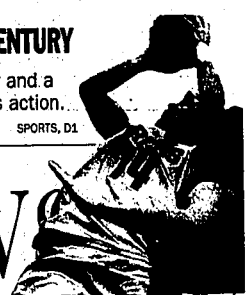


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## Prosecutor: Trooper justified in shooting Burley man

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

The Idaho State Police trooper who shot and killed Cody Hanks four months ago during a traffic stop near Kimberly committed justifiable homicide, Ada County prosecutors said on Wednesday.

"It was self defense," said Ada County deputy prosecu-

tor Shawna Dunn, whose office was called in by Twin Falls authorities to avoid any perceived bias.

A separate internal investigation into Trooper Michael Wendler's actions is still underway, however. It will be released because it's a personnel matter, said ISP Capt. Kedrick Willis.

According to authorities the following led up to the killing

of Hanks, 29, of Burley: Just before 5 a.m. on Aug. 16, Hanks was driving a pickup truck on U.S. Highway 30 near Kimberly when Wendler noticed the truck had crossed the center line and was weaving within its lane.

He stopped Hanks and performed a field sobriety test. After finding methamphetamine in Hanks' possession, Wendler handcuffed him and



prepared him for a breath test — the first of two he planned to administer.

During a prescribed 15-minute wait before the first

test, Hanks complained of discomfort from the handcuffs. Wendler did the first breath test and then Hanks complained about the cuffs again.

so Wendler took them off, and Hanks ran to his vehicle.

Wendler chased Hanks to the pickup, stood at the open driver's side door and discharged pepper spray as he ordered Hanks out of the truck. The truck began moving and Hanks grabbed Wendler.

Wendler said he felt he couldn't break free and

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# Preparing for layoffs

Amalgamated Sugar staff cuts expected to hit Twin Falls, Paul operations

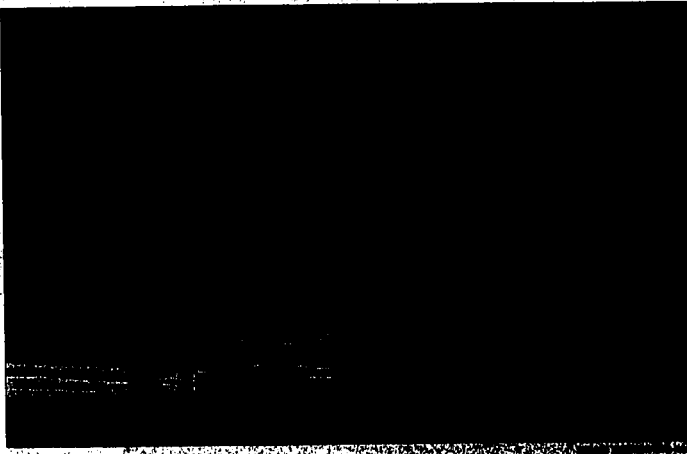
By Damon Hanzaker  
Times-News writer

Amalgamated Sugar, in addition to standard seasonal layoffs, will temporarily reduce its number of full-time employees in early 2009.

Vic Jaro, the company president, attributed the reduction to unusually cold weather in the spring and unexpected competition with other crops such as wheat, corn, and hay.

Jaro said that most of the layoffs will occur in Nampa — but the Magic Valley will be affected, including the Twin Falls and Paul operations. He declined to provide a specific number but said that Magic Valley reductions will begin in February or March and continue in stages dependent upon next year's crop size.

"We're still looking at ways to manage the situation so that it minimizes the impact on our employees," Jaro said. "These won't be permanent job reductions. We fully



Light from the setting sun dramatically illuminates a clearing (top) above the Amalgamated Sugar facility in Twin Falls. The year's harvest is expected to be good that it plans to cut jobs in three phases starting early next year and continuing until late summer 2009. The Idaho sugar beet refiner is laying off workers because it doesn't have enough beets to keep its employees busy, but may rehire them later in the year.

anticipate that the 2009 crops will return to normal levels. It's not that the business is shutting down or moving to China — we'll need our people back."

Last year, Amalgamated contracted 180,000 acres of work. This year, that number

fell to 140,000. Of that, 123,000 acres were harvested.

"We've never competed with some of these other crops before, and there was a movement away from sugar beets in the market," Jaro said. "We had a shorter crop this year ... the cold and

windy springtime weather was not good. It caused a lot of our replants to go through the end of May."

If large layoffs were anticipated, the company would have to file plans with the Idaho Department of Labor.

"We have nothing on file

from them," said Chris Orders, with the Idaho Department of Labor. "We have not heard they are having any reductions other than the seasonal jobs."

Damon Hanzaker may be reached at 208-677-8764.

"These won't be permanent job reductions. ... It's not that the business is shutting down or moving to China — we'll need our people back."

— Vic Jaro, company president

## Twin Falls crash sends teen to hospital

By Hale Poppino  
Times-News writer

A teen driver was sent to the hospital Wednesday afternoon after her car was hit while crossing a busy Twin Falls intersection.

As the sun began to go down, Twin Falls police and fire personnel and an Idaho Power crew cleaned up after a two-vehicle crash at Washington Street North and North College Road. A Dodge Dakota pickup truck headed northbound on Washington hit a blue four-door sedan that a witness said was westbound and turning left off of North College.

The teenaged driver of the sedan was not conscious when rescue workers arrived, Twin Falls Police Officer Dave Weigl said. She was taken to St. Luke's Magic

Valley Medical Center with unknown injuries.

In the wake of the crash, police blocked traffic along Washington from Northstar Avenue to Pole Line Road.

The dynamics of the crash left the sedan tilted up against the lines of a nearby power pole, and the truck in the middle of the intersection. The truck briefly caught on fire, its driver said, and the driver-side door of the sedan was severely dented.

Bob Knight, the driver of the truck, said he saw two vehicles cross Washington before the sedan, causing him to slow slightly to a little less than 35 miles per hour. The driver of the sedan crossed just as he reached the



Emergency personnel clean up a two-vehicle crash at the junction of North College Road and Washington Street North Wednesday in Twin Falls.

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Hope for the Holidays

TOYS IN TRYING TIMES

Toys for Tots program spreads cheer to youngsters

By Ben Bobbin  
Times-News writer

For children, a Christmas without new toys would be like Thanksgiving without turkeys, the Super Bowl without football, or Easter without little chocolate bunnies.

This year, residents throughout the Magic Valley can brighten up Christmas for underprivileged children by donating new toys or money to

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Family wants apology, answers after death

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

The pedestrian struck and killed by an SUV last week along Addison Avenue was more than a truck driver with a cowboy hat.

Lloyd D. Dalley was a brother, an uncle, a friend and a son.

One week after his death, Dalley's family is feeling loss and frustration as questions remain unanswered, they said.

Dalley, 67, died Dec. 2 after he was struck by a

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# MORNING BRIEFING



## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**International Christmas Concert**, presented by the award-winning choirs of Buhl Middle School and Buhl High School, 7:30 p.m., Buhl High auditorium, suggested donation of \$2 for students, \$3 for adults and \$10 for families, 543-6262.

**Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol"**, presented by College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center Theater, \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and students, 732-6288 or Tickets4U.com.

### BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

**Twin Falls High School Desert Theater**, collection of competition, selections and connections, 7 p.m. doors open and dessert service begins, 7:30 p.m. curtain, Roper Auditorium, \$5, annual fundraiser, Hycocck@fhsd.k12.id.us.

**American Legion Bingo**, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. regular bingo, 610 W. Main St., Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 blackouts, 536-6358.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Twin Falls Kwanzaa weekly meeting** and lunch, a volunteer organization serving the community and children, noon, Tuff Club, 734 Falls Ave., visitors welcome, trent.gimerson@csd.us.com.

**Twifalls Falls Optimal Club**, open to interested members of the community, noon, Mandarin House, 324-3333 or chris@southemidahohealthcenter.com.

**Magic Valley Quilters Guild**, quilters of all levels of expertise welcome, 1 p.m., Southside Electric, Decid, 673-5577.

### GOVERNMENT

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

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

**San Valley Planning and Zoning Commission**, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.

**Sun Valley City Council**, 3 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.

**Jackpot Advisory Board**, 5 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, 775-765-2356.

**Bonneville City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 788-2121.

**Fairfield City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road, 764-2333.

**Mortuagh Highway District**, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer St., 432-5469.

**Oakley City Council**, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main St., 862-3313.

**Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission**, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave., 734-9490.

**Minidoka City Council**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4101.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit** program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary; 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at

Hageman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Buhl old middle school gym, no cost, 732-6475.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** ID No. 48, Chapter of Jerome, a weightloss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 432-3623.

**Senior Health Insurance Benefit Advisory (SHIBA)**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Minidoka County Senior Center, 436-9107 for appointment.

**Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class**, 10 to 11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave., Burley, no cost, 737-5988.

**Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class**, 10 to 11 a.m., Lion's Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

**Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class**, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

**Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease**, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

**SilverSneakers Fitness Program**, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1754 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humans+Insured, YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

**TOPS Weight Support Group Chapter No. 256**, 5:15 p.m., Heyburn Elementary School seventh room, 1431 7<sup>th</sup> St., 678-2622.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, 9 p.m., 109 Seventh Ave. E. (and log building with cannon), Jerome, 324-5519.

**Introduction to massage and complementary alternative and integrative therapies**, what they are and how they can help you, 7 p.m., 140 Hansen St. E., Ste. 9, Twin Falls, no cost, 539-6954.

**ACPS Program**, a 12-week, ongoing course based on selfhelp, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

### HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

**Pinochle**, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., 50 cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

### LIBRARY

**Daycare Storytime**, 10 a.m., for children of daycares and homeschools, Jerome Public Library, (208) 324-5427.

**Filer Public Library Preschool Storytime**, 10:30 a.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., 326-4143.

**Buhl Public Library Family Christmas Program 2008**, with stories, prizes, skits, craft, guest reader and special appearance by the Jones family, 6 to 8 p.m., at the library, 215 Broadway St., no cost, refreshments served, (208) 543-2318.

**Burley Public Library Storytime**, with stories, rhyme, song and a craft for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers, 7 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, 878-7708.

### SPORTS

**Burley Lions Club basketball registration for 5th and 6th grade boys**, 5 to 7 p.m., White Pine School front foyer, registration fee: \$15, or \$5 and a good used coat, 878-3663.

## HOPE - Pat Marcantonio

**Stories, prizes, crafts, music and lots more can be found at the Family Christmas Program from 6 to 8 p.m.** at the Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N. This is free.

**While in Buhl**, the award-winning choirs of Buhl Middle School and Buhl High School perform an International Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the

**Buhl High auditorium.** Admission is a suggested donation of \$2 for students, \$3 for adults and \$10 for families.

**Looking for something to do indoors?** Get into the art of quilting. You can start by going to the Magic Valley Quilters Guild meeting. You'll learn about quilting techniques, meet other quilters of all levels of experi-

ence and hone your appreciation of fine quilts. They meet at 1 p.m. at the Southside Electric building, Decid. Call 673-5577 for more info.

*Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? Email us at [pam@magicvalley.com](mailto:pam@magicvalley.com).*

## Hope

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KMVT's Christmas for Kids program, run in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. Last year, 3,000 children were helped.

"This year will be at least that much this year," said Paul Johnson, marketing and promotions manager for KMVT. Collection points for toys are scattered throughout the Magic Valley. In most cases, donations tend to stay in the community where they were donated, Johnson said.

"We do our best to keep them in that town," he said. Volunteers will collect this year's donations through Dec. 19 and will begin the daunting task of sorting them for appropriate age and gender groups. Donations received after Dec. 19 will not be accepted, but likely given out next Christmas.

The goal is to provide each child with a \$20 gift and smaller stocking stuffers. Various area community organizations are assisting with the effort and will help distribute the toys. That's helpful because they are more familiar with what individual needs are in their communities, Johnson said.

### KMVT's Christmas for Kids/Toys for Tots

Phone: 208-733-1100 ext. 206

**Primary mission:** The program is aimed at providing a holiday with gifts for needy youngsters in the region. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at locations throughout the Magic Valley.

**Wish to donate? Go to the following locations**

- \* All McDonald's in southern Idaho.
- \* Wal-Mart in Jerome and Burley.

For a complete listing of donation locations, visit [http://www.kmvt.com/station\\_events/christmas-kids/35141134.html](http://www.kmvt.com/station_events/christmas-kids/35141134.html).

Financial donations are also accepted and are tax-deductible. The checks should be made out to Toys for Tots and mailed to:  
Paul Johnson  
KMVT Christmas for Kids  
1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N  
Twin Falls, ID 83301

### Crash

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intersection, he said, and he didn't have time to hit the brakes.

The speed limit south of the intersection is 35 mph, and 45 mph north of it.

A number of police units initially responded to the scene because dispatchers received multiple 911 calls about the incident and

"They're kind of Santa's elves," he said. The volume of donations makes it impossible to match specific toy requests to all the recipients.

"Santa Claus is kind of going to have to guess at what these kids want," Johnson said.

Kevin Rexroat, a member of the Jerome Rotary Club, is helping with the program's efforts in his community. He expects that about 200 families in Jerome will need help this Christmas.

### Shoot

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trooper can add another set of cuffs, Wills said. He said that's apparently what Wendler was trying to do when Hanks ran.

Hanks did not appear to be an exceptionally large man, according to video from Wendler's police car.

Asked if Wendler did anything wrong, Wills said "I can speak to that" and cited the continuing internal investigation.

"Procedure is just a guideline," said Wills. A former Marine who joined the ISP in July 2006, Wendler was not seriously injured and was back to work weeks after the shooting.

Hanks' mother recently told the *Times-Herald* she feels sorry for Wendler.

A tow truck driver with arthritis whose arm cannot be restrained behind them—

## Death

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2008 Honda Pilot driven by 33-year-old Twin Falls resident Daniel Darling Willie.

"I don't understand how she [Willie] died," said Darling, who said Willie's sister, Myrna Kelsey, during a tearful phone call to the *Times-Herald*.

Willie has not returned repeated calls for comment.

Police are giving their report to the prosecutor, Fritz Wendlerlich, who handles misdemeanor cases, but are waiting on toxicology reports. No citations have been issued.

"Twin Falls police have said Willie died in a traffic accident while speeding or under the influence, nor do they suspect a felony crime occurred."

Dalley was jaywalking. Authorities have said he was not in a crosswalk while crossing the dimly lit avenue.

"It's his fault to come someone in that manner," said Kelsey. "I

**"As in many small communities an assumption is made by the police department and a thorough investigation never happens. Especially if the person or persons involved is a more affluent member of the community"**

—JoAnn Thompson, cousin of Lloyd D. Dalley

guess he did pretty innocently from what they said. Hopefully he didn't have to suffer."

Dalley didn't have children, and was divorced with the eldest of eight children and a dutiful worker who was employed most his life as a trucker. Much of his family lives in Utah, said Kelsey.

Some of Dalley's family members told the *Times-Herald* they were concerned socioeconomic status may be affecting the investigation. Willie is a member of the family that owns Oasis Stop 'N Go stores.

"I think it's definitely playing a role," said Kelsey.

Dalley's cousin, JoAnn Thompson agreed in an e-mail she wrote to the *Times-Herald*.

"As in many small communities an assumption is made by the police department and a thorough investigation never happens." Thompson wrote. "Especially if the person or persons involved is a more affluent member of the community."

Authorities, however, say that's not the case here.

"We look at these things unbiasedly and present the facts as we find them," said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks. "We're just interested in finding the truth."

Kelsey and Thompson say their family hasn't been contacted by Willie.

"I really would appreciate a

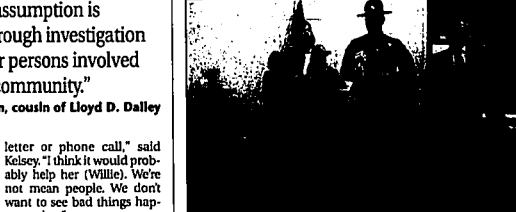
letter or phone call," said Kelsey. "I think it would probably help her (Willie). We're not mean people. We don't want to see bad things happen to her."

Kelsey said she doesn't think Willie acted criminally.

"I'm a mother, I feel bad for this lady," said Kelsey. "I wouldn't like to see her have criminal charges and have to go to jail ... I don't want revenge."

Kelsey said Willie should pay for Dalley's cremation. "I would think it would be appropriate to get some kind of financial help just to pay expenses," she said.

Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380.



**Correction**  
**Name missed**

The first name for Kenneth Paul Worth, who is charged with burglary and grand theft in Gooding County, was not included in Tuesday's paper. The *Times-Herald* regrets the error.

### Shoot

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thought he'd be run over by Hanks' moving vehicle in a video tape from Wendler's ISP cruiser dashboard camera, the officer can be seen scrambling to keep up with the moving truck. He then pulled his handgun and fired one shot, hitting Hanks in the chest. Wendler then "rolled away from the truck," which coasted to a stop off of the highway.

It's against ISP procedure to remove handcuffs and then transport someone, Wills said.

"People who are under arrest are handcuffed," Wills said.

When people complain about discomfort from handcuffs — for example, a large person or someone with arthritis whose arm cannot be restrained behind them —

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# AROUND THE VALLEY

## BLM seeks summer firefighters

The Twin Falls District Bureau of Land Management is now looking for recruits for firefighting and support positions for the 2009 wildfire season, officials announced Wednesday.

Positions will be filled in the suppression, prevention, fuels, aviation and dispatch programs. Applicants must be 18 years old by the first day of hire in late May, be a U.S. citizen and have a high school diploma or GED. BLM fire jobs offer excellent summer earnings, annual and sick leave benefits, and travel to other districts or states.

The BLM will help interested applicants with the online application process at three open house events, all to be held from 4 to 8 p.m.:

- Today in Shoshone at 400

West F Street:  
 • Tuesday in Burley at 3630 Overland Avenue  
 • Jan. 7 in Twin Falls at 2536 Kimberly Road.

Applications are only accepted online through Jan. 31, 2009. For a job description, more information or to apply, visit <http://www.usblm.gov>. Call 208-732-7299 for more information on temporary, seasonal employment with the BLM, or contact Heather Tisel-Nelson at 208-736-2352.

## Family Health Services hosts farewell for CEO James Schroeder

Family Health Services is hosting a farewell gathering for its departing CEO, James Schroeder, as he prepares to leave for a new job at CareOregon in Portland.

The health care nonprofit is inviting the public to an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday at its administrative offices, 794 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. Schroeder is transitioning into his new role as director of health care systems for CareOregon, which runs a Medicaid-managed care plan for Oregon residents. He has been with FHS for 13 years, five as its CEO, and also served as a medical officer in Iraq with the Idaho National Guard from July 2004 to December 2005. He and his family manage a farm in Buhl.

## Walker Center CEO Roger Curtiss retires

Roger Curtiss, CEO of the Walker Center, will retire this week, he announced in a letter to the center's board on Nov. 26.

In the letter, Curtiss wrote

that retiring was a tough decision, and thanked the board for his chance to work at the drug and alcohol treatment facility, based in Gooding. "Like many of our clients, this experience has changed my life forever and I thank you," he wrote.

Curtiss will have served as the facility's CEO for a little more than a year. His last day will be Dec. 24.

He received a number of awards for his work in drug abuse and addiction over the years, and prior to coming to Gooding worked as the clinical manager of a large outpatient treatment facility in Great Falls, Mont.

Archie Walker, the 88-year-old co-founder and namesake of the Walker Center, died in April. The center was founded in 1976.

—Times-News

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The Jr. Club of Magic Valley presents the 19th annual **Holiday HOME TOUR** to benefit the Ike Kistler Safe House & Crisis Center of Magic Valley

**Sunday • Dec. 14th • 1:00-6:00 pm**

The following homes will be featured:

- Sherrn & Loretta Mullins
- Linda Virgin
- Shawn & Camille Barigar
- Steve & Pam Brown
- Roger & Kelly Vincent
- Tammie Hall

Tickets: \*\$8.00 - Children 8 & older are welcome with ticket

**Holiday Prize Package Drawing**  
 Entries are submitted with ticket purchase prior to Wednesday, December 10th.

Tickets on sale at:

- Everybody's Business
- Kimberly Nurseries
- Inspired Living
- Kurt's Pharmacy
- Java Jungle
- Rosebud's Florist
- Kelly Garden Center
- The Little Red Hen
- The Black Sheep Gallery

For more information please contact Shelly Olsen 731-4463 or Ruth Mes 320-1602

## School district interested in auctioning land

By Ben Botkin Times-News writer

Twin Falls School District officials are interested in auctioning land adjacent to the new Canyon Ridge High School now under construction.

The school district has two parcels of land that will be sold. The land is at the corner of Washington Street and Cheney Drive, which is under construction, and also at North College Road and Parkview Drive.

The school board on Monday heard a presentation from Randy Musser, an auctioneer with Musser Bros. Auctioneers in Twin Falls. Auctioneers do more than a lot of numbers to the highest bidder, Musser said.

Finding bidders is also part of the work that would go into preparing for an auction, he said.

"The most important part of an auction is the marketing that takes place prior to an auction," Musser said. His company, if hired, would market and advertise the property on a regional scale to find interested buyers, he said.

The Wal-Mart being built nearby provides another selling point that could make the property valuable, Musser said.

Auctions provide transparency to the selling process, and there is another benefit, especially for a public entity like a school district, he said.

The presentation on Monday was for informational purposes, not to negotiate a deal.

The school board will meet again with the auctioning company in January to talk more about selling the land and a timeline, said Superintendent Wiley Dobbs.

## Skydive Buhl to get booted from airport

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

During Monday's City Council meeting, the Buhl Skidway Airport Commission suggested the city cancel its lease with Skydive Buhl, which has been renting facilities at the airport for almost two years.

Commissioner Gordon Hendrix called "no proof of insurance" from the company for the building being rented, and conflicts with pilots as reasons to cancel the lease.

The council unanimously voted in line with the commission's suggestion. "Knowing this is all I've heard for 10 months, I have to support the commission," said Councilman Dick VanZante.

Paul Jones, of Caldwell, owns Skydive Buhl with his wife Denise Jones. The couple established Skydown Sport Skydiving in 1996, which has been located in Caldwell since 2000. Once notified legally of the city's decision, Skydive Buhl has 45 days to vacate the property.

Jones wasn't aware of the city's decision when contacted by the Times-News but said commissioners, "made it pure hell for us."

He said his true Skydive

Buhl doesn't have insurance yet. He said the reason the company can't obtain insurance is because of a hole in the floor of the facility, the remnants of an old well head.

Jones said commissioners have long known about the problem but haven't done anything to fix it. Not getting insurance has stalled plans to make Buhl a viable dropzone.

"We can't jump until we get insurance," Jones said.

During the council meeting City Attorney Bill Nungesser told the city he had received a letter from Skydive Buhl's insurance carrier explaining the delay. Although Hendrix said "The problem doesn't exist," he told the council that commissioners had tried to schedule getting the hole filled on two separate occasions.

"Nobody showed up," he said. Jones told the Times-News that a company representative's presence wasn't necessary for the repairs to be made and that the city has complete access to the area they rent.

"They unplugged our security system this past February and could go in there anytime. In fact, they have let themselves in on

more than one occasion," Jones said.

Jones said he plans on talking with an attorney to pursue a legal remedy and suspects the commission just wants to rent their space to another party.

While Hendrix didn't say who, he did tell the council that the commission knew of a possible "better" renter for the space that was "more compatible" with operations at the airport.

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**Tea Time with Santa**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
 11am-1pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm

**AND**

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# Higher power rates ahead — but how high?

By Hale Poppino  
Times-News writer

It's been nearly six months since Idaho Power Co. asked state regulators to approve a general increase to its rates.

On Tuesday, the three members of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission listened to the public's take on the matter in the Twin Falls City Council chambers.

The utility is asking for an average 9.89 percent increase, varying based on customer class. It is arguing that it must increase its annual revenue by \$66.6 million, prompted by recent investments in new substations, distribution lines and transmission lines, as well as out-of-state energy purchases.

Staff, on the other hand, filed their own proposal cutting Idaho Power's proposed increase down to 1.44 percent overall, or \$9.7 million annually. The staff proposal cuts from a variety of areas, including a rate of return, cost of buying power on the market and operations and maintenance. PUC spokesman Gene Fadness said earlier in the day. State statute allows the company to recover all prudently incurred expenses and a reasonable rate of return, and the current economy isn't a reason for the trim, he said.

## Learn more

Idaho Power customers can read all the documents filed in the case there for by going to [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the "Electric Rates" link, "Open Electric Cases," and scroll down to Case No. IPC-08010.

"We're pretty tightly regulated on what we can look at," Fadness said.

That doesn't mean that speakers at Tuesday's hearing didn't bring it up — Rorie Carr with the Idaho Community Action Network told commissioners she worries about elderly people on fixed incomes who would be asked to pay more.

Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Shawn Barigar supported Idaho Power's request — the company is one of his members. Twin Falls County Commissioner Chairman Tom Miksell noted that times are tough but endorsed whatever infrastructure is actually required to keep power flowing.

Lynn Tomlinaga and Dean Stevenson with the Idaho Irrigation Pumps Association — one of several interveners in the case — argued for little to no growth in irrigation rates because irrigation

Idaho Power and the PUC	Rate for the company
Electricity	16.25
Gas	16.25
Small general	11.75
Large general	11.75
Large-dwelling lighting	2.50
Large power	11.75
Ag irrigation	11.75
Highways	11.75
Street lighting	2.50
Traffic lighting	11.75
Micron	11.75
J.R. Simpson	11.75
INL	11.75
Total	9.89

demand hasn't changed in years, and may even have gone down slightly.

And Armand Eckert, representing Magic Water Co. and other associated groups, told the commissioners that the proposal and other past increases would leave the company paying almost 50 percent more for power than in 2006 — almost \$300,000 more.

"The increases that we have experienced the last three years, frankly, are substantial," Eckert said. Idaho Power has filed rebuttal testimony against the staff proposal. But Vice President for Regulatory Affairs Ric Gale noted after

the hearing that the staff proposal does have some good parts and lines up well in certain areas with his company's submission. And, he said, when dealing with a total budget of more than \$700 million a year, the percentage cut isn't as severe as it looks. "I'm encouraged," Gale said, adding that doesn't mean Idaho Power will seek a settlement to sort the matter out.

