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# Hopping on the money plane

## Senior T.F. cops earn the most OT pay for airport security

By Jared S. Hopkins • Times-News writer

The Twin Falls Police Department has limited the ability of high-ranking officers to work airport security shifts on overtime, a practice that cost taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars last year.

The Times-News last month reported that the city was paying top dollar for airport security because of the practice, while other Idaho airports got more police protection by assigning lower-ranking officers to their airports. Twin Falls officials maintain that the practice was the most cost-effective way to meet a federal mandate.

While the city defended its approach toward airport security, it initially refused to say which officers were working the overtime shifts. Earlier this month, however, the state attorney general's office issued an advisory opinion to the city saying the information is a matter of public record.

Those records, obtained under the state public records act, show a disproportionate amount of Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport security shifts — nearly 70 percent — were worked at time-and-a-half pay, and the department's high-paid brass picked up most of the lucrative extra work. The average overtime rate for those officers was more than \$40 per hour, compared to an entry-level patrol officer's straight time pay of about half that.

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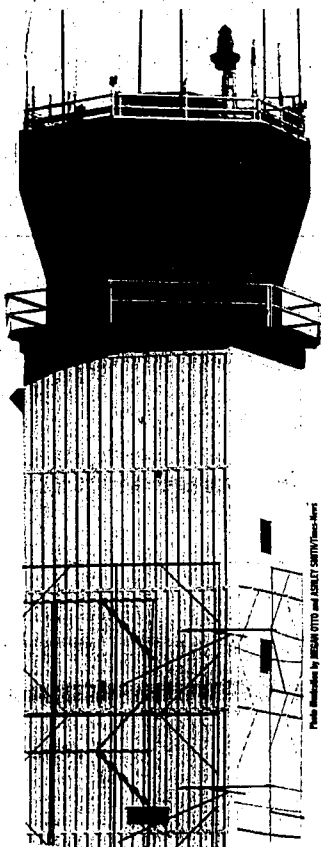


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## Twin Falls Police overtime pay at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport

Fiscal Year 2008: Oct. 1, 2007 to Sept. 30, 2008

Officer and rank as of Dec. 1	Total airport overtime pay	Overtime hours	Annual salary
Sgt. Sgt. Dennis Pullin	\$7,406	166	\$77,152
Capt. Bryan Keear	\$5,549	101	\$82,912
Sgt. Sgt. John Wilson	\$4,293	117.5	\$84,902
Patrol Officer Brian Maughan	\$3,715	121.5	\$54,749
Patrol Officer Daniel Clements	\$3,598	130	\$49,220
Sgt. Dan Rinehart	\$3,124	72.25	\$70,672
Det. Hobbs Perkey	\$2,875	85.25	\$36,060

Source: City of Twin Falls

# The revival of Jim Risch

By Betsy Z. Russell  
The Spokesman-Review

BOISE — Jim Risch was a formidable political force in Idaho, feared and admired as he wielded his power and then, suddenly, everything ended.

It was 1988, and the Republican president pro-tem of the Idaho Senate found himself turned out of office by the voters. In what he called his last press conference, Risch declared himself done with politics. He would return to private life for good.

"I have no future political plans of any kind," he said. Asked if he might consider a run for Congress, he said, "I don't like anything about Washington, D.C. particularly living there."

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AP Photo

Jim Risch gives a speech in 1987. Risch, 65, is now Idaho's newest U.S. senator-elect. But the Jim Risch who will head to the nation's capital in January is a different politician from the brass, combative character who relished his powerful role in Idaho politics in the 1970s and '80s.

# Group seeks to add whitebark pine to endangered list

By Kate Poppo  
Times-News writer

A conservation group asked federal officials this week to consider adding the whitebark pine tree to the endangered species list, in an attempt to fight various threats to its survival.

On Tuesday, the Natural Resources Defense Council petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the trees, which are under siege across the West from mountain pine beetles and blister rust, a fungus, and facing the threat of their habitat declining due to warmer temperatures.

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## Learn more

- For more on the whitebark pine:
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SEE: A monthly breakdown of all Twin Falls officers' overtime airport shifts.

# Silver Star record for unit in Afghan clash

By Kevin Maurer  
Associated Press writer

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Capt. Kyle Walton remembers pressing himself into the jagged stones that covered the cliff in northeast Afghanistan. Machine gun rounds and sniper fire

ricocheted off the rocks. Two rounds slammed into his helmet, smashing his head into the ground. Nearby, three of his U.S. Army Special Forces comrades were gravely wounded. One grenade or a well-aimed bullet, Walton thought, could end April 6, 2008, on his grave-stone.

Walton and his team from the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group had been sent to kill or capture terrorists from a rugged valley that had never been penetrated by U.S. forces — or, they had been told, the Soviets before them.

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In this undated photo provided by the U.S. Army, Capt. Kyle Walton, right, and Master Sgt. Scott Ford, left, talk to an interpreter in Eastern Afghanistan.

AP Photo



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# MORNING BRIEFING



## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Joseph M. Martin's "Festival Of Carols"**  
Community Christmas Cantata, performed by Gooding Community Chorus and Orchestra and directed by Rick Strickland; soloists: Pastor Dave Buecher and Cindy Ervin, 4 p.m., Walker Center Auditorium, 605 11th Ave. E., Gooding, refreshments served, no cost but donations appreciated, 934-8227.

**Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett's "The Many Moths of Christmas,"** presented by Magic Valley Chorus, under the direction of Joseph Caspersen and accompanied by Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra; individual selections performed by members of Chorus, 4 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, Twin Falls, \$5 general admission and \$3 for seniors and students, 733-8288.



Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, (208) 735-0011.

**The 24th Annual Christmas in the Park 2008,** Advent Message by Pastor Mike Littleton of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship and Special Music by "Stained Red," 5 p.m., City Band Shell, Twin Falls City Park, [Trent.Simpson2@scsuis.com](http://Trent.Simpson2@scsuis.com).

**"Kings of Comfort and Joy" Christmas Music Festival** featuring vocal choir, ward choirs, orchestra and The Christmas Story hosted by Rupert West Stake, 7 p.m., Rupert West Stake, 26 S. West W, 436-1799.

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

### HOME AND GARDEN

**The 19th annual Holiday Home Tour,** benefiting the Kistler Safe House and Crisis Center of Magic Valley, 1 to 6 p.m., at the homes of Sherm and Loretta Mullins, Linda Virgin, Shawn and Carmelle Bariger, Steve and Pam Brown, Roger and Kelly Vincent, and Tammi Hall, Twin Falls, \$8 for all guests age 9 and older (no children under age 8), 731-4463 or 320-1602.

### SEASONAL EVENTS

**Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home 11th annual Christmas Memorial Service,** lighting of the memorial Christmas tree, 4 p.m., Parke's Magic

## Picks Pat Marcantonio

**to go and do today**

• If you want to see the homes of people who have gone all out for the holidays, take the **Holiday Home Tour** from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Park at 5 p.m. in Twin Falls. The tour benefits the Kistler Safe House and Crisis Center of Magic Valley. Tickets are \$8. Children 6 and older are welcome with tickets available at Everybody's Business, Java Jungie, Kelly Garden Center, Fremont Living, Kurt's Pharmacy,

Rosebud's Florist, The Little Red Hen or The Black Sheep Gallery.

• Enjoy Christmas in the Park at 5 p.m. at the band shell at the Twin Falls City Park. There will be an advent message and Stained Red of Lighthouse Christian will perform. The lights in the park are beautiful in the evening.

• "The Many Moods of Christmas" will be performed

at the Magic Valley Chorus Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults or \$3 for senior citizens and children over 3.

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

## Silver Star

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He peered over the side of the cliff to the dry river bed 60 feet below and considered his options. Could he roll the wounded man off and then jump? Would they survive the fall?

By the end of the six-hour battle deep within the Shok Valley, Walton would bear witness to heroics that on Friday would earn him the team Silver Star, the most for a single battle in Afghanistan.

Walton, a Special Forces team leader, and his men described the battle in an interview with The Associated Press last week. Most seem unimpressed that he won the Army's third-highest award for combat valor.

"This is the story about Americans fighting side-by-side with their Afghan counterparts refusing to quit," said Walton, of Cannon, Ind. "What awards come in the aftermath are not important to me."

The mission that sent three Special Forces teams and a company from the 201st Airborne, the 10th Battalion to the Shok Valley seemed imperiled from the outset.

Six massive CH-47 Chinook helicopters had deposited the men earlier that morning, backing through thick clouds as they entered the valley. The approaching U.S. soldiers watched enemy fighters racing to positions dug into the canyon walls and to sniper holes carved into the houses perched at the top of the cliff.

Considered a sanctuary of the Hezbe Islami al Gulbuddin terrorist group, the valley is far from any major American base.

It was impossible for the helicopters to land on the jagged rocks at the bottom of the valley. The Special Forces soldiers and commandos, each carrying more than 60 pounds of gear, dropped from the feet above into the canyon, landing among boulders or in a near-frozen stream.

With several Afghan commandos, Staff Sgt. David Wadding and Staff Sgt. John Sanders led the way on a narrow path that zig-zagged up the cliff face to a nearby village where the terrorists were hiding.

Walton followed with two other soldiers and a 23-year-old Afghan interpreter who went by the name of the orphan who dreamed of going to the United States.

Wadding and Sanders were on the outskirts of the village when Staff Sgt. Luis Morales saw a group of armed men along a nearby ridge. He fired. The surrounding mountains and buildings erupted in an ambush: The soldiers estimate that more than 200 fighters opened up with rifles, rocket-propelled grenades, machine guns and AK-47s.

C.K. crumpled to the ground.

Walton and Spc. Michael Carter dove into a small cave

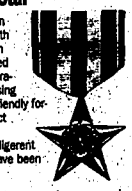
## The soldiers

Ten soldiers from the 3rd Special Forces Group received Silver Stars for valor during an April 2008 mission in the Shok Valley in Afghanistan.

- Staff Sgt. Dillon Behr, Rock Island, Ill.
- Spc. Michael D. Carter, Smithville, Texas.
- Master Sgt. Scott Ford, Athens, Ohio.
- Staff Sgt. Seth E. Howard, Keene, N.H.
- Staff Sgt. Luis Morales, Fredericksburg, Va.
- Staff Sgt. Donald J. Sanders, Huntsville, Ala.
- Staff Sgt. Ronald J. Shurer, Pullman, Wash.
- Staff Sgt. John W. Wadding, Groesbeck, Texas.
- Capt. Kyle M. Walton, Carmel, Ind.
- Staff Sgt. Matthew O. Williams, Casper, Wyo.

## The Silver Star

The Silver Star is awarded to a person who while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Army, is cited for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The required gallantry must have been performed with marked distinction.



Staff Sgt. Dillon Behr couldn't fit so the Rock Island, Ill., native dropped to one knee and started firing. An F-15 made a strafing run to push back the fighters, but it wasn't enough.

Sanders radioed for close air support in an order that Walton had to verify because the enemy was so near that the same bombs could kill the Americans.

The nearest house exploded; the firing didn't stop. "Let it again," Sanders said.

For the rest of the battle, F-15 fighters and Apache helicopters attacked.

Behr was hit next — a sniper's round passing through his leg. Morales knelt on Behr's hip to stop the bleeding and kept firing until he, too, was hit in the leg and ankle.

Walton and Carter, a combat cameraman from Smithville, Texas, dragged the wounded men to the cave. Gunfire had destroyed Carter's camera so Walton put him to work treating Morales who, in turn, kept treating Behr.

Staff Sgt. Ronald J. Shurer, a medic from Pullman, Wash., fought his way up the cliff to help.

"Hear those guys got hit up here," he said as he reached the cave, pulling bandages and gear from his bag.

Walton told Wadding and Sanders to abandon the assault and meet on the cliff. The Americans and Afghan commandos pulled back to the Air Force continued to pound the village.

"Wadding made it to the cliff when a bullet shattered his leg. He watched his foot and lower leg flop on the ground as Walton dragged him to the cliff edge. With every heartbeat, a stream of blood shot out of Walton's wound. Rolling on his back, the Groesbeck, Texas, native, asked for a tourniquet and cranked down until the bleeding stopped.

The soldiers were trapped against the cliff. Walton was sure his men would be overrun. The narrow path was too exposed. He sent Sanders to find another way down. Sometimes face-climbing the rocks, the Huntsville, Ala., native found a steep path and made his way back up. Could the wounded make it out alive? Walton asked.

"Yes, they'll survive," Sanders said.

Down below, Staff Sgt. Seth E. Howard took his sniper rifle and started climbing with Staff Sgt. Matthew Williams.

At the top, Howard used C.K.'s lifeless body for cover and started to shoot. He fired repeatedly, killing as many as 20 of their attackers, his comrades say. The enemy gunfire slowed. The Air Force bombing continued, providing cover.

Morales was first down the cliff, clutching branches and rocks as he slid. Sanders, Carter and Williams went up to get Behr, then back up to rescue Wadding. As Walton climbed down, a 2,000-pound bomb hit a nearby house. Another strike nearby blew Howard off the cliff.

Helicopters swooped in to pick up the 15 wounded American and Afghan soldiers, as well as the rest of the teams. Bullets pinged off the helicopters. One hit a pilot.

All the Americans survived.

Months later, Wadding walks back on the team even though he lost a leg. Morales walks with a cane.

The rest of the soldiers say, proved there will be no safe haven in Afghanistan for terrorists. As for the medals, the soldiers see them as emblems of teamwork and brotherhood. Not valor.

"When you go to help your buddy, you're not thinking, 'I am going to get a Silver Star for this,'" Wadding said. "If you were there, there would not be a second guess on why."

## PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



This building was constructed in 1906 by German immigrant Frederick Harder, who opened the town's first bakery. Harder named his business after his wife and used the second floor as the family residence. Harder sold the business in 1909 and it became known as the Twin Falls Bakery & Grocery.

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## Pine

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Trees are rare on the endangered list, though several plants are listed in Idaho. In a press release, the NRDC noted that the whitebark would be the first broadly dispersed tree protected by the Endangered Species Act. The listing "would be vital, according to the group, because the tree is a 'foundation species' that supports high-alpine ecosystems: blocking wind, delaying spring runoff and supporting species such as the Yellowstone grizzly bear."

In central Idaho, the trees grow largely above 9,000 feet in a number of areas, including across the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, said Diana Perkins, an ecologist with the Bureau of Land Management's Challis field office. In the dry Idaho climate, she said, fungus isn't really a problem. But the BLM, the U.S. Forest Service and private citizens have

been working to fight the beetles, which have become a huge problem in the area and can kill up to 80 or 90 percent of a section's larger, healthy trees, she said. A whitebark that was once the largest in the nation has already died from the bugs, she said.

Generally warmer summers have also speeded up the life cycle of the beetle, allowing it to attack more trees, said Jim Rineholt, an SNRA forester. Similar problems happened during a warm period in the 1930s.

Solutions include spraying, collecting seeds from trees resistant to the fungus and attaching pheromone pouches to the trees that tell Rineholt said. But the agencies face financial and time limitations, he said, and are mostly just trying to protect the trees that are left.

"With limited staff and budget cuts, there's only so

much we can do," he said.

According to the Endangered Species Act, Fish and Wildlife now has three months to make an initial assessment of the petition. If the agency concludes it contains "substantial scientific evidence" that the trees are endangered, a more formal review of the species will be launched.

Perkins said the remote range where the trees flourish mean a listing shouldn't pose too many restrictions or challenges for other users of the mountaintops. Loggers aren't interested in the trees, she said, and hunters and other recreationists wouldn't have to curtail their activities.

Losing the trees, she said, would be a sad thing.

"(But) I don't think we are," she said. "I'm hopeful."

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# Overtime

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In fiscal year 2008, which ended Sept. 30, 15 officers worked 1,667 hours on overtime, earning more than \$65,000. Meanwhile, more than 40 other eligible officers combined for just 940 hours and \$28,249. Of those 15 most active cops, only three were low-ranking patrol officers.

"What you're gonna find out is those are the 15 individuals who want to work out there," said Capt. Brian Pike, who noted the same officers have taken the majority of the shifts since the program began in 2003. "It's not officers they're working out there and someone else can't sign up for it."

"It is an opportunity to go out and make a little extra money," said Pike, who was paid \$3,750 in overtime, the seventh-most in the department.

Captains and lieutenants are salaried employees and otherwise are not eligible for overtime pay, but Police Chief Jim Munn and City Manager Tom Munn are an exception to that rule five years ago — for airport shifts only. They said the extra work from the top brass was necessary to cover all of the shifts.

But Pike and Munn said the captains will no longer volunteer for the extra work. In part because more junior officers are now available. Pike also cited the newspaper's inquiry about the program.

"I don't want the fact that we're out there to date from the program," Pike said. "No one told us to make this (decision)."

The airport work is not only well paid but also less demanding than patrolling city streets. Airport officers check traveler IDs and assist Transportation Safety Administration screeners, usually working just two-hour shifts to meet a rule that a sworn officer must be present at security screening. Munn said the \$153,000 cost was reimbursed by the federal government, though nearly \$50,000 was paid directly by city taxpayers.

According to city records: A dozen of the 15 highest-paid officers at the airport are captains, detectives and sergeants. Pike worked the airport at an overtime rate of about \$54 per hour, for example. Capt. Bryan Krear pulled shifts at \$55 per hour and was paid \$3,849. Lt. Craig Stotts was paid \$3,663 at a rate of more than \$45.

Staff Sgt. Terry Thueson pulled in the most overtime at almost \$7,600. He was at the airport more than any other officer — 193 hours last year — and averaged 16 hours per month, typically at a rate of more than \$40. Staff Sgt. Dennis Pullin, who oversees the program, was second at more than \$7,400 — about 10 percent of his \$77,000 gross salary.

Even seasoned veterans from the investigations unit work at the airport, where crime is lower than other parts of the city. Det. Chris Fullmer, a 17-year veteran, worked 89 hours of overtime last year and was paid nearly \$3,500, usually at about \$40 per hour.

Of 68 city officers, 14 logged fewer than 20 hours all

## Federal and city costs for airport coverage in Fiscal Year 2008

	Fiscal Year 2008: Oct. 1, 2007 to Sept. 30, 2008				
	Total hours	Hourly rate	Fed feds cover	Actual cost	City share
Nov.	414.5	\$26.92	\$11,158	\$14,779	\$3,621
Dec.	417.5	\$25.94	\$10,830	\$16,386	\$5,547
Jan.	417.5	\$25.94	\$10,830	\$16,386	\$5,547
Feb.	342.5	\$25.94	\$8,884	\$12,664	\$3,779
Mar.	309	\$25.94	\$8,015	\$12,390	\$4,374
Apr.	239.25	\$25.94	\$6,206	\$10,129	\$3,922
May	230	\$25.94	\$5,966	\$9,702	\$3,736
Sept.	230	\$25.94	\$5,966	\$9,702	\$3,736
Totals	3,993.75	\$26.185	\$104,856	\$153,516	\$48,317

Source: City of Twin Falls

year, 23 worked fewer than 60 hours; and 16 officers never worked an airport security shift.

The TPFD said all officers can volunteer for airport shifts, which are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and a sign-up sheet is posted on a wall. Munn said the only explanation for why most shifts go to senior cops is that other officers don't want the shifts.

"I guess the question is, why wouldn't they sign up? I wouldn't," he said. "Maybe they mean, it's not like 'don't sign up because we want it.' We're not gonna tolerate that." "There's a big sheet in the officer's room and it's open for you to sign up," Munn said. "There's open shifts right now people can sign up for. I think it would be a little bit odd if we were assigning specific people to that and it was the 15 highest paid people in the organization. It would be something the city manager would say is odd. But it's a voluntary program, so I just don't see where the problem is."

But while Twin Falls pays top dollar for airport security, other Idaho airports are getting more police protection at comparable rates. Until June, when SkyWest Airlines dropped a flight, the city provided a police officer, usually for 10 hours each day at the

airport, and was paying \$42 per hour to officers.

Pocatello Regional Airport tried using overtime police, but stopped when it became too costly. It now has three full-time and two half-time officers who cover the facility for 18.5 hours per day — or a cost of about \$44.50 per hour of coverage, based on Times-News calculations. Pocatello's airport is similar to Jostin Field, with just four daily departures, though it has to meet a slightly higher security standard because it once had more.

Twin Falls Police say they would need about four full-time police officers assigned to the airport to follow the staffing patterns favored by Pocatello. An entry-level TPFD officer costs the city about \$46,000 per year in pay and benefits at four positions would run \$184,000.

Officers occasionally perform the shifts while on patrol duty — a worst-case scenario police say happens when no one volunteers. Financial documents show the hourly rate equals or falls below the federal reimbursement rate of \$25.94.

At that rate, the overall cost of providing security at the airport — since June the monthly average is 240 hours — would drop significantly.

The city has since April been discussing ways to

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— Capt. Brian Pike

reduce the number of hours that officers are stationed at the airport, instead having city police present only for large flights — all while on overtime.

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- Jennifer M. Higgins, 18, Bulh; frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; six months probation; no alcohol.

**FELONY SENTENCINGS**

- Ashley J. Shaffel, 20, Hansen; possession of a controlled substance; four years penitentiary; two years community; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$2,500 fine, \$2,500 suspended; \$110.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of revenue; 100 hours community service; \$437.50 restitution; \$977 court compliance costs.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

**Twin Falls hit by burglaries, vandalism**

Police are investigating a string of vandalism in Twin Falls that are linked to two area juveniles. A number of homes, vehicles and commercial businesses were the target of burglaries, spray painting, and other types of vandalism,

according to Twin Falls Police.

Police are still investigating the crimes, which Saturday led police in a "zig-zag pattern" across the city, said Staff Sgt. Mike Covington. Covington declined to give further details due to lack of information, including the number of properties that were hit, he said.

Officers will likely be working throughout today in an effort to solve the crimes, he said. Police on Saturday were still trying to piece together information, file reports, and contact victims, Covington said.

Two juveniles, a 12- and 13-year-old, were arrested in Twin Falls County, where about six counts of vandal-

ism were also reported, according to sheriff's spokeswoman Lori Nebeker. She said the youths' vandalism streak began at about 11 p.m. Friday. The juveniles face charges of malicious injury to property and vehicle burglary, she said.

Nebeker said the sheriff's office did not know Saturday night if others were involved


in the crimes. The sheriff's office also is still investigating.

**Twin Falls County assessor's office to move this week**

The Twin Falls County assessor's office, Real Property Division, will be

closed Monday and Tuesday, to accommodate the office's move to 660 Shoshone St. E., formerly the Twin Falls Clinic building.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

**Sun Valley man dies after Friday rollover**

A Sun Valley man lost his life Friday after he lost control of his vehicle and it rolled on U.S. Highway 20. Emil Cristurean, 32, was traveling eastbound on U.S. Highway 20 at milepost 159, about seven miles east of Fairfield at 8:30 p.m. when

he apparently lost control of the 1998 Chrysler 300 he was driving on the snow-covered road, according to a press release issued by the Idaho State Police.

ISP was assisted by officers from the Camas County Sheriff's office. Cristurean's car went off the left side of the road and rolled and he was ejected

from the vehicle. Cristurean died from his injuries at the scene.

ISP officers are still investigating the incident.

**Pepecorn sentence pushed back**

Ruptured resident James F. Pepecorn, 69, who was found guilty of rape, two charges of

lewd conduct and child sex abuse Oct. 2 in Twin Falls, will be sentenced at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 in a Mindoka County Courtroom.

The sentencing was scheduled for Dec. 15, but has been continued, according to court documents. He faces a possibility of three life sentences along with two 25-year sentences.

Pepecorn was a teacher in Cassia County from 1966 to 1994 where he taught at Burley High School and Burley Junior High School. The charges stemmed from incidents involving two now adult female family members between 1992 and 1995.

Pepecorn's bond was revoked after he was found guilty. He remains incarcerated

at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center.

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# Ketchum mural celebrates Main Street's life after fire

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

For months, Ketchum's Main Street has had a hole in it.

Not a pothole — a gap in the cityscape where Whiskey Jacques' and the old Ore House used to be. Before a September fire destroyed the two buildings.

On Saturday, that hole was filled, with laughter and color and images of the valley's favorite winter sports. Throughout the afternoon, more than 20 professional and student artists — and a few younger kids — sketched and painted on whitewashed plywood. Snowboarders emerged in bright plgment, and slediers and skiers and ice skaters.

What also emerged was a spirit of community, as passersby stopped to admire the artwork or pick up the paint themselves for a brush-stroke or two.

"Everyone honking and waving? Talk about bringing the town together," said Julie Johnson, who with Janit Karrys and Anne Aganon organized the painters. "It shows we really care; it's an act of love."

The mural was the idea of Tom Nickel, owner of The Sawtooth Club, which reopened to the public on Saturday after contractors fixed the damage the restaurant sustained in the fire. The Sawtooth's open house — also a fundraiser for the Ilunger Coalition — seemed to be the most popular ticket in town, with scores of people crammed around the bar to share in the festivities.

Back outside, the artists warmed their frosty fingers under tall heaters, then kept painting. The mural was originally to include a welcome message for the Special Olympics World Games, which will come to Sun Valley



Lyndsey Lascheck, a senior at Wood River High School, right, begins applying a background to the mural painted by students and artists along Ketchum's Main Street, covering the empty space left after a September fire destroyed Whiskey Jacques' and the old Ore House building.

"This is a way to make it more uplifting, to make you happier instead of sad when you drive by."

— Lyndsey Lascheck, Wood River High School senior

this winter, but Johnson said the games will be providing their own images to add to the mural, so the artists kept to winter activities.

"Sports is what the winter is about here," Karrys said. She welcomes anyone who wants to contribute to the mural to stop by this week and dip a brush.

Wood River High School senior Lyndsey Lascheck was one of many students to put their mark on the mural. She was especially happy to be able to put in community service hours on a creative project that the city and visitors will appreciate until spring, when the plywood will likely be taken down in favor of rebuilding of the two

structures lost in the fire. "This is a way to make it more uplifting, to make you happier instead of sad when you drive by," Lascheck said. And with a nod to the weather that finally arrived the night before, "It's a nice way to celebrate the first snowfall."

With the Sawtooth reopened, the mural in place and snow on the ground, Ketchum is finally on its way to a more normal winter. And when the hole in the skyline is finally filled, the September fire will be naught but a distant memory.

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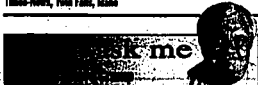
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# The incredible lightness of the \$10 fill-up

When I was a high school senior, I asked a girl who was *way* out of my league to the Valentine's Day dance. Astonishingly she said yes.

But I was a seriously underdeveloped teenage brooklyr buck with a pink camoflaged and a pickup truck, so my dating budget for the evening was tight.

And didn't include filling the gas tank, which I readied at 7:15 p.m. — the dance started at 8 — was enough to pick up my date, go to the dance and take her home.

It wasn't enough to get me home, though. I ran out of gas at the end of her block.

Didn't matter. The evening was a triumph of the four things we Americans admire most: love, ingenuity and cheap gas.

I hadn't had that feeling for a long time until I pulled into the gas station and filled up the other day. I drive a Subaru, so that required seven gallons.

At \$1.37 a gallon, that worked out to \$10.29. After I hung up the gasoline nozzle, I did a little impromptu dance right on the spot. The thrill, it seems, is back.

In July, at the very same station, I paid exactly three times more: \$4.11 a gallon. I remember that because my wife and I had gone to the video store and rented the first "Die Hard" movie (my wife is a big fan of any film in which things blow up) earlier in the evening.

I hadn't had that feeling for a long time until I pulled into the gas station and filled up the other day. I drive a Subaru, so that required seven gallons.

Absolutely ruined my evening. Now it turns out I may live to see it again.

Oh, I know that prices like these won't last — and that cheap gas brings out some of the worst qualities in the American character. But damn, it feels good.

So good, in fact, that when my tank starts running dry again, I'm going to leave my wallet on the check counter and head back to the gas pump.

I'm thinking there may be enough change under the seat to fill it up again.

# Buhl pleads with feds for financial aid

## Town struggling to pay for required infrastructure improvements

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

Congressman Mike Simpson may not have supported the recent auto-industry bailout but he could support a stimulus package devoted to infrastructure funding.

If such a package came from Washington, the city of Buhl is hoping to be on top of the recipient list.

"It is likely that any money provided for wastewater and drinking water treatment in a stimulus package will go to federal agencies to be allocated to states and local governments. If that is the case, Congressman Simpson will work with the city of Buhl to direct some of that money to address the city's needs," said Nikki Watts, Simpson's communications director.

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On Monday, the City Council passed a resolution that will be sent to the state and federal government, spelling out why Buhl needs emergency funding. 19 percent of its citizens live on a fixed income, 63 percent of residents fall into the low and moderate income classification and 14.3 percent live in poverty.

With statistics like that it's no surprise many residents can't afford the monthly \$130 city services bill.

The bill, covering sanitation, water and wastewater services, was recently raised to guarantee repayment of \$23 million in bonds sold. Eight million is for the construction of an arsenic treatment facility needed to lower arsenic levels, as mandated by the Environmental Protection

Agency, at or below 10 parts per billion.

The other \$15 million will fund a wastewater system overhaul.

"The city of Buhl is faced with a situation of trying to meet two unfunded federal mandates to meet federal standards on arsenic in the drinking water and wastewater standards, which has required (Buhl) to raise the utility rates of its citizens by 138 percent, or from \$54.44 to \$130 for basic billing," the resolution states.

In addition to sending the resolution up the political ladder, city officials also recently sat down with Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's offices.

Buhl Mayor Charles Sheridan said city officials were "encouraged" with the meeting, which took place in Boise on Dec. 5, and

they remain optimistic that if a new stimulus comes the city won't be forgotten.

"We really are doing everything we can and turning over every stone to see that we can do for the city," he said.

Sheridan said residents should continue sending personal correspondence to elected officials. Simpson's office reported it had received nine letters from Buhl residents and Sheridan said more are needed.

"The more citizens that write, the more our representatives will listen," Sheridan said. "But letters need to be personalized, not form letters. In order to have the most impact."

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# Filer schools may reach out to gifted students

By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

A talented and gifted program could return as part of Filer School District academics.

School board members discussed the possibility Wednesday after hearing a parent's concerns about funding and whether students at the elementary and middle school levels were being challenged to their full potential.

Pam Richardson, the mother of three students attending Filer Elementary School, acknowledged the district has a talented and gifted program in writing but that it has not been implemented.

"I have one child who excels in all her class work and believe she would fall well within the 90 to 95th percentile range, but right now these students are not even being identified," Richardson said.

"I know the high school has AP (Advanced Placement), dual credit, differentiated instruction and all these good things, but right now we have nothing."

She turned to a district revenue and expenditure report for the 2006-07 school year showing \$1.3 million spent on exceptional child (special needs) programs and only \$17 for gifted and talented programs.

However, district business manager Kermit Lett quickly pointed out that the funding gap was a little misleading.

"There will be more, somewhere around \$1,000 that would have been charged out of the last fiscal year," he said. "So there needs to be some reclassification of expenses."

The first step in implementing a talented and gifted program is to identify potential student candidates. This can be done by using Idaho Standards Achievement Test scores and other cognitive assessments administered by the district.

"Unless we had to go purchase a test for something other than academic and intellectual, or if our assessment results were refunded and had to pay for contracted intelligence testing, it wouldn't cost us much," said Special Services Director

Pamela Houston Powell. "There are currently five students, four at the high school and one at the middle school, who we know would qualify."

Richardson was also concerned that No Child Left Behind mandates, focused on narrowing the academic gap between struggling and high-achieving students, might create a situation where the talented and gifted student would fall through the cracks.

"Some people tend to think gifted students will always excel regardless," she said. "While they tend to need less help than other students, not all of them are self-starters."

Making sure gifted students stay motivated requires teachers who are trained to both recognize individual abilities and use differentiated and compacted curricula.

Unlike traditional methods of classroom teaching, the content, depth and pace of differentiated and compact instruction is designed to maximize the gifted student's learning style. The state provides two \$2.5

million grants to assist teachers interested in receiving the specialized training.

"The more students you identify as gifted and talented by the Dec. 1 count, the more money is available," Powell said. "By next month's board meeting I can have student's test scores screened across the board and offer some idea of about how many were looking at."

School board member Jason Bantsey agreed that high achievers still need guidance and suggested encouraging parents to become mentors.

"I was one of those who fit into this group when in school and because I was so in honor to death, rebelled and made some bad choices," he said. "I'm not suggesting we do this on the cheap but money's tight right now, and we've got to have a pool of parents in this district who will be willing to use to inspire their kids."

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# Risch

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Much has changed in two decades, and Risch, 65, is now Idaho's newest U.S. senator. But the man Risch will lead the nation's capital in January is a different politician from the brash, combative character who

that's very accurate." Rachel Gilbert, a Boise Republican who won re-election to the state Senate in 1989 after Risch tried to promote a newcomer against her in the primary, said she's now a strong supporter of him.

"We had our differences, and I think many of those differences matured him, gave him a chance to look at his modus operandi," she said.

Throughout his political career, Risch has articulated clear goals and systematically pursued them. One of those was to become governor. He spent \$350,000 of his own money to challenge Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs in the primary in 2002, when then-Gov. Dirk Kempthorne was rumored to be up for Cabinet post in the Bush administration.

But it wasn't until seven months before the end of Kempthorne's term that he was named interior secretary, leaving Risch just a short

sight as governor. He made the most of it, calling a special session of the Legislature to enact major tax reforms, writing a new plan for managing Idaho's roadless lands, and reorganizing the huge

state Department of Health and Welfare.

"In his short term as governor, he was doing a number of things that reached across all kinds of lines it wasn't a rigid ideological position," said Tony Stewart, a retired political scientist at North Idaho College. "He came back as a much more colorful person, building more coalitions."

Risch started his career in 1969 as a deputy Ada County prosecutor, fresh from the University of Idaho and newly married to wife Vicki. Soon he was the elected county prosecutor, and he took pride in personally prosecuting all homicide cases. But he found a frustration: "I kept putting people in (prison), and they kept coming out the back door."

In 1974, Risch decided to run for the state Senate to see if he could slow what he saw

as a revolving door at state prisons.

"I went to the Legislature to try to do something about that, and I did," he said. "As people came up for appointment to the parole board, I talked the Senate into rejecting some of them, and then the rest of them got mad and tried to count votes, and he knew how to move legislation. His leadership style was very effective. Some people appreciated it — others who were on the losing side didn't, and thought it was dictatorial."

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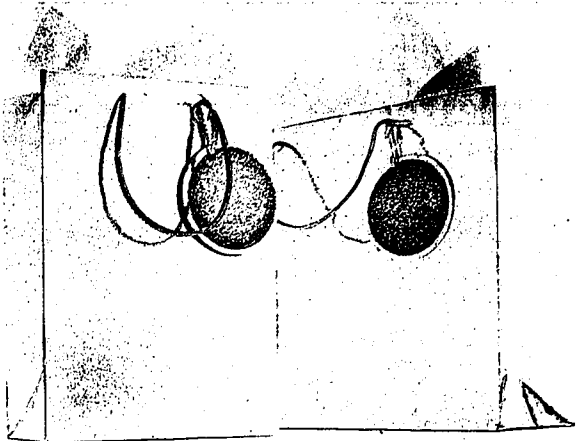
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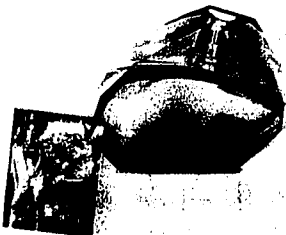
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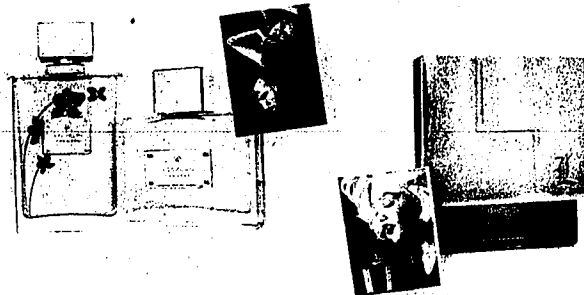
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(AP) Last week the Dow ended with a loss of fewer than 6 points, or 0.07 percent. The S&P 500 rose 0.42 percent, while the Nasdaq advanced 2.08 percent because of

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## ECONOMY WEIGHS ON DAIRY INDUSTRY A REPORT ON FALLING DAIRY PRICES



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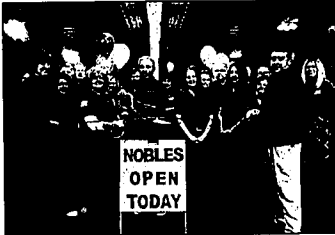
### JLA SALON



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The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting recently at JLA Salon located at 709 N. Overland Ave. in Burley to commemorate their grand opening. The business is owned and managed by Jodi Ashford. Ashford is pictured cutting the ribbon. Business hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Information: 678-1780.

### NOBLES



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The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting at Nobles, located at 1320 Overland Ave. in Burley, to commemorate their grand opening. The business is owned by John Firth and managed by Zonia Thompson. Firth and Thompson are pictured cutting the ribbon. Business hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Information: 678-8555.

## CAREER MOVES

### Kirk L. Caliborn

Kirk L. Caliborn of Kimberly recently joined the staff at Inter-West Equipment Sales Inc. in Twin Falls.

Caliborn is a life-long native of the Magic Valley. He farmed for 30 years in Kimberly and Murtaugh and has owned and operated a trucking business in Kimberly for 12 years. He specializes in outside sales. Inter-West Equipment Sales is owned by Dean Tuley and has been in business for 18 years. They sell, lease and repair construction and industrial equipment.



Caliborn

of America, the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the American Inns of Court. He has an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. He is currently as the elected chair of the Idaho Democratic Party and was a super delegate to the Democratic Convention.

### Kathie Levison

Ketchum attorney, Kathie Levison, was the recipient of an Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award at their recent district awards meeting. The award was presented in honor of the late Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program Director, Denise O'Donnell Day. The recipients of this award have provided freely their professional abilities, time, and service.

Levison practiced law in Missouri before retiring and moving to Ketchum. She applied to the Idaho Supreme Court for Emeritus status. Soon after it was granted, she signed up for courses involving tax matters. In 2006, a local chapter of a national organization, Mad Mothers against Methamphetamines approached IVLP for assistance to gain tax exempt status for the organization.

Levison volunteered to work with this group and donated 30 hours of legal hours to help them with incorporation. She has now started volunteering regularly with Alternatives to Violence, giving advice and counsel to victims of domestic violence. As an Emeritus attorney she works under the supervision of Selim Star in Halley. An emeritus attorney is a non-voting member of the Idaho State Bar licensed under terms and conditions of Idaho Bar Commission Rule 223 with a limited license to represent clients on a pro bono basis under the supervision of an approved legal assistance organization.

### R. Keith Roark

R. Keith Roark was recently honored with a Professionalism Award at the Idaho State Bar's Annual Resolution Meeting. The award is the Bar's expression of respect, commendation and appreciation from the recipient's peers. It is one of the highest honors an Idaho lawyer may receive during his or her career.

Roark is President of the Keith Roark Law Firm in Halley. He established the firm in 1985. In 1977, Keith received his J.D. from the University of Utah College of Law. Prior to opening his own practice he was deputy prosecuting attorney, and then prosecuting for Blaine County. He has also been mayor of Halley, past president of Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association, and past president of the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He was the lawyer's representative to ninth circuit representing the District of Idaho in the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and is a special examiner for the Idaho Judicial Council. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Idaho State Bar, the Association of Trial Lawyers

## BAUSMAN INC.



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Bausman Inc. recently cut the red ribbon at the Twin Falls Area Chamber's office along with the Chamber's Ambassadors. Bausman Inc. has been in the construction business since 1989. Their services include remodeling or building and do both residential and business. Information: 420-4317 or www.bausmaninc.com. Pictured from left, Joslin and Ady Wheeler; Derek Wheeler, owner; Mitch Bausman, owner; and Yvonne Bausman.

## KEYES TO CPR



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Keyes to CPR held their ribbon cutting recently along with the Chamber's Ambassadors at the Twin Falls Area Chamber's office. They are a new member of the Chamber and offer new services to the Magic Valley businesses and residents including American Heart Association CPR/first aid/AID courses; first aid supplies gifts and collectibles for fire, law enforcement, and EMS. Information: 404-2992 or www.keyestocpr.com. Pictured from left, Brian Rice; Christina and Aaron Keyes, owners.

## SUNSATIONS



Courtesy photo

Sunsatons recently celebrated their anniversary with a ribbon cutting assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Sunsatons is located at 1487 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls. They offer several Christmas specials that will run through Dec. 31. Anyone purchases one of their top four tanning packages receives a free \$50 gift certificate. Information: 734-7866. Pictured from left, first row, Hannah McNeely; Megan Klund, owner; Jen Roberts, owner; Amanda Shields; Kayla Johnson; Mark Woody; Miranda Henning; second row, Rachel Koch; Ashley Baumgartner; Taylor Kastner; Whitney Bell; and Megan Houdeshell.

## CLUB DOWN UNDER



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The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting at Club Down Under located at 109 E. Main St. in Burley, to commemorate their grand opening. The business is owned and managed by Mitchell Bias. Mitchell and Meloy Bias are pictured cutting the ribbon. Business hours are 5 to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Information: 878-CLUB.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Students receive donation for ornaments

Students from Oregon Trail Elementary shared in a long-held community tradition, creating handmade ornaments for Zions Bank's Christmas tree and receiving a cash donation to their school in return. Throughout the state, elementary school students are participating in the annual "Lights On" tradition by making festive decorations to deck the halls of every Zions Bank office.

Oregon Trail Elementary students decorated a tree, made ornaments, and sang carols inside Zions Bank's

Canyon Park office on Dec. 4. Zions Bank will present a contribution of \$50 or 25 cents per ornament, whichever is greater, to the school, and participants will then enjoy a visit with Santa and have refreshments.

