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## Idaho budget cuts stretch into another year

Otter orders agencies to cut 6 percent more, \$169 million, for FY 2010

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has ordered state agencies to prepare for more budget cuts beyond this year.

Agencies received a memo this week instructing them to plan a strategy for weathering another 6 percent reduction

in state funding for fiscal year 2010, which starts July 1, 2009. That 6 percent would amount to nearly \$169 million statewide.

That holdback is on top of the 4 percent in budget holdbacks that have been ordered for the current fiscal year. The additional reduction will amount to a 10 percent total

reduction in state funding for fiscal year 2010.

"The governor understands that such a base reduction may, and indeed should, involve eliminating entire programs if they ... are not in furtherance of or required by your statutory mission," Wayne Hammon, administrator of the state Division of

Financial Management, wrote in the memo.

Agencies must have their plans for budget cuts sent to the DFM by noon Thursday. Agency officials, who received the memo on Monday, expressed no surprise at the bleak outlook for the state's budget.

Idaho, that amounts to a cut of about \$2 million for the next fiscal year, CSI President Jerry Beck said.

Beck said all departments at the college are being asked to look for ways to save money. The goal is to make sure that CSI can continue serving students in a rough economic climate when peo-

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SEE: A copy of the memo that the state's Division of Financial Management sent to Idaho agencies.



ple need college retraining for new careers, Beck said.

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## Fed slashes rate to record low

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a radical move, the Federal Reserve slashed its key interest rate to a record low on Tuesday and vowed to use all the weapons at its disposal to fight the worsening recession, which has dragged down consumer prices and home construction.

The Fed created a new target range for its federal funds rate so that it will hover between 0.25 percent and zero. That dramatically lowers the Fed's targeted rate, called the federal funds rate, which had stood at 1 percent.

The bold move surprised economists, most of whom were predicting the Fed would cut the funds rate in half to 0.50 percent.

A few thought the Fed could opt for an even more forceful action. The funds rate is the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans.

With the Fed's key rate dropping to rock-bottom lev-

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IRS tries to give homeowners a break.

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Consumer prices fell by largest amount on record in November.

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els, the central bank is moving into uncharted territory.

Nonetheless, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues made clear that the central bank isn't running out of ammunition to fight the worst financial crisis since the 1930s. It is exploring using tools — other than rate cuts — to revive the economy.

"The Fed will employ all available tools to promote the resumption of sustainable economic growth," Fed officials said.

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## New home for the holidays



Robert Ramos's Twin Falls home took eight months to complete.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Robert Ramos, left, talks Tuesday with Jim Randall and his wife, Seana, whose construction company built the custom home for Ramos who is paralyzed from the neck down, at his new Twin Falls home. Ramos's home features wider hallways for easier mobility in his wheelchair as well as a voice-activated system to control lights and other household items.

## Paralyzed Iraq vet to settle roots in new T.F. home

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

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Go on a tour of Robert Ramos' new home.



Robert Ramos cannot do what most people don't think twice about: turning on lights, opening doors and flipping through television channels.

Paralyzed from the neck down, Ramos cannot move his body with the exception of slight movement in his left fingers. Ramos was paralyzed from a stroke in 2006

that came after a Humvee accident he was in while serving in Iraq with the Army National Guard's 116th Brigade Combat Team in 2005.

On Tuesday, Ramos, 23, was looking around a new

home in Twin Falls that he will move into later this month. The house, located along Canyon Trails Way, comes after eight months of planning and building with extra features that will help Ramos become more independent.

"I like it a lot," he said. "It's awesome."

At 21, Ramos had a stroke in Twin Falls that came months after he was in the Humvee accident that ini-

tially knocked him out and gave him a concussion. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs agreed that the accident and concussion may have caused the stroke, which came from a blood clot.

Hardwood floors and wider hallways and door entrances make maneuvering around the house in a wheelchair easier than in a

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## T.F. Co. weighs options for hospital apartments

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County and local public officials are considering using county-owned apartments as transitional housing for people struggling with mental health and addiction problems.

County commissioners met Monday with John Hathaway, the regional director for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare about the possible program, which could provide housing for people using mental health services in the apartments on the east side of Martin Street across from St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

The program is still evolving, but essentially would provide housing to people receiving medication, food and mental health services, Twin Falls County Commission Chairman Tom Nikersell and Hathaway said. Drug courts, among other public entities, would be included.

"We have clients in common with the county, with the jail, with a lot of different players," said Hathaway. Basically, these are people who are kind of frequent fliers."

The 32 apartments were owned by the hospital until

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After a teenage driver was injured in this accident last week at the intersection of North College Road and Washington Street North, the city of Twin Falls is considering options for controlling the intersection, including the installation of a timed signal to slow traffic.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

## N. College crash speeds up signal progress

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

After a teenage driver was injured last week in a crash at the intersection of North College Road and Washington Street North, the city of Twin Falls is moving ahead on installing a traffic control system, possibly including a temporary signal.

Officials and City Council members said some options being considered include an old, 1950s-style signal that hangs by wires, or setting up concrete barriers to prohibit left-hand turns.

"Those are the two that have really floated to the surface that I've seen," Councilman Don Hall said.

The signals have received extra

attention lately. The issue has been mentioned at council meetings, cited in a letter to the city from the Twin Falls School District and the focus of a petition developed by the district's Parent Teacher Student Organization.

But officials said when a teenage driver was hit Dec. 10

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Cold, partly cloudy; Details B4 and live at magicvalley.com/weather

# MORNING BRIEFING



## Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to go and do today

• You can't have Christmas without the story of George Bailey. The Company of Fools presentation of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" pay-what-you-feel preview will be held at 7 p.m. at the Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. in Hallett. Tickets go on sale one hour before. The play will then be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 and 26-27; at 3 p.m. Dec. 21, 24 and 28; and at 7 p.m. Dec. 23 and 30-31.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for ages 18 and under. Come on, admit it. You always choke up when George is saved. • The Kimberly wrestling team is serving up spaghetti for a fundraiser from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Cost is \$7 per person and \$4 for kids 7 and under. You can also watch the Bulldogs grapple against

Fliler and Buhl. • "A Whacky Christmas," — I love this name — is title of the Shoshone Elementary School holiday music concert at 7 p.m. at 61 East Idaho Highway 24.

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

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Holiday Cabaret "As Time Goes By,"** featuring Trisha Baker, Melodie Taylor-Maudin, Brandon Ellison and Craig Williams, accompanied by a four-member jazz combo, 6:30 p.m. doors open; 7:15 p.m. dinner; and 8:30 p.m. show. Linger Dining Room, Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley, \$89 for balcony and front-stage tables, and \$73 for all other tables, 622-2043.

**"A Whacky Christmas,"** Shoshone Elementary School annual holiday music concert directed by Emily Krommer, 7 p.m., 61 East Idaho Highway 24, Shoshone, sarabot@shoshone.k2.id.us. "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" presented by Company of Fools; performers portray Christmas Eve 1946 at radio station WCOF, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hallett, "pay what you feel" preview, tickets available one hour before performance (no ticketed seats), 578-9122.

**Snake River Trail Machine Riders Assoc.,** 7 p.m., Heyburn Police Department, 435-0165.

### EXHIBITS

**Russ Hegworth's Retrospective,** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

### GOVERNMENT

**Twin Falls County commissioners,** 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. **Illias City Council,** 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-1117. **Filer School Board,** 7 p.m., elementary school library, 702 Stevens St., 326-4369. **Kimberly School Board,** 7 p.m., district office, 141 Center St. W., 423-4170.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

**Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class,** 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Hallett, no cost, 737-5988.

**Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class,** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

**SilverSneakers Fitness Program,** innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for noninsured, 733-4364.

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

### HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

**Woodcarving days,** public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls, classes available, 736-0061. **Lap blankets for injured soldiers,** a knitting/crochet group project organized by Caprina, 1 p.m., Burley Senior Center, 678-2666.

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 email at [sbrowne@magicvalley.com](mailto:sbrowne@magicvalley.com) or by fax, 734-5538, or by mail, Times-News, 80 Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is the noon, four days in advance of event.



**Xavier Charter School Christmas Concert,** featuring kindergarten through eighth-grade students with singing and dancing, 7 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, no cost, (208) 933-9287.

### CHURCH EVENTS

**West End Community Singers Christmas Cantata,** 7:30 p.m., Buhl United Methodist Church, 908 Maple St., Buhl, no cost, 543-5498.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Burley Kiwanis Club,** noon, Mory's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third St. N., 436-0720.

**Burley Sororistat Int'l.,** noon, Spring Plaza, 626 Eba Ave., 438-8666.

**Magik Valley Toastmasters meetings and no-host lunch,** focus assisting members in developing speaking, communication and leadership skills, noon, Idaho Plaza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 736-1025.

**Rupert Rotary Club,** noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-8852.

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

## WILD WINTER WEATHER



Eight-year-old Edie Greenman careens down a homemade snow hill Tuesday in the front yard of her Burley home.

LAURE WELCH/TIMES-NEWS

## Xavier gets special use permit for new facility

By Ben Bokke  
Times-News writer

The school added a ninth-grade class this year and will add the remaining high school grades over the next three years.

The school's designer, Tim Vavser of EHM Engineers, has an office just one block away from the school's current leased location. He said the school does a good job of watching its students when they're outside.

"I don't see this being a nuisance to anybody around," he said in his presentation. No one spoke at the public hearing before the vote. School officials have said that construction could begin as soon as early next year with the building ready for students in the fall of 2009. That timeline is tentative, though.

A new larger school could change existing enrollment limits, and allow two sections

of classes per grade. The school building would be about 45,000 square feet, with the capacity to accommodate 659 students, according to the school's request.

The school also is still looking at financing options, which could be loans or bonds, though no final decisions have been made. The state does not give money for charter schools to construct buildings.

By law, charter schools cannot put bond proposals out to voters for approval like traditional school districts. The board of Xavier Charter School will make the final decision for financing.

Other unrelated projects planned near the school site include a church building for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the east and a residential development to the northeast.

## Hospital

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St. Luke's purchased the county facility, and as part of the deal turned over the apartment properties, Mikessel said. The hospital gave the county about \$68,000 for 18 months of rent, which was collected through a realty company.

Mikessel acknowledged it's "unusual" for a county to be a residential landlord, and said that's why the housing should be used to help people.

"I don't want to be in the

apartment-renting business, but I don't have any other problem with the county owning the apartments and utilizing those for people who need them," he said.

Hathaway said they are talking with Valley House, Salvation Army and other local recovery programs, which are supportive of their idea. Both he and Mikessel said they do not plan to force people to move out of the apartments.

"We're trying to find out a way to utilize those apart-

ments in the community." Because he's on a ventilator, Ramos is unable to rent them out to anybody and everybody. We're trying to find a way for people who are transitional from the jail or from behavior health to have a place to stay."

Hathaway said with economy struggling, there's potential for more homeless people, which lead to even more use of mental health services.

"Regardless, it's going to bring stress onto all kinds of situations," he said.

transport Ramos from his bed to the shower. Because he's on a ventilator, Ramos will need a caretaker. The three-bedroom house has room for a caretaker, which will allow Ramos to live on his own without his parents.

His father, Robert "Bob" Ramos, said he understands that his son, like other young people, wants to live with his parents permanently.

"It's up to him," his father said "it's his house."

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traditional-sized house. Hathaway, for instance, are about a foot wider.

"That will make it much simpler to get around rooms compared to his current Twin Falls home. Ramos said. When the house was being built, he would drop by on a regular basis and check the progress.

"I usually would come once a week," Ramos said. "By speaking, he'll be able to turn on lights, adjust the

thermostat and open a latch on the front door with electronic voice-activated technology.

"He can do some of the things we take for granted," said Jim Renaldi, the builder who constructed the home.

And Ramos can also use his voice for changing television channels or adjusting the volume while watching a western or war film.

"It's cool," he said. There's also a sling attached to a track that will

## Signal

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while heading westbound and turning left onto Washington Street North from North College Road, the safety concerns grew stronger.

"Has that heightened our sensitivity about it? Yes," Hall said, noting "absolutely" has affected the process. "We know that's a challenging intersection."

The goal is for a temporary solution to be in place by the time Canyon Ridge High School opens in fall 2009. A permanent signal at North College is not planned until 2010, as part of the Washington Street North widening, which will be heavily funded with federal dollars.

Officials have said a signal at the Cheney Drive and Washington intersection is expected by summer 2009.

City Engineer Jackie Fields said installing a permanent signal at North College Road would have a drastic impact on the project and the city might have to pay the full \$400,000 for the signal itself.

Fields said she plans to meet with school officials shortly, and hold a town hall meeting with residents in January. "I think the accident that occurred, I believe last week, keeps the issue at the forefront of our consciousness, so we remain committed to finding a solution." The 1950s-style signal system — rectangular lights would hang on a temporary span wire — would be timed, unlike modern signals that change with sensors.

The city is reviewing other options, but officials said there might be less likely. For example, four-way stop signs would increase traffic congestion, Fields said, and a ground-based temporary signal would be pricey.

