-2555 Fax Information: http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 2924457

PUBLISH: November 19, 26, Dec 3 and 10, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. 02-FHE-64003 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 6/26, 2009, at the hour of 03:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE GOODING COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 204 MAIN STREET, GOODING, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of GOODING, IDAHO, and described as follows: LOT 1 AND THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT 6, BLOCK 145 WOODWORTH ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF GOODING, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED IN BOOK 6 OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced Property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding encumbrances or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JAMET R ADAMS and JAMET R WRITTER, MARRIED WOMAN, as Grantors, to GOODING TITLE & ESCROW CO, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO OF IDAHO, as Beneficiary, dated 9/22/2005, recorded in Book 21 of Records of Gooding County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO OF IDAHO. THE ABOVE GRANTEE IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 9/22/2005. THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH IS BEING ACCRUED MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due on 6/26/2009 \$3,356.00 All delinquent payments are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and expenses made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$74,298.49, together with accrued interest at 8.50% per annum from 9/22/2005, to the date of sale or reinstatement of the loan. The beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objections to any of the grounds why the sale will be allowed an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale. DATED: 10/21/2008. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee By Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Office: 910 REGIONAL TRUSTEE CORPORATION, Alloway, Oregon 97101 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Beaverton, OR 97104 Phone: (503) 340-2555 Fax Information: http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 2924457

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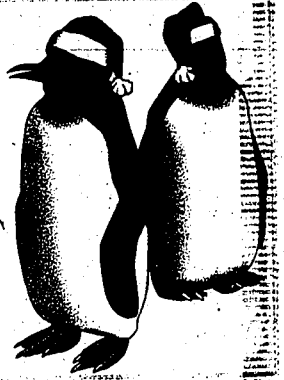
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