All proposals, including the utility's and the staff proposal, will be weighed by the commission, Fadness said. Technical hearings with the interveners will start Tuesday in Boise. A decision could happen by February.

# Twin Falls Council returns contract to study rocks

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

They say fame lasts just 15 minutes.

Rocks need more attention. The Twin Falls City Council refused Monday to consider an \$11,500 contract with a company to analyze rock fall near Canyon Springs Road, saying the study itself was unnecessary and should instead include recommendations to make the area safer.

In 2006, a section of the Canyon Springs slope collapsed, causing the city to close the road and remove large chunks of rock, according to the city. The road is the primary access point to the city's wastewater treatment plant, a lift station and a golf course. Officials hope to stabilize about 2,200 feet of roadway slope.

The council rejected the contract with STRATA Geotechnical Engineering and Materials Testing on the grounds it would retrieve information already obvious — that the ground has problems and could be dangerous. And they took issue with how any official recommendations wouldn't even come until a second contract was approved, and the initial \$11,500 would be the first cost in a series of charges the city ultimately wouldn't be able to afford.

City staff agreed to combine the two phases and return at a later date. The decision followed a back-and-forth between staff and the council. Most of the five council members present said they were satisfied with the casual 15-minute walk performed by city officials that found six problematic areas.

"It seems to me if we're going to pay money we ought to get a solution to the problem, not just identify the problem," Councilman Lee Heidt said. "You've pretty much identified the problem already for us, and we all know there's a problem."

But three city officials reminded the council the issue wasn't that simple. They insisted the study offered a more professional touch to discover the extent of the problems. For example, the number of homes using irrigation for lawns has increased in recent years, they said.

"When I say we walked by (the hands) and identified them, I mean we walked down — a 15-minute walk — saying 'yeah, we got a lot of rocks here and there,' but there was no investigation on how big a problem it was," said City Engineer Mike Trabert told the council. "We really didn't have an idea from just that quick walk."

City Engineer Jackie Fields said the limited skills of city engineers warrant outside help. "I don't know how extensive the problem is and so I'm calling on more expertise than I have in my own personal experience and the staff has in its own personal experience," she said.

But some council members said they wanted the study combined to include recommendations to make it efficient.

"It's frustrating to me to see a study to study a study to study," said Councilman Don Hall said. "I understand that studies are necessary, but I'd really like to see us drill down and really know what we're doing on some of these things."

# Blaine jurisdictions get closer on dispatch dispute

By Ariel Hanson  
Times-News writer

Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich may have summed it up best when he pulled to the gathered representatives of Blaine County jurisdictions: "I think this is a big manure pile, but there may be a pony underneath here."

Friday, Willich and others gathered at the Old Courthouse in Halley to hash out a payment agreement for a consolidated emergency dispatch center. Blaine County and the county was combined in 2007, and since then the parties who use the service have been arguing about how to pay for the annual operational costs — estimated to be \$944,557 in 2010. Dispatch is funded through 2009.

A users' group recommended that each jurisdiction pay based on the number of calls it generates, but cities like Halley and Bellevue — which hadn't been contributing to dispatch funding and were now being asked to pay more than they felt their budgets could handle — objected. Following the defeat of a measure on November ballot, the group have assessed the payment differently, the parties agreed to come together to discuss the issue, and gathered for the first time on Nov. 19.

On Friday, Halley City Commissioner Carol Brown put a few suggestions on the table, based on several criteria: fairness, sustainability, reasonableness, and jurisdictional responsibility.

"There's several definitions of what's fair right now, depending on what seat you're sitting in," Brown said, emphasizing that the eventual solution may not fully meet all the criteria for everyone, but will maximize them for all parties.

The main idea Brown put on the table would have Blaine County pay for six of the 12 dispatchers that the users' group agreed is the minimum needed to handle both 911 and other calls. Sun Valley would pay the same amount they were being asked to shell out from the original users' group recommendation, while the remainder would be split between the other jurisdictions.

"It's not fair across the board, I'm the first one to say that," Brown said. "I was trying to find a way that Bellevue could sustainably pay, that Halley could sustainably pay."

Near the end of the meeting, Blaine County Commissioner Tom Bowman spoke up from the audience, offering that he would be willing to vote to pay for the bare minimum needed to

handle only 911 calls. That would be dependent, however, on other jurisdictions picking up the cost for additional dispatchers to handle other calls.

Only 15 percent of the dispatch center's call load is 911

calls, he noted. Bowman's idea appeared to please interest, and will likely see more discussion in the Dec. 16 meeting.

Between now and that meeting, the jurisdictional representatives will return to

their jurisdictions to discuss which options are most acceptable with the other elected officials who will have to approve any final decision. When they come back to the table, it's possible they'll find that pony.

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# Winter is on the way

## Cold front to show up Friday; area law enforcement reminds people to drive safely

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

It's about to get cold. A hazardous weather outlook issued by the National Weather Service predicts a cold-air mass will move into south-central Idaho this weekend, sending temperatures plummeting and putting winter well under way.

The cold front is expected to move across southern Idaho around Friday night. According to the warning for the western half of the area, highs should only reach the 20s or 30s and lows should be in the teens or below by the beginning of next week. The initial cold front isn't expected to carry much moisture with it, but snow could follow.

The cold weather will mark a sharp change from the last few weeks. Other than a large snowstorm in mid-October, the last couple of months of 2008 have largely felt like fall.

Josh Smith with the NWS pointed out that it took until about this time last year for snow to show up. And though the winters are more delayed than 10 or 20 years ago, he cautioned against concluding anything from that.

"It's too early to say if we're going to be trending to more warmer winters," Smith said.

After this weekend's dry start, the weather should reflect a more "normal" winter, Smith said, with equal chances for both more and less precipitation than usual. Not that winter hasn't already shown itself. A series of crashes Monday on Interstate 84 were caused by ice and occasional whitout

### More on the Web

**WATCH:** A video interview with Idaho State Patrol officers. For more weather information: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>. For more on Idaho crash statistics: <http://lid.idaho.gov/ohs/>



conditions, said Idaho State Police Lt. Rob Storm. He urged drivers to be aware of how the weather can change this time of year and reminded them to slow down, buck off slightly from the cars in front of them and remember that roads can be slick.

"Our troopers are ready to handle whatever arises," Storm said. "We are in the middle of December, and this is normal."

That's a perspective shared by law enforcement in Minnicassia, which seems to attract far more snow and ice than the western parts of the Magic Valley. Drivers have short-term memories when it comes to winter weather, said Capt. Cary Bristol with the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

"People forget how to drive in it. It seems like," Bristol said. "Everyone hates to work on

the first snow day, because you know you'll get a bunch of crashes."

According to statistics from the Idaho Transportation Department, the number of winter crashes statewide has remained fairly consistent over the past decade, though it does vary from year to year.

The highest number of crashes usually occur in December, though they are usually less severe and cause fewer deaths than at other times of the year. Between 1999 and 2007, the totals for that month ranged from about 2,400 to 3,100 crashes. More than 3,150 crashes happened in 2003, the highest year, with 1,033 causing injuries and 25 causing deaths.

Nate Poppino may be reached at 208-735-3237.



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### 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY Tuesday arraignments**

Jason R. Stanley, 32, Twin Falls; violation of a protection order; pretrial Dec. 30; \$500 bond; public defender appointed; not guilty plea

Dale Walker, 27, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a firearm; Dec. 19 preliminary hearing; \$20,000 bond; public defender appointed

Brady C. Meekhof, 18, Murtaugh; fail to purchase, invalid driver's license, minor in possession of alcohol; Dec. 30 pretrial; \$200 bond; public defender appointed; pleaded not guilty

Brandon W. Watson, 18, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, possession drug paraphernalia; Jan. 20 pretrial; recognition release; public defender appointed; not guilty plea

Renee A. Whistler, 43, Twin Falls; Dec. 19 preliminary hearing; possession of a controlled substance, burglary; \$500 bond; public defender appointed

Ralph A. Somero, 57, Twin Falls; DUI; Jan. 20 pretrial; recognition release; public defender appointed

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EDITORIAL

# At last — shelters for homeless men in Twin Falls

Some called them "Rockies" — homeless men who camped in Rock Creek Canyon because there are few alternatives for transient guys in Twin Falls.

There have been campaigns over the years to provide men sleeping rough with some kind of permanent local shelter, but none panned out — until now.

The New Hope Transition Center, a private non-profit organization, now houses 28 men at its two homes in the 400 block of Second Avenue North in Twin Falls.

But these are no charity flop-houses. Besides holding down a job, residents must attend classes at which they deal with drug and alcohol addictions.

The rent is \$375 a month and includes utilities — providing an affordable way for the men who live there to get back on their feet.

In recent years, the number of names in the city of Twin Falls' homeless database has hovered around 100 — 90 percent of them men. But that list has grown longer recently — both because of the recession and because veterans of the Iraq War are finding themselves on the street at a growing rate.

While there are shelters for women and families, in Twin Falls still single homeless men don't qualify — or haven't until now. So besides old sheds, nooks and crannies, many homeless guys seek refuge under bridges, in Rock Creek Canyon, in caves and in parks throughout the city.

Homeless males tend to find their way to Twin Falls because of its proximity to Interstate 84, and three other highways — 93, 74, and 30 — that all open avenues to the city's transient population.

Some keep going to Boise, which has a well-established shelter system. The Boise Rescue Mission, the non-profit that looks after the most homeless men in the city, long ago discovered that work- and counseling-based self-help programs were the only effective strategy.

That's also the philosophy at New Hope Transitions Center.

"We help them get jobs and give them a hand up," said Karen Bach, its director.

The facility — which provides a place to live for men transitioning from prison and recovery from substance abuse, as well as for the homeless — faced possible closure earlier this year when the former owner put the center — it was then called Port of Hope — up for sale. David and Maggie Davis of Jerome bought the property in July and renamed it.

Not every homeless man qualifies to live there. But it's an option that Twin Falls social service agencies which deal most directly with the homeless didn't have years ago.

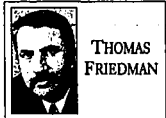
If it survives and succeeds, New Hope will ultimately make the streets of Twin Falls safer. And take a big step toward making this a more compassionate place. We're no longer a community that has to turn its head and pretend it just doesn't see.

**Our view:**  
New Hope Transition Center has taken some big steps to end chronic homelessness by men in Twin Falls. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

# Detroit snoozed; now it should lose

A business model for cars similar to buying minutes for a cell phone.

As I think about our bailing out Detroit, I can't help but reflect on what, in my view, is the most important rule of business in today's integrated and globalized market, where knowledge and innovation tools are so widely distributed. It's this: Whatever can be done, will be done. The only question is: Will it be done by you or to you. Just don't think it won't be done. If you have an idea in Detroit or Tennessee, promise me that you'll pursue it, because someone in Denmark or Tel Aviv will do so a second later.

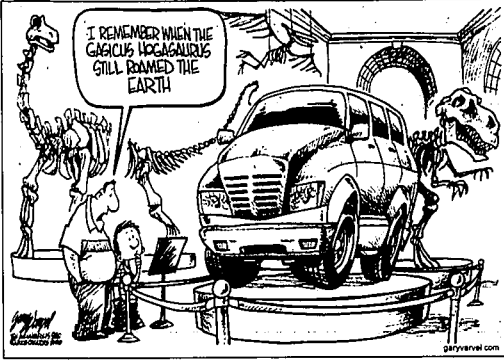


THOMAS FRIEDMAN

Why do I bring this up? Because someone in the mobility business in Denmark and Tel Aviv is already developing an alternative to Detroit's business model. I don't know if this alternative to gas-powered cars will work, but I do know it can be done — and Detroit isn't doing it. Therefore it will be done, and eventually, I bet, it will be profitable.

When it is, our bailout of Detroit will be remembered as the equivalent of pouring billions of dollars of taxpayer money into the mail-order catalogue business on the eve of the birth of eBay. It will be remembered as pouring billions of dollars into the CD music business on the eve of the birth of the iPod and iTunes. It will be remembered as pouring billions of dollars into a book-store chain on the eve of the birth of Amazon.com and the Kindle. It will be remembered as pouring billions of dollars into improving typewriters on the eve of the birth of the PC and the Internet.

What business model am I talking about? It is Shal



Agassi's electric car network company, called Better Place. Just last week, the company, based in Palo Alto, Calif., announced a partnership with the state of Hawaii to road test its business plan there.

The Better Place electric car charging system involves generating electrons from as much renewable energy — such as wind and solar — as possible and then feeding those clean electrons into a national electric car charging infrastructure. This consists of electricity charging spots with plug-in outlets plus battery exchange stations all over the respective country. The whole system is then coordinated by a service control center that integrates and does the billing.

Under the Better Place model, consumers can either buy or lease an electric car from the French automaker Renault or Japanese companies like Nissan and their buy miles on their electric car batteries from Better Place the way you now buy an Apple cell phone and the minutes from AT&T. That way Better Place, or any car company that partners with it, benefits from each mile you drive. GM sells cars. Better Place is selling mobility miles.

The first Renault and Nissan electric cars are scheduled to hit Denmark and Israel in 2011, when the whole system should be up and running. On Tuesday, Japan's Ministry of Environment invited Better Place to join the first government-led electric car project along with Honda, Mitsubishi and Subaru. Better Place was the only foreign company invited to participate, working with Japan's leading auto companies, to build a battery swap station for electric cars in Yokohama, Japan.

What I find exciting about Better Place is that it is building a car company off of the new industrial platform of the 21st century, not the one from the 20th — the exact same way that Steve Jobs did to overturn the music business.

What did Apple understand first? One, that today's technology platform would allow anyone with a computer to record music. Two, that the Internet and MP3 players would allow anyone to transfer music in digital form to anyone else. You wouldn't need CDs or record companies anymore. Apple simply took all those innovations and integrated them into a single music-generating, purchasing and listening system

that completely disrupted the music business.

What Agassi, the founder of Better Place, is saying is that there is a new way to generate mobility, not just music, using the same platform. It just takes the right kind of auto battery and the right kind of national plug-in network to make the business model work for electric cars at six cents a mile. The average American is paying today around 12 cents a mile for gasoline transportation, which also adds to global warming and kills strengths petro-dictators.

Do not expect this innovation to come out of Detroit. Remember, in 1908, the Ford Model-T got better mileage — 25 miles per gallon — than many Ford, GM and Chrysler models made in 2008. But don't be surprised when it comes out of somewhere else. It can be done. It will be done. If we miss the chance to win the race for Car 2.0 because we keep mindlessly bailing out Car 1.0, there will be no one to blame more than Detroit's new shareholders: we the taxpayers.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to him at [tfriedman@nytimes.com](mailto:tfriedman@nytimes.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Wendell to take part in Wreaths Across America

What a wonderful place it is to live in the Magic Valley! Wreaths Across America has chosen our town, Wendell, to be one of the participants in this program. More than 300 remembrance ceremonies worldwide will take place at exactly 10 a.m. in union. We are fortunate in Wendell to be chosen to participate in this event on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Services will be held at South Central Idaho Veterans Park, 350 E. Main, in Wendell. Services start at 9:30 a.m. For more information, you can contact Loren Wagner at 324-8526.

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Ronald Reagan, the 40th President, once said: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We cannot pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States to be free."

JAN GOODING  
Wendell  
(Editor's note: Jan Gooding is a member of the Gooding-Wendell Centennial Committee.)

### Get ready for a flood of pardons before Bush leaves

Whether or not Barack Obama, being the "Messiah," will demand his pound of flesh from the multitude of "wrong-doers and money changers" is yet to be seen.

I personally would like to see a lot of big shots in jail. I realize that the way the political game is played, that's wishful thinking.

However, just in case, and to play it safe, I would not be surprised to see the following come to pass in the last 72 hours of his "regime," I expect George W.

Bush to hand out a flock of pardons to his "henchmen," including but not limited to Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, Dick Cheney, Alberto Gonzales, John Yoo, David Addington, Karl Rove, Scooter Libby, William Ashcroft, Alan Greenspan, Henry Paulson, Ben Bernanke and many others. If they all escape prosecution, how about the "ring leader"?

That's easy: George resigns 48 hours short of the deadline, Cheney becomes president, grants a pardon to George, end of story.

In view of the dead, the crippled and the bankruptcies left in his trail of destruction, I never believed George Bush would survive eight years without being impeached. It appears I was wrong on that, but wait and see on the pardons. If I get five out of 10, my batting average is 50 percent.

RICHARD E. BYRD  
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## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



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### I CAN'T WAIT TO KICK THIS GUY OFF OF AIR FORCE ONE



OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... raising the gas tax

Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.

For the second straight year Idaho Gov. Butch Otter is pushing for a boost in the gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees to address the road maintenance backlog. Since no better ideas have emerged, the Legislature ought to move forward before the state falls into a deeper rut. Last year, a funding package failed to be adopted. The state faces a \$240 million backlog, which is unsurprising since it hasn't raised the gas tax since 1996. Meanwhile, the price

tags for repairs and materials have risen annually. The state has tried to patch the difference with Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds, which allow states to borrow against future federal highway allocations, but that isn't enough. As Otter said, the state can't "accomplish 2008 goals with 1996 dollars."

The tax increase makes sense for two reasons: It's the most logical levy for road repairs and these public-works projects would improve the economy... the current state sales tax of 25 cents a gallon is well below that of Washington state, at 37.5 cents. The increase in registration fees would be phased in over five years, with an estimated \$15 million raised the first year.

By declining to increase the tax rate, the state has missed out on tens of millions of dollars, especially when the price per gallon was double what it is now. Whatever the increase, it won't be so painful with

prices running \$1.75 a gallon ... the governor's interest in possibly diverting tax dollars from the sales of tires, auto parts and other auto-related items is worrisome... Shifting money around isn't the answer. As long as road maintenance costs rise, the levies that fund repairs must, too.

It's a shame Idaho has learned this lesson the hard way, but there's no way around it.

... online responsibility

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

Steve Hartgen would like a law requiring people to use their real names when they post material online. As a retired newspaper editor and publisher, and now a state representative from Twin Falls, Hartgen is doubly aware that the news media catches a lot of flak... much of it politically motivated, and its origin can be questionable.

He recognized in an interview with the Lewiston Tribune that the Internet has provided an opportunity for users to sound off on just about any subject, often responding to news stories or editorials via e-mail. But unlike letters to the editor, those persons typically are not required to identify themselves before commenting online. As a result, anonymity spawns a ton of misinformation which often is spouted by those who like to blame "the media" for the country's various ills.

"Anonymity takes away the responsibility to say things in a civil and accurate manner," Hartgen said. "It provides a cover for the ugliness we see in debate today. It's hard to read political blogs any more because they are so inflammatory."

Hartgen had his own partisan views as a newspaperman, claiming he was one of the few overly conservative publishers in the state. But his political views did not spill

over into the news columns the Times-News, and the same must be said for the rest of the dailies in Idaho. Opinions are labeled, as in the page on which they appear... He thinks too many newspapers have a editorial position that is out of touch with the majority of Idahoans, but Hartgen's former media colleagues don't necessarily share his views, especially in regard to editorials.

AL (Butch) Alford, the recently retired publisher of the Lewiston newspaper, says, "... If we cause readers to think and come up with reasons why their opinions are more practical than ours, then we've done our job. Our job isn't to be right in our editorials. It's to permit a thinking process."

Hartgen ... is considering introducing a bill that would require people to use their true names when posting online. That's a laudable objective, but who is going to play the role of Internet cop ...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soup kitchen fills a need in Wood River Valley

There are many preconceived notions about Blaine County's Wood River Valley, but I would bet the stereotype that doesn't occur to most people is the "soup kitchen" variety. Most people in and out of the county are shocked when they find out we actually have a soup kitchen.

Souper Supper Dining Room was created Dec. 8, 1997, by a group of ladies from various faith communities whose mission was to serve hot meals to those who need them. Eleven years later, that mission is still intact. In 2007, we served more than 3,000 meals. By the end of October 2008, we had already served more than 4,000 meals. The fact that our numbers continue to rise reflects the happenings in the world around us.

Meals are prepared by "head soupers" and their crews. Crews are comprised of students, religious groups, neighborhoods and just friends who wish to perform a wonderful service to our community.

We serve anyone who is hungry without question. Everything is done by volunteers and all food comes from donations, either in the form of food or cash to buy food. Donations come from individuals as well as businesses. We do not spend money on advertising, fundraising or overhead, but we do have a 501(c)3.

Meals are served at St. Charles Catholic Church Parish Hall in Halley, and we are forever grateful for its generosity. We serve on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., except for Lent, Lenten and Christmas. Anyone wishing to volunteer should call Tara Martin at 726-5453. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation can do so by mail to Souper Supper Dining Room, c/o 4197, Ketchum, ID 83340.

There are hungry individuals in every community — young, old; families and everything in between. Please keep them in mind this holiday season. LYNN FLICKINGER, Sun Valley (Editor's note: Lynn Flickinger is a member of the

Souper Supper Dining Room Steering Committee. The Souper Supper Dining Room is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and your contribution is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. No goods or services are provided in exchange for your contribution.)

Woman's rejection by vets should not have happened

I was saddened to read the article by Susan Bergen, female veteran, who was denied membership in local veterans organizations and then told to join an auxiliary unit. As a veteran with membership in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, her membership denial should not have happened.

Our wonderful Congress, which sets eligibility dates for American Legion membership needs such rules changed now? I believe there should be just one veterans organization which allows membership to anyone who served their country in military service at home or over-

seas and served during peace times or war times.

Yes, it is time for a change! Leadership in both veterans groups needs to think outside the box and tell Congress to stuff it! I am proud you served your country, Susan, and for stating your case. Although we are in the 21st century, unfortunately, discrimination still exists. Also elitism should have gone out of style with the dark ages. I hope your message and mine do not fall on deaf ears.

DONALD K. LARSON Gooding (Editor's note: Donald Larson is a retired agricultural economist and a member of local American Legion and VFW posts.)

Kimberly recall group offers no solutions

We hope it's never too late to say thank you. I am referring to our Kimberly City mayor and council. I am so grateful to them for showing the courage to make unpopular decisions. Our community is growing and we need leaders who will look to the future.

I have known Dave Overacre, Lee McKinlay and George Flew for many years. I am grateful for the unsellish service they have given. I'd like to thank them for the countless hours they spend on our behalf looking for solutions to problems we face.

I'm grateful they are willing to address needs that might be expensive now but more painful if we wait. For example, practical planning for the future water needs of our expanding city.

The decisions of the mayor and City Council are being challenged by a disgruntled former city employee. This individual does not even live in Kimberly. He, along with a couple of Kimberly residents, is trying to force a recall vote. While it is easy to be negative, they have not proposed any solutions to the current challenges the city is facing. This appears to be more of a vendetta than constructive political participation.

Leadership is never an easy task, especially true when difficult and perhaps unpopular decisions must be made. I have confidence in our mayor and City Council

to continue to make sensible and prudent decisions for the benefit of the whole community.

LAURA FOWERS Kimberley

Merchants go out of their way to improve downtown

The downtown merchants have a lot to offer First is ambience, second is nostalgia, third is great and unusual gift ideas, fourth is good food — well, I could go on and on but words are always limited.

The merchants have gone out of their way to decorate to enhance the ambience, for nostalgia shades of Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Roper — don't ya just miss the 31st toss table? Talk about real bargains! I challenge you to go shop each merchant; the creek of the wooden floors alone is a thrill. How about a horse "r' buggy ride? I did that and it did my soul good.

Not knocking the Mall — it's fun — but for old times' and new times' sake, go downtown. You'll love it, again.

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**Stocks resume climb after sell-off**

(AP) — Wall Street climbed back on an upward track Wednesday, rising in late trading as a surge in gold and other commodities prices gave investors a reason to snap up energy and materials stocks.

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## AP poll: Shoppers are cutting back for the holidays

By Alan Fram and Trevor Tompson  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — If it makes you feel any better, you're not the only one keeping tight reins on holiday shopping. —

Fifty-three percent say they expect to spend less on holiday gifts than they did last year, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll released Wednesday. An additional 40 percent say they will spend about the same.

Taken together, that means nearly everybody is restraining the usual year-end urge to splurge on presents. And that is the shopping period that in typical years provides retailers with a huge chunk of their annual sales.

The poll results vividly illustrates how bad economic news feeds on itself. Rising unemployment and tight credit are leading people to spend less, further weakening the economy.

Helen Yi, 26, an insurance agent from Waddell, Ariz., outside Phoenix, says she and her husband, a police officer, are doing well financially. But they are cutting back holiday spending any way, from perhaps \$2,000 last year to about half that amount.

"It's because of everything I hear on the news that the economy is going downhill,"

said Yi. "I'm afraid my income in the future might go down, so I'm saving more. It puts fear in my mind."

Predictably, lower income people are more likely to say they are trimming their holiday gift purchases. But people earning more are hardly embarking on shopping sprees. Sixty-one percent of those earning less than \$50,000 a year say they are cutting back, but so are 47 percent of those making at least \$50,000.

The survey found that 7 percent expect to spend more on holiday gifts. That includes April Woods, 51, a homemaker from Akron, Ohio.

She says she always has more friends and neighbors she wants to give presents to, and her husband's income as a delivery-truck driver allows her to do it if they watch their spending during the year. She said she expects to spend about \$2,200 on clothes, video games, baked goods and other gifts for family and friends this season, compared with \$1,800 a year ago.

"I try to save all year so I can do Christmas right," Woods said.

In another indication that people are trying to curtail their spending habits, just 20 percent said they are using credit cards to pay for their

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## Auto rescue bill in peril

Republican senators oppose bailout deal

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Emergency aid for the nation's imperiled auto industry was thrown into jeopardy Wednesday, opposed by Republicans who were revolting against a hard-fought deal between Democrats and the Bush White House to speed \$14 billion to ailing carmakers.

The House was on track to vote on the bailout Wednesday night, and Democrats held out hope that it could be enacted by week's end. But a growing number of GOP senators declared they would not go along.

The White House, though not formally endorsing an agreement with congressional Democrats, dispatched administration officials to Capitol Hill to make a case for the rescue package. During a contentious, closed-door luncheon with Senate Republicans, White House Chief of Staff Josh Bolten got an earful of criticism from the rank-and-file, some of whom have already announced plans to block the measure.