More than 60 Idaho and Utah elementary schools will participate in Zions Bank's "Lights On" holiday celebration this year. In addition, a number of Zions offices have invited students from special-needs classes and Title I schools to decorate the trees in their lobbies. Zions Bank has been inviting students to participate in this annual holiday event for 38 years.



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Regional branch manager, Terry Rowe, left, of Pioneer Federal Credit Union presents a \$1,500 check to Kris Shelton, the manager of the Jerome Senior Center, for kitchen equipment for the new facility. The money was raised by fundraisers sponsored by Pioneer Federal Credit Union, Schwan's, Pro Flame and KART Mix 103.

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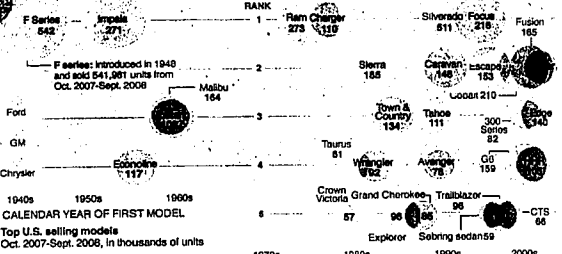
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# Riding out the recession

The Big Three automakers race to save their 100-year-old industry since the early 1900s. Chrysler, Ford and General Motors. had a lock on the U.S. market. By 1980, questionable quality and an influx of fuel-efficient foreign cars began to take its toll. Their U.S. market share now stands at 46 percent. The current financial meltdown has them near collapse and asking for government help.



## After a century in the game, the Big Three now struggle to survive

FORD	GM	CHRYSLER
1903: Ford Motor Co. founded	1908: General Motors Company founded	1925: Chrysler Motor Corporation formed
1908: Model T introduced	1911: Electric self-starter first used	1928: Takes over Dodge Brothers
1913: Begins using assembly line	1918: Incorporated as General Motors Corp	1934: Wind tunnel is used to design first aerodynamic car
1917: First Ford truck has market	1921: Market share is 12 percent	1940: Walter Chrysler dies; contracted to build tank plant
1927: Model T line ends, Model A begins	1937: Strikes by GM workers lead to UAW representation	1951: Power steering debuts
1932: First V-8 engine is produced	1941: Market share is 41 percent	1953: Air conditioning introduced
1941: Last major auto company to sign with United Auto Workers	1954: Market share is 54 percent	1966: Dodge Charger debuts
1956: Goes public	1958: GM develops first fuel cell-powered vehicle	1970: Chrysler United Kingdom Ltd. and Chrysler France SA open
1959: Credit company founded	1973: First air bag in production car	1980: President Jimmy Carter agrees to co-sign loans for up to \$500 million
1961: First company UAW strike	1974: Introduces catalytic converter	1990: President Jimmy Carter agrees to co-sign loans for up to \$500 million
1965: Mustang begins production	1980: Sales drop 26 percent	1996: Daimler-Benz announces a \$3 billion merger
1967: Twenty-seven people die in Ford Pinto fuel tank fire; recall issued	1981: Plans to close 11 U.S. plants	2003: First to build and sell about 1 million alternative fuel vehicles
1968: Thorium model is introduced	1986: Plans to close 11 U.S. plants	2007: Sales 80.1 percent of country to Chrysler
1968-67: Earnings exceed GM's	1996: Strikes at two Michigan plants shut down almost all U.S. production	2008: Ends leasing business, declares merger or acquisition by GM, CEO leaves before Senate
1990: Buys Jaguar for \$2.5 billion	2000: Announces end of Oldsmobile	
1990: Buys Volvo for \$6.45 billion	2000: Sells 51 percent of GMAC to Citicorp Capital Management LP	
2006: Cuts 10,000 jobs; 16 plants slated to close by 2012; \$12.8 billion loss for the year	2007: Sets 2008 record loss	
2007: Sells Aston Martin	2008: Plans to close four plants; Hummer for sale; posts \$21.3 billion loss in three quarters; CEO leaves before Senate	
2008: Announces \$8.7 billion loss in July and \$7 billion in November; CEO leaves before Senate		

Sales of top three cars and trucks by Ford, Chrysler and GM, Oct. 2007-Sept. 2008



**In the slow lane**  
The Big Three cornered U.S. market sales well into the 1990s but now stands at less than half.

**Manufacturer market share**  
Foreign automakers currently represent 52 percent of the U.S. market

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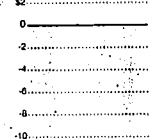
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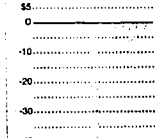
## Rocky earnings

Earnings for all three car companies were weak in the third quarter this year.

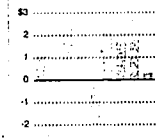
## Net income, quarterly, in billions



## GENERAL MOTORS



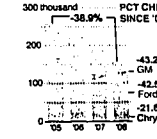
## CHRYSLER



## Factory fall-off

The Big Three's factory workforce has contracted nearly 40 percent since 2005.

## AUTO FACTORY WORKERS



NOTE: Ford numbers for North America; Chrysler and GM for U.S.

SOURCES: AP News Research Center; Ward's AutoInfo; the companies

# For auto industry, bailout considered just a first step

By Kendra Marr  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Transforming the U.S. auto industry into a profitable, innovative sector is likely to take more than the emergency loans approved by the House this week. Business leaders and industry analysts said the companies will also need further government assistance to get customers back in showrooms and stimulate demand for energy-efficient vehicles.

The proposed government loans are "a critical first step," said Dan McGinn, chief executive of TMG Strategies and an adviser to General Motors. "But other things have to happen."

The \$14 billion loan package approved by the House faces sizeable opposition in the Senate, but no matter what the fate of the package to keep GM and Chrysler afloat, players in the industry have other items on their legislative wish lists.

Chief among them are proposals aimed at getting consumers to open their wallets again. The recession has sapped sales in November to levels not seen since 1982. And many of those who want to buy are finding it difficult to obtain financing.

To help address those prob-

"Automakers are not going to make money again until people start buying cars."

— Aaron Bragman, an auto analyst with Global Insight

lems, the National Automobile Dealers Association has suggested the government allow new-car buyers to deduct auto loan interest and sales tax on their personal income taxes. Others say a federal stimulus package could help get credit flowing and improve American households' purchasing power, providing an indirect benefit to automakers.

"This business doesn't run without credit," McGinn said. The proposed bridge loans aim to push American automakers to produce more energy-efficient vehicles. But with gas priced below \$2 a gallon, some industry observers say many consumers may prefer traditional models, trucks and sport-utility vehicles over more expensive hybrids.

"A certain segment of the population is very conscious of their consumption of fuel," said Dennis Virag, president of Automotive Consulting Group. "But the majority of people say, 'Oh fuel is cheap. I'm going to drive as much as I want and buy whatever vehicle I want.'"

Virag proposed a "consumption tax" on fuel that would be much like those imposed in European and Asian countries, to encourage consumers to buy energy-efficient autos. Some environmentalists have called for a so-called "gas-guzzler tax" on those who drive larger vehicles.

"You want to drive consumers in a specific direction," Virag said.

GM and Ford have suggested the government could provide rebates or other incentives to encourage consumers to upgrade older cars to cleaner, fuel-efficient models.

"Automakers are not going to make money again until people start buying cars," said Aaron Bragman, an auto analyst with Global Insight.

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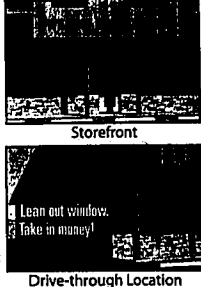
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# The Bangalore backlash: Call centers return to U.S.

## Dell offers tech assistance from North America — for a price

By Peter Whoriskey  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If you prefer a customer service agent who speaks "American," then computer maker Dell has a deal for you. Catering to consumers put off by the accents of Bangalore, Manila and other call-center hubs around the globe, Dell will guarantee — for a price — that the person who picks up the phone on a support call will be, as company ads mention in bold text, "based in North America."

The Your Tech Team service, with agents in the United States, costs \$13 a month for customers with a Dell account, or \$99 a year for people who buy a new computer. It also promises that wait times will average two minutes or less. Without the upgrade, a customer is likely

to get technical help from someone in India, the Philippines or the other places where Dell has operators.

By charging customers extra for a North American voice, Dell's program represents a novel strategy for easing the strains of globalization while maintaining profit, industry officials said.

Occasionally, "we've heard from customers that it's hard to understand a particular accent and that they couldn't understand the instructions they were getting," said Dell spokesman Bob Kaufman.

This illustrates Dell's commitment to customer choice.

Complaints about customer service agents based in other countries are an everyday phenomenon across several industries, from food to clothing to the diverse accents that come

across customer service lines constitute one of the most pervasive reminders of globalization and the offshoring of jobs. That can make targeting the call center targets for American anger.

Companies can save 50 to 75 percent on their call centers by putting them overseas, according to industry analysts.

But getting a customer service agent with whom it is easy to communicate ought to be a service that is provided gratis, some industry analysts said.

"Most people in the customer service world believe that if you have sold me a product, then support for that product should be free," said Lyn Kramer, managing director of Kramer and Associates, a call-center consultancy.

Itterbug, a cellphone company that markets to

older Americans, similarly boasts in ads that its operators are in the United States, but it does not charge extra to speak to them. The company's television spots advertise "U.S. based customer service" and show a headset draped in an American flag.

"You'd be amazed how many customers ask, 'Where are you based?'" said David Inns, Itterbug's chief executive. "The response we get when we say, 'We're in Auburn Hills, Michigan, ma'am,' — well, they love it."

Although airlines, banks and some retailers have overseas call centers, computer makers have been particularly apt to put call centers in foreign countries. According to an online survey conducted by CFI Group, more than a third of respondents who recently made a call for computer support reported that

the person they reached was outside the United States.

The customer satisfaction score for overseas PC call centers was 23 percent lower than for U.S. call centers, CFI Group reported.

"The customers say, 'The agent just doesn't understand what I'm trying to do,'" Kramer said. "The customer explains his or her request three or four times, and then they get a rote answer back."

Many companies, she said, have "escalation procedures" to use when callers struggle to communicate; eventually, many such calls are routed back to the United States.

Though some have suggested that the friction between U.S. consumers and foreign operators arises from prejudice, some observers see it differently.

"I hear people say all the time that people who complain about call centers in India are being racist or nativist — but it's not as simple as that," said Sharmila Rudrappa, a sociology pro-

fessor at University of Texas at Austin and native of Bangalore, India. "If you need tech support, it already shows you're having a crazy time getting your Dell computer to work. And when things go haywire, you want assurance, you want familiarity, you want someone to help your hand and say it's OK. What you don't want is to have to work at understanding the person on the other side of the line."

Deepak Desai, chief executive of GlobalEnglish, a company that sells a program to improve the business-English skills of overseas workers, attributed at least some of the problem in India to the call center industry's trouble recruiting employees who have mastered the language.

"There's a large chunk of people who can communicate in English somewhat, but if you put them on a call interacting with an angry American — that's hard," he said.

# Why trade deficit is huge despite healthy U.S. exports

By Martin Crutinger  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The trade deficit has been so big for so long, you may start to wonder: Do U.S. companies sell much of anything overseas? What sorts of American goods — if any — tend to fly off foreign shelves?

Here are some questions and answers about one ingredient in the trade balance: the export of U.S. goods.

Q: Just how long has America's trade performance been a problem?

A: It's been bad for a long time. Over the past three decades, the country has run a deficit in the broadest measure of foreign trade in all but three years, the last surplus being in 1995. A trade deficit occurs when the value of U.S. goods, services and investments sold overseas is less than the value of foreign goods, services and investments sold here.

since 2000. But those losses can only partly be blamed on import competition — after all, the output of U.S. manufacturers is actually higher now than in 2000.

The other key factor is increased productivity, which means manufacturers can produce more goods with fewer workers.

Q: If we are exporting over \$1 trillion worth of goods each year, why does it seem like we are losing our manufacturing base?

A: It's partly a perception problem.

The United States is still doing well with high-end manufacturing, but individual consumers don't buy many jet aircraft, large construction equipment or Mill scabbies. The items that they do buy — clothing, toys, televisions and cell phones — are overwhelmingly made overseas, often in China.

Q: If we're still selling a lot of American good overseas, why is the trade deficit so huge?

A: That mostly has to do with American consumers, who tend to buy an enormous amount of stuff — much of it made in other countries. Plus, U.S. goods exports include an impressive \$1.15 trillion last year, that number is dwarfed by the value of goods imported into the U.S. — \$1.97 trillion.

The trade imbalance is trimmed a bit by the fact that we run surpluses in the sale of services. But still, the total deficit in goods and services combined was \$700.3 billion last year. When Americans' earnings on overseas investments get added, the broadest measure of the trade — the current account deficit — totaled \$731 billion last year, down from an all-time high of \$788 billion in 2006.

Q: What is the outlook for the future?

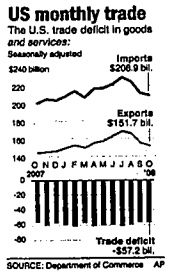
A: Economists think the gap will continue to shrink. Brian Bethune, an economist with HIS Global Insight, predicts the current account deficit for this year will fall to \$300 billion — the smallest imbalance in more than a decade.

Q: What is the reason for such a big improvement?

A: Two factors: The recession in this country will reduce consumer demand for imports. And economists are predicting a big decline in the foreigner's bill. The global downturn, by trimming demand, is expected to translate into an average price for crude oil of \$43 per barrel. Global Insight predicts, compared to an average this year of around \$100 per barrel.

Q: Considering critics' complaints about soaring trade deficits robbing jobs, will a narrower trade deficit be good for the economy?

A: Unfortunately, no. The improvement in the trade balance is in large part a symptom of the recession, which is already the country's longest in a quarter century. The downturn began in December



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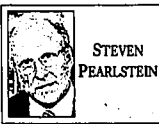
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# A perfect storm? No, a failure of leadership

WASHINGTON — A bit of unsolicited advice to business executives trying to explain why their company or their industry is suddenly in the soup.



STEVEN PEARLSTEIN

Please spare us the "perfect storm" metaphor. It's hackneyed, for starters. It doesn't square with the facts.

And for people who fancy themselves leaders, it's downright unbecoming. The reason the perfect storm is such an appealing metaphor for these shipwrecked captains of industry is that it appears to let them off the hook. It's not their fault — it can blame you if the ship goes down in one of those freak, once-in-a-century storms that result when three weather systems collide! It's an act of nature that nobody could have predicted — or so the story goes.

The latest victim to offer the "perfect storm" defense is Sam Zell, the real estate tycoon who was smart enough to sell out at the top of the commercial real estate cycle, only to dive into the newspaper and broadcast business of the Tribune Co. just as circulation and advertising revenue were about to collapse.

A few weeks ago, it was the auto executives on their first visit to Washington who tried to convince us that the only reason they were running out of cash was a sharp drop in vehicle sales brought on by sky-high gas prices, a credit crunch and rising unemployment.

And in several recent interviews, Robert Rubin, the Treasury secretary turned boardroom consigliere, conjured up the perfect storm to explain how Citigroup and the rest of Wall Street nearly brought the global financial system to a grinding halt, vaporizing trillions of dollars in wealth and putting large swaths of the economy on government life support.

The first thing to understand about the perfect-storm defense is that these guys actually buy into this nonsense. The rest of us want desperately to believe that what brought us this economic crisis was some combination of greed, fraud and negligence — and, no doubt, there was quite a bit of that. What the populists criticize is how, however, it is that at the heart of any economic or financial mania is an epidemic of self-delusion that infects not only large numbers of unsophisticated investors but also many of the most experienced and sophisticated executives and bankers.

It's not that they don't see the excesses and dangers in front of them — how could they not? But somehow they convince themselves that the world has changed, that the rules no longer apply or that, because of competitive pressure, they had no choice but to run with the herd.

In recent months, I've had a chance to talk with half a dozen top business leaders whose companies have fallen into the soup and read published interviews with many more. And almost to a person, they say that they've been playing the tape over and over in their minds and, even now, they still can't figure out what they might have done differently, given what they knew at the time and the various pressures they were under. Or put another way, they continue to think of themselves as victims of a perfect storm.

The second thing to understand is that, fundamentally, they're wrong. It is useful to remember that in Sebastian Junger's gripping account of a shipwreck that polarized the notion of the perfect storm, Billy Tyne, the skipper of the Andrea Gail, received urgent and repeated warnings that he was heading into what could be a monster storm but that Tyne and his crew chose to ignore. After all, the weather immediately around them had been relatively calm, and the swordfish had been tantalizingly plentiful. And there were always worrywarts warning not to do this and not to do that. If Tyne had listened to

them, the Andrea Gail would never have left port, let alone become one of the most successful sword boats in Gloucester, Mass.

It was no different for Sam Zell. By last year, when he was negotiating for Tribune, was there anyone in America who didn't know that the Internet was stealing readers and advertisers from the mainstream media, eating away at profit margins and calling into question the business model on which the entire industry was based? Did he wonder why nobody else in the industry seemed anxious to bid for some of the country's best newspapers and broadcast stations? Had he not seen the flurry of articles in the financial press warning of ridiculously loose lending and over-leveraged deals?

The only perfect storm to hit the Tribune was the one that resulted from the collision of Zell's ego, his arrogance and his utter ineptitude in running a media empire, along with a total disregard for the financial well-being of thousands of

What the populist critique ignores, however, is that at the heart of any economic or financial mania is an epidemic of self-delusion that infects not only large numbers of unsophisticated investors but also many of the smartest, most experienced and sophisticated executives and bankers.

employees whose retirement assets he commandeered for a financing scheme that gave him control of the company while putting in very little of his own money.

When it comes to self-delusion, however, Wall Street's top bankers and financiers take the prize. The most common rationalization is that because housing prices had not fallen nationwide since the Great Depression, nobody could have anticipated the current meltdown in the housing and mortgage markets. Oh, really? Had they somehow missed all those discussions back in 2005 about whether there was a housing bubble? Or had they considered that something unusual might be in the works when housing prices nationally were rising two and three times the rate of inflation, year after year, which was also without recent precedent?

In fact, as we were

reminded again this week at the congressional hearings on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, everyone understood that housing prices and mortgage lending were out of control. What they didn't know was what to do about it. Any company that dared pull back on lending and sell off mortgage-backed securities would almost surely have lost market share and seen its profitability and share price fall behind the competition. Before long,

analysts, investors and the press would agitate for a management shake-up. So they convinced themselves that the safer strategy was to keep running with the herd.

What capsized the economy was not a perfect storm but a widespread failure of business leadership — a failure that is only compounded when executives refuse to take responsibility for their misjudgments and apologize.

# A DAIRY DOWNTURN

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In an effort to reduce milk production and boost prices, the dairy cooperative, CWT, paid more than 200 dairymen in the U.S. to remove about 85,000 dairy cows from milk production.

But that still leaves more than three-quarters of all dairies in the U.S. without any form of assistance. Naerebout said the most likely survivors of a prolonged downturn in dairy prices will be larger confined animal feeding operations because overhead costs are lower per cow and they have a larger herd to borrow against.

"Right now dairymen are burning through equity so it's just a matter of how long each of them can burn through it before prices return to normal," he said.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, dairy processors "are being careful about how much milk they take in at this time since they believe that the pricing could move lower in the near future."

That means milk producer

could see revenues decline even more in coming months.

As a last resort, milk producers can participate in the federal Milk Income Loss Contract Program, which compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below \$16.94 per hundredweight. However, the cap on the compensation is so low that the larger dairies often receive too little assistance. California — the largest dairy producing state in the nation — is already posting negative milk production compared to the same month last year.

Naerebout said Idaho milk producers will likely follow suit in the months ahead.

"In Idaho, we expect that we're going to see about one-third of our milk value," Naerebout said. "The efficiency of size will help some dairies, but there will also be some attrition — whether it's willingly or not."

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**Lynn Nielsen Bradshaw**

RUPERT — Lynn Nielsen Bradshaw, 86, of Rupert, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, from natural causes at his home.

He was born May 6, 1922, in Hyrum, Utah, to James B. and Valene Nielsen. Lynn served his country during World War II, earning the rank of corporal in the 354th Infantry Regiment. He then earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. He married Margene Rigby on Dec. 13, 1946. He worked for the Farmer's Home Administration and retired after 30 years of service there. He then farmed and raised Holstein heifers for the next 30 years.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in various callings and serving as a bishop and counselor in the stake presidency. Lynn enjoyed farming, bowling, and playing softball.

He is survived by his wife, Margene Bradshaw; his children, Jim (Jeanette) Bradshaw

of Dublin, Calif., Gary (Cheryl) Bradshaw of Layton, Utah, Jarke (Marilyn) Bradshaw of Kayville, Utah, Steve (Joy) Bradshaw of Rupert, Terry (Nancy) Bradshaw of Nampa, Linda Tongish of West Jordan, Utah; and (Layne) Barbara Mackay of Rupert; his two young grandsons, Dale and Lynn Bradshaw; his sister, LuVana Pedersen; 35 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Valene Bradshaw, and one brother, Clure Bradshaw.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Rupert West Stake Center, 25 S. 100 W. in Rupert, with Bishop Richard Parker officiating. Viewing for family and friends will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Mini-Cassia Veterans.

The family would like to thank the staff of Idaho Home Health and Hospice for their gracious and tender care and to the many friends and neighbors for their thoughtful acts of kindness.



**Milford (Mip) James Burgemeister**

AMERICAN FALLS — Milford (Mip) James Burgemeister, 79, of American Falls, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, 2008, at Harns Memorial in American Falls.

Mip was born July 17, 1929, in American Falls, to Marjorie and George Worthy Burgemeister. He graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1948. He served in the U.S. Army in Japan and Korea and was honorably discharged in 1952. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion Post 59 in Aberdeen, serving more than 56 years, and holding several post offices. He helped with the many fundraisers in the '60s to build the present Legion Hall, and he worked as a welder, working at the Midland Grain Elevator during high school and after returning from Korea for PF Funk Grain Elevator, later for TS Vanderford, Jr. Slingplot, and later as a welder retiring from Funk Irrigation.

In 1957, he married Ethel Copeland, and they had three children. They later divorced. The later years of his life he was happily married to Joyce (Mip) Mendelsohn. He is survived by his children, Wayne of Buhl, Lynda



(Jerry) Schenerson of Twin Falls, Russell (Trudy) of Tyler and Rock (Heather) Roy of American Falls; grandchildren, Lynzee and Erik Surber, Laurie Burgemeister, Kyle Burgemeister, Steffano, and Corise Schwenson, Brandi and Kambli Roy; and a brother, Richard of Aberdeen. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Fred, Marvin and Betsy; his wife, Ethel; and one young wife, Joyce.

The family will receive friends at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Aberdeen American Legion Hall, 180 S. Main in Aberdeen. The military graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Aberdeen Cemetery in Aberdeen. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Rose Mortuary, 170 Idaho St. in American Falls. Memorials may be made to the Aberdeen American Legion Post No. 59 in Aberdeen, Idaho.

**Lawrence A. 'Bode' Sheridan**

Lawrence A. "Bode" Sheridan, 86, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, at the Beacon Hospital in Pocatello, Idaho.

Bode was born Feb. 14, 1922, in Mountain Home, Ark., the son of Philip and Blanche C. McNeil Sheridan. He grew up and attended schools in Arkansas, graduating from high school in Hamilton, Mont. Following graduation, Bode entered into the U.S. Army where he served his country proudly during World War II. He was honorably discharged in December of 1946. Bode married Margaret Deveraux on April 29, 1972, in Paso Robles, Calif.

Bode was a lifelong farmer in the Eden and Hazelton areas. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and loved playing the guitar for family and friends.

Bode is survived by his sister, Ann Snider of Twin Falls; a niece, Cecelia (Gene) Matthews of Twin Falls; nephews, James Snider of Florida and Richard Snider of California, as well as great nieces and nephews, Debra, Richard, Patricia, Michael and Theresa. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two sisters, one niece and two brothers-in-law.

A celebration of Bode's life will be held as a graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.



**Virginia (Ginny) Copeland**

RUPERT — Virginia (Ginny) R. Copeland passed away quietly in her sleep Friday morning, Dec. 12, 2008, at Valley Vista Assisted Living, where she resided for the past 6 1/2 years.



She was born in Belleville, Ill., on March 24, 1927, to Anthony and Edna Bruss Dombeck. Virginia grew up in and attended school in Maywood, Calif. She married Robert Copeland and they were divorced in 1958. She never remarried. To that union a daughter, Becky, a daughter, Marsha, and a son, Kurt, were born.

Ginny lived and worked in Las Vegas, Nev., for several years before moving to the Mini-Cassia area in the early '90s. She was a hard, dedicated worker and held many positions throughout her life. She was a painter and the hostess friend. Ginny was an excellent cook, a wonderful neighbor, and a caring friend. She used to love the holidays and had her home all decorated up for Halloween and Christmas. She painted her own house and took care of her large lawn right up until she went to live at Valley Vista. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca (Becky) Bailey of Yosemite, Calif., and

Marsha Stigman of Texas, their spouses; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild; a very special niece and her family, Gail and Russ Hansen of Anaheim, Calif., and their children, AJ and Alisha Hansen; a sister-in-law, June (Dombeck) Martin and her husband, Jim; nephews, David and Linda Dombeck of Nampa; and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kurt of California; her nephew, Daniel Swift of Anaheim, Calif.; her sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Willie Swift of Anaheim, Calif.; her brother, Ray Dombeck, all former residents of Rupert; and her parents and grandparents.

At Virginia's request, there will be no funeral services. She will be cremated and her cremated remains will be placed in her brother's grave at the Rupert Cemetery at a later date.

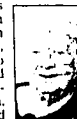
The family would like to thank Dr. Spackman and the entire staff of Valley Vista Assisted Living for the loving care they gave to Ginny during her stay there.

You were like family to her and we appreciate it very much. She is especially loved. Rodney, the van driver, and always thought he worked too hard. Thanks for all you have done.

Arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

**Tressie Marie Cowgill**

Tressie Marie Cowgill, 93, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, 2008, at Twin Falls Care Center.



She was born March 26, 1915, in Republic, Mo., to George and Myrtle (Wilson) Ghan. She attended school in Berger, Idaho, until the family eventually moved to Twin Falls. She married Howard William Smith but then later divorced. She worked many jobs in the Twin Falls area including the Social Security office, Hurd's Roofing and she also worked as a janitor at Crowley's Drug Store in downtown Twin Falls. She worked there until her retirement in her late 60s.

Tressie enjoyed working on crafts, crocheting, knitting, traveling, camping, fishing, raising and caring for her spending time with her family. She was a member of the Baptist Church as well.

Tressie is survived by one daughter, Patricia Daniel of Jerome; one son, Jay Smith of Roseville, Calif.; five grandchildren, Jerry (Teresa) Daniel of Boise, Randy L. Daniel of Jerome, Stacey W. Daniel of Jerome, Jamie Smith of Austin, Texas, and Granddaddy of Roseville, Calif.; also by 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Tressie is also survived by one brother, Dale (Della) Ghan of Roy, Utah, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rudy Cowgill; one sister, Opal Shatto; two brothers, Leslie Ghan, Clifford Ghan; one son-in-law, Gerald Daniel; and by several nephews, Charles Ghan, Roy Ghan and John Ghan.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

**Hubert L. Thieme**

FILER — Hubert L. Thieme, 76, of Filer, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, in Twin Falls.



He was born April 19, 1932, in York, Neb., the son of Mip and Mary Thieme and Elsie Pabanz Thieme.

Hubert was raised in Filer and graduated from Filer High school. He married the love of his life, Irene D. Blunt, on June 5, 1955, in Elko, Nev. They made their home in Twin Falls, where they raised four children. In 1996, they moved back to Filer. Hubert spent most of his working life as a mechanic and retired from Burk's Tractor. He was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Hubert loved to fish and hunt, and go camping with his family. He will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather who was devoted to his family and he will be dearly missed.

Hubert is survived by his wife, Irene Thieme; their children, Roberta Thieme, Lorrie (Tom) VanTassel, Deborah (Vaughn) Dunn and Ernest (Paula) Thieme. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Francis (Carl) Winkle and Ardelle Gambrel; one brother, Norris Thieme; and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

A funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Flors Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Lawrence Volder presiding. A visitation for family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Hubert's family would like to express their sincere thanks to the staff at St. Luke's Magic Valley for their kind care.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**James Boucher**

BURLEY — James Boucher, 55, of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008, at his home.

Graveside service with an interment will be held in the spring of 2009. Cremation is under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

**Benny C. Stroud**

JEROME — Benny C. Stroud, 71, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at his home.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Wendell; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, with rosary at 7 p.m. at Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

**Betty F. Miller**

LEWISTON — Betty F. Miller, 64, of Lewiston and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston.

**Tracey J. Farrow**

BELLEVUE — Tracey Joseph Farrow, 43, of Bellevue, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec.

15, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hatley; condolences may be left at www.woodriverchapel.com (Wood River Chapel of Hatley).

**Gustavo Gonzalez Cervantes**

JACKPOT, Nev. — Gustavo Gonzalez Cervantes, 34, of Jackpot, Nev., died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, near Twin Falls.

Funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls; rosary service at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at the church (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**Florence Warren**

BURLEY — Florence Warren, 89, of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

**Cal Greene**

WENDELL — Cal Greene, 84, of Wendell, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Wendell. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

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**SERVICES**

Omer Kenneth Carter of Jerome, funeral at noon Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today and one hour before the service Monday at the mortuary.

Sarah Vera Vanshick of Fairfield, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Fairfield Community Church (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).  
Jennie (Mariluch) Kendall of Hagerman, memorial service at 10 a.m.

Wednesday at the Castledorf First Baptist Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).  
Coy Zane Neal of Kimberly, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Betty F. Miller, 64, of Lewiston and formerly of Twin Falls, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Wendell. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, with rosary at 7 p.m. at Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

# Educational signs added to Idaho's lynching murals

By Betsy Z. Russell  
The Spokesman-Review

**BOISE** — Murals depicting white settlers accusing and then hanging a shirtless Native American man have been displayed openly in Idaho's temporary Statehouse for the past year, with a note from the state Historical Society promising that interpretation of the murals is "evolving."

Now, after a year and a half of negotiation, the state and Idaho's five Indian tribes have agreed on wording for interpretive plaques, which tell of the bloody clashes between the cultures that occurred as white settlers took over the Boise Valley a century ago. The plaques will go up before this year's legislative session.

"It was a long process," said state historian Keith Petersen. "It was time-consuming to work on, but I think it was time well-spent to get the words down to where everyone could agree to them. Both the tribes and the Historical Society worked on that and we've finally reached agreement."

The Idaho Indian Affairs Council includes representatives of Idaho's five sovereign Indian tribes and legislators, and representatives of the governor's office.

Petersen said it was the tribes' suggestions that first prompted the unveiling of the controversial murals, part of an extensive project that adorns the walls of the old Ada County Courthouse that dates back to the Works Progress Administration of the 1930s. The government paid out-of-pocket expenses for an art project to create art for public buildings like the courthouse, and the Boise murals are Idaho's largest remaining collection of such art though not the most admired.

"From the beginning, they were controversial," Petersen said. "That happened from Day 1."

Early objections were more to the crudeness of the colorful artwork, and one woman is depicted with two right arms, for example — than the subject matter of

the two showing the hanging. But a district judge in the courthouse Judge Gerald Schroeder, who later served as chief justice of the Idaho Supreme Court was so offended by the lynching murals that he ordered them covered over with large Idaho and U.S. flags, which hid the murals for years.

Then, after Ada County built a new courthouse, the art deco building became the temporary home of the state Legislature, which is meeting there while the state Capitol across the street is being renovated. Lawmakers debated whether to hide, remove, or keep the controversial lynching murals, which do not depict a specific historical event.

"It was really the Legislature bringing the tribes in to look at them that convinced everyone there was an educational opportunity," Petersen said.

The new interpretive plaques tell the story behind the murals — a shocking and brutal story of how the tribes that once occupied the Boise Valley were driven out, and in many cases, massacred.

"I don't think any of the murals in that building depict actual Idaho events," Petersen said. "But to say there were no hangings of Indians in the Boise Valley is not true. There were Indians hanged right out in Middleton."

The two new interpretive plaques are headed, "The Murals and Native Peoples," and "A Clash of Cultures."

The first begins, "The two murals on this wall depict the hanging of an Indian man have been the subject of controversy for years. Whether the murals depict an actual event is not known. But the scenes are consistent with the chief of cultures experienced in the Boise Valley, and the artwork tells us much about the times when artists created the images."

The Shoshone, Bannock and Paiute peoples lived in the Boise Valley for thousands of years, the plaque recounts. "They thrived in this region of rich fisheries, abundant game, and good grass." While tribal members continue to visit sacred sites in and around Boise, little visible trace of their culture remains in the valley, according to the plaque.

# William Bonner Shappee

**BELLEUEVE** — William Bonner Shappee (Bill), age 88, passed away at his sons' home on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, after a short illness.

He was born Jan. 4, 1920, in Jerome, Idaho, the child of Charles and Ethel Shappee. He spent the majority of his life in the Jerome area. He was one of seven children, the only boy. During World War II, Bill worked in the ship yards located in San Francisco, Calif., and after the war returned to Idaho. He lived in Bellevue for many years and worked as a logger and in the Queen mine. He also worked for Blaine County Weed Control in his later years. Bill recently lived in Hagerman, Idaho, until the fall of 2008 when he moved to Bellevue to be closer to his son.

He always loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and gardening. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Preceding Bill in death were his parents; his wife, Myrtle Price Shappee; his son, Leon Shappee; and his sisters, Dorothy Alice, Sarah Maqera, Lillian Fairchild, Florence Moore, Elizabeth Shappee and Jessie Springer.

Surviving are his son, Charles Dale Shappee (wife, Brenda); his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leon (Margaret) Shappee; and two grandsons, Brian Shappee (wife, Shana) of Hawaii and Robert Shappee (wife, Tammy) of Meridian, Idaho. He has three great-grandchildren, Stephanie Shappee of Hawaii and Jaina Leigh and Trenton William Shappee of Meridian, Idaho.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Wood River Chapel in Hatley.

Interment will follow at the Bellevue Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Idaho (www.woodriverchapel.com).

# Josephine Gline



**BUTTE** — Josephine Gline, 88, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls and Butte, passed away Dec. 2, 2008.

She was born in Washburn, Mo., to George and Edna Oakes. Josephine moved to Butte in 1936 and married DeLawrence Gline.

Her work in the Butte community began during World War II, when she assisted in the Red Cross and the USO. She served as a Boy Scout den mother and as board chairperson for the Camp Fire Girls, the American Cancer Society and the Heart Fund. Josephine served as a deaconess in the Episcopal Church and was a long-standing member of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 29.

Perhaps her most noteworthy work was as chairperson of the Butte Housing Authority.

It was through her vision that the dream and reality of Lincoln Courts came into being for senior citizens in Butte. She was recognized for her outstanding service in the community in the publication of Who's Who of American Women.

She is survived by daughters, DeAnn (Rea) Warren of Twin Falls and Becki Livingston of Boise; granddaughters, Nicole Livingston of Boise, Jenna, Stephanie and Christopher Gline; brothers, Paul Oakley of California and Murel Oakley of Oklahoma; sisters, Lorene Anna of Texas and Allene Patterson of Missouri; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, DeLawrence; sons, David and Ralph; sisters, Imogene, Christine and Nadine; and brothers, Vernon and Leslie.

A private service was held Dec. 4 in Butte, under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Butte.

# Boise sculpture to honor WWII flight crews

By Tim Woodward  
Idaho Statesman

**BOISE** — Benjamin Victor could have stayed in South Dakota and sculpted the new statue for Boise's airport in the comfort of his own studio.

Instead, he hauled it across three states to Nampa's Warhawk Air Museum. For ten days this month, Victor divided his time between researching military paraphernalia, visiting with veterans and, when he could squeeze it in, sculpting.

His larger-than-life depiction of a World War II aviator will be sculpted at the airport next Memorial Day. It will honor WWII flight crew members who trained at Gowen Field, the military side of the airport.

Karen Bubbs says that in a letter she says, "The final work is intended to honor all of our WWII veterans and those who serve our country."

Bubbs is public arts manager of the city's department of arts and history, which is overseeing the project. The airport is funding the \$90,000 sculpture. A selection panel chose Victor as its artist, and it's hard not to like the panel's decision.

At 26, Victor became the youngest artist ever to place a sculpture of Nevada Indian activist Sarah Winnemucca in the National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol. His work is as diverse as it is compelling. To see it, go to Victor's Web page at [www.benjaminvictor.com](http://www.benjaminvictor.com).

Three months into working on Boise's statue, Victor opted to do something unusual. He drove it to Boise, intending to

work on it in the airport. That would put him near the former haunts of the airmen it honored, as well as giving airport visitors an opportunity to watch the work in progress.

Security concerns kept that from happening, but that proved to be a good thing. Sue Paul, a member of the selection panel, suggested the Warhawk Air Museum. Clearing it with the museum wasn't a problem; Paul is its executive director.

It's an understatement to say that Victor likes his sculpture. He's passionate about it, and at Warhawk there was no way it wasn't going to happen.

"It's the perfect place," Paul said as her temporary artist-in-residence molded clay and chatted with visitors. "He's surprised by how many of the WWII vets who come out to talk to him."

One was Boisean Chet Bowers, a B-17 co-pilot who made two bombing runs over Normandy on D-Day. He lent Victor his old uniform so he could get the details right. "Believe me: If the tiniest little thing is wrong, the vets will notice," Paul said.

Uniforms, for example. All of the 6,000 men who trained at Gowen Field during the war were members of bomber crews; fighter pilots weren't based there until after the war. And both can spot the difference between a bomber pilot's uniform and a fighter pilot's in a heartbeat.

Victor "learned very quickly that bomber pilots wore chest packs and fighter pilots wore backpacks."

He says he's spent hours

studying anatomy and other sciences to sculpt the human form correctly, but the most difficult part is the expression on a sculpture's face. The face of the Gowen Field pilot, walking briskly in his summer uniform, is a composite of some 30 soldiers' faces.

"I have more leeway in the details of the face by doing it that way, but the challenging thing is to get the feeling you

want," Victor said.

The inspiration for that: David Haggart, an Idaho vet-eran whose wife gave the museum his trunk of WWII memorabilia following his death. Among its contents was a letter he'd written from Normandy. With a single sentence, he spoke for combat veterans through the ages: "I'm scared to death and not afraid to admit it."

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# Russet still Idaho's top tater, but it may be losing to new varieties

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — Idaho and its russets are inextricably linked — besides being Idaho's best-known crop, the Russet Burbank spud graces the state license plates and even serves as the mascot for eastern Idaho's Shelley High School football team.

But its time at the top of the tater heap may be coming to a close. In 1988, the Russet Burbank was the spud of choice for Idaho farmers, comprising 97 percent of the potato acreage, the Post Register reported. But today that acreage has fallen to around 57 percent, according to the Boise office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

"There's a slew of reasons for the decline. New varieties of potatoes — including the Yukon Gold, Yukon Gem, CalWhite, Alturas and Highlander Russet — produce more spuds per acre than the Burbank," said Jay Stark, a potato specialist in Idaho Falls for the University of Idaho.

"Those new varieties better tolerate drought and need less water and some are easier to process," he said. The Highlander Russet works well for crinkle-cut fries, he said —

an important factor in Idaho, where 60 percent of the potato crop is used by french fry processors.

"People are trying to find a variety that fits their needs better than Russet Burbank," Stark said. "People are always trying something new. They're trying to diversify."

The Russet Burbank was developed in the early 1870s in Lunenburg, Mass., by breeder Luther Burbank. The variety stored well for long periods of time, and it's been credited with allowing the industry to develop in Idaho.

But the potato wasn't without challenges — in poor

weather conditions, the tuber grows smaller, knobby and less-valuable potatoes, said Bill Bohl, a potato specialist in Blackfoot with the University of Idaho.

Even if farmers aren't turning exclusively to Burbanks anymore, the potatoes aren't likely to disappear from Idaho fields. Farmers have long experience with Burbanks and are comfortable handling them, said Nora Olsen, a University of Idaho potato specialist in Twin Falls. That familiarity also means the Burbank remains the spud of choice for many exporters, including Mexico.

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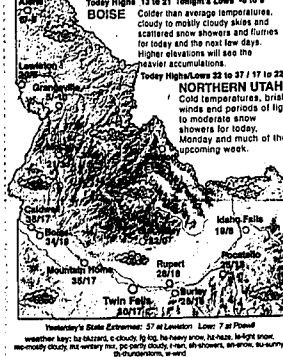
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Tomorrow: Scattered snow showers or flurries and cold temperatures. Highs upper 20s, lows middle teens.

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S. Idaho transgender woman fights use of male name

By Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press writer

PAYETTE — For nearly a year, Catherine Carlson refused to pay the fine for driving with a suspended license because it was issued to both her and the man she used to be.
She went to jail four times over the ticket that includes both her legal name and the one she was born with, Daniel Carlson. She had surgery 28 years ago to become a woman, the gender she believes should have been assigned her at birth.



Catherine Carlson, 52, of Payette, flips through photo albums Tuesday at her home in Payette. Carlson, who underwent a gender transformation procedure nearly 30 years ago, has been in jail four times in the past year stemming from an initial citation that included both her legal name and the one she was born with.

Her fight against local authorities brought up questions Payette County had never answered before:

women, which courthouse should she use, should the former male name be stricken from court records.
"This is a very conservative, old-fashioned community, that's just the way it is. This is rural, small town Idaho. This is new to us," said Payette County Sheriff Chad Huff.

During the past year, Carlson repeatedly protested the \$841 citation in court hearings on the case. Her struggle for acceptance since the sex-change operation on Thanksgiving Day 1980 has gone on much longer. She chose a life of solitude at a trailer park near the Payette city limits, rejecting a society she feels has rejected her.