"We're investigating our options. We're considering advancing it, which has huge monetary implications. We're talking about renting a signal," Fields said. "We're running a full gamut, so eventually I'll end up talking with the council."

## Budget

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"This is something we're trying to do while keeping ourselves whole," he said, adding that the intent of the budget planning isn't to cut personnel.

When the first round of 1 percent holdbacks was announced in September, the state's education stabilization fund shelled school districts from the brunt of cuts.

That isn't the case anymore. Now, the stabilization fund has \$54 million in it, with \$85 million in public school funding cuts anticipated for FY 2009.

"Obviously, the stabilization fund cannot cover it all, so we do understand there will have to be some reductions in the public schools

budgets and what those will look like have yet to be seen," said Melissa McGrath, spokeswoman for the Idaho State Department of Education. "We understand it's something necessary." Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, agreed that cuts are necessary.

"We don't know how long this downturn will last," said Bell, co-chair of the Joint Finance-Appropriation Committee.

The benefit is that agencies will be looking for efficiencies that they wouldn't have considered in better times, she said.

"I anticipate people doing their job that they would prefer not to have to do," she said.

"But again, it gives them an opportunity to really, really look at what it is we're doing," Tom Shanahan, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, said that the 10 percent cut will amount to about \$54 million in general state funds.

But when factoring the federal matching dollars that come in from programs like Medicaid, it will amount to nearly a \$100 million loss in FY 2010, he said.

"About all we can say is we are working with division administrators on a plan," Shanahan said, adding that specifics aren't available. "We want to develop a plan that minimizes the impact as much as possible."

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### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	peak
Salmon	55%	17%
Big Lost	38%	11%
Little Lost	31%	9%
Big Lost	48%	14%
Little Lost	42%	20%
Hennes/Fowler/Fenton	58%	18%
Upper Snake Basin	63%	20%
Lower Snake Basin	64%	12%
Salmon Falls	51%	15%

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# AN UMBRELLA FOR KIDS' GROUPS Papoose Club assists Wood River Valley nonprofits



## The language of gift-giving

Any of you fellas speak redhead? Me neither. Too bad, too, because it's time I asked my auburn-tressed wife what she wants for Christmas.

Her answer, of course, will be either:  
• "Oh, I really can't think of a thing I need," or ...  
• "Whatever you get me I'll just love."

Neither of which is quite true. They're code for something else.

For example, when a woman asks, "Do you want to stop at Starbucks?" she really means "I want to stop at Starbucks." For anyone with a "X" chromosomes, that's self-evident.

And absolutely mystifying to anyone with a "Y" chromosome.

"Why," the fellow will sputter, "didn't you tell me you want to stop at Starbucks?" "I did," she'll reply.

So you understand the magnitude of the Christmas-gift challenge ahead of me: I have no idea what Victoria wants, and my odds of getting it wrong are off the charts.

That being true, I'll take her to the mall on Saturday. We'll wander through the stores and I'll ask a series of questions.

Actually, just one question: "Do you like this?"

Her answers will range from non-verbal (she'll wrinkle her nose) to inscrutable ("I just couldn't say.") But at the end of two or three hours, I'll have an inkling of a hint or maybe two, if I'm lucky. I'll take these clues, buy them and keep the gift receipts.

Over the years I haven't gotten any better at figuring out what Victoria wants for Christmas, but at least she seems to appreciate the search:

"Oh, sweetie! You remembered that I hate pink!"

Time-consuming and stressful? You bet. But what's the alternative?

The alternative is my former brother-in-law, Dennis, whose Christmas shopping for his then-wife was an exercise in paralysis by analysis.

See, Dennis would agonize for weeks over a Christmas gift, but never could make a decision.

So his shopping was always done between the hours of 10 p.m. and midnight on Dec. 24 or 7-Eleven, where he settled on treasures such as keychains, lighters (although she didn't smoke), watch batteries, Christmas CDs of music by artists who died before his wife was born, and lots and lots of lottery tickets.

Except for that one year, when he gave her a 30-pack of Coors Light.

That was their last Christmas together, I believe, but he's probably better off. Dennis is single now, and part-owner of a convenience store.

Where he always works on Christmas Eve.

## Kimberly woman pleads guilty to custodial interference

Times-News

A woman originally charged with second-degree kidnapping for taking her son to California without permission from the boy's legal guardian, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a lesser charge of custodial interference.

Kimberly Livingston, 24, of Kimberly, will be sentenced Feb. 2 and faces up to five years in prison. She also pleaded guilty to violating her probation stemming from a conviction for possessing a controlled substance, for traveling across state lines.

Twin Falls Police assert Livingston took her 4-year-old son from his aunt. They issued a press release in November about his disappearance.

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

It isn't easy being a charitable organization these days. Even in the Wood River Valley, donations are down, and the Papoose Club's two major fundraisers this year — a holiday bazaar and a pancake breakfast at Wagon Days — brought in less than in years past.

"It's down all around," said Gwen Thompson, president of the club. "We'll give away all the money we make, and it may not be as much as last year, but we'll do the best we can."

The Papoose Club started more than 50 years ago with a specific purpose — moms trading babysitting duties so they could go out and ski. Today, there's no babysitting on the group's agenda. Instead, the club supports any nonprofit organization in the Wood River Valley that offers education, culture or athletics for kids.

Recently, the club has contributed to Bellevue Elementary Library, Blaine Community District, Company of Fools, Cub Scouts, Environmental Resource Center, Esperanza International, Halley Ice Rink, Project Respect, Rotarun Ski Area, Sun Valley Junior Hockey, Wood River schools' music programs and the Learn to Alpine Ski and Race program, among many others.

LASAR, as the ski and race program is known, helps teach kids to ski, and is free to participants. This year, it is set to teach 45 kids, about half of whom are fully paid for by the Papoose Club.

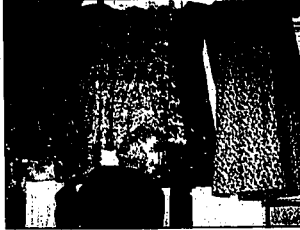
"We just want to have more kids involved in a winter activity," said Adele Savaria, assistant program director for LASAR. "It's all about the kids."

## Papoose Club

Contact: PO, Box 35,  
Halley ID 83333;  
208-726-6642

Mission: The club raises money, primarily through two annual fundraisers, for Wood River Valley non-profit organizations providing education, culture or athletics for children. Hours of operation: With no direct operations, the club has no hours. Information: www.papooseclub.org. Want to help? The club needs cash donations and volunteers.

Hope for the Holidays



In November, JoEllen Collins' Ketchum cooie was filled with piles of fabric awaiting transformation into dresses, pillows and quilts to aid orphans in Tanzania. She sold the textiles at the Papoose Club's annual Christmas bazaar, one of two major fundraisers for the club, which helps children in the Wood River Valley. Times-News file photo

In addition to the bazaar and pancake breakfast, the club holds a plant sale at Webb Nursery in Ketchum and a downhill race at Dollar Mountain for children ages 3 to 17, while the latter is a Nordic race for kids 13 and under, including an obstacle course.

On the cultural front, Company of Fools holds discounted student matinees of its performances with Papoose Club funds. The funds also pay for attendance scholarships for students with financial difficulty, subsidizing as many as 600 students per production.

"We have been very lucky and blessed to have the Papoose Club's support for a few years now," said Denise Simons, a core Company artist. "They've really been instrumental in allowing every child to have a seat and be able to experience live theater."

Through organizations like LASAR and Company of Fools, it's a rare child who grows up in the Wood River Valley who is not helped by the Papoose Club.

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Winner: Laura Anderson, Twin Falls

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY Monday arrangements**  
Laura Fuentes Pina Jr., 34, Twin Falls; Oregon fugitive warrant; Dec. 26 fugitive hearing; public defender appointed  
Guillermo Calvo-Garcia, 25, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed; Dec. 26 preliminary hearing  
Theresa Kasal-Fuhrbark, 50, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia, resisting/obstructing an officer; open container; \$1,000 bond; Jan. 21 pretrial; public defender appointed

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Wednesday, Dec. 24 11:00am & 10:36pm

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KTWT Sunday, Dec. 21 9:30am

KTID Thursday, Dec. 18 11:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 20 10:30am

Sunday, Dec. 21 10:30pm

Monday, Dec. 22 6:30pm

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# Perotto jury trial pushed forward to January

## T.F. man faces vehicular manslaughter charge

By Laurie Welch  
Times-News writer

A jury trial for a Twin Falls man charged with vehicular manslaughter in Minidoka County has been rescheduled for January. James Perotto was slated to appear before a jury today

In 5th District Judge Barry Wood's courtroom but the trial has been pushed to 8:30 a.m. Jan. 28. Perotto was involved in an Oct. 31, 2007, two-vehicle crash that killed Lesley Morgan, 34. Morgan died at the scene of the accident, according to a Minidoka

County Sheriff's Office press release issued after the incident. Perotto, who was 22 at the time, was driving a PSI Waste Systems garbage truck and said the truck's brakes failed to operate properly as he attempted to stop at 700 N. 200 E. in Minidoka County,

prior to colliding with Morgan's car, according to the release. Minidoka County Prosecutor Nicole Cannon said in a previous interview that the charges were filed against Perotto because he knew the truck had exhibited signs of brake malfunction before the incident. Cannon said Morgan's

wife negotiated a settlement outside of court with PSI. Perotto waived his right to a speedy trial in October, according to court records. If Perotto is found guilty of the crime he could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Laurie Welch may be reached at 208-677-8767 or lwelch@magicvalley.com.

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY BROADWAY ARRANGEMENTS**  
Anthony W. Shields, 21, Twin Falls; battery, Jan. 27 pretrial; \$100 bond; public defender appointed.  
Tyler James Anderson, 21, Burley; battery; \$500 bond; public defender appointed; Jan. 27 pretrial.  
Garrett P. Lamure, 23, Kimberly; possession of a controlled substance; recognition release; private source; Jan. 27 pretrial.  
Arturo Ferlan-Pineda, 23, Kimberly; driving without privileges, no insurance; \$100 bond; public defender appointed; pleaded not guilty.  
William Travis Fabel, 28, Burley; possession of a controlled substance; Dec. 28 preliminary hearing; \$10,000 bond; public defender appointed.  
Jose Alfredo Galvan-Medina, 37; aggravated assault; Dec. 26 preliminary hearing; \$25,000 bond; public defender appointed.  
Anthony John Veltay, 29; Shoplifting; driving without privileges, leaving the scene; obstructing an officer; assault; \$500 bond; public defender appointed; Jan. 27 pretrial.

**TUESDAY ARRANGEMENTS**  
Brett M. Bryden, 22, Twin Falls; DUI; Jan. 27 pretrial; \$1,000 bond; public defender appointed.

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# Minidoka County schools update alert system

By Laurie Welch  
Times-News writer

Minidoka County School District is one of the first state districts to go online with a new instant alert system that allows administrators to send out mass phone calls, e-mails and text messages to parents or students.

The system will allow officials to instantly send out 75 messages to parents or students to warn of school closures or emergencies, said Kent Jackson, district technology administrator.

Minidoka County School District Board Chairman Brian Duncan said the system is one of the first online in Idaho and puts the dis-

trict on the front edge of technology.

"Kent, you always do a lot with the few resources given. You always work smart and efficient," Duncan told Jackson.

Jackson said parents will be able to log in to the Web site PowerSchool.com and put in the phone numbers they want called in case of an emergency.

"It can be used not only for emergency notification but also for good news," said Scott Rogers, Minidoka County School District superintendent.

Some applications include notifying parents when a bus transporting a sports team runs late or to counter rumors such as those of riots during the flag

incident at Minico High School last spring. It could even be used to calm students and parents during incidents similar to the one at Burley High School where a student brought a gun stock to class, causing school-wide panic, Rogers said.

In cases like those, students and parents alike would receive the message that everything at the school was all right, which would alleviate worry quickly, Rogers said.

"The biggest problem will be keeping the phone numbers updated," Rogers said.

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# DEQ gives Wendell \$8.86 million wastewater loan

Times-News

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has awarded the city of Wendell an \$8.86 million low-interest loan for improving its wastewater system, the state agency announced Tuesday.

The city will use the money to build an oxidation ditch for its treatment system, improve its collection lines and buy land to apply effluent to.

The loan, from DEQ's State Revolving Loan Fund, carries a simple 3.25 percent interest rate and is payable over 20 years. In that time, it should save the city about \$2.8 million in interest, according to DEQ.

About \$6.18 million of the loan is DEQ money, while the rest is interim financing handled by DEQ from the

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program, said Carol Garrison, with DEQ's state water quality division.

Wendell's system has been out of compliance with DEQ standards, and voters in 2008 approved an \$11.2 million bond to upgrade it.

The city had until August to correct the problem through an agreement with DEQ; the status of that agreement could not be determined Tuesday afternoon.