"They got a good dose," said opponent Tom Coburn, R-Okla., as he emerged from the session.

Even auto state Republicans who have pushed hard for a bailout said the measure needed work. Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., said he wanted to see changes. And Sen. George V.



Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., center, flanked by Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., and Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., talks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday about Republican opposition to American automakers getting a financial deal from the White House and Democrats in Congress.

Voinovich, R-Ohio, said the bill didn't have the necessary Republican votes to pass Congress.

The Republicans' revolt came as the House began procedural votes on the package.

It would provide money within days to cash-starved General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC, while Ford Motor Co. — which has said it has enough liquidity to stay afloat — would be eligible for federal aid as well.

The plan would create a government "car czar," to be named by President George W. Bush to dot out the loans, with the power to force the carmakers into bankruptcy next spring if they didn't cut quick deals with labor unions, creditors and others to restructure their businesses and

become viable.

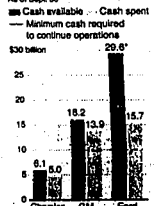
Opposition from congressional Republicans reflected the tricky task of enacting yet another federal rescue in a bailout-weary Congress, with Bush's influence on the wane.

"People realize that this bill is an incredibly weak bill, (and) is the product of an administration that wants to kick the can down the road and let somebody else deal with it," said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn.

The scene so far has been somewhat reminiscent of the tense atmosphere of early October in Capitol Hill, when lawmakers argued, cajoled, threatened and lobbied one another, ultimately passing a \$700 billion bailout plan that Bush signed into law for Wall Street financial firms.

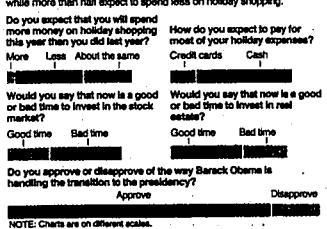
### Automaker's cash

After leveraging \$23.5 billion in company assets in 2008, Ford Motor Co. is more equipped to handle cash shortages than General Motors and Chrysler. The Big Three's cash position as of Oct. 30



### AP-GfK POLL

#### Paying cash for presents



## About 1 in 9 U.S. kids use alternative medicine

By Mike Stobbs  
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Just like their parents, kids are taking herbal supplements from fish oil to ginseng, a sign of just how mainstream alternative medicine has become.

More than one in nine children and teens try those

remedies and other nontraditional options, the government said Wednesday in its first national study of young people's use of these mostly unproven treatments.

Given that children are generally pretty healthy, the finding that so many use alternative medicine is "pretty amazing," said one of the study's authors, Richard

Nahin of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. The sweeping study suggests about 2.8 million young people use supplements.

Their parents' practices played a big role. Kids were five times more likely to use alternative therapies if a parent or other relative did. The same study showed that

more than a third of adults use alternative treatments, roughly the same as in a 2002 survey.

The researchers used a big umbrella in defining alternative medicines: Acupuncture, homeopathy, chiropractic, traditional healing, yoga, Pilates, deep

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# Federal deficit on pace to reach record \$1 trillion

By Christopher S. Rugaber  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The federal government ran a record budget deficit in November, putting Uncle Sam on track to post an all-time high annual shortfall of \$1 trillion or more.

In just the first two months of the budget year that started Oct. 1, the deficit totaled \$401.6 billion, nearly matching the record gap of \$455 billion posted for all of last year, according to Treasury Department data released Wednesday. If the deficit does top \$1 trillion for the current budget year, it also would be a post-World War II high when measured as a percentage of the economy.

The increased red ink stems from both lower tax revenue and

increased spending that is a result of the recessionary economy. The government is receiving less in business and personal income taxes while spending more on programs such as unemployment insurance and food stamps.

Elsewhere, emergency aid for the nation's imperiled auto industry was thrown into jeopardy Wednesday as some Republicans revolted against a hard-fought deal between Democrats and the Bush White House to speed \$14 billion to the ailing carmakers.

Then there's the \$700 billion bank rescue program. The Treasury report showed that the government spent \$76.5 billion from the program in November and \$191.5 billion over the past two months.

A congressional oversight panel on Wednesday questioned whether Treasury is following a clear strategy in its use of those funds. The panel, which includes academic and labor representatives, also asked in a report whether the rescue effort has helped any homeowners avoid foreclosure.

The 37-page oversight report offers no specific conclusions, but the questions suggest sharp disagreements with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson's stewardship of the program and echo some of the criticism raised in a government Accountability Office audit of the program last week.

Many Democrats in Congress have criticized Treasury for not using the funds to help homeowners.

The department said Wednesday that the gap between the government's revenue collections and what it paid out last month totaled \$164.4 billion, the largest deficit ever recorded for the month of November. The deficit was \$98.2 billion in November 2007.

An annual deficit of \$1 trillion would equal 6.7 percent of the gross domestic product, the economy's total output in a single year. That would surpass the previous postwar record in GDP terms of 6 percent sent in 1963 when Ronald Reagan was president.

And some economists think the annual deficit will be even higher. David Rosenberg, North American economist at Merrill

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Neel Kashkari, who heads the Treasury Department's Office of Financial Stability, right, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday before the House Financial Services Committee hearing on the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP). Gene DeGiara, acting Comptroller General of the United States Government Accountability Office is at left.

### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	14.24	▲ .27	Dell Inc.	12.02	▲ .16	Idacorp	28.99	▼ .17
Githia Mo.	3.91	▲ .01	Micron	2.07	▼ .13	Supervalu	12.40	▲ 1.09

### COMMODITIES

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Dec. gold	807.10	▲ 34.70	Dec. silver	10.17	▲ 0.36

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Building permits in City of Burley. No new permits. Cassia County, James Lyon, 2370 Elba-Alamo Road.

Business Data. Ruth and Ron Tamcke, 312. Ranchette Drive, Burley. New house: \$121,431. George Warrell, 2 S. Wilson, Oakley garage shop.

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Famous blue diamond sells for record price

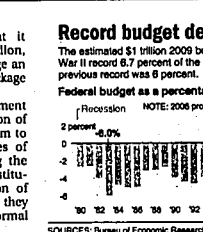
LONDON (AP) — A rare blue diamond handed down through generations of German royalty sold for a record-breaking 64 million pounds (\$24.3 million) at auction.

snapped up by billionaire diamond-dealer Laurence Graff for about 16.4 million pounds (\$24.3 million), including buyer's premium.

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Deficit

Congress projected that it could reach \$15 trillion, depending on how large an economic stimulus package is approved next year.



Record budget deficit projected. The estimated \$1 trillion 2009 budget deficit would be a post-World War II record of 6.7 percent of the Gross Domestic Product.

GRAINS. Includes tables for Wheat, Corn, and Soybean prices.

Shoppers

Continued from page B1. holiday shopping. College graduates, whites and higher earners are most likely to use plastic.

The Congressional Budget Office said last week that accounting for the value of those stakes would reduce the combined deficit for October and November to \$267 billion, rather than the \$401.6 billion reported by Treasury.

Still, even budget hawks acknowledge that now is a good time to buy. But reflecting wariness over a stock market that plunged to longtime lows last month, just one in three say it is a good time to buy stocks.

A DAY ON WALL STREET. Includes line graphs for Dow Jones Industrials, Nasdaq composite, and Standard & Poor's 500.

Shoppers

Continued from page B1. holiday shopping. College graduates, whites and higher earners are most likely to use plastic.

season to be one of the worst in a long time. Retail sales dropped by 2.7 percent last month, according to a survey by the Goldman Sachs-International Council of Shopping Centers.

safe right now," said Wayne Parkerson, 58, an excavation contractor from Rexburg, Idaho. He says that even the many wealthy people in his area — near Grand Teton National Park — are holding off on planned construction of new homes.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 70.09, or 0.81 percent, to 8,761.42. On Tuesday, the Dow shed 243 points as investors after disappointing corporate news rearing their heads of the magnitude of the economy's troubles.

# Generic drug prices falling in U.S.

By Linda A. Johnson  
Associated Press writer

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Finally, a little good health care news for consumers: U.S. prices for generic prescription drugs, which already cost as little as one-third what their brand-name cousins do, have been getting cheaper and likely will keep doing so.

The cause? The ultra-low prices for generic prescriptions offered by giant retailers and drugstore chains and intense competition among the many generic drugmakers fighting for sales, according to health information firm IMS Health.

Those pricing pressures forced down dollar sales of generic drugs in the U.S. by 2.7 percent in the year ending in September, even though the number of generic prescriptions filled actually increased by 5.4 percent over the year before, IMS reported Wednesday.

"We're seeing the combination of pressure from large retailers to make generics available at even lower prices for their customers" and the intensified competition among generic drugmakers leading them to cut prices, said Murray Aitken, senior

## Drugs scheduled to go generic soon

By The Associated Press

Some "top-selling" drugs that have recently lost or soon will lose patent protection and face generic competition, along with their purpose. The dates are estimates and can change.

- 2008: Fosamax, osteoporosis; Imbrex, migraines; Protonix, severe heartburn; Risperdal, schizophrenia/bipolar disorder
- 2009: Prevacid, severe heartburn; Topamax, migraine prevention/epilepsy; Valtrex, herpes

- 2010: Cozaar/Hyzar, high blood pressure; Fioricet, tension headaches; Actos, diabetes; Actonel, Alzheimer's disease; Entyvio, Crohn's disease; Lasix, heart failure; Lipitor, cholesterol
- 2012: Lasipro, antidepressant; Flavin, blood thinning; Seroquel, schizophrenia/bipolar disorder

Source: Medco's Health Solutions July 2008 report

vice president of the Healthcare Insight unit at IMS.

Aitken said the price competition is particularly intense for drugs that had been brand-name blockbusters. Recent examples include osteoporosis drug Fosamax and cholesterol fighter Zocor — where "there can be as many as 20 generic manufacturers competing for share."

Meanwhile, in May 2006 discounter Kmart started the trend with 90-day supplies of popular drugs for \$15, followed by \$4-per-month programs from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp. The idea was to pass on their savings from buying in large volume as a strategy to draw more shoppers into their stores.

Some other major retailers with in-store pharmacies and even drugstore chains have

followed suit with similar programs, with some now offering generic drugs for as little as \$10 for a three-month supply.

"I think we'll continue to see very intense levels of competition" in the U.S., Aitken said. "It's a very good story for the health care system."

And more popular generics will be coming soon. Between now and 2012, brand-name drugs with \$139 billion in annual sales will face generic competition, IMS noted. Those drugs include the world's top-selling medicine, Pfizer Inc.'s cholesterol drug Lipitor, which has sales of nearly \$13 billion a year.

However, after that, the ongoing decline in the number of major brand-name drugs being approved will mean fewer new generics.

Generics generated \$78 billion in revenue in the 26 countries with the highest sales in the year ending in September, an increase of only 3.6 percent over the prior year, according to IMS. The \$70 billion total does not include sales at Wal-Mart, which does not disclose such data.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### GEORGIA

#### Airlines' on-time performance improves

ATLANTA — U.S. airlines' on-time performance and baggage handling improved in October, and the carriers overall posted a lower rate of domestic cancellations compared to the same month a year ago, the Transportation Department said Wednesday.

Region carrier Atlantic Southeast Airlines had the lowest on-time performance in October, while regional carrier Pinnacle Airlines had the best.

The DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics said the 19 carriers reporting on-time performance recorded an overall on-time arrival rate of 86 percent in October, higher than the 78.2 percent recorded a year earlier and the 84.9 percent recorded in September of this year.

The agency said the carriers in October canceled 0.6 percent of their scheduled domestic flights, a lower rate than both the 1.2 percent rate in October 2007 and the 1.8 percent rate posted in September of this year.

### NEW YORK

#### Eastman Kodak withdraws full-year 2008 forecast

ROCHESTER — Eastman Kodak Co. said Wednesday it has withdrawn its full-year 2008 operating profit and sales forecast because of a weak economy and stronger dollar, and says executives will not receive a salary increase next year.

The Rochester, N.Y.-based photographic products company said consumer spending has slowed dramatically, and tight credit markets are making it hard for shoppers to secure financing for new equipment purchases.

"There is an unprecedented amount of uncertainty surrounding the economic environment and most signs indicate that we may be facing a prolonged global recession," Chief Executive Antonio M. Perez said in a statement.

Shares declined 36 cents, or 4.7 percent, to \$6.66 in morning trading.

Kodak also said "dramatic" changes in the dollar's value are hurting earnings and

### BRITAIN

#### UK pound falls to record low against euro

LONDON — Britain's pound fell to a record low against the euro on Wednesday as fears about the strength of the British economy grew.

The British currency dipped to euro1.1392 — a 1.3 percent fall from its high point on Tuesday, and the weakest it has ever been against Europe's shared currency since the euro was launched in 1999.

The record low comes on the same day that Britain's National Institute of Economic and Social Research, a leading think tank, published a report estimating that the country's economy shrank by a greater-than-expected 1 percent in the three months through November.

The report predicted the country's economic contraction would accelerate in the quarter through December, landing the country in a technical recession — defined as two or more consecutive quarters of negative growth.

### JAPAN

#### Toyota to further cut production in N. America

TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp. said Wednesday it would further reduce production at several factories in North America, as the global slowdown continues to cut into the automaker's sales abroad.

Japan's largest carmaker will temporarily suspend output in December and January, according to Toyota spokesman Paul Nolasco.

Production will be stopped in Indiana for six days, Kentucky for nine days and Canada for 10 days. In addition, production of the Corolla and Tacoma brands at a plant in California jointly run with General Motors will be suspended for 10 days.

The last reductions follow those in the U.S. and Canada announced last month, including cutting several hundred contract workers.

— The Associated Press

# American recyclers left to scrape by

By David Pierson  
Los Angeles Times

Bales of shredded cardboard, paper and packaging are arranged into towers several stories high inside Steve Young's 130,000-square-foot warehouse in Commerce, Calif.

Trucks have been unloading 600 tons of the waste paper each day for more than a week, leaving the cavernous building nearly filled to capacity.

Ordinarily, much of the scrap would have been shipped to China, where it would be mashed into pulp and recycled into cardboard boxes to package many of the goods destined for American store shelves.

But American consumers aren't buying so many nicely

packaged TVs, computers and toys these days. And China's economy is slowing too.

So the stacks of paper in Young's warehouse near Los Angeles are going nowhere. But the recent material plunged as much as 75 percent in the past six weeks and probably will struggle to rebound as demand continues to fade.

But this is more than a story about unwanted paper. These piles of unwanted American trash are a window to the troubled worldwide economy, in which consumers aren't buying and the Chinese manufacturers who normally sell them are seeing a slowdown in their own breakthrough growth.

"Growth in China is so tied to what's going on in the

U.S.," said Peter Wang, chief executive officer of America Chung Nam Inc. of City of Industry, Calif., the largest waste paper supplier in the United States. "It's a domino effect."

Chinese manufacturers' dependence on pulp paper from the U.S. grew enormously over the past several years, as environmental degradation and logging restrictions limited their ability to find raw material to make new paper. Companies increasingly coveted recycled American paper, which was considered to be the world's finest for its strong fibers.

Last year, 11 million tons of scrap paper totaling \$1.5 billion was exported to China. By contrast, only 1.1 million tons, worth \$57 million, was

exported to China in 1998, according to the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Last year, about a fifth of U.S. scrap paper was sent to China.

This year was on track, until the bottom fell out last month, industry experts said.

The drop in demand for waste paper is mirrored in diminished markets for other commodities previously devoured by the booming Chinese economy, including raw materials for construction and factory production.

"The developed markets' weakness is hurting China and all the other emerging markets," said Donald Strasheim, a China expert at Roth Capital Partners in Newport Beach, Calif.

## Kids using alternative medicine

In 2007, a survey of 9,417 children found one in nine used a form of alternative medicine. Herbal remedies were most popular.

\* Nonvitamin, nonmineral, natural products  
\*\* Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder/Attention Deficit Disorder  
ADHD/ADD

NOTE: Relative standard error more than 30 percent and less than or equal to 50 percent for prevalence or probability

## Medicine

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breathing, massage and even dieting were included.

Vitamin and mineral supplements are not considered alternative medicine, nor are prayer or folk medicine practices.

Herbal remedies were the leading type of alternative therapy for both adults and those under 18. Among kids, such therapies were most often given for head or neck pain, colds and anxiety. Body aches and insomnia were other top reasons children got alternative therapies, the study found.

Fish oil for hyperactivity and echinacea for colds were the most popular supplements, although there's no proof such treatments work for those conditions, nor are they tested in kids.

Nahin cited the lack of rigorous scientific testing in declining to call such widespread use harmful or beneficial. Urethra is tightly regulated. Medicines, herbal remedies don't have to be proven safe or effective to be sold. And studies that have been done on them have focused on adults, not children.

But some doctors are troubled that parents may be giv-

ing children alternative therapies in place of proven clinical treatments, said Dr. Wallace Sampson, an emeritus clinical professor of medicine at Stanford University.

"The reality is none of these things work, including some of the more popular ones. They're placebos," said Sampson, who was a founding editor of the Scientific Review of Alternative Medicine.

The study was done by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is based on a 2007 survey of more than 23,000 adults who were speaking on behalf of a child in their household.

When asked the major ones to use alternative medicine, as are those with advanced college degrees and people who live in the West. Among non-elderly adults, it is used about equally by those with private insurance and those with no health insurance at all.

For adults, pain was by far the main reason adults tried massage, chiropractic care and other alternative therapies. Many adults say they had trouble getting back pain relief from mainstream medicine.

### INVITATION TO AREA RESIDENTS

## New Electrical Transmission Line Planned

Idaho Power representatives invite you to learn about the proposed Gateway West transmission line. This project includes 1,150 miles of new lines between eastern Wyoming and southwest Idaho. Construction is set to begin in 2011. New transmission lines are needed to provide greater reliability and meet customer electricity demand for future generations.

Please note the date and time (listed at right) when company representatives will be available in your community to answer questions, take comments and share more information including a detailed map of the proposed line route. Or visit Idaho Power's Web site at [www.idahopower.com/newsroom/projnews/gateway/](http://www.idahopower.com/newsroom/projnews/gateway/).

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**Tuesday, Dec. 16**

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**Twin Falls, Idaho**

The map shows the proposed route from Boise, Idaho, through Pocatello, Montpelier, and Kammerer, Wyoming, ending near Medicine Bow. It also shows alternative routes and study areas.

AROUND THE NATION

VIRGINIA

Despite Iowa trip, Jindal says 2012 bid unlikely

RICHMOND — Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said Wednesday he's not interested in a 2012 Republican presidential bid and will seek a second term as governor in 2011.

Jindal, who appeared at a news conference to back Virginia Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob McDonnell, was asked if he was interested in being president.

Jindal's trip to Iowa last month fueled speculation that he was laying the groundwork for a presidential campaign, and he did not rule out changing his mind over the next few years.

Instead, he said Americans are weary after the longest, most expensive election cycle in U.S. history.

"I think anybody who is even thinking of running would be well served to roll up their sleeves and support our new president," Jindal said. "I told our people, it doesn't matter whether you're Republican, Democrat or independent, it doesn't matter whether you voted for him or not, President-elect Barack Obama is our president."

NEW JERSEY

Big cat bites Santa during store photo shoot

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP — Santa Claus posed with a very large Kitty on his lap and was unfortunately, he might need rabies shots.

Jonathan Bebbington was playing the jolly old elf during a Santa Paws photo event at a PetsMart store when he was bitten Sunday on the wrist and hand.

The cat and owner disappeared after the incident. At least one person thought it was a bobcat, said Joan Kerr, president of Penny Angel's.

"It had absolutely huge paws, like 3 inches around," Kerr said.

"The cat, named 'Benny,' appeared terrified because dogs were nearby," Bebbington, 47, told The Press of Atlantic City.

"It had very powerful jaws and big teeth," he said, estimating the cat weighed about 30 pounds.

"The woman who brought it to the store told people there she bought the cat from a breeder in Wyoming for \$1,500.

"Her last words were, 'I have a permit and the cat has all his vaccines,'" Bebbington said.

Unless the owner produces vaccination records, Bebbington will have to receive rabies shots starting today as a precaution. He's already had a tetanus shot. "I don't want anything to happen to the cat," he said. "It's a beautiful animal and was naturally scared."

CALIFORNIA

Michael Jackson's glittery glove for sale

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's glittery glove is going on the auction block.

The glove, which inspired countless copycats, quips and Halloween costumes after it was unveiled in the 1983 video for Jackson's hit "Billie Jean," will be part of a five-day auction next year, July's Auctions announced Wednesday.

Jackson is also unveiling the grandiose gates that once led to his Neverland Ranch, along with more than 2,000 other personal items.

The King of Pop's possessions will be on display before the auction begins on April 21, 2009. Bids will be accepted in person and online. The sale is to be broadcast live on Auction Network.

Jackson plans to donate a portion of the proceeds to MusiCares, a charitable organization founded by the Recording Academy to help musicians in need.

— Wire reports



Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. D-Ill., leaves the podium following a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Jackson, a 7-term House member and son of a famous civil rights leader, said that while he sought the Senate appointment that is at the center of the federal investigation that led to this week's arrest of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, he was not involved 'whatsoever in any wrongdoing.'

Illinois governor ignores Obama's call to resign

CHICAGO (AP) — His career in shreds, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich clung defiantly to power Wednesday, ignoring a call to step down from President-elect Barack Obama and a warning that Senate Democrats will not let him appoint a new senator from the state.

"Everyone is calling for his head," said Barbara Flynn Curry, a leader in the Illinois Senate and, like the governor, a Democrat.

One day after Blagojevich's arrest, fellow Illinois politicians sought to avoid the taint of scandal-by-association.

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. said at a news conference in Washington that he was Senate Candidate 5 in the government's criminal complaint — a man Blagojevich was secretly recorded as saying might be willing to pay money to gain appointment to Obama's vacant Senate seat. Jackson said he had been assured by prosecutors he was not a target of the investigation, and he emphatically said he had not engaged "whatsoever in any wrongdoing."

Other Democrats in Washington edged away from calls for a special election to fill Obama's place in the Senate, hoping that Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn would soon become governor and fill the vacancy on his own. That would assure the party of holding the seat, and on a far faster timetable than any balloting would allow.

Ensnared in his downtown office, Blagojevich gave no sign he was contemplating resigning, and dispatched his spokes-

woman, Kelley Quinn, to say it was "business as usual" in his 16th-floor suite, situated a few blocks from Obama's transition headquarters.

"At the end of the day, the top priority for our office is to serve the people, and we have not lost sight of that, nor will we lose sight of that," Kelley Quinn said.

One day earlier, federal prosecutors released a thick document that included excerpts of wiretapped conversations in which the governor allegedly schemed to enrich himself by offering to sell Obama's Senate seat for job inside or outside government.

Blagojevich, whose 52nd birthday was Wednesday, is charged with conspiracy and solicitation to commit bribery, punishable by up to 20 years in prison and 10 years, respectively.

More than 24 hours after the arrest, Obama joined other prominent Democrats from his state in calling for Blagojevich's resignation.

Top Senate Democrats were more pointed in a letter circulated among the rank and file for signatures.



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Kids with obesity-linked gene pick fattening foods

By Stephanie Hano Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Scientists may have figured out one reason some people reach for the french fries instead of an apple.

It could be a gene that's been linked to an increased risk of obesity.

A study of children found those with a common variation of the gene tend to overeat high-calorie foods. They ate 100 extra calories per meal, which over the long term can put on weight, said Collin Palmer, who led the study at the University of Dundee in Scotland.

The findings don't mean that everyone with that version of the gene will eat too much and become obese, he said. They just might have a tendency to eat more fattening foods.

"It's still your choice," he said. "This gene will not make you overweight if you do not overeat."

Palmer said the results support the theory that childhood obesity today could be connected to the widespread availability and low cost of high-calorie foods. The research is published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Last year, scientists discovered the gene, named FTO, was linked to obesity but they didn't know why. Most of the other genes thought to affect body weight influence appetite.

Palmer and his colleagues wanted to know if the FTO gene also had to do with eating behavior, or

whether it involved how the body burns calories. They studied over 2,700 Scottish children ages 4 to 10 and put a group of them through extensive tests.

Nearly two-thirds of the children had at least one copy of the gene variant, about the same proportion found in last year's study of mostly white Europeans. That study found that those with one copy of the gene variant had a 30 percent increased risk of obesity, and carriers of two copies had almost a 70 percent increased risk.

The gene variation is also found in other populations; the frequency in Chinese is about half that of Europeans.

After confirming the obesity link in the larger Scottish group, the researchers examined 97 of the children. They took a number of measurements, including body fat and metabolic rate.

The children were given three meals at school to evaluate their eating behavior. The meal included a mix of fruits and vegetables, ham, cheese, potato chips, chocolate candies and bread rolls.

The researchers found that children with the gene variation showed no difference in metabolic rates, levels of physical activity or the amount of food eaten.

"The only thing we would find was the fact that they were eating much richer foods," said Palmer.

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IN THE MATTER OF: ) Case No. CV-2008-5262

THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO ) NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION

PETITIONER. ) FOR JUDICIAL EXAMINATION

) AND DETERMINATION OF VALIDITY OF

) BOND, OBLIGATION, AGREEMENT, AND

) SECURITY INSTRUMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Petitioner, the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, has filed its Petition herein pursuant to the Idaho Judicial Confirmation Law, I.C. § 7-1301, et seq., requesting a judicial confirmation of the power of Petitioner under the Constitution and laws of Idaho to enter into agreements (the "Agreements") with the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality from the State Drinking Water Revolving Loan Account and or other entities to fund the design and construction of drinking water system improvements for the City of Twin Falls and the purchase of rights to water.

The water project financing is estimated to be in the amount of up to Thirty Three Million Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$33,325,500), and includes the purchase of water rights to replace arsenic contaminated water, the construction of a booster pump station, an equalization tank and transmission lines to distribute water to the southerly and easterly portions of the city served with arsenic contaminated water, as well as the construction of transmission lines on Falls Avenue west to Grandview Drive and east to Hankins Road and provide adequate fire flows. The Petition seeks confirmation of the validity of the proposed loan agreement and matters relating thereto. A full and complete copy of the Petition may be examined at the Twin Falls County Courthouse in Twin Falls, Idaho.