In her cramped mobile home, she thumbs through

court records from a 2000 dispute over a house between her and her mom. The male name was entered into the system then, she said, after she sought a protection order in the case.
While a stranger in California recently settled the dispute over the ticket — paying the fine that was reduced to \$510 in October after Carlson spent three days in jail — she vows to continue her fight against the local justice system using a name she feels is a threat to her safety because it reveals she is transgender.
"It destroys my ability to be me," Carlson said. "It's not just a ticket."

Elizabeth Barbour, 57, a bookkeeper in Redwood City, Calif., found out about Carlson after a story in Carlson's local newspaper,

the Argus Observer, was posted online, detailing how she could no longer drive to the store because she was afraid of local police.
Barbour paid the ticket.
"I couldn't imagine how difficult it must be for a transgender person in Idaho; it's difficult in California," Barbour said in a telephone interview. "I would imagine the culture would be less forgiving there."

A Nov. 28 court hearing was canceled, dismantling the platform Carlson planned to use to fight the use of her former name.
"It's frustrating to me, this whole thing," said Huff, elected sheriff in 2004 of this rural county, where the city of Payette includes 7,400 transpeople in a sugar beet and onion-growing region; on the Oregon border,

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## Bank bomb kills two law enforcers, hurts 2 in Oregon

By Brad Cain  
Associated Press writer

WOODBURN, Ore. — A bank employee found a bomb in the bushes outside — and officers responding to the threat inexplicably took the device into the building.

It exploded, killing a local police officer and a state bomb disposal technician and critically injuring the police chief of Woodburn, in Oregon's agricultural heart-



Hadden Tennant  
land. A bank employee was also slightly injured.

asked why officers took the bomb into the bank. Lt. Gregg Hastings, spokesman for the Oregon State Police, said Saturday: "That we don't know."

But with a bomber apparently on the loose, authorities had more pressing things to worry about. They had no suspects and no motive in Friday's bombing. "That person is dangerous and needs to be found as soon as possible," Hastings said.

Federal authorities said they were offering a \$35,000 reward for information leading to an

arrest and conviction.

The explosion around 5:30 p.m. Friday followed a bomb threat call to a nearby Wells Fargo branch bank. The State Police said Saturday that investigators found "a suspicious object" that turned out to be harmless.

But the police said their investigation led next door to the West Coast Bank, where the bomb was found.

Bank President and CEO Robert Szmewaj said the bank manager found the

device Friday in a survey of the grounds undertaken after an employee got a call about the Wells Fargo incident and law enforcement officers had made a check.

Hastings declined to describe the bomb in detail but indicated it was powerful. The inside of the bank was extensively damaged, state police said, and a female employee was treated at Salem Hospital and released. Another bank employee was uninjured.

Police said late Friday that a Woodburn police officer had died. The State Police said Saturday that one of their bomb technicians had also died at the scene.

The dead were identified as Senior Trooper William Hadden and Woodburn police Capt. Tom Tennant, both 51. Woodburn Police Chief Scott Russell, 46, was in critical condition at a Portland hospital.

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## Odierno: U.S. troops to stay in Iraqi cities after June

By Soderman Raghavan  
and Gita Mizher  
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — American combat troops will remain inside Iraqi cities to train and mentor Iraqi forces after next summer, despite a security agreement that calls for their withdrawal from urban areas by June 30, the top U.S. military commander said Saturday.

The acknowledgment by Gen. Ray Odierno underscored the concern among Iraqi and U.S. officials that Iraq's military and police are not prepared to provide security on their own by the deadline set under the pact.

Under the status-of-forces agreement approved earlier this month, American troops are required to pull out of Iraq by the end of 2011. Iraqi forces are scheduled to take over security in cities and towns beginning June 30.

Odierno said some U.S. troops would remain at joint security stations in training and support roles. "We believe we should still be inside those after the summer," he told reporters at a U.S. base in Balad, north of Baghdad. His remarks came before welcoming Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who arrived for a brief, unannounced visit.

Odierno expressed concern about reducing the American military presence at the time Iraq is set to hold elections next year, starting with provincial elections in January. "It's important that we maintain enough presence here that we can help them get through this year of transition," Odierno said. "We don't want to take a step backward, because we've made so much progress here."

Odierno's comments came two days after a suicide bomber killed at least 57 people and wounded more than 100 in a crowded restaurant near the northern oil-rich city of Kirkuk, the deadliest attack in Iraq in six months. Cities such as Mosul and areas in Diyala province remain havens for insurgents, although overall violence has fallen significantly.

Odierno also noted that the deadline at the end of 2011 for a U.S. withdrawal could be renegotiated with the Iraqi government. Under the pact, the withdrawal date can be changed if necessitated by security conditions.

## SOUNDING THE ALARM



Good Health Fairy and breast cancer survivor Rose Bowditch, of Virginia, promotes breast cancer awareness Friday during the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Hall in San Antonio, Texas. Her organization, Beyond Boobs, puts out 'A Calendar in Use By,' which doubles as a breast health manual.

## New study ties hormone use to breast cancer

By Marlynn Marchione  
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — Taking menopause hormones for as little as five years doubles the risk for breast cancer, according to a new analysis of a big federal study that reveals the most dramatic evidence yet of the dangers of these still-popular pills.

Even women who took estrogen and progestin pills for as little as a couple of years had a greater chance of getting cancer. And when they stopped taking them, their odds quickly improved, returning to a normal risk level roughly two years after quitting.

Collectively, these new findings are likely to end any doubt that the risks outweigh the benefits for most women.

It is clear that breast cancer rates plunged in recent years mainly because millions of women quit hormone therapy and fewer newly menopausal women started on it, said the study's leader, Dr. Rowan Chlebowski of Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles.

"It's an excellent message for women: You can still diminish risk (by quitting), even if you've been on hormones for a long time," said Dr. Claudine Isaacs of Georgetown University's Lombardi

### Cancer-hormone link

**WHAT'S NEW:** A new analysis of a big federal women's study more firmly cements the link between menopausal hormones and breast cancer.

**FINDINGS:** Breast cancer risk doubled when women took estrogen and progestin pills for five years.

**GOOD NEWS:** The cancer risk rapidly fell once women stopped hormone use.

Comprehensive Cancer Center. "It's not like smoking where you have to wait 10 or 15 years for the risk to come down."

Study results were given Saturday at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium.

They are from the Women's Health Initiative, which tested estrogen and progestin pills that doctors long believed would prevent heart disease, bone loss and many other problems in women after menopause. The main part of the study was stopped in 2002 when researchers saw surprisingly higher risks of heart problems and breast cancer in hormone users.

Since then, experts have debated

whether these risks apply to women who start on hormones when they enter menopause, usually in their 50s, and take them for shorter periods of time. Most of the women in the federal study were in their 60s and well past menopause.

So the advice has been to use hormones only if symptoms like hot flashes are severe, and at the lowest dose and shortest time possible. The new study sharpens that message, Chlebowski said.

"It does change the balance" on whether to start on treatment at all, he said.

Even so, most women will not get breast cancer by taking the pills short-term. The increased cancer risk from a couple of years of hormone use translates to a few extra cases of breast cancer a year for every 1,000 women on hormones. This risk accumulates with each year of use, though.

The Women's Health Initiative study had two parts. In one, 16,608 women closely matched for age, weight and other health factors were randomly assigned to take either Wyeth Pharmaceuticals' Prempro — estrogen and progestin — or dummy pills.

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## War vets' widows wrongly denied benefits

By Hope Yun  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Surviving spouses of war veterans have been wrongfully denied up to millions of dollars in government benefits over the past 12 years due to computer glitches that often resulted in money being seized from the elderly survivors' bank accounts.

The Veterans Affairs Department said Saturday it wasn't fully aware of the problem. It pledged to work quickly to give back the money and disability checks — ranging from \$100 to more than \$2,500 — to hundreds of thousands of widows or widowers should have received during the month of their spouse's death.

"This problem must be fixed," said VA Secretary James Peake. The department indicated in an "action plan" provided to the Associated Press that up to millions of dollars in back payments could be given to the surviving spouses sometime after next February, once it can identify them.

To expedite matters, the VA said those who believe they were wrongfully denied payments can call its help line at (800) 827-1000.

Congress passed a law in 1996 giving veterans' spouses the right to keep their partners' final month of benefits. It instructed the VA to make changes as needed to comply with the law, which took effect for spouses of veterans who died after Dec. 31, 1995.

But the VA never updated its automated computer systems, which send out checks and notification letters. As a result, widows or widowers

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## Disgraced Illinois governor weighs legal options

By Carla K. Johnson  
and Mike Robinson  
Associated Press writers

CHICAGO — Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich met with a renowned Chicago criminal lawyer Saturday as he weighed his legal options on how to fight a scandal that has left his career in tatters and disrupted President-elect Barack Obama's White House transition.

The Democratic governor had a four-hour meeting with Ed Genson in the lawyer's downtown office Saturday.



Illinois attorney general files motion with state's highest court to strip Blagojevich of his powers.

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Genson has defended newspaper baron Conrad Black, R&B singer R. Kelly and numerous public figures on corruption charges, earning a reputation as the lawyer big shots call when they get in a

bind in Chicago.

Genson confirmed the two met but wouldn't discuss details of their dialogue. When asked if he would take the case, Genson said: "We'll make our mutual decision on Monday."

Blagojevich had brushed back calls for his resignation after he was charged with trying to sell Obama's Senate seat. He sought to project a business-as-usual image amid the turmoil, going to work every day and handling state business.

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Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich leaves a downtown building where a high profile defense attorney has an office, Saturday in Chicago.

AP photo

# Crews fight cold, ice to restore power in Northeast

By David Tirrell-Wysocki  
Associated Press writer

CONCORD, N.H. — Temperatures fell over the Northeast on Saturday, where storm-related power failures had already plunged more than a million homes and businesses from Pennsylvania to Maine into the dark and cold.

"If you don't have power, assume that you will not get it restored today, and right now make arrangements to stay someplace warm tonight," Gov. John Lynch of hardest-hit New Hampshire warned.

Officials expected to see more people in shelters Saturday night with temperatures forecasted to dip into the teens. It was the third night without power for many.

Utilities in New Hampshire said it would likely be Thursday or Friday — a week after the storm — before all power is restored in the region, partly because of the sheer number of outages and partly because of the devastation.



A horse breaks up the icy ground cover for food in Hillsborough, N.H., Saturday. More than one million homes and businesses in the Northeast lost power following an ice storm Friday.

"What is facing us is the apparent need to rebuild the entire infrastructure of some sections of the electrical delivery system," said Martin Murray, spokesman for Public

Service Company of New Hampshire.

Crews across the region saw electric poles, wires and equipment destroyed. The extent of damage was unclear

because some roads still were impassable.

"We'll put one line up, and it seemed like another would break," said Stan Tucker, operations supervisor in

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Ice storm leaves 1.25 million homes and businesses in seven states without power.

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Springfield for Central Vermont Public Service Corp. "It seems like every line has multiple problems."

In New York, all but five roads managed by state highway officials had been cleared Saturday.

"Things are much better," Carol Breen of the state Department of Transportation said. "But there are still trees coming down because of ice on branches; they're heavy and they can break at any point."

About 1.3 million homes and businesses across the Northeast suffered power outages after a storm coated trees and wires with ice Thursday night into Friday. Most of the outages were in New Hampshire, Massachusetts,

Maine and New York. About 880,000 remained without power Saturday afternoon.

Four states declared either limited or full states of emergency.

At its peak Friday, more than 430,000 customers were without power in New Hampshire, the worst power outage in state history. About 375,000 still were in the dark Saturday afternoon.

Another 350,000 lost power in Massachusetts, down to about 200,000 Saturday. About 311,000 customers were knocked out in upstate New York, with at least 185,000 still without power Saturday.

About 170,000 of the quarter of a million affected in Maine still were in the dark Saturday.

Vermont utilities reported a little less than 14,000 customers remained without power Saturday afternoon, down from about 40,000. About 4,400 homes and businesses in northwestern Connecticut were without power, down from 16,500. Nearly all 11,000 outages in northeastern Pennsylvania were restored by Saturday.

## Bank

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Police opened up a large area around the bank Saturday that had been sealed and allowed traffic to move freely on a nearby state highway. They had earlier said there was no evidence of more bombs.

Investigators included state and local authorities as well as officials from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Detectives were still in the bank building on Saturday.

The federal agencies were

acting as advisers and hadn't taken over the case, said Marion County Undersheriff Jason Myers.

"At this point, it's still a local-level investigation," he said.

Joe Langley, who pumps gas at a Union 76 station a few blocks away, said the blast sounded like thunder.

"It's just a small bank with not nice people working there," he said Saturday. "I don't know why anybody would do this."

Woodburn is about halfway between the capital,

Salem, and Portland. It has a population of about 21,000 and is home to many blue-collar and agricultural workers in the valley's extensive nursery crops business.

The two bank buildings are near each other in a commercial strip through the center of town.

Hakim is survived by a wife, a 16-year old son and 18-year old daughter, the State Police said. Tennant was a 28-year veteran of the Woodburn farm with a wife and children ages 24, 22 and 17.

## Governor

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As the legal maneuvering intensified, some observers speculated that he might be trying to leverage the governorship to his advantage in his criminal case. But state prosecutors said he did with the Senate seat for financial gain.

"I would be saying, 'Let me see what I can get in exchange for you resigning. Don't just give it up for nothing. Let me see if I can get you a better deal,'" said Steve Cron, a defense lawyer from Santa Monica, Calif.

Others suggested his lingering refusal to resign is more rooted in his ego than anything else. "Let me see if I can get you a better deal," said Steve Cron, a defense lawyer from Santa Monica, Calif.

"You would think he would see his life collapsing around him," said Chicago defense lawyer John Beal,

who was in the courtroom with Blagojevich this week and noted how carefree he seemed. "But he was the center of attention and seemed to love it."

The scandal continued to hound Reps. Jesse Jackson Jr. and Rahm Emanuel, Obama's choice for chief of staff. About a dozen protesters stood outside Jackson's office Saturday demanding his resignation, and Republicans called for more information from Obama about Emanuel's role in the Senate selection process.

The Chicago Tribune reported that Emanuel had conversations — captured on wiretaps — before the election with the Blagojevich administration about who would replace Obama in the Senate. The report did not suggest any dealmaking in the conversations, and Obama has strongly denied that anyone on his team

committed wrongdoing.

Jackson was identified as one of the candidates Blagojevich was considering to replace Obama, and a criminal complaint against his supporters were willing to raise \$1.5 million for the governor to make the appointment happen.

Blagojevich's political future remains in limbo. The Legislature could start impeachment proceedings as soon as Monday, and the Illinois Supreme Court could act on a request by Attorney General Lisa Madigan to strip him of his powers.

Madigan's staff has taken steps to rewrite lender-assurance language on a short-term borrowing plan, according to a spokeswoman for state Comptroller Dan Hynes. That would head off any problems the state has had in paying its bills over the Blagojevich scandal.

## Cancer

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This part was highlighted when researchers saw a 26 percent higher risk of breast cancer in those on Prempro.

But that was an average over the 5½ years women were on the pills. For the new study, researchers tracked 15,347 of these women through July 2005, and plotted breast cancer cases as they occurred over time.

They saw a clear trend: Risk rose with the start of use, peaked when the study ended and fell as nearly all hormone users stopped taking their pills. At the peak, the breast cancer risk for pill takers was twice that of the others.

Think of it as President Bush's public approval rating, said another study leader, Dr. Peter Ravdin, of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

"Bush's popularity may be 50 percent on average, but it might have been decreasing the whole time he was president," Ravdin said.

In the second part of the federal study, researchers observed just 16,121 women who had already been on hormones for an average of

seven years and another group of 25,328 women who had never used them. No results on breast cancer risk in these women have been given until now.

Plotting cases over time, researchers saw in retrospect that hormone users had started out with twice the risk of breast cancer as the others, and it fell as use declined. Among those taking hormones at the start of the study, use dropped to 41 percent in 2003, the year after the results were released.

In the general population, use of hormone products has dropped 70 percent since the study, said another of its leaders, Dr. JoAnn Manson, preventive medicine chief at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

That corresponds with big drops in breast cancer cases, but some scientists have said this could be due to a fall-off in mammograms, which would mean fewer cancers were being detected, not necessarily that fewer were occurring.

"It is clear that changing mammography patterns cannot explain the dramatic reductions in breast cancer risk," Manson said.

"The data are getting stronger," said Dr. C. Kent Osborne, a breast cancer specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Women who do need the pills should not panic, though the doubling of risk — a 100 percent increase — for long-term users is quite worrisome, cancer specialists say.

Although the new study does not calculate risks in terms of actual cases, previous research showed that the average increased risk of 26 percent meant a difference of a few extra cases a year for every 1,000 women on hormone pills, compared with nonusers.

"Hormone therapy remains a good health care choice to relieve moderate to severe menopausal symptoms," says a statement from Wyeth, which made the pills used in the study.

"Most women should be able to discontinue hormones in three to four years," or at least reduce their dose, Manson said.

## Will Smith: It's about helping others

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Will Smith is bringing the message of his new movie "Seven Pounds" to the Midwest with a promotional tour that also turned into a fundraiser.

In the film, which opens nationwide next Friday, Smith portrays a suicidal man determined to change the lives of several strangers.

"It's not a message. It's 'you gotta help somebody.' Even if it's somebody's car breaking down, use your cell phone. Something little like that. We gotta help one another to get the quality of life we're all striving for," he said in an interview with the Star Tribune.

Smith's appearance Friday for a local premier at a theater in suburban Edina was also a fundraiser for Second Harvest Heartland, the state's largest hunger-relief organization. Tickets were given to the first 250 people who donated non-perishable food. He and Vikings player Bernard Berrian also donated 300



Actor Will Smith joined with Vikings wide receiver Bernard Berrian to raise food and funds for Minnesota's Second Harvest Heartland, during a local premiere Friday in Minneapolis of Smith's film "Seven Pounds."

holiday dinners to the organization. "It's cool to have the goal of being the biggest movie star in the world. But why? It's been revealed to me that the question is: Whose life is better because you woke up today?" Smith said he realized he

had drifted out of contact with everyday people on Nov. 4. "I sat there with my children and my 16-year-old son couldn't understand how I didn't know (the election) was over already. He was like 'you're out of touch,'" he said.

## Widows

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were either denied the final month of payment or asked to send the checks back in many cases. If the checks were already deposited or spent, the U.S. Treasury moved to seize the money directly from their accounts.

Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, who chairs the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, confronted Peake about the problem in a letter last week after receiving a complaint from a widow. In response, Peake instructed the Veterans Benefits Administration to update its systems as quickly as possible to prevent future denials of benefits.

"This flawed practice has caused serious hardship for many widows," Akaka said Saturday. "Now that this problem has been brought to light, I trust that surviving spouses will receive the benefits they are due."

The VA has yet to identify the exact number of widows or widowers affected, but acknowledged Saturday it could be "sizeable."

Akaka's committee estimates that 50,000 surviving spouses each year since 1995 could be affected, based on VA numbers indicating more than 100,000 veterans die each year — some of whom may have been single or divorced —


while receiving VA benefits. Out of that 50,000, some spouses might have received the payments they were due if they called the VA at the time to inquire about their rights.

The disclosure comes as the VA is scrambling to upgrade government technology systems before new legislation providing for millions of dollars in GI education benefits takes effect next August. Thousands of veterans currently also endure six-month waits for disability benefits, despite promises by Peake and his predecessor, Jim Nicholson, to reduce delays.


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**Getting you back into life**

# List of potential victims grows in NY fraud case

By Tom Hays, Larry Neumeister and David B. Caruso  
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — Investors who put their fortunes in the hands of arrested New York money manager Bernard Madoff are waiting to hear how much of their stake is left.

The roster of potential victims in what prosecutors said was a \$50 billion Ponzi scheme has grown exponentially longer in the past few days.

Madoff, 70, said in regulatory filings that he only had around 25 clients, but it has become apparent that the list of people who lost money may number in the hundreds or even thousands.

Among those who have acknowledged potential losses so far: Former Philadelphia Eagles owner Norman Braman, New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon and J. Ezra Merkin, the chairman of GMAC Financial Services.

A charity in Massachusetts that supports Jewish programs, the Robert I. Lippin Charitable Foundation, said it had invested its entire \$8 million endowment with Madoff. The organization's executive director said she doesn't expect it to survive.

Other institutions that believed they had lost millions included The North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System and the Texas-based Julian J. Levitt Foundation.

Hedge funds and other investment groups looked like big losers too. The Fairfield Greenwich Group said it had some \$7.5 billion in investments linked to Madoff. A private Swiss bank, Banque Benedictine Hentsch Fairfield Partners SA, said it had \$47.5 million worth of client assets at risk.

The losses may have



Attorneys Stephen Weiss, left, of Seeger Weiss LLP and Brad Friedman of Milberg LLP each representing dozens of clients of Bernard L. Madoff arrive at Manhattan federal court Friday in New York.

extended far beyond the coffers of the wealthy and powerful.

The town of Fairfield, Conn., said it placed nearly 15 percent of its retiree pension fund with Madoff. Officials were scrambling to determine how much of the \$42 million remained.

Harry Susman, an attorney in Houston, said he represents a group of clients who had unknowingly become entangled in the scandal by investing in a hedge fund managed by Merkin, which then put almost all of its \$1.8 billion in capital in Madoff's hands.

They had no idea they had exposure," Susman said. He said his clients were now dumbfounded as to how the fund came to invest all of its holdings with just one man, especially since concerns had been circulating for years about Madoff's operations.

For decades, Madoff had dual reputations among investors. Many wealthy New Yorkers and Floridians considered him a reliable investment whiz. Others, more skeptical, had questioned whether his returns were

real, pointing to the firm's secrecy and lack of a big-name auditor.

But when he met privately with a family member at his firm earlier this month, something clearly was amiss.

First, federal authorities say the 70-year-old Madoff surprised the unidentified family member by saying he wanted to pass out hefty annual bonuses two months earlier than usual, court papers said. Then, when challenged on the idea, he said he "wasn't sure he would be able to hold it together" if they continued the discussion at the office, and invited him to his apartment.

It was the beginning of a stunning meltdown for the former Nasdaq stock market chairman.

Madoff himself described his investment business as an unsophisticated "Ponzi scheme," according to investigators who interviewed him.

Perhaps more startling than the loss was that it apparently caught regulators and investigators off guard, only coming to light last week when Madoff's own family turned him in.

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**AP photo**  
Gloria Valles, 30, right, embraces a student into Luis Arriola Nunez elementary school before the start of evening classes Nov. 27 in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

# Mexican schools close as children are threatened

By Julie Watson  
Associated Press writer

**CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico** — Fourth-grader Ricardo Ivan Ortega knows he is a target in this violent city. His school closed temporarily last month after an anonymous note demanded teachers hand over their year-end bonuses — or students would be kidnapped.  
Ricardo has a plan. "I will just hide," the shy 9-year-old said in late November, waiting in the family car while his mother inquired when Luis Urias Elementary would reopen. "My mom told me not to get near the front gate, and if I need to, to run out of my classroom."

Across Ciudad Juarez, parents and students are stricken by reports of kidnapping and extortion threats, starting with a sign that appeared Nov. 12 on the front door of another school, the Elena Garro kindergarten, demanding: "Either give us your bonuses, or we will start to kidnap the children."

Police removed it before the children arrived.

Some speculate that cartels now are targeting schools to supplement income with the Mexican government's crackdown on drug trafficking, much as they've already extorted businesses. Others say common criminals are trying to cash in on the fear that pervades border cities, where terrified residents are seeing ever more brutal murders — more than 1,300 so far this year in Ciudad Juarez.

"This is part of the psychosis caused by the situation between the cartels, and other gangs are taking advantage of that to make money," said Luis Urias sixth-grade teacher Martin Valles, who talked to an Associated Press reporter through a chain-link fence.

Classes at Luis Urias have now resumed without incident. Luis Urias officials wouldn't discuss the threats, but they were confirmed by parents.

Guillermo Narro, the state education secretary's official in Ciudad Juarez, said only one threat was found, the sign at Elena Garro, which closed briefly but is now operating normally. But an AP reporter found at least four schools had closed.

At the colorfully painted Yitzurani kindergarten, a woman who identified herself as a teacher but declined to give her name said only about half the students have returned since classes resumed there.

Nobody knows whether the threats are real or a prank in this city of 1.5 million across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas. The schools received no instructions on how or to whom the teachers would hand over their bonuses, usually paid Dec. 15, to prevent the kidnappings.

City officials have sent hundreds of unarmed police academy cadets to patrol schools and try to ease fears.

There are no arrests or suspects in Ciudad Juarez. But seven police officers detained for allegedly taking drug money in nearby Arriola told authorities they were ordered to threaten teachers for their bonuses, a police news release said.

Narro said education offi-

als have changed how and when the bonuses will be distributed because of the threats, though he wouldn't elaborate for security reasons. Amounts vary across Mexico and in some parts are equivalent to three months' pay. Teachers can make up to \$840 a month, according to Mexico's Education Secretary.

Mexico's children are increasingly caught in the middle of the country's escalating drug violence, with bullet-riddled bodies — and even a human head — dumped outside schools in border cities.

In Tijuana 37 murders one recent weekend included two brothers, aged 4 and 13, killed when gunmen opened fire on a convenience store, and a 14-year-old boy working at a locksmith's kiosk when gunmen attacked a neighboring business. A 12-year-old boy was killed the same weekend when bullets sprayed the car he was riding in.

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# Greek rioters attack police station, banks

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Rioting youths in the Greek capital attacked a police station, stores and banks and fought running battles with police Saturday, authorities said, as protests against a police killing continued for the seventh straight day.

The clashes broke out as candlelit vigils were being held to mark a week since the police shooting of a 15-year-old boy, which triggered the riots that are threatening the stability of the government.

Youths attacked a police station with petrol bombs in central Athens as well as at least three banks, several stores and a government building, police said.

Several hundred protesters set up burning barricades and attacked police with rocks and flares. Riot police fired tear gas and chased the youths through parts of the city. The protesters chanted "murderers out" and used laser pointers to target police for attack.

Violence has wracked Greece every day since the death of teenager Alexandros Grigoropoulos. The riots in cities throughout the country have injured at least 70.

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# Mumbai gunman's chilling confession sheds light

By Ramola Tahar Bodan  
Associated Press writer

MUMBAI, India — The gunman captured in last month's Mumbai attacks had originally intended to seize hostages and outline demands in a series of dramatic calls to the media, according to his confession obtained Saturday by the Associated Press.

Mohammed Ajmal Kasab said he and his partner, who massacred dozens of people in the city's main train station, had planned a rooftop standoff, but abandoned the plans because they couldn't find a suitable building, the statement to police says.

Kasab's seven-page confession, given to police over repeated interrogations, offers chilling new details of the three-day rampage through India's commercial center that left 164 people plus nine gunman dead. He said the assault, which started Nov. 26, was initially set for Sept. 27, though he doesn't explain why it was delayed. The gunman had been told by his handlers to carry out the attacks during rush hours when the station is teeming with commuters.

After reaching Mumbai, Kasab and his partner, Ismail Khan, the group's ringleader, headed to the train station by taxi.



A municipal worker cleans the area around the Taj Mahal hotel, background, which was one of the targets of last month's militant attacks in Mumbai, India, Saturday.

"Ismail and myself went to the common toilet, took out the weapons from our sacks, loaded them, came out of toilet and started firing indiscriminately toward the passengers," Kasab told police. As a police officer opened

fire, the two militants retaliated with grenades before entering another part of the station and randomly shooting more commuters. The men then searched for a building with a rooftop where they had been told to hold hostages and call a con-

tact named Chacha, whom Kasab identified as Zaki-ur-Rahman Lakhvi, the suspected mastermind behind the attacks.

Chacha, which means "uncle" in Hindi, would supply phone numbers for media outlets and specify what demands the two should make.

"This was the general strategy decided by our trainers," Kasab said.

Taking heavy fire from police, the two had trouble finding a "suitable building" and stormed a hospital they mistook for an apartment building. There, they searched for hostages and traded more gunfire with security forces. It's unclear if they ever held hostages.

When they left, a police van pulled up and the two tried to take shelter behind a bush during the shootout. Kasab was hit in the hand as Khan returned fire. "They got injured and the firing from their side stopped," he said.

Police have confirmed the van was carrying top police officials, including the head of the anti-terror squad who was killed.

In the confession, Kasab, 21, describes his conversion from an aspiring street criminal to a loyal soldier for Lashkar-e-Taiba, the terrorist group based in India in 2002 and blamed by India

in the attacks. He came to the organization last year while looking to buy guns to commit robberies after quitting a low-paying job at a catering business. The search led him to several Lashkar "stalls" at a bazaar in the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi, he said.

Kasab went on to receive rigorous training in weapons handling and other skills, attending at least six Lashkar camps and visiting his parents twice during breaks, he said. Lashkar operatives even lectured recruits on India security and intelligence agencies, and taught them how to evade pursuing security forces.

He said they were shown "clippings highlighting the atrocities on Muslims in India," images of Mumbai locations on Google Earth, and film footage of the train station.

"We were instructed to carry out the firing at rush hour in the morning between 7 to 11 hours and between 7 and 11 hours in the evening," he said. The attacks ultimately started around 9:30 p.m.

After Kasab and nine others were picked among a group of 32 recruits, they headed to Karachi in September and practiced traveling on speed boats. On Nov. 23, the group was transported to a ship called

the Al-Husaini for out at sea. Shortly after boarding, "each of us was given a sack containing 8 grenades, one AK47 rifle, 200 cartridges, two magazines and one cell phone for communication," he said.

The Al-Husaini's crew, he said, later hijacked an Indian vessel, killing all but one crew member who was temporarily kept alive and held at gunpoint to guide them into Mumbai's coastal waters.

"When we were at some distance from the shore, Ismail and (another militant) killed the Indian seaman" before the group boarded a dinghy and came ashore "per the instructions received earlier."

Police said Saturday that Kasab, who's facing a criminal case in the attacks, has written to Pakistani officials to request legal help.

In a letter written Thursday, he asked for "legal aid" from the Pakistani consulate and requested a meeting with a consular representative, said Rakesh Maria, Mumbai's chief investigator.

The letter was forwarded to India's government to relay to Pakistani officials, but it was unclear whether it had been delivered, Maria said.

Pakistani officials were not immediately available for comment.

# Indian navy nabs 23 pirates in Gulf of Aden

By Jerusalem Marquez  
Associated Press writer

NEW DELHI — The Indian navy captured 23 pirates who threatened a merchant vessel in the lawless waters of the Gulf of Aden and a German naval helicopter thwarted another attack Saturday on a freighter being chased by speedboats off Yemen.

The successes came days before Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was to ask the United Nations to authorize "all necessary measures" against increasingly bold Somali pirates operating in one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

An Indian navy ship, the INS Mysore, was escorting merchant ships in waters off Somalia's coast Saturday when it received a distress call from seamen on board the MV Gibe, who said they were being fired on by two boats that were approaching fast.

The Mysore and its helicopter sped to the scene, and the pirate boats

attempted to escape when they saw them, according to a statement from the Indian government.

Indian marine commandos boarded the pirate boats and seized "a substantial cache of arms and equipment," including seven AK-47 assault rifles, three machine guns, a rocket-propelled grenade launcher and other weapons, the statement said. They also found a GPS receiver and other equipment.

The pirates were from Somalia and Yemen, "two countries on the coast of the Gulf of Aden. The Gibe was flying an Ethiopian flag but little else was known about it, the Indian statement said.

Last month, India's navy drew criticism for sinking a Thai fishing trawler that had been commandeered hours earlier by pirates. At least one Thai crew member was

killed in the attack, which the Indian navy had originally announced by saying it had sunk a pirate "mother ship." The Indian navy defended its actions, saying it had fired in self-defense.

Somali pirates have

become increasingly brazen and recently seized a Saudi super tanker loaded with \$100 million of crude oil. Many of the vessels are taken to pirate-controlled regions in Somalia, where they are held for ransom.



Italian adventurer Alex Bellini and his rowing boat in the background are seen Saturday shortly after reaching Newcastle, Australia.

# Rower rescued off Australia after 10-month journey

By Kristan Collins  
Associated Press writer

SYDNEY, Australia — An Italian adventurer who spent 10 months rowing more than 9,500 nautical miles across the Pacific was rescued a mere 65 nautical miles short of his goal — Australia — after rough weather sapped him of his final shreds of energy.

Alex Bellini, who began his voyage off Peru in February, contacted his wife Friday to say he was too exhausted to row his 25-foot boat any farther, despite being nearly in sight of the eastern Australian town of Laurieton.

Bellini's wife contacted authorities, and an Australian tug towed the 30-year-old to shore. They reached Newcastle, 100 miles north of Sydney, Saturday morning.

Although looking weary and thin and sporting a bushy beard, Bellini grinned and appeared in high spirits as he was reunited with his tearful wife, Francesca.

"I'm feeling good. I'm exhausted," Bellini told The Associated Press. "I need some time to relax."

A strong wind had hampered his efforts to get closer to shore for days. By Friday, he said, his energy was gone. "For the next few days, the weather would have been even worse," said Bellini, who has also rowed across the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. "It has been a grueling, grueling effort."

Bellini said the journey was not about breaking records; he is not the first person to row solo across the Pacific and is not yet sure whether his trip is the longest solo voyage, instead, he said, the goal was about testing his own limits.

"The reasons of my trip was double. First of all was to cross the Pacific," Bellini said. "But the other reason of my trip was making a trip inward, so it was discovering something of myself."

Bellini used a satellite phone to keep in contact with those on land and survived on dried food and desalinated ocean water. He also used a small cooker to fry up fish and to boil water for pasta. He found himself craving sweet foods — especially tamaris, and apple cake — and was looking forward to gorging on desserts.

"It made me crazy. I want all the sweets here in Sydney," he said with a laugh.

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# Musicians protest use of their songs by U.S. jailers

By Andrew O. Sekely  
Associated Press writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Blaring from a speaker behind a metal grate in his tiny cell in Iraq, the blistering rock from Nine Inch Nails hit Prisoner No. 200343 like a sonic bludgeon.

"Stains like the blood on your teeth," Trent Reznor spat over distorted guitars. "Bite, Chew."

The auditory assault went on for days, then weeks, then months at the U.S. military detention center in Iraq. Twenty hours a day, AC/DC, Queen, Pantera, the prisoner military contractor Donald Vance of Chicago, told The Associated Press he was soon suicidal.

The tactic has been common in the U.S. war on terror, with forces systematically using loud music on hundreds of detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay. Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, then the U.S. military commander in Iraq, authorized it on Sept. 14, 2003, "to create fear, disorient and prolong capture shock."

Now the detainees aren't the only ones complaining. Musicians are banding together to demand the U.S. military stop using their songs as weapons.

A campaign launched Wednesday has brought together groups including Massive Attack and musicians such as Tom Morello, who played with Rage Against the Machine and Audioslave and is now on a solo tour. It will feature minutes of silence during concerts and festivals, said Chloe Davies of the British law group Reprise, which represents dozens of Guantanamo Bay detainees and is organizing the campaign.

At least Vance, who says he was jailed for reporting illegal arms sales, was used to rock music. For many detainees who grew up in Afghanistan — where music was prohibited under Taliban rule — interrogations by U.S. forces marked their first exposure to the pounding rhythms, played at top volume.

The experience was overwhelming for many. Binyam Mohamed, now a prisoner at Guantanamo Bay, said men held with him at the CIA's "Dark Prison" in Afghanistan wound up screaming and smashing their heads against walls, unable to endure more.

"There was loud music, (Eminem's) 'Slim Shady' and Dr. Dre for 20 days, I heard this nonstop over and over," he told his lawyer, Clive Stafford Smith. "The CIA worked on people, including me, day and night for the months before I left. Plenty lost their minds."

Rear Adm. David Thomas, the commander of Guantanamo's detention center, said the music treatment is not currently used at Guantanamo, but added that he could not rule



AP file photo  
Tom Morello performs March 13 at the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas. Morello, who played with Rage Against the Machine and Audioslave, is part of a campaign by musicians who demand that the U.S. military stop using their songs as weapons.

out its use in the future. "I couldn't speculate and I wouldn't speculate but I can tell you it doesn't happen here at Guantanamo and it hasn't happened since I've been here," Thomas, who has been at Guantanamo for a half-year, told AP.

The spokeswoman for Guantanamo's detention center, Navy Cmdr. Pauline Sturm, wouldn't give details of when and how music has been used at the prison.

FBI agents stationed at Guantanamo Bay reported numerous instances in which music was blasted at detainees, saying they were "told such tactics were common there."

According to an FBI memo, one interrogator at Guantanamo Bay bragged he needed only four days to "break" someone by alternating 16 hours of music and lights with four hours of silence and darkness.

Ruhul Ahmed, a Briton who was captured in Afghanistan, describes excruciating sessions at Guantanamo Bay. He said his hands were shackled to his feet, which were shackled to the floor, forcing him into a painful squat for periods of up to two days.

"You're in agony," Ahmed, who was released without charge in 2004, told Reprise. He said the agony was compounded when music was introduced, because "before you could actually concentrate on something else, try to make yourself focus on some other things in your life that you did before and take that pain away."

"It makes you feel like you are going mad," he said.

Not all of the music is hard rock. Christopher Cerr, who wrote music for "Sesame Street," said he was horrified to learn songs from the children's TV show were used in interrogations.

"I wouldn't want my music to be a party to that," he told AP.

Bob Singleton, whose song "I Love You" is beloved by legions of preschool Barney fans, wrote in a newspaper opinion column that any music can become unbearable if played loudly for long stretches.

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— Former prisoner Donald Vance, a military contractor from Chicago

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## Canyon Ridge HS may shell out more than \$9K for first-year coaches

# The COST of coaching

By Bradley Quire  
Times-News writer

Twin Falls School District is getting ready to double up when it comes to paying for coaches.

Canyon Ridge High School is scheduled to offer the same athletic programs and number of coaching positions as Twin Falls High when it opens in 2009.

"When we went to the public with this plan, we told them that we would provide the same activities — band, choir, drama, debate and sports — as (Twin Falls) High School," Canyon Ridge High Principal Brady Dickinson said.

That means the district will offer 56 paid varsity, junior varsity and freshman team coaching positions across 17 teams that play sports sanctioned by the Idaho High School Activities Association. Those 56 positions don't include staff for the sanctioned non-athletic activities like debate, or sports not sanctioned by the state.

Considering that there will be few new teaching positions open at the new high school, many of the new coaching positions will likely be filled by community members. Coaches don't have to be employed with the school district as a teacher, but they must be certified to coach by IHSAA standards. They may also coach more than one sport during the school year and

### Cash for coaches

When Canyon Ridge High School opens next fall, the Twin Falls School District will offer the same athletic programs as Twin Falls High School, meaning a full coaching roster must be filled. Here's a breakdown of what the district will pay first-year varsity head coaches under the current contract.

Varsity coaches	First-year pay
Football	\$4,724
Cross country	\$2,668
Soccer (boys and girls)	\$2,668
Volleyball	\$4,184
Basketball (boys and girls)	\$4,224
Wrestling	\$3,857
Baseball	\$3,557
Softball	\$3,557
Track	\$3,557
Tennis	\$2,668
Golf	\$2,668

earn the money for multiple positions.

The minimum the school district could spend on Riverhawks coaching contracts per year — based on the 2008-09 extra duty index — is \$138,832.

So far, the voter-approved \$49.7 million bond has funded the creation of Canyon Ridge, but the money for a coaching staff will come from the general fund, which is used to pay for all classified, non-teaching positions within the school district. These supplemental contracts are negotiated every year.

"It's uniquely different. Please see **COST**, Page D2

### Paying their dues

In addition to annual coaching salaries, Canyon Ridge will have to pony up annual dues to District IV and the Idaho High School Activities Association in 2009. Each school owes a base amount plus a fee for each of the 14 sanctioned sports (football, volleyball, girls soccer, boys soccer, cross country, boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, girls track, boys track, golf and tennis). According to Principal Brady Dickinson, gate receipts from school activities help cover these expenses.

Pay to the order of ...

	Base	Per activity	Other fees	Total
District IV	\$500	\$15	none	\$710
IHSAA	\$250	\$25	\$1,386*	\$1,986
<b>Grand total</b>				<b>\$2,696</b>

\* Schools pay this amount for catastrophic insurance for players.  
Sources: Rod Malone, District IV Board of Control  
President: Ty Jones, IHSAA board member from District IV;  
IHSAA Rules & Regulations Manual

## The 'Powers' that be

### Broncos' senior safety steps up

**BOISE** — When I was a senior at Twin Falls High School, my defensive line coach, Dave Stotten, said to me, "You're a senior now. It's time for you to step up."  
It wasn't a real deep order. It didn't reach into anything philosophical, but it sticks with me still. The logic is firm. When the time to commit to greatness meets the now, men must step it up.

One senior on the Boise State football squad heard a similar call as he prepared for the current campaign. For Ellis Powers, the only option was to answer it.

In his first four years at BSU, Powers made 68 tackles. He redshirted in 2004, played scarcely in nickel and dime packages as a freshman, made 12 tackles as a sophomore on special



DUSTIN LAPRAY

teams, then made a name for himself on the kickoff team in 2007, earning Special Teams Player of the Year at BSU.

As a senior, Powers backed up the 5-10, 200-pounder became a starting safety. He made the All-Oregon Athletic Conference First Team, surprising even himself.

"It just lets me know that anything is possible," Powers said. "I would have never thought that the way my career here at Boise State had been going, that I would be a starter and All-WAC and that stuff. It just shows that if you work hard, stay focused on the task at hand, you can make

Please see **POWERS**, Page D5

## Bradford's biggest score: the Heisman Trophy

By Ralph D. Passo  
Associated Press writer

**NEW YORK** — Sam Bradford's biggest score: the Heisman Trophy.  
Oklahoma's amazingly accurate and quick-thinking quarterback won the Heisman on Saturday night after guiding the highest-scoring team in major college football history to the national championship game.