# Forest Service searching for committee

Times-News

The U.S. Forest Service is looking for members for the South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RIAC), part of the Secure Rural Schools Act, which includes members from four counties: Blaine, Camas,

Cassia, and Twin Falls. Committees from each county will help to distribute money for land-management programs — including outdoor recreation, grazing uses, fishing and hunting, archeological sites, and issues related to American Indian tribes.

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# Officials: EPA change doesn't affect state ammonia program

## DEQ now reviewing full annual report

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Idaho's dairies may no longer have to report releases of ammonia and other gases from manure. But a change in federal regulations finalized Friday won't change the state's ammonia-regulation program, officials said Tuesday.

In a move condemned by environmentalists, the Bush administration issued a regulation Friday exempting farms from reporting releases of hazardous air pollution from animal waste to federal, state and local authorities. The rule applies specifically to the gases from manure that are often responsible for odor problems, and Environmental Protection Agency officials said the changes allow them to focus on more urgent matters such as spills and releases from factories or natural disasters.

In 2006, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and State Department of Agriculture partnered for an ammonia-tracking program targeting dairy farms that emit more than 100 tons of the chemical each year. DEQ handles the enforcement actions and technical training, while ISDA incorporates ammonia issues into its regular inspections and provides an annual report to DEQ.

That program will continue, said Martin Bauer, head of DEQ's air quality division. Idaho doesn't actually measure emissions for its program,

he said, instead calculating emissions based on the number of cows involved. On average, facilities with more than 4,000 cows pass the 100-ton threshold, he said, though it varies based on different management practices.

Dairies subject to the rules have to implement a series of best-management practices

to lower their emissions, choosing from a list approved by the state. Those practices are the fundamental point of the agreement, not emissions-tracking, said Marv Patten, ISDA's dairy bureau chief.

"It's not talking about pounds of product emitted," Patten said. "It's talking about

practices put into place to control (the ammonia)."

Friday's rule change only covers gases from animal waste, and still requires large farms with hundreds of dairy cows to report air releases to local and state authorities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980.

Industry representatives have pushed for several years to be exempted from report-

ing all ammonia emissions.

The Idaho program's second year was marred by problems ISDA had submitting its annual report. In a one-page report given to DEQ in April, Patten wrote that computer problems prevented him from tallying the numbers of dairies inspected, violations discovered and other items. He also listed a number of problems the program faced, including a lack of uniform inspections.

The agency has now submitted a draft version of its full report, Bauer said, adding that he plans to attach his comments to it and return it to Patten in the near future. The next annual report, for this year, is still expected in April.

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## Last man in gambling probe clears court

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

The last of three men charged in connection to a yearlong investigation led by Idaho State Police, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a misdemeanor charge of illegally possessing a gambling machine.

Erik Jonsson, Pioneer Club owner Marvin Pierce and farmer Dale's Dog owner David Black have all cleared their court hurdles with probation - punishments and fines.

Jonsson was sentenced to six months of unsupervised probation and ordered to pay a \$500 fine.

Black and Pierce were sentenced Nov. 18. They were each ordered to pay \$500 in fines and serve one year of probation.

Twin Falls County prosecutors dismissed nine other misdemeanor charges against the men in exchange for their guilty pleas.

Jonsson's lawyer, Brent Nielson, said Tuesday in 5th District Court in Twin Falls that the case is minor.

Police aimed to land felony charges from their efforts.

"That didn't work because the (state) attorney general said they didn't have enough for that," said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb.

Nielson told the court Jonsson still has a gaming machine-related business. He won Jonsson's withheld judgment so Jonsson wouldn't have any potential licensing issues in the future.

Slot machines are illegal in Idaho, said Loeb.

"This case ended with only three misdemeanor crimes, but police made an impact, Loeb said.

"Sometimes the point of enforcement is to communicate what illegal activity will no longer be tolerated and I think they did that," Loeb said.

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# Father of Oregon bank bombing suspect arrested

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The father of a Salem man accused of killing two Oregon law enforcement officers in a bank explosion was arrested Tuesday on bomb-making conspiracy charges, authorities said.

Bruce Turnidge, 57, faces charges of conspiracy to manufacture and possess an explosive device, the Marion County district attorney's office said.

His son, 32-year-old Joshua Turnidge, appeared in court Tuesday on charges that include aggravated murder in the explosion Friday at the West Coast Bank in the agricultural town of Woodburn. The charge carries a potential death penalty.

"My client is clear-headed," said Joshua Turnidge's court-appointed attorney, Steven Krasik of Salem. "He was surprised to be arrested. And he is optimistic that he will be cleared of all these charges."

Officers arrested his father at a farm about 13 miles southwest of Salem, the city where Joshua lives. Lt. Sheila Lorraine of the Marion County Sheriff's Office said law enforcers were searching all 750 acres of the farm "from front to back." She would not elaborate.

Bruce Turnidge does not own the farm, but public records list it as his address. It was not clear whether he was a renter there, and the owner was not immediately available for comment.

The blast killed a State Police bomb technician, Senior Trooper William Hakim, and a Woodburn officer, Capt. Tom Tennant.

It critically injured Woodburn Police Chief Scott Russell; a probable cause statement said Russell lost his right

leg from the knee down and his left leg was mangled.

The probable cause statement said that on Friday morning, a man called in a bomb threat to the Wells Fargo Bank in Woodburn, which is next door to the West Coast Bank branch.

The man said "if they didn't leave the building, all of them would die," the court document states.

The man also said that a cell phone would be found next to a garbage can, and that he

would give further instructions on it. The man also said he would be calling the West Coast Bank.

Local police officers arrived at the Wells Fargo building, opened a garbage bin and spotted a cell phone on top of what appeared to be a package. Hakim and an FBI bomb technician were called. They examined the package and cell phone and determined the package was a hoax device.

Woodburn police searched the area around the two banks

for other devices, and a green metal box was spotted next to the West Coast Bank building.

Hakim, Tennant and Russell arrived at the West Coast Bank. After Hakim inspected and X-rayed the green box, he said he was "confident that it was a hoax device and that it could be taken apart to be placed into evidence."

The statement says a bank employee saw Hakim trying to open the box while Tennant held it when the bomb exploded.

## N. Idaho school board drops book ban

COEUR D'ALENE — The Coeur d'Alene school board has voted to allow 26 books back into classrooms after they were removed from a list of approved titles earlier this year.

Board members voted unanimously Monday to list the books among novels that teachers are allowed to select for required assignments for students in sixth through 12th grades.

Earlier this year, the district revised an approval system after some parents complained that some books selected by teachers contained vulgar, profane text and dealt with subjects inappropriate for students.

The books were removed from classrooms before the start of the school year so they could be reviewed by a committee of parents, educators, district officials and community members.

In November, the committee recommended the board approve Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World," but the board split 2-2, keeping it out of the classroom.

Published in 1932, "Brave New World" portrays a future society designed to eliminate human discomfort, and where humans themselves are engineered to fill jobs in different levels of society.

Vern Newby, who voted against the book earlier, voted Monday to allow the novel into classroom.

"I continued doing my homework and talked to teachers. I think all of them, some I've known for as long as 38 years," Newby told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "They're good people who care about how they teach. They're professionals."

Some of the other books approved Monday include "Where the Red Fern Grows," "Alice in Wonderland," "Secret life of Bees," "Shirley," "Death of a Salesman," "The Grapes of Wrath," "The Great Gatsby," "The Scarlet Letter," "1984," "Frankenstein," and "Zen & the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance."

About 100 people attended the meeting, and the board listened to about an hour of public comments.

"I'm more for sensible policy and appropriate teaching methods than I am for limiting of student options and opportunities for growth and opportunities to interact with literature," said Coeur d'Alene High School teacher Eric Louis.

Also on the list was J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye," which portrays a teen recently expelled from school and who is telling his story to a therapist.

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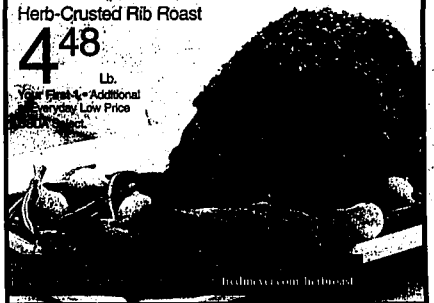
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EDITORIAL

# Can city cut a better deal for T.F. Muni?

**W**ith pressure mounting to make the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course pay for itself, the City Council did a couple of things this week to move the links toward financial self-sufficiency.

The council raised rates — including weekday greens fees by almost 18 percent — with the goal of reducing losses at a facility that hasn't been profitable since 1997.

Council members also extended PGA Pro Mike Hamblin's contract by a year to manage the course, a move designed to give the city ample time to solicit proposals for management of the course.

With Twin Falls looking at a \$300,000 revenue shortfall and on the verge of asking a district judge to approve spending \$33 million for water system improvements, there's dwindling support for permitting the course to continue to run deficits.

Twin Falls Muni has accumulated nearly \$550,000 in losses over the years, including about \$95,000 during the most recent fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. The city's general fund covers the shortfall each year.

Hamblin, who has managed the course since 1998, is not required to report to the city revenue from lessons, the pro shop, snack bar and restaurant. We don't know how much that revenue is, but it's significant.

Can the city get a better deal in the next contract? Maybe, and perhaps it could be with Hamblin.

The 48-year-old pro is widely respected and has done a exemplary job with the city's Junior Golf Program. Even those critical of the city's current golf contract have nothing but good things to say about Hamblin.

Could a lease agreement be written that puts the operation back in the black? Maybe, but in a free-falling economy it's necessary that — at least — the operating deficits be minimized and that the arrangements be more transparent.

The city needs a community conversation about how much taxpayers should subsidize recreation, and in what form. The process of soliciting a new deal for Twin Falls Muni is a good place to start.

**Our view:**  
The Twin Falls City Council's decisions to seek proposals for management of Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course and to raise fees are two steps in the right direction.

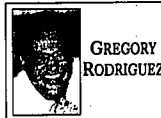
**What do you think?** We invite you to write to the editor with your points from our readers on this and other issues.

# The good side of bad times

**C**all it the gospel of hard times. With all this bad economic news, we're starting to hear a chorus of voices preaching the cultural benefits of financial crises.

Surely it has reached your ears: A recession could force us to spend more time with our families. It could curb the excesses of our consumerist culture, make us learn to live within our means. Heck, it could purify our greedily capitalist souls.

A Temple University English professor even has pointed to all the great literature produced during the 1930s: James Agee, Nathaniel West, Henry Roth. The list goes on.



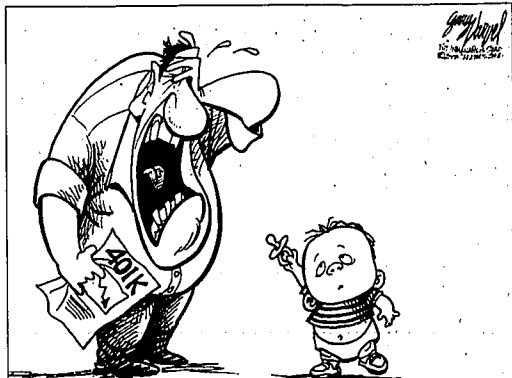
GREGORY RODRIGUEZ

"If it's true that adversity can bring out creativity," the professor said recently, "then the Great Depression was one of the great creative periods of our time."

Gee, too bad the housing bubble didn't burst earlier! All kidding aside, along with our abiding fear of hard times, there also seems to be a real hunger for, in Thomas Paine's words, the times that try men's souls. President-elect Barack Obama has earned status points as he wraps himself in the iconography of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal.

Two national magazines have gone along for the ride, mixing FDR's patrician chin with Obama's ears, topped off with spectacles and a cigarette holder. But it's more than just a presidential hero whom people are seeking. It's the individual and collective heroism that adversity can sometimes inspire.

Obama's rhetoric touches on that desire to pull together.



on that desire to pull together.

"We have faced difficult times before," he said Dec. 7 on "Meet the Press," "times when our economic destiny seemed to be slipping out of our hands. And at each moment, we have risen to meet the challenge, as one people united by a sense of common purpose."

Last week, a baby-boomer friend sent me an e-mail about how much he was looking forward to Obama's inaugural address.

"This country needs a sense of national purpose," he wrote, "and I think that will emerge from the challenges of this terrible recession. ... This might sound weird for me to say, but I yearn to be led as an American. I am excited about the ways in which we'll find our collective purpose. ... It is time for a new Greatest Generation — you watch."

OK, so he's a romantic. But he's not alone.

In some ways, all this redemptive talk in the face of the evils of capitalism ought to sound familiar. In a kind

of regular "market correction" of the heart, Americans want to believe that it is possible to mitigate the sins of their own economic system. I would go so far as to identify rituals we use, even in good times, to exorcise the demons and attend the harsh realities often on living and dying by the market.

Last week, I saw a community theater production of "A Christmas Carol," and it finally struck me that what millions of Americans sit down to watch every year is the supernatural tale of a hyper-capitalist chastened into generosity and kindness. It's not just about the money, Ebenezer! It's about family and love and fat geese!