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR JUDICIAL EXAMINATION AND DETERMINATION OF VALIDITY OF BOND, OBLIGATION, AGREEMENT, AND SECURITY INSTRUMENTS.

Notice is further given that a hearing on the Petition shall be held at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on Monday, the 5th day of January, 2009, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse in Judge Stoker's Courtroom, Twin Falls, Idaho. Any interested party may appear and move to dismiss or answer the Petition at any time prior to the date set for hearing or within such further time as may be allowed by the Court.

DATED This 26th day of November, 2008.

(SEAL) CLERK OF THE COURT

By /s/ Sharie Cooper DEPUTY CLERK

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# Idaho inventor's 'Water Bullet' sinks after test drop at reservoir

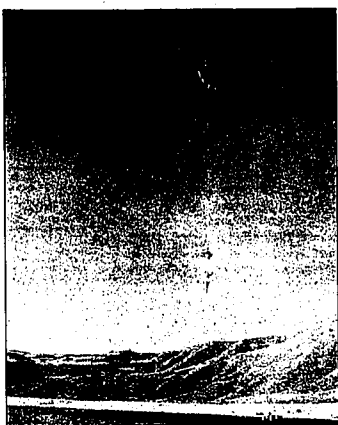
By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

**ARROWROCK RESERVOIR**  
—An Idaho man trying to find investors for a safety harness he developed paid a helicopter pilot \$2,400 to tow an unmanned rocket-like aircraft to an elevation of 800 feet and drop it into a reservoir Wednesday, where it promptly sank.

Lord Madrus Williammer, 38, who grew up in Burley just upstream from where Evel Knievel tried to jump the Snake River Canyon in 1974, called the test a success, at least in part because the "MX-311 Water Bullet" hit the surface of Arrowrock Reservoir without turning on its side or appearing to explode on impact.

Williammer — he changed his name legally in 2007 from George Bradley Lewis — said one day he'd like to test his craft, cushioned by one of his load-bearing harnesses, which he says are safer than ones now used at construction sites.

"He concedes he also just going to see what would happen to a 20-foot, 100-pound projectile dropped from a height of 2½ football fields into a public waterway. "You don't know what's going to go wrong until you



A heavy helicopter tows the 'MX-311 Water Bullet' before dropping it Wednesday from 800 feet into Arrowrock Reservoir, southeast of Boise.

test it," he said before the drop. Last year, Williammer was stopped by Boise County authorities and by the federal Bureau of Reclamation from conducting a similar test at this remote reservoir about 20

miles northeast of Boise, on grounds he needed a permit, for an event attended by more than 500 people.

On Wednesday, however, only a dozen people stood on the sunny but chilly shoreline,

including a Boise County sheriff's sergeant who said his office had failed to locate an Idaho law forbidding the drop.

"We really can't stop him," said Sgt. Larry Lammson, who watched from his patrol truck. "If there's a bunch of flitter, he's going to have to clean it up, so I hope it doesn't break up."

Williammer said he's spent \$100,000 of his own money on the project and hired Jim Ranney, a former U.S. Army pilot who flew missions in Vietnam and whose regular work at a Boise-based helicopter company includes helping NASA test parachutes for Mars rover vehicles.

Water Bullet in tow, Ranney's chopper ascended over a circular target of orange buoys meant to warn away the few passing boaters, including Sue and Randy Prescott, who had been trolling for landlocked kokanee salmon Wednesday morning when they saw Williammer's activities and became curious. They kept their distance during the drop — just in case.

"I don't want a hole in the top of the boat," Sue Prescott said.

Ideally, Williammer wanted the Water Bullet to travel straight down, penetrate about 35 feet into the water, then pop back up with the help of an air bag so he could

check the craft for damage. When Ranney released the projectile, it hit with a splash that sent water 30 feet into the air. But the air bag failed and the aircraft never re-emerged; the Prescotts' fish finder located it on its side on the reservoir floor, about 45 feet down.

By mid-afternoon, Williammer was contemplating donning scuba gear to begin a salvage operation in the 44-degree water.

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## AROUND THE STATE

### POCATELLO Idaho State Police to close dispatch center

Idaho State Police is closing its Pocatello dispatch center next year, and calls from the region will be routed through Meridian, officials said.

The Pocatello center will close July 1, and the center's 11 employees have been offered positions at the remaining two dispatch centers in Meridian and Coeur d'Alene, the Idaho State Journal reported.

Tuesday morning announcement caught the Pocatello employees by surprise.

"They will have to weigh their options. The good thing is they have six months before this center is moved, he said.

### KETCHUM Dam project helps Big Lost fishery

Conservationists and fish biologists are hoping their recent efforts to make three irrigation dams on the Big Lost River more fish friendly will help bolster fish populations in the central Idaho stream.

In October, several conservation groups joined with the state to add fish passages to the diversion dams, to reconnect fish populations along several stretches of the river.

State fish biologists say the project should help trout. But they hope the biggest beneficiary is a species of whitefish unique to the Big Lost drainage.

Once prolific in the river, officials say the Big Lost mountain whitefish has declined to just 2 percent of its historic levels. A 2005 survey of adult fish estimated total population at 2,745 fish.

### BOISE Slak named Concordia law school dean

A private Lutheran university has named former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Cathy Slak dean of the law school it expects to open in Boise in 2010.

The board that governs Concordia University in Portland, Ore., picked Slak, one of only two women to serve on Idaho's high court and the first female judge appointed to the Idaho Court of Appeals, from among 50 candidates.

"Cathy rose to the top pretty quickly," Concordia President Charles Schlimper said Wednesday in Boise.

Slak offers a familiar public face to plans by the private Oregon university to open a law school here in two years. Part of her job will be to help nail down the rest of the \$7 million Concordia needs before it can enroll students.

—The Associated Press

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 Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows upper 20s to near 30.  
 Tomorrow: Partly cloudy cover. Highs low to middle 40s.

**THREE YEAR FORECAST**

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.  
 Tonight: Cloudy periods expected. Lows middle to upper 20s.  
 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. Highs upper 30s to low 40s.

**WORLD WEATHER FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Yesterday's Weather
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**WORLD WEATHER FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTL.**  
 The end of the week will be seasonal and cloudy. Look for rain and snow showers developing late on Friday and continuing as mainly snow through the weekend.

**TOISE** Highs: 38 to 40; Lows: 18 to 20.  
 Seasonal with plentiful cloud cover expected today and again on Friday. Shower potential will increase late on Friday. Color this weekend with snow possible.

**NORTHERN UTAH**  
 Seasonal with scattered clouds on 12p today. Cooler and increasingly unsettled for weeks end. Very cold with snow possible this weekend.

**REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
 "I don't want to be a part of the Christmas season." - Regg Middlekauff, 59, who committed suicide in a Swiss clinic.

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**TV broadcast of assisted suicide condemned in UK**

By Gregory Katz  
 Associated Press writer

LONDON — The scene is difficult to watch, even for viewers inured to the subject of dying by a steady diet of violent Hollywood and television fare.

Craig Ewert, a former computer scientist from Chicago, is shown lying in bed with his wife at his side while he takes barbiturates. He asks for a glass of apple juice to mask the bad taste and help him swallow. Then he uses his teeth to turn off his ventilator — and dies on camera.

Britain's obsession with reality television reached new heights — or depths — Wednesday night with the broadcast of the assisted suicide of the 59-year-old terminally ill American at a Swiss clinic.

Showing the final moment of death had long been a final taboo, even for no-holds-barred British TV, where sex and violence are common, and the broadcast unleashed debate on an issue that strongly divides public opinion.

Photographs of Ewert's final moments dominated Britain's newspaper front pages Wednesday — SUICIDE TV screamed one tabloid — and prompted a debate in Parliament, where Prime Minister Gordon Brown was quizzed about the propriety of the decision to air the program.

Before he died, Ewert said taking his own life would mean less suffering for himself and his family.

"If I go through with it, I die as I must at some point," he says in the documentary, which chronicles his 2006 decision to take his own life after being diagnosed with degenerative motor neuron disease.

"I don't go through with it, my choice is essentially to suffer, and to inflict suffering on my family, and then die."

Care Not Killing, an anti-euthanasia group aligned with the Catholic Church and other religious organizations in Britain, denounced the broadcast as "a cynical attempt to boost television ratings" and persuade Parliament to legalize assisted suicide.

"There is a growing appetite from the British public for increasingly bizarre reality shows," said the group's director, Peter Saunders. "We'd see it as a new milestone. It giori-

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Canadian and Swiss TV and at numerous film festivals, where it provoked little controversy. But it struck a raw nerve in Britain, where the divisive debate over assisted suicide remains unresolved.

Zaritzy said it would have been "less than honest" to make the film without showing the actual suicide because it would have left viewers wondering if the death was unrepentant, cruel, or carried out against Ewert's will.

"By putting it out there, and putting it out there in its entirety, people can judge for themselves," he said, adding that the documentary gives viewers an insight into how assisted suicide would work if it is legalized in some places.

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## FROZEN FISHING

### Popular fishing hole freezes out anglers before ice arrives

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

If you haven't fished Magic Reservoir before, you might want to wait until the weather turns warm. Unless, that is, you like ice fishing.

There's no ice to be found at the reservoir just yet — except for some encroaching crystals near some of the banks — but that is just fine to those who fished its waters last Thursday.

"We come here as often as we can," said Bill Ogata, of Jerome, who fished the reservoir with a friend. "We're gonna catch us some big fish."

But by noon the pair had only caught one rainbow trout.

Two other friends, Smoky Webb and Carter Kiser, both of Shoshone, also fished the reservoir Thursday. They arrived that morning and, like Ogata, the men stayed inside their vehicle with the heater turned on to fight off chills from the cold wind that blew outside. They watched their fishing poles through the windshield, waiting for the tips of their rods to bend at the strike of a fish.

They were still waiting at noon.

"We're just sitting here watching our poles. They're not biting," Kiser said. "I haven't caught anything." But Webb added, "I've even when the fish don't

"is better than sitting at home watching TV."

The friends, who come together several times during the year to fish the reservoir, said fishing has been slow during the past month or so. Presumably they had better luck, they said.

They don't think their lack of luck has anything to do with the water levels, though Webb said the reservoir is the lowest he's seen it in a long time. But despite its low water, it is actually rising — and probably has risen at least 4 feet in the past month, he said.

Magic Reservoir, located about 50 miles north of Twin Falls off Highway 75, is a popular spot for bird watching. During the warmer months, birders can find all varieties of fowl, from raptors to song birds. During the colder months, however, you'll likely find only raptors, shorebirds or waterfowl, as most other birds have flown to warmer climates or are nesting until the days turn longer.

Many of the waterfowl and shorebirds — which may comprise Canada geese, mallards, pintails, pelicans, gulls, grebes and killdeer — merely pass through the area, while others "make it" from one round to the next. Magic Reservoir is a popular spot for birding in an area that, his-



Though a cold wind blew across Magic Reservoir Dec. 4, it didn't stop Bill Ogata, of Jerome, from trying his luck at the popular angling getaway. Photos by KEVIN JACKSON/Times-News

torically speaking, is a geological wonder. Geologists the country over are familiar with its volcanic history.

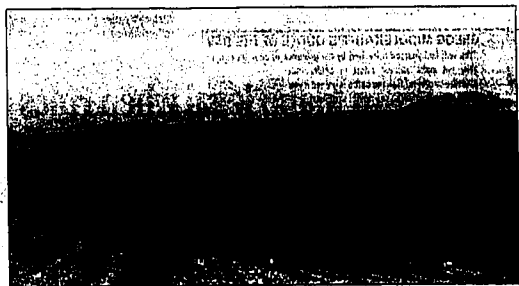
"Most of southern Idaho is considered geologically active" and could emit volcanic ash at any time, another marker reads, "perhaps tomorrow, or maybe 1,000 years from now."

Whatever time of year you visit the reservoir and surrounding area, in winter's harsh cold or during summertime's dry heat, be mindful of the lands about you.

The same marker that informs visitors of the site's geological wonders warns them that most of the land around the reservoir is publicly owned, but some are private lands.

Use common sense, be aware of which lands are owned by whom and respect property rights, the marker reads.

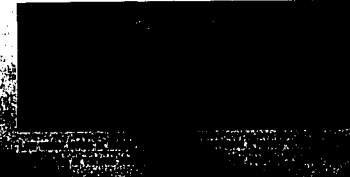
Besides the area's geological history, its birding and the reservoir's ability to either bank or flood the area is also a popular



Water levels at Magic Reservoir have been quite low recently, though water is starting to rise, say anglers. Ice fishermen are waiting for the lake to freeze so they can try their luck on the ice.

and has been for several years. It is likely the most popular ice-fishing spot in the Magic Valley, said Scott Stanton, regional biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Anglers — at least one breed of fishermen — are waiting to read ice



A pickup truck provides shelter for anglers Carter Kiser and Smoky Webb, both of Shoshone, from the high winds that passed through Magic Reservoir Dec. 4.

## Ski and snowboard gear trends, part II

**Editor's note:** This is the second in a two-part series of columns on gear trends in skiing and snowboarding for the 2008/09 season.

In this second column on gear trends in skiing and snowboarding for the 2008/09 season, a jacket with embedded electronics, self-tinting goggles, and customizable ski boots are among



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the products you'll see on the slopes this season. Custom-Fit Footwear Boots molded to mimic the anatomical idiosyncrasies of human feet are now a common upgrade offered at ski shops, including customizable footbeds

and boot liners that form to fit from calves to toes. But Salomon takes it up a step with the Falcon Custom Shell Pro Boot, a \$925 top-end boot that has a moldable outer shell, allowing a shop to create a personalized fit by shaping the boots' hard outer plastic to best fit your foot.

**Clear Vision** Good goggles have long enhanced performance on the slopes by letting skiers see better. But the upgrades continue and Zeal Optics, which released its Detonator

goggles (\$200, www.zealoptics.com), is one example of an innovator: These goggles' polarized lens changes tint automatically as per available light, going dark when the sun is bright to almost clear at night.

Smith's I/O goggle (\$160, www.smithoptics.com) have an interchangeable lens and a rimless design, letting you click and switch out lens style and type in an instant.

**Tech-Wear** Electronics embedded in outerwear is a trend seen from jackets to the head- phone-equipped helmets now ubiquitous in terrain parks around the country. Rossignol adds a high-tech

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# Rustic lodge recalls Sun Valley's early years

By Matt Farber  
Idaho Mountain Express

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Opened in 1939, the Roundhouse has been a winter getaways and a place where celebrities alike, a passage to bygone ways of rymaking at Sun Valley Resort's Bald Mountain ski area. It contains a massive stone fireplace in the octagonal structure. More than half a century, accordion player Tim Iriksen has been accompanying midday meals and other events at various venues with his deep treasure

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With impressive views of the Pioneer Mountains to the East and a glimpse of the valley, nearly 2,000 feet below, it is not hard to imagine Averell Harriman — the founder of Sun Valley Resort — admiring the spot in the company of Austrian Count Felix Schafgotsch as they scoped out the ski terrain in the 1930s.

The Roundhouse was built with some \$20,000 in funds saved from the \$205,000 budget for Bald Mountain's first ski lift. Pleased with the success of the lift construction, the Union Pacific engineer, William Castagnetto, who oversaw construction, spearheaded the project to build a structure using a number of available resources, including a stone mason, who was working in the Grand Canyon.

Reportedly, Harriman balked when he heard that 46

windows had been ordered from Omaha, Neb., for the project, but when he rode up to see the project "he liked it so well that he's the one who named it the Roundhouse," Castagnetto is reported to have said.

Today, the historic restaurant still fills a niche as a fine sit-down dining experience. Although the building was closed for three years in the late 1990s with the advent of the Seattle Ridge and River Run lodges, demand for the experience has kept the Roundhouse alive and kicking.

Since its first season in 1940, the lodge, which has always been a winter establishment, has gone through only minor renovations. In 1954 the original outside deck was enclosed and Wally Huffman, Max McKinnon and Sawtooth Construction put on a new deck in 1976. However, the future of the Roundhouse remains in question.

Strong opinions circle that the structure should remain in its authentic rustic state for the richness of the experience it provides, but language in the Sun Valley Master Plan, now being reviewed by the U.S. Forest Service, elicits a future that provides "more efficient utilization of the Roundhouse facility by extending the operating periods so that the restaurant can be operated on a year-round basis, including evening dining."

Whatever happens to the building with the intended removal of the Exhibition triple chairlift, changes are likely to be tied to plans for a new gondola to run from the River Run base to the Roundhouse. Master Plan language hints at a new Roundhouse restaurant, but Sibbach said no formal plans have yet been drafted. The plan further indicates that "dining and sightseeing can be offered both during the day and in the evening. When the Christmas lift is replaced with a gondola, the top of Bald Mountain would make an ideal location for evening star gazing when conditions are suitable."

Whatever the future holds, again this winter one of the coziest places for an authentic Sun Valley experience is certainly by the stone fireplace in the Roundhouse with the antique wooden skis crossed above the mantle.

The Roundhouse is located midway up Bald Mountain on the River Run side. The day lodge offers sit down service around a four-sided fireplace and an extensive wine list. Non-skiers may want a "foot lift" pass to meet friends for lunch. Reservations are recommended.

## OUTDOORS BRIEFS

### Ducks Unlimited meeting tonight

Twin Falls Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at Idaho Plaza, 1859 Kimberly Road. This will be the first planning session for 2009's calendar of events.

If you have an interest to benefit waterfowl through conservation, this meeting is for you.

Then on Feb. 21, Ducks Unlimited will host its annual banquet at Radio Rotonde in Twin Falls. For more information about either event, contact 732-1063 or Mike at 420-7110.

### New online registration for off-road vehicles

The recreation registration renewal process has been made more convenient with an online renewal service, now available for snowmobiles and boats, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation says, has announced.

The renewal process for motorbikes, ATVs and UTVs will be brought online at a later date, due to recent legislation and changes in the registration requirements for these vehicles. The customers have been asking for an online renewal service for several years and we are now able to accommodate those requests for Idaho snowmobile and boat owners," said IDR Director Robert Melnen.

Renewal reminders, sent annually to vehicle/vessel owners, have important information included on the card that will be required in order to complete renewals online. Stickers will be received within 3-5 business days. Online customers will not pay more than they are used to paying at vendor locations or IDR service centers for the convenience of the online service, Melnen said.

The renewal service is accessible at: [www.parksandcreation.idaho.gov](http://www.parksandcreation.idaho.gov) under "registrations & renewals." For questions or comments: [help@idripdaho.gov](mailto:help@idripdaho.gov).

### Bald eagle count rises sharply in N. Idaho

COEUR D'ALENE — A survey by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management shows that the number of bald eagles congregating in the Wolf Lodge Bay area of Lake Coeur d'Alene has soared in the last week. Wildlife biologist Scott Robinson says the weekly survey found 127 eagles on the bay Monday, up from 88

last week and 59 the week after Thanksgiving.

Bald eagles from around the region are attracted by the thousands that spawn in the bay from November through December.

The highest counts usually come the week before Christmas. The record of 156 eagles was counted in December 2004.

### Lease swap proposed on Great Salt Lake shore

SALT LAKE CITY — The state of Utah wants to swap leases with a minerals company about the shore of the Great Salt Lake in an effort to protect wildlife.

In a proposed deal announced Tuesday, Great Salt Lake Minerals Corp. would relinquish a lease on about 30,000 acres around Promontory Point in exchange for 37,000 acres on sections of the lake's northwest arm.

State officials say the 30,000 acres would be used to benefit birds and other wildlife in the area.

The company would use its leases on the northwest arm for solar evaporation ponds, which are used to extract salt from the lake. The process is part of the company's production of sulfate of potash, a specialty fertilizer.

The company currently has about 43,000 acres of solar evaporation ponds along the lake.

### National Elk Refuge extends bison hunting season

JACKSON, Wyo. — Wildlife managers say they're extending the bison hunting season on the National Elk Refuge by three weeks in an effort to thin the herd.

Hunters have killed about 140 bison of the 1,200-head herd so far this season. Officials with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the National Elk Refuge say they ultimately need to bring the herd down to 500 animals.

Officials say the bison population needs to be controlled to minimize concerns over disease transmission, competition with elk and habitat damage.

Refuge Manager Steve Kallin says many bison have remained in Grand Teton National Park, just north of the refuge border, because of ample food availability there.

The refuge bison season had been scheduled to end Dec. 15 and will now end Jan. 4.

— Staff and wire reports

# Trapping in Idaho legal when rules are followed

Questions: "While chukar hunting, my dog stepped in a trap. Is it legal to set foot-hold traps during the bird hunting season?"

Answer: Yes. Bird-dog hunters and mountain lion and raccoon hunters who trap must be aware that other resource users, namely trappers, may be using the area.

Trapping in Idaho is legal when done according to the rules adopted by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. Traps are set to harvest furbearing animals such as bobcats, beaver, muskrats, raccoons and red fox. Traps are also set for coyotes, classified as a predator in Idaho. Traps vary from foot-hold traps to Conibear trap. Snares are also legal. All traps must be tagged with the



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Gary Hompland

trapper's name or a number assigned by Fish and Game and checked by the trapper every 72 hours. Seasons for trapping or hunting furbearers vary by species but generally run from Nov. 1 into March 31.

Waterfowl hunters should use caution near water-entry points such as beaver slides or beaver dams. Beaver and other sets may contain large foot-hold traps or Conibear traps. All dog hunters should know trappers use animals, gland lures, and scent urine

to attract furbearers. These scents also attract hunting dogs.

With a cool head and some preparation most hunters can efficiently and effectively remove any trap or snare. A dog in pain will yelp and bite anyone, including the owner. The first step is to cover and secure the dog's head to stop it from struggling and prevent getting bit. A coat or boot lace works well for this. When the springs of the trap are compressed, open the jaws and remove the paw. On a Conibear trap the springs must be compressed and locked before the trap can be removed. On a snare, the lock must be released or the cable cut to remove your pet.

Any of the new topical antiparasitic treatments such as EMT gel could be applied to

help close and disinfect a wound and promote healing.

Hunters can remove a dog accidentally caught in a trap but must know it is unlawful to destroy, disturb, or remove traps or snares belonging to others. Once your dog is free, you must leave the trap. If the trap is set in violation of Fish and Game rules, contact the nearest Fish and Game regional office.

Bird-dog hunters and others with dogs should take the time to become familiar with how these traps work. It may save your dog's life or prevent serious injury.

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# Panel looking at future of Great Salt Lake

By Mike Stark  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The Great Salt Lake is a state treasure but faces a long list of threats and lacks a unifying vision for how it should be managed, a newly formed government panel said Tuesday.

Now the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council — a mix of government and industry officials and environmentalists — is trying to decide whether a new approach for overseeing the lake is needed. One of the decisions will be whether to create an overarching commission similar to those in the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay and the Puget Sound. The next would be how much authority to give the commission.

Gov. Jon Huntsman created the council in an executive order in August to talk about the future of the lake and whether it's time for a dramatic shift in how it's managed.

Meeting at the Capitol, 10 members of the council identified several threats to the lake, including population growth, pollutants and a lack of water. Most pressing, some members say, is the paucity of scientific information about the health of the lake system.

"The biggest threat is the lack of knowledge," said Leland Myers of the Central Davis Sewer District. Without a basic understanding of how the lake works — and reliable indicators to take its pulse — management will continue to be fragmented and without a full understanding of the implications of management decisions, he said.



The Great Salt Lake. Utah officials are trying to determine if a new approach is needed in overseeing it.

Walt Baker, director of the state Division of Water Quality, has been making the case for the formation of a commission. He's not a member of the council but wanted to see its members taking the idea seriously.

"I think it's overdue," said Baker. The council spent its first four meetings hearing presentations on issues facing the lake. On Tuesday, it took the first steps toward deciding that the lake might need to be managed in a different way.

"The fact that we don't have any coordinated management I think is a problem," said David Livermore of the Nature Conservancy. Current management of the lake — whether it's duck ponds, pollution or lakebed lands — is handled by a mishmash of local, state and federal agencies. Council

members said those agencies do well with their piece of the action but no one's keeping an eye on the overall health of the lake system.

There is no shortage of issues facing the lake, council members said. The council's chairman, State Sen. Dan Eastman, R-Bountiful, said one of the biggest problems is that of extract minerals. Isn't getting enough water.

"We're running in the red out there," he said. Part of the reason is the rapid growth along the Wasatch Front and the consequent diversion of mountain stream flows before they reach the Great Salt Lake, which has no drain and supports millions of migrating birds and businesses that harvest brine shrimp and extract minerals.

There are already early signs of trouble, said Bill

Fenimore, of the Wild Bird Center in Layton. State researchers last month said flow from a set of natural channels near the north end of the lake has dropped 80 percent since the late 1960s.

The concern just isn't that more people are moving into the area but that development is creeping toward the lake's shore.

"We're likely to see more and more of that. The question is what do we do?" said Wilford Sommerkorn, the planning director for Salt Lake City.

A commission overseeing the lake could play a role in helping local decisions take into account the larger consequences on the lake, council members said. The group is expected to draw up a list of recommendations, some of which could be taken up by the Legislature in 2010.

# All-women's snowmobile rally to celebrate 25 years

ISLAND PARK — The nation's longest running all-women's snowmobile rally will celebrate its 25th season on Jan. 17.

"We're hoping for great turnout this year," event director Bill Smith said. "We've sent invitations to all the ladies who raced in the previous years. We'd love to have some new people who have never been here before."

Sponsored by the Last Chance Merchants, the Last Chance Ladies — at The Trouthunter Lodge on the banks of Henry's Fork of the Snake River in Island Park's Last Chance area.

Two age groups compete — three-women teams Juniors and Ladies — and two classes of sleds: limited, which are sleds that total 1800 cc and under; and unlimited, which are sleds

that total 1801 cc and up.

The Junior course is 75 miles long, and the Ladies course covers 50 miles. Both are on expertly-groomed trails managed by the Fremont County Parks and Recreation Department's snowmobile trail grooming program on the Caribou-Tahqee National Forest.

The event includes a meal at the lodge, an awards ceremony, and a raffle that will raise money for breast cancer awareness and Island Park Emergency Services. Raffle items include two complete snowmobile outfits, a variety of outdoor gear, and more.