A year after Tim Tebow became the first sophomore to win the Heisman, Bradford became the second and kept the Florida quarterback from joining Archie Griffin as the only two-time winners.

Bradford, who leads the nation in touchdown passes with 48, received 1,726 points. Texas quarterback Colt McCoy was second with 1,604 and Tebow — who received the most first-place votes — was third with 1,575 points.

"I was definitely surprised and I think it's everything I



Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford holds the Heisman Trophy after he was presented the award at a ceremony Saturday in New York.

imagined," said Bradford, who raised the 25-pound bronze statue with his left hand still in a cast from a recent surgery. "I think it will

Please see **HEISMAN**, Page D5

## CSI men earn huge road win over Seward

Times-News

The boys are becoming men.

Led by a gusty second-half appearance from sophomore forward Daequon

Montreal, the College of

Southern Idaho men's basket-

ball team

fought its way to an

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At Seward County CC,  
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Seward County CC 79

battled their butts off."

Jay Watkins scored 22

points and grabbed 10

rebounds. Jamelle

Barrett had 18 points and

six boards. Montreal made

the most of his 15 second-

half minutes, finishing with

11 points and eight

rebounds. Louis Garnett had

11 points and four assists.

Montreal sat out Friday's

win over Dodge City (Kan.)

CC with a bruised Achilles'

heel and wasn't expected to

play Saturday. But with CSI

struggling with matchup

problems against Seward

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# San Francisco takes down Boise State

BOISE — Dior Lowhorn scored 20 points and Kwame Vaughn had 18 to lead San Francisco to a 79-76 victory over Boise State on Saturday night, the Dons' first ever victory in Boise.

Lowhorn led the way in the early going with 14 points in a first half dominated by the Dons (7-4).

But Vaughn and fellow freshman Angelo Calaiaro made the difference in crunch time. Vaughn scored five points in the final 1:12, including a nifty layup down the lane and the ensuing free throw to put the Dons up 73-71.

After a Boise State (6-3) miss, Calaiaro drove the baseline and sank a 15-foot put on San Francisco up 75-71 with 29 seconds to go. Vaughn followed with two free throws with 12 seconds left and the Dons held on for their first win against Boise State since January 2000.

The Broncos had plenty of chances to win the game. Anthony Thomas had six of

his 12 points in the final four minutes as he drove down the lane in traffic.

But the Broncos missed a pair of scoring opportunities in the final minute and the Dons hit all five free throws down the stretch.

San Francisco shot 51.9 percent from the field and hit 65 percent of 3-point attempts.

The Dons, just two games into a five-game road swing before conference play opens next month, got 10 points apiece from Blake Wallace and Dontae Bryant.

Mark Sanchez led the Broncos with 15 points, while Paul Noonan and Aaron Garner each added 10 points.

The Broncos, who have now lost two straight, shot 54.4 percent from the field and made 45.5 percent from behind the 3-point stripe, but hit just 44.4 percent of their free throws.

San Francisco got off to a quick start, thanks to Lowhorn, who had 10 of his team's first 20 points. The

Broncos grabbed the lead midway through the half when Jamar Greene nailed a 3-pointer to put Boise State up 22-20 at 9:33. But the Bronco lead was short lived.

Lowhorn put the Dons back in front four minutes later with a short pull-up jumper, and Vaughn followed with a 3-pointer that stretched the lead to 32-27. San Francisco closed out the final six minutes of the first half with an 18-8 run and a 42-35 lead at the break.

### BYU 91, PORTLAND 76

PROVO Utah — All five BYU starters scored in double figures, led by Jonathan "Thunder" 27 points as BYU beat Portland 91-76 Saturday night.

Jimmer Fredette added 17 points for the Cougars (10-0), while Lee Cummarad scored 12 and grabbed eight rebounds. Chris Miller and Jackson Emery clipped in with 10 points.

Nik Raiwo's 18 points led four players in double figures for the 5-3 Pilots.

BYU now prepares for a Dec. 20 matchup against No. 20 Arizona State in Glendale, Ariz.

### UTAH VALLEY 55, UTAH VALLEY ST 50

OREM, Utah — Gary Wilkinson scored a game-high 29 points as Utah State cruised to a 69-50 victory over Utah Valley on Saturday night.

Wilkinson's teammate in the post, Tim Wesley, closed in with 11 points and eight rebounds as the Aggie front-court dominated, the Wolverines in the win.

Utah State (6-1) ran away in the second half after using a 13-4 run to close out the first period of play with a 34-18 advantage.

Ryan Toolson led the way for Utah Valley (5-4) by scoring 25 points. Josh Olsen added seven points to go along with five assists.

The Aggie's Tyler Newbold also scored in double figures with 10 points and five rebounds.

—The Associated Press



San Francisco freshman Chris O'Brien (5) gets his arms over the shot of Boise State's La'Shaad Anderson (24) during the first half Saturday in Boise.

# Christmas miracle: Temple stuns No. 8 Vols

PHILADELPHIA — Temple's Dionte Christmas scored a season-high 35 points and hit three straight 3-pointers during a game-changing stretch as Temple shocked No. 8 Tennessee 88-72 on Saturday afternoon.

Temple students dressed in Santa Claus hats and held signs that read "Merry Christmas" to cheer on the Owls' best players. The game drew the court in a wild celebration for coach Fran Dunphy's biggest win in three seasons.

Christmas hit six of his seven 3-pointers for the Owls (5-3) in the second half.



Temple's Dionte Christmas puts up a finger after scoring against No. 8 Tennessee during Saturday's game in Philadelphia.

### NO. 1 NORTH CAROLINA 100, ORAL ROBERTS 84

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Tyler Hansbrough had 26 points and nine rebounds to help top-ranked North Carolina beat Oral Roberts.

Deon Thompson added 22 points for the Tar Heels (9-0), who had no timeouts during the game's 10-day exam break. North Carolina shot 59 percent to take a 20-point halftime lead and was never seriously threatened in another lopsided victory to start the season.

### NO. 3 PITTSBURGH 91, UMBIG 56

PITTSBURGH — Sam Young had 19 points and No. 3 Pittsburgh improved to 10-0 for the sixth consecutive season.

Gilbert Brown and Ashton Gibbs added 13 points each and DeJuan Blair had 12 points and eight rebounds for the Panthers, who had a season-high in points.

### NO. 5 OKLAHOMA 70, UTAH 52

NORMAN, Okla. — Austin Johnson scored 14 points and Oklahoma overcame Blake Griffin's early foul trouble.

Griffin, who sat much of the first half after picking up two quick fouls, finished with a season-low 11 points and 11 rebounds for Oklahoma (10-0), which matched its best start since 2003-04. The Sooners have won 68 of their last 70 home nonconference games.

### NO. 6 TEXAS 81, TEXAS ST 73

AUSTIN, Texas — A.J. Abrams scored 30 points, giving Texas the cushion it needed down the stretch.

Dexter Pittman scored a career-high 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Longhorns (8-1), who trailed midway through the second half.

### NO. 9 LOUISVILLE 94, AUSTIN PEAY 75

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Presron Knowles scored a career-high 21 points, including 12 during Louisville's decisive run in the second half.

### NO. 10 XAVIER 76, CINCINNATI 66

CINCINNATI — Derrick Brown had 20 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out on a technical Saturday, and No. 10 Xavier remained unbeaten with the roughest one of them all, a victory that featured six technicals.

### NO. 12 NOTRE DAME 74, BOSTON U 67

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Luke Harangody had 23 points and 15 rebounds and No. 12 Notre Dame finished with a 10-1 run to extend its home winning streak to 41 games.

### NO. 13 SYRACUSE 79, LONG BEACH ST 55

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Aramis Anaku had 17 points and Eric Devendorf added 13 points and five assists for Syracuse.

The Orange (9-0) were coming off a 10-day layoff, and it showed in the first half as they shot 40.6 percent and Jonny Flynn and Paul Harris, the team's leading scorers, combined for three points. Flynn was 0-for-5 from the field and Harris 0-for-3.

### NO. 14 PURDUE 76, INDIANA ST 62

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Robbie Hummel scored 20 of his career-high 25 points in the second half for Purdue. Hummel had eight rebounds and was 3-of-6 from 3-point range. He was 2-for-7 from the field in the first half, but went 5-for-6 in the second.

### NO. 16 UCLA 72, DEPAUL 54

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Josh Shipp and Irué Holiday scored 14 points each and No. 16 UCLA routed DePaul in the John R. Wooden Classic doubleheader Saturday, giving coach Ben Howland his 300th career victory.

Darren Collison added 10 points and five assists and Nikola Dragovic had 10 points for the Bruins (6-2).

### NO. 18 MICHIGAN ST 118, ALCONI ST 60

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Chris Allen had 20 points and Kalin Luczak added 16 to lead Michigan State.

The Spartans (6-2) shot 58.7 percent from the field and threatened the

school record of 121 points, set against Morehead State on Dec. 1, 1992.

### NO. 19 GEORGETOWN 79, NO. 17 MEMPHIS 70, OT

WASHINGTON — Dajuan Summers had 21 points and seven rebounds, Austin Freeman scored 18 points, and Chris Wright had 14 for Georgetown, who outscored Memphis 13-4 in the extra period.

### NO. 21 OHIO ST 54, BUTLER 51

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Evan Turner scored 14 points, including the go-ahead basket, to lead Ohio State in the matchup of unbeatens.

The Buckeyes (6-0), coming off road wins against ranked Miami and Notre Dame, built a 13-point lead early in the second half, then missed seven of their next eight shots. They had just one field goal in the final 12 minutes.

### NO. 22 BAYLOR 90, PRAIRIE VIEW 63

WACO, Texas — Henry Dugat scored eight consecutive points in just over a minute midway through the first half and Baylor won its first home game in three weeks.

DeJuan (8-1) made only three of their first 16 shots and trailed by seven points before Dugat's 3-pointer with 10:36 left in the first half started his 63-second outburst.

### NO. 23 DAVIDSON 100, CHATTANOOGA 95

DAVIDSON, N.C. — Stephen Curry scored 41 points and No. 23 Davidson held off Chattanooga in the Southern Conference opener for both teams on Saturday night.

Will Archambault added 20 points, Brendan McKillop 12 and Andrew Lovelace pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds for the Wildcats (8-1-0 Southern), who overcame 37.1 percent shooting in the first half to win their sixth consecutive game.

### NO. 24 MARQUETTE 68, IPFW 50

MILWAUKEE — Lazar Hayward scored 19 points and Joel Mickett had 16, including eight in a decisive 12-5 run just after halftime, for the Golden Eagles (8-1).

IPFW kept Marquette's potent offense bottled up for most of the first half, and trailed by 13 at halftime. But McNeal scored eight points in the first 5 minutes of the second half to put the game away.

### MASSACHUSETTS 61, NO. 25 KANSAS 60

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ricky Harris had 18 points, Chris Lowe added 12 and Massachusetts used a stung defense to hold off Kansas.

UMass has had trouble pulling out close games this season, with four of its six losses by seven points or less. The Minutemen built a 14-point lead in the first half, let Kansas back in it, but held on this time to end the Jayhawks' 30-game home winning streak.

—The Associated Press

# Without Howard, Magic beat Jazz in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY — Rashard Lewis scored 27 points, and the Orlando Magic beat the Utah Jazz 103-94 on Saturday night despite playing without injured center Dwight Howard for the first time.

Howard missed the first game of his career because of a left knee injury sustained in Friday's loss at Phoenix. He had played in all 351 games since being drafted No. 1 overall in 2004.

Orlando (18-6) also got 23 points from Hedo Turkoglu to improve to 9-3 on the road this season.

Andri Kirilenko and Deron Williams each scored 17 points for Utah, which committed 22 turnovers, its second-highest total of the season.

### PISTONS 90, BOCATS 86

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Allen Iverson scored 20 points, Rashad Wallace hit a 3-pointer with 10.4 seconds left to avoid an embarrassing collapse, and Detroit held off new-look Charlotte.

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Williams hit the clinching free throws, and the Atlanta Hawks snapped the Cleveland Cavaliers' 11-game winning streak.

### 76ERS 104, WIZARDS 89

PHILADELPHIA — Elton Brand scored a season-high 27 points, leading Philadelphia over struggling Washington in Tony Dileo's coaching debut.

Lou Williams added 15 points, Thaddeus Young and Andre Iguodala each had 14, and Willie Green scored 13 for the Sixers, who strangled a three-game losing streak and improved to 10-14.

### MAVERICKS 103, THUNDER 99

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 46 points, Jason Terry added 28 and the Dallas Mavericks won of the 11th time in 13 games.

Oklahoma City (2-22) has the worst record in the NBA and dropped its sixth straight despite leading most of the game.

### BULLS 113, NETS 104

CHICAGO — Ben Gordon scored 29 points and Derrick Rose had nine of his 22 in the fourth quarter.

One night after going 0-for-13 against Toronto in the night shooting performance of the 11th time in 13 games.

Bounced back with 39 points on 11-for-22 from the field.

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Orlando Magic guard Lamar Nelson (14) drives to the basket against Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams (8) during the first quarter of the NBA basketball game Saturday in Salt Lake City.

# 76ers fire coach Cheeks

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Miles Cheeks was fired Saturday as coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, who are slumping at 9-14 a year after making the playoffs. Assistant general manager Tony Dileo was appointed coach for the rest of the season. The dismissal came 10 hours before the 76ers were to play at home, with Dileo making his coaching debut against Washington. Team president Ed Stefanski said he met with Cheeks, describing the former 76er star as a "gentle-

man throughout" and a "fit." Cheeks was one of more the popular players in 76ers history and was starting his fourth season as coach. Stefanski had given Cheeks two contract extensions in the past. In the first half of his tenure, Cheeks was enough to get him fired. Cheeks became the fifth NBA coach fired this season following F.J. Carlesimo (Oklahoma City), Eddie Jordan (Washington), Sam Mitchell (Atlanta) and Randy Wittman (Minnesota).

# CSI

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Country's small lineup. Gosar turned to his preseason All-American. "I looked at him and asked him if he could go and he said, 'Give me a chance, Coach.'" Still looked in his eyes and I knew he was going to go in and fight his butt off for us." CSI (10-2) trailed 55-48 with about 13 minutes remaining but an 8-0 spurt, capped by a 3-point play by Montreal, put the Golden Eagles in front at 56-55. The

game went back and forth for a few minutes until Barrett hit consecutive free throws for a 67-63 edge. From there, Montreal and Watkins helped CSI build 77-67 edge before the Saints made a furious late rally. "Lazar Hayward scored 19 points and Joel Mickett had 16, including eight in a decisive 12-5 run just after halftime, for the Golden Eagles (8-1). IPFW kept Marquette's potent offense bottled up for most of the first half, and trailed by 13 at halftime. But McNeal scored eight points in the first 5 minutes of the second half to put the game away. Massachusetts used a stung defense to hold off Kansas. UMass has had trouble pulling out close games this season, with four of its six losses by seven points or less. The Minutemen built a 14-point lead in the first half, let Kansas back in it, but held on this time to end the Jayhawks' 30-game home winning streak. —The Associated Press

### hit two free throws to seal the win.

"I thought down the stretch our guys just got stops and played so hard," said Gosar, who called the win their "most complete game of the year."

Seward County (13-1) was led by Agard's 24 points and six boards, while both Marcus James and Antonio Smith scored 15. Thiljin Moses chipped in 14.

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### in taking the win.

"I saw our guys come together," said Gosar. "I see them growing up. This is exactly what we wanted out of this road trip."

### No. 18 CSI 84, No. 25 Seward County 79

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# First black player in ACC paved way for equality

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Darryl Hill's love of football came with a price: abuse, hatred and death threats.

Such was the cost for breaking the racial barrier in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1963. It is still only now — the prejudice still clear in his mind — that Hill realizes the importance of his sacrifices.

"People tell me some of the things I did may have been an element in equality for African-Americans," he said. "They say I created an equal playing field for college athletics."

Barack Obama would argue that Hill's courage transcended college sports. The President-elect recently sent Hill a personal letter, thanking him for being a "pioneer in the long struggle" to combat prejudice in this country.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would see an African-American as president. Not in my lifetime," said the 65-year-old Hill. "Maybe I had something to do with that."

Hill's struggle at Maryland is a significant chapter in the HBO documentary "Breaking the Huddle," which tells the story of college football's integration in the South. It is scheduled to debut Tuesday.

"We have to realize where we came from to realize where we are in 2008," said Ross Greenburg, executive producer and president of HBO Sports. "When we started this project, we had no way of knowing America would elect an African-

American to be president. That makes this program even more striking."

The United States was vastly different 45 years ago when Lee Corso, then coach of the Maryland freshman team, asked Hill to play football for the Terrapins.

"I said, 'Lee, you must have forgotten what conference you play in,'" Hill recalled. "Corso said, 'Well, that's the point.'"

Hill was the only black player at his high school, and was the first African-American player at Navy before he left the academy after his freshman year upon deciding he didn't want to serve in the military.

"I was a running back, and wanted to transfer to schools with a great running back tradition like Syracuse, Ohio State or Penn State," Hill recalled. "But others in the black community encouraged me to go to Maryland, and I came to the realization that I was probably the right guy. I had played at all-white schools, and I had a temperament like Jackie Robinson (who broke baseball's color barrier in 1947). I wasn't going to let it bother me."

Hill had no idea what he was getting into.

He spent his first year at Maryland playing for the scout team, having been refused to sit out a season because of NCAA transfer rules.

"He had to prove himself every day," said Jerry Fishman, then a running back for Maryland. "On the

scout team, he was meant for the lions."

Fishman, the only Jewish player on the team, was also subjected to prejudice at the school. From that common bond, Hill and Fishman became friends and roommates.

Fishman remembers a game at South Carolina when fans pelted the Terrapins with drinks and whiskey bottles at halftime. During a game at Wake Forest, Hill was knocked unconscious by what Fishman called a "blindsight hit that came so late we were already huddling up for the next play."

Hill lay on the sideline next to two men in charge of an oxygen tank. They refused to place the mask to his face. Fishman grabbed it from their hands and did it himself.

"It was a crazy time," Fishman said.

In his first game at Clemson, Hill realized all the black fans had to watch the game on a dirt mound outside the stadium. His mother was refused entry to the stadium, although she eventually was escorted by school president Robert Edwards, who seated her in the presidential box.

"That was one of the times I was angry about the whole scenario," Hill said. "So I pulled up my britches and said, 'I'm going to show them.'"

He set an ACC record with 10 catches.

Hill was one of only a handful of black students among Maryland's 30,000 undergraduates.



Boise State defensive back Ellis Powers (18) leaps over a pile of players after intercepting a pass Nov. 28 against Fresno State in Boise.

## Powers

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it happen."

Powers made more tackles in this season than his previous four combined. His 71 tackles (49 unassisted) were second on the team. He tallied eight tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks. He forced one fumble and recovered two more, returning both for touchdowns.

The change from the Powers of yesteryear to the one who'll wear No. 18 in the Dec. 23 Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego is unseen by the man himself.

"A lot of the coaches say they've seen a change in me," Powers said. "I don't know if it's me maturing or working hard or what it is, but they say they've seen a change in me. I don't see it, myself."

You'd think he'd have a lot to prove. But for Powers, it's about making good on his promises to his fellows on the field.

"It's not about making statements," Powers said. "It's about going out there and not letting my teammates down. I set the tone. I show them what I can do. Going out there and not performing to my ability would be a letdown to my team. It wouldn't only frustrate me, because I know what I can do."

As the Broncos' season progressed, it became evident that they could not play their traditional 4-3 defense

to stop some of the spread offenses on their schedule. The team had to play a nickel defense.

Most teams in that situation would bring in another cornerback, but the Broncos staff had enough faith in Powers, Jeron Johnson and George Iloka, that they played three safeties. Powers' hitting prowess and tackling skills allow him to play the undermoleh safety, a strong safety in the box, playing a dual role as a hybrid line-backer. Without his multiple skills on defense, BSU would not have been able to run the scheme to the stifling perfection it did.

The senior graduates next week with a bachelor's degree in communications. He plans on a career in sports broadcasting. He only needed math and biology to graduate and he only took two classes this fall.

The light schedule allowed him to focus more on football and life outside the classroom.

"I have a lot more free time than the guys taking five or six classes," Powers said. "I might have to lift weights and then spend a few hours with my daughter, come back and watch film and get ready for practice."

Those hours conditioning and watching film get lost in the summer wash, but Powers said it was those things that helped him get his current honors.

"I can't even break down

hours, 'cause you're always leaving and coming back in, lifting and conditioning, practicing," Powers said. "I give a crazy amount of time."

Counting five years worth of hours devoted to football would be like counting the fibers on the Broncos' blue turf.

There will be no more Blue for Powers. He's played his final game at Bronco Stadium.

"Boise has been my home for the last five years," Powers said. "I've met a lot of people and some great friends that I will never forget. We'll stay in contact forever. I'm just going to enjoy my last game as a Bronco, try to go out with a bang."

Powers wasn't an immediate hit in Boise. It took five years before he could be the player he is. It took hours of work and sweat. And now? Retrospect takes hold.

"Coming from nothing and being something, kind of," Powers said. "It makes it worth it. It was a struggle when I did it, but now ... you can't dwell on the past. You gotta go out and attack the task at hand, control the future and forget about the past."

Even he still doubts his talent. But it's readily evident to the rest of the team. Powers stepped up.

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# Richmond to head to FCS title game

## Spiders face Montana for championship



Richmond's Joe Stewart (82) celebrates after scoring the game-winning touchdown during the final seconds of the NCAA Division I FCS semifinal playoff game Saturday in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Richmond won 21-20.

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — Eric Ward threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Joe Stewart with 14 seconds left to give Richmond a 21-20 victory over Northern Iowa on Saturday, sending the Spiders to the Football Championship Subdivision title game.

Richmond (12-3) started the winning drive at its own 38 with 1:44 remaining and no timeouts left. Ward calmly passed the Spiders down the field and hit Stewart, his tight end, in the end zone to tie it at 20.

Andrew Howard kicked the extra point, and after Northern Iowa's final play went nowhere, the Spiders celebrated while the stunned Panthers looked on in silence.

Richmond reached the final for the first time and will play Montana in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Friday night. The 12 victories are a school record for the Spiders, who had been in the semifinals for only the second time.

Northern Iowa (12-3) was seeking its second title to the title game in four years.

Pat Grace's two third-quarter touchdown passes helped the Panthers build a 20-7 lead, but after stopping the Spiders on fourth-and-1 with 2:13 to play, they couldn't come up with another big stop in the final drive.

Ward also threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Grayson and scored on a 1-yard sneak that drew the Spiders to 20-14 with 1:16 left. He finished 28-of-35 for 280 yards with no interceptions.

Grace was 19-of-28 for 224 yards, including touch-

down passes of 4 yards to Ryan Mahaffey and 10 yards to Jarred Herring. But he overthrew Herring and Schuyler Oordt on what would have been sure touchdowns and dropped a throwback pass when he had four blockers and an open field in front of him.

**AUBURN TURNS TO FAMILIAR FACE**

AMES, Iowa — Auburn has hired Iowa State's Gene Chizik as its new football coach, turning to a former defensive coordinator who helped the Tigers force a perfect season but has won five games in two years as a head coach.

Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard said that Chizik told him Saturday he was accepting the job at Auburn.

"I'm disappointed for our Iowa State fan and student-athletes that he has chosen to leave our program after only two seasons," Pollard said in a statement. "I understand that it's a dream job for him, but the timing

and the way it played out has been hurtful and disappointing."

Chizik will succeed Tommy Tuberville, who resigned following 10 seasons with an 85-40 record.

**FCS SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP**  
GRAMBLING STATE 41, JACKSON STATE 9

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Greg Dillon threw for three touchdowns and rushed for another as Grambling State defeated Jackson State 41-9 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship game on Saturday.

Dillon was 12-of-17 passing for 137 yards and one interception.

The Grambling State quarterback connected with Klare Thompson for a 5-yard touchdown pass midway through the opening quarter, and then lofted a 39-yarder to Dante Check with 1:39 remaining. In the first to give his team a 13-0 lead that held up until halftime.

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**DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP**  
MINNESOTA-DULUTH 21, NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE 14

FLORENCE, Ala. — Ted Schlafe threw for two touchdowns to lead Minnesota-Duluth to its first NCAA Division II football championship Saturday with a 21-14 win over Northwest Missouri State.

The Bulldogs (15-0) had never won a Division II playoff football game before this season.

Northwest Missouri (13-2) lost in the championship game for the fourth consecutive season. The Wildcats turned over the ball four times and recovered four of its own fumbles.

— The Associated Press

## Heisman

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take a couple weeks to set in."

It was the closest vote between the top two since Nebraska's Eric Crouch edged Florida's Rex Grossman by 62 points in 2001. The only other time the margin between first and third was smaller was also '01, when Miami's Ken Dorsey — was 142 — points behind Crouch.

Bradford and the No. 2 Sooners (12-1) will face Tebow and the No. 1 Gators (12-1) on Jan. 8 in Miami, marking the second time Heisman winners will play against each other. The first was in the 2005 Orange Bowl, when '04 winner Matt Leinart and Southern California beat '03 winner Jason White and Oklahoma for the national title.

The Big 12 South was the epicenter of college football this season, with both the national championship race and Heisman case turning weekly on games played by its three powerhouse teams.

McCoys was the early Heisman front-runner after leading the Longhorns to the No. 1 ranking with a victory against Oklahoma in October. Texas Tech's Graham Harrell, who finished a distant fourth in Heisman voting, then moved to the forefront after he tossed a last-second, game-winning touchdown pass to beat Texas a month later.

But Bradford closed strongest, leading his team to a string of blowout victories, including one against Texas Tech, and a spot — even if it was somewhat controversial — in the BCS title game.

Bradford leads the nation in passer rating (186.3) and has thrown for 4,464 yards, directing the Sooners' fast-paced, no-huddle offense.

Oklahoma has already racked up 702 points to blow past the record of 656 set by Hawaii in 2006, and last week the Sooners became the first major college team in 89 years to score at least 60 in five straight games.



Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford passes the ball during the second quarter of an Oct. 25 game against Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan. Bradford was selected as the Heisman Trophy winner on Saturday.

"This is an individual award but I feel like I'm receiving it on behalf of my teammates," Bradford said. "I feel like our whole offense balls me out every game," Bradford said. "They make me look good."

Bradford is the fifth Oklahoma player to win the award, and second during coach Bob Stoops' 10 seasons with the Sooners. Bradford matched White by taking home college football's most famous bronze statue. Next he'd like to join Josh Heupel, his position coach and a Heisman runner-up, who quarterbacked OU to the 2000 national title.

"You were one of my heroes growing up," Bradford told Heupel, one of many former Heisman winners at the ceremony.

Bradford wasn't projected to be the Sooners' next star

quarterback coming out of high school in Oklahoma City. He arrived in Norman with little fanfare and not enough weight on his 6-foot-4 frame.

In his recruiting class, Rhet Bomar was the much-hyped, five-star recruit, but he eventually was kicked off the team because of NCAA violations.

Then out, losing Bomar wasn't that big a loss.

After redshirting in his freshman season, Bradford won the starting job last year and it took him little time to show that he had no plans of giving it up.

Bradford went on the set an NCAA record for TD passes by a freshman with 36. He completed 68 percent of his passes for 3,121 yards and led Oklahoma to an 11-3 season. And he was only warming up.

# Steelers-Ravens: a hot on the line today

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

The Baltimore Ravens are 9-4 and in excellent position for an AFC wild-card spot, a wonderful accomplishment for a team that finished 5-11 a year ago.

As they prepare for Sunday's AFC North showdown with Pittsburgh, they want more.

"We want to be division champs. We want to be champions. That's something that every team in the division definitely plays for," coach John Harbaugh says. "We're not backing down from the fact that this is the Steelers' stand between us and the division championship."

The Steelers (10-3) come to Baltimore needing a win to clinch the division title. That's because they've lost games 23 and 29 in Pittsburgh on Sept. 29 and would hold a two-game lead and the tiebreaker with two games to go.

But that's no given in what is almost sure to be a scrappy, physical game between two of the NFL's best defensive teams.

These are teams that don't like each other. Rookie running back Rashard Mendenhall, the Steelers' first-round draft pick, was knocked out for the year with a shoulder injury in the first meeting. Afterward, Baltimore's Terrell Suggs suggested on an Atlanta radio station there was a bounty on Mendenhall and one on wide receiver Hines Ward. Later, Suggs said, "I misspoke and I'm sorry for that."

Bounty or not, these are teams that play hard-nosed football.

"It's going to be a physical halcyon. It always is," Ward said this week. "If you don't come out of this game black and blue, then you didn't do nothing out on the field."

While Pittsburgh can clinch the division, a win by the Ravens puts them in contention. They also can clinch at least a wild-card playoff spot if they win and get a combination of other teams losing, most notably the Jets, Dolphins and Patriots in different combinations.

The game may turn on how well the banged-up Ben Roethlisberger plays; he holds a big edge in experience over Joe Flacco, the Ravens' remarkable rookie quarterback.

But he's not likely to get healthier. "I think a lot of guys are going to be limping out there on both sides," Roethlisberger said. "I'm just hoping we're able to get the scoreboard when we're limping."

Three divisions are locked up: the AFC South by Tennessee; the NFC East by the New York Giants; and the AFC West by Arizona. The Ravens can lock up the AFC West if they win at Carolina or San Diego losses at Kansas City.

Here's a look of some of this week's top games.

**NEW YORK GIANTS (11-2) AT DALLAS (8-5)**

A much more important game for the Cowboys, struggling for a playoff spot.

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## AFC North supremacy on the line

The NFL's top two defenses will be on the field Sunday when the Pittsburgh Steelers try to lock up back-to-back AFC North titles and a first-round bye in the playoffs. The Baltimore Ravens, who finished 5-11 a year ago, are in excellent position for a wild-card spot.

<b>Tampa Bay at Atlanta</b> (8-4) (8-5) Bucs can clinch at least a wild-card spot and a first-round bye by either the Cowboys or Eagles. Falcons are 5-11 at Georgia Dome, averaging 32.2 points.	<b>Pittsburgh at Baltimore</b> (10-3) (9-4) Game may turn on how well the AFC West with a win in 4-2 on the road. Panthers searching for home field advantage in the conference.	<b>Denver at Carolina</b> (8-5) (8-5) Denver, which can clinch the AFC West with a win in 4-2 on the road. Panthers searching for home field advantage in the conference.	<b>Washington at Cincinnati</b> (7-8) (11-11) Steelers' offense not good enough to win AFC West with a win in 4-2 on the road. Panthers searching for home field advantage in the conference.	<b>Tennessee at Houston</b> (12-1) (8-7) Tennessee has a first-round bye if they win. Texans win out, they can finish with their first-ever winning record.
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<b>Seattle at St. Louis</b> (8-5) (8-5) Seahs had two very straight NFC West titles injuries and other problems killed it this season. Rams rank 31st in NFL in scoring defense (31 ppg).	<b>Minnesota at Arizona</b> (8-5) (8-5) Cardinals have clinched the West and looking to improve playoff seeding. Vikings are unsure if QB Gus Frerotte will return from a back injury.	<b>New England and Cleveland</b> (9-10) (9-10) Patriots, who have a lead over the Jets and Dolphins, face what's likely a multi-win in a tight race in the AFC East. Raiders' struggles continue.	<b>N.Y. Giants at Dallas</b> (11-2) (8-5) A much more important game for the Cowboys, struggling for a playoff spot.	<b>Cleveland at Philadelphia</b> (4-9) (7-5-1) Eagles make a late season run early season; the one could get them in playoffs. Browns' Cronin is almost surely coaching his last three games for the Browns.

ing for a playoff spot, than for the Giants, who have clinched the NFC East and will probably have to beat Carolina next week to ensure home-field advantage in the conference. One sign the Giants are turning this season around is running back Brandon Jacobs might rest his sore knee. "We've got a nice playoff run that we need to make," he says. "I want to be healthy for that."

But that doesn't mean that New York won't play all out, especially after last week's loss at home to the Eagles. It has won a division the Cowboys were favored to take because Tom Coughlin has kept his team focused. "We're not going to let any of these guys have had trouble doing that with Dallas."

This week "Coach" Jones blamed last week's loss in Pittsburgh, where the Cowboys squandered a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter. "We're not going to let any of these guys have had trouble doing that with Dallas."

"I don't want to speak for Jerry, but I don't think you could win this game," Phillips said of Barber. "He's one of the toughest guys we have."

**AT BUFFALO (6-7)**  
**AT NEW YORK JETS (8-5)**  
**AT CAROLINA (8-5)**  
**AT OAKLAND (13-10)**  
**AT SAN FRANCISCO (5-8)**  
**AT MIAMI (8-5)**

The AFC East at a glance. If the Jets and Dolphins each win their next two games, Miami at Kansas City next week and New York at Seattle — they would meet in the final game at the Meadowlands with the division on the line. The Patriots finish at home to Arizona and then at Buffalo, which they've won seven of nine after a 4-0 start.

Two weeks ago, after the Jets beat the Titans, folks were sending them directly to the Super Bowl. Upset losses to Denver and San Francisco ended later, but Brett Favre remains optimistic. "I will be tough, obviously,"

especially the way we've played the last two weeks, but I expect us to make the playoffs," he says. "Why think any differently?"

Favre is one reason Miami has come back after being eliminated from the playoffs a year ago and finishing 1-15. When the jets traded for the 39-year-old ex-Packer, they released Chad Pennington, who has given the Dolphins the legitimate NFL quarterback and broke an 0-15 run of the decade since Dan Marino retired.

The 49ers might be troublesome. They are playing better under Mike Singletary with Shaun Hill at quarterback and broke an 0-15 run by West Coast teams in the eastern time zone by winning in Buffalo two weeks ago.

**DETROIT (9-13) AT TAMPA BAY (8-5)**  
It's looking increasingly likely the Lions will be the first team ever to finish 0-16. After the Colts, they play host to New Orleans, then finish at Green Bay.

That may explain in part the NFL's decision to center Dominic Raiola, who was fined \$7,500 by the team this week after making an obscene gesture toward heckling fans following last week's loss to Minnesota. "We're not going to let any of these guys have had trouble doing that with Dallas."

The Colts have known almost nothing but winning over the last two years, but here would give them their seventh straight season of 10-plus wins. And after starting 3-4, they have won six straight, so a victory here could clinch them a playoff spot at home. They are the Dolphins, Jets and Patriots lose.

**AT DENVER (8-5)**  
**AT CAROLINA (8-5)**  
**AT TAMPA BAY (8-5)**  
**AT MIAMI (8-5)**

The Panthers will control the NFC South with their impressive win over Tampa Bay last Monday night and

are now shooting higher — at home field advantage in the conference. That could leave them looking ahead to next week's game with the Giants at the Meadowlands,

which would be a misadventure. Denver, which can clinch the AFC West with a win, 4-2 on the road, with three consecutive wins.

Carolina hasn't officially clinched a playoff spot yet. It does that with a win and a tie with either the Cowboys or Patriots.

The Bucs could clinch a berth with a win if either Dallas or Philadelphia loses. But the surprising Falcons, who lost at Tampa in the second week of the season, would be in the thick of the race with a win against a Bucs defense that inexplicably gave up 299 yards rushing to the Panthers. They are 3-1 at the Georgia Dome and Michael Turner could have a big day running the ball if Tampa falters again.

**MINNESOTA (8-5) AT ARIZONA (8-5)**  
The Cardinals have clinched the NFC West and could rest folks if they want to. They almost surely won't have a first-round bye. But coach Ken Whisenand says he would like to move from the fourth seed in the NFC to the third, something a win here could accomplish.

Minnesota and Detroit are unsure if QB Gus Frerotte will return from a back injury, lead the NFC North. They also got some relief when a judge extended the stay on the suspension of Michael Vick. The Eagles' stellar defensive tackles, meaning they are cleared to play for at least two more weeks.

**PHILADELPHIA (4-9) AT PITTSBURGH (7-5-1)**  
The Eagles make a late-season run every year and this one could get them into the playoffs. Since Andy Reid pulled Donovan McNabb at halftime in what turned into a 17-10 win in Arizona, the Eagles have beaten two division winners in the AFC and the Giants, defeating New York 20-14 in the

Meadowlands as both McNabb and Brian Westbrook excelled.

Romeo Crennel is almost surely coaching his last three games for the Browns as Cleveland's coach.

**SAN DIEGO (5-8) AT KANSAS CITY (2-11)**  
The Chargers, who would be eliminated in any other division, can still win the AFC West if they win out and Denver loses out; they meet in the final week. But that's unlikely, so a team that many picked to go to the Super Bowl is playing only for pride.

The young Chiefs have scared some people — they almost beat Denver last week. But they're probably playing for 2010, when their young core will be mature.

**TENNESSEE (12-1) AT HOUSTON (6-7)**  
Although it seems a foregone conclusion, the Titans need a win and a tie with Pittsburgh to wrap up home-field advantage in the AFC this week. Then they can decide who to rest and when. Last season, they made the playoffs in the final week but lost to the Steelers team that rested starters.

Houston is a team that tends to make late runs, although the Texans always do it too late for anything but pride. Last season, the Texans finished 11-5 but the first two wins they won out. They can finish with their first winning record.

**SEATTLE (2-11) AT ST. LOUIS (2-11)**  
Seattle had won four straight NFC West titles until the Cardinals and Vikings killed it this season. The last time it didn't win, in 2003, the Rams did.

At least the Seahawks have been competitive in three-point losses to the Patriots and Oakland in the last three weeks. The Rams have scored the second-fewest points in the league (169) and allowed the second most (394).

# Burruss appears at NYC charity event

The Associated Press

Giants receiver Plaxico Burruss attended a charity fundraiser for the homeless at a New York City nightclub two weeks after accidentally shooting himself in the right thigh.

Burruss arrived at Kevin Powell's 8th Annual Holiday Party and Clothing Drive at the Madison nightclub around 8:45 p.m. on Friday with his wife, Tiffany, and son, Elijah.

The suspended Super Bowl hero refused to discuss the shooting at the Latin Quarter nightclub, a party that led to a criminal possession of a weapon charges and

Burruss is in suspension for the rest of the season and the playoffs for conduct detrimental to the team.

"I'm just here to support this event, it's a great event, and I thought it'd be a great chance to get my wife out, and my son out, and support such a great event where it helps kids, homeless kids," Burruss said in a transcript provided by WNBC-TV of New York City. "This is a wonderful thing for us to do, and we can lend a helping hand. I have a child, I have a son, I couldn't imagine him being in that situation, so this is why I brought him also."

Burruss talked about the event when asked if he was remorseful in the wake of the shooting or was thinking about his teammates.

Benjamin Braffman, Burruss' attorney, did not immediately return a telephone call for the Associated Press seeking comment on his client's appearance, which is believed to be his first since being arraigned on illegal gun possession charges on Dec. 1.

Burruss shot himself at the Clinton and W 42nd St. intersection, a shooting he accidentally pulled the trigger on the 40-caliber Glock that was in his pants after fumbling a drink.

Teammate Antonio Pierce took the 31-year-old who clinched the game-winning touchdown in the Super Bowl to New York's Presbyterian Crounse Hospital/West Cornell Medical Center for treatment. The hospital suspended the doctor who treated Burruss for failing to report the shooting to police.

Pierce also was questioned by police a week after the shooting for failing to report the incident.

# Greatest Game: Remembering the '58 NFL title game

NEW YORK (AP) — As Raymond Berry left Yankee Stadium on Dec. 28, 1958, the Baltimore Colts' 23-16 victory over the New York Giants for the NFL championship on Alan Ameche's 1-yard run 8 minutes and 15 seconds into the first-ever overtime. In the euphoria of the moment, Berry didn't have time to think of long-term ramifications.

Bell saw them immediately. Though he was to die the next October, the commissioner realized the boost that thrilling game could give a league he had tried to revive after the ill-fated American sports. So did Roone Arledge

and Lamar Hunt, two men who helped turn the NFL into the most popular sport in America.

Hunt was one of roughly 50 million Americans watching the game on NBC, a record number for a pro football game in those early days of television. He instantly grasped the potential for a sport with just 12 teams in 11 cities (Chicago had two). Two years later, he and a group of other millionaires founded the American Football League.

Arledge, then the 27-year-old producer of a puppet show on NBC, recognized football's television appeal as he moved up the network food chain. As president of Sports Illustrated later, he took on Pete Rozelle's "Monday Night Football"

project when the other networks had turned it down.

The players wanted to understand what they'd been a part of. "Most of us just wanted to get out of town after a long season," says Frank "Lefty" Jones, who won his stadium with the Giants into announcing jobs on, among other shows, "Monday Night Football."

"I lived in New York, so I just went back to my hotel. But my teammates were thinking about going back to their homes and jobs." Jobs? In those days, NFL salaries were relatively small and so were idle game slants. The Colts' average salary was just \$4,718, and each Giant \$3,111.33. So from January through July,

NFL players were car salesmen, accountants, gym teachers, businessmen.

"The Greatest Game" upped the ante. Now, as the 50th anniversary of the game approaches, it is being celebrated by the league, by two new books — one by Clifford — and even an ESPN film.

Greatest game? Watch a replay or scan the history. First series: Giants three-and-out. Second series: 3-6-C34 — Unita fumbles after hit by Huff on pass attempt and Patton recovers on the Colts 37. Third series: 2-11-C38 — Heinrich fumbles after hit by Patton and recovers for Colts on Col 37. Fourth series: Unita's pass

for Berry is intercepted. "Turnover led for the game: Giants 30-13."

Forget execution. Think excitement. And star power. The game featured 17 future Hall of Famers: 12 players, three coaches. Giants owner Bill Wirtz was the first son and successor, Wellington.