And don't forget what is perhaps the most popular Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," in which George Bailey reassures us that regular Joes can triumph in the never-ending struggle between self-interest and what's good for the whole. The FBI labeled the movie "communism propaganda." It didn't understand

that it was only one of the many narratives that we need to make capitalism more livable.

It's in this same spirit that I think my friend and others are looking on the bright side of recession. They see this difficult moment as a chance to retrieve some moral clarity. I think they're also hoping that the tough times will reinvent them.

We all know it's a cliche that tough times make great leaders, but they also hold the promise of greatness for the rest of us. We look back on those who lived through the Depression with a certain amount of reverence. We wonder whether current generations can show as much courage under duress as previous ones have.

What I hear in all the silver-lining talk is this: Contemporary Americans are eager to prove that they are up to their own make-or-break challenge.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What was the point of airport security story?

After reading Jared Hopkins' article today in the Sunday paper regarding the airport security, I wondered what was the actual purpose of the article — was it financial scandal by top cops? Exposing how much the Twin Falls finest make for their annual salary? Or was it jealousy that they make more than he does as a journalist? My answers would be no, yes, yes.

These men and women put their lives on the line every day and all I took from your spew was "salary envy." Change your college major and try walking a couple of years in their shoes.

When I worked in corrections many years ago, I can honestly say that I wished that my bosses had volunteered to work more overtime. Have you ever come off of a graveyard shift to be ordered to stay another eight-hour shift? It is a miserable experience to go without sleep. Then after tomorrow night's shift, you have to freshen up and report to court and go another sleep-

less, thankless, day and night. I would gladly have traded my overtime pay for sleep and time with my family.

I hope your article doesn't make overtime mandatory for those that don't want it in the first place.  
CLIFF MCKEE  
Twin Falls

### State should take advantage of economic stimulus package

Regarding your Cheers and Jeers on Dec. 13, you have me confused.

A state bailout is one thing; an economic stimulus package is another. As I understand your opinion, you object to the state is drawing up a list of items which might qualify under a proposed economic stimulus package. This is not the same as a state bailout. The list of items has nothing to do with resolving a budget deficit.

Gov. Otter, as stated in your article, opposed bailing out states to solve their budget problems. I fully support his thoughtful process. Why should the people of

Idaho rescue states that are not capable of making the hard choices necessary to produce a balanced budget?

Whether you agree with the concept or not, taking advantage of an economic stimulus package makes sense. If we don't take the money, it will just go to another state.  
DARRELL HAMPTON  
Twin Falls

### National Guard has long history of service

When we are young, we look forward to celebrating our birthdays. When we get older, we think perhaps we should slow down a little on the event.

The United States is a young country, but four of the oldest military organizations in the world are in this country's National Guard. The National Guard celebrated its 372nd birthday on Dec. 13, 2008, with little notice by the general public. On Dec. 13, 1636, the Massachusetts Bay Colony divided its citizen-soldiers into two regiments. The colony was seven years old then. They needed a military

force for protection, but had no money to hire mercenary soldiers. So they turned to the English tradition of the militia-citizen-soldiers who gathered for training and who could fight when needed. All able-bodied men between 16 and 60 were required to join.

Today, the military lineage of these early regiments is carried on by each state in our union. Much has changed in this country since 1636, but one thing has not. Citizen-soldiers still gather to train and deploy around the world. Idaho can be very proud of its National Guard and the wonderful training facilities at Gowen Field.

If you are an employer and have never visited that facility through a "Boss Lift," now is your chance as one is planned for summer 2009. Contact Diana Obenshauer at 324-4022 or myself if interested. At this time of the year, we should all pray for peace but continue to prepare for our next war.

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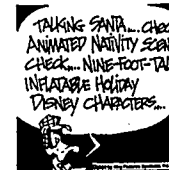
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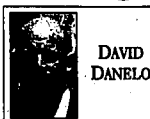
By Bruce Tinsley



# There's a war going on along our southern border

On Nov. 3, the day before Barack Obama was elected Barack Obama president, drug cartel henchmen murdered 58 people in Mexico. It was the highest number killed in one day since President Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006. By comparison, on average 26 people — Americans and Iraqis combined — died daily in Iraq in 2008. Mexico's casualty list on Nov. 3 included a man beheaded in Ciudad Juarez whose bloody corpse was suspended along an overpass for hours. No one had the courage to remove the body until dark.

The death toll from terrorist attacks in Mumbai two weeks ago, although horrible, approaches the average weekly body count in Mexico's Juarez. Three weeks ago in Iraq, which is just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas, telephone



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messages and banners threatened teachers that if they failed to pay protection money to cartels, their students would suffer brutal consequences. Local authorities responded by assigning 350 teenage police cadets to the city's 800 schools. If organized criminals wish to extract tribute from teachers, businessmen, tourists or anyone else, there is nothing the Mexican government can do to stop them. For its part, the United States has become numb to this norm.

As part of my ongoing research into border issues, I have visited Juarez six times over the last two years. Each

time I return, I see a populace under greater duress. Residents possess a mentality that increasingly resembles the one I witnessed as a Marine officer in Baghdad, Fallujah and Barmalid.

"The police are 'rotting,'" a former cab driver told me in September. They cannot protect anyone. We can go nowhere else. We live in fear.

At the same time, with the U.S. economy in free fall, many illegal immigrants are returning south. So illegal immigration — the only border issue that seems to stir the masses — made no splash in this year's elections. Mexico's chaos never surfaced as a topic in either the foreign or domestic policy presidential debates.

Despite the gravity of the crisis, our closest neighbor has fallen off our political radar. Heaven help you if you bring up the border vio-

lence at a Washington dinner party. Nobody — Republican or Democrat — wants to approach this thorny discussion.

Mexico, our second-largest trading partner, is a fragrant state that may spiral toward failure as the recession and drug violence worsen. Remittances to Mexico from immigrant labor have fallen almost 20 percent in 2008. Following oil, tourism and remittances, drugs are the leading income stream in the Mexican economy.

While the bottom is dropping out of the oil and tourism markets, the American street price of every narcotic has skyrocketed, in part because of recent drug interdiction successes along the U.S. border.

Unfortunately, this toxic economic cocktail also stunts the cartels' coffers. Substitute tribal clans for drug cartels, and Mexico

starts to look disturbingly similar to Afghanistan, whose economy is fueled by the heroin-based poppy trade.

Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano, Obama's pick for Homeland Security director, has argued for permanently stationing National Guard troops along the border. That response alone will do little to assuage American border citizens. To them, talk of "violence bleeding over" is political pabulum while they watch their southern neighbors bleed.

If Napolitano wishes to stabilize the border, she will have to persuade the Pentagon and the State Department to take a greater interest in Mexico. Despite Calderon's commendable efforts to fight both the cartels and police corruption, this struggle shows no signs of slowing. When 15,000 federal troops are outgunned

and outspent by opponents of certainty but robust size, the state's legitimacy quickly deteriorates.

The Mexican state has not faced this grave a challenge to its authority since the Mexican revolution nearly a century ago.

If you want to see what Mexico will look like if this pattern continues, visit a border city like Tijuana, where nine beheaded bodies were discovered in plastic bags recently. Inhale the stench of decay. Inside the fear on the faces. And then ask yourself how the United States is prepared to respond as Mexico's crisis increasingly becomes our own.

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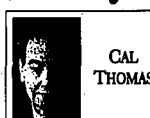
# Here's what your mayor wants for Christmas

Most children have probably finished their Christmas lists by now. Some elected officials, however, are still compiling theirs.

Close behind Detroit's wish list comes a long one from America's mayors.

Last Monday, the U.S. Conference of Mayors sent its list of wishes to the political equivalent of Santa Claus: Congress. The mayors apparently figure with all the talk from President-elect Obama about infrastructure repair and job creation, they might as well try to pile onto Santa's lap, too.

The mayors claim the economy will be stimulated if their wishes are granted. What do they want? The National Taxpayers Union (NTU) has analyzed the 72-



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page list. Here are some of the highlights:

- \$1.102 billion in projects involving sidewalks;
- \$1 million for annual sewer rehabilitation in Casper, Wyo.;
- \$6.1 million for corporate hangars, parking lots, and a business apron at the Fayetteville, Ark., airport.;
- 15 projects with the term "stadium" in them, including a \$150 million Metrovroom extension to the Florida Marlins' baseball stadium; and

• 81 projects mentioning "landscaping" and/or beautification efforts.

Kristina Rasmussen, NTU's director of government affairs, offers more analysis of the mayors' report on NTU's blog: "Total cost of the wish list is \$73,163,299,303. They claim this will create an estimated 847,641 jobs in 2009 and 2010. Divide that out, and you get a cost to taxpayers of \$86,314 per job. Not exactly a great deal.

No, it is not a great deal in that sense, but it is a great deal ... of money, not that this matters these days with hundreds of billions being tossed around as if it were confetti. But who's counting? Certainly not Congress; Congress has opened the public strings faster than a bank teller faced with Willie

Sutton's stick-up gun.

Here's one proposal I especially like: \$1,500,000 for an initiative in Dayton, Ohio for the "Reduce Prostitution-Of the Streets Program." The proposed spending would "connect individuals involved in prostitution with resources to leave a life of prostitution." I guess Ronald Reagan was right when he observed, "It has been said that politics is the second-oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."

Where in the Constitution is there authorization for such spending? Government can always find new ways to spend our money. That's because it's not government's money. Does government ever ask if the public approves of such

projects are finished: out of work and waiting for the next government rescue.

View the entire wish list at [www.usmayors.org/mainstreeteconomicrecovery/documents/msr-report-200812.pdf](http://www.usmayors.org/mainstreeteconomicrecovery/documents/msr-report-200812.pdf).

Congress should say "no" to the mayors. Given the attitude in Washington these days — and a Democratic president about to take office with a bigger Democratic congressional majority — that is unlikely to happen.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Taxpayers deserve their own stimulus packages**

I so desperately seek answers to some questions that cloud my mind, such as:

Why did consumers raise their prices on everything because the price of fuel was outrageous but not lower them when the price of fuel dropped?

I also wonder what would have happened if the federal government gave the \$700 billion bailout to us, the taxpayers? That would have been some huge stimulus checks. Were they afraid that we would pay off credit cards and build our credit as well as put the banks on track? Or maybe that we would be worried that we would have bought a new Chevy, Ford or Chrysler, thus keeping them afloat? No, it has got to be they were worried that we would make our house payments on time, pay them off or even bought more homes.

Why did they not consider giving us the bailout? In my opinion, many businesses would have worked hard to get the money from us, such as better sales, lower prices, etc. Now we have to build twice as fast to get even just our needs from them.

What would I have done with my money? I would have expanded my company and hired more technicians. I guess creating jobs was not on their list either.

JAMES ALLINEN  
Jerome

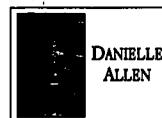
# More and more, ours is a red state military

In Hopewell Township, N.J., the veterans of the American Legion Post 339 are putting their building up for sale. "Today's vets don't come out," 82-year-old Jim Hall told The Times of Trenton last month. The post is down from 425 paying members in the 1960s and '70s to 202 this year, only about a dozen regularly attend.

But it's America that has changed, not vets.

Since 1970, the population of the United States has grown by about 50 percent, from roughly 200 million to 300 million. Over the same period, the number of active-duty armed forces has fallen approximately 50 percent, from 3 million to 1.4 million. A far smaller percentage of the citizenry now serves in the military.

Even more important than these general demographic shifts is the change wrought by the end of the draft in 1973. Until then, military service was distributed pretty evenly across regions. But that is no longer true. The residential patterns for current veterans and the patterns of state-level contributions of new



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recruits to the all-volunteer military have a distinct geographic tilt. And tellingly, the map of military service since 1973 aligns closely with electoral maps distinguishing red from blue states.

In 1969, the 10 states with the highest percentage of veterans were, in order: Wyoming, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, California, Oregon, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Ohio, Connecticut and Illinois.

In 2007, the 10 states with the highest percentage of post-Vietnam-era veterans were, in order: Alaska, Virginia, Hawaii, Washington, Wyoming, Maine, South Carolina, Montana, Maryland and Georgia.

Over the past four decades, which states have disappeared from the top 10? California, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Illinois, all

big blue states that have voted Democratic in the past five presidential elections. These states and another blue state, New York, which ranked 12th in 1969, are among the 10 states with the lowest number of post-Vietnam vets per capita. New Jersey comes in 50th of the 50 states; just 1 percent of current residents have served in the military since Vietnam.

What's clear from the data is that a major national institution, the U.S. military, now has tighter connections to some regions of the country than others.

And we can't simply treat the uneven pattern of military service as an insignificant reflection of the cultural differences that characterize dif-

ferent regions of this diverse country.

If young people from different regions and social backgrounds either enter or steer clear of the armed forces, military service will become, over time, an experience that doesn't ease but exacerbates pre-existing cultural differences. Is the all-volunteer military already having this effect?