The event was founded by the late Helen and Larry Thompson. To register or get help assembling a team: Smith at 208-558-7015 or 208-351-7177.

Share your hunting, fishing or other outdoors photos or stories with Outdoors Editor Andrew Weeks. E-mail him at [aweeksm@magic-valley.com](mailto:aweeksm@magic-valley.com) or call him at (208) 735-3233.





**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

WHAT WOULD A BABY BEAR DO JUST BEFORE IT ATTACKS?  
I REASON IT WOULD PUT ITS HEAD DOWN AND HOLD ITS TAIL UP HIGH.  
WHY DO YOU ASK?  
OH, NO REASON.

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

ZOE, WANT ME TO LOANED SO MANY OF YOUR COFFERS TO YOUR FRIENDS?  
IT'S UNUSUAL FOR ME!  
IT'S FINE, ITS CREATIVE, ITS ENTERTAINING...  
BUT IT DENIES YOUR WOMEN'S NUTS!  
THAT'S THE ENTERTAINING PART!

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

GET IN STEP! HUP! TWO! THREE! HOP!  
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE CROSSING GUARD  
HE OFFERED TO GIVE ME SOME POINTERS

**Blondie** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

BLONDIE HAS IT THE PLAN TWERPS ARE GIVING ME A CHRISTMAS BONUS  
GOOD FOR THEM  
AND THE TWINKLEBAUMS MIGHT BE GOING AWAY WITH LOO SWAGGERS!  
AND WHO STARTED THIS BLONDIE?  
I DO!

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

WE NEED YOUR NEW COMPUTER FOR THE EMPTY OFFICE IN THE EXECUTIVE SUITE.  
WE DON'T WANT ANY VISITORS TO SEE VACANT OFFICES. THEY MIGHT THINK WE'RE HAVING FINANCIAL TROUBLES.  
WHY DON'T WE PUT MY OLD COMPUTER IN THE VACANT OFFICE?  
THAT'S CRAZY TALK.

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

Ah, had a dream last night that I was invited to dinner with Clint Eastwood!  
We talked about lunch at 10k days on its...  
Then we went back to this house for a private screening of my movie. It was great!  
I wish Ah wake up in the rec room with mahin but rays had on, Ah'll get a coffee size for an autograph.

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

PAUL SENT ME THE FURNACE FOR A SHOWER WORKING ON IN HONOLULU. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING ME A TOYOTA - A BIG CHRISTMAS PRESENT BUT IT WAS CANCELLED.  
SO HE THOUGHT I'D BE THERE WITH US FOR ANOTHER SIZZLER & ROOM.  
WELL, HE'S HERE TO MEET WITH US NOW. HOW'S IT GOING?  
HAYING TOO MUCH.

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

IT'S IRONIC, THESE DAYS MONEY GOES A LOT FASTER, BUT NOT AS FAR AS IT USED TO.

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

I'VE HIDDEN YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT WHERE YOU'LL NEVER FIND IT.  
TICKLE ME ALL YOU WANT, I'M NOT TELLING.  
HE'S TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT.

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HAGAR?  
I WAS AT THE TAVERN, HELLO! AS A GENTLE LEAVE!  
WHY NOT?  
THERE WAS STILL A HALF-HOUR LEFT OF HAPPY HOUR!

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

I HATE THIS NEW TOOTHPASTE MOMMY GOT!  
ME TOO.  
PLURT!  
YOU CAN'T PUT TOOTHPASTE BACK IN THE TUBE, RIGHT?

**Luann** By Greg Evans

...AN ALL-INCLUSIVE WEEK FOR TWO AT OUR LUXURIOUS TOCHABOUT RESORT IN COSTA RICA!  
I DANK, TIA.  
IT'S A TWO BEDROOM VILLA! YOU'RE ASKING FOR AS A COMPLETELY INCIDENT!  
OF COURSE, THE INTERESTING ROMANCE OF THE PLACE MAY OVERCOME HER, BUT THAT'S NOT THE PLAN, IS IT?  
NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT!  
OOO! NICELY DONE, ALMOST CONVINCED ME!

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

WHY DON'T YOU GET RID OF THAT BELL SO YOU CAN HEAR WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?  
BONK!

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

WHERE YOU BEEN THIS MORNING, RAT?  
HELPING ZEBRA. THE COPS GOT THIS BOMB.  
THE BOMB? OH NO! I DON'T GONNA DIE!  
RELAX BACON BUTT... FOR A CHANGE, I THOUGHT YOU'LL BE A GREAT TEAM OF BOMB DISPOSAL EXPERTS... REAL PROS... THEY SHOULD BE THERE ANY MINUTE.  
HOUNDY-DO.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

DON'T HAVING A PIECE OF A PENCIL LEAD SLICK IN YOUR LEAD POISONING?  
NO, WELSON, PENCIL LEADS AREN'T MADE OF LEAD. THEY'RE MADE OF GRAPHITE.  
SO IT'S NOT SLOWLY POISONING YOU TO DEATH?  
NOPE. THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS YOUR GRAPHITE'S COOKING.

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

HERE IS MY GET WELL CARD TO YOU. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO WRITE IT.  
OF COURSE! HE'S A LOCAL CELEBRITY. HELP US TO IT!  
THIS BEING A LITTLE PUGH!  
OH, TAKE ANOTHER ONE I'LL BE BLANCHED!

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

I HATE THE DRUGS WHEN BEING A CAT-PERSON OR A DOG-PERSON HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH HAVING A PET.

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketchum

THIS IS THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR TO HAVE AUNTS AN' UNCLAS.

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

WHAT KITCHEN UTENSIL DOES BLANCH USE MOST?  
WELL, SHE WIELDS A MEAN FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Every mother in the world knows one thing for sure...  
breakfast is the most important meal of the day.  
And after the last...  
THANKS EVERYONE!  
WHY CAN'T YOU USE A PLATE?

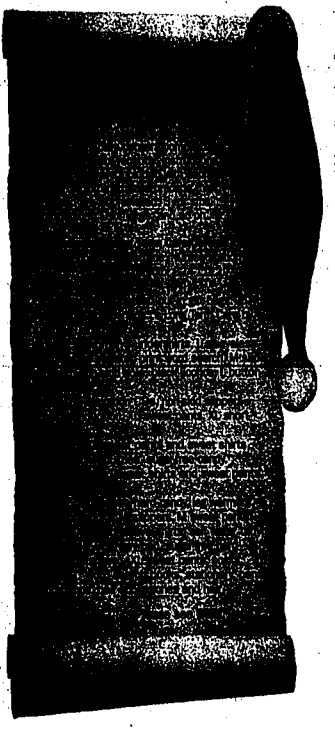
## Jerome takes comment on truck route plan

The City of Jerome today will host an open house for public comment on a proposed ordinance to establish a prescribed truck route.

The open house, held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 101 E. Ave. A, will detail the ordinance, which includes a prohibition of vehicles longer than 22 feet

from making turns at the intersection of Main Street and Lincoln Avenue. The ordinance would also limit oversized vehicles and semi-trailers from using routes through residential neighborhoods.

In a Tuesday release, city officials stated that "The movement of certain large commercial vehicles, trucks and trailers throughout the City of Jerome poses an immediate threat to the public safety and welfare of persons, infrastructure and private property, particularly at the intersection of Lincoln and Main."



# Survive and thrive

## Jerome woman involved in 1993 accident returns home

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

On Jan. 8, 1993, Kathleen McKay's life was forever changed.

After her car was hit by a drunk driver south of Jerome, the vibrant pre-medicine student at the College of Southern Idaho was suddenly fighting for her life.

McKay said she was "circling the drain," and doesn't remember the accident or the two hellacious weeks that followed.

"They said I died twice in the ambulance on the way to the hospital," McKay said. "They honestly didn't know if I would survive or if I would walk again."

She was taken to the then-Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and spent five days in the Intensive Care Unit, followed by a two-month stay at the hospital.

Her treatment continued with two more grueling months at the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

Kathleen's mother, Betty McKay, said, "Upon release from the Elks, Kathleen was told she could not go back to school. She went back school. She was told she could only take one credit, she took six credits. Kathleen does not buy 'can't'."

She doesn't see herself as a victim, either.

After the accident she said various groups wanted her to tell her story in order to curb drunk driving and the accidents it causes.

"I didn't want to play the blame game or be portrayed as the victim because it really gave me more than it took," McKay said.

Still, she wishes more people would be less inclined to driving drunk.

According to the Idaho's Annual Uniform Crime Report there were 11,659 adults arrested for driving under the influence in 2007. That's up from the 10,000 adult DUI arrests made in 2003.

Instead of dwelling on the pain and time lost, McKay gives credit to the accident for her life today.

McKay, 39, returned to the Magic Valley last year. Earlier this month she put up her chiropractic credentials in a Twin Falls office.

"In the midst of chaos and tragedy I was given a gift. I don't take people or life for granted," she said.

She relearned how to study and dove back into continuing her education. In March of 2003 she graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic West in San Jose, Calif.

McKay said that prior to the accident she "was not a real advocate of chiropractic medicine."



Blair Koch/For the Times-News  
Kathleen McKay, of Jerome, poses for a portrait at her chiropractic office in Twin Falls recently. McKay was hit by a drunk driver in 1993 and almost lost her life but credits the tragedy for how she lives her life today.

Seeking relief from lingering pain from her many broken bones, including a shattered femur and fractured skull and jaw, McKay met a chiropractor that changed her life.

"She was very well in-tune with what made people feel better and she made me feel better," she said.

After getting her degree more than five years ago, McKay practiced in Marsing. She sold that practice last

year to return to Jerome. "This is home. I now have an organic farm and am enjoying life. More than anything the accident taught me that anything is possible," McKay said. "Through a tragedy I learned my biggest strengths—compassion, patience and being insatiably curious about life."

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Jerome Habitat house dedicated Friday

Habitat for Humanity will dedicate a home in Jerome for another deserving family at 4 p.m. Friday at 1462 Rainier Dr.

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses then are sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charge.

Volunteers provide most of the labor and individual and corporate donors provide money and materials to build the houses. Partner families themselves invest hundreds of hours of labor sweat equity into building their homes and the homes of others.

### Jerome Historical Society offers thanks

The Jerome County Historical Society wishes to thank all who contributed and assisted with the Oral

History Project that was held Nov. 11.

The project focused on five local men and women. Their voices and memories of World War II were recorded on video for the community to enjoy at the museum on N. Lincoln in Jerome. Those interviewed were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fyke, Bernice Smith, Tom Mahan, Truman Beem and Ralph Peters.

The project committee would also like to recognize and thank the local library and the staff for hosting the event. The attendance of the Honor Guard from the National Guard made for a patriotic event.

The project was made possible with grant money and contributions from the Idaho Humanities Council, Jerome Centennial Project and the Idaho Historical Society. Kim Lickley serves as the chairperson of the project and Ed Robertson is president of the local historical society.

## Jerome nurses earn statewide awards

By Mary Hanson  
Times-News correspondent

Two nurses from Jerome's Saint Benedict's Family Medical Center were among those recently honored by the statewide Excellence in Nursing awards committee of the Idaho Chapter of the March of Dimes.

Debbie Packard and LPN Sharon Sparks, who have a combined 69 years of experience, were honored.

Packard, Saint Benedict's' clinical nursing lead and occupational health coordinator, was lauded for her leadership skills and for creating a team atmosphere at her workplace.

Sparks, an operating room scrub technician, was awarded

for a career's worth of versatile service and high standards.

Packard and Sparks were among nurses from 18 state facilities that joined together to honor their colleagues. The awards also serve as a fundraiser for the Red Cross of Idaho.

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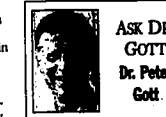


Debbie Packard, left, and Sharon Sparks, nurses at Saint Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, were recently honored by the Idaho State March of Dimes for excellence in nursing.

Mary Hanson/For the Times-News

# Bone density numbers dropping despite medications

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a Caucasian woman, 78 years old, 5 feet 2-1/2 inches tall, weigh 112 pounds and am in good health. I walk every morning and ride my bike and hike whenever I can. I am not sedentary. My problem is that my bone density is not improving. I was on Fosamax for five years with no results, so my doctor changed me to Boniva two



ASK DR. GOTT  
Dr. Peter Gott

years ago. There is still no improvement. My recent bone-density

exam showed a T-score of negative 2.6 for the femoral neck. The previous one was negative 2.2. My T-score for L1-L4 is negative 1.2, and the one before was negative 1.1. My question to you is, what can I do to improve my bone density?

DEAR READER: You don't say whether you are taking calcium plus vitamin D supplements. If you are not, you

should be. Take 1,500 milligrams of calcium and 400 to 600 IU of vitamin D daily. The vitamin D aids calcium absorption. You need to know why you are continuing to lose bone mass despite treatment. It is vital this is done before serious injury occurs. You are at an increased risk of spinal-compression fractures, which can occur without

trauma. You are also at risk of breaking a hip or leg due to minor falls or accidents. Given your relatively weak bones, this could mean months or even years of painful and slow healing. Return to your primary care physician and request a referral to an endocrinologist. He or she can order additional testing to see whether there is another

cause for your worsening bone density, such as thyroid disease. You may also benefit from an alternative medication, such as Calcitonin, which is derived from thyroid hormones. Another option is Forteo. This drug is a daily injection that is reserved for severe cases that do not respond to. Please see DR. GOTT, Page C6

WISHING STAR ANNIVERSARY

The Wishing Star Foundation recently celebrated its 25th anniversary of granting wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses throughout Idaho and eastern Washington. The Magic Valley Chapter celebrated this silver anniversary by throwing a party for all of the wish families and volunteers, both past and present. They had a large turnout, including past wish kids now grown, married and with children of their own. The group thanks Hop 2 Fx, which donated its facility, Maxie's Pizza and La Casita restaurant, which catered the lunch, Best Buy, which provided a big screen TV and Wii for kids to play and Zurchers, which donated the 36 yellow balloons released in a solemn ceremony acknowledging all of the wish children from the Magic Valley area who have passed on over the past 25 years. For information, or to refer a child: 410-0702 or www.wishingstar.org. Courtesy photo



LEARNING ABOUT U.S. HISTORY



The People Chicks Club is a club of more than 20 home school students who meet weekly to learn about our nation's history, discuss civil issues and make decisive plans for action. During the recent elections, the club discovered that many members would be conservative family-value voters. While most students came to realize they were non-partisan, they all agreed that the United States Constitution is the absolute law in the United States. Future plans for the club include participation in the Christmas Light Parade, community service projects, debates and a special speaking engagement with the Twin Falls City Mayor, Lance Closs. The club meets at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center in Twin Falls. Information: Julie Raf, 423-5003 or 539-1920 or Michelle Castro, 421-1168. Courtesy photo

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity in Jerome County 5th District Court included the following:

MISDEMEANOR ARRANGEMENTS

Cesar Alejandro-Conchas, failure to purchase a driver's license, minor consumption.  
 Raudel Minor Artaaga, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance, Richard T. Barnes, leaving the scene of an accident.  
 Rick Lynne Barnes, driving without privileges.  
 Joe Robert Borsman, driving without privileges.  
 Jose Daniel Castrojo-Sarabia, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance, exceed max speed limit.  
 Efrain Escarano-Deigadillo, failure to purchase a driver's license, resisting/obstructing officers, exceed max speed limit.  
 Odilon Haro Garcia, provide false information to officers, driving without privileges.  
 Jorge Garcia-Rivera, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 David Gonzalez-Estrada, failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Jose A. Guerrero, driving without privileges.  
 Pedro Gutierrez-Picasso, provide false information to officers.  
 Salvador Gutierrez-Tovar, driving without privileges.  
 Mitchell W. Harris, possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia.  
 Francisco Herrera-Rovalcaba, battery.  
 Jazmin Hernandez-Sotelo, resisting/obstructing officers.  
 Shanda Lynn Peterson, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Breanna Clair Pierce, destruction.  
 Breanna Clair Pierce, destruction, alteration, or concealment of evidence.  
 Jorge Salazar Gonzalez, battery - domestic violence.  
 Buddy Lee Scott, inattentive/careless driving.  
 Jason D. Sieg, racing on a public highway, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Carlos Alejandro Vergara-Ruelas, driving without privileges.  
 John Harm Wiersema, driving without privileges.  
 Blessing George Bird, department of law enforcement rules violation.  
 Craig Steven Bowen, 2 counts dog at large, 2 counts failure to license dog.  
 Rudy E. Cano-Lopez, failure to purchase a driver's license.

Debra Kay Caster, dog at large, failure to license dog.  
 Jose D. Corona-Garcia, failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Celotino Cortes-Barragan, failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Glenn A. Fritsen, driving on a divided highway/restricted access.  
 Victor A. Jackson, failure to wear a seatbelt in a commercial vehicle.  
 John K. Lima, Jr., failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Cristina Martinez, failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Jorge Peña, failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Jose Sandova-Artina, failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Pedro Zabala-Lopez, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Edith Irene Becker, resisting/obstructing officers.  
 Jamaica M. Beltran, driving without privileges.  
 Brook Bertson, possession of a controlled substance, trespassing, drug paraphernalia.  
 Michael Anthony Bingle, peit theft.  
 Antonio Bon, inattentive/careless driving.  
 Francisco Cano-Belman, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Dylan J. Dowton, reckless driving.  
 Dorothy K. Gernhart, 2 counts vehicle dog at large, dog at large.  
 Gerardo Gonzalez, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Enrique Hernandez-Torres, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Samantha Marie Huber, driving without privileges.  
 Troy V. Johnson, dog at large (city), failure to license dog, fail to abate nuisances.  
 Stefan Eric Meyer, driving without privileges, failure to maintain liability insurance, stop/yield sign violation.  
 Keith Lawrence Ordaz, driving without privileges.  
 Richard Dee Perry, driving without privileges, exceed max speed limit, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Tasha Marie Lee Richards, peit theft.  
 Miguel Rojas-Tapia, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Francisco Javier Soto-Lara, driving without privileges, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Christopher S. Stevenson, inat-

tentive/careless driving, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Shawn P. Tipton, driving without privileges.  
 Graciela West, use of telephone to harass/make obscene calls, etc.  
 Felix J. Bautista-Trejo, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance, stop/yield sign violation.  
 Antonio D. Dominguez-Olvera, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Edgar Estame, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance, lane violation.  
 Armando Gonzalez-Ambroz, failure to purchase a driver's license, stop/yield sign violation.  
 Fernando Gonzalez-Ocampo, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Terri L. Leshar, 2 counts dog at large.  
 Ida Marie Maxim, dog at large.  
 Darie Z. Mendoza, dog at large, failure to license dog.  
 Carlos Menendez, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Marcela Ojeda-Gonzalez, failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Daniel A. Slomak, dog at large, failure to license dog.  
 Carlos D. Valencia, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Joaquin Jose Luis Vallejo-Gonzalez, failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Nettali Vezquez-Medina, failure to purchase a driver's license, exceed max speed limit.

without privileges.  
 Miguel Ramirez, driving under the influence.  
 Delores L. Spencer, driving under the influence (excessive), leaving the scene of an accident, open container.  
 Nicole Renee Vinyard, driving under the influence (excessive).  
 Levi Dyon Brewer, driving under the influence, failure to purchase a driver's license, stop/yield sign violation.  
 Joshua W. Cakebread, driving under the influence.  
 Juan Gabriel Lizarraza-Felix, driving under the influence, driving without privileges.  
 Isidro Rodriguez, driving under the influence, failure to purchase a driver's license.  
 Samuel Rodriguez-Llanes, driving under the influence, open container, failure to purchase a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance.  
 Edward H. Salas, driving under the influence, driving with expired license.

**MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS**  
 John E. Henderson, failure to purchase a driver's license, guilty plea, 90 days jail, 89 suspended, credit 1 served, \$144 fine.  
 Fernando Ismael Macias, unlawful use of driver's license violation, guilty plea, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit 1 served, 1 year unsupervised probation, \$175.50 fine.  
 Lori A. Howard, dog at large, guilty plea, \$50 fine.  
 Michael C. Irie, failure to purchase a driver's license, guilty plea, 6 months unsupervised probation, \$144 fine.

**FELONY SENTENCINGS**  
 Miguel Ballesteros, 2 counts possession of a controlled substance, exceed max speed limit, carrying a concealed weapon without a license - guilty, theft by receiving/possession stolen property, drug paraphernalia, open container - dismissed, 1 year in prison determinate, 4 years indeterminate, credit 46 days served, 5 years supervised probation, \$1,244.50 fine.  
 David Wayne Henderson, forgery - guilty, forgery - dismissed, 3 years prison determinate, 3 years indeterminate, 5 years supervised probation, \$1,340.50 fine.  
 William Thomas Walters, injury to a child, guilty plea, 5 years prison determinate, 3 years indeterminate, credit 194 days served, retained jurisdiction, \$886.50 fine.

Wish

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 scrunchies, green tea, body spray.  
 Female 8: Non-skid slipper socks, L lightweight women's pajamas (top and bottom), good smelling lotion.  
 Female 9: XL lightweight night gowns, socks, sugar-free cookies, XL sweat pants, XL short-sleeve T-shirts, body spray.  
 Female 10: Books-love stories, mysteries, artificial plants, photo albums, sugar-free candy.  
 Female 11: Non-skid slipper socks, 2XL short-sleeve T-shirts, XL sweat pants (loves the color purple).  
 Female 12: Size 18 stretch waist jeans, 2X sweat shirts, L slippers with a non-skid sole, sugar-free nut butter, Freedent gum, soft warm socks, sugar-free chocolates.  
 Female 13: 7-Up, large set of dominoes, 3XL button-front sweater, 2XL sweat pants, 2XL, short-sleeve T-shirts, large print word search books.  
 Female 14: Sweat pants, 2XL sweat shirts, slipper socks.  
 Female 15: M button-front men's sweaters, size 38 men's belt, 34-32 men's large print word search books.  
 Female 16: 1XL button-front sweater, soft warm socks, M slippers with non-skid sole, L sweat pants (likes shades of blue).  
 Female 20: 3XL sweat pants (without elastic in the ankles), good-smelling lotion, 2XL night shirts, L soft socks, body spray.  
 Female 21: 3XL sweat pants and short sleeve shirts, leg warmers.  
 Male 22: 4XL sweat pants and short sleeve shirts.  
 Female 23: Ladies T-shirts, M uniform pants, photo albums, picture frames, artificial plants.  
 Female 24: Sweat pants and sweat shirt, artificial plants, women and fuzzy stuffed animals or pillows.

Dr. Gott

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 other medications. It should not be used for more than two years because of the increased risk of side effects. Forteo has a black-box warning because it has been shown to increase the risk of developing a type of malignant bone cancer in rats. It is unknown whether this holds true for humans as well.  
 As a final note, if you are on any other medications, it is important that the physician or specialist review them to ensure they are not interacting with or affecting the Forteo. It is also necessary to find out whether worsening bone density or calcium loss is listed as a side effect for any of them.  
 To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure mention the title.  
 Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

We want your community news

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Robert (Bob) Amende

Robert (Bob) Amende, 89, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, in Mesa, Ariz. Bob was born May 31, 1919, in Albion, to Walter and Bessie Amende. He attended schools in Albion, graduating from the Southern Idaho College of Education in 1938. He graduated from the University of Idaho at Moscow and received his master's degree in education at Loveland, Colo. In 1939, he married Barbara Pritchard. They had two children, Jeri and Jack. They were later divorced. Bob taught and coached in Burley and Challis and advanced math at Eastern Oregon College in LaGrande, Ore. He joined the Air Force, taking basic training in Arizona and California. He was walking to be carried away when World War II ended. In 1947, he met Vera Russell, his lifelong companion, and they were married March 26, 1948. After being discharged from the Air Force, he was employed as a claims manager for the Farmers Insurance Group...

being transferred to Idaho Falls; Spokane, Wash.; Pocatello and Twin Falls. Bob was a member of the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls. He loved sports of all kinds and was an avid golfer, enjoying every day he could on a golf course, where he made many friends and won several tournaments. He and Vera enjoyed many golfing vacations, and they were able to travel to Europe, Australia and the Scandinavian countries. They have spent the last 23 winters in Mesa, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Maxine Bowdoin; and two nieces. Survivors are his wife, Vera; daughter, Jeri (Gary) Robbins; son, Jack (Jo Ann) Amende; a brother, Keith (Mary) Amende; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends. We would like to thank our family and friends for their prayers, cards and loving kindness. Services will be announced by the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home at a later date.

Lewis Howard Canine

GOODING — Lewis Howard Canine completed his earthly journey on Dec. 8, 2008. He was the son of James and Leta Canine and was born Nov. 3, 1921, in Burley. Lewis attended schools in Gooding and Buhl. He graduated from Buhl High School and was a four-year letterman in football and basketball. He attended college on a football scholarship until he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942. He was assigned to a Marine Air Group and served on the islands of New Caledonia and Bougainville in the Pacific Theater. Lewis and Roberta Harding were married in Lomita, Calif., in 1943. They recently celebrated 65 years of marriage. After being discharged from military, Lewis and Roberta returned to Gooding, and Lewis operated the Harding family farm. In 1955, he went to work for the Southern Idaho Production Credit Association. In 1982, after 27 years of service, he retired from the PCA. Retirement brought many enjoyable years and miles of traveling for Lewis and Roberta. A few months each winter were spent enjoying Arizona weather. Lewis loved the game of golf and played until his health no longer permitted. Survivors include Roberta; sons, Jim (Jeanie), John (Cindie), Bill (Cindie) and Carol (Janelle); daughter, Don (Scott) West; nephew, Jim (Carol) Harding; several nieces and nephews; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider the Gooding Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice.



Actor Robert Prosky dies in DC at age 77

By Brett Ziegler Associated Press writer WASHINGTON — Robert Prosky, a character actor with hundreds of credits on stage and screen including "Mrs. Doubtfire" and "Hill Street Blues," has died in a Washington hospital. He was 77. His oldest son, Stefan Prosky, said the actor died Monday night of complications from a heart procedure. "He went gracefully last night, not in pain," Stefan Prosky said Tuesday. "Everybody knows him as a fairly famous actor. My brothers and I know him as a marvelous father." Prosky appeared in more than 200 plays on Broadway and with Arena Stage, a renowned theater company in Washington. He appeared in 38 films and numerous television shows. A native of Philadelphia, Prosky studied economics at Temple University and served in the U.S. Air Force. On Broadway, Prosky's credits included "Glengarry Glen Ross" and "A View from the Bridge." He also completed a long run in Michael Frayn's play "Democracy."