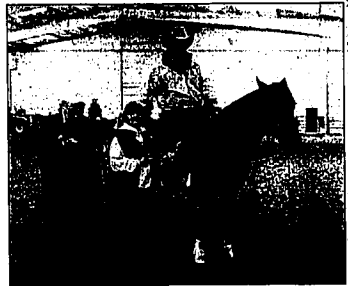
The game turned John Unita into one of America's best-known sports heroes. It was Unita who led the tying drive in regulation and the final touchdown drive in OT. Not only did Unita call all the Baltimore plays (quarterbacks mostly did in the those days), he went 26-of-40 for 361 yards. Twelve of those passes went to Berry, who gained 178 yards and a touchdown. The Giants coaching staff featured two future icons of the game: Vince Lombardi on

defense and Tom Landry on offense. The head coach, Jim Lee Howell, was a career All-Pro who turned almost all decisions over to the aides who would win Super Bowls in Green Bay and Dallas.

There was even a Hall of Famer whose game came during the game-winning drive: rookie kicker returner for the Giants, "I caught the opening kickoff, so I was the first one to touch the ball," he laughs.

Maynard played only one year with the Giants. But he, Unita and Wirtz were the coaches who coached the Colts, who also involved with the "second-greatest game ever played" — when the Joe Namath-led Jets, coached by Fwbank, upset the Colts in the 1968 Super Bowl. The Giants coaching staff featured two future icons of the game: Vince Lombardi on

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**GIRLS' SERIES:** Sarah Thompson 199, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 181, Alexis Breck 136.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Sarah Thompson 79, Alexis Breck 73, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 62.

**SUNSET SENIORS**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Charlie Hill 600, Ed Hanna 553, Don Huff 544, Ron Fugate 532.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Charlie Hill 235, Don Huff 216, Ed Hanna 201, Ron Fugate 189.

**LADIES SERIES:** Lois Tomlinson 517, Verna Kodesh 432, Dixie Schroeder 409, Elda Huff 377.

**LADIES GAMES:** Lois Tomlinson 194, Dixie Schroeder 153, Verna Kodesh 155, Carol Rutherford 141.

**MASON TROPHY**

**SERIES:** Carol Rutherford 469, Verna Kodesh 448, Dianne Davis 442, Annela Brandt 358.

**GAMES:** Carol Rutherford 177, Verna Kodesh 168, Dianne Davis 164, Annela Brandt 164.

**PINBUSTERS**

**SERIES:** Leo Taylor 630, Cortlin Runyan 626, Ron Romero 624, Dirk McCallister 618.

**GAMES:** Lance Pragnell 259, Dirk McCallister 257, Cortlin Runyan 247, Ron Romero 244.

**STATLITE**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Dirk McCallister 709, Drew Foster 620, Matt Olson 588, Jerry Foster 558.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Dirk McCallister 278, Drew Foster 244, Jerry Foster 221, Dustin McCallister 202.

**LADIES SERIES:** Mandi Olson 596, Jeanne Hicks 518, Diana Griffin 493, Teresa Boehm 478.

**LADIES GAMES:** Mandi Olson 216, Teresa Boehm 197, Jeanne Hicks 195, Diana Griffin 193.

**BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS SUN, EARLY MIXED**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Cobey Magee 675, Bob Leazer 561, Doug Strleck 539, Kelly Powers 527.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Cobey Magee 248, Kelly Powers 205, Shane Cook 198, Bob Leazer 197.

**LADIES SERIES:** Leanna Madge 527, Suzi Leon 250, Kim Leazer 469, Kim Harral 431.

**MON, MAJORS**

**BOYS' SERIES:** Joe Campbell 478.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Joe Campbell 179.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Kati Jo Moses 545, Erica Reeves 475, Stevie Reeves 414, Krista Hertel 351.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Kati Jo Moses 202, Erica Reeves 188, Stevie Reeves 142, Paige Mahor 134.

**MON, MIXED PILES**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Kevin Hamblin 698, John Bonnett 685, Rick Morrow 671, Dave Wilson 653.

**MEN'S GAMES:** John Bonnett 257, Rick Morrow 248, Dave Wilson 246, Kevin Hamblin 244.

**LADIES SERIES:** Ann Shepherd 578, Michele Seckel 559, Tiffany Maldonado 549, Kay Puschel 537.

**SOMETHING ELSE**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Jim Gyrofy 549, Bruce Thaeze 533, Dave Gyrofy 533, Rusty Biggs 499.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Jim Gyrofy 220, Rusty Biggs 200, Dave Gyrofy 196, Bruce Thaeze 187.

**LADIES SERIES:** Susan Kepner 507, Anita Nowak 470, Carolyn Biggs 437, Kay Cysdate 413.

**LADIES GAMES:** Anita Nowak 194, Sue Pruett 185, Carolyn Biggs 180, Susan Kepner 177.

**SUNSET**

**SERIES:** Julie Shull 579, Kristy Rodriguez 541, Shannon Kondracki 537, Mary Cooke 534.

**GAMES:** Julie Shull 221, Kristy Rodriguez 208, Mary Doerr 204, Shannon Kondracki 195.

**MEN'S SERIES:** Blaine Ross 611, Gary Custer 591, Tom Smith 584, Bill Boren 582.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Blaine Ross 251, Gary Custer 222, Tom Smith 219, Eddie Chappell 214.

**LADIES SERIES:** Doris Brown 525, Linda Vining 487, Bonnie Draper 485, Gloria Rudolph 481.

**LADIES GAMES:** Doris Brown 199, Nalban Duty 192, Bernie Smith 190, Bonnie Draper 182.

**C.S.I. FRIDAY**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Michael Simcoe 457, Cody Martin 397, Casey Hyde 390, Buck Roberts 383.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Michael Simcoe 171, Cody Martin 158, Casey Hyde 158, Buck Roberts 143.

**LADIES SERIES:** Ashley Hanson 357, Miguel Rosas 339, Kelsey Nebeker 327, Chelsey Bird 265.

**LADIES GAMES:** Ashley Hanson 139, Miguel Rosas 125, Kelsey Nebeker 119, Chelsey Bird 109.

**MOOSE**

**SERIES:** Bob Leazer 742, Chris MacFee 730, Jon Powlus 620, Bob Stafen 607.

**GAMES:** Bob Leazer 279, Kerry Klassen 267, Todd Fiscus 263, Chris MacFee 258.

**MOONSHINERS**

**SERIES:** Deanna Hill 549, Beth Mason 416, Debra White 415, Hilari Smith 407.

**GAMES:** Deanna Hill 205, Hilari Smith 153, Debra White 151, Beth Mason 146.

**PEEWEE & BUMPER**

**SERIES:** Griffin Magee 201, Steffi Leazer 186, Brendan Rife 182, April Roberts 174, Riley Magee 149.

**GAMES:** Brendan Rife 111, Griffin Magee 104, Steffi Leazer 95, April Roberts 91, Rayvn Barde 86.

**GIANTS**

**BOYS' SERIES:** Joe Campbell 541, Matt Thrall 446, Jayson Makay 445, Tom Upchurch 424.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Joe Campbell 200, Tom Upchurch 193, Matt Thrall 164, Jayson Makay 162.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Kati Jo Moses 456, Cheyenne Uker 373, Elyse Matlock 366, Marina Suarez 362.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Kati Jo Moses 171, Cheyenne Uker 160, Miranda Cortez 154, Brittney Stirling 149.

**MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN, ROLLETS**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Zach Black 646, Steve Hart 633, Rick Frederksen 620, RD Adema 595.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Rick Frederksen 257, Zach Black 235, Jiff Whitemore 233, Vance Mason 231.

**LADIES SERIES:** Margie Adema 606, Nicole Trump 545, Sylvie Inman 529, Vicki Klesig 517.

**LADIES GAMES:** Ida Countryman 220, Margie Adema 212, Nicole Trump 201, Sylvie Inman 197.

**COMMERCIAL**

**SERIES:** Ryan Worden 727, Tim Bowman 663, Matt Olson 628, Derrick Lingwag 622.

**GAMES:** Greg Hancock 254, Ryan Worden 248, Matt Olson 243, Leann Olson 243.

**MASON**

**SERIES:** Jean Stokesebery 527, Sheet Donaldson 520, Vi Coshaw 516, Virginia Mulkey 509.

**GAMES:** Sheet Donaldson 205, Kelly McClure 213, Polly Fivas 188, Vi Coshaw 187.

**PIONEER**

**SERIES:** Sunny McKevey 587, Branda Altin 568, Tom Champin 565, Julie Shull 545.

**GAMES:** Julie Shull 246, Barb Reynolds 241, Tom Champin 211, Branda Altin 211.

**VALLEY**

**SERIES:** Cobey Magee 765, Leon Klimes 757, Kent Stowe 741, Ron Dawson 654.

**GAMES:** Kent Stowe 279, Leon Klimes 277, Cobey Magee 275, Tom Dawson 275.

**EARLY FRI, MIXED**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Blayne Thompson 773, Jody Bryant 684, Tad Capurro 673, Joe McClure 656.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Blayne Thompson 279, Joe Lahtane 248, Tad Capurro 246, Jody Bryant 245, Chet Stone 245.

**SAT, YABA**

**BOYS' SERIES:** Kyle Mason 547, Dominic Curtis 515, Michael Jenkins 474, Kevin Walkley 462.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Kyle Mason 196, Michael Jenkins 192, Dominic Curtis 183, Anthony Brady 175.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Kaitlyn Simpson 574, Jessica Jenkins 512, Kaitlyn Simpson 498, Marissa Eggleston 493.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Kaitlyn Simpson 201, Jessica Jenkins 193, Marissa Eggleston 184, Kaitlyn Simpson 178.

**T.F. HIGH SCHOOL**

**BOYS' SERIES:** Anthony Vest 583, Paul Armendaraz 578.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Paul Armendaraz 217, Anthony Vest 204.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Kaitlyn Simpson 586, Jessica Jenkins 581, Jessica Jenkins 550, Marissa Eggleston 531.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Jessica Jenkins 226, Marissa Eggleston 212, Kaitlyn Simpson 192, Ryann Simpson 186.

**SHAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MONDAY MAJORS**

**SERIES:** Lori Kistie Johnson 501, Eunice Merrigan 404, Sharon Schaefer 393.

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# Baseball salaries should outrage, but don't

It may be strictly coincidental, but the season isn't making any less interesting. About the same time the New York Mets were spending millions on the closer they so desperately need this week, the owner of the team was facing possible losses of millions of his own as the victim of a fraud scheme even more audacious than the one baseball pulls on its fans.



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don't have enough teachers, but grown men who play a game for a living make more money in one day than some of us will in our entire lives? The greed on the other side is just as bad, if not worse. The Yankees and Mets scammed taxpayers to build their new stadiums when the old ones were perfectly serviceable just so they could sell more sites and raise ticket prices to unconscionable levels to afford their superstars. And while Los Angeles Dodgers president Jamie McCourt wondered aloud the other day whether teams should spend millions on hallplayers when they could use the money instead to build new fields for kids to play on, the cost of bringing the family to see a game at Dodger Stadium has gone up 57 percent since she and husband, Frank, bought the team five years ago.

No one but Fred Wilpon knows how much he lost by investing in the Mets. And MacLeod, and even he may not know the full hit in a scheme that may have taken investors for a mind-boggling \$50 billion. The Mets, though, were concerned enough to put out a statement saying it will not affect the day-to-day operations and long-term plans of the team.

Just what those plans are, it's hard to say. The grand scheme of the Mets for years has been simply to throw money at the latest big free agent and hope he produces enough to get them into the playoffs.

That's why Carlos Beltran got more than his market value in the \$10 million, 30 home runs a year. It's why the Mets outbid everybody by giving up a ton of talent to the Minnesota Twins and \$137.5 million to Johan Santana to land a premium pitcher.

In a way the Mets — much like their crosstown rivals in plinstripes — were funding a Ponzi scheme of their own, promising big payouts with the hope that fans keep investing in overpriced tickets to see them play. Those tickets will be even more expensive next season while the Mets collect their first \$20 million in naming rights for their new stadium from a bank that taxpayers are now bailing out.

Francisco Rodriguez was the latest beneficiary of the team's largesse, getting \$37 million guaranteed to do what no one seemed able to do last season — save games for the Mets. That's good money for a guy who works only every few nights or so, but it almost went unnoticed in the spending frenzy uncornced in Las Vegas by the other New York baseball team.

Even at a time when banks are collapsing and the amount spent in bailouts is unfathomable, what the Yankees did in the space of a few days is staggering. First came the biggest contract ever for a pitcher, \$161 million for CC Sabathia, followed soon after by \$82.5 million for A.J. Burnett.

One left-handed arm. One righty. Total cost \$243.5 million, or just a few billion short of a quarter-billion dollars.

In ordinary times we might simply shrug, declare that's the cost of doing business in baseball, and look at next season's schedule. If tickets might be available when Sabathia pitches. That's pretty much the way fans have reacted every year even as salaries rise to unimaginable levels.

But these aren't ordinary times. The nation's unemployment rate is headed toward double digits, those who still have jobs are worried they'll lose them, and one out of every 10 U.S. home owners are in danger of losing their payments or have a house in foreclosure.

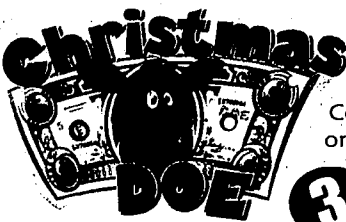
Yet Sabathia will make some \$700,000 every time he takes the mound just because he was born with a talented left arm. Burnett will get a half-million for each of his starts just because he can throw a fastball in the mid-90s.

Those kind of numbers are troubling when things are good, obscene when they're bad. Right now things are very bad, and we should be as outraged with the salaries as we are with the bank executives who gambled away billions like drunk sailors or the managers who ran the U.S. auto industry into the ground.

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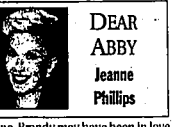
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# Young couple living together spends too much time apart

**DEAR ABBY:** My girlfriend, "Brandy," and I have been living together for about six months. Whenever she has a free time, she's out with her sister or one of her friends.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

"I am not a needy person, but I yearn for a little affection. Brandy quit her job, and I pay all the bills—I have been paying the bills for three months now, and it hurts me to the bone that she doesn't want to spend time with me. I see no reason why she wouldn't say thanks once in a while or show me some affection."

"I must admit that I messed up with her a while ago, before she moved in. When we first started living together, Brandy would sit on my lap while we watched TV and hold my hand every once in a while. But now she says the mess-up is the reason she's not affectionate with me. It almost sounds like an excuse. I am considering moving back home as I love her very much. I'd like to work this out, I don't know if to do because every time I think about breaking up, I break down and cry. Help me!"

one. Brandy may have been in love with you when you first began living together, but it appears the passion has cooled. While there is an ebb and flow to most relationships, the fact that Brandy prefers to spend her free time with others sends a strong message — especially when it is coupled with the fact that she no longer wants to be close or show affection.

You must ask yourself if this is the kind of relationship you want to be involved in for the long term. From my perspective, it appears to lack some important qualities. If you are serious about making a serious effort on Brandy's part, but if the romance is over, painful or not, you should face it and go home.

**— HURTING**  
IN CORONA, N.Y.

**DEAR HURTING:** Grab another hankie, because you may need

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother-in-law has a habit that initially family members thought was funny but now is making us anxious and concerned. When we eat in a

restaurant, she insists on having a tablecloth or placemat where she is seated.

If the restaurant is "family oriented," she will ask for napkins and create her own placemat before she is served her meal. If the restaurant is more formal, she will call ahead and inquire about a tablecloth. If they don't have linen tablecloths on each table she will request that they provide one for her.

She seems to be getting more obsessive and demanding about this "quirk" as time goes on. Should we be concerned?

**— ANXIOUS**  
IN TEXAS

**DEAR ANXIOUS:** Ask your mother-in-law why she seems to be concerned about this, and if her answer is that she is germ-phobic, ask her to explain why her concern is escalating. She may be concerned because you may not have been properly sanitized after a previous patron coughed, sneezed, etc., and that she'll pick up a virus.

Should you be concerned? Yes, if her behavior is becoming bizarre about other things, too. Any abrupt changes in your own or her behavior should be mentioned to her (if) his health care professional.

**IF DECEMBER 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** This is a good year to follow through on resolutions to exercise and make a new start or significant change in your life. You will have extra energy to burn and the ability to strike up acquaintances with a broad spectrum of people. Join a health club or spa or start a new health regime. You may find that your popularity seems as you begin to feel physically in shape. Lie low during July and September when your business ideas could fall flat or initiatives may fall. Although you will be riding on a wave of popularity, July is a month to keep the nose close to the grindstone and avoid taking on extra responsibilities. Life will settle down by October into less exciting and stressful but more predictable patterns.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Stick to the script. You may be tempted to ad-lib this week, but it is important to adhere to the plan physically in place so that you do not upset your special someone or others in close connection.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Sing holiday hymns, songs or carols with a special someone. There might be the sound of a false note early in the week, but the two of you are likely to get back into harmony with just a little extra practice.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** This

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

could be the very best time to flinch up last minute shopping. You may gather inspiration today that you can put to good use later in the week. Think about investing your pennies wisely.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Spread good cheer to all the contacts you make during the week ahead. In the true spirit of the season and in keeping with humanity's many beliefs, you will surely receive gifts in kind.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Add a touch of theatrics to make life more exciting. This week, you may be chosen to play the part of one of the wise men — or women. You may be called upon to help a friend make a crucial decision or achieve a viable compromise.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** There are dollar signs, not sugarplums, dancing in your head. Whether you are spending or earning you won't be satisfied with half measures. The last half of the week is ideal to make financial decisions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Huddle around the clock. Those with miles to go before they sleep must remain poised for surprises and a change in

plans. Expect to be the object of someone's tender attentions later this week.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Play close to home. Pleasant celestial conditions are centered on home base and romantic relationships this week. Current suspicions and attractions are unreal and likely to fade away quickly.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Focus on joint efforts this week. A financial arrangement or business deal can put an encouraging jingle in your sleigh ride as well as your heart. Someone may share your deepest passions.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Find many ways to be jolly in the week ahead. You might run into something, or someone, that pleases your interest and then spend the rest of the week trying to make it yours. Make sure it is worthwhile.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Relationships take precedence during the week ahead. You intuitively know what others want, giving you the knack for pleasing when it comes to filling stockings or choosing appropriate gifts.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Stay tuned in to your own reality show. It is possible that you are acting overly independent and refusing to acknowledge the needs and desires of someone this week. Concentrate on maintaining harmony.

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

- New York.
- In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner 2 approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.
- In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.
- In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.
- In 1995, Presidents Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia signed the Bosnian peace treaty in Paris.
- In 2006, South Korea's Ban Ki-moon was sworn in as the eighth

secretary-general of the United Nations.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton stood witness as hundreds of Palestinian leaders renounced a call for the destruction of Israel.

Five years ago: A weary, disheveled Saddam Hussein was displayed on television screens worldwide, a day after his capture by American troops. A car bombing outside an Iraqi police station near Baghdad killed at least 17 people.

Actress Jeanne Crain died in Santa Barbara, Calif., at age 78.

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6	9	2	6	7
3	5	1	6	4
9	6	5	2	1
7	6	6	2	1
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2	9	3	6	4

**HARD #97**  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E10.

**100 Lost and Found**  
FOUND Bichon or Cockerpoo south of Jerome. Very well trained. Call 543-4649 ask for Al or Patty at 208-420-2114.

**100 Lost and Found**  
FOUND Digital camera behind Barber Furniture behind the Christmase parade. Call to describe. 733-1421

**100 Professional Services**  
SANTA FOR HIRE Very reasonable. Call 734-5194 or 733-5193

**100 Lost and Found**  
FOUND Dog, medium-large male, black with white, part wirehair. 3 S W of Jerome. 324-8282 or 639-0818

**100 Personal**  
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 YOMARR  
 TANBOB  
 REESHY  
 MEEGRE

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Jumble Answers:

JUMBLE Answer: INFIRM ARMOY HERESY LEEWAY BOTANY EMERGE What some man can end up knitting - THEIR EYEBROWS

Sudoku Answers:

9 1 2 | 5 3 7 | 8 4 6 | 6 3 8 | 9 4 2 | 5 1 7 | 4 5 7 | 1 8 6 | 9 2 3 | 3 8 5 | 2 1 9 | 6 7 4 | 2 9 1 | 6 7 4 | 3 5 8 | 7 4 6 | 8 5 3 | 2 9 1 | 8 7 3 | 4 9 5 | 1 6 2 | 5 6 4 | 3 2 1 | 7 8 9 | 1 2 9 | 7 6 8 | 4 3 5

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**MENUS:**  
Monday: Sloppy Joe  
Tuesday: Taco salad  
Wednesday: Ham and beans  
Thursday: Christmas dinner, prime rib  
Friday: Barbecue meatballs

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Today: Let's Dance  
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. SHIBA, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Monday bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1  
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon Exercise class, 1 p.m. Blue Shield, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.: \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2  
Quilting, 8 a.m. SHIBA, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Fiddlers, noon Board meeting, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1  
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise class, 1 p.m.  
Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m. SHIBA, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1

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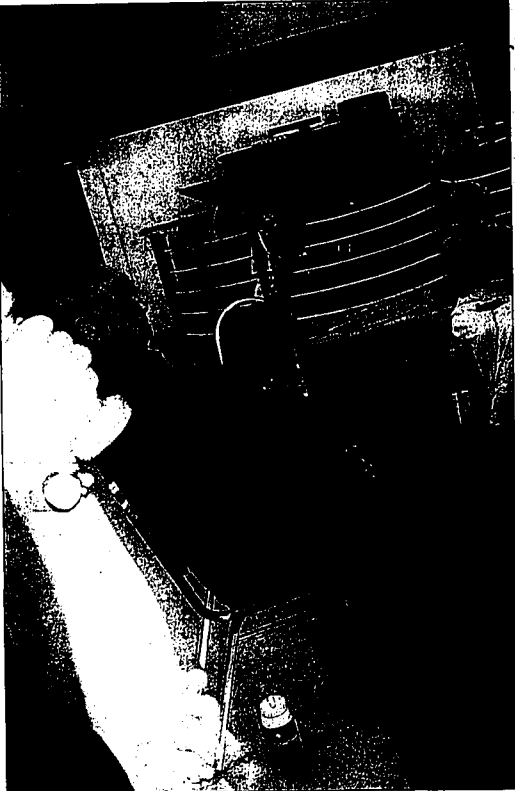
**MENUS:**  
Monday: Chicken noodle soup and beef sandwich  
Tuesday: A jus sandwich  
Wednesday: Breakfast casserole  
Thursday: Birthday dinner, pot roast

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Today: Barbecue rib dinner, 1 p.m.  
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Jackpot trip, 3 p.m.  
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

**Filer Senior Haven**

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Beef stew



BLAIR ROCHER/For The Times-Herald

Ninety-one-year-old Herman Zemet lifts low-pound weights during a recent SilverSneakers exercise program at the West End senior center. The Buhl center hosts the 45-minute class throughout the week.

**Wednesday:** Grilled pork chops  
**Thursday:** Christmas dinner, baked ham

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Cards, 1 to 3 p.m.  
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
Monday: Oven-fried fish  
Wednesday: Cook's choice Friday: Pork chops  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Alzheim meeting, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome  
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday: AA meeting, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m., \$1

**Gooding County Senior Citizens Center**

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
Monday: Chicken strips  
Tuesday: Cheeseburgers  
Wednesday: Ethnic day  
Thursday: Fish  
Friday: Soup and sandwich  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild Card, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 5 p.m.  
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m. Music with Fiddlers Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

**Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center**

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

**MENUS:**  
Monday: Swiss steak

**Wednesday:** Soup and salad  
**Friday:** Roast beef

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Thursday: Idaho Food Bank at Wendell Fire Department, noon to 2 p.m., bring own boxes.

**Wendell Senior Meal Site**  
105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

**MENUS:**  
Monday: Potato bar  
Tuesday: Chicken-fried steak  
Wednesday: Chicken a la King  
Thursday: Salisbury steak  
Friday: Birthday dinner, baked chicken

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Last Resort Band Commission for the Blind  
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Gem State Fiddlers Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.  
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John

Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
Thursday: Free Will Baptist Church  
Potluck, 6 p.m. Creekside  
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Last Resort Band Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Silver and Gold Senior Center**

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Spaghetti  
Thursday: Christmas dinner  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

**Richfield Senior Center**  
130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

**MENUS:**  
Monday: Potato bar  
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup

**Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.**

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Hamburger pizza  
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup  
Friday: Turkey dinner

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

**Camas County Senior Center**

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Pork stew  
Wednesday: Broccoli casserole  
Friday: Ham

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Blaine County Senior Center**

721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Beef stew  
Wednesday: Grilled turkey  
Friday: Birthday lunch, roast pork  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Yoga, 5:30 p.m.  
"It's a Wonderful Life" at Liberty Theatre, 6:15 p.m.  
Thursday: Shopping Trip in Twin Falls and Jerome, 8:30 a.m.  
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

**Carrey Senior Center**

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

**MENUS:**  
Thursday: Birthday and Christmas, turkey dinner

**Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center**

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
Monday: Enchiladas  
Tuesday: Hamburgers  
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff  
Thursday: Pork chops  
Friday: Christmas dinner

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. Food box distribution day  
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. St. Nicholas' Music Class Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments

Friday: Christmas stockings at lunch  
Pool, 4 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

**Golden Heritage Senior Center**

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
Monday: Spanish rice  
Tuesday: French dip sandwich  
Wednesday: Chicken cordon bleu  
Thursday: Sauerkraut and hot dogs  
Friday: Chili

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise

Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise Community bingo, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise  
Thursday: Pool Exercise Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Addictions

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alcohol in the blood when they drink. Kidneys and livers are not as efficient in removing alcohol from the blood. One drink in youth may amount to two drinks in an older person.

In addition, many older men and women are taking medications (for heart disease, sleep disorders, pain and anxiety, for example) that interact badly with alcohol and with one another. As doctors warn: Polypharmacy plus holiday punch can be hazardous to health.

But why spoil the party? A big chunk of denial is put in

everyone's stocking. It is one thing for parents to intervene with a teenager who is falling out of school or has been picked up by the police, but not so easy for adult children to confront an older parent who raised them, whose authority in the family is well established, who can point to decades of success on the job.

But it may be up to adult children and grandchildren to get a tippling Granny or boozing Gramps on the right track. Late-onset substance abuse is often linked to depression. Then, too, it also has a socio-spiritual component.

"People come to Florida to live out the American dream," said Carol Colleran, director of Older Adult Services for the Hanley-Hazeliden Center in West Palm Beach.

"They retire and play golf. They have a clubhouse. Then they find out it's not as fulfilling as they thought it would be."

The common refrain she hears at the center is: "I don't feel needed anymore. Nobody asks me questions." So they go to round-robin cocktail parties with other retirees who have lost their sense of purpose, or they sit

quietly in front of the TV, watching classic movies and sipping beer or bourbon or cheap pinot grigio.

"We spend considerable time on financial planning, but we spend very little time or money on emotional-retirement planning," added Colleran, co-author with Debra Jay of the Hazeliden Guidebook: "Aging & Addiction: Helping Older Adults Overcome Alcohol or Medication Dependence."

The good news is that treatment for late-onset substance abuse can be very effective.

Older people tend to have good coping skills, and

their support network of family and friends is usually intact.

They are more likely to recover and change their drinking behavior than younger abusers, Colleran

said. It's all about building a new life in these later years.

That's something to cheer at the holiday party. It's part of the seasonal message of hope.



## Pet owners, celebrate with caution

By Jara Kocenas  
The Washington Post

'Tis the season to celebrate, but keep in mind that your pets would really rather stick to their routine. As you're cooking, decorating and entertaining, be careful to keep your dogs and cats out of harm's way. Here are some pointers:

- Burning candles should never be left unattended. An unsuspecting wag of a tail and your pet could be burned or start a fire.
- Don't leave bags of trash around, especially with food scraps, as pets can rummage around and help themselves to harmful snacks.

- Wrap and store all turkeys and ham and other foods after you are finished eating so they won't tempt your pet to jump up on the counter when you're not looking.

- Don't be tempted to give your pet leftovers as human food may make them sick and bones could lodge in their throats.

- Be aware of toxic plants by checking out [www.aspcapet.org](http://www.aspcapet.org) and going to the Animal Poison Control page. You can find a complete list.

- When New Year's Eve comes, don't toss confetti or streamers around if you have pets in the room as they might ingest them and get sick.

## Save money and help your pet

By Jara Kocenas  
The Washington Post

Sure, you could cut down on the number of pet toys you buy, but there are many other practical ways to cut the cost of pet care during these challenging economic times.

We called California pet expert Warren Eckstein, who has a new Saturday radio show on Sirius, to get some ideas.

If your vet prescribes medications such as antibiotics or anti-inflammatory drugs that are used for humans as well as animals, don't always fill the prescription at the vet's office. Try going to a low-cost pharmacy.

- Don't forget taking your pet for annual check-ups. Early diagnosis of a condition or serious disease is so important for your pet's well being and it can also save you big money.

- Consider feeding your dogs or cats a nationally advertised brand of dog food available in supermarkets or pet superstores instead of the more expensive or designer varieties. Check with your vet first, of course, before making any changes in your pet's diet and get their advice. Look for the AAFCO label (Association of American Feed Control Officials) on the pet food packaging; they test the nutritional value of pet foods.

- Fresh air and exercise go a long way in saving money because your pet will be a whole lot healthier in general. Eckstein also likes to give dogs a daily massage.

# With the pressures of holiday gift-giving, it may be time to reconsider this Christmas

By Hannah Schardt  
Special to The Washington Post

Most of us love to give and receive, at least in principle. So where did this whole holiday gift thing go wrong? In a poll taken early this year, half the respondents said they would carry last year's holiday credit card debt into spring — and that was long before the credit crisis and economic downturn.

It's not just debt that has Americans feeling not so merry; a 2005 survey found that three-quarters of us think the holidays have become too materialistic. And even the convenience of online shopping has not changed one sad reality: Most of us end up buying some gifts — usually at the last minute — out of desperation.

That is all wrong, says Lisa Wise, executive director of the Center for a New American Dream, a Takoma Park, Md.-based nonprofit group that encourages consumers to be environmentally and socially responsible. She says gift-giving should be thoughtful, not forced.

"We ought to be thinking more about what that person really wants and needs, rather than just giving for the sake of giving," she says. Case in point: those stocking stuffers stacked next to every cash register at the mall. People don't buy those trinkets because someone they love really needs a tube of peppermint lip balm, a box of tiny soaps or a tartan plaid headband. They buy them, Wise says, because they have a set amount of money they think they ought to spend, or a set number of presents they think the giftee will expect.

There is another way. Wise calls it being a "conscious consumer," and this might be just the year it finally catches on in a big way. The basic premise: Keep it simple, keep it thoughtful, keep it heartfelt. And don't go into debt in the name of keeping the holidays jolly.

Of course, there is a right way and a wrong way to change holiday traditions. Olivia Doherty, of Upper Marlboro, Md., discovered the wrong way nearly 20 years ago. "My worst Christmas memory as a young kid is when I was about 7. My mother had this brilliant idea of telling all of our relatives to get me and my younger brother gift certificates for Christmas," Doherty says. "There were no presents to open. I never even saw the gift certificates, much less used them. But I can still feel that sinking sadness deep in the gut that I felt that Christmas."

Doherty's experience underlines the most important rule for changing your family's approach to holidays: Giving and receiving gifts ought to be meaningful and fun.

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— Lisa Wise, executive director of the Center for a New American Dream

## A different kind of wish list

To ease the transition to more environmentally and socially conscious gift-giving, the Center for a New American Dream created the free Alternative Gift Registry ([www.alternativegiftregistry.org](http://www.alternativegiftregistry.org)), which allows people to request homemade, secondhand or other gifts, including charitable donations and gifts of time.

Like many online registries, this one is used predominantly by engaged couples, but its reach is expanding. Since last year, more than 2,000 people have signed up, including families looking to change their holiday habits.

"We know of several families who have used the registry instead of traditional Christmas lists," says Hanna Rifeay, a senior field manager for the Takoma Park, Md.-based registry.

Along with requests for donations, users have registered for camping trips, concert tickets and other experiences. Teens and young adults have asked for more practical gifts as textbooks and other school supplies. Rifeay says the material gifts requested tend to be eco-conscious: organic clothing, reusable bottles and tote bags, or plants. "We also see requests for creativity, like 'anything handmade' and favorite recipes," she says.

That said, getting others on board with your plan can be tough. The decision to change the gift-giving traditions of your inner circle is not, unfortunately, one that can be made unilaterally. It's great that you want to knit everyone a tea cozy this year, but what if Grandma is still expecting the annual bottle of eau de toilette? A discussion is in order, and you should be prepared to make your case without coming across like the Grinch.

"Try to personalize the conversation," Wise advises. "Tell them 'We're low on time and financially maxed out.' If that's the case. And try to draw the environmental angle in. They may not fill up our households with things we know aren't going to be useful."

It's important, though, not to sound like a know-it-all. One tactic to try: "Ask for their ideas first. They may offer suggestions you wouldn't have thought of," Wise says. And be willing to take it slow.

Maybe your family can't go from piles of presents to charitable donations in one holiday season, but that's no reason to give up. "New traditions don't happen overnight," Wise says.



## Tips for reining in holiday gift-giving

Want to keep the holiday crush under control without inciting a family riot? Try suggesting these gift-giving ways.

1. Set money limits. It can be tough to stick to a budget when those around you are big spenders. No one wants to hand over a pair of socks and receive a Wii in return (or the reverse, for that matter). If everyone agrees on a reasonable limit beforehand, no one will feel resentful for spending too much or guilty for spending too little. In many families, particularly those that are growing exponentially with in-laws and grandchildren, drawing names may work best. Even if the spending limit is \$75, that can still be a bargain when you consider that each member is buying for only one person.

2. Remember: Less is more, even for kids. Families with young children may find it useful to cap the number of gifts, not just the monetary value. "It used to be ridiculous the amount of toys and gifts the kids got," says Jennifer Zahradnik, a Washington resident whose husband's family includes 11 grandchildren. "And their parents were sick of having so much stuff." The adults in her family have drawn names for more than a decade; a few years ago the young children started doing the same.

Of course, in many families cutting back may make some getting used to. Michele Borba, a child-development expert and author of several parenting books, including "Building Moral Intelligence: The Seven Essential Virtues That Teach Kids to Do the Right Thing," recommends taking baby steps. "Don't do cold turkey," she says. Borba says parents should slowly ease their children into a simplified regimen after a discussion about it. "Sit them down and tell them, 'We're cutting back this year,'" she says. "You don't need to be morose. Kids don't need to know how the Dow is doing. But for the most part, kids are pretty accepting of changes, as long as they understand the reasons."

3. Chip in, then splurge. Instead of spending, say, \$20 per person for separate gifts, a group of friends or family members should consider pooling resources for something really special. This works well for weddings and birthdays, too. "One year for a friend's 30th birthday, a group of us chipped in and bought a complete dinner party by an artist she admired," says Lisa Wise, of the Center for a New American Dream in Takoma Park, Md. "Years later, she still has it and loves it."

4. Ask for contributions. Alysha Taylor, of Silver Spring, Md., asked her extended family to forgo gifts last Christmas and to help fund a summer trip to a Sesame Street resort in the Caribbean for her, her husband and their two young children. "It's fairly common in our family to group together to buy a larger gift," she says, so she knew the grandparents wouldn't object to this sort of guided giving.

In some families, however, requesting monetary contributions can make for a delicate discussion. Borba recommends using tact and reason. And don't hesitate to delegate the diplomacy: "You may need to have the husband ask his parents and the wife ask hers," she says. In Taylor's case, only her family was asked to contribute. Her husband's family gave other presents, which assuaged her main concern about the trip.

as-gift: her 3-year-old son's reaction on Christmas morning. "There was enough stuff under the tree that he didn't miss it," she says.

5. Spend time, not money. Remember when you were 10 and out of cash, and had to get your mom a present? Remember how you made coupons that read, "Good for One Back Rub" or "Redeemable for One Hug"? OK, maybe not the hug won't work anymore, but think of what you do have to offer: Babysitting services for exhausted new parents. Painting assistance for a friend who just bought a house. Pet-sitting for a honey-mooning couple. And the back rub still sounds pretty good. If you are afraid that the giftee won't redeem the coupon, try planning ahead and including a date (for example, "Good for Four Hours of Babysitting on March 8"). It can always be renegotiated, and it makes it sound as if you mean it.

Borba says parents should steer grandparents and other family toward giving experiences, rather than toys or clothes. "Talk to your parents about the big game. Borba is also a fan of giving lessons (volin, ball, baseball) provided the receiver has shown an interest. Such a present, she says, can serve as a "connector" between the giver and the receiver, particularly when the receiver is a 7-year-old boy who only wants to talk baseball, even to Grammy.

6. Make it yourself. With a little time and maybe just a little skill, most adults can create something desirable with their hands: a framed photograph, a knitted scarf, a plate of cookies. "Consumables are actually great," Wise says. "Their environmental impact is minimal, and they're not going into a landfill." Instead of regular gifts, Zahradnik's Norwegian father hands out what she calls "heritage packages": collections of homemade and store-bought Norwegian food such as hjortebakkels (doughnuts), yule kaka (bread) and glostech cheese. "I know I can buy it at the supermarket, but it tastes better from my dad," Zahradnik says.

7. Give to charity instead. Like asking for contributions, this gift alternative can be tricky to execute. The key is to make sure that the cause you are supporting is important to the receiver, not only to you. Just because you're animal, and they're not going to buy a Dalmatian has a safe, happy home doesn't mean that your best friend wants to celebrate with a donation to Dalmatian Rescue. Instead, think about what matters to her and where she already gives her time and money.

Some charitable organizations are especially good at making the donor feel involved in the cause, and some are particularly child-friendly. The World Wildlife Fund, for example, lets donors "adopt" an endangered animal: choose from a list of dozens, including the giant anteater, great white shark and golden lion tamarin. For a \$25 donation, the adopter receives a certificate and a photograph of the animal; for \$50, the organization includes a stuffed toy version of the creature.

## What to do after your pet's skunk encounter

By Jara Kocenas  
The Washington Post

An encounter with a skunk in the backyard is not a pleasant experience for your dog or cat, or for you. Your pet will need your help getting rid of the horrible smell.

Hopefully you will never need to use this tip, but this seems to be a popular formula for skunk spray removal:

*1 quart 3 percent hydrogen peroxide*

*1/4 cup baking soda*  
*1 teaspoon liquid soap*  
Mix the ingredients in a nonmetal container and put on some old clothes that you can throw in the washing machine after your pet's bath. Put on a pair of rubber gloves. Get your pet into your kitchen or bathroom and then soak your pet's fur with water and work up a good lather. Avoid the eye area as well as the nose and mouth. If possible, leave it on for a few minutes,

although this will probably be challenging! Rinse very thoroughly. Throw out any extra solution you have. You can also use a basic pet shampoo if you have one. They may offer suggestions you wouldn't have thought of." Wise says. And be willing to take it slow.

## 'Spilt milk'

Holiday road trip with the family? That's crazy talk, our new columnist says. NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

you do anything to make sure any treatments won't interfere with other health issues of your pet or medications your pet might be taking. In the end, it's a good idea to call your veterinarian's office before

That cute little baby is turning  
**80** years old this month!

Happy Birthday  
**Barbara Damon!**

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# These tree houses cater to all ages

By Adrian Sainz  
Associated Press writer

Families have long treasured their tree houses, with parents and their children working together to build one in the backyard and building memories as the kids enjoy it as they grow up. From the famous tree houses belonging to "Swiss Family Robinson" and "The Simpsons," to the ones in the movies "Stand by Me" and "The Sandlot," tree houses are also part of pop culture.

Today, there are many resources for families to use when learning how to build a child's tree house. For less than \$1,000 and about a week of weekends of work, moms and dads can team up with their children to build a tree house.

And for kids who don't want to grow up, there's a niche industry that designs and builds adult tree houses to provide a refuge from the day-to-day grind, or in some cases, serve as a luxurious full-time home. Actor Val Kilmer has a tree house of his own on a New Mexico ranch. "I've just want to take that memory and put it on steroids and make it better," said Jake Jacob, co-owner of Treehouse Workshop Inc. "There's that Peter Pan in everyone. The Tarzan."

That sense of magic and adventure is inherent in a child's tree house experience as well, but the idea of building one can be a daunting project for the uninitiated. It doesn't take an engineering degree, but a little experience working with tools and lumber makes the process easier. So, the most important thing to ask oneself when deciding to build a child-sized tree house is: "Am I up to the task of building one on my own?"

If the answer is "No," but you still want a tree house, check the Internet or a local business directory for contractors who build tree houses in your area.

But if "Yes" is the answer, the first step is to identify a sturdy-looking tree in your backyard to build on. Tree house expert Michael Garnier says large, dominant trees such as Douglas fir, oak or pine work well.

The tree should not be so young that it has significant growth ahead of it, because it may outgrow the design. You also don't want one that is fully mature and close to dying, says Garnier, who says that building tree houses and operates a tree house resort in Oregon.

"Some trees grow up fast and they die fast. You want to pick a tree that lives a long

## On the Web:

**Out N' About Treehouse Treasures:** <http://www.treehouses.com/>  
**Treehouse Workshop Inc.:** <http://www.treehouseworkshop.com/>  
**Books by David and Jeanie Stiles:** <http://www.stilesdesigns.com/>

time and gets large," Garnier said. The trees only need to be eight to 10 inches in diameter, "like a good sized post," Garnier says. Also, tree houses can be built on more than one tree, and also can have posts buried into the ground for additional support, so don't fret if you don't have a single big tree in the yard.

Trees move in the wind, so don't pick a tree with the idea of putting the house in its extreme upper reaches. Tree houses generally are at least 6 feet off the ground, though more sophisticated ones can rest 35 feet off the ground or more on the largest of trees.