I spotted the link between military service and regional partisan divisions when I was researching not military history but internet political communication. I noticed that posts on right-leaning sites often emphasized military lingo — habits of developing monikers and jingles and of using the vocabulary of military tactics and strategy. Left-

leaning sites, in contrast, mostly lacked any easily recognizable features of military language.

This is one sign that our public sphere already suffers from a division between military and non-military cultures.

It is time to think seriously about a structure for national service — both military and non-military — that could successfully integrate young people from different regions of the country so that they will come, at least, to understand each other.

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**Stocks rise after Fed cuts rates**

(AP) A surprised Wall Street jumped at the Federal Reserve's historic decision to slash its target for a key interest rate to a record-low range and took comfort from the central bank's pledge to use "all available tools" to jump-start the economy.

**Dow Jones Industrial** 9,924.14

**Nasdaq composite** 1,589.89

**Standard & Poor's 500** 1,589.89

**Russell 2000** 482.85

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## NEW RATE AT 0% TO .25% Fed cuts key rate



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is seated at the witness table on Capitol Hill in Washington as he testifies before the Joint Economic Committee. The central bank on Tuesday said it had reduced the federal funds rate to a range of zero to 0.25 percent.

## Wall Street reacts by surging more than 300 points

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve has cut its target for a key interest rate to the lowest level on record and pledged to use "all available tools" to combat a severe financial crisis and prolonged recession.

The central bank on Tuesday said it had reduced the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to a range of zero to 0.25 percent. That is down from the 1 percent target rate in effect since the last meeting in October. Many analysts had expected the Fed to make a smaller cut to 0.5 percent.

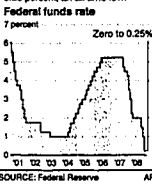
The Fed's aggressive move was greeted enthusiastically by Wall Street. The Dow Jones Industrial average rose about 350 points in late-afternoon trading.

The Fed's action and statement made clear that economic conditions have worsened since its last meeting in October.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues said they will use unconventional methods to try to contain a financial crisis that is the worst since the

### Historic rate cut

The Federal Reserve cut its key interest rate to a range of zero to 0.25 percent, an all-time low.



SOURCE: Federal Reserve

1930s and a recession that is already the longest in a quarter-century. For example, the Fed last month said it planned to purchase up to \$600 billion in direct debt and mortgage-backed securities issued by big financial players including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in an effort to boost the availability of mortgage loans.

That move was one of a series the central bank has taken to increase its loans by hundreds of billions of dollars as a way to deal with the worst financial crisis to hit the country in more than 70 years.

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#### IRS gives homeowners a break

Federal agency says it will try to make it easier for homeowners in financial straits to refinance or sell their homes. >>> Page B3

#### Consumer prices fall

Consumers prices last month fell by largest amount on record going back 61 years. >>> Page B3

The Fed on Tuesday also made clear that it intends to keep the funds rate at extremely low levels.

"The committee anticipates that weak economic conditions are likely to warrant exceptionally low levels of the federal funds rate for some time," the central bank's panel that sets interest rates said in a statement.

Even before the announcement of a lower target, the funds rate has been trading well below the old target of 1 percent. For November, the funds rate had averaged 0.39 percent. Analysts said it was likely to fall further with the Fed setting the new target as low as zero.

The Fed's decision was matched by a reduction in the prime lending rate, the benchmark rate for millions of business and consumer

loans. Banking giant Wells Fargo and Co. said it was cutting its prime rate to 3.25 percent, down from 4 percent before the Fed action. Other banks are expected to quickly match Wells Fargo's move.

The Fed has never pushed its target for the federal funds rate as low as zero to 0.25 percent. The lowest target rate before had been 1 percent, a level seen only once before in the past half-century.

Given how low interest rates are, the central bank said it planned to use a variety of unconventional methods to flood the banking system with credit and drive interest rates lower.

"The Federal Reserve will employ all available tools to promote the resumption of sustainable economic growth and to preserve price stability," the Fed said.

## Idaho sets unemployment benefit record

Labor department says benefits needed to keep communities 'afloat'

Times-News

Idaho set a new record, although it's not one to brag about.

Idaho Department of Labor paid out more than \$8.3 million in extended unemployment benefits to about 32,000 jobless workers this last week—the pay-out broke the previous record of \$6.1 million in unemployment benefits during January 2003.

Labor officials say the record payout is a further

sign of a deepening recession.

The department of labor paid more than \$6.5 million in regular benefits to just over 25,000 people and another \$1.8 million in federally financed extended benefits to 6,800 more, who had already exhausted their regular state allotments.

"The Department of Labor is doing everything we can to help people find new jobs or get the training or education to prepare for different jobs," said Labor Director Roger B. Madsen. "But with employers exercising extreme caution about the future, the employment picture remains dim for the next several months. That makes

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## Firm eyes E. Idaho for gas-fired power plant

Company has secured 40 acres for development

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — An energy company is looking at possible sites for a gas-fired power plant in Bannock and Power counties in southeast Idaho.

Kevin Johnson, vice president of U.S. Power of New Brunswick, N.J., said the plant could produce up to 600 megawatts of power and serve as many as 600,000 people.

"We're just in the starting stages," he told the Idaho State Journal. "We haven't proposed the plant to anybody or filed any permit. We're just looking around. We're just starting out in our investigation and development phase to see if we can make sense of a project there."

But he said the company has secured an option on 40

acres of private land in Power County as a possible site. The Pocatello company because of a suitable electric transmission grid and the availability of an "integrated" natural gas pipeline.

"In terms of power-generation, combustion technology, natural gas is the cleanest thing out there," Johnson said.

If the plant is produced, he said the company could sell the power to Idaho Power Co. Rocky Mountain Power and other regional utilities.

"We think long-term there's a need for gas projects," he said.

The company could also opt to build a smaller plant, possibly on a site that could produce 100 megawatts and be used during hours when demand for electricity peaks.

Johnson said it is unclear how much building a plant would cost, but it would likely be more than \$100 million and have a significant effect on the local economy.

## Seastrom Manufacturing puts employees on 'flexible' schedules

Seastrom Manufacturing told its staff earlier this week that many of its employees will be placed on a "flexible" work week, according to sources.

In other words, some employees will be asked to work fewer days in an effort to avoid layoffs.

Two employees at Seastrom confirmed the report, but asked to remain



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Joshua Palmer

Seastrom officials said they had no comment on the matter.

Employees also confirmed that company officials had said one week earlier that business operations were normal and there was no need for additional staff reductions.

Seastrom manufacturing laid off 24 workers during two rounds of layoffs that

ended in August.

The company, which operates out of a 100,000 square-foot facility at 456 Seastrom St. in Twin Falls, employs about 80 workers who manufacture custom and standard electronic assembly hardware for more than 26,000 customers.

Do unions make a difference? A reader asked if

unions led to the downfall of the Big Three automakers.

"I don't have the knowledge to answer this question, but I can provide some information gathered from both a unionized and non-union automaker."

Hourly wages for United Auto Workers laborers at General Motors Corp. factories are almost equal to those paid by Toyota Motor Corp.

according to the companies. GM says the average UAW laborer makes \$29.78 per hour while Toyota says its pays about \$30 per hour.

The difference is in benefits, with the unionized factories having far higher costs.

GM says its total hourly labor costs are \$69 including wages, pensions and health

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### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Lithia Mo.	3.39	▲ .55	Micron	2.03	▲ .13	Supervalu	13.06	▲ .72

### COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	86.58	▲ 2.43	Jan. oil	43.68	▼ .83
Dec. gold	849	▲ 13.6	Dec. silver	10.82	▲ .24

### Today in business

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department releases current account trade deficit for the third quarter.

WASHINGTON — Energy Information Administration releases updated energy forecasts to 2030.

OMAHA, Neb. — ConAgra Foods Inc. releases second-quarter financial results.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, MOST ACTIVE, GAINERS, and LOSERS. Includes stock names, prices, and volume.

Table with columns for INDEXES and STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST. Includes Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, and various regional stock prices.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT
Market Summary: Most active stocks alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names in red indicate price changes.

Building permits
TWIN FALLS COUNTY
RESIDENTIAL
Bill and Terry Sangs, 2534 E. 3400 N., Kimberly, garage; 334,884.

GOODING COUNTY
RESIDENTIAL
James Gellings, 207 Cedar Lakes Lane, Buitt, addition; 223,343.

COMMODITIES REPORT
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Oil - 118.25 - 1/2
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BUSINESS BRIEFS
Administration says it's still working on auto bailout
WASHINGTON - The White House sought Tuesday to play down prospects for an imminent bailout for distressed U.S. automakers.

Expectations of 2 million barrel OPEC oil cut grow
ORAN, Algeria - Expectations that OPEC will slash oil production by as much as 2 million barrels a day firm on Tuesday after Saudi Arabia suggested a reduction of that magnitude is likely.

LIVESTOCK
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Blackfoot Livestock Market, Inc. announced on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, that it will be closing its doors.

Record
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The combination of regular and federal extended benefits at \$8.3 million broke the previous combined record of \$6.1 million in January 2003.

employment picture will change before late next year.
In November, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, three full percentage points higher than in January.



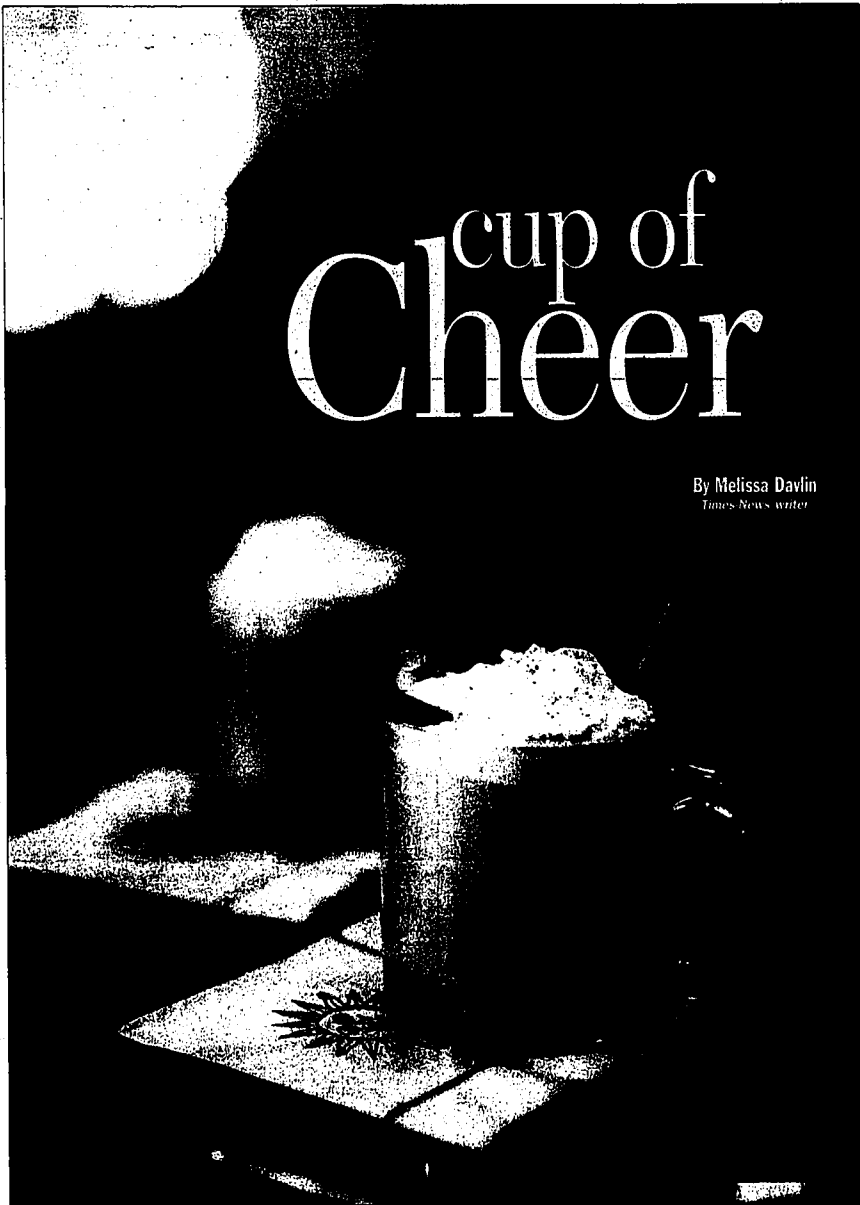
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A DAY ON WALL STREET
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# Cup of Cheer

By Melissa Davlin  
*Times-News writer*

**C**ups of hot cocoa and cider are part of the quintessential Christmas experience.

So when making your holiday memories this year, why settle for powdered chocolate mixed with water?

We asked local chefs and home

cooks for their favorite holiday drinks. They came back with recipes ranging from spiced tea and spiked coffee to smooth white chocolate eggnog.

No matter what you prefer, one thing is for sure: After a taste of these concoctions, you'll never go back to hot cocoa from a can.