More recently, Prosky appeared with two of his sons in Arthur Miller's play "The Price" in Philadelphia. He planned to continue in a San Diego production of "The Price" this winter, Stefan Prosky said. In the 1980s, Prosky spent three years on the NBC television series "Hill Street Blues" as a police sergeant. He later appeared as a priest on trial for murder in ABC's legal drama, "The Practice." In "Mrs. Doubtfire," Prosky played the TV station owner who hired Robin Williams, who dressed as a nanny. His other film credits include "Dead Man Walking" and "The Natural." Prosky spent most of his life in Washington and the actor who lived in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, Nearty Arena Stage was close to his heart. He spent 22 years affiliated with the theater and a small company of players, appearing in more than 120 plays. "Arena Stage is where I learned to be an actor," Prosky told The Associated Press in 2006. Arena co-founder Zelda Finlander said she has lost a part of her family. "I don't know of another American actor who has played in so many plays in so many styles in so many places in so many roles, and played them all to the hilt," she said in a statement.

SERVICES

Mary Teresa Lass of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Marlin Ward Outley of Elba, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Elba LDS Church; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Raul "Junior" Gil of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Rose Meyer Toone of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

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

Dwight Hans Felt of Rupert, memorial service at 6 p.m. today 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. today at 187 Dubois Ave. in Twin Falls; burial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Don Robert Hymas of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at the LDS 9th Ward Chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

Ernest Leo McKinnon of Hagerman, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the LDS Church, 710-045 E. Highway 395 in Susanville, Calif. (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Bessie Ivone Goodman Blackburn of Emmett and formerly of Murtaugh and Eden, funeral at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the South Slope

LDS Ward Chapel, 1001 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 (Royvan Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Suzann Nielsen of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

Diane Denise Prock Larson of Gooding, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Soldier Mound Ranch and Resort in Fairfield.

Margaret Rogers of Nampa, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. S. in Nampa; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Lucile Funk of Fairfield, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the LDS Church in Gooding; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Demary's Gooding Chapel and 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Saturday at the church.

George E. Vanhooser of Jerome, celebration of life with light luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at George and Paula's home, 405 Third Ave. E. in Jerome (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Maxine E. (Betrand) Uhrig of Shoshone, memorial service 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.

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

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.

Ross P. Taylor

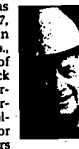
MERIDIAN — Ross P. Taylor, 83, of Meridian, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, at a local hospital. Ross was born April 5, 1925, in Loa, Utah, and was married to Wilford and Edith Taylor. He was raised and went to school in Greenwood and moved to Burley in his teens. He worked for the shipyards in Oregon for a short time before he was drafted. Before leaving for the Army, he returned to the Burley area, where he became acquainted with the woman he would marry. After being wounded in Italy, he returned home to Idaho to begin his courtship with Evelyn Taylor, with whom he was married July 29, 1945, a marriage that lasted more than 63 years. This union brought three children, Linda, Steve and Dennis. Ross and Evelyn moved to Tacoma, Wash., where he worked for Mount Rainier Ordnance Depot until it closed. He was then transferred to Tooele Army Depot in Tooele, Utah, where he worked in small arms. When



the small arms unit was closed, he worked various other jobs to continue to support his family. His favorite thing to do was skeet shoot, and he came home with several trophies over the years. He was an excellent marksman. He loved to hunt, fish and camp out. Bowling was his favorite pastime in the winter months. He belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Rifle Association and Disabled American Veterans. Ross is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughter, Linda (Bill) Bochat of Meridian; sons, Steve (Peggy) Taylor of Kuna and Dennis Taylor of Littlefield, Texas; sister, Thelma Boswell of Reedsport, Ore.; 12 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. Ross was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one grandson. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Meridian Gospel Tabernacle, 1507 N. Meridian Road in Meridian. A visitation will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will follow at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise. Services are under the direction of Accent Funeral Home in Meridian.

William 'Bill' Clair Cullimore

William "Bill" Clair Cullimore, age 79, of Buhl, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, at his residence. Born Jan. 27, 1929, in 1929, in Lewis, Colo., the son of Weldon Jack and Charlotte Garrison Cullimore. For many years he was employed with Buhl implement and it was from there that he retired. After retiring, he helped the farmers with the upkeep on farm equipment. Bill was a collector of antiques, loved four-wheeling, snowmobiling, boating and everything outdoors. He was the best Santa Claus for the community. He married Jean Mraz on Jan. 4, 1957, in Elko, Nev. They



were later divorced. Survivors include his sister, Joie (Bob) Parize; two daughters, Brooklee (Roy) Bartlett and Shawna (Alan) Clark; son, Randy (Carna) Sobotka; grandchildren, Rachel Bartlett and C.J. (Julia), Matthew Cameron and Vaughn Sobotka; great-grandchildren, Shalee Sobotka and Kyle, Riley and Arlie Hawkins. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Edna May Alcamano. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Calvary Chapel in Buhl. Interment will be in the West End Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Buhl Quick Response.

Elite WWII pilot Betty Jane Williams, 89, dies

LOS ANGELES Times When the airlines established instrument flight training schools, Williams underwent pilot training at the University of Vermont then taught Navy and civilian pilots instrument flight techniques. In January 1944, she returned to the cockpit with the Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASP, and flew "wrecked planes that had been repaired to make sure they were airworthy," Williams told the Times in January.

About 25,000 women applied for the program, but only 1,830 were accepted. She was one of 1,474 women who successfully completed the flight training in Sweetwater, Texas, as part of the WASP program established during the war to cope with the domestic shortage of military pilots. At first, the women were restricted to flying in daylight in small aircraft, but they gradually took on more dangerous roles. "When you're a pioneer," Williams said in 1996 in the Times, "you don't want to be called a sissy."

The war effort "needed everybody," Williams said. Lieutenant colonel who lived in the city's San Fernando Valley, told the Los Angeles Times in 1996. "An airplane doesn't respond to sex. It only responds to skill, and I was bitten by the aviation bug."

Six months before the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, Williams earned her pilot's license in a civilian training program. With the advent of the war, the government grounded general aviation flying on both coasts so she became a stewardess with a Canadian airline, Williams later recalled.

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DEATH NOTICES

Sarah Vanskike Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Omer K. Carter JEROME — Omer K. Carter, 77, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth 72, of Kimberly, died Monday through Saturday, Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com.

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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# A young life changed forever by Iraq war

By Debra Jaki  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — She was a beautiful, round-faced little girl with large, coal-black eyes and an instant smile. Two years later, the 3-year-old is blind and scared, her mother is dead and her father's new wife can't cope with caring for her.

Shams, whose name in Arabic means "sun," is among tens of thousands of Iraqis whose suffering will linger long after the war ends.

Shams' young life changed on Nov. 23, 2006, when a car bomb exploded near her father's pickup as he was driving his family — his wife, two sons and the daughter — home after a visit to his wife's parents in the Shiite district of Sadr City.

The blast engulfed their car in flames. Shams and her mother, who was fatally injured in the blast, were thrown from the backseat into street. Her father, Husham Fadhil, tried to douse the flames on his wife's clothing. But there was little he could do for his 1-year-old daughter, lying face down next to her dying mother.

"I was totally preoccupied with putting out the flames which were burning my wife's body," Fadhil, 32, said. "Then, I lifted Shams and saw her

face covered with blood. I thought that they were caused by minor injuries that would heal. Later, I learned that the blood was coming from her badly injured eyes."

The car bomb was one of a series of attacks in Sadr City, including rocket and mortar fire. Iraq's medical and rescue services were strained to cope with the carnage that day, when about 160 people were killed.

Ambulance attendants loaded the dead and wounded into vehicles and sped off to hospitals. Fadhil's wife, Wafa, Shams and the two boys, 3-year-old Tif and 5-year-old Galih — were rushed to separate hospitals. It took Fadhil hours to track them down.

"After searching for 24 hours, I found her in the Medical City compound," he said. "The doctors took care of her burns but neglected her eye injuries" that left her blind.

In 2007, Fadhil took his daughter to Amman, Jordan, with the assistance of Doctors Without Borders. But the Jordanian doctors told him there was little they could do because Shams didn't get proper treatment at the time she was wounded.

"Had there been proper treatment of her eyes at that time, she could have at least

had one of her eyes safe and active by now."

Months later, Fadhil took her to Iran, hoping for a miracle cure. "All of them gave us the same response," he said. "They said take her to Europe. There doctors can transplant corneas for her. But no one seems ready to help us get her there."

After his wife's death, Fadhil remarried. But the new wife

refused to care for Shams, who was given to her father's relatives next door in eastern Baghdad.


Two years after the blast, Shams walks haphazardly through the house, finding her way by touching the wall with her tiny pinkish fingers. If she bumps into someone, she clutches them and asks to be hugged or carried.

Occasionally, she cries out, "Mommy, Daddy, Granny."




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Husham Fadhil, 32, holds his 3-year-old daughter, Shams, at their home in Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 1. In November 2006, a car bomb exploded near the family's pickup, leaving Shams blind and killing her mother.

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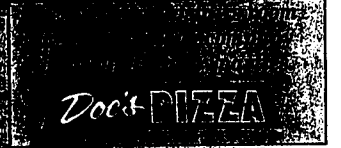
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## 'Everything's getting better'

### Bruin boys beat Century behind Pulsifer's double-double

By Bradley Guire  
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls boys basketball team went on modest yet important runs during the first half Wednesday to build a lead over the Century Diamondbacks. The Bruins would keep it to win 66-50 at Baun Gymnasium.

Bruins post Jon Pulsifer recorded a 26-point, 12-rebound double-double, and Jake Hanchey helped on the boards with 10 rebounds.

"Everything's getting better," Pulsifer said. "Even my free throws haven't been that good."

The Bruins opened the game with an eight-point run, but small runs during the second quarter helped them build a double-digit margin that they would seldom give up through the remainder. The ball was distributed well as multiple members scored throughout the half. Jordan Hamblin scored most of his 12 points during that time.

"We got a lead with pressure on defense and the fast break," Twin Falls head coach Matt Harr said.

The Bruins also helped themselves by cutting down the number of turnovers. The Diamondbacks went cold during the second, making only 2 of 14 shots.

Century hit the floor with a nine-point run during the third quarter and played tighter defense to hold the Bruins to eight points.

"They got hot," Hanchey said, "but we held our composure."

Though the Diamondbacks trimmed the lead to just eight points, Pulsifer came alive for the Bruins during the fourth, scoring 11 points and making sure the margin was too wide for a late Century rally.

Harr assessed that the players are showing glimpses of becoming a good basketball team, but he was also disappointed in the number of turnovers, 24 throughout the game.

The 3-1 Bruins will travel to Pocatello Friday to face the Indians.



Twin Falls guard Braden Box (14) drives to the basket past Century defender Tyler Zellmer during the first quarter of their game Wednesday night in Twin Falls.

**Twin Falls 66, Century 50**  
Century: 18, 19, 14, 10  
Twin Falls: 20, 12, 14, 10

**CENTURY (6)**  
Scott Dudley 15, Andrew Deffenhafer 10, Cole DeLoe 7, Nathan Hall 2, Keller Kinser 27, Neil Campbell 2, Tyler Zellmer 2, Sean 20, T.J. 6.

**BRUINS (8)**  
Jordan Hamblin 12, Jake Hanchey 8, Jon Pulsifer 26, Marcus Jordan 6, Braden Box 15, Braden Box 15, Braden Box 15, Braden Box 15, Braden Box 15, Braden Box 15, Braden Box 15, Braden Box 15.

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## Separating from the pack

It usually takes a couple of weeks to figure the teams out, but now that the season is under way the cream is already rising to the top of Magic Valley prep boys basketball.

The conversation must start, as it did near the end of football season, with Jerome. The Tigers are 4-0 and ranked No. 2 in Class 4A behind a Skyview team that some believe might be the best team in the state at any level. Jerome, behind strong leadership from backcourt player Logan Parker and Kameron Pearce and an unrelenting confidence forged on the football field, is ahead of schedule in its season-long journey.



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"Any time you can have success in a sport, it's going to lead to success in other sports. We're real proud of what they did in the football season ... confidence-wise, it's helped these guys a ton. We just hope that it will continue to translate out onto the basketball floor," said Jerome head coach Joe Messick. "We're excited about the way we've started the season. We haven't had very many practices, but the kids are working hard ... they're hustling, and they're doing everything we ask."

"They have to get to the state tournament first, but a possible 1-on-1 matchup between Pearce and Skyview's Kyle Dranginis — a 6-4 sophomore who just might be the best player in Idaho — would be simply mouthwatering.

Pearce and Parker are a formidable duo, and provide two more quality passers than many other teams can boast. Both attack the basket with unyielding determination either to tickle the twine or hit an open man and play inside-out. It's one of the myriad reasons the Tigers are proving themselves the team to beat in the Great Basin West, and perhaps in the area as a whole.

"Twin Falls may have something to say about the Magic Valley crown heading across the canyon, however. Matt Harr has the Bruins playing much better than last season's dismal showing, and the best is yet to come from this bunch.

Against the aforementioned Skyview, Twin Falls played tough and gave the Hawks plenty to think about before eventually succumbing to Dranginis and company.

"The Bruins outbounced Skyview and outplayed the Hawks in stretches. But the time for moral victories is running out."

"I feel pretty good. I think anytime you're playing defense and outbounding your opponents, especially an overrated Skyview team ... I think we've got the effort and hustle down, we just need to get down to playing some more basketball," Harr said. "Outbounding percentage isn't very good right now, and we know that we have some good shooters. We look at the stats and see some good things there, but we know that the better part of our season is still upcoming. And that's a positive for us."

If 3-1 with three impressive victories and one "good loss" to the best team in Class 4A isn't the best part of

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## Murtaugh won't face penalties for cancelling season

By Bradley Guire  
Times-News writer

The Murtaugh School District isn't likely to face penalties for cancelling the high school girls basketball season, according to District IV Board of Control President Rod Malone.

"I can't speak for the entire board, but I doubt we'll do anything," Malone said.

The Red Devils were unable to field a full roster and decided to call the season off after playing three games. Superintendent Michelle Capps had said that the team was down to five players. The players would have been forced to play an entire game without substitution.

Malone said that Murtaugh took the appropriate steps to inform other schools scheduled to play the Red Devils and District IV Basketball Commissioner Sean Standley, who oversees referee assignments. While some schools will add an additional game to make up for the loss of Murtaugh, no school is facing a hardship because of the matter.

The Idaho High School Activities Association will not take action at the state level either.

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## Bulldog boys even score with Hornets

### Kimberly knocks off Declo on the road

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

Four days after the Kimberly boys basketball team lost at home to Declo, the Bulldogs went back to business and retaliated with a 52-45 win on Declo's home floor Wednesday night.

Eric Marvin scored 20 points and Kimberly (1-2) picked up its first win of the season.

"That's what we expect from (Marvin)," said Kimberly coach Marvin Mumm. "He's started since he was a sophomore, and we expect him to be a leader for us."

Dustin Brown knocked in 11 points for the Bulldogs, who also got solid minutes off the bench from Justin Winnill, Braeden Nield and Isaac Makings.

"They came in and played

for good four- or five-minute stretches and helped us," Mumm said of his bench. "If they can continue to do that, we're in great shape."

Although he's coached this group since they were barely learning to bounce a basketball, Mumm and his players are still working out the kinks that always face a first-year varsity coach.

"We're still struggling. They seem confused, and that's partly my fault," Mumm said.

Part of the confusion stems from Mumm's full-court defense, which didn't work well in the Bulldogs' first meeting with Declo, as the Hornets easily broke through for numerous uncontested lay-ups.

Wednesday night, however, Mumm took a step back and had his team focus on a

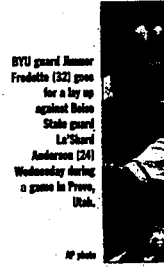


Kimberly's Eric Marvin (24) shoots over Declo's Connor Garner during a boys basketball game Wednesday in Declo. Kimberly won 52-45.

fundamental half-court man-to-man defense, which worked considerably better as it forced Declo to take shots outside of its offensive flow.

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## Brigham Young trounces Boise State 94-56



BYU guard Connor Fredette (32) goes for a lay up against Boise State guard Le'Shaun Anderson (24) Wednesday during a game in Provo, Utah.

PROVO, Utah — Junior Fredette scored a career-high 23 points on a mixture of layups and long jumpers as BYU routed Boise State 94-56 Wednesday night.

Fredette closed the first half with two of his eight layups to give BYU (9-0) the lead and spark a rally that stretched to the nation's longest home court winning streak to 52 games.

Aaron Garner led Boise State (6-2) with a career-high 19 points, 17 in the first half.

BYU got 20 points from Lee Cummarid, 14 from Jackson Emery and 13 from Jonathan Tavernier. James Anderson added 10 points, seven rebounds and five blocks, all career highs.

Garner's 13-4 run erased an early 11-point BYU lead. His long, fallaway jumper late in the first half gave Boise State its second-half final lead at 29-27.

Fredette's layups gave BYU a 33-29 halftime lead. He scored 11 more in the first 10 minutes of the second half to fuel a 51-11 Cougar rally.

AP photo





# SCOREBOARD

## BASKETBALL

TEAM	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
Florida	77	33	15	11	1
Mississippi State	68	25	10	8	0

## GAME PLAN

**LOCAL**  
first round, at Maline, Stone City (same-day tape)  
7:30 p.m.  
Tallahassee Christian at Valley at Oakley  
7:30 p.m.  
Carter at Ricketts  
8:00 p.m.  
Century at Burley  
Century at Wendell  
Century at Hixson  
Pocahontas at Minico

## TV SCHEDULE

**SOXING**  
VERSUS - Champion Steve Cunningham (21-0-0) vs. Jeff Craden (13-0-0) at Las Vegas (same-day tape)  
8 p.m.  
PREP BASKETBALL  
ESPN - Lincoln (N) vs. Duncumbe (IN) at Dallas  
8 p.m.  
ESPN CLASSIC - PRCA National Finals, eighth round, at Las Vegas (same-day tape)  
Midnight  
ESPN2 - PRCA, national finals, eighth round, at Las Vegas (same-day tape)

## BETTING

TEAM	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
Florida	77	33	15	11	1
Mississippi State	68	25	10	8	0

## HOCKEY

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Mississippi State	68	25	10	8	0

## FOOTBALL

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# Mississippi State tabs Florida assistant to be new head coach

JACKSON, Miss. — Florida offensive coordinator Dan Muller will be the new football coach at Mississippi State, moving from the Southeastern Conference to one of the toughest perennial college dwellers.

Muller arrived in Starkville on Wednesday afternoon and will be introduced at a news conference Thursday morning. He leaves Gainesville as the top-ranked Gators are preparing to play for their second national title in three years.

"A lot of people get it in this profession and when you have head coaching opportunities, they're very rare," Urban Meyer said at news conference in Hollywood, Fla. "Head coaching opportunities in the Southeastern Conference at a young age is a great honor. So (Tim Tebow) had the same exact reaction that I did: Doggone it, but we wish you well."

The 36-year-old Muller was an assistant coach for 14 years and spent the last eight with Urban Meyer at Bowling Green, Utah and Florida.

Florida won the SEC with a dominant offense and will play No. 2 Oklahoma for the BCS national championship. Muller's former Meyer told reporters he was not sure if Muller would be staying through the title game.

"It's all too fresh," Meyer said. "The most important thing is whatever gives the University of Florida and our players an opportunity to be successful on that night and I have not had a chance to evaluate that."

Muller replaces coach Sylvester Croom, who

resigned last month after going 21-38 in five seasons as the SEC's first black football coach. Since 2001, the Bulldogs have had only one winning season.

**Savannah to rejoin Huskies**

SEATTLE — E.J. Savannah will be back at Washington.

A Huskies' spokesman confirmed Wednesday that the standout linebacker will rejoin the UW football program in January. Savannah had academic and team issues under former coach Tyrone Willingham and was released from his scholarship back in September, but never enrolled at another school.

New coach Steve Sarkisian said during his introductory news conference this week that everyone has a clean slate. Savannah was Washington's top tackler and defensive MVP during the 2007 season.

The school also says that running back Brandon Johnson, who was suspended for the season finale at California, is back in good standing with the team.

**Davis 'fully recovered' after collapse in workout**

ORLANDO, Fla. — The family of a Central Florida football player who collapsed during training says he's "fully recovered."

# Sports Shorts

**Buhl signs youth hoops sign-up**  
BUHL — Signups for boys and girls basketball (grades 2 through 6) will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m., today at Popplewell Elementary School in Buhl.

Information: Mark Lively at 543-5852.

**Club Canyon/CSI volleyball camp nears**  
JEROME — The Club Canyon/College of Southern Idaho Winter Volleyball Camp will be held Dec. 29-30 at the Jerome Recreation Center. The camp is open to girls in grades 5-8 and applications may be downloaded from the volleyball Web site at [athletics.csid.edu](http://athletics.csid.edu) or picked up at the Jerome Recreation Center. The cost is \$60 and the camp is limited to 40 athletes.

Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

Information: Jim Carlisser at 404-2768.

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

Information: 732-6650 or 734-8285.

— Staff and wire reports

# Big pitcher, big money: Yanks land Sabathia with \$161M deal

LAS VEGAS (AP) — There is no recession for the New York Yankees.

Flexing the economic muscle of their new billion-dollar ballpark and ignoring industry-wide nervousness over big-money deals, the Yankees landed top free-agent pitcher when they agreed Wednesday to the framework of a \$161 million, seven-year contract with CC Sabathia.

The amount is a record for a pitcher and the fourth-highest ever for baseball. It signals the Yankees' willingness to spend in an attempt to regain dominance and win the World Series for the first time since 2000.

"I'm sure every team in baseball would love to sign anyone like a guy who's an intimidating factor on the mound," Yankees captain

Derek Jeter said at the winter meetings.

Sabathia's contract figure seems quite appropriate. In February, the Yankees crossed 161st Street in the Bronx to their monumental \$1.3 billion palace, where tickets cost up to \$2,500, fans can watch games at a marini bar and the clubhouse contains a swimming pool, hot tub and every imaginable convenience. The way the schedule lines up, there's a good chance Sabathia would lead the opener there April 16 against Cleveland — which traded him to Milwaukee last July.



Sabathia

"It illustrates that baseball is a very different economic model than the real world," said Scott Boras, the agent for Manny Ramirez, Mark Teixeira and other free agents also seeking big money deals. The Yankees and Sabathia's agents still need to work out all the details and the pitcher must pass a physical, a baseball official familiar with the talks told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The pitcher spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been completed. Sabathia even has the right to opt out after three seasons and become a free agent again.

"I think it's a great deal for him and a great deal for the Yankees," Cincinnati Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "I'm sure he's going to help

them win."

The two New York teams have made the biggest splash in the slow-moving free-agent market. The Mets, moving into \$800 million Citi Field, finalized their \$37 million, three-year contract with closer Francisco Rodriguez on Wednesday.

While other teams worry about losing revenue — General Motors informed the Pittsburgh Pirates they were ending their sponsorship — the New York teams appear to be awash with cash. The Yankees have the sport's three biggest current contracts, with Sabathia slotting behind Alex Rodriguez (\$275 million for 10 years) and Derek Jeter (\$189 million for 10 years).

New York hopes to re-sign Andy Pettitte, who also is a free agent, and has intensified

talks this week for free-agent pitchers A.J. Burnett and Ben Sheets.

"I think that would be expected, I think that's just the way it is," said Cleveland's Eric Wedge, Sabathia's GM manager, while also noting: "I think everybody has to be respectful to the economy and what people are going through. There's nobody who should be oblivious to it."

Burnett was told the Yankees would be prepared to give him five guaranteed years — matching the length of Adanta's offer.

K-Rod was acquired at a steep discount — his agent had once talked of a five-year contract for perhaps \$75 million. Sabathia got a contract as big as his body — 6-foot-7 and nearly 300 pounds.

"As a Yankees' fan, we've

struggled the last few years with our pitching, our starting rotation," said the Cavaliers' LeBron James, a friend of Sabathia's. "It's good to get a pitcher in there that can make things happen and not need many runs to win a ballgame."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman left Las Vegas on Tuesday for a quick trip to the pitcher's home in the San Francisco area, sparking the final stages of negotiations. Because the team is a stickler for details, such as contract guarantee language, he wasn't ready to acknowledge an agreement.

There's a lot of layers in the process. Until that process is completed I'm kind of prevented from saying too much," Cashman said. "You're never done until you're done, and so, we're not done."

## Sooners still unbeaten, cruise past Maine

NORMAN, Okla. — Blake Griffin had another double-double and Oklahoma remained undefeated.

The 6-foot-10 sophomore had 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead the fifth-ranked Sooners to a 78-52 victory over Maine on Wednesday night.

Griffin made his first six shots and finished 11-of-13 from the field in recording his seventh double-double of the season. He played 22 minutes and 14 of his points came on dunks.

Oklahoma (9-0) is off to its best start since the 2003-04 team opened with 10 straight wins.

"Hopefully we can keep it going all season," Griffin said. "It goes back to not taking anyone lightly. We can't stop there. We can't be satisfied with what we do in nine or 10 games."

Freshman Willie Warren added 19 points and reserve Blake Willis had his second straight Big 12 championship. No. 2 Oklahoma faces top-ranked Florida on Jan. 8 in the BCS championship game.



Griffin

Oklahoma forward Blake Griffin, right, goes up for a dunk as center Orlando Allen, left, watches during the second half of Wednesday's game against Maine in Norman, Okla.

Musketees have had problems on offense in their last two games without Holloway, their quickest ball handler, best free-throw shooter and flashiest playmaker. He was back in form during the last five minutes of the first half, leading an 18-2 run that left Ohio (4-4) down and out.

**S. CAROLINA 58, IDAHO 59**  
ORANGEBURG, S.C. — Jason Flagler and Westley Telfare scored 12 points apiece to lead South Carolina State to a win.