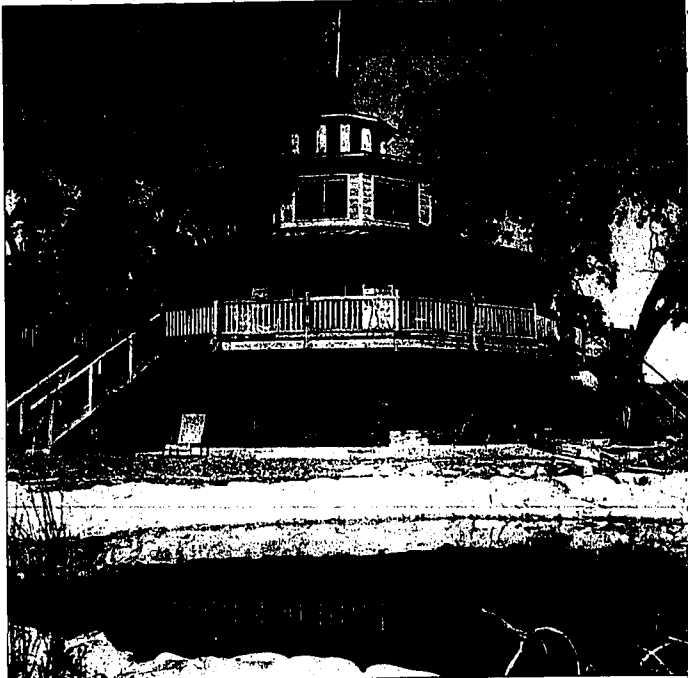
Once the tree is chosen, a good next step is to ask your neighbors out of respect for their privacy if they mind if you build a tree house. Think Bart Simpson, who would look into his neighbors' house from his tree house.

After the neighbors sign off on the project, find out if you need a building permit for a treehouse. While it varies by municipality, Jacob says cities and counties generally require a permit for anything 200 square feet or larger. Permits are important because you don't want someone to complain and have your project delayed over paperwork.

Here comes the hardest part: design and construction. But before starting this stage, remember that putting in bolts and nails is an invasive process and injures the tree, so try not to overdo it when it comes to hammering or screwing things into the tree.

Creative sorts, especially dads whose days jobs are in construction, architecture or engineering, probably will come up with their own designs. However, there are some how-to books available at your larger bookstores and on Internet sites such as Amazon.com, that have handy-dandy design conventions for building tree houses.

A few of these how-to books, including such titles as "Treehouses & Playhouses You Can Build," have been written by David and Jeanie Stiles. The book gives



A tree house in Oregon built by Michael Garnier. The three-floor house is 35 feet tall and is in a grove with seven oak trees. Photo by MICHAEL GARNIER/AP photo

extremely detailed design instructions and illustrations to guide families through the entire construction process — including rules for children.

"You want to make sure the kids are involved," Jeanie Stiles said in an interview. "If you have an interview, you want them to write down three things they want most in their tree house. It sort of brings the family together."

Make sure you have the right tools to start the job. Some essential tools are simple and obvious: hammer, tape measure, pencil, ladder, saw. You also need a level, some kind of wrench, a block plane for shaving wood, a chisel, and a rope to lift beams into the tree. In the realm of power tools, consider a table or circular saw to cut wood easily, a variable speed reversible drill, or an electric sledge saw. Get a battery powered or cordless drill for easier work in the trees.

Next is deciding on what type of lumber to use. Construction-grade cedar or even cypress is best for beams. Save money by using plywood for the windows and enclosures. Make sure wood is pressure treated if you are going to bury it in the ground as a post.

Lumber can be bought at hardware stores and home improvement stores, like Lowe's and Home Depot. However, for cheaper materials, see if any construction sites or junk yards have good wood they are giving away. Lumber should be straight and knot free. David Stiles



A two-floor tree house in Washington built by Michael Garnier.

recommends buying the lumber piece-meal instead of all at once, because plans and designs may change.

The first part of the tree house that should be designed and constructed is the platform, from which everything else is built. The platform is extremely important because it should be

sturdy enough to hold people and whatever is built on top of it. These foundations are bolted to trees and reinforced with braces, and they can also be supported by posts buried in the ground.

Garnier says building codes typically require a foundation design to hold 50 pounds per square foot.

Jacob says to look at the cost as if you were adding a new room to the house, buying a boat or RV, or converting that room above the garage into an office.

"Tree houses," Jacob says, "aren't yet an absolute necessity for people... but there is something romantic about living in the trees."

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# Attack the holidays with some civility

By Valerie Fishkin  
The Hartford Courant

Was your idiot brother-in-law off on another political rant at Thanksgiving?

Did "sweet" grandmother comment on your aging, and she handed you a piece of pumpkin pie?

And, finally, did someone steal your parking space at the mall?

It seems everyone might need some manners advice. So we talked to R.M. Forni, author of "The Civility Solution: What to Do When People Are Rude." The Johns Hopkins University professor of Italian literature is also the author of "Chasing Civility" and "Order of the Civility Initiative."

Question: The holidays seem to be rife with rudeness. How come?

Answer: Because we are stressed. We have expectations of the season that very often don't pan out. This year at fam-

ily unions there may be the added stress agent of economy and the elections.

Q: How do you respond to rude people, especially if they're family members?

A: The key is to prepare for a situation. Prepare your response. If your uncle says, "Here we have our resident liberal whose candidate won the election," your response might be: "I wonder how you determined how I voted? I don't remember disclosing that with you." Be assertive — otherwise they will repeat that behavior — but not aggressive. Handle it with as much detachment as possible.

Q: Do rude people know they're rude?

A: About 75 percent to 85 percent of Americans think that Americans are rude. But when you ask one American, "Do you think you're rude?" 80 percent of them will say, "No I'm not rude." Very rarely do we see ourselves as part of the problem.

Q: You write that when rudeness can't be prevented, civility is your best choice. That's hard, especially if someone has just given you a vulgar gesture. How do you keep from responding in kind?

A: Whenever you are at the wheel, expect the infamous finger may appear at some point. Picture the scene in your mind: There you are, calm and collected, even after the light. Anticipating and visualizing make you feel in control and prepare you to deal at your best with the real thing.

Q: I was in a store recently when there was a sale on lewd. A customer was hovering over the sale box at the counter, and when I tried to look into it, she swatted me away with her hand. I was stunned. What could I have said?

A: "Ma'am, if I inadvertently got too close you could have told me instead of pushing me back." That is being assertive, not aggressive.

Q: And what should I say to the guy that steals my parking space?

A: "I had been waiting for that spot with my turn signal on for quite some time. I would appreciate it if you let me have it." If the driver responds dismissively or aggressively, just say, "I am sorry you are not choosing to do the right thing. I just hope you think about it so the next time you will," and walk away. Q: Are parents culpable for failing to teach children manners?

A: As a society, we have been very successful over the last two generations in instilling self-esteem in our children. We have not been as successful in instilling self-restraint.

Q: It's so hard not to respond to rude people rudely. As if you believe in civility, you don't respond to rudeness with rudeness. Accept that it has happened just like you accept that it's Monday, and it's raining. It's part of life.

# Auto designers get taste of life in not-so-fast lane

By Kathleen Hon  
The Washington Post

Hoping to improve automobile design for drivers and passengers of all ages, Nissan is encouraging the company's younger designers to walk in the shoes of the elderly.

An "aging suit" morphs young adults into hunched-over, slow-moving and visually impaired versions of themselves. The suit packs an extra 11 pounds onto a designer's frame to mimic weight gain, restricts movement and flexibility with elastic straps to simulate the limits of arthritic joints, disrupts balance with wobbly shoes and distorts vision with cataract-imitating goggles.

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ENGAGEMENTS

HUGHES-COOK

Jim and Rose Ann Hughes of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Hughes, to Steven John Cook, son of John and June Cook of Vancouver, Wash.

Hughes is a 2007 graduate of Lattier High School and attends Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg. Cook is a 2004 graduate of Evergreen High School and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Spain Malaga Mission. He attends BYU-Idaho. The wedding is planned



Emily Hughes and Steven Cook

for Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Portland LDS Temple in Oregon. A reception will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Filer LDS Church.

HAWKES-MEDINA

Richard and Niki Hawkes of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Annmarie Hawkes, to Jacob Medina, son of Juan and Jaana Medina of San Antonio, Texas.

Hawkes is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg, majoring in dance education. She works at BYU-Idaho.

Medina is a graduate of Brackettidge High School in San Antonio. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Korea Solo Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends BYU-Idaho, majoring in exercise physiology, and works at



Annmarie Hawkes and Jacob Medina

the university. The wedding is planned for Thursday, Dec. 18, in the Twin Falls LDS Temple. A reception and dance will follow 6:30-9 p.m. at the LDS Church at 2700 Elizabeth Blvd. E. in Twin Falls.

LEE-HANSEN

Dennis and Helen Lee of Malta announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Jo Lee, to Brian Todd Hansen, son of Todd and Sharon Hansen of Gilbert, Ariz.

Lee is a 2005 graduate of Raft River High School and attends Utah State University, majoring in family consumer and human development.

Hansen is a 2002 graduate of Crawford High School in Dallas and served a mission in Boise for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends Brigham Young University, majoring in political science. His father is serving as mission president at the Texas Houston



Lisa Lee and Brian Hansen

Mission and can't attend the wedding. The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 19, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will follow 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Malta LDS Church. The couple will reside in Provo and will graduate in August.

MOORE-FARMER

Ray and Julie Moore of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Emma Fern Moore, to James Ryan Farmer, son of John and Marilyn Farmer of Centerville, Utah.

Moore attends graduate school at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and works at Huntsman Cancer Hospital in Salt Lake City. She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Chile. The couple will attend the University of Utah and



Emma Moore and James Farmer

worked at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. He served an LDS mission in Puerto Rico. The wedding is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Twin Falls LDS Temple.

PRICKETT-O'CONNOR

Mary Prickett of Nampa and Jack Prickett of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Prickett, to Philip O'Connor, son of John and Dawn O'Connor of Jerome.

Prickett attends Boise State University and works for Money Tree. O'Connor is a graduate of University of Idaho and works for HDR Architecture. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 3, at



Samantha Prickett and Philip O'Connor

Calvary Chapel in Boise. The couple will reside in Boise.

GARRETT-SERRANO

Martin and Sandra Ramirez of Castleford announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Starr Garrett, to George Louis Serrano, son of Rosa Campos of Gooding.

Garrett is a graduate of Castleford High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho, working on an English degree. She works at Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl.

Serrano is a graduate of Gooding High School. He serves in the U.S. Army, sta-



Angela Garrett and George Serrano

tioned in Fort Bragg, S.C. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 3.

CHRISTOPHERSON-HOLMAN

Tim and Julie Christopherson of Meridian announce the engagement of their daughter, Kayla Daneen Christopherson, to Ryan Kent Holman, son of Craig Holman of Jerome and Stephanie Holman of Twin Falls.

Christopherson attends Boise State University, majoring in journalism. Holman attends BSU and is working on a teaching degree in English. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Dec. 27, in the Boise LDS Temple. A recep-



Kayla Christopherson and Ryan Holman

tion will follow in Meridian. An open house will be held 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at 1955 Candleridge Drive in Twin Falls. The couple will reside in Boise until graduation.

WILLIAMS-SAINE

Brea Williams and Jonathan Saine, both of Salt Lake City, announce their engagement.

Williams is the daughter of Robert and Mary Williams of Heyburn. Saine is the son of Carlos and Martha Saine of Salt Lake City.

Williams, formerly of Heyburn, is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School and completed a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master of business administration. She is a business development manager for a marketing agency in Salt Lake City.

Saine, formerly of Cortoba, Argentina, is a 2003 graduate of Orem High School. He is working toward a bachelor's



Jonathan Saine and Brea Williams

degree in graphic design and photography. He is a manager for a cellular phone company and owns a soccer team.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 3, at The Canterbury Place in Bountiful, Utah. A reception will follow.

A few easy fixes for parental etiquette dilemmas

By Angie Wagner The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Every Tuesday morning I take my 2-year-old to a gym class, where the teacher leads the children in songs, dances and tricks on balance beams and mats.

Most of the parents participate in the introduction and play along with their child. But at least one mom often is using her cell phone to text while the teacher is speaking.

At storyline at the library, the kids sit in front of the librarian and listen to books and CDs. Parents either sit with their child or nearby. While most parents pay attention, one mom rests against the wall reading a book.

My friend leans over to me and says: "Do you see that lady? That is so rude."

Is it? What is appropriate mommy etiquette in these situations? Let your child's best interests be your guide, the experts say.

As a parent, you're kind of committed to doing an activity with your child," says Cindy Senning, a director and parenting and children's etiquette expert at the Emily Post Institute in Burlington, Vt. "Both for your child's sake and for the others that are around you, you should be participating in the activity, not doing something else. It's a little bit disrespectful."

Senning, author of "The Gift of Good Manners," says that etiquette in the mommy world is really no different from any place else. Texting during a business meeting or reading a book in a corner would be inappropriate, right? Same thing with that behavior during a parent-involved class.

Parenthood opens up a bunch of new situations that call for careful handling.

For example, what do you

do when you are at a park and a child wanders over and asks to join your picnic and their parent isn't on the case?

My friend usually offers the kid an apple slice and asks him where his picnic is. Senning suggests saying: "We're about to have our lunch now, so maybe you can go back to where your mom is and you can come back to see us in a little while."

Nice, to the point and doesn't make the kid feel bad.

Why didn't I think of that? I never felt a mother of two from Morrison, Colo., says she can't stand it when another mother scolds her child for doing something inappropriate, yet doesn't discipline her own child for doing something similar.

And, along the same lines, are mothers that totally ignore their children's behavior at places like play areas, and their kids get away with everything," she says.

Disciplining other people's children is a tough subject, and Senning says the rule of thumb is that you really don't do it at all unless the behavior is hurtful or potentially hurtful to someone else.

"The trouble with trying to discipline other people's behavior is: A) It doesn't work and B) you create a confrontation. It's a worthless confrontation," Senning says.

(But parents can ask other children to meet their standards when hosting a play date in their home by explaining the house rules.)

So the message is this: Don't bring distractions to parent-involved classes, pay attention to the teacher and if you can't say something nice about a kid, don't say it at all.

Walt. This all sounds familiar, but what were you trying to teach our kids?

The tech side of dating: GPS safety backup

By Ellen McCarthy The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — "Single? Dating? Looking to meet that special someone?" asks the latest press release from a Largo, Fla., company called TrueTracker Pro.

If you answered yes to any of those questions — well, has this company got a product for you. It will ease pre-date jitters, assuage your mother's mind and fit nicely in a sleek leather case attached to your belt buckle!

It's the True Tracker Pro GPS personal security device. That's right, no matter where you go, your preapproved watchdog loved ones can monitor you from a distance. If things turn sour on a first date with your too-jeager online amoret, just hit the SOS button and the call for backup is dispatched.

Seem a tad extreme? Well, not to Ted Camp, a sheraton-turned-private investigator who has seen the aftermath of errant rendezvous enough times to be convinced there's no such thing as "too cautious."

Camp, inventor of the True Tracker, says it's a matter of the way we date today: regularly meeting strangers with no context or mutual friends to vouch for them.

It works like this: You program the device with these phone numbers of a number of friends or family members. If you need help, hitting the SOS button sends an alert to your contacts every two minutes and tells them your exact location. (Of course, it'll cost you \$389 for the gadget, plus monthly service fees starting at \$46.)

"People say its Big Brother-ish," Camp concedes. "My response to that is 'This isn't the government; this is your friends keeping an eye on you.' It only makes sense to take advantage of the technology available today."

Ehhhh, still seems like a bit much. But he has a point about the potential for danger in dating these days. Everyone should have an escape plan in case a date turns sketchy — or more likely, just plain bad.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Birth Center

Samantha Jo Gee, daughter of Chris and Nicole Gee of Burley, was born Dec. 1, 2008.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Joycee McKenna Madson, daughter of Janice Marie Schindler and James Henrie Madson of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 24, 2008.

Kaytlin Isabella Jane Collins, daughter of Angela Kaye Penson of Kimberly, was born Nov. 26, 2008.

Julian Miramontes, son of Rosycela Barrios of Buhl, was born Nov. 28, 2008.

Eli Morgan Blamires, son of Tara Ann and Brent Martin Blamires of Jerome, was born Nov. 30, 2008.

Sayani Yandell Gonzalez Lara, son of Vanessa Yaneli Lara of Buhl, was born Nov. 30, 2008.

Markisa J. Nocoda Lind, daughter of Jennifer Linn Morrison and Mark Dwayne Lind of Buhl, was born Nov. 30, 2008.

Jarom Lewis Arrington, son of Emily Dee Nova and Bryan Lewis Arrington of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 1, 2008.

Genesis Garcia-Cruz, daughter of Mirna Cruz and Samuel Garcia of Jerome, was born Dec. 1, 2008.

Hazel Jair Lara, son of Nancy Romero and Jose Luis Lara of Buhl, was born Dec. 1, 2008.

Carson Kenneth Williams, son of Millie Marie and Lance Thomas Williams of Kimberly, was born Dec. 1, 2008.

Bryan Alvarez, son of Nurvia Bernice Lopez and Alejandro Alvarez of Jerome, was born Dec. 2, 2008.

Conner J. Lee, son of Julie Sue and Michael H. Lee of Jerome, was born Dec. 2, 2008.

Maee Kendal Lickley, daughter of Erica Lynn and Todd Stephen Lickley of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2008.

Vallyssa Lalelei Magalogo, daughter of Camille and Vito Antonio Magalogo of Kimberly, was born Dec. 2, 2008.

Gavyn James Hoskisson, son of Heather Jane and Benjamin James Hoskisson of Dietrich, was born Dec. 3, 2008.

Skyler Sue Kootara, daughter of Breann

Frances and John Hollis Koostra of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 3, 2008.

Yanessa Jovanna Mendoza, daughter of Brandy Gall Mendoza and Artemio Mendoza-Rangel of Murtaugh, was born Dec. 3, 2008.

Madden Sandy Perkes, daughter of Heather Jo and Sean Eric R. Rickfield, was born Dec. 3, 2008.

Mackenzie LeaAnn Bowman, daughter of Amanda Lee and Paul Raymond Bowman III of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 4, 2008.

Roxanne Maxine Plew, daughter of Cheyenne Renee and William Joseph Plew Jr. of Buhl, was born Dec. 5, 2008.

Adrian Ramirez, son of Gabriela Ramirez and Genaro Ramirez of Jerome, was born Dec. 5, 2008.

Blaine Thomas Voth, son of Chelsea Ann and Tobias Wayne Voth of Filer, was born Dec. 5, 2008.

Shanner James Chelsey, son of Victoria Rachelle and Derek James Chelsey of Burley, was born Dec. 6, 2008.

Jaden Shepard Vergara, son of Valais Brianne and Rigoberto Hernandez of Hazelton, was born Dec. 6, 2008.

Maya Sugel Martinez,

daughter of Marina Lizbeth and Carlos Martinez of Buhl, was born Dec. 7, 2008.

Stockton John Panter, son of Katie and Wesley Pharis Panter of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 7, 2008.

Macl Morgan Sharp, daughter of Elizabeth and Collin David Sharp of Jerome, was born Dec. 7, 2008.

Elizabeth Diane Strader, daughter of Tina Ileen and Steven Mose Strader of Kimberly, was born Dec. 7, 2008.

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Bridal Registry listing names and dates for wedding gifts.

Alaska Cruise, Disney World, Florida, Hawaiian Resort Vacation advertisement.

## From puzzles to princes, our top video game picks

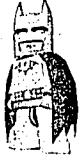
By Tom Ham  
Special to The Washington Post

Many of your holiday wish lists include video games, so we asked game expert Tom Ham to pick his favorites for the season. Many of these games have online components, but always ask an adult before playing on the Internet.

### Lego Batman

**Platform:** Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 2, Nintendo DS and PC  
**Rating:** Everyone, age 10 and up  
**Price:** \$30-\$60

**Details:** Everyone's favorite Caped Crusader is back, this time in the Lego world. In this game, based on the popular comic book rather than the recent movies, players must capture the escaped foes from Arkham Asylum, including the Joker, the Penguin and Poison Ivy. With the help of his trusty gadgets and his pal Robin, Batman swiftly brings justice to Gotham City.



### LittleBigPlanet

**Platform:** PlayStation 3  
**Rating:** Everyone

**Price:** \$60  
**Details:** What may look like a typical game proves to be much more than meets the eye. Players solve puzzles while controlling adorable characters called Sackboy and Sackgirl as they interact with their environment. You can play alone or with friends. Creative minds can design their own levels.



From left, Skate It 2, in which players execute real-world skateboarding moves with their Wii-motes, and Mirror's Edge, which puts players in the role of a "trance," a person who transmits messages while evading government surveillance.

### Mario Kart Wii

**Platform:** Wii  
**Rating:** Everyone  
**Price:** \$50  
**Details:** Mario Kart is back, and it's better than ever. With the Wii Wheel (included with the game), racing is now more fun. Just place your Wii-mote in it and you're off. With 16 new courses and 16 classics from previous Mario Kart editions, there is more than enough here to keep the most seasoned racer busy.

### Mirror's Edge

**Platform:** Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and PC  
**Rating:** Teen  
**Price:** \$50-\$60  
**Details:** Set in the not-too-distant future, Mirror's Edge puts players in the role of a "runner," a person who transmits messages while evading government surveillance. Played from the first-person perspective, this action adventure has you running, jumping, walking, climbing and grabbing your way through obstacles and sticky situations.

### NBA Live 09

**Platform:** Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 2

### Prince of Persia

**Platform:** Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and PC  
**Rating:** Teen  
**Price:** \$50-\$60  
**Details:** When the Tree of Life is destroyed by evil forces, it's up to the prince and a new ally, Elka, to help bring peace and harmony back to the land. Fans of the series will notice the game has gone in a different direction. No more Sands of Time; instead players must rely on quick reflexes and acrobatics to battle foes.



### Naruto: The Broken Bond

**Platform:** Xbox 360  
**Rating:** Teen  
**Price:** \$60  
**Details:** Picking up where Naruto: Rise of a Ninja left off, the Broken Bond is a brilliant action adventure that

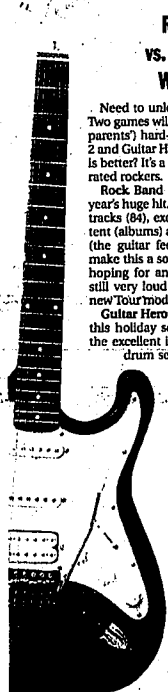
lets you play through the popular anime series. Not only will you explore the world of Naruto, but you will also engage in one-on-one battles against enemies using your powers and special abilities. The story is rich and the action exciting.

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### Pure

**Platform:** Wii  
**Rating:** Everyone  
**Price:** \$50  
**Details:** Using cool new "FlickIt" controls, players can execute real-world skateboarding moves with their Wii-motes. Simple gestures mimic moves you can



### Rock Band 2 vs. Guitar Hero World Tour

Need to unleash your inner rock star? Two games will fight to win your (or your parents') hard-earned dollar: Rock Band 2 and Guitar Hero World Tour. Which one is better? It's a close call with these Ten-rated rockers.

Rock Band 2 is the follow-up to last year's huge hit. An enormous selection of tracks (84), excellent downloadable content (albums) and improved instruments (the guitar feels better in your hands) make this a solid buy. However, we were hoping for an improved drum set. (It's still very loud when you play.) Plus the new Tour mode can get a little tedious. Guitar Hero World Tour is our favorite this holiday season. What sold us were the excellent instruments. The six-piece drum set has three pads, two elevated cymbals plus a bass pedal, and the guitar has cool slide buttons on the neck, adding a new gameplay style to guitar riffs. The library has 86 songs, and there's a host of downloadable content. Either way, it's time to get your rock on.

Prices for Rock Band 2 and Guitar Hero World Tour on Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 platforms:  
• Stand-alone game, \$60  
• Bundle (with instruments), \$190

### Video games fact

Ninety-nine percent of boys and 94 percent of girls in their teens play video games in the United States, according to a recent survey.

beautiful tracks to the responsive controls, this is what racing games should be all about. With a unique trick system, it's unlike anything you've played before. As you race through 30 tracks, you'll unlock new ATVs and performance upgrades.

### Skate It

**Platform:** Wii  
**Rating:** Everyone  
**Price:** \$50  
**Details:** This is the third installment of the popular Nintendo fighting game Super Smash Bros. Among the 35 playable characters—all of your favorites are here, including Mario, Zelda, Samus, Pikachu and Donkey Kong. Players can battle in 41 stages.

do on a skateboard such as ollies and jumps. Still not satisfied? Get the Wii balance board (sold separately) and perform tricks as if you were on a real skateboard.

### Super Smash Bros. Brawl

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## Talking with actress Emily Osment

By Anne Conway, Courtney Conway and Sally Kagan  
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We interviewed actress Emily Osment, who stars as Lilly Trenchscout in "Hannah Montana," while she was in Manhattan recently.

**Question:** How do you feel about being so popular?

**Answer:** It is exciting and really fun. It is kind of weird because I go out and I get recognized a lot. Sometimes I forget why people are staring at me.

I get to go to places like New York and hang out. It opens up a lot of opportunities for us.

**Q:** Which do you like more—being in movies or on TV?

**A:** I like movies more because usually you get to go on location and you get to stay in places that are not Los Angeles. In TV you are usually stuck in one studio for six months and that can get kind of boring after a while.

Movies are fun, they are quick, short and more interesting.

**Q:** Who were you closest to on the "Hannah Montana" set?

**A:** Probably Jackson, you know, Jason Earles. He was in the movie "Dadnapped" with me. So was Moses, actually. I am totally closest with him because our families like to hang out a lot. We spent a lot of time together; we went snowboarding together.

**Q:** Do you ever get to keep any of Lilly's wardrobe?

**A:** I do! At the end of the season, Dahlia, who is the wardrobe designer, gives me the stuff that they know they are not going to use next year.

She buys a whole new wardrobe every year. I usually take home about two racks full of clothes.

**Q:** How does your acting interfere with your daily life?

**A:** I try to keep my life separate with school and friends, but they do cross over. Managing school and acting can be hard... I am starting to think about college.

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## EDITORIAL

## In Idaho, county courthouses are still run like they were in 1890

Twelve years ago, the Idaho Legislature adopted the Burger King philosophy toward county government:

Have it your way, lawmakers said. Want a county administrator running day-to-day operations instead of three commissioners? Put it to a local vote. Want to consolidate a couple of offices into one to save money? Ask the taxpayers. Want a five-member county commission, or seven members? Knock yourself out.

So guess what county government in Idaho looks like now? Same as before, of course.

More to the point, it isn't working.

County commissioners are responsible for county finances. But not really.

They set the budget, but they don't supervise spending by elected department heads — the sheriff and the clerk, for example — who are by law independent.

That means every county is really a bundle of fiefdoms, each free to determine how best to do almost everything.

From Boundary to Bear Lake, Idaho county government is rife with computer software systems and public officials that can't — or won't — talk to each other.

Many decisions are made by three citizens who mostly sit in a glorified conference room for eight-hour stretches, swatting flies and neglecting the niceties of government transparency.

Sheriffs and prosecutors are usually mavericks, only sometimes accountable to the commissioners upstairs.

Coroners, treasurers, clerk/recorders and assessors usually keep their jobs for life regardless of their talents or abilities. Few others want to go through the hassle of running for the office in a solidly red state where GOP incumbents are almost impossible to blast loose one elected.

So why haven't angry Idaho voters ditched this fossilized stratum of government?

Because we've been trained to expect so little from a system of governance that has remained largely unchanged since statehood.

Can you conceive of any government working well if set this way?

Imagine the city of Twin Falls with the police chief, the city attorney, financial manager, planning and zoning administrator and the building inspector all elected by the voters instead of being appointed by the City Council, and not answerable to any other city official?

Picture a state government in which the commander of the Idaho State Police could tell the Legislature that the Department of Law Enforcement's books were none of its business.

What if the directors of the Departments of Health and Welfare and Correction could go to the bank and order up as many credit cards as they wished?

What if the Idaho Tax Commission could inform the governor that it was sorry, but state tax receipts would be a little late this year because the commission had just been too busy to collect them?

It's time for someone to lead Idaho out of the past, and it probably should be commissioners and county clerks. As a group they understand that county government isn't working — and why. They see the waste, confusion and duplicated services.

Moreover, many already know that counties can transform themselves to be more efficient. They've seen the lessons of Cassia and Blaine counties, which run smoothly with full-time administrators and professional financial managers.

The 44 Idaho county budgets now total the better part of \$1 billion.

It's time we put aside our green eyeshades, dusty plat books and suspensives-snapping, good ol' boy ways of governing.

## TIMES-NEWS

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## Red state,

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## For Idaho, much depends on Obama's choices for interior, ag secretaries

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

Fewer than a dozen federal administrators — none of them from Idaho and most of them Democrats — will have a lot to say about how our conservative, Republican state fares under the presidency of Barack Obama.

Presidential appointments to lead the interior and agriculture departments are always closely watched in a state half owned by the federal government, as are those chosen to run lower-level bureaucracies that work closely with southern Idaho — the directors of the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation.

On Thursday, Obama nominated 60-year-old Nobel Prize-winning physicist Steven Chu to head the Department of Energy, which runs the Idaho National Laboratory. Chu, who directs the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California, is a specialist in alternative energy.

He's had little involvement in nuclear energy and opposes building a nuclear waste repository at Yucca



National Zoo Director John Berry, a protégé of former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, may be the frontrunner for interior secretary.

Photo courtesy World Bank

Mountain in Nevada. The fate of Yucca Mountain is tied to whom — or whether — high level radioactive waste will be removed from the INL, which sits above the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. It's also linked to any future development of reactors at the site.

As of Thursday, Washington, D.C., observers were touting National Zoo Director John Berry as the

frontrunner for secretary of the interior, although two Democratic congressmen — Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona and Rep. Mike Thompson of California — are still in the running, according to The Washington Post. One of three Democrats — Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sibelius, former Texas Congressman Charles Stenholm or Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Dennis Wolf —

will probably become secretary of agriculture.

Here's what we know about the remaining candidates, and how their views and experience might affect Idaho:

• Dennis Wolf, 57, could be the first dairyman ever to lead the USDA. A sixth-generation dairy farmer who owns Pen-Col Farms, a 600-acre dairy cattle operation, Wolf serves as a board member of the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders. He's been Pennsylvania's secretary of agriculture for three years.

Of particular interest to

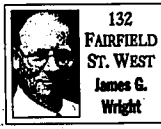
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## Economy notwithstanding, we're not going away

"So, how does it feel to be a captain of a *Mying* news?" an old friend of mine wrote in an e-mail the other day. Considering all of the recent news about the news industry, it was a fair question.

Newspaper readership and television news viewership nationwide has been slipping for some time for all kinds of reasons, with competition from the Internet being a big factor. But the trauma we're seeing now at newspapers everywhere isn't because people aren't interested in reading news on paper. All advertising revenue in all forms of media has gone into the tank along with the national economy.

The newspaper business has taken some especially hard knocks in recent weeks: The Tribune Co., which publishes the Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, New York Newsday and a lot of other papers, filed for bankruptcy; The New York Times had to take out a massive loan, putting up its real estate holdings as security; Gannett, former owner of the Idaho Statesman and current owner of about 100 other



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papers, including USA Today, laid off 2,000 workers nationwide; The Rocky Mountain News in Denver will likely close next month.

Other papers, from Seattle to San Antonio to Savannah, have trimmed staff, cut back on pages, dropped features such as TV books and eliminated whole sections to save money.

Judging from the depth of the blood on the newsroom floors, you'd think these papers are losing money. Ironically, most are solidly in the black and churning profit margins that would make the chairman of General Electric green with envy. They're just not making as much money as stock analysts would like, or enough to make payments on big loans taken out to finance mergers that seemed like a really fine idea a few years ago.

Lee Enterprises — the

wide and beneficent company based in Evanston, Ill., that owns the *Times-News* and pays my salary — is a public company but it doesn't report financials for individual newspapers, so I can't tell you exactly how much money the *Times-News* is making. All I can say is that it's been more in the past, and even now we're still in the black.

But like a lot of businesses these days, we have to nip and tuck a bit to make sure we stay on the good side of the bean counters.

Most notable, so far, is the amount of space we have for news articles. Space is not infinite, and is peddled by sell. Local advertising, for example, has fallen considerably and we have to whittle back our news hole in response.

Maybe we'll have to clinch in our belts a little more before the economy brightens. If so, we'll use a scalpel and try to trim where it doesn't show too much, or suspend some things that can easily be started up again after things improve.

So how do I answer my friend, who asks what it's

like to be the captain of a sinking ship?

Well, the news business has taken on a little water, but we're in no danger of going under.

And even if we were, I'd take my hat off to John Paul Jones, the Revolutionary War captain of the *Bonhomme Richard*.

In the heat of battle, when things looked dire for the out-gunned Continental Navy, a British captain asked if Jones was ready to surrender. Jones famously responded that, "I have not yet begun to fight," and went on to win the battle through his ship was lost.

Jones kept fighting not because it was easy but because it was the right thing to do. Good journalism is as much a calling as it is a business, and it is important to the well being of the nation and the maintenance of representative democracy.

That's why, like Jones, we'll keep fighting our guns until there's water in the breach.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Paper's columnist selection could still be improved

In response to the Dec. 7 editor's column, I agree that it is a very good thing that the *Times-News* prints many different points of view in the Opinion section. It is good for society as a whole to be exposed to open debate of current issues. However, I feel that the choice of editorial columnists could be improved in two ways.

First, publish columnists who think and write clearly and stick to their issue.

Second, thoughtful columnists show respect for the opinions of other thoughtful people. For example, David Broder, Robert Samuelson, David Brooks and Cal Thomas share these qualities. They explain their points of view, acknowledge their opponents' strengths and discuss their differences in civil language. Perhaps also, they think less of their own notoriety and more of what they can contribute to the public good.

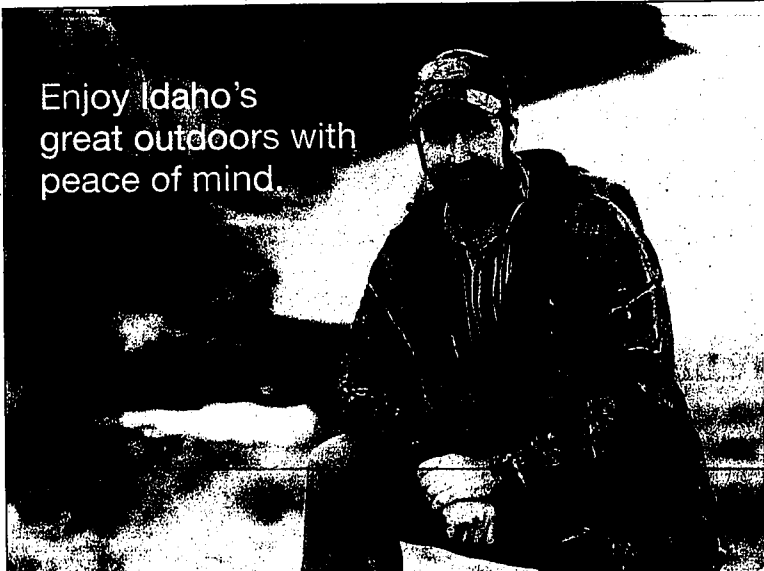
Mr. Wright referred in his column to complaints about Maureen Dowd and Michelle Malkin. I do not think that they reach an acceptable level of intellect and civility in their columns. They just fall back on sarcasm and name-calling. They are mean-spirited. I would not miss either of them any more than I miss the rantings of Ann Coulter.

Keep up the good work of sifting the journalistic world for thoughtful, civilized writers.

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OTHER VIEWS

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

... how to cut the budget

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Gov. Butch Otter cut \$103.5 million ... in an attempt to balance Idaho's books for the next seven months.

But the governor is clearly — and wisely — looking long-term. He is gearing up for budget troubles well beyond 2009.

Otter's blueprint is sound: Cut spending first, and hang onto savings as long as possible. There is one significant flaw. Otter's across-the-board cuts place an undue burden on colleges and universities and the Department of Health and Welfare.

Otter followed up the 1 percent across-the-board cuts from September with 3 percent cuts Monday. State agencies are also being told to hold an additional 2 percent of their budgets in reserve.

With sales tax receipts and income tax withholding lagging behind expectations, a second round of cuts came as no surprise.

More noteworthy, though, was Otter's prediction that the revenue picture may not brighten until late 2009. Consequently, Otter decided against tapping the budget reserves — save for one account designed specifically for public schools.

By keeping a lid on the state's savings — including "rainy-day" accounts projected at \$140.6 million — Otter is bracing for a long storm. This makes sense, considering the weakness in the national economy. The state could well need these savings accounts to pay the bills next year.

Otter says pay raises for Idaho's 26,790 state employees are on hold. The public



And if he is unable to make it, snoops like the one who arrested him will continue their shady pursuits ...

... Rexburg's mea culpa

Post Register, Idaho Falls

There might be no greater test of a community leader than the way he responds to the embarrassment to the community caused by one or more of its members.

When the eastern Idaho city of Rexburg suffered such an embarrassment recently,

one leader flunked that test while another passed with high honors.

At the long arm of the government reaching into restroom stalls in a search for evidence of gay sex ...

But Craig's sexual history is irrelevant to the question of whether the state has any business prosecuting people for tapping their toes in toilet stalls. And Craig is far from alone in maintaining it does not.

His Senate colleague Arlen Specter is among those who agree.

"I think he could be vindicated," Specter said last year ... If Craig were able to withdraw his guilty plea and take his case to trial, Specter said, he "wouldn't be convicted of anything."

Nor should he be, says the American Civil Liberties Union ... In a brief filed with the court that ruled Tuesday, the ACLU argued that it could not be proved that Craig was soliciting sex by tapping his toes and reaching his hand beneath a divider between stalls.

And even if he was, the organization said, "the government does not have a constitutionally sufficient justification for making private sex a crime."

Craig might not be fully comfortable with that argument, but it is a good one.



Larsen

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What happens if we legalize drugs?

We can regulate sales. Now kids can buy drugs anywhere. The penalty is the same for selling to a 15-year-old or a 50-year-old. That would change and a law requiring a juvenile to be held until he reveals his source would cut juvenile sales tremendously.

There is a river of gold flowing into criminal pockets and financing terrorism up to \$350 billion a year. This would stop and we would gain income by taxing production.

When the Drug War Facts org. Afghanistan's drug lords and terrorists would be put out of business and farmers could make a living.

Drug wars on our borders and in our cities are becoming increasingly violent and deadly legalization would eliminate this problem.

Check Newsweek, Page 60, Dec. 8 issue.

We spend \$70 billion a year on ineffective enforcement year after year with no progress, money that could be used to educate and to rehabilitate victims. Our prisons are releasing rapists and murderers early because of lack of capacity and retaining lawless teenage drug addicts.

No labeling or purity standards are in place. Just like during prohibition, bootleg booze caused Jack Leg and insanity. Uncontrolled drugs today are becoming increasingly dangerous, mind-altering and addictive.

MATT SMITH  
Twin Falls

City, residents should show respect for U.S. flag

We attended a flag-raising ceremony at Centennial Park on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, being performed by the American Legion Lyle E. Morton Post 17 of Burley. The flag was then presented by Commander Chuck Driscoll to Mayor Anderson to be flown at Centennial Park. It was flown over the national capitol. More than three weeks have passed and we've yet to see the flag.

Our beautiful flag is the symbol of this great country.

Let's combine Gooding and Lincoln counties along with Jerome and Twin Falls counties.

Oh, what about Blaine and Camas counties? Then we could work on combining every other county that is next to another county in the state of Idaho so we can save all this money. Archive all the past histories of all these counties and rename them and start new ones just so we can save all this money.

IRON HIGG  
Gooding

schools' savings account will stave off cuts in K-12 for now, but if the downturn continues, all bets are off. College students should expect to pay higher tuition, while parents may have to pay a bigger share for services they receive from Health and Welfare.

But there's a reason why the pain will be felt more acutely on campuses and in lesser cut while colleges and universities will lose \$8.3 million ...

... But across-the-board cuts are a mistake. They set no priorities for coping with tough times. They do not respect the taxpayers that continue to shake the state and national economy ...

These tough times require frugality ... and finesse.

.. a sad end to Craiggate

Lawtorn Tribune

Now that Larry Craig is all but gone from the U.S. Senate, now that he is no longer using campaign funds to pay his legal expenses, now that his capacity to further embarrass the state that sent him to Congress has expired, it is a shame that his chance of challenging the nature of his act in an adversarial room appears to be dying too.

That challenge was a long shot before the Minnesota

bars to the public areas of airports. Many other states are doing the pretty much the same.

The president of the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees, Bill Wade, said "Once again, political leaders of the Bush administration have ignored the preferences of the American public by succumbing to political pressure! This regulation will put visitors, employees and precious resources of the National Park System at risk."

The NRA's chief lobbyist, Chris Cox, put the matter

rather differently. "We are pleased," he said, "that the Interior Department recognizes the right of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families while enjoying America's national parks and wildlife refuges."

He's got a point. The woods can be deep and dark and ever so scary.

Lions and tigers and bears! Oh, my!

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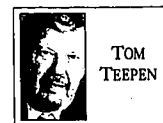
The last full-in-the-china-shop days of the Bush administration proceed apace. With the administration running out, the administration has been resorting to presidential orders and other peremptory devices to pay off its special-interest backers and ideological stakeholders.

The shattered crockery is piling up. Environmental protections have been a particular target, of course, capping the damage from Bush's negligence with outright vandalism — new indictments for stripping away certain tops, new jeopardy for endangered species and so on.

Political operatives who had been saluted into sundry agencies have been switched into civil services jobs where they can harry and untie the Obama administration's different policy agenda from legal cover.

The national parks have been taking hits, too. The waning presidency has, for instance, cancelled orders around several court orders to reduce the frequency of damaging snowmobile joyriding in Yellowstone. Park personnel are appalled.

Snowmobile cowboys and snowmobile manufacturers are all yipes-ee-yay. And now the White House has added a new fillip, so?



TOM TEEPEN

Happy news, campers! Canceled laws are coming back to your national parks and wildlife refuges, ending an absence that dates to the Reagan era.