## EGGNOG MILKSHAKE

*Courtesy of Tori Wakewood of Tori's Eatery Gourmet Food & Coffee in Twin Falls.*

*A milkshake in winter? Absolutely Wakewood said.*

*Purists can enjoy the homemade eggnog without the ice cream. Prepare as directed and chill before serving. For the shake, feel free to substitute store-bought eggnog, which is available at grocery stores through New Year's.*

1 quart vanilla ice cream  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 cup eggnog (recipe below)  
1 cup half-and-half  
Whipped cream and freshly grated nutmeg, for garnish

Place the ice cream and vanilla extract in a blender. While the blender is running, slowly add the eggnog and half-and-half. Blend until thoroughly combined. Pour into an ice cream parlor glass or tall glass and serve topped with whipped



cream and fresh grated nutmeg.

*For eggnog:*  
4 egg yolks  
1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar

1 pint whole milk  
1 cup heavy cream  
1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg  
4 egg whites  
3 ounces bourbon (optional)

In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the egg yolks until they lighten in color. Gradually add the 1/3 cup sugar and continue to beat until completely dissolved. Add the milk, cream, bourbon and nutmeg and stir to combine.

Place the egg whites in a separate bowl and beat to soft peaks, being careful not to over-beat.

With the mixer still running, gradually add the tablespoon of sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Whisk the egg whites into the mixture. Chill before serving or making milkshake.

## NUTTY IRISHMAN

*Courtesy of Jan Jones of the Duchin Lounge in Sun Valley.*

*This drink is popular with skiers at the Sun Valley Lodge," said Jones, daytime bartender at Duchin Lounge. The heat from the coffee and kick from the liquor will surely keep you warm on the slopes. And don't forget the whipped cream," Jones said.*

*"You have to have the whipped cream on the Nutty Irishman," she said.*

1/2 cup Irish cream, such as Bailey's  
1/2 cup hazelnut liqueur, such as Frangelico  
1 cup black coffee  
Whipped cream for garnish

Stir Irish cream and hazelnut liqueur into hot coffee. Top with whipped cream.



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For the Times-News

INSIDE

Find more recipes for festive drinks on page C3.



# Personalized cookbooks

By Jane Black  
The Washington Post

Most cooks have their own system for saving recipes. Some still use recipe cards. Some stick their clippings in those old-school photo albums with magnetic pages. I slide mine into a three-ring binder with plastic sleeves.

Those are all functional systems. But none is very 21st century. A personalized cookbook may be a great gift idea, but you also want something that will impress on Christmas morning.

Digital cookbook software has led to the creation of those. Nearly every electronic publishing company now offers recipe templates, and there are Web sites specifically created to make custom cookbooks easy.

Two popular software programs that have varying levels of flexibility and complexity: TasteBook, from a Web site that partners with recipe site Epicurious.com, and eLulu. As promised, Lulu and BlurB, (I stayed away from expensive professional software such as Cooks Palate, which charges \$39.95 for the software alone or \$159.99 for the software and one printed book.) As promised, Lulu and BlurB, (I stayed away from expensive professional software such as Cooks Palate, which charges \$39.95 for the software alone or \$159.99 for the software and one printed book.)

But if you were secretly hoping that your book of family recipes might end up resembling "The French Laundry Cookbook" and other words, they're 21st-century homemade.

## TasteBook

For fast and easy, TasteBook is your best bet. The Web site was created by the people behind Kodak Gallery (one of the first sites that made it easy to upload and share photos), and it is linked to Epicurious.com, a database of thousands of recipes from regular magazines such as Gourmet, Bon Appetit and Cooking Light, among others.

The software looks like a cookbook version of Apple's iTunes. Search for a recipe you like, then drag and drop it into your TasteBook. You can also input your own family recipes and photos, and you can share them with other TasteBook users if you

choose. (TasteBooks arrive in hardcover binders, so you can order new recipes later and add them.) The Web site prompts you for important details, such as number of servings, and automatically formats all the recipes.

If even that's too much work, TasteBook offers collections of recipes for holiday cookies, cocktail makers and more. You can personalize those with your own gift message and be done in five minutes.

Now for the minuses: TasteBook automatically alphabetizes recipes by name within 10 chapters. It's sensible. But it means that my recipe, for Thai-splendored Watermelon Soup comes after Shrimp and Mango Salad rather than with my favorite Indonesian Curry Soup. I'd rather be able to order the recipes myself.

The designers also have smartly minimized photography on the recipe pages. If you don't have a nice shot, you won't miss it. But the downside is that a TasteBook looks more manufactured than personal.

**What you get:** A hardcover binder with room for up to 100 recipes; \$19.95 to \$34.95 plus shipping, depending on the number of recipes you include. at [www.tastebook.com](http://www.tastebook.com).

**Best for:** Last-minute gifts and cooks content to assemble a collection of other people's recipes rather than personal or family ones.

## Lulu

I had the highest hopes for Lulu, which appeared to be the Goldilocks of custom publishing: not too much flexibility, not too little. Lulu offers three templates for cookbook pages: simple, rustic and retro. It then allows you to add your own photos or select from a library of favorite images. The Flash interface requires no download and is intuitive enough for even novice computer users.

The layout capabilities are

great. You can choose a full-page photo, multi-page photo, recipe with photo, recipe with ingredients or without, and Lulu does most of the formatting. You can use the same template throughout or mix and match. You can also reorder pages by dragging and dropping. Another nice feature is that it automatically builds a table of contents as you go.

The only time I got tripped up was when I tried to reorder some recipes and realized that moving one threw off all the recipes after. The photo of Cambodian Cran ended up next to the Blueberry Coconut Cake; the photo of Ma Po Tofu illustrated Grandma's rollups. Getting everything back on track took a while.

I do appreciate TasteBook's drag-and-drop recipe finder until I began to type all my personal recipes into Lulu. It's incredibly time-consuming, not least because you have to be careful not to make a mistake. (One tablespoon instead of a teaspoon of chili powder makes all the difference.)

Lulu's photo library also was disappointing. Most of the recipes I found in the Food category were pictures of people eating, not the lush images of dishes I wanted to put in my cookbook.

**What you get:** Paperback book with 20 to 250 pages, \$15.45 plus shipping; hardcover book with 20 to 120 pages, \$25.45 plus shipping; at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com).

**Best for:** Cooks with lots of family recipes and a reasonable selection of art and photography.

## BookSmart by BlurB

The welcome page on BlurB's Web site features a slide show of coffee table books, and this software is robust enough to create that. It offers by far the most flexibility: recipe layouts, picture layouts, collage layouts, chapter layouts, text layouts, plus ideas for title, dedication and copyright

pages. For a simple gift, this is more than you need. But what is possible is awe-inspiring.

Unlike with the others, you have to download BlurB's BookSmart application. But once you have it, it's easy to navigate.

Choose the size and shape of your book, a hard or soft cover and whether you want the cover image to wrap around the front and back. BlurB also lets you choose fonts, colors and text size, which is great, though despite my best efforts to create a template, I ended up having to repeat those selections on each and every page.

Longer recipes were a problem for me with BlurB. If the recipe didn't fit on one page, it automatically added a new page in the same recipe template, which set aside a column for ingredients even though only the directions were continuing to the second page. Of all six templates, I couldn't find a good one for a continued recipe. I wish BlurB would create one and anticipate that the added page should be formatted differently than the first.

BlurB gives you a bounty of options for photography, but you must provide your own. I ended up using mostly whole-page photos because I never seemed to have the size or shape to fit the more sophisticated templates.

Then again, you get out what you put in. Of all the books I made, I thought the one from BlurB was the most beautiful. The images were



well printed, the binding professional. I think I'll start making another one. For Christmas 2009.

**What you get:** Prices vary according to the size of the book. Paperbacks of up to 40 pages start at \$12.95; up to 80 pages, \$15.95. Hardbacks of up to 40 pages start at \$22.95; up to 80 pages, \$26.95; all prices are plus shipping; at [www.blurb.com](http://www.blurb.com).

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# Cup of cheer

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## SPICY TEA

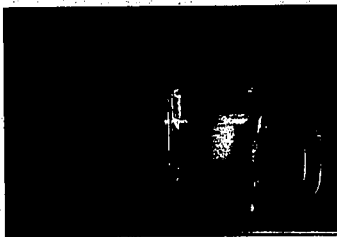
Courtesy of Dorothy Cavener of Paul.

This recipe wasn't passed down to Cavener from a family member. Instead, it was passed around church circles about 30 years ago, she said. "I can't remember where I got it," Cavener said.

The recipe was originally called Russian Tea, "but I didn't like that name," Cavener said. She renamed it Spicy Tea and has kept it as a holiday staple in her home ever since. It's great to have on hand for last-minute guests, she said — just heat up some water and you have an instant-festive drink.

- 3/4 cup instant unsweetened tea, such as Nestle
- 2 cups orange-flavored powdered drink, such as Tang
- 1/2 cup powdered lemonade mix
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves

Mix all ingredients well. Stir two heaping teaspoons of mix into one cup of boiling water. Store the remaining mix in an airtight container.



Dorothy Cavener prepares a batch of Spicy Tea — her staple for last-minute guests — in her Paul home.

LARNE WELSH/Times-Herald

## RYAN'S IRISH CREAM

Courtesy of Carol Ryan Dumas of Twin Falls.

Dumas bottles this family favorite for Christmas presents. Soak empty liquor bottles to remove the labels, then decorate with ribbon. The drink keeps for up to six weeks when refrigerated. "It's superior to any Irish cream on the market," Dumas wrote in an e-mail.

- 4 eggs
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 teaspoon instant coffee
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon coconut extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 tablespoon chocolate syrup
- 1 cup blended whiskey

Put all ingredients in blender and blend for 2 minutes. Refrigerate until thick.



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## HOT CIDER WITH 4 SPICES

Courtesy of Tori Wakewood of Tori's Eatery Gourmet Food & Coffee in Twin Falls.

When Wakewood sips on her homemade hot cider, the beverage isn't the only thing that makes her happy.

"It was the first thing my grandmother ever taught me to make," Wakewood said. "You know, when you're a kid, it's a really magical thing to make."

As a child, Wakewood and her family picked the apples and pressed the cider themselves. That amount of involvement isn't necessary with this recipe, though.

Store-bought apple cider will do just fine, and if you want a clear drink, apple

juice can be substituted, she said. Feel free to omit the alcohol for a kid-friendly drink — but if you do, add another cup of cider to the mix to even out the spices.

- 8 cups apple cider or apple juice (plus 1 extra cup if calvados is not used)
- 4 whole cloves
- 4 whole allspice berries
- 4 whole cardamom seeds
- 4 cinnamon sticks
- 1 cup calvados or brandy (if desired)
- 1 orange, quartered

Combine cider or juice,

cloves, allspice, cardamom, cinnamon sticks and orange slices in a large saucepan. Simmer for 20 minutes; strain out spices and orange and stir in Calvados or brandy. Serve hot.



MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-Herald

Tori Wakewood grates orange zest onto a mug of her homemade hot cider at her Twin Falls restaurant last week.



MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-Herald

## WHITE CHOCOLATE EGGNOG

Courtesy of Eric Etesvold of Twin Falls.

Here's a chocolate twist on the holiday classic. Etesvold made this while working as a chef for the Sheraton Corp. in Germany.

- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 cup white chocolate liqueur
- 1 tablespoon dark rum
- Semisweet chocolate, grated, for garnish

Chill mixing bowl and beaters in freezer for 30 minutes before starting.

Combine sugar and eggs and beat on low until mixed. Slowly speed up and beat at high speed for 5 minutes. Add milk, liqueur and rum. Beat until mixed.

In a chilled bowl beat heavy cream at high speed until stiff peaks form. Add to egg mixture and fold together. Chill for 1 hour and garnish with grated chocolate.

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## SPRINGERLE

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon anise extract
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest, loosely packed
- 4 cups (1 pound) powdered sugar, sifted
- 4 cups (1 pound) flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- Anise seed

1. In the bowl of a stand mixer, or in a large bowl using a hand mixer, beat the eggs for 5 minutes until very light in texture (the long beating time is important so the eggs are sufficiently whipped and lightened in texture).

2. Beat in the salt, anise extract and lemon zest until evenly incorporated, then slowly add the powdered sugar and beat an additional 5 minutes.

3. In a medium bowl, whisk the flour and baking powder. Slowly add the flour mixture to the egg mixture until incor-

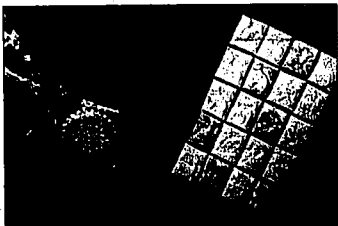


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Beautifully elaborate German springerle cookies with the essence of anise.

porated and the dough is stiff. Remove the dough to a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth, about 2 minutes. Cover the dough tightly with plastic wrap and allow to relax at room temperature for 1 hour.