Jimmy Williams and Brandon Smalls each scored 10 points for the Bulldogs (5-3), who outbounded the Vandals (4-4) 51-40 en route to victory.

Mac Hopson had a game-high 16 points to lead the Vandals, and Brandon Wiley chipped in with 14 points and nine rebounds.

Idaho was 3-for-28 from beyond the arc, while South Carolina State hit 5 of 19 pointers.

The Bulldogs led 29-25 at halftime in a contest that was close throughout.

South Carolina State travels to Idaho to play the Vandals again next Wednesday.

— The Associated Press

## Cavs cruise to 10th-straight victory

PHILADELPHIA — LeBron James scored 29 points, Mo Williams added seven and the Cleveland Cavaliers cruised to their 10th consecutive victory, beating the Philadelphia 76ers 101-93 on Wednesday night.

Anderson Varejao added 15 points, and Ben Wallace had 10 rebounds for the Central Division-leading Cavaliers, who improved to 19-3 and 7-3 on the road. They are one win shy of tying the franchise record of 11 straight wins set during a 1988-89 season.

Andre Iguodala scored a season-high 27 points for the 76ers.

Andre Miller added 22, and Lou Williams had 13 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter for Philadelphia. The 76ers have dropped two straight and seven of nine to fall to 9-13. Elton Brand had 10 rebounds for Philadelphia, which also has lost five consecutive home games.



James

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) goes to the basket in the second half for two of his 29 points in Wednesday's game with the Philadelphia 76ers in Philadelphia. The 76ers' Dorell Marshall, rear, looks on.

season-high 39 points for New York, and fellow former New Jersey prep star Tim Thomas added 25.

Acquired in separate deals on the same day last month, Harrington and Thomas were too athletic for the Nets' forwards, helping New York's surge from fourth to first.

Harrington, who played at St. Patrick's in Elizabeth, was acquired from Golden State, and Thomas, who starred at Patterson Catholic, came over from the Los Angeles Clippers on Nov. 21 as the Knicks' clearest salary-cap space for the summer of 2010.

Devin Harris scored 32 points for the Nets.

**RAPTORS 101, PACERS 88**  
TORONTO — Jason Kapono scored a season-high 25 points, Chris Bosh added 21 points and 10 rebounds and Toronto snapped a five-game losing streak to improve to 1-3 since interim coach Jay Triano took over for the fired Sam Mitchell.

Jamarlo Moon also had a season high with 17 points for Toronto. Danny Granger led Indiana with 22 points, and Troy Murphy had 20

points and 20 rebounds. The Pacers have lost four straight and nine of 11.

Grizzlies 108, Thunder 102  
OKLAHOMA CITY — Rudy Gay had 22 points, and backup point guard Mike Conley scored 14 of his 16 points in double-figure games to start a career at 22. Only Dan Issel (27) and Bobby Jones (24) had longer streaks. Kevin Durant had 28 points for Oklahoma City, an NBA-worst 2-22.

**HORNETS 105, BOCATS 89**  
NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul had 15 points and 15 assists, and David West and Peja Stojakovic each scored 17 points in New Orleans' seventh win in eight games.

Rookie D.J. Augustin scored a career-high 28 points to lead Charlotte. The Bobcats took the floor with a depleted lineup shortly after a multiplayer trade that sent leading scorer Jason Richardson to Phoenix.

## Suns swap Bell, Dlaw for Richardson

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns jettisoned two familiar players to Charlotte, and got the Bobcats' leading scorer in exchange.

In the latest move in their ongoing makeover, the Suns traded Blake Bell and Boris Dlaw to the Bobcats on Wednesday as part of a deal, for Jason Richardson.

Rookie point guard Sean Singletary also went to Charlotte, while the Suns got small forward Jared Dudley and a 2010 second-round draft pick.

"We felt like we needed to shake things up a little bit," Suns general manager Steve Kerr said in a telephone interview. "We wanted to add a piece of talent in the backcourt to give us better balance to take some of the pressure off of Steve (Nash)."

The 6-foot-6 Richardson is a two-time NBA slam dunk champion and an NBA All-Star. The versatile shooter who is averaging 18.7 points this season and 38.8 for his pro career. Bell, a first-team all-defensive team selection in 2006-07 and second team last season, had made it clear he was not happy with the Suns' switch from coach Mike D'Antoni's high-flying style to the more deliberate approach of new coach Terry Porter. He's averaging 9.4 points this season.

The versatile Dlaw had seen his playing time dwindle behind Aron Stoudemire. The Suns still liked his skills but not his salary. He is getting \$9 million this season and has three more years on a \$20 million contract. Dudley, a 6-foot-7 second-year pro, started seven games for Charlotte this season.

**SPURS 95, HAWKS 89**  
SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 27 points in his sixth-man role to help San Antonio extend its winning streak to four games.

Tim Duncan, playing in his 1,000th NBA game in the regular season and playoffs, added 19 points and 11 rebounds. Joe Johnson led Atlanta with 29 points.

— The Associated Press

# It's a whole new ballgame with First Fan Obama as president

CHICAGO (AP) — The Rangers are out, the White Sox are in, and the mountain bikes are headed for the basement. As for that White House bowling alley — well, that hardwood might be in for a complete makeover.

As promised, change is coming to Washington, and we're not just talking policy and politics. President-elect Barack Obama may be as big a sports junkie as his predecessor, but he's got a totally different game.

"It's a huge aficionado," said Ted Annunulis, the Illinois treasurer and a regular in Obama's pick-up games.

Not to mention a hard-core Chicago White Sox fan.

South Siders can no longer

gripe about the cross-town rivalry. Cubs getting all the love, not when the future leader of the free world sports his well-worn White Sox cap wherever he goes these days.

Remember the day after the election, when he dropped his duffel bag off at school wearing his beloved hat? Or when he headed off to the gym, wearing that same hat? TV newscasters around the country mentioned Obama and that hat 60 times in the three days after the election. The White Sox found a number that equates to millions of viewers.

"To have the first fan be a White Sox fan is a pretty cool thing," White Sox spokesman Scott Riffert said.

No matter their party, American presidents have tended to have one thing in common: They love their sports.

Dwight D. Eisenhower reportedly found time to play 600 rounds of golf during his eight years in office. Bill Clinton was spotted running the streets of Washington — with an occasional stop at McDonald's mixed in, of course — and the first George Bush liked horseshoes so much he built a pit near the White House swimming pool.

The current president, George W. Bush, is, of course, a baseball fan. The former Texas Rangers owner even hosted T-ball games on the White House's South Lawn —

no outs, no strikes and nobody loses. Though he hung up his running shoes a few years back after it got to be too much for his knees, he's also an avid mountain biker.

Obama's a certain power and apt to sport," said Dave Czesnak, the director of operations at the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University in Boston. "Not just baseball, but all sports provide an opportunity to come together on a common ground. ... It's really an opportunity to examine all sorts of behaviors and approach life through one lens, and that lens is sport."

Don't let those spindly legs

fool you; Obama works out on a regular basis, walking on the treadmill and lifting weights. He bikes, though his speed is more leisurely rides with his daughters. He plays the occasional round of golf, and Golf Digest thought enough of his game to rank him eighth among the 15 presidents who golfed. The list appears in the January issue.

But you don't need to be spotted the H, O, R and S to know what his sport of choice is.

"For a while, I thought that I might be a basketball player," Obama said when Barbara Walters asked what he dreamed of being when he was younger. "Until I realized

that I wasn't good enough to be a professional basketball player."

Pick-up games were a regular part of his schedule on primary days during the campaign and if you're thinking middle-age guys' down at the Final Four, Reggie Love, his personal aide, won an NCAA title at Duke and was the Blue Devils' captain in 2004-05. Craig Robinson, Obama's brother-in-law, played at Princeton and now coaches Oregon State.

# Tebow, pair of Big 12 QBs are Heisman finalists

# Man held in Williams' slaying faces new charge

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Tebow will go for two against a pair of talented quarterbacks from the Big 12 when the Heisman Trophy is handed out Saturday night.

Sam Bradford from Oklahoma and Colt McCoy from Texas joined Tebow as Heisman finalists announced Wednesday.

The last time all the Heisman finalists were quarterbacks was 2001, when Nebraska's Eric Crouch won the award and QBs held the first six spots.

Tebow, the rugged and multitalented junior from Florida, was the first sophomore to win the Heisman last year and is trying to become the second player to win it twice.

Archie Griffin won the Heisman as a junior in 1974 for Ohio State and again in 1975.

Tebow's Gators will play Bradford and the Sooners in the BCS national championship game Jan. 8 in Miami.

Tebow became the first college football player with 20 touchdown passes and 20



Tebow



McCoy



Bradford

rushing touchdowns in 2007, carrying a Florida team that finished 9-4.

This season, Tebow's stats were down, but his play has still been stellar. He is fifth in the nation in passing rating (176.7) with 28 touchdown passes and only two interceptions. He hasn't been asked to run as much this season, but still has 564 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns.

Most importantly, the Gators are 12-1 and a victory away from their second national title in three seasons.

"Tim is a winner," Florida coach Urban Meyer said during a news conference in South Florida with Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops to promote the national title game. "He wants to win. He's motivated

he won 12 games. And if he could have either-or, he's going to take 12 wins and the chance to hold that crystal ball."

Tebow made a strong final case to win another Heisman, leading Florida's 14-point fourth quarter and comeback 31-20 victory in the Southeastern Conference title game against Alabama last Saturday.

Bradford has directed the highest scoring team in major college football history, leading the nation in passer rating (186.3) and TD passes (48) while throwing for 4,464 yards.

The Sooners have scored 702 points and became the first college team in 89 years to reach 60 points in five con-

secutive games when they won the Big 12 title 62-21 over Missouri last Saturday.

"Players just follow him because of his commitment to them and how tough he is and how important the team is to him," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said.

McCoy, who had the imposing task of following Vince Young as Texas' starting quarterback, has turned out to be a multiple threat much like his predecessor.

McCoy set a major college record with his 77.6 completion percentage, breaking the mark set by Daunte Culpepper for Central Florida, and is the Longhorns' leading rusher with 576 yards and 10 touchdowns. Texas finished 11-1, with a victory against Oklahoma.

Heisman organizers generally invite three to five players, based on vote totals. Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell was surprisingly not invited to the ceremony, to be held at the Sports Museum of America in downtown New York for the first time.

DENVER — Police say the man accused in the shooting death of Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams faces an additional charge for allegedly making a knife out of a plastic spoon.

Denver District Attorney spokeswoman Lynn Kimbro says jail deputies found the weapon in Willie D. Clark's maximum-security cell in the Denver jail during a search for a missing piece of metal.

Clark is being held without bail.

don't consider the injury career-threatening.

Jones was hurt when he fell off the top of his muffed punt, getting caught in a scramble for the loose ball. After several players fell on him, Jones was pulled from the pile awkwardly by Pittsburgh player ... It was Jones' first game back after a six-game suspension, the second time he has been banned by commissioner Roger Goodell for off-the-field issues.

**WARRANT ISSUED FOR EX-GIANT MARK INGRAM**  
CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. — A central warrant has been issued for former New York Giant star Mark Ingram.

Ingram was indicted on federal prison to begin serving nearly eight years for bank fraud and money laundering.

Ingram pleaded guilty in November 2005 and was ordered to serve time in prison in Ashland, Ky., last Friday, but he never showed up.

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office on Long Island, where Ingram was prosecuted, says a warrant for Ingram's arrest was issued Monday. Ingram was still on the lam as of Wednesday.

The 1991 Super Bowl standout has sought to remain free until after the college football season so he could watch his son's freshman season as a running back at the University of Alabama.

**PORTIS 'COOL' WITH EVERYTHING AFTER TALK WITH HEAD COACH ZORN**

ASHLEIGH, Kan. — The rookie head coach and the flamboyant running back reached a smiling truce Wednesday, with Clinton Portis announcing that he's "cool with everything" and that he has no plans to sever ties with the Washington Redskins.

Portis and coach Jim Zorn held a 10-minute meeting early in the day to discuss Portis' blistering comments made during a radio interview Tuesday. After practice, the two strong personalities took turns explaining what happened — with the caveat that, as Portis put it, "We both got egos."

"It was something on my chest that I needed to get off," Portis said. "I had some stuff built up. I was itching to air it out. After we talked, we're on the same page."

Miffed over his lack of playing time in last week's 24-10 loss to the Baltimore Ravens, Portis used his radio airtime on WTEM-AM to accuse Zorn of sending mixed messages. He also sarcastically called Zorn a "genius," spoke of the possibility of severing ties with the organization and said of the coaching staff: "I don't think they know what they want me to do."

**INJURED 'PACMAN' MIGHT MISS REST OF SEASON**

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones might miss the rest of the season after injuring his neck against Pittsburgh.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said Wednesday that Jones will miss Sunday's game against the New York Giants because of a herniated disk. Phillips said a second disk might be damaged but team doctors

Richardson has a history of heart trouble and underwent quadruple bypass surgery in 2002. Doctors last month installed a pacemaker to control his heart's rhythm.

Richardson in 1993 became the first former NFL player since George Ihalas to become a team owner when the league awarded him an expansion franchise. The former Colts receiver caught a touchdown pass from Johnny Unitas to help Baltimore win the 1959 NFL championship.

**PANTHERS OWNER RICHARDSON NEEDS HEART TRANSPLANT**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson is in need of a heart transplant and has been placed on a donor waiting list.

The 72-year-old Richardson has been hospitalized since last week after complaining he didn't feel well. Tests revealed the need for a heart transplant.

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**— The Associated Press**

**Welcome to the HYPE MACHINE**

"It's keeping your focus on this game, on the challenge of playing Florida." — Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops

"It's a four-week buildup. How do you insulate your team? I wish we could, but it's not going to happen." — Florida head coach Urban Meyer

# A month of BCS hype awaits Meyer, Stoops

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Flanking either side of the Bowl Championship Series trophy, Bob Stoops and Urban Meyer shook hands for more than a minute Wednesday afternoon as more than two dozen photographers clicked and commanded away.

"Coach, over here!" "Bigger smiles, coaches!" "A little closer, gentlemen!"

Finally, someone decided the photo op had lasted long enough, and Stoops and Meyer quickly made their way out a side door. The BCS championship game might still be four weeks away, but the hype for the matchup between Stoops' Oklahoma Sooners and Meyer's Florida Gators is already starting in earnest in South Florida.

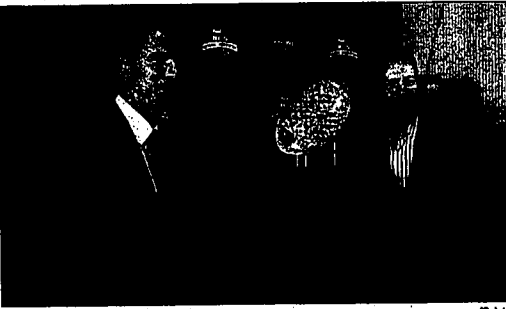
"It's a four-week buildup," Meyer said. "How do you insulate your team? I wish we could, but it's not going to happen."

Every other coach in major college football would love to have that problem, of course. But it'll only be Oklahoma and Florida in Miami on Jan. 8, where only one coach will be photographed next to that crystal football at night's end, and in either case that coach will be celebrating his second national title.

Florida finished the regular season ranked No. 1, one spot ahead of Oklahoma, in the final Associated Press poll, which does not factor into the BCS formula. Oklahoma was No. 1 in the final BCS rankings, with Florida No. 2.

"I'm just really honored and excited to be here," Stoops said. "Everybody involved with this bowl game is just first-class and coming to the city of Miami is always a fantastic experience. We're excited about it ... It's exciting for the competition and challenge of it."

Stoops has recruited South Florida heavily before,



Florida football coach Urban Meyer, left, and Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops pose with the Bowl Championship Series trophy after a press conference in Hollywood, Fla., Wednesday.

although his current team has only one player from the Sunshine State.

Meanwhile, Florida has 13 players from the greater Miami area alone, and Meyer said the same number were part of high school state championship victories at Delphin Stadium, where the BCS title will be decided this year.

"I hope it's a home-field advantage," Meyer said. "I'd be disappointed if it wasn't a tremendous showing, but I know Oklahoma has a great tradition of traveling fans as well. In the back of our minds, even in the front of some of our minds, this was our target to get to Miami — because it's our home state, because of the resulting, because of all of the above."

Even as his plane landed at the airport near Fort Lauderdale after the quick flight south from Gainesville, Meyer had his first official problem of bowl season: He's losing his offensive coordinator.

So there's another tie that binds these two coaches whose hometowns are about an hour apart in Ohio.

"We had to come down here to enjoy the weather," Stoops said. "It's a lot better than going up to northern Ohio right now."

Stoops was Florida's choice to replace Steve Spurrier when the ol' ball coach left Gainesville, but the former Gators assistant wound up declining, saying he had everything he wanted at Oklahoma.

Three years later, when Florida began courting Meyer,

Stoops got another phone call.

It was Meyer, asking for an unbiased opinion of the university and the program. Meyer took the job, won a national championship in his second season, and now is looking for his second crystal football in three years.

"Unfortunately, I helped get him there," Stoops said. Ohio roots are not the only similarity with Stoops and Meyer.

Both are among the win-nigest active coaches, in terms of percentage, in the game. Both are leading two of the nation's power programs, and both used the phrase "staying in the moment" when describing how they'll ask their teams to handle a month of BCS buildup.

"It's keeping your focus on this game, on the challenge of playing Florida," Stoops said. "And be at your best, whether it's in practice, attention to detail in meetings, and keeping yourself in the present time as opposed to what comes next."

# Bears return to spotlight in key game versus Saints

**Saints at Bears**  
6:15 p.m., NFL Network

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — All along, the Chicago Bears insisted they'd be back in the spotlight. This wasn't quite what they had in mind.

With three games left, they're fighting for a playoff spot.

"We don't have any room for error," quarterback Kyle Orton said.

The game goes for the New Orleans Saints, who visit Soldier Field on Thursday night.

"There's definitely a sense of urgency for us," running back Reggie Bush said.

At 7-6 and trying to claw their way into the playoffs, Chicago and New Orleans are in a familiar spot: playing another high-stakes game at Soldier Field.

The Bears beat the Saints in the NFC championship game two years ago and sent them home again last year with a 33-25 victory that wiped out any shot New Orleans had at the postseason. Of course, Chicago was being eliminated by them.

They would not finish with a better record because the Vikings have the tiebreaker.

The Bears invested heavily in their defense during the offseason, signing Lance Briggs to a six-year contract and Brian Urlacher extensions. They also gave Devin Hester a four-year extension and a bigger role at wide receiver after two record-setting seasons on kick returns, but the return of their investments have been minimal.

Instead of showing the dominant form of 2005 and 2006, the defense has been mostly average. Although they're still against the run, the Bears have been picked apart by slants and rank just 28th against the pass thanks in part due to a lack of pressure up front.

That doesn't bode well for the New Orleans game, but slithering the Saints beat the NFL's top offense and yardage, getting almost all their yards in the air — although they are coming off their most balanced performance.



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CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO
ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2009

Pursuant to Idaho Code 34-1405: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following taxing districts will conduct candidate and/or special elections in Cassia County during calendar year 2009.

Table with columns: NAME AND ADDRESS, TAXING DISTRICT, ELECTION DATE, DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE. Lists various districts like Oregon Trail Recreation, Oakley Free Library, Albion Highway, etc.

Declaration of Candidacy and Petition of Candidacy (one combined form) forms are available at the respective taxing district offices listed above or at the County Clerk's Office, Cassia County Room 105, Burley, Idaho.

Twin Falls County, Idaho
ELECTION CALENDAR 2009

Pursuant to Idaho Code 34-1405, notice is hereby given that the following taxing district will be conducting candidate and/or special elections in Twin Falls County during calendar year 2009:

Table with columns: Name and Address of Taxing District, Election Date, Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline. Lists districts like Hansen Fire, Buhl Highway, Murtagh Highway, etc.

Declaration of Candidacy and Petition of Candidacy (one combined form) forms are available at the respective taxing district offices listed above or at the County Clerk's office, Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADOPTED BUDGET
FOR THE CASSIA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

In accordance with Idaho Code, Title 31, Chapter 16, Cassia County hereby gives notice that it will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 22, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Cassia County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Room 3, 1450 Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho.

Table with columns: Description, 2007 Expenditures, 2008 Expenditures, 2009 Adopted Budget, 2009\* Adjustments. Lists items like Salaries - Clerical, Extra Help, Salaries 4-H Assistant, etc.

\* Items listed blank in the 2009 Adjustment column indicates that the 2009 Adopted Budget amount will remain unadjusted. Dated the 8th day of December, 2008.

LEGAL NOTICE

Western Construction, Inc. of Bossa, Idaho has been awarded Contract No. 7194 by the Idaho Transportation Department for the work of placing a curb cut followed by a seal coat on US-21, MP 50.0 to 51.5 St. Rupert, in the WCL to Marley Rd., Lincoln Co., known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. A011 (492), in Lincoln County, Idaho, No. 11492.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASSIA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 2008-1294
NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE HEARING
PETITION TO DETERMINE SURVIVING ISSUE IS SOLE BENEFICIARY
Estate of JOSEPH DALE DURFEE, aka Joe Durfee aka Joseph D. Durfee, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Linda F. Durfee has filed a Petition for a decree determining that she was the sole beneficiary of the decedent.

MINIDOKA COUNTY
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 19th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., of said day at Land Title and Escrow, 710 W. 3rd St., Burley, in the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: The East half of Tract No. 7 of Donaldson's Acreage, according to the official plat thereof, on file in the office of the County Clerk of Minidoka County, Idaho, recorded June 4, 1913 as Document No. 785, in Block 1, Minidoka County records, SAVE AND EXCEPT the following described tract: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 24 East, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho; thence South for 89.05 feet; thence West for 320.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence West for 165.00 feet; thence South for 368.00 feet; thence East for 165.00 feet; thence North for 398.40 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-110, Idaho Statute, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 805 E. Third St., Rupert, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. 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 MICHAEL J. COOPER, ERIC and MELISSA RENEE COOPER, HOOPER, Hooper and Wife, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of BANK OF EASTERN IDAHO, recorded December 27, 1998, as Instrument No. 476701; Mortgage records of Minidoka County, Idaho, and assigned to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on December 27, 1998, as Instrument No. 427802; Mortgage records of Minidoka County, Idaho, THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45 (4)(e) 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 (1) payment under the Deed of Trust Note dated December 27, 1998, in the amount of \$461.00 each, for the months June through October, 2008, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Assignment of Deed of Trust. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or accrued interest at the rate of 6.09% per annum from May 1, 2008. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$44,000.57 plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.09% per annum from May 1, 2008. DATED This 10th day of November, 2008. CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR

CASSIA COUNTY
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 17th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Land Title and Escrow, 211 W. 13th St., Burley, in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: LOT 10 IN BLOCK 1 OF THE BURLEY TOWNSHIP, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLATS AND RECORDS OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-110, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 1350 Normal Ave., Burley, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. 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 ANTONIO C. BALBUENA, MARGERITA L. BALBUENA, Husband and Wife, Grantors, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, recorded May 31, 1998, as Instrument No. 243103, re-recorded on August 15, 1998, as Instrument No. 244514; Mortgage records of Cassia County, Idaho, recorded on August 15, 1998, as Instrument No. 244514; Mortgage records of Cassia County, Idaho, recorded on August 15, 1998, as Instrument No. 244514. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45 (4)(e) 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 May 31, 1998, in the amount of \$483.00 each, for the months of July through October, 2008, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or accrued interest at the rate of 7.02% per annum from June 1, 2008. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$47,344.01, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.02% per annum from June 1, 2008. DATED This 12th day of November, 2008. CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE.

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**CITY OF SHOSHONE, IDAHO**  
Treasurer's Financial Report for Quarter ending SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

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Personal			\$178,716.69	\$40,555.23		
Supplies & Other Charges			\$183,124.46	\$168,368.27	100%	57%
Capital Outlay			\$10,500.00			
Streets & Street Ltg. Fund	\$204,095.40	\$209,485.28	\$91,801.93	\$38,644.74	103%	98%
Personal			\$123,112.46	\$42,439.82		
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Mary Kay Bennett, City Treasurer

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**JEROME COUNTY ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2009**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following taxing districts will be conducting candidate elections in Jerome County during calendar year 2009.

TAXING DISTRICT	ELECTION DATE	CANDIDACY FILING DATE DEADLINE
Jerome Highway District 30 North 100 West Jerome, ID 83338	August 4, 2009	5:00 pm June 26, 2009
West End Fire Protection District 152 South 600 West Jarvis, ID 83347	November 3, 2009	5:00 pm Sept 25, 2009
Jerome Rural Fire District #1 1414 Avenue A Jerome, ID 83338	November 3, 2009	5:00 pm Sept 25, 2009

Declaration of Candidacy forms are available at the respective taxing district offices.  
Some districts have provisions allowing them NOT to hold an election if only one candidate has filed for any position. Pursuant to Section 34-1407, Idaho Code, the determination as to whether a candidate has filed for the Declaration of Intent to be a write-in.  
Cities and School districts are not covered by the election consolidation procedures.  
Michelle Emerson  
Jerome County Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-9**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE JEROME COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF IDAHO, SETTING FORTH UNDERLYING RECITALS, ADOPTING AND ENACTING RULES AND REGULATIONS PROHIBITING OPEN NIGHTTIME BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT IN JEROME COUNTY; SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A NIGHTTIME BURNING PERMIT; AND EXEMPTING RECREATIONAL AND WARNING FIRMS.