This is no park visitors can protect themselves from the hordes of marauding muggers who have never turned up in the parks but — who knows? — could any day, couldn't they?

No, actually, the idea is to make the National Rifle Association feel that it needs to buy. The 2008 election didn't go well for it. The NRA's usual muscle went to flab. Politicians and voters alike shrugged off the NRA's standing offer, which by legend they supposedly could not resist.

The NRA and the rest of the gun lobby just hate the idea that there is any inch of the country where guns might be banned. The Georgia legislature voted this year to allow people with concealed-carry permits to pack heat just about every place GPS can find, from restaurant

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# America spooks all too easily

When my wife and I had our twin baby boys circumsized in our home last year, the Hasidic rabbi who performed the bris left us with a surprising parting gift: an amulet for protection against demons. It was a laminated card printed with Hebrew texts including incantations against 11th-century demons of the night. Aligned to the Hebrew Bible and the Talmud, she seduces men to sin and kills infants in their sleep. When I opened the rabbi about this, especially about some esoteric and incantation-like phrases on the card that I couldn't decipher, he gracefully dodged, referring me to unsuspected kabbalistic secrets.



DAVID KLINGHOFFER

Although amused by the curious souvenir, I also was glad to have it. I hung the card above our babies' crib. It was a reminder that, as much as we think of our age as cynical and liberally disenchanted, some traditional beliefs have been erased. In fact, it might be on the rise. A CBS poll in October reported

that 46 percent of Americans believe in ghosts (and 22 percent claim to have seen one). Among those younger than 45, 54 percent believe, as opposed to 41 percent over that age. Belief in other forms of paranormal and occult phenomena is on the rise, too: In the 1980s, 25 percent of Americans accepted the idea of alien abductions; for instance, but 40 percent now say they do, according to Newsweek.

What individual surveys don't capture is the impressive diversity within what psychologists William James called "the reality of the unseen," or what Puritan witch-hunter Cotton Mather called the "invisible world." Polls ask mostly about well-known experiences — I have

"Perhaps an unseen reality does exist, revealed in flashes that can be confusing or misleading, to which we sometimes give flaky designations. Like 'Bigfoot.'"

you used a Ouija board? — but neglect wilder phenomena.

A popular nightly radio program, "Coast to Coast AM" with George Noory, draws 3 million listeners nationwide and is devoted to sharing all types of experiences outside the mainstream. The show comes on at 9 p.m. in Seattle, where I live, and my ritual is to listen to Noory as I bustle around the kitchen making dinner and drinking wine. Listeners call up, one after another, with personal narratives of what Jewish mysticism would describe as the "other side" of existence. Sure, I'm skeptical about crop circles, conspiracy theories, and energy fields. However, I'm also sympathetic to the late conservative philosopher and ghost-story writer Russell Kirk, who valued the paranormal for its suggestion that

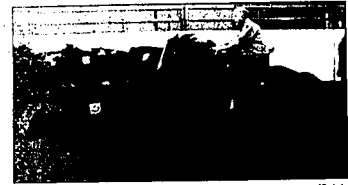
reality consists of more than mundane material processes. I get the persistent sense that something profound is affirmed by the eerie accounts on Noory's show. The latest scientific theory holds that particular brain functions evolved for purposes suited to the survival of the species but then got "hijacked" by religious and other supernatural beliefs. Maybe that's right, but explanations like that make of a certain pat, naive quality reminiscent of a Rudyard Kipling "Just So Story" ("How the Leopard Got His Spots" ... "How the Human Got His Belief in Demons"). They are also suspiciously unfalsifiable. If people over the centuries had abandoned the supernatural completely, evolutionary psychologists could spin out an equally plausible tale to explain that. Another possibility is that

the human need to believe in the unseen world itself points to, while not proving, the reality of hidden dimensions. It could be that materialism — the philosophical assumption that reality is nothing but physical stuff — is a prejudice rather than a fact. Perhaps an unseen reality does exist, revealed in flashes that can be confusing or misleading, to which we sometimes give flaky designations. Like "Bigfoot."

Protestant denominations. It might be that such pallidness helps explain why Americans turn to literal paranormal beliefs, as opposed to traditional supernatural ideas. Indeed, U.S. polling data from Gallup, reported by Baylor University researchers, shows that belief in the occult is more common among non- or infrequent churchgoers or those belonging to a liberal Protestant denomination than it is among frequent churchgoers and conservative evangelicals.

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David Klinghoffer is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.



Pennsylvania dairyman Dennis Wolf rides in a cattle penning competition earlier this year at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. He's one of the finalists to become U.S. secretary of agriculture.

## Choices

Continued from page G1 southern Idaho is a law that Wolf pushed through the Pennsylvania Legislature that deals with water-quality issues and helped to resolve conflicts between farmers and local communities. According to the *Post*, the rap artist Wolf is that he's too supportive of larger, corporate farms over independent family farms.

managed energy revenues from public lands. • Russi Griffla, 60, a three-term Democratic congressman from Tucson who's been a consistent critic of livestock grazing on federal land. His chances may have dimmed, however, when Obama nominated another Arizona, Gov. Janet Napolitano, to head the Department of Homeland Security.

• Charlie Stenholm, 70, is a longtime friend of former House Republican Richard Stollings, with whom Stenholm served on the House Agriculture Committee for four terms. A Texas cotton grower turned high-powered agribusiness lobbyist, Stenholm was a consistent supporter of the federal sugar program — critical to Idaho. The 2002 farm bill, which Stenholm co-wrote, has been criticized for including lucrative deals for large farming interests — some of which disappeared in the 2008 farm bill.

• Mike Thompson, a 51-year-old Napa Valley grape-grower who has served in Congress since 1998, is a protégé of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and an enthusiastic supporter of wilderness. He could perhaps improve prospects for both Rep. Mike Simpson's Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act and Sen. Mike Crapo's Owyhee Canyonlands Initiative.

Stollings, by the way, has retired to Mesquite, Nev. There's no indication that the 60-year-old ex-congressman would be interested in any role in the Obama administration.

• Kathleen Sibellus, 60, a two-term Democratic governor of a very Republican state, Kansas. Sibellus' background is in insurance and she's been criticized for her lack of hands-on knowledge about agriculture.

• John Berry, 49, is a protégé of Bill Clinton's Interior secretary, Bruce Babbitt. He served as Deputy Secretary of Policy, Management and Budget — an influential post at the Interior Department — until 1997, 2001 — and became director of the National Zoo in 2005. Berry was also a longtime aide to House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. D-Md. (Hoyer has been a vocal critic on how the Bush administration

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## The rise and fall of a political uber-crook

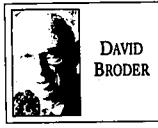
WASHINGTON — Rod Blagojevich was a scandal waiting to happen.

When he was running for governor of Illinois for the first time in 2002, he had two impressive opponents in the Democratic primary: one, a leading African-American reform-minded intellectual who had been Mayor Richard Daley's choice to take over the troubled Chicago school system. The other was former state Attorney General Roland Burris, a leading African-American politician who had demonstrated his appeal to white voters.

When I went to Chicago to cover their pre-primary debate, Blagojevich, a boyish-looking young congressman who'd just been elected to the clout of his father-in-law, an influential Chicago alderman, was by far the least impressive candidate. He had made no particular mark on Capitol Hill and his campaign treasury had informed on Illinois issues than his rivals.

I was inclined to dismiss his chances, but a longtime Chicago reporter friend told me, "Don't write him off. He's a money machine." On a return visit after the primary, which Blagojevich won, a consultant to the Vallas campaign said the congressman had swamped his rivals with hundreds of thousands of dollars of ads on TV stations in downstate Illinois. "Neither Vallas nor Burris could keep up," the consultant said.

In the general election, Blagojevich defeated state Attorney General Jim Ryan. He had a rocky first term in Springfield, where he quickly became known as an absentee executive and where his inner circle was rumored to



DAVID BRODER

be operating with hands out. An unseemly family feud with his father-in-law fed the gossip mills.

But in 2006, the badly weakened Illinois Republican Party furnished another unelectable opponent and Blagojevich won without breaking a sweat.

During that campaign, a visit with Mayor Daley gave me insights into Blagojevich's problems. "When he was elected," Daley said, "I advised him to get the policy right and then worry about the politics. He did exactly the opposite and, as a result, he's got millions in his campaign treasury and the school districts across Illinois are going broke."

In Blagojevich's second term, it got worse. He became enmeshed in a bitter feud with the Democratic leadership of the General Assembly, especially House Speaker Mike Madigan. While problems festered unattended, no budget could be passed. On a visit to the Lincoln Library in Springfield, I was told by leaders of both parties that "this is the worst" they had ever seen.

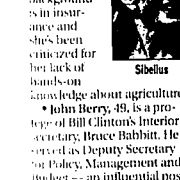
Republicans or Democrats, they readily confessed that their heartfelt prayer was that something would occur to rid them of Blagojevich. That something turned out to be Patrick Fitzgerald, the tough U.S. attorney in Chicago best known as the prosecutor of Lewis

"Scooter" Libby, Vice President Cheney's former chief of staff.

Fitzgerald began to close in on Blagojevich. A number of the governor's pals, including developer Tony Rezko, were indicted and convicted. But Blagojevich was heedless of the risk and, according to the charges made public on Tuesday, saw the Senate vacancy created by Barack Obama's election as an opportunity to cash in. Unaware that Fitzgerald had obtained court orders allowing him to tap Blagojevich's phone and bug his office, Blagojevich indulged himself in obscenity-laden talk about how he would use the Senate appointment to enrich himself and his wife — or maybe parlay it into a prestigious Cabinet or ambassadorial appointment. The brazenness and the

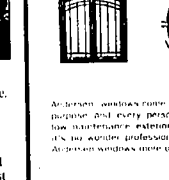
utter sleaziness of Blagojevich stunned even veteran FBI men, Fitzgerald said, but it did not surprise people in Chicago or Springfield who had been warning the governor.

The criminal complaint against Blagojevich, the nominal head of Obama's home-state party, is a mild embarrassment for the president-elect. But it really does not reflect on Obama, who has kept Blagojevich at arm's length for a long time. As a fellow Illinoisan, I have to admit that this latest example of the Springfield Syndrome that has now plagued four recent governors is a signal that the ethics reforms Obama sponsored as a member of the Illinois Legislature did not go far enough to cleanse the pay-to-play culture. Get out the scrub brushes.



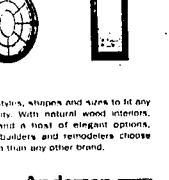
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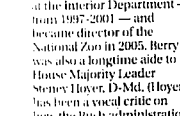
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# Dear President Bush: Here's how to make us love you again

It's not too late, President Bush. Sure, your approval ratings are lower than Richard Nixon's when he resigned, but you have five weeks to make this country love you again. The unnecessary wars, the curtailing of civil liberties, the economic collapse — all can be forgiven. Ozy Osbourne bit the head off a bat and Americans embraced him after just a few weeks of his reality TV show.

Walsh went along. So you're friends with some of those Saudi royals, right? Have one complain that you got him to cut oil prices by 70 percent. At this point, blood for oil would at least be something for blood.

• Adopt a puppy from the shelter: It's beyond me why you didn't do this the moment the Iraq war went bad. If you're on TV with the cockeroodle puppy you paraded from death in some dog pound, Brian Williams

can blather on about Muqtada al-Sadr all he wants but no one will hear a word because they'll be staring at the adorable puppy. Make sure the media pool gets lots of B-roll of said puppy looking sad in a cage to run

against shots of you and Sparky rolling around together in the Rose Garden. • Buy us flowers: That stimulus check you sent us last summer? If felt like cab fare after a bad date. Tacky, dude, tacky. But a big bou-

quet can start the forgiveness process. Can't you picture Disney's Bob Iger thinking to himself, "Should we fire Bush or Bill Clinton as our keynote? Clinton is smarter and more well-liked, but Bush did send us those nice flowers."

So come out from wherever you're hiding and waiting for all this to end, and take some sections that might still save you from the trash heap of history.



JOEL STEIN

• Have a baby: *W* magazine that's not in financial trouble has a pregnant celebrity on its cover. Laura did just turn 62, but I see women who look a lot older than her taking prenatal yoga classes in Hollywood all the time. You might need to rethink the whole stem cell thing, but remember, pre-bailout you were pro-capitalism. Things change.

• Isolate and nag: To get this down, you might have to watch a few episodes of VH1's reality show, "The Pick Up Artist." The idea is that you can charm anyone by getting her alone and then ever-so-slightly insulting her, thereby making her wonder if she's good enough for you. I'm thinking you make a YouTube video where you wear a funny hat and medallion, make a quick joke about America's adjustable-rate mortgage problem, and then walk off to talk to a hot chick in the background. The nation will be left thinking, "Who was that George W. Bush? I thought he was a blundering idiot, but he's actually really intriguing."

• Throw a party: If I lived for eight years in a house I rented with no deposit, I'd have a high school reunion for all my Marlboro-puffing New Jersey friends. Andrew Jackson invited the public to his inauguration party, and that dude got on the \$20. Book Ludacris and T-Pain, and dub the Lincoln Bedroom the Lincoln and Cocaine Bedroom. You'll kick Gram off the \$50.

• Dance with the stars: You think anyone loved Brooke Burke six weeks ago? Practice hard and out-mambo Tam Reid and the Plaxico Burress, and people will line up at your presidential library to get a glimpse of your ruffled pants.

• More face time with Obama: People love this guy. When you invited him over and said you'd make the transition easy, you seemed patriotic and friendly but also, more important, like a guy who knows Barack Obama. It's a big White House, so how about six weeks of sleep-over parties? Take him to meetings, play some basketball, plot a prank on Dick Cheney — maybe one that involves a gun loaded with blanks and the shot-in-the-face guy.

• Take credit for low gas prices: While I was running for co-president of Stanford's student council, football coach Bill Walsh was giving out seats on the 50-yard line to students. So my running mates and I said we'd persuaded him to do it — and



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# Oil lease sale in the West: Everything must go!

On Election Day, the Bureau of Land Management in Utah quietly announced its last round of oil and gas lease sales for the year.

On Dec. 19, close to 400,000 acres of America's redrock wilderness — much of it adjacent to Arches and Canyonlands national parks and Dinosaur National Monument — were to be sold for drilling to the highest bidders.

Public outcry was fierce. The National Park Service had not been consulted, as it usually was, and much of the land listed for auction had long been proposed for wilderness protection.

The BLM succumbed to the pressure and met with the National Park Service, which asked that 93 oil and gas leases be removed from the list. The BLM backed off 22 parcels, and later deferred other leases in sensitive areas.

From a cynical perspective, the lease sale announcement could be seen as a fine the BLM set intentionally around the edges of Utah's most precious natural treasures, knowing it could extinguish the flames, emerge as a reasonable land steward and still get what its current boss, the Bush administration, wants — more and more public land in the American West to exploit.

President George W. Bush, riding bareback and backward in the last gasp of their fossil-fuel governance, is holding fast to their dictum that what is good for the oil business is good for the country.

In the interior West, we know this is a lie. Just look at Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah and see how they have been laid to waste, a wide-open wound in America's failed energy policy.

The long horizon, emblematic of our wide open spaces, is disappearing. When you walk onto an oil patch, instead of a night sky of stars, you can forget you are in Boulder, Wyo., or Verml, Utah, or Rifle, Colo.

Consider the Jonah Field, an oil and gas development in southwestern Wyoming where, in 2008, Pinedale experienced its first ozone alert and where water wells have been found to be contaminated, some with benzene.

Or the Powder River Basin, just outside Gillette, Wyo., where a knock on your ranch-house door may be followed by the news that while you own the surface rights to your land, the federal government has the mineral rights, and it just sold them in an oil company.

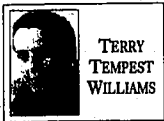
Among many Westerners, the consensus is this: We are not against oil and gas development. We are against the greed, speed and scale of it.

The Dec. 19 lease sale in Utah is just the latest symptom of the problem. The parcels were chosen under the cover of new BLM management plans that will guide the state's land policy for the next 20 years. To witness these plans is to witness a governing mind wedded to fragmentation, not wholeness.

According to such environmental groups as the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, the plans were finalized in October and November with an eye to fast-tracking the lease sales before Bush's term runs out. In addition to allowing oil and gas drilling, they open 20,000 miles of backcountry trails to off-road vehicle use, putting in jeopardy wildlife habitat, rivers and streams and important cultural and archaeological sites.

Once parcels are leased, a new administration would find it hard to undo the deals. And once parcels are developed, their possible wilderness designation would most likely become moot.

These acts of greed come



TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS

at the expense of a geography so stark and arresting that it renders one mute. The hands of erosion cut win-

dows in sandstone; a spire, an arch or a natural bridge frame a sunset. The curvature of the Earth is not only seen but felt. Burnished and bronzed through time, this geologic architecture has inspired our American character, where self-reliance is predicated on humility, not arrogance.

This natural wealth is in stark contrast to the negligible resources the oil compa-

nies want to extract: The federal Energy Information Administration says that Utah holds less than 1 percent of the United States' known oil reserves.

The BLM has been forced to curtail the Dec. 19 lease sale, but 275,000 acres are still slated for the auction block, and the new management plans are still in place.

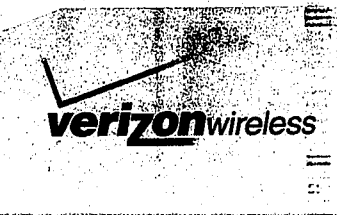
"Deferred" leases can just keep appearing on quarterly

sales for decades, and the fight over Utah's wild lands will go on unless we, the people, act. We should see to it that Congress passes America's Redrock Wilderness Act in 2009. It would once and for all put 9.4 million acres of Utah redrock wilderness in reserve, where it belongs.

The last-minute land grab in Utah's spectacular desert must be seen for what it is:

not a boon for business but a bankruptcy of the imagination. What is actually being sold is the soul of a nation, one public parcel at a time.

Terry Tempest Williams is a writer who lives in Utah and Wyoming. Her most recent book, "Finding Beauty in a Broken World," was published in October. She wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.



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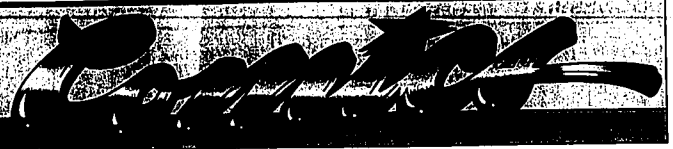
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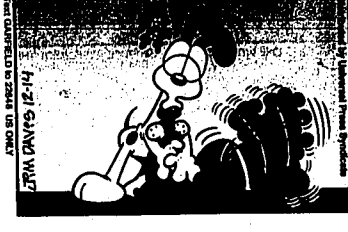
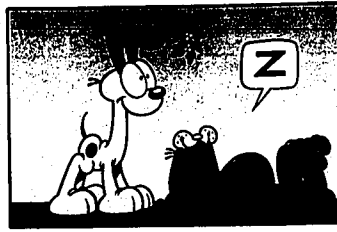
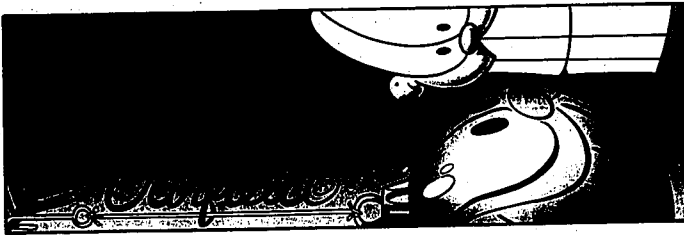
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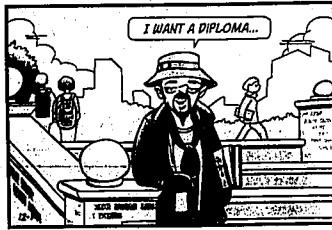
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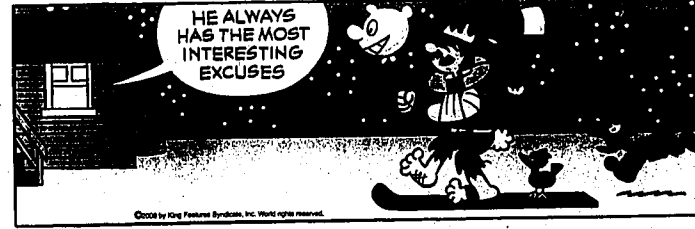
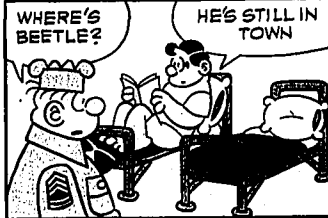
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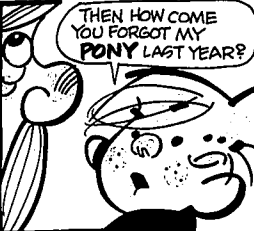
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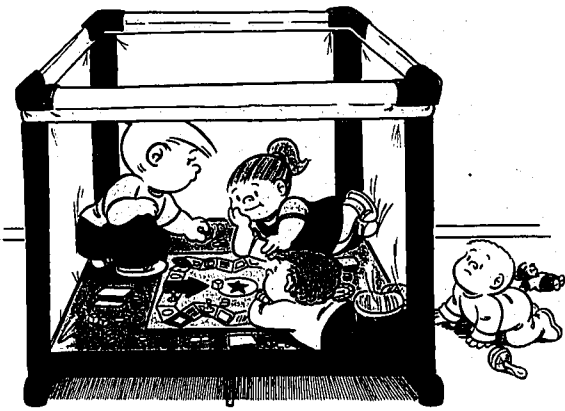




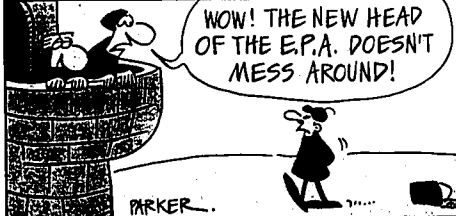


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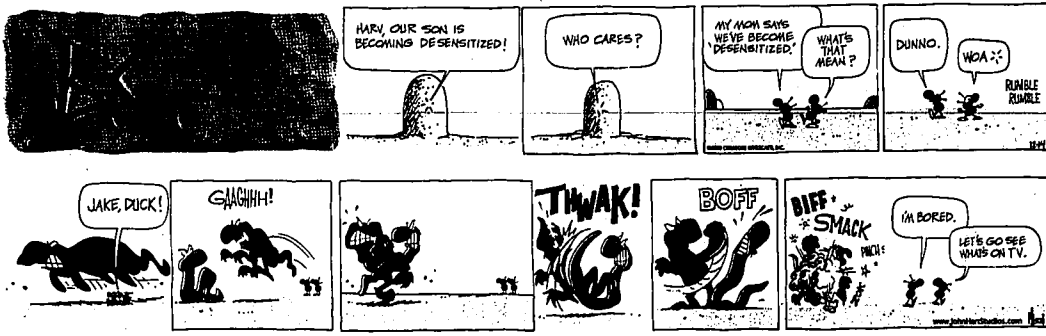
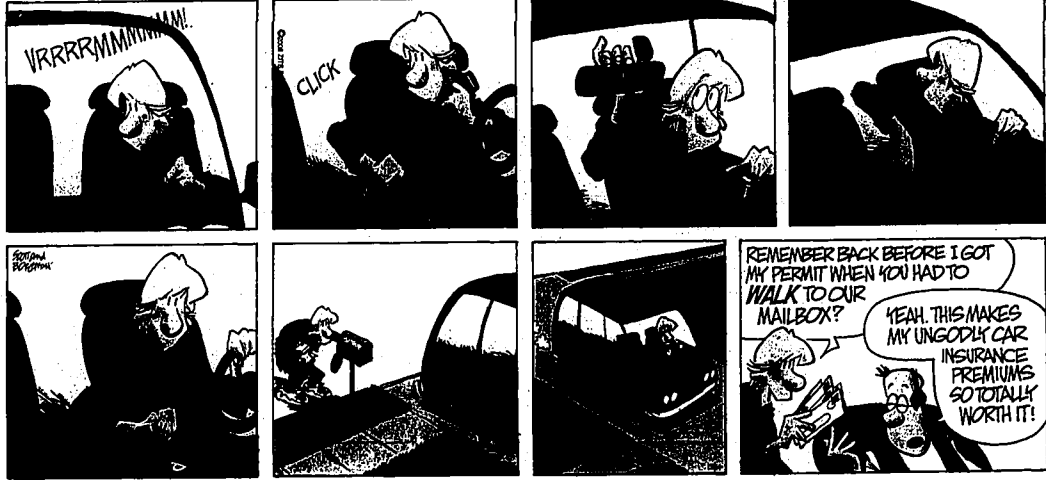
WORST OF ALL, I TOOK PENNIES AND NICKELS FROM MY SISTER'S PIGGY BANK.

JUST SAY THAT YOU WANTED CHANGE!

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# Santa gives viewers a new Muppets special

The Muppets took Manhattan so long ago that they have become part of the city. Even the mayor knows them, as evidenced in NBC's "A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa" Wednesday.

The plot may be simple — the Muppets need to deliver a letter to Santa on Christmas Eve — but the guest stars are so much fun and the puppets their usual goofy, hilarious selves, that this is destined to become a holiday classic.

Madison Pettis ("Cory in the House") stars as Claire, who with her mom (Jane Krakowski, "30 Rock"), live in a building with Muppet neighbors.

Both actresses separately rave about their experience of working with the Muppets. Even though she is on a hit show and won the Tony award for her turn as the scowp in "Nine," Krakowski says this was the best professional experience of her life.

Of course she knows they are Muppets, she says, careful to make sure no one thinks she's delusional about Kermit and company. Yet Krakowski



Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy star in 'A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa' Wednesday on NBC.

says the Muppeteers are so skilled that the pieces of felt with plastic eyes have facial expressions.

As Pettis says, "It was unbelievable. After the

director would say 'cut,' the puppeteers would still talk to me as Kermit. Kermit was very interested in my school, in learning about student council."

None the cameras were rolling, though, the Muppets were all business — well, as much business as they can be. In this, Miss Piggy and Kermit book a

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What: "A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa"  
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romantic getaway to the Caribbean, and everyone else has plans, so mother and daughter expect a quiet holiday.

Just before Christmas, the gang waits in line to get into the post office. Miss Piggy (quite surprise) becomes indignant, demanding to go to the front of the line. Mayor Mike Bloomberg turns around, and in this trademark monologue, says, "Miss Piggy, that would be rude. And the one thing New Yorkers are known for is being polite."

When they finally get into the post office, they are so rowdy — even with singing and dancing postal worker Jesse L. Martin — that they are kicked out. (Consider how obnoxious behavior must be to get one evicted from a Manhattan post

office during the holidays!) They then realize they still have Claire's letter to Santa, but don't know how to get it to him in time.

The vaguely lascivious and very funny Pepe — a prawn, not a shrimp, as the reminds everyone — approaches two wise guys in a restaurant, Tony Sirico and Steve Schirripa ("The Sopranos"), making their second Muppets Christmas special in as many years, know a guy who knows a guy who can get the letter to the big guy. But Pepe annoys Sirico, who says, "If you don't get out of here, I'll dip you in cocktail sauce and bite your tasty little head off."

Gonzo talks Fozzie and Kermit into hand-delivering the letter to Santa. Miss Piggy decides she's going on holiday, with or without the frog.

"If that's where Miss Piggy wants to be, then I have to accept it, Kermit says via an e-mail interview. "Sure, the holiday wouldn't be as much fun without Piggy, but I'd sure feel a heck of a lot safer around mistletoe."

# Maddow helps re-energize MSNBC

She hoped to have success on MSNBC, but Rachel Maddow didn't plan on being its Next Big Thing.

That's just what she's become in the three months — since her weeknight program premiered on the cable network. By chewing over the evening day's events — mainly the political ones — with her trademark wit, liberal-leaning Maddow has parlayed her stint as one of Keith Olbermann's favorite guests on "Countdown to the adjacent" Rachel Maddow Show, which has upheld if not surpassed its lead-in's ratings virtually from day one.

"I'm trying to not pay attention to people writing about me," Maddow muses of her new



Rachel Maddow

minted television fame. "I think that can be sort of bad for you. At the same time, I am trying to appreciate how lucky I am to be having this moment, and to have the show, so well-received."

Indeed, "The Rachel Maddow Show" has been

## Show time

What: "Rachel Maddow Show"  
When: Weeknights  
Channel: MSNBC

giving CNN's stalwart "Larry King Live" serious competition. But Maddow waxes modest about the fact.

"I started my show the day after the second major-party convention, so I basically opened an umbrella factory at the start of monsoon season. Everybody's ratings went up, MSNBC's more than anybody else's. To the extent I can claim credit for that, I'm happy to, but I recognize that all boats were rising at that moment."

Maddow is quick to note specifically the ratings of the few personality who basically mentioned her into her current spot. "Keith's numbers are off the hook these days," she says. "My numbers are, and that's great, but his are really dramatically up. Post-election, his haven't fallen. They've stayed higher than they were before the election."

Which, of course, also is good for Maddow as the host who immediately follows Olbermann. "That explains a lot of what's going on with our prime-time (lineup) now," she reasons, "plus Chris Matthews is coming in No. 1 frequently now (with 'Hardball,' earlier in the evening). I'm happy to get the credit, but I'm not so sure I deserve it."

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**MONDAY**

5:00 a.m. **(RE) END OF THE STORY OF THE RAMONES** \*\*\* (2003, Documentary) Rodney Dangerfield, Danny Fields, ♪

6:00 a.m. **(RE) LAMPOON'S MOVIE MADNESS** (1981, Comedy) Robert Ripert, O'Jays Inc.

6:30 a.m. **(RE) THE ARMS OF A KILLER** \*\*\* (1992, Crime Drama) Jason Smith, John Wood, ♪

6:18 a.m. **(RE) READY TO RUMBLE** \*\*\* (2000, Comedy) Doug Koussis, Jeff Peltz, ♪

6:45 a.m. **(RE) TORAI TORAI TORAI TORAI** \*\*\* (1970, War) Martin Balsam, Seth Green, TVPG

6:50 a.m. **(RE) THE LOOKOUT** \*\*\* (2007, Suspense) Joseph Gordon-Lewis, Jay Parlane, ♪

8:00 a.m. **(RE) SMARTEST GIRL IN TOWN** (1936, Comedy) Armin Scholten, Gene Raymond, ♪

8:10 a.m. **(RE) THE DARJEELING EXPEDITED** (1937, Comedy-Drama) Owen Wilson, George Raft, ♪

8:15 a.m. **(RE) THE GAME PLAN** \*\*\* (2007, Comedy) Owen Wilson, George Raft, ♪

8:30 a.m. **(RE) THE MITSCHKE WREST** (2004, Drama) Ben Cross, Armand Assante, ♪

8:40 a.m. **(RE) SHADOWS AND FOG** \*\*\* (1962, Comedy) George E. Stone, Mia Farrow, ♪

7:00 a.m. **(RE) WE'RE ALL ANGELS** (2007, Documentary) ♪

7:15 a.m. **(RE) TITUL CREATURES** (2000, Comedy-Drama) Hazel Wexler, Susan Lynch, Premiere, ♪

7:35 a.m. **(RE) THE FULLER BRUSH GIRL** \*\*\* (1950, Comedy) Lucille Ball, Eddie Adams, ♪

7:35 a.m. **(RE) SHANGHAI HOLES** (2005, Comedy) Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson, ♪

8:00 a.m. **(RE) LAMPOON'S LOADED WEAPON** \*\*\* (1993, Comedy) Steve Frazee, Samuel L. Jackson, ♪

8:15 a.m. **(RE) THE TUREK** (1994, Comedy) Jackie Chan, Jennifer Love Hewitt, ♪

8:15 a.m. **(RE) JOHNNY RYAN** (1990, Crime Drama) Bryan Brown, Bruce Abbott, TVPG

8:15 a.m. **(RE) THE BRUSH GIRL** (1950, Comedy) Lucille Ball, Eddie Adams, ♪

8:30 a.m. **(RE) THE FASTEST INDIAN** \*\*\* (2005, Biography) Anthony Quinn, Bruce Greenwood, ♪

8:30 a.m. **(RE) JUMPI!** (2007, Documentary) ♪

8:30 a.m. **(RE) QUEEN OF THE NIGHT** (2002, Horror) Stuart Townsend, Aaliyah, Premiere, ♪

9:00 a.m. **(RE) MY FAVORITE WIFE** \*\*\* (1940, Comedy) Irene Dunst, ♪

9:00 a.m. **(RE) THE DELTA FORCE** \*\*\* (1988, Action) Charles Martin, ♪

9:00 a.m. **(RE) 50 FIRST DATES** \*\*\* (2004, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, ♪

9:00 a.m. **(RE) MARTIN & ORLOFF** (1992, Comedy) Martin

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\*\*\* (2002, Comedy) Ian Roberts, Mimi Wiglin, ♪

9:30 a.m. **(RE) DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY** \*\*\* (1993, Biography) Bruce Lee, Lauren Holly, ♪

9:30 a.m. **(RE) WOMEN IN THE AWAKENING** \*\*\* (1981, Horror) Faye Grant, Michael Young, TVPG

10:00 a.m. **(RE) MODIGLIANI** \*\*\* (2004, Biography) Andy Garcia, Eric Zaborner, ♪

10:00 a.m. **(RE) THE LAST MIMZY** \*\*\* (2007, Fantasy) John Cleese, Timothy Hutton, ♪

10:10 a.m. **(RE) WITH SIX YOU GET EGGROLL** \*\*\* (1995, Comedy) Doris Day, Brian Keith, ♪

10:10 a.m. **(RE) THE FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS** \*\*\* (2000, Comedy) Bea Arthur, Stephen Baldwin, ♪

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10:30 a.m. **(RE) IN HER SHOES** (2005, Comedy-Drama) Hazel Wexler, Toni Collette, Premiere, ♪

10:30 a.m. **(RE) THE GREAT DAY OF THE FLETCHERS** (2000, Adventure) Anne Rice, Anne McKeel, ♪

11:30 a.m. **(RE) MYSIC TOGGER** ♪

11:30 a.m. **(RE) POOH: SUPER SLEUTH** (2005, Movie) Paul Poppo, Voices of Debra Bradley Baker, Mikal Gilmore, ♪

11:30 a.m. **(RE) LIFE** \*\*\* (1999, Biography) Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence, ♪

11:45 a.m. **(RE) CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS** \*\*\* (1989, Comedy) Woody Allen, ♪

11:45 a.m. **(RE) THE BRIDGE** (2007, Romance-Comedy) Robert Williams, Mimi Rogers, ♪

12:00 p.m. **(RE) THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2** (2007, Horror) Michael Jackson, ♪

12:00 p.m. **(RE) THE MUNT FOR RED OCTOBER** \*\*\* (1990, Suspense) Sean Connery, Kelly Lynch, ♪

12:00 p.m. **(RE) AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME** (1986, Comedy) Julia Duffy, David Ogden Stiers, ♪

12:00 p.m. **(RE) THE NUTTY PROFESSOR** \*\*\* (1963, Comedy) Danny Kaye, ♪

12:00 p.m. **(RE) NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS** \*\*\* (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon

Dee, James Darren, ♪

4:45 a.m. **(RE) THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN** \*\*\* (2005, Biography) Anthony Hopkins, Bruce Greenwood, ♪

5:05 p.m. **(RE) SCORPIO** \*\*\* (1973, Suspense) Burl Ives, ♪

5:15 p.m. **(RE) BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE** \*\*\* (2000, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long, ♪

5:20 p.m. **(RE) BOWFINGER** \*\*\* (1990, Comedy) Steve Martin, Garry Shandling, ♪

5:30 p.m. **(RE) MY SUPER GIRLFRIEND** \*\*\* (2006, Romance-Comedy) Matt Thumson, Luke Wilson, ♪

5:30 p.m. **(RE) THE WEDDING SINGER** \*\*\* (1996, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, ♪

5:45 p.m. **(RE) BOBBY** \*\*\* (2006, Biography) Tobey Maguire, Harry Belafonte, ♪

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54	KSAW CW	News					Good Morning America	The View			Judge David Young	Judge David Young	All My Children
55	KPTI KBU	Mid World News	Varied Programs	Classical Stretch	Winter Region Neighborhood	Arthur	Marlin Sparks	Corries George	Ed the Schemer	Super Why!	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Strong Strokes	Prison Tales
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3:35 p.m. (C) NEW YORK COP \*\*\* (1996, Drama) Toru Ogawa, Michael Keaton, Patricia O.

3:45 p.m. (C) WE ARE MARSHALL \*\*\* (2006, Drama) Matthew McConaughey, Matthew McConaughey, Matthew McConaughey

4:00 p.m. (C) EVERYONE'S HERO \*\*\* (2006, Action) Voices of Rob Palmer, Whoopi Goldberg

4:05 p.m. (C) THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN \*\*\* (2005, Comedy) Steve Coen, Catherine Keener, (C) THE CHICHNATI \*\*\* (1999, Drama) Steve McQueen, Edward G. Robinson

4:20 p.m. (C) BIRDMAN

5:00 p.m. (C) ALCATRAZ \*\*\* (1962, Biography) Paul Lancaster, Robert Strauss

5:45 p.m. (C) AMERICAN GUN \*\*\* (2005, Drama) Donald Sutherland, Forest Whitaker, J.

5:50 p.m. (C) ROMAN (2006, Suspense) Nestor Roque, Luke McKee

6:10 p.m. (C) BOMBING JAMIE \*\*\* (2007, Biography) Anne Hathaway, James Van Der Beek

6:20 p.m. (C) BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA \*\*\* (2007, Fantasy) Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb

6:30 p.m. (C) TRIP THISSON: IMPOSSIBLE III \*\*\* (2008, Action) Tom Cruise, Philip Seymour Hoffman

(C) LEGALLY BLONDE \*\*\* (2001, Comedy) Lucy Liu, Luke Wilson

5:45 p.m. (C) EDWARD SCISSORHANDS \*\*\* (1990, Fantasy) Johnny Depp, Winona Ryder, J.

**WEDNESDAY**

5:00 a.m. (C) ADRIENNE SHEENA \*\*\* (1984, Adventure) Tanya Roberts, Luke Wilson

6:00 a.m. (C) SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING (1960, Drama) Bob Fosse, Richard Roman

(C) ARMAGEDDON \*\*\* (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, J.

(C) I'M HOME IN WYOMING \*\*\* (1942, Western) Gene Autry, Billy Bletcher

5:15 a.m. (C) AMERICAN PERFECT \*\*\* (1997, Suspense) Fariha Baig, Robert Forster

6:10 a.m. (C) ELITE GRAYSON \*\*\* (1977, Drama) Ben Johnson, Lana Wood

6:25 a.m. (C) WHEN STAND UP STOOD OUT (2000, Documentary) Scott Brown, The Perfect Holiday

(C) PERFECT HOLIDAY (2007, Romance) Gabrielle Union, Morris Chestnut

6:45 a.m. (C) AUTUMN LEAVES \*\*\* (1994, Drama) Robert Downey Jr., Robert Downey Jr.

7:00 a.m. (C) MATERIAL GIRL \*\*\* (2006, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff, Haylie Duff, J.

(C) THE GAME \*\*\* (1992, Drama) Douglas, Sean Pan

7:15 a.m. (C) GRINDING GEAR \*\*\* (1994, Fantasy) Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates

7:40 a.m. (C) BUCKY \*\*\* (2000, Comedy-Drama) Mike Myers, Robert Downey Jr.

8:00 a.m. (C) LITTLE WOMEN \*\*\* (1994, Drama) Geraldine Ferraro, Geraldine Ferraro, J.

(C) THE CHRISTMAS SECRET (2007, Fantasy) Richard Thomas, Beau Bridges, J.