4. Remove 1/4 of the dough, keeping the rest tightly covered (it dries out quickly). On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Lightly flour the dough and your mold(s), then press the mold firmly into the dough to make a detailed imprint. Repeat

until all of the dough is imprinted. Cut around each imprint to form a cookie. Continue until all of the dough has been used.

5. Lightly scatter the surface of two or three rimmed baking sheets with anise seed (about 1 tablespoon per sheet) and lay the cookies over the seeds (do not press them down). (Reserve one of the anise seed-lined baking sheets to test the baking time for the cookies.)

6. Allow the cookies to dry on the baking sheets at room temperature for 24 hours.

7. Heat the oven to 275 degrees. Test the baking time for the cookies: Place two cookies (if you are using more than one mold, test two cookies from each mold) on the reserved anise-seed-lined baking sheet.

8. Bake the test batch until the tops of each cookie are firm and the bottom of each cookie is barely colored, about 25 minutes (the tops should have no coloring). Check the cookies after the first 10 minutes to make sure they are not puffy; if they are, remove the tray from the oven and gently press down the top of any domed cookies using a towel-lined hand. If all the cookies dome on top, your oven may be too hot; try another test batch at 250 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes.

9. When the correct temperature is set, bake the cookies, one tray at a time, until all of the cookies are baked. When the cookies are done, remove them to a rack to cool completely.

10. Store the cookies in an airtight container or sealable plastic bag. For softer cookies, store them with a slice of apple. The cookies will keep

for weeks, and the flavor improves with age.

Total time: 2 hours, plus resting and overnight drying time. Servings: About 4 dozen 3-inch cookies.

Each of 48 servings: 77 cal-

ories; 2 grams protein; 17 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 1 gram fat; 0 saturated fat; 18 milligrams cholesterol; 33 milligrams sodium.

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- 3 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses (not blackstrap)
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon finely grated fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom



1. In a large bowl, mix the flour, salt and baking soda.

2. In the bowl of a standing mixer, or in a large bowl using a hand mixer, cream the butter and sugar, 2 to 3 minutes. Mix in the molasses until incorporated, then the

egg. Mix in the grated and ground ginger, allspice, cinnamon, pepper, cloves and cardamom until combined. Wrap the dough in plastic and chill for at least two hours — and up to one week.

3. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Take half of the dough and roll out on a floured work surface to slightly less than one-fourth inch. Using cookie cutters in the desired shape, cut out the dough and place the shapes on a cookie tray lined with parchment, about 1 inch apart. Bake about 10 minutes, or until the edges of the cookies begin to color slightly. Do not over-bake. Cool cookies thoroughly on racks before frosting.

**Royal icing and assembly:**  
2 egg whites  
2 teaspoons lemon juice  
2 cups powdered sugar, sifted  
1 recipe gingerbread cookies  
Decorations, as desired

Place the egg whites and lemon juice in the bowl of a standing mixer (or in a mixing bowl, if using a hand mixer) and mix until combined. Gradually add in the sugar, mixing until well combined. Pipe onto cookies with a piping bag

(remember to cover the unused portion of the icing with plastic wrap to prevent drying out). Garnish the cookies as desired with decorations, then dry at room temperature until the icing is hardened. Store in airtight containers for up to 3 weeks at room temperature.

Total time: 1 1/2 hours, plus chilling time (up to 1 week) for the dough. Servings: 3 1/2 dozen.

Each of 42 servings: 118 calories; 1 gram protein; 21 grams carbohydrates; 0 fiber; 4 grams fat; 2 grams saturated fat; 14 milligrams cholesterol; 126 milligrams sodium.



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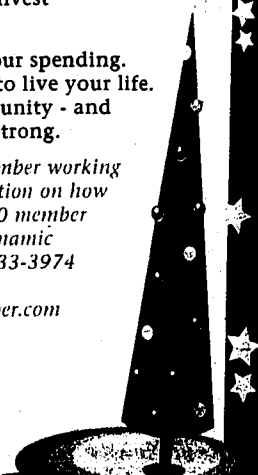
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## 'PANFORTE' WITH CANDIED QUINCE

Adapted from "Tartine" by Elisabeth M. Prueitt and Chad Robertson. You can use any type of dried or candied fruit. In any combination, as a substitute for the fruits in the recipe as long as the total amount is about 4 1/2 cups (25 ounces).

**Candied Orange Zest:**  
3 large, unblemished oranges  
1 1/2 cups water  
1 1/2 cups sugar

1. Remove the zest from the oranges: Run a zester from the top to bottom of the orange, cutting the zest into thin strips (avoid the pith). Repeat with the remaining fruit. Reserve fruit for another use.

2. In a medium, heavy saucepan, cook the water and sugar over medium heat, bringing to a boil, stirring, until the sugar dissolves. Add the zest, lower the heat to medium-low, and cook at a gentle simmer until the zest strips

become tender and semi-translucent, about 30 minutes.

4. Remove from the heat and pour into a heat-proof container. Cool completely, then store the zest in the cooking syrup in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 1 month. You should have about one-half cup (3 ounces) of candied zest.

**Candied Quince:**  
1 1/2 cups water  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 large quince

1. Peel the quince, slice it in half, remove the core and cut the fruit crosswise into one-fourth-inch slices.

2. In a medium, heavy saucepan, combine the water and sugar over medium heat, stirring with a spoon, until the sugar dissolves. Add the fruit, reduce the heat to medium-low, and cook at a gentle simmer until the fruit is semi-translucent, about 45 minutes.

3. Remove from the heat and pour into a heat-proof container. Cool, then store the fruit in the cooking syrup in an airtight container in the refrigerator. You'll have about 1 cup (8 ounces) of fruit.

### Assembly:

1 recipe candied quince, strained and coarsely chopped (8 ounces)

1 recipe candied orange zest, strained and coarsely chopped (3 ounces)

2 cups dates, pitted and coarsely chopped (10 ounces)

3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons Zante currants (4 ounces)

2 tablespoons grated orange zest

1 tablespoon grated lemon zest

1 cup lightly toasted unsalted pistachios

2 cups well-toasted hazelnuts

2 cups well-toasted almonds

2/3 cup flour

1/2 cup cocoa powder

1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

Freshly grated nutmeg from 1 1/2 nutmegs

3/4 teaspoon ground coriander

3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

3/4 teaspoon ground cloves

3/4 cup honey

1 1/3 cups granulated sugar

1/4 cup powdered sugar

1. Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Butter a 10-inch

springform pan with 2- or 3-inch sides, line with parchment paper, and butter the parchment, making sure to butter the sides of the pan well.

2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the candied quince and orange zest, dates, currants, orange and lemon zest, and all of the nuts. Sift together the flour, cocoa powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, coriander, pepper and cloves over the fruits and nuts. Mix well. Set aside.

3. In a deep, heavy saucepan, combine the honey and granulated sugar over medium-high heat. Stir gently with a wooden spoon from time to time to make sure that no sugar is sticking to the bottom of the pan. Bring to a boil and cook until the mixture registers 250 degrees on a thermometer, about 3 minutes. The mixture will be frothy and boiling rapidly.

4. Remove from the heat and immediately pour over the fruit-and-flour mixture in the bowl. Stir with a wooden spoon to incorporate the syrup thoroughly with the other ingredients. The mixture may seem dry at first, but it will come together

once it is well mixed. (If you have rubber gloves, it is easier to mix with your hands than with a spoon.) Work quickly at this point; the longer the mixture sits, the firmer it becomes.

5. Transfer the mixture to the prepared springform pan and smooth the top with a rubber spatula dipped in water. Bake until the top is slightly puffed and looks like a brownie, about 1 hour. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Run a knife around the edge to loosen and turn out of the pan and cool completely.

6. With a fine-mesh sieve, sift the powdered sugar over the top, bottom and sides of the panforte. Lightly tap it over the counter to shake off excess sugar. It will keep, well wrapped, in a cool, dry place for up to 2 weeks, or indefinitely in the refrigerator. To serve, slice into quarter- to half-inch slices.

Total time: 3 hours, 15 minutes. Servings: 32 half-inch slices.

Each of 32 (half-inch) slices: 330 calories; 6 grams protein; 56 grams carbohydrates; 4 grams fiber; 12 grams fat; 2 grams saturated fat; 0 cholesterol; 4 milligrams sodium.

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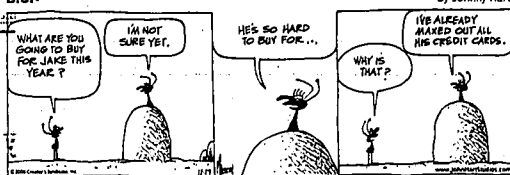
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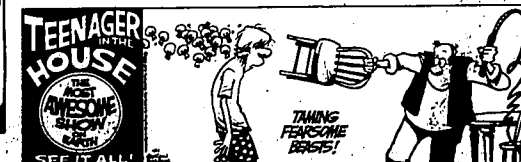
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## After 27 years, police in Florida close Adam Walsh case

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — A serial killer who died more than a decade ago is the person who decapitated the 6-year-old son of America's Most Wanted host John Walsh in 1981, police in Florida said Tuesday.

The announcement closed a case that stoked the Walsh family's grief and anger, launched the television show about the nation's most notorious criminals and inspired changes in how authorities search for missing children.

"Who could take a 6-year-old and murder and decapitate him? Who?" an emotional John Walsh said at Tuesday's news conference. "We needed to know. We needed to know. And today we know. The not knowing has been a torture, but that journey's over."

Walsh's wife, Reve, at one point placed a small photo of their son on the podium.

Police named Otis Toole, saying he was long the prime suspect in the case and that they had conclusively linked him to the killing. They declined to be specific about their evidence and did not

note any DNA proof of the crime, but said an extensive review of the case file pointed only to Toole, as John Walsh long contended.

"Our agency has devoted an inordinate amount of time seeking leads to other potential perpetrators rather than emphasizing Otis Toole as our primary suspect," said Hollywood Police Chief

Chadwick Wagner, who launched a fresh review of the case after taking over the department last year. "Otis Toole has continued to be our only real suspect."

Toole had twice confessed to killing the child, but later recanted. He claimed responsibility for hundreds of murders, but police determined most of the confessions were lies. Toole's niece told the boy's father, John Walsh, her uncle confessed on his deathbed in prison that he killed Adam.

Wagner acknowledged

numerous mistakes in the investigation and apologized to the Walshs.

"I have no doubt," John Walsh said, "I've never had any doubt."

Many names have been mentioned in connection to the case in the years since the killing, including serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, but Toole has persistently nagged detectives. John Walsh has long said he believed the drifter was responsible, saying investigators found at Toole's home in Jacksonville a pair of green shorts and a

sandal similar to what Adam was wearing.

Toole died in prison of cirrhosis in 1996 at the age of 49. He was serving five life sentences for murders unrelated to Adam's death.

The Walshs, who appeared Tuesday flanked by their other children, long ago derided the investigation as bores. Still, John Walsh praised the Hollywood police department for closing the case.

"This is not to look back and point fingers, but it is to let it rest," he said.

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## Ill. parties clash over potential special election

By Christopher Willis  
Associated Press writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Illinois Republicans have launched a political ad campaign demanding a special election to fill the Senate vacancy that Gov. Rod Blagojevich allegedly tried to seal, hoping to pick up a seat they had no shot at before the scandal.

Democrats, after initially supporting such an election, this week canceled a vote on the matter and backed away in the name of good government. They say an election would cost up to \$50 million and leave the state with a Senate vacancy until at least April — giving the new senator an even shorter window behind the 2010 campaign cycle heats up.

Republicans say Democrats are simply afraid of losing the election, particularly if a potential backlash arises from the criminal charges against Blagojevich. They claim Democrats want to hold onto the power to appoint a senator.

The people of Illinois deserve better than another political power grab," says a television ad from the Illinois GOP.

The head of the Republican National Committee says the Democrats' insistence on avoiding a special election shows that the party does not value openness and transparency unless it's politically convenient.

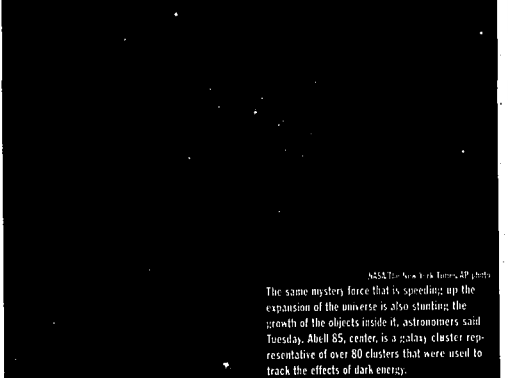
The president-elect was pulled into the dispute Tuesday when Obama refused to say whether he supports a special election. The RNC said Obama "punted" rather than take a position on a vital issue.

The battle over Obama's seat unfolded as a special Illinois House committee met for the first time to impeach Blagojevich, who is accused of trying to auction off the seat to the highest bidder.

The panel's review is expected to include the criminal charges against Blagojevich as well as a log list of other possible wrongdoing during his six years in office: abuse of power, taking action without legal authority, ignoring state laws and defying demand requests for information from the General Assembly.