WHEREAS, Article XI, section 2 of the Idaho Constitution authorizes Jerome County to adopt "all such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with its charter or with the general laws"; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Code Section 31-714 authorizes the Jerome County to pass all ordinances, rules and regulations necessary for carrying into effect or discharging the powers and duties conferred by the laws of the state of Idaho, and it is deemed necessary and proper for the safety, health and prosperity, and improves the general welfare of the inhabitants of Jerome County and all persons who may be present in Jerome County from time to time; and

WHEREAS, a nighttime burning poses a height risk and/or danger due to the inability created by darkness to clearly see the presence of conditions or circumstances that would lead to exacerbate a burning fire and cause it to spread out of control; and/or a lessened amount of witnesses, because of normal sleeping hours, available to observe or monitor such burns; i.e., neighbors, passers-by, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE JEROME COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as follows:

**REGULATING OPEN NIGHTTIME BURNING IN JEROME COUNTY:**  
Section I: Definitions of terms as used in this Ordinance.  
(a) "Nighttime" means that period of time one-half (1/2) hour before sunset to one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise.  
(b) "Daytime" means "any period of time that does not fall within the definition of nighttime."  
Section II: Prohibited Act:  
No person shall build, ignite, or maintain any open (outdoor) fire of any kind except as provided in this Ordinance.  
Section III: Permitted Open Nighttime Burns  
(a) Permitted, open nighttime burning shall not be conducted within fifty feet (50') of any structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause the fire to spread to within fifty feet (50') of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.  
(b) A permit person open nighttime burning shall be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is completely extinguished. This person must have a garden hose or other approved fire extinguishing equipment ready for use at all times.  
(c) Any law enforcement officer, fireman or related official shall have the authority to require a permitted open nighttime burn be immediately discontinued if such person is not burning or if the fire or smoke emanates from a public nuisance or hazardous condition.  
Section IV: Open Nighttime Burning Permits And Applications:  
(a) Burning permits for open nighttime fires are to be obtained from the fire department in the fire district that establish the procedures for issuance of such permits. Such burning permits for fires to be burned outside a fire district must be obtained from the Jerome County Sheriff's Office, which shall establish its issuance procedures as well.  
(b) All applications for burning permits must contain all the following information when applicable:  
1. Name, address, business phone, and home phone of Applicant.  
2. Date(s) Applicant expects to burn.  
3. Estimated length and width of ditch, trench, and acreage to be burned.  
4. Amount of material to be burned in public yards, not to exceed ten (10) cubic yards at a time.  
5. Type of material to be burned and location of proposed burning.  
6. Signature of who desired burn cannot practically be accomplished during daylight hours.  
7. A document signed by any and all residents living within fifty (50) yards of the proposed burn site, indicating that they have been made aware of the proposed burn. The approval of the burn by these residents need not be obtained, only a signature indicating that that they have been notified of it.  
8. Release or liability of a qualifying resident to provide a signature may be obtained by the fire department from the Applicant stating that the required notice has been given to the necessary resident, but that such release or was unable to provide the necessary signature.  
(c) All applications for burning permits shall be denied unless the requested burn cannot be practically carried out during daylight hours. If such a finding is made, the application shall be approved and the permit issued. The appropriate agency shall have the authority to subject its approval of the application on any precautionary conditions, measures and/or limitations being met or complied with.  
(d) All issued permits shall expire if the following information:  
1. Name, address, business phone and home phone of Permittee.  
2. Location of proposed burning.  
3. Fire district where proposed burning is to occur.  
4. Any conditions, measures and/or limitations placed upon the permitted burn.  
5. Date of issuing officer.  
6. Signature of permittee.  
(e) Any person denied an open nighttime burning permit may appeal the denial by writing to the Jerome County Board of Commissioners within thirty (30) days of the denial. The Board may obtain a written statement from the denying agency that sets forth its reason for denial; or have a representative of such agency appear at the hearing for the purposes of explaining an oral statement of appeal. The Board shall rule on said appeal using the same standards stated in subsection (c) of this Ordinance, and such ruling shall be made within fifteen (15) days of the date the written appeal is filed. If the Board fails to make such a ruling in the stated period of time, the permit shall automatically be approved and issued by the relevant agency, although such agency shall still be allowed to place any conditions, measures and/or limitations on the permit that it deems necessary.  
(f) Any employee or agent of any of the issuing agencies may revoke any permit for noncompliance with the issued burning permit.  
Section V: Exemption of Recreational or Warning Fires:  
Recreational or warning fires that are contained by some type of barrier or container, such as but not limited to rocks, dirt, concrete, brick, metal, etc., and that are not intended to be used for any other purpose than nighttime burning, and therefore this Ordinance does not apply and no burning permit is needed for these types of fires DATED this 24th day of November 2008.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1055**  
BILL NO. 530  
Sponsored by Councilmember Shine  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, ANNEXING 63.95 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR ZONING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the 63.95 acre parcel is contiguous to the City of Jerome; and

WHEREAS, the real property is annexable pursuant to Idaho Code § 50-222; and

WHEREAS, a metes and bounds description describing the real property is as follows:  
WHEREAS, the City has previously approved a preliminary plat for the real property, divided into lots and blocks; and

WHEREAS, the Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing August 12, 2008 and determined that the Light Manufacturing (M-1) zoning request for Lots 2 through 6 of Block 2; and Area Business (AB) zoning request for Lots 1 through 3 of Block 1; and Lots 1 through 7 of Block 2; and Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3, as described in the approved preliminary plat for the real property, is in compliance with the City of Jerome's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission forwarded its recommendation for the zoning of the real property to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration;

WHEREAS, a public hearing to discuss the recommended zoning designation was held on September 18, 2008, before the Jerome City Council; and

WHEREAS, it was determined the Light Manufacturing (M-1) zoning request for Lots 2 through 6 of Block 2; and Area Business (AB) zoning request for Lots 1 through 3 of Block 1; and Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3, as described in the approved preliminary plat for the real property is appropriate.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF the City of Jerome, Idaho, as follows:

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BINGHAM

Case No. CV 2008-2819 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (153-9-301) In the Estate of DARRIEL A. WILSON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

DATED: October 27, 2008. JUDITH LOIS JACKMAN 31 South 500 West Bldg. IDH 83221

PUBLISH: December 11, 18 and 25, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on January 13, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

W. S. A. L.L.C. aka DOUG VOLLMEIER Requests the Commission's recommendation on the Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-2 to R-1000 for 8.5 (4+/-) acres for the development of a single family residential project on property located west of the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Field Street West.

A complete description is on file with the City Planning and Zoning Administrator at 324 Hansen Street East, 735-7299. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time.

PUBLISH: Thursday, December 11, 2008

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids will be received by the Filer School District #413, 700 B Stevens Avenue, Filer, ID 83328 for the High School Addition, Field Street, at Afton. Field Improvements

Projects, until February 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. A pre-bid conference will be held on January 14, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the Filer High School front entrance, 3915 N. Wildcat Way 2300 E, Filer, ID 83328. Bids will be opened at the above stated place and time and all other interested parties are invited to be present at said opening.

AGC - Twin Falls 206-344-2531 Fax 206-343-5321 206-734-1831 Fax 206-734-1783 Twin Falls Plan Room 124 Blue Lakes Blvd S., Suite 6 Twin Falls, ID 83301 206-734-7828 Fax 206-734-7731 Intermountain Contractor 1743 West Alexander Rd. Salt Lake City, UT 84119 801-972-4400 Fax 801-972-8975 AGC - Idaho Falls 984 John Adams, Idaho Falls, ID 83401 206-529-2520 Fax 206-529-9287 AGC - Boise 110 North 27th Street, Boise, ID 83702 206-344-2531 Fax 206-343-5321

Any successful bidder for work involving a contract amount greater than \$100,000 will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds equal to the full contract amount. Bidders must be licensed in the State of Idaho, in accordance with provisions of Idaho Code §§ 54-1901 et seq. ("Public Works Contractors").

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PUBLISH: December 9, 11 and 14, 2008

Classified Deadlines For line ads Tues. - Sat. - 1 p.m. the day before. For Sun. & Mon. 2 p.m. Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE The following applications (A) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

LOWER PAYETTE DITCH CO 102 N MAIN ST POYON, ID 83841 Point of Diversion L3 (SEW) S7 T07N R03W PAYETTE COUNTY Source PAYETTE RIVER

Tributary TO SNAKE RIVER Point of Diversion L5 (SWW) S21 T08N R04W PAYETTE COUNTY Source PAYETTE RIVER Tributary TO SNAKE RIVER Reclamation Point of Diversion L10 (SESSE) S28 T08N R04W PAYETTE COUNTY Source PAYETTE RIVER Tributary TO SNAKE RIVER Injection Use: IRRIGATION 03901 TO 11115 50 CFS Total Diversion: 50 CFS Date Filed: 12/28/2008

Notice: Place of use is within the area served by Lower Payette Ditch. Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-2302, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Water Region 2, 2325 Alameda Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 10/22/2008. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant: DAVID R. TUTTILL, JR., Director

PUBLISH: December 4 and 11, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV08-4550 SUMMONS (Publication) AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE, INC. aka AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. GERALD R. HENDERSON, Defendant.

TO: GERALD R. HENDERSON You have been sued by American General Finance, Inc. ("AGF") for breach of financial services the plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV08-4550.

The nature of the claim against you is for breach of contract by the failure to pay a loan of \$14,140.19. The plaintiff requests a Court order for immediate possession of your collateral motor vehicle as described in the complaint. Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number and amount required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, PO Box 128, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-0128, or 735-74028, and served a copy of your response on the plaintiff's attorney at Charles Johnson, Coleston Jean Chartered, PO Box 1725, Pocatello, Idaho 83204-1725, or 206-238-7925.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the undersigned. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED THE 17th day of November 2008. BY: Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: November 27, Dec 4, 11 and 18, 2008

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids will be received by the Filer School District #413, 700 B Stevens Avenue, Filer, ID 83328 for the Intermediate School, until February 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

A pre-bid conference will be held on January 14, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the School District Office, 700 B Stevens Avenue, Filer, Idaho. Bids will be opened at the above stated place and time and all other interested parties are invited to be present at said opening. Drawings will be available on December 22, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and may be examined at the following offices:

Brennan Construction 718 S. 2nd, Pocatello, ID 83204 206-238-2613 Fax 206-238-5021 AGC - Twin Falls 206-344-2531 Fax 206-343-5321 1415 N. Filmore, Ste. 703A, Twin Falls, ID 83301 206-734-1831 Fax 206-734-1783 Twin Falls Plan Room 124 Blue Lakes Blvd S., Suite 6 Twin Falls, ID 83301 206-734-7828 Fax 206-734-7731 Intermountain Contractor 1743 West Alexander Rd. Salt Lake City, UT 84119 801-972-4400 Fax 801-972-8975 AGC - Idaho Falls 984 John Adams, Idaho Falls, ID 83401 206-529-2520 Fax 206-529-9287 AGC - Boise 110 North 27th Street, Boise, ID 83702 206-344-2531 Fax 206-343-5321

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PUBLISH: December 9, 11 and 14, 2008

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 08-5023 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (153-9-301) In the Estate of GLENN H. WELLS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

DATED this 21st day of November, 2008. BRUCE A. DETMER Personal Representative

PUBLISH: November 27, Dec 4 and 11, 2008

TWIN FALLS COUNTY NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 19th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at the County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho, at Suite 1315, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, 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, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

LOT 7 AND 8, BLOCK 111, BUHL TOWNSITE, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS PAGE 35, RECORDED IN TWIN FALLS COUNTY RECORDS, AND THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLETE WITH SECTION 45 1506 (4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS OR IS 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 March 4, 2008, in the amount of \$563.00 each, for the month of June, 2008, together with interest and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus the accumulated interest and costs of expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.375% per annum from the date of the last payment in full balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$74,930.83, plus an additional amount of interest at the rate of 6.375% per annum from May 1, 2008. DATED THE 13th day of November, 2008. CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

PUBLISH: November 20, 27, Dec 4, 11 and 18, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On April 30 2009 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the front door of the First American Title Company, 280 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303 Bruce J. Blohowiak, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 115 of Sunset View Subdivision No. 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat therefor, recorded in Book 10 of plats, Page 30, in the office of the County Recorder of said County, Idaho. THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE SECTION 60 113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, IS 83318, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

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 DAVID R. JOHNSON AND JADIE JOHNSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE as TRUSTEES TO TWIN FALLS TITLE & ORIGINAL TRUSTEE, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS (EMERS) as beneficiary as nominee for FIRST FRANKLIN, A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK, a member of the FDIC, on November 10th 2008 and recorded under Twin Falls County recorder's no. 2008026558. The beneficial interest of the above described real property is held by the National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1, and the above GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLETE WITH SECTION 45 1506 (4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The failure to pay, when due, under said Deed of Trust Note, monthly, principal, interest taxes and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$ 764.04 for the month of July 2008, and each month thereafter, together with accrued late charges and other costs and fees as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust, constitute a default under the terms of the obligation secured by said deed of trust in the amount of \$100,235.49 excluding interest and costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations there under. In this sale, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, the Trustee is authorized: 11/25/2008 PUBLISHED: December 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2008 By: Bruce J. Blohowiak, Successor Trustee

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 08-5246 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (153-9-301) In the Estate of ENID "PAULINE" BURTRUM, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims not presented to the undersigned Personal Representative of the estate or Steven D. Peterson P.C., PO Box 5827, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5027, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, in the form prescribed by rule, DATED this 4th day of December, 2008. rskirbark.Rockaway Kelly

PUBLISH: December 11, 18 and 25, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY,

Case No. CV-2008-285 Sheriff's Case #20082551 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

WILLIAM E. PEDERSON, JR. and KLOEPFER, INC., an Idaho Corporation Plaintiffs, vs. JAWDAD MANSOUR and RIHAB MANSOUR, Individually and d/b/a Twin Burgers and Kabobs, and JOHN DOES 1 through 10 Defendants

JAWDAD MANSOUR and RIHAB MANSOUR, Individually and d/b/a Twin Burgers and Kabobs, and JOHN DOES 1 through 10 Counterclaimants vs. WILLIAM E. PEDERSON, JR. and KLOEPFER, INC., an Idaho Corporation Counterclaimants

By Virtue of a Writ of Attachment in my hand, issued by the District Court in and for the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, wherein the plaintiff obtained an Amended Judgment against the defendants, JAWDAD MANSOUR and RIHAB MANSOUR, Individually and d/b/a Twin Burgers and Kabobs, and JOHN DOES 1 through 10, on the 24th day of November, 2008, in the sum of \$43,910.09, I have levied upon all rights, title, interest & claim of said defendants of, in and to the following described real property, encumbrances and fixtures located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, commonly known as 280 Shoshone Street East, Twin Falls, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land Lots 1 and 2 in Block 72 of Twin Falls Townsite, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat therefor, and an amended plat thereof, recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 7, records of said County.

PUBLIC NOTICE: I HEREBY GIVE that on the 7th day of January, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., at the office of the Twin Falls County Sheriff, 428 South 4th Street East, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, will attend, offer and sell at public auction all rights, title and interest of the said Defendants the above described real property, encumbrances, fixtures and personal property as directed to be sold as may be necessary to pay and satisfy the Judgment as set out in the amended Judgment of said Court, in the sum of \$43,910.09, plus the interest thereon of Forceforeclosure, to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, but not less than \$200.00. The interest thereon at all costs associated with this sale. The said real property is subject to redemption from the purchaser within 60 (sixty) days after the date of sale of the real property pursuant to Idaho Code 11-402. Dated the 4th day of December, 2008. William E. Pederson, Sheriff of Twin Falls County

PUBLISH: December 11, 18 and 25, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On March 20th 2008 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the front door of the First American Title Company, 280 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303 Bruce J. Blohowiak, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

LOT 12 IN BLOCK 4 OF MORNING SUN SUBDIVISION NO. 1 TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 10 OF PLATS, PAGE 24 THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE SECTION 60 113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 2881 BUNDANCE DRIVE, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83301, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

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 DAVID R. JOHNSON AND JADIE JOHNSON, TRUSTEES TO FIRST AMERICAN TITLE as original Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS (EMERS) as beneficiary as nominee for FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP., AN OFF. S.B. OF FIRST CBT, FEB, on that date and recorded under Twin Falls County recorder's no. 2007-005754. The beneficial interest of the above described real property is held by the National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1, and the above GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLETE WITH SECTION 45 1506 (4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The failure to pay, when due, under said Deed of Trust Note, monthly, principal, interest taxes and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$ 3,184.65 for the month of June 2008 and each month thereafter, together with accrued late charges and other costs and fees as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust, constitute a default under the terms of the obligation secured by said deed of trust in the amount of \$278,614.09 excluding interest and costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations there under or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Dated: 11/13/2008 PUBLISHED: November 20, 27, Dec 4 and 11, 2008 By: Bruce J. Blohowiak, Successor Trustee

RECEIVED CLERK OF COURT... ERNESTO CEN... RECEIVED IN 300... LOW... CARPAX... RECEIVED IN 300... LOW... CARPAX... RECEIVED IN 300... LOW... CARPAX...

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# Abuse survivor fears to tell new girlfriend about his past



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 33-year-old man who has never been in a serious relationship until now. I have been seeing "Stephie" for eight months and think I may be in love with her.

I have successfully managed to evade Stephie's questions about my past and get away with it until recently. She keeps asking me about my mother's body. If she physically abused by my parents when I was a child.) Regrettably, I lied to her about the nature of the scars.

Stephie wants to be married and start a family, and so do I. She wants her kids to have a great dad, and I think I can be a very good parent. I would never do to my kids what was done to me.

On the one hand, I want an open, honest relationship with her. On the other, I'm afraid if I tell her the truth she will leave me, and I'll spiral into another five-year depression I may not be able to escape from.

EDEN 1-2 bedroom, 1 bath, app's, included, \$275-\$350 deposit. Call 208-733-1678

**DEAR SURVIVOR:** Because you are discussing a future together, it's time to level with Stephie about everything. That you would not

want to discuss this painful subject at the beginning of a relationship is understandable. But please do not continue the deception.

You should also explain to Stephie about your period of clinical depression. If she's going to marry you, she has a right to know your medical history.

Yes, telling her may be risky. However, if she loves you, she will accept you just the way you are. And if she isn't up to the challenge, it's better to find out now before becoming any more involved.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm not sure how to react to something a friend of mine recently told me. We have known "Lois" and her husband for

more than 30 years. They no longer live in the same home, but visit occasionally. When they do, we always invite them to stay in our home.

On their last visit, Lois was talking about her only child, "Deldre" whom I have always liked. Lois, out of the blue, began chitchatting and then told me the "old story" that Deldre was giggling for a few minutes, then said that Deldre sounded almost as much like me as I do—almost no comment.

Frankly, I was taken aback that someone would do an imitation of me. I got the impression that Deldre has been doing my "act" for a while, and I found it disturbing. My husband says it's a form of flattery, but I think it's demeaning. I also think impersonating someone for the amusement of others—especially if the person is now a good friend—is rude. What do you think?

—**JOKE'S ON ME**  
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**DEAR J.O.M.:** I think you should have asked your friend Lois to clarify her remark at the time she'd made it. But because you didn't, bring it up the next time you talk to her and let her explain what was so funny.

Personally, I think such imitations are often a form of ridicule and are unkind.

It could waste your time when your lasting romance is your mind.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You know if you've been naughty once. You might not be as confident as usual when under pressure. Do perform at your best or you could feel that loved ones are keeping score. It may be nice.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sit this dance out. Under these cosmic conditions, you may be tempted to take unreasonable risks with your money and health. Avoid taking drastic steps or letting your passions rule your head.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Try the hand-made touch. If you are feeling a pinch in your wallet, you can always make plans for an old-fashioned holiday. True love doesn't require you to put your money on the line or dip into savings.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is no such thing as an overnight success. Remember that to play in the major leagues, you must develop a batting average. An obsession with something can exact a toll on your public image.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): That whatchamacallit you desire may only be the reflection of your boredom and desire for excitement. Tame any unusual urges for the next few days — and be discreet regarding matters of the heart.



**HOROSCOPE**  
Jerakline Saunders

with authority figures. There may be pressure to meet deadlines, or criticism if perfection isn't attained. Work hard to prove you are someone to be relied upon in a pinch.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Hold off on entering into important agreements, but don't be afraid to brainstorm viable arrangements for the future. Others might change their tune later if you push too hard to come to terms now.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You really are sincere and want to offer assistance. Be aware that even if you have the best of intentions, something could change the situation. Don't get stuck making a promise you can't honor.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Concentrate on banishing your creative daring. Rely on your own judgment, as others may expect you to look for other advice that won't help you. Avoid making important investments or promises.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Watch your step when dealing

**IF DECEMBER 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** During the year ahead you may learn to be more self-sufficient and responsible. In the next six to 10 weeks, you might consider making a major change in your life, but it could entail extra responsibilities or result in needless complications. It is best to avoid taking on extra obligations such as car loans, credit card debt or a new job between mid-December and mid-February. In April, maintain a low profile and do not begin anything new or take on the first three weeks of July, the comic lights are green and you can launch anything that is important to you knowing that you will have smooth sailing and good fortune ahead.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Someone loves you, wants and all you might only see the weeds when the comic lights are green and you will be pleased by reassurances that come from loved ones. Don't take criticisms from strangers to heart.

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Today is Thursday, Dec. 11, the 346th day of 2008. There are 20 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Dec. 15, 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

**On this date:**  
In 1791, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1892, Boston's renamed Bijou Theatre, the first American playhouse to be lighted exclusively by electricity, gave its first performance, of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe, Or The Peer and the Pert."

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires, Argentina, announced the first homicide attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1937, Italy announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy

## TODAY IN HISTORY

declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

In 1983, Pope John Paul II visited a Lutheran church in Rome, the first visit by a Roman Catholic pontiff to a Protestant church in his own diocese.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

Ten years ago, Majority Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee pushed through three articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton over Democratic objections. The Mars Climate Orbiter blasted off on a nine-month journey to the red

planet. (However, the probe disappeared in September 1999, apparently destroyed because scientists had failed to convert English measurements to metric values.)

Five years ago, U.S. health officials reported an early flu outbreak. Most of the cases were traced to a Moroccan accused of supporting the Sept. 11 al-Qaida cell in Hamburg, saying there was new evidence he did not know about the plot. A new second home for the National Air and Space Museum is under construction, some 28 miles west of the original home in Washington, D.C.

One year ago, two car bombs in Algeria, including one targeting the U.N. refugee agency's offices, killed 37 people, 17 of them U.N. employees; Al-Qaida's self-styled North African branch claimed responsibility.

The Senate Intelligence Committee took closed-door testimony from CIA Director Michael Hayden on how videotapes of terror suspect interrogations were made, then destroyed.

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the fair housing act which makes it illegal to discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin of an individual in making any such preference limitation or discrimination. "Familial status" includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodian; pregnant women and people securing custody or children under 18.

**Unfurnished Homes**  
TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, 1 bath, W/D hookup, no pets. \$575. Call 208-733-1678

**Unfurnished Homes**  
TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, 1 bath, no pets. Water/Garage paid. \$425. 208-733-1678

**Unfurnished Homes**  
TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, no pets. \$490/mo. dep. 208-731-6349

**Unfurnished Homes**  
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declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

In 1983, Pope John Paul II visited a Lutheran church in Rome, the first visit by a Roman Catholic pontiff to a Protestant church in his own diocese.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

Ten years ago, Majority Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee pushed through three articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton over Democratic objections. The Mars Climate Orbiter blasted off on a nine-month journey to the red

planet. (However, the probe disappeared in September 1999, apparently destroyed because scientists had failed to convert English measurements to metric values.)

Five years ago, U.S. health officials reported an early flu outbreak. Most of the cases were traced to a Moroccan accused of supporting the Sept. 11 al-Qaida cell in Hamburg, saying there was new evidence he did not know about the plot. A new second home for the National Air and Space Museum is under construction, some 28 miles west of the original home in Washington, D.C.

One year ago, two car bombs in Algeria, including one targeting the U.N. refugee agency's offices, killed 37 people, 17 of them U.N. employees; Al-Qaida's self-styled North African branch claimed responsibility.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"The foolish race of mankind Are swarming below in the night; They shriek and rage and quarrel And all of them are right."

—Heinrich Heine

NORTH ♠ 6 5 2 ♠ A K Q 3 ♠ 10 5 4 ♠ A Q 5

EAST ♠ J 8 4 3 ♠ 6 5 4 ♠ Q J 8 3 ♠ K 2

SOUTH ♠ A K Q ♠ 9 8 2 ♠ K 7 2 ♠ 10 9 7 3

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade nine

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 6 5 2 ♠ A K Q 3 ♠ 10 5 4 ♠ A Q 5

South West North East Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT All pass

ANSWER: Technically, you have a strong no-trump, but the absence of a diamond stopper means you cannot bid one no-trump now. An overall of one heart is a card short (though the values make up for that missing fifth heart) and gets partner off to the right lead if necessary. But a takeout double will rarely get you to the wrong strain and encourages partner to bid if he has shape, even without heart length.

Par details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact jbw@rtd.com or if you would like to be contacted by Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbyw@msn.com

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1 Trains to box  
6 Latin 101 verb  
10 Revolved  
14 Want too much  
15 Within range  
16 Ditty  
17 Vibrant  
18 Spin in style  
19 Circle  
20 components  
20 Flick  
21 Washington bill  
22 Shy river  
23 Steeple topppers  
25 Fencers' foils  
26 Starts a new lawn  
29 Forest unit  
31 Put on the feed bag  
32 Instrument of title  
34 Cabbage or Mellon  
38 Ella's forte  
40 Proficient  
42 New Italian bread  
43 Exhilaration  
45 New Jersey team  
47 Knights' address  
48 Dollar value  
50 Cut  
52 Selects  
55 Meaning  
57 White heron  
58 "The Belles" poet  
59 Hang loosely  
63 Landed  
64 Agile  
65 Stand in a studio  
66 Show up  
67 Sit for an artist  
68 Religious practices  
69 Worked the land  
70 Mimicked  
71 Twin Falls river

**DOWN**

1 Rip off  
2 Water sport

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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

3 Tail \_\_Jaffa, Israel  
4 Make extensive changes  
5 Soaked  
6 Countersigned  
7 River through Paris  
8 Most national  
9 Afore  
10 Run wild on masse  
11 Blender selection  
12 Male relative  
13 Brooding  
24 Paragons  
26 Remainder  
27 Per pop  
28 Have the lead role  
30 Nolemaker  
33 Lair  
35 Hurry it up  
36 Toledo's lake  
37 Unit of a language

39 Light for a moving violation  
41 Harassed  
44 \_\_ and found  
46 Colonel of KFC  
49 First-rate  
51 Overtax  
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53 Ice residence  
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61 Sneak a quick look  
62 Do it or \_\_  
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