(C) THE PERFECT MAN \*\*\* (2005, Romance-Comedy) Hilary Duff, Heather Locklear

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<p><b>More movies</b></p> <p>1:45 p.m. <b>(TMC)</b> THE PACT WITH THE DEVIL (1986, Horror) John Carradine, Regine Torte. <b>+</b></p> <p>1:45 p.m. <b>(TMC)</b> FIRST SUNDAY ** (2008, Comedy) Joe Cubo, Kath Williams. <b>+</b></p> <p>2:00 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> HAPPY WAY (2008) Sarina Kathleen Chiles, Ingrid Kavelaas. <b>+</b></p> <p>2:05 p.m. <b>(TMC)</b> THE ELECTRIC HORSEMAN ** (1979, Western) Robert Redford, Jane Fonda. <b>+</b></p> <p>2:45 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS ** (1996,</p>	<p>Comedy) Holly Hunter, Robert Downey Jr. <b>+</b></p> <p>3:50 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> CROWD ADVERTISING (1998, Comedy) Jack Eastwood, Adam Carolla. <b>+</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m. <b>(TMC)</b> TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY ** (1991, Action) Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Lance Henriksen. <b>+</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m. <b>(TMC)</b> THE GREAT ESCAPE ** (1963, War) Steve McQueen, James Garner. <b>+</b></p> <p>3:05 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> RAMBO ** (1998, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Sylvester Stallone. <b>+</b></p> <p>3:15 p.m. <b>(TMC)</b> LUSH LIFE ** (1984, Comedy) Goldie, Forest Whitaker. <b>+</b></p> <p>3:30 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> BIG</p>	<p>NOTHING (2000, Comedy) Simon Pegg, David Tennant. <b>+</b></p> <p>3:35 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> THE FRONTIERS ** (1996, Suspense) Michael J. Fox, Tim Allen. <b>+</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m. <b>(TMC)</b> THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY ** (1988, Drama) Luan Platter, Taron Brooks. <b>(TV) G</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> GRAYSCALE ** (1977, Western) Ben Johnston, Lana Worell. <b>+</b></p> <p>4:30 p.m. <b>(TMC)</b> HOW TO EAT WILD FRUIT (2007, Comedy-Drama) Thomas Cavancha, Kimberly Williams-Paisley. <b>+</b></p> <p>4:55 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> THE LAST DRAGON ** (1985, Action) Tamek, Yanyu. <b>TV</b></p>	<p>Premiere. <b>+</b></p> <p>5:05 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> WHEN SHE WENT (2007, Drama) Ben Cross, Amanda Bennett. <b>+</b></p> <p>5:15 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> GROSSE POINTE BLANK ** (1987, Romantic-Comedy) John Cusack, Melanie Lynskey. <b>+</b></p> <p>5:15 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> ALIENS VS. BIRDS (2007, Drama) Steven Seagal, Rialto Aylesworth. <b>+</b></p> <p>5:25 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> FEEL THE VIBE (2007, Drama) Omarion Grandberry, Giancarlo Esposito. <b>+</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>(SBS)</b> HANGING WITH THE HOMEBODEYS ** (1991, Comedy) Doug E. Dog, Mario Jayne. <b>+</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>5:30 a.m. <b>(SBS)</b> SHUT UP AND SHUT ** (2006, Documentary) <b>+</b></p> <p>6:00 a.m. <b>(SBS)</b> NEWS ** (1984, Action) Patrick Swayze, C. Thomas Howett. <b>TV</b></p> <p>6:30 a.m. <b>(SBS)</b> IN THE NAME OF THE KING: A DUNSMUIR BROS. TALE ** (2007, Adventure) Jason Siskind, John Ryan-Davies. <b>+</b></p> <p>6:30 a.m. <b>(SBS)</b> CANNON ** (2006, Drama) Joe Pantolano, Marcie Gay Harding. <b>+</b></p> <p>6:15 a.m. <b>(SBS)</b> FREE WILLY ** (1993, Drama) Jason Robards, Lori Loughlin. <b>(TMC)</b> THE BIO PICTURE</p>	<p>** (1996, Comedy) Kevin Bacon, Emily Longworth. <b>+</b></p> <p>6:30 a.m. <b>(SBS)</b> THE FORCE ** (1947, Suspense) Burt Lancaster, Home Comedy. <b>+</b></p> <p>6:35 a.m. <b>(SBS)</b> THE GREEN ** (2008, Biography) Hilary Mirren, Michael Screech. <b>+</b></p> <p>6:30 a.m. <b>(SBS)</b> BIFT ** (2007, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore. <b>+</b></p> <p>7:00 a.m. <b>(SBS)</b> THE ADVENTURES OF BRAD PEARCE ACROSS THE EIGHTH DIMENSION ** (1984, Action) Fickson, Peter Walker, John Lirngov. <b>+</b></p>







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<p>12:20 p.m. <b>CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER WOMEN</b> *** (2005, Comedy-Drama) Helena Bonham Carter</p> <p>12:20 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Drama) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan</p> <p>1:00 p.m. <b>THE ARRIVAL</b> *** (1996, Science Fiction) Marisa Pheasant, Ron Silver. ( )</p> <p>1:00 p.m. <b>MRS. DOUBTFIRE</b> *** (1992, Comedy) Robin</p>	<p>1:15 p.m. <b>THE KARATE KID PART II</b> (1986, Action) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki 'Pat' Morita.</p> <p>1:25 p.m. <b>LEONARDO LAMPARNO'S ANIMAL HOUR</b> *** (1978, TVPG) John Belushi, Kevin Bacon.</p> <p>1:40 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>1:45 p.m. <b>THE ARRIVAL</b> *** (1996, Science Fiction) Marisa Pheasant, Ron Silver. ( )</p> <p>2:00 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy-Drama) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>2:00 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy-Drama) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p>	<p><b>CELESTINE</b> *** (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Jane Fonda. ( )</p> <p>2:15 p.m. <b>GOODBYE AGAM</b> *** (1991, Comedy) Ingrid Bergman, Yves Montand.</p> <p>3:00 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>3:15 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>3:30 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>3:45 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p>	<p>3:45 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>3:45 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>3:45 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>3:45 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p>	<p>Bergman</p> <p>5:00 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>5:05 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>5:15 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>5:45 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p>	<p>Carrington</p> <p>5:40 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>5:45 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>5:50 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p> <p>5:55 p.m. <b>CELESTINE</b> *** (2005, Comedy) Jon Hamm, Whitney Sloan.</p>
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**5:15 a.m. (TV14) UNTRACEABLE** \*\* (2008, Suspense) **Ozzy Osbourne** (TV14) **BURKS** \*\* (1992, Action) **John Travolta** (TV14) **THE ABYSS** \*\*\* (1989, Science Fiction) **Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio** (TV14) **5:30 a.m. (TV14) CONVERSATIONS WITH AN OTHER WOMAN** \*\* (2005, Comedy) **Comedy** **John Travolta, Helena Bonham Carter, Aaron Eckhart** (TV14) **7:00 a.m. (TV14) THE KARATE KID, PART TWO** \*\* (1986, Action) **Jackie Chan, Noriyuki Matsunaga** (TV14) **8:30 a.m. (TV14) THE DOG**

**7:30 a.m. (TV14) ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES** \*\* (2006, Fantasy) **Freddie Highmore, Jason Lee, David Cross** (TV14) **REVENGE OF THE NERDS II: THE NEXT GENERATION** \*\* (1992, Comedy) **Robert Carmine, John Wood** (TV14) **8:00 a.m. (TV14) PATHS OF GLORY** \*\*\* (1957, War) **Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway** (TV14) **THE OTHER SISTER** \*\* (1990, Drama) **Michelle Pfeiffer, Liane Laizel, David L. Lander** (TV14) **8:30 a.m. (TV14) IRON EAGLE** (1987, Action) **John Wood, Robert Downey Jr., Christy Turlington** (TV14) **9:00 a.m. (TV14) THE NERDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD** \*\* (1991, Comedy) **Robert Carmine, John Wood** (TV14) **10:00 a.m. (TV14) THE NERDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD** \*\* (1991, Comedy) **Robert Carmine, John Wood** (TV14)

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11:00 a.m. **(HBO) HEADSHOTS** \*\* (1992, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd, John Cusack, G

11:00 a.m. **(HBO) FEVER PITCH** \*\* (2005, Romance-Comedy) Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon, G

11:40 a.m. **(HBO) MEET THE ROBINSONS** \*\*\* (2007, Adventure) Voices of Angela Bassett, Daniel Hensley, G

11:45 a.m. **(HBO) DESTINATION TOKYO** \*\*\* (1943, War) Cary Grant, John Garfield, G

12:00 p.m. **(HBO) MR. ST.**

**NICK (2002, Fantasy)** Casey Grammer, Charles O'Connell, G

12:00 p.m. **(HBO) CRIMBS OF HEART** \*\*\* (1986, Drama) Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange, G

12:00 p.m. **(HBO) AMERICAN GANGSTER** \*\*\* (2007, Crime) Al Pacino, G

12:00 p.m. **(HBO) STUCK IN THE SUBURBS** (2004, Comedy-Drama) Danielle Brinkley, Brenda Song, (TV) G, G

12:00 p.m. **(HBO) ADDER 48** \*\* (2004, Drama) Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta, G

**PRIMEVAL** \*\* (2007, Suspense) Anthony Curran, Corinne Bailey, G

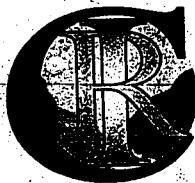
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**Q** Is Jessica Simpson's relationship with Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo as great as she implies?  
—Edna M. Cowand, Mansfield, Tex.

**A** We'd like to think so. But in the fickle world of celebrity dating, we believe Shakespeare

got it right when he wrote: "The course of true love never did run smooth."

**Q** Since Dr. Quinn went off the air, I've missed Jane Seymour. When can I see her next?—Diana Kelley, Redding, Calif.

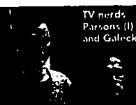
**A** Seymour will appear next year in the dark comedy movie *Wake* and star in more *Dear Prudence* films for the Hallmark Channel. She also has a book, *Open Hearts*, due Dec. 22. "Everyone's heart gets broken at some point," she tells us. "The idea is to be open to new possibilities." At 57, Jane says she's never been happier.



Dr. Quinn now mends open hearts

**Q** Were Sheldon and Leonard, the main characters on TV's *The Big Bang Theory*, named for the late Sheldon Leonard?—Otto Cleveland, Pearl City, Hawaii

**A** Yes. *Big Bang* co-creator Chuck Lorre says his career was inspired by Leonard, who produced such classic sitcoms as *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. "The names Sheldon and Leonard suited our nerdy characters [played by Jim Parsons and Johnny Galecki]," adds Lorre, who's also one of the creators of *Two and a Half Men*.



TV nerds Parsons (l) and Galecki (r)

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**Q** Now that Luciano Pavarotti is dead, who will replace him in The Three Tenors?—John Gong, Arlington, Tex.

**A** José Carreras, 62, and Plácido Domingo, 67, tell us they have no plans to carry on The Three Tenors without their incomparable colleague, who died of pancreatic cancer last year. Carreras is busy with international solo recitals, while Domingo is preparing to celebrate his 40th year with the Metropolitan Opera.



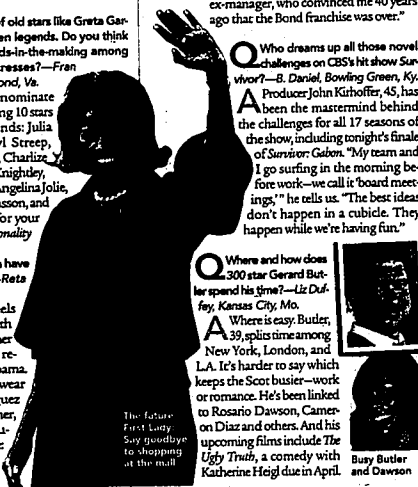
Lazenby as 007 and today

**Q** We think of old stars like Greta Garbo as screen legends. Do you think there are legends-in-the-making among today's film actresses?—Fran Nunnally, Richmond, Va.

**A** Yes. We'd nominate the following 10 stars as Future Legends: Julia Roberts, Meryl Streep, Cate Blanchett, Charlize Theron, Keira Knightley, Helen Mirren, Angelina Jolie, Hilary Swank, Scarlett Johansson, and Halle Berry. Readers, vote for your favorites at [Parade.com/personality](http://Parade.com/personality)

**Q** Does Michelle Obama have a fashion adviser?—Reta Smith, Kalamazoo, Mich.

**A** Not yet. "Michelle feels as she's stylish to begin with and doesn't need advice on her wardrobe," says a fashion reporter who follows Mrs. Obama. It's speculated that she'll wear clothes by Narciso Rodriguez or a favorite Chicago designer, Maria Pinto, at the inauguration. One thing is for sure: The Secret Service will discourage trips to the mall.



The future First Lady Say goodbye to shopping at the mall

**Q** Of all the actors who played 007, the one we hear the least about is George Lazenby, star of 1969's *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. What's he up to?—Pamela Scott, Calumet City, Ill.

**A** "I haven't worked in six or seven years," he tells us, "but I plan to start up my acting career again." But first, Lazenby, 69, must settle a nasty divorce and custody battle with tennis star Pam Shriver. He adds: "I blame the decline of my career on my ex-manager, who convinced me 40 years ago that the Bond franchise was over."

**Q** Who dreams up all those novel challenges on CBS's hit show *Survivor*?—B. Daniel, Bowling Green, Ky.

**A** Producer John Kohfner, 45, has been the mastermind behind the challenges for all 17 seasons of the show, including tonight's finale of *Survivor: Gabon*. "My team and I go surfing in the morning before work—we call it 'board meetings,'" he tells us. "The best ideas don't happen in a cubicle. They happen while we're having fun."

**Q** Where and how does 0300 star Gerard Butler spend his time?—Liz Duffy, Kansas City, Mo.

**A** Where is easy: Butler, 39, spends time among New York, London, and L.A. It's harder to say which keeps the Scor busiest—work or romance. He's been linked to Rosario Dawson, Cameron Diaz and others. And his upcoming films include *The Ugly Truth*, a comedy with Katherine Heigl due in April.



Busy Butler and Dawson

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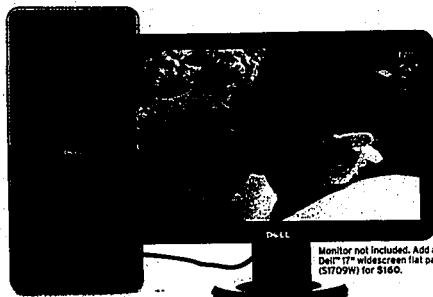
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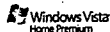
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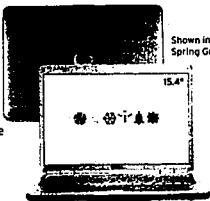
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# Big Holiday at a Small Price

by Lynn Schnurnberger

*This year, you may be cutting corners on holiday spending, but you don't have to scrimp on the season's cheer. Instead of having a pile of presents to make a celebration beautiful, think about focusing on special holiday moments. Some families rely on traditions passed down for generations. Others create memories anew. Here are two celebrations that don't cost a fortune.*

The shindig didn't start out to be "thrifty," but the Hollenbachs soon realized that you don't have to pay dearly for a precious celebration. Each year, the younger children spend time giggling together while they decorate Styrofoam cones with frosting and gumdrops—the gumdrops they don't eat first, that is. Only small presents—perhaps a gift certificate to a local coffee shop or a tin of freshly roasted pecans—are exchanged, and only godchildren and godparents exchange them. Every table contributes a favorite dish to a buffet, avoiding the stress and expense of a big sit-down dinner. Rosemarie Hollenbach brings artichoke dip and the buns, which come from a bakery nearby. "It would be unthinkable to have sliced ham without buttered treats," she says.

Throughout the day, the ranks of revelers expand as friends and neighbors accept the family's invitation to "drop on by." Their guests have included several displaced orphans of the Sudanese civil war (known as the Lost Boys of Sudan), who were visiting Louisville with the Hollenbachs' church group. "They joined right in the song, just like everyone else," Taylor Bohn, 38, a home-maker and mother of five, recalls. "And they mangled the German words

right along with the rest of us."

None of the Hollenbachs knows the name of the 15-minute folk song that littler members of the clan call "Oom-pah-pah" because, to sing it, you have to make that sound. But the family agrees that Christmas Eve wouldn't be Christmas Eve without it. "The song reminds us that we're part of something much larger than ourselves," says Leslie Holland, 47, who works in public relations. "We talk about our ancestors and think about all of the people who've come before us. My kids and their cousins are lucky to have this in the same way that I did, and my mother did, and her father before her. What my great-great-grandparents bequeathed us is a sense of belonging. Somehow, that makes material gifts truly unimportant."

**What You Can Do:** If you don't have a 100-year tradition like the Hollenbachs, create one—whether it's a communal song, a family prayer, or a distinctive ritual. Big gatherings can be special. Think of inviting friends and colleagues who would otherwise be alone and those who would appreciate being part of your celebration.



Members of the Hollenbach family

## The Kellams Small Gifts All Season

**T**HE HOLIDAY starts early in the Kellam household in Wichita, Kan. The family puts up its decorations on the day after Thanksgiving, and every morning until Christmas, the children find small things like ornaments or Gummy Bears on the dining-room table. BJ, 11, Elly, 9, and 5-year-old David have been told these gifts were left in the night by an "elf" named—what else?—Elfed. "It's like having the tooth fairy visit for an entire month!" BJ says with excitement.

Elfed's much-anticipated visits are just one of the ways that mom Tawra Kellam, 36—who started the Living on a Dime website to share tips on her thrifty lifestyle—proves that imagination trumps expense. On a budget of under \$500 to buy gifts for her list of 17 relatives, Kellam

thrift-store basket. One year, Kellam snagged cuddly 5-foot-long pillows for just \$8 each, then gave the kids a list of clever clues and sent her junior Sherlock Holmeses off on a treasure hunt. "The kids were running up the stairs, checking under the sink, and having the time of their lives," she says. "They already get enough 'real' stuff from their grandparents and aunts and uncles. This is the kind of gift that creates memories."

When Kellam was growing up, her single mother of two didn't have much cash, but holidays felt far from frugal. "Mom always lit candles for a calming, peaceful ambience," she remembers. "We'd watch movies, and my brother and I would take turns reading the Christmas story from the Bible. I'm trying to create that same, low-key, fun atmosphere." She makes sure that the things that should be enjoyable, like baking cookies, don't get her stressed.

## Instead of giving kids more "stuff," create more memories

In addition to decorating, Kellam sends her Christmas packages out before there's a stampede at the post office and starts celebrating—with Elfed—a whole month early. "It's too nerve-racking to try to cram all of your decorating and celebrating into just a few days," says Kellam. "I want us to get as much pleasure out of the holiday as possible."

**What You Can Do:** Spread the joy in little bits and focus on what you do rather than on what you buy. Celebrating over an extended period, as the Kellams do, removes the pressure of creating one perfect day. **||**

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Tawra and Michael Kellam with BJ, David and Elly

# 8 Great Gifts Under



Instead of worrying about the cost of gifts, get creative. Here are some ideas that break the mold, but not the bank.

- 1 Give your time.** Make someone a personalized coupon booklet filled with offers for good deeds. For a colleague, give a week's worth of morning coffee; for a spouse, take over unpopular chores for a month.
- 2 Open your home.** Turn hosting friends and family into a special gift. To make the visit memorable, use stickers to customize a map by pointing out local haunts—a music note for a jazz club or a dress for a boutique in town.
- 3 Treat them to sweets.** Everyone loves candy. Put red and green M&M's inside a small clear plastic box, or place different kinds of goodies inside a fishing tackle box. This is great for groups: teachers, co-workers, kids.
- 4 Mix it up.** Create homemade gorp by combining mixed nuts, raisins, dried cranberries, and chocolate chips. Place small amounts into cello bags tied with ribbons. Customized labels double as packaging and cards.
- 5 Keep it clean.** When presented properly, soap retains a kind of natural elegance. Find unbranded soaps at a drugstore and take them out of the box. Stack flat shapes and tie with a wide ribbon, or create a "bird's nest" by putting round soaps in a basket.
- 6 Make it a group effort.** Secret Santas and other games require one purchase. Set a \$10 limit or ask guests to recycle what's in their closets: Your old "Kiss Me, I'm Irish" mug could be someone's new favorite pencil holder.
- 7 Hit thrifty hot spots.** Scour flea markets, used bookstores, and eBay to find personalized gifts like vintage charms or concert T-shirts from a beloved '80s band.
- 8 Shop for a cause.** Make a donation to someone's favorite charity or cause. No one has to know how much you spent, and every gift counts.

—Meredith Barnett, co-founder of StoreAdore.com



**WORLD**

## Who Gets U.S. Foreign Aid

The U.S. will give an estimated \$26 billion in foreign aid in 2008—70% more than when President George W. Bush took office (the figure doesn't include funds related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan). More than 150 countries get financial assistance from the U.S. Here are the six that received the most this year.

COUNTRY	AID	PURPOSE
Israel	\$2.4 billion	Virtually all of this money is used to buy weapons (up to 20% from the U.S.). Beginning in 2009, the U.S. plans to give \$10 billion over 10 years.
Egypt	\$1.7 billion	\$1.3 billion to buy weapons; \$103 million for education; \$74 million for health care; \$45 million to promote civic participation and human rights.
Pakistan	\$798 million	\$300 million for security affairs, including military and border operations and border security; \$29 million for infrastructure.
Jordan	\$688 million	\$326 million to fight terrorism and promote regional stability through equipment upgrades and training; \$163 million cash payment to the Jordanian government.
Kenya	\$586 million	\$501 million to fight HIV/AIDS through drug treatment and substance education and to combat malaria; \$16 million for agricultural development; \$64 million for programs that promote government accountability.
South Africa	\$574 million	\$557 million to fight TB and HIV/AIDS; \$3 million for education.

\*Source: Estimates based on figures and documents from the U.S. Department of State. For a list of the top 10 foreign-aid recipients, visit [Parade.com/Intl](http://Parade.com/Intl)

## ECONOMY Can Going Green Create Jobs?

A report from the U.S. Conference of Mayors says the "green economy" could create 4.2 million jobs in the next 30 years. More than 3 million would come from a switch

to renewable power and alternative fuels. But what would the jobs be, and who would be eligible? "It's not George Jetson with a jet pack," says Vann Jones, author of *The Green Collar Economy*. "It's Joe Six-Pack with a hard hat and a lunch bucket, ready to install solar panels." Retrofitting old buildings to meet environmental standards could replace many of the 800,000 construction jobs lost recently. And a new report from Duke University shows growth at firms producing energy-efficient windows and lightbulbs. The report pre-



dicts future growth in states like Indiana, Ohio, and California. Right now, the most green jobs—including environmental lawyers, consultants, and engineers—are in New

York City, Washington, D.C., and Houston. But Jones points out that many green jobs don't require a college degree—only access to training programs. Congress passed the Green Jobs Act last year but so far has failed to allocate any of the \$125 million promised. Pat Michaels of the Calo Institute says taxpayers shouldn't have to underwrite green jobs. "If new technologies are cost-effective, they should produce their own employment," he says. Should the government subsidize the creation of green jobs? Tell us at [Parade.com/Intl](http://Parade.com/Intl)

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## The Crisis In Zimbabwe

James McGee, U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe, has been threatened by forces loyal to the dictator Robert Mugabe.



**What is happening in Zimbabwe?**

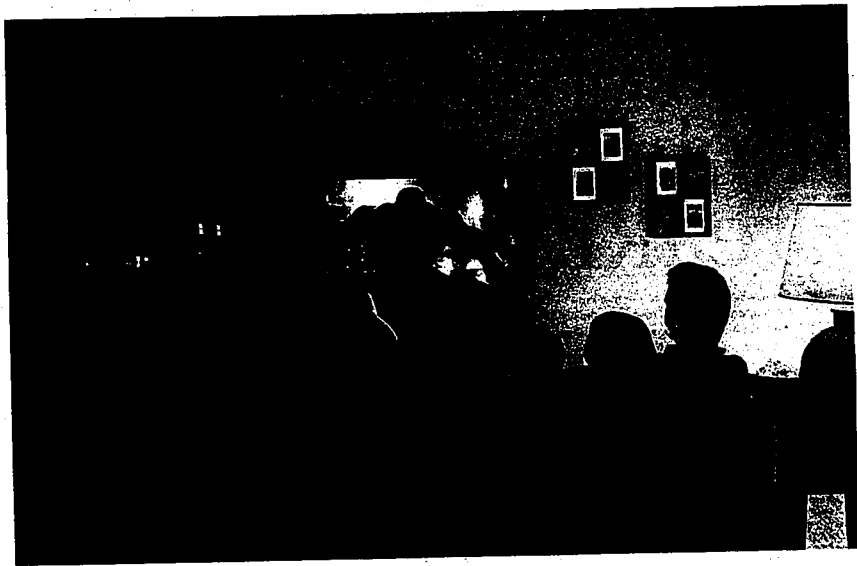
The country is facing a political and humanitarian crisis. For the first time in 28 years, the people voted last March against the Mugabe government. An agreement was signed in September that should have led to power-sharing between Mugabe and the two opposition parties. But the existing government has refused to share power and honor the will of the people.

**How are the people being affected?**

Three major hospitals in the capital have closed. At the Children's Hospital, doctors are performing Caesarean sections using only the lights from their cellphones, because there are no working lights in the operating rooms. In parts of the country, there are massive cholera outbreaks, and the government is doing nothing. Zimbabwe used to be the breadbasket of Africa. Now it has to import food to feed its people. I've served all over the world, and this is as bad as any country I've ever seen. People are living in a state of hopelessness.

**What can the U.S. do?**

The U.S. has given \$218 million in food and medical assistance. We have stringent, targeted sanctions against Zimbabwe's leaders—they cannot travel to the U.S. or make financial transactions there. But what we need is a regional solution within Africa. We all hope to see the U.N. become more involved, but only time will tell.



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# Give yourself a gift! A Quick & Easy Holiday Breakfast

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by Sheila Lukins



For a special holiday breakfast that won't take you away from opening gifts, this menu can mostly be prepared the night before. In the morning, beat the eggs, heat the hot chocolate, and sit by the fire.

*Sheila*



## Evergreen Frittata

When removing the skillet from the oven, beware of the hot handles!

10 large eggs, lightly beaten

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 Tbsp chopped fresh dill

2 Tbsp chopped flat-leaf parsley, plus 1 Tbsp for garnish

2 Tbsp unsalted butter

8 ounces sour cream

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Beat eggs with salt, pepper, and herbs.
  2. Melt butter in a 10-inch ovenproof skillet over medium-low heat until it foams, coating the bottom and sides. Add eggs. Place skillet in the oven for 10 minutes.
  3. Let rest for 5 minutes. Invert onto a round plate and garnish with parsley. Serve with sour cream on the side.
- Serves 8.** Per serving (with 1/2 ounce sour cream): 180 calories, 2g carbs, 9g protein, 15g fat, 285mg cholesterol.

## French Bread Pudding

Dried cherries add a tart and festive flavor.

1 loaf of stale French bread  
1 quart milk  
3 eggs  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
2 Tbsp pure vanilla extract  
1 cup dried cherries  
Heavy cream, for serving


1. Cut bread in 1-inch cubes and place in a bowl. Pour milk over it; let stand for 1 hour.
2. Preheat the oven to 325°F. Butter the bottom and sides of a 9x13x2-inch oven-to-table baking dish.
3. In another bowl, beat together the eggs, sugar, and vanilla. Stir this into the bread mixture. Add the dried cherries.
4. Pour into the prepared baking dish. Bake on the middle rack of the oven for about 1 hour and 10 minutes, or until

golden brown. Cool to room temperature, cover with aluminum foil, and refrigerate overnight.

5. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before reheating. Reheat, covered with foil, at 325°F for 15 to 20 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. Pass a pitcher of cream to moisten.

**Serves 8.** Per serving: 420 calories, 80g carbs, 12g protein, 5g fat, 90mg cholesterol.

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Season's Savings Recipe #5

### Blue Bunny® Grasshopper Ice Cream Pie

Serves: 8

Prep Time: 15 minutes\*

#### Ingredients

- 1 prepared 9-inch chocolate crumb crust
- 4 cups Blue Bunny® Premium Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream, slightly softened
- 1 cup chocolate syrup
- 1 dollop pressurized whipped cream
- 1 maraschino cherry
- 8 tsp sliced almonds

#### Directions

1. Spoon ice cream into crust, gently spreading to fill evenly. Cover and freeze at least 2 hours to firmly set.
2. Remove from freezer 5 minutes before serving. Squeeze one dollop whipped cream onto center of pie, top with maraschino cherry. Cut into 8 slices, placing each on a dessert plate. Spoon 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup over each slice of pie. Sprinkle each plate with 1 teaspoon sliced almonds.

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## Luscious Hot Chocolate

12 ounces semisweet chocolate (chips or chopped bars are both fine)  
2 quarts milk  
(8 cups)

1. Combine the chocolate and milk in a heavy saucepan. Place over medium heat until bubbles form, reduce the heat slightly, and simmer until the chocolate melts, whisking constantly.
2. Before serving, raise the heat until the chocolate just boils, still whisking. Enjoy.

**Serves 8.** Per serving: 330 calories, 89g carbs, 11g protein, 17g fat, 20mg cholesterol.



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## McCormick<sup>®</sup> Red Velvet Cupcakes

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| 2 1/4 cups flour     | 1 cup butter, softened | 1/2 cup milk   |
| 1/2 cup cocoa powder | 2 cups sugar           | 1 bottle (1 oz.) McCormick <sup>®</sup> Red Food Color |
| 1 cup baking soda    | 4 eggs                 | 2 tsp. McCormick <sup>®</sup> Pure Vanilla Extract     |
| 1/2 tsp. salt        | 1 cup sour cream       | 1 McCormick <sup>®</sup> Cream Cheese Frosting         |

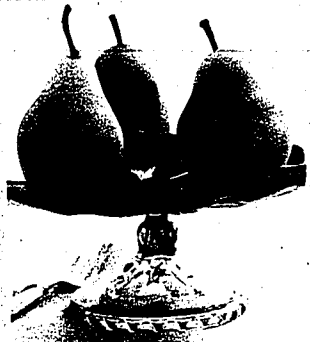
MIX flour, cocoa, baking soda, and salt. BEAT butter and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed 5 minutes or until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time. Mix sour cream, milk, food color, and vanilla. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed just until blended. Spoon batter into paper-lined muffin cups, filling each cup 2/3 full. BAKE in preheated 350° F oven 20 to 25 minutes. Cool in pans 5 minutes. Remove from pans, cool completely. Spread with frosting. Makes 30.

McCormick<sup>®</sup> Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting: BEAT 1 package (8 oz.) softened cream cheese, 4 tbsp. softened butter, 2 tbsp. sour cream, and 2 tsp. McCormick<sup>®</sup> Pure Vanilla Extract in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in 1 box (16 oz.) confectioners' sugar on medium speed until smooth.

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## Mulled Pears and Apples

Core the fruit from the bottom so that the stems stay intact and the fruit looks whole on the platter.

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| 4 quarts apple juice                   | 6 whole cloves                         |
| 2 cinnamon sticks (each 3 inches long) | 1 lemon, halved                        |
| 1 large piece crystallized ginger      | 4 Fuji apples, or other cooking apples |
|  | 2 Bartlett or Anjou pears              |

1. Fill a large, heavy pot with apple juice. Tie the cinnamon sticks, ginger, and cloves together in a cheesecloth bag with kitchen string and add to the juice. Bring to a boil; reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer 15 minutes, partially covered, to infuse flavors.
  2. Meanwhile, squeeze the lemon into a large bowl and fill with water. Core the apples and pears from the bottom and peel them. Drop immediately into the lemon water (to prevent browning) until poaching time.
  3. Carefully add apples to the boiling poaching liquid, reduce heat, and simmer until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove to a bowl. Add the pears to the liquid and poach until tender, about 8 minutes. Remove to a bowl.
  4. Cool the poaching liquid to room temperature and discard spice bag. Return fruit to the liquid and refrigerate overnight.
  5. To serve, place the fruit, stem-ends up, on a cake stand or platter. Strain some of the liquid over the fruit.
- Serves 8.** Per serving: 320 calories, 79g carbs, 1g protein, no fat or cholesterol.

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by Marilyn vos Savant

Can eating poppy-seed baked goods cause a positive result on drug tests?—D.B., Bemidji, Minn.

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Would it be accurate to say humans are the fastest animals on two legs?

—Steve Hillenbrand, Knoxville, Tenn.

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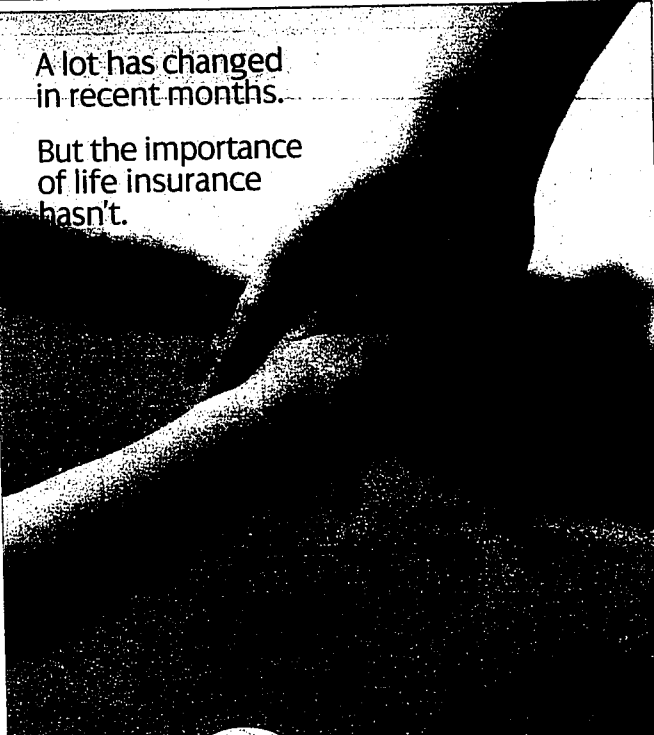


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**A**s in other parts of the world, women in Sweden prefer smooth, hairless legs when it comes to their legs, arms and bodies. What makes women different is how they do it. Unlike women here, they use razors and cuts with a razor or apply smelly chemicals that damage hair. Instead, they use a new product called Smooth Away, a special pad that gently erases the hair.

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## Coping With Job Loss

*The U.S. economy has lost more than 1.2 million jobs this year, and experts expect unemployment to rise higher still in 2009. If you think your position might be in jeopardy, here's what you need to know.*

**Should you take the buyout?** As a prelude to layoffs, employers often dangle buyouts in front of workers nearing retirement. In exchange for leaving early, you'll get

**Most of us are better off declining a buyout**

a better exit package. Buyouts are tempting—it's easy to imagine how you might invest an early retirement offer and live out your twilight years in luxury. The reality is less promising. Most of us are better off declining a buyout and continuing to work at our present salaries. The reason: It's simply too hard to make up the income from those last few years in the office or on the line.

The one time it *does* make sense to take the money and run? If you're worried that your employer is about to go out of business. In other words, if you're getting an early payout for a job that likely won't be there down the road, it's a good idea to kick up your heels and get out while the getting is still good.

**If you face a layoff.** Instead of worrying about impending cuts in your current workplace, secure the information you'll need to get your

next job. Grab your Rolodex or download your e-mail address book at home so that you'll still be able to reach important industry contacts. Do not take company property such as customer lists or financial data—if you get caught, you could lose any severance that's due to you.

When the ax falls, don't bother trying to negotiate your way back into your job. Instead, focus on extending any benefits you are provided, such as outplacement services. Your company should offer to continue your health insurance for at least a month, but try to negotiate for more if you're in good standing. Another option: COBRA. If you can afford to pay the full premium, plus administrative costs, this federal law allows you to extend your existing coverage for as long as 18 months. If you can use a spouse's coverage, opt for that—it'll be cheaper.

**Focus on your next job.** It's true that unemployment is on the rise, but that doesn't mean nobody is hiring. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that by 2016, the U.S. will need 479,000 more teachers and, despite the recent implosion in financial services, 226,000 more auditors, accountants, and other financial professionals. Health care is expected to create some 3 million new jobs over the next eight years. In fact, according to Erin Packwood, a human-resources expert for the

## Despite job loss, some sectors are still hiring

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# Alternative Therapies That Really Work

by Dr. Mark Liponis

**A**CCORDING TO THE NATIONAL Institutes of Health (NIH), as many as 62% of Americans use some form of alternative medicine. But few of these treatments are covered by the average medical-insurance plan. The NIH estimates that Americans spend between \$36 billion and \$47 billion out of pocket each year on alternative therapies such as acupuncture or meditation.

So, do they really work? With government funding, science is expanding its study of alternative and complementary treatments. Some, but not all, are showing positive results. And many of the most successful methods involve "mind-body therapies"—techniques that use the power of the mind to help heal the body.

Here are three commonly used mind-body therapies that have scientific backing and have passed the litmus test of rigorous medical inquiry.

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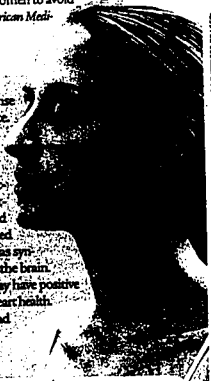


## ACUPUNCTURE

**What it is:** Acupuncture is a traditional Chinese practice involving the placement of very skinny, sterile needles into the skin at specific points located along "energy meridians."  
**How it works:** Eastern philosophy says that acupuncture affects the flow of *qi* (pronounced "chee"), or energy, through the energy meridians. Western science reasons that the needles interact with our nervous system, triggering the release of hormone-like chemicals that affect our mood, perception of pain, and immune response.  
**What it's good for:** In a 2004 study, acupuncture was shown to be helpful in reducing pain due to knee arthritis. It also could be beneficial for sufferers of post-traumatic stress disorder. And when used along with *in vitro* fertilization, it may be effective in increasing the odds of success in female conception. Stimulating an acupuncture point in the toe even may help correct the breech position of babies in the last trimester and allow more women to avoid C-sections, according to a study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

## MEDITATION

**What it is:** Meditation activates the relaxation response and improves blood pressure and hormone balance. The most popular method is transcendental meditation (TM), in which you focus on repeating a personal mantra as you meditate.  
**How it works:** TM trains you to block out distractions, creating calmer and more powerful brain patterns. Brain-wave measurements of experienced meditators during meditation show slow, focused activity in the frontal cortex of the brain, similar to those found during sleep, as well as synchronized waves from different areas within the brain.  
**What it's good for:** Research shows that TM may have positive effects on blood pressure, stress, and overall heart health. TM also may help with post-traumatic stress, just say, "Om."



## BIOFEEDBACK

**What it is:** A relatively new technique, biofeedback teaches you to use the power of your brain to control "automatic" functions of the body, such as blood pressure, pulse rate, stress response, skin temperature, and brain waves.  
**How it works:** Sensors monitor the automatic function, such as heart rate, which is then displayed on a screen so you can see it. By controlling your thoughts, you learn to change the display in a desired direction.  
**What it's good for:** Studies show that biofeedback can help reduce symptoms in a range of maladies, including high blood pressure, chronic back pain, incontinence, tension headaches, and stress. In experimental research, it even is being used to help paraplegics control artificial limbs with their minds.



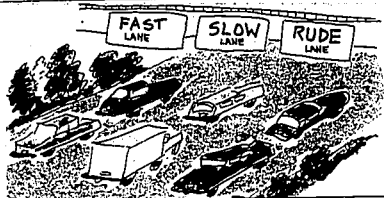
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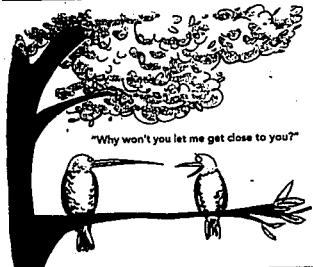


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music out of ordinary words—"plums, wheelbarrows, and weeds/ fire engines, children, and trees." But *Wave* by Suzy Lee spins its magic wordlessly, depicting a solitary girl as she joyfully plays with an ocean wave.



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Kids also will love **3-D World Atlas & Tour** by Marie Jervins, with its more than 50 3-D photos of world maps and sites—from the Grand Canyon to Athens to Antarctica. And who can resist a clever pop-up book? **Spyology: The Complete Book of Spycraft** by Spencer Blake is an interactive primer on the art of gathering intelligence. The book is studded with paper clues, codes to crack, disguises, and gadgets (the cover's red sphere is a "magnifying filter decoder" that helps find the hidden messages) and even has a spy story within it. Looking for a book older kids can't put down? Neil Gaiman's **The Graveyard Book** is

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**WEDDING**  
Born Oct. 20, 1961, in Ontario, Canada. Married to Susan Jamison since 1994; recently separated. Two children: Raylan, 12, and Logan, 11.

**DO YOU KNOW HIM?**  
On his Discovery Channel show, *Survivorman*, Les performs MacGyver-like feats, fashioning snow goggles out of cockpit remnants and braving creatures of the wild.

**WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW**  
In college, Les was a music-arts major who made several rock videos. He still performs and tours with his band, Les Stroud and The Pikes.

**HE'S MIDDLE-AGED, RUGGED, CANADIAN** wilderness-survival expert Les Stroud—now in his third season on the Discovery Channel's *Survivorman*—lives in Huntsville, Ontario, with 470 acres of trees and rocks, and moose and bear hanging out in the backyard.

Sounds about right. On the show, Stroud is alone out in the boondocks somewhere—no water, food, or weapons. He uses a 50-pound camera rig, filming himself living off the land, scaling cliffs, swimming crocodile-infested streams, ranging with wild beasts and snakes, somehow building fires out of nothing in the Arctic. Does anything (grammas, raiders, gamers) scare the man?

"I get along fine with the creepy, crawly things," he said. "But even though I have a pilot's license, I'm afraid of heights. Put me out there on a cliff or a ledge, and I get the shakes."

When we spoke, Les was packing for Papua New Guinea, where he would be testing himself against mountain and jungle in one of the most primitive regions in the world. Any worries?

"Yes, malaria," he said. "I'll be taking something for that. I do carry a two-way radio and have a paramedic within five to 50 miles. Problem is, under a jungle canopy or canyon wall, the radio only works 50 percent of the time. So if I break my leg or get bitten by a cobra or pit viper, I'm in trouble."

Without a film crew, how does he pull off those camera shots? "I wear two hats out there," Les said. "I'm a survival expert and a filmmaker. When I see a shot I want, I climb the cliff, set up a camera, focus, turn it on, climb back down. Then I swim the stream. I swim back, climb the cliff again, and it's, 'Oh, man! I cut off my head in that shot.' So I have to do it all over."

Stroud also has done *Shark Week* segments on Discovery. Not even sharks scare him? "No," he said. "I've been in there with tiger sharks, great whites, lemon and reef sharks. I grew up on Jacques Cousteau and *Tarzan*, and I love it."

**The adventure from TV's *Survivorman* admits one thing frightens him. And it isn't snakes.**

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In 1994, while guiding canoe excursions, Les fell for photographer Sue Jamison. As newlyweds, they spent a year in the northern wilderness living in a cabin they built without metal, plastic, or manufactured tools. Though they've since separated, the couple have two children, a daughter and a son. Do the kids take after Dad? "We did a lot of camping together," Les told me. "But now my daughter is more into dancing. Our son is into the wilderness, as any 11-year-old boy would be. He knows how to use a knife, to build a fire, to handle himself." Are there any other adventures left on his wish list? "I'd love to visit the troops overseas," Stroud told me. "Yanks and Canadians."

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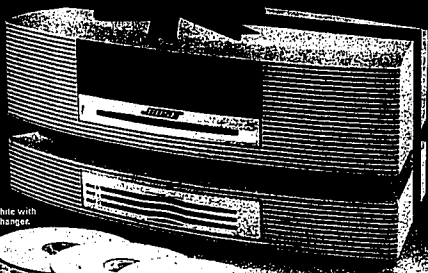
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