The committee met only briefly, postponing any real action until the governor's attorney arrives Wednesday. Ed Genson says the panel could give the first hint of whether Blagojevich intends to fight every step of the process.

## DARK ENERGY



## Mysterious force fights gravity, acts as galactic 'diet enforcer'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mysterious dark energy, which likely causes the universe to keep expanding, seems to have another effect: It prevents the biggest clusters of galaxies from getting too fat.

Astronomers used X-rays to study the formation of galactic clusters billions of years ago. Their research supports the hard-to-fathom concept of dark energy as a force that governs the growth of the universe.

It also means Albert Einstein's century-old theory of general relativity passes another crucial, but not conclusive, real-world test.

Scientists Alexey Vikhlinin used NASA's Earth-orbiting Chandra X-ray Observatory to find that dark energy acts as a force that keeps clusters of galaxies — around 1,000 bright galaxies or more — from essentially overeating and getting too big.

Without dark energy, these giant clusters would keep forming, getting denser and bigger because of gravity. But in the last few billion years that hasn't happened, said Vikhlinin, a scientist at the Harvard Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass.

He looked at when 96 such clusters formed and saw the slowdown in growth, starting about 5.5 billion years ago. The logical cause: dark energy.

"They're put on a diet, a permanent diet," Vikhlinin said in a telephone interview.

Three outside experts praised the new study, which will be in February's *Astrophysical Journal*, as important to understanding a concept that is counterintuitive but crucial to figuring out the evolution of the universe.

The history of the universe has been a battle between "the two dark titans, dark matter and dark energy," said University of Chicago astrophysicist Michael Turner.

"This is the first time you've seen the effect of dark energy taking over," he said.

Dark energy is still a relatively new idea that came out a decade ago when measurements of star supernovas showed the universe was surprisingly expanding. One way to explain the expansion — building on an idea Einstein first broached and called his biggest mistake — is that another force in the universe is essentially fighting gravity. That force is dark energy.

"It's much more important and abundant in the evolution of the universe than the atoms that make us up," said Princeton theoretical astrophysicist David Spergel.

Clusters of galaxies are a good way to look at the effects of dark energy because they are "cosmic frogs" that are sensitive to small changes, Turner said. Our galaxy, the Milky Way, is not in a cluster but we are not too far from the Virgo cluster.

As the universe expands thanks to dark energy, clusters such as Virgo and other galaxies will get farther and farther away.

And in tens of billions of years, they will eventually disappear from sight, Vikhlinin said.

"Sometime down the road, we'll have nothing to observe," he said.

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**Few posts to fill in U.S. Cabinet**  
President-elect Barack Obama has named 11 of 15 Cabinet members and his national security adviser.

## Nation's first face transplant done in Cleveland

By Marilyn Marchione  
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — A woman so horribly disfigured she was willing to risk her life to do something about it has undergone the nation's first near-total face transplant, the Cleveland Clinic announced Tuesday.

Reconstructive surgeon Dr. Maria Siemionow and a team of other specialists replaced 80 percent of the woman's face with that of a female cadaver a couple of weeks ago in a bold and controversial operation certain to stoke the debate over the ethics of such surgery.

The patient's name and age were not released, and the hospital said her family wanted the reason for her transplant to remain confidential.

The hospital plans a news conference Wednesday and would not give details until then.

The transplant was the fourth worldwide; two have been done in France, and one was performed in China.

Surgeons not connected to the Cleveland case reacted cautiously since little is known about the circumstances, but generally praised the operation.

"There are patients who can benefit tremendously from

this. It's great that it happened," said Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, a surgeon at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston who plans to offer face transplants, too.

Dr. Laurent Lantier, a plastic surgeon at Henri Mondor-Albert Chenevier Hospital, near Paris, who did a face transplant on a man disfigured by a rare genetic disease, said: "This is very good news for all of us as doctors in the U.S. have done this."

Unlike operations involving vital organs like hearts and livers, transplants of faces or hands are done to improve

quality of life — not extend it. Recipients run the risk of deadly complications and must take immune-suppressing drugs for the rest of their lives to prevent organ rejection, raising their odds of cancer and many other problems.

Arthur Caplan, a leading bioethicist who has expressed grave concerns in the past about such surgery, withheld judgment on the Cleveland case but said the woman's doctors should give her the option of assisted suicide if they wind up making her worse.

"The biggest ethical problem is dealing with failure — if your face rejects. It would be a

living hell," said Caplan, bioethics chief at the University of Pennsylvania. "If your face is falling off and you can't eat and you can't breathe and you're suffering in a terrible manner that can't be reversed, you need to put on the table assistance in dying."

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**Gilford Christley**

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Gilford Christley, 63, of St. Louis, Mo., and formerly of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, of a massive heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Linda K. Crowley Christley;

his six daughters and six grandchildren. He worked for 33 years fitting artificial limbs and he was past master at a massive heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Linda K. Crowley Christley;

**Victor J. Schenk**

PAUL — Victor John Schenk, age 92, of Paul, passed away Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. He was born July 15, 1916, on a north side homestead near Kimama. His parents were John and Christina Hehn Schenk. He married Frieda O. Plocher on June 16, 1940, in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. Victor lived in Minidoka County all of his life. He farmed, hunted, fished and trapped. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Frieda Schenk; his children, Jerry (Dixie) Schenk of Rupert, Joyce Kofod of Rupert, Lynn (Anne) Schenk of Burley and Jean (Handy) Fife of Rupert; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was

preceded in death by his parents; one son, Clifford Le Schenk; three brothers, Erhard, Henry and Ruben; one sister, Ester Norby; and a son-in-law, Ken Kofod. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert, with the Rev. David L. Poovey officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. The family expresses their sincere appreciation to Dr. Don Pates, the nurses and staff at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, and his special caregiver, Vanda, for the kind and compassionate care given to Victor. The family suggests memorials be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Victor's memory.

**William Frederick McKay**

LAVERGNE, Tenn. — William Frederick McKay, 64, of LaVergne, Tenn., passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, at his home in LaVergne. After a short illness, with his loving wife and daughter by his side. He was born Nov. 27, 1944, in Twin Falls, to William Devaney and Louise (Platz) McKay. Bill married Donna Underwood on Aug. 19, 1967, in Aberdeen. Bill had many careers in his life, including working as a meat cutter at I.H. Kiems in Nampa. He also built golf clubs while working at Kartzen Manufacturing in Phoenix, Ariz., and as a general warehouseman for Border Book in LaVergne, Tenn. Bill is preceded in death by his father; and by his only sis-

ter, Alice Elizabeth McKay. Bill is survived by his wife, Donna McKay of LaVergne, Tenn.; one daughter, Maxine Louise McKay of LaVergne, Tenn.; one son, William Jesse (Michelle) McKay of Phoenix, Ariz.; by his mother Louise McKay of Twin Falls; and one granddaughter, Caitlyn Jesse McKay. Bill is also survived by his sister's children, Lynn Mason of Preston, Delynn Rasmussen of Kearns, Utah, Joseph Mason of Salt Lake City, Utah, Darrell Mason of Alberta, Canada, and Russell Mason of Salt Lake City, Utah, and their spouses and children. His aunt, Sally of Twin Falls; and his uncle, Fred Platz of Arco, also survive Bill. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with a visitation for family and friends one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. Friday at the Shoshone Cemetery.

**Gerald Lorenzo Lee**

OGDEN — Gerald Lorenzo Lee left his mortal afflictions for eternal peace on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008. He was born Feb. 3, 1934, in Logan, Utah, to Lorenzo and Druella Lee. Gerald spent most of his early childhood in Grouse Creek, Utah, where he cultivated his love of animals and agriculture. His family then moved to Ogden, where he completed his education and graduated from Ogden High School. He completed one year of college and four years of ROTC training before taking a job with the SP Railroad. His love of agriculture and dairy farming soon took him to Fallon, Nev., various places in Cache Valley and eventually to Monello, Nev. The past 12 years, he has lived and worked in Pilot Valley, Nev. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints, where he served in many callings. Gerald is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vera Judkins Lee; four children, Ervin Brent (Barbara Ann) Lee of Wells, Nev., Radine Lee (Kirki) Murphy of Wendover, Utah, Tamra Lee (Scott L.) Smith of Forest Grove, Ore., and Lonna Lee (Paul) Beem of Jerome; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, James Robert Lee of Ogden, Utah; and Richard (Mildred) Lee of Sunset, Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Gerald Curtis Lee. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at Lindquist's Ogden Mortuary, 3408 Washington Blvd. in Ogden, Utah. Friends and family may call from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Friday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the mortuary. Interment will be in the Logan City Cemetery in Logan, Utah. Condolences may be emailed to the family at [www.lindquistmortuary.com](http://www.lindquistmortuary.com).

**Sarah Vera (Lowry) Vanskike**

FAIRFIELD — Sarah Vera (Lowry) Vanskike, 100, of Fairfield, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, at the Creekside Care Center in Jerome. She was born Sept. 6, 1908, in Dresden, Kan., to Sarah Emma and John Henry Lowry. At the age of 2 years, she moved with her family to Buhl. The family then moved to Stockton, Calif., for a year. From California, they moved to Twin Falls, where Vera completed grade school and high school. Vera then graduated with the Class of 1931 from Gooding College. After graduation, Vera

moved to the Camas Prairie and taught school at Soldier Creek School. In May 1933 she married Carol Vanskike. They lived on the ranch on Soldier Creek until the fall of 1965, when they moved to Fairfield. Vera was preceded in death by her husband, Carol; sisters, Birdie and Georgia; and daughters-in-law, Emma and Trude. Vera is survived by her stepsons, Floyd Lin and Wayne Burke Vanskike; six grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. A celebration of Vera's life was held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at the Community Church in Fairfield. Burial is in the Mountain View Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Camas Senior Center.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Cal Greene**

WENDELL — Cal Greene, 84, of Wendell, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital. A memorial service will be announced at a later date (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

**Autumn L. Decker**

BUHL — Autumn L. Decker, 73 of Buhl, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Anna B. Hunsaker**

Anna B. Hunsaker, 70 of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

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**Small cars getting more top marks in safety tests**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small cars, which have become more popular with the fluctuation in gas prices, are becoming better equipped to protect motorists in serious crashes, according to tests by the insurance industry. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gave top scores on front-end crash tests for several 2009 small cars released Wednesday. Three vehicles — the Pontiac Vibe and Toyota Matrix, which share the same underpinnings and are considered corporate twins, and the Suzuki SX4 — also received top scores in side protection. Only one vehicle tested, the 2009 Chrysler PT Cruiser, received the lowest mark of poor in side protection and rear protection.

Two other 2009 small cars, the Ford Focus and the Chevrolet HHR, got top marks in front-end tests and received the second-highest score of acceptable in side protection. "Automakers have made big improvements to small cars to better protect people in frontal crashes," said Joe Nolan, an industry senior vice president. "They've also added stronger structures and standard head-protecting side air bags to help in side crashes, which are tougher on smaller, lighter cars." Sales of the entire U.S. vehicle market have declined by more than 16 percent through the end of November, according to Autodata Corp. But sales of small cars have increased more than 1 percent over the year as gas prices surpassed \$4 per gallon and then fell by more than half. Small cars have grabbed a larger share of the domestic market this year accounting for more than a third of new vehicle sales. Nolan noted that 11 of the 21 current small cars

rated by the Insurance Institute earned top scores in side protection. Only two years ago, he said, three of 19 vehicle models earned the top score.

He cautioned that no car can overcome the laws of physics — smaller cars typically provide less crash protection than larger heavier vehicles. But the improvements in the small cars have been attributed to the growing installation of side air bags as standard equipment instead of making it an option for car buyers. Among other new cars tested, the 2009 Hyundai Elantra and 2009 Saturn Astra received the top score of good in front-end tests and the second-lowest rating of marginal in side testing.

GM spokeswoman Carolyn Markey said the Saturn Astra and Chevrolet HHR both performed well in the government's crash tests and the vehicles "meet or exceed all federal safety standards."

During tests on the Chrysler PT Cruiser, the institute found that measurements on the driver's neck and internal organs injuries would have been likely in a similar crash. Test results showed the rear passenger could have suffered a serious neck injury and a fractured pelvis in a similar accident.

"The PT Cruiser doesn't offer the same crash protection level as other small cars," Nolan said. Chrysler said in a statement that the vehicle has performed well in government tests and the PT Cruiser is equipped with standard front and side air bags. Chrysler said a vehicle's overall safety performance can't be determined by a single test and the IIHS results are reviewed by the company to make improvements.

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Lynn Nielsen Bradshaw of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS West Senior Center, 26 S. 100 W. in Rupert; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).  
Lawrence A. "Bode" Sheridan of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).  
Tressie Marie Cowgill of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.  
Roger Glenn Spriggs of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; graveside service at noon Friday at the Meridian Cemetery, 895 E. Franklin Road in Meridian; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Thursday at the mortuary.  
Daniel R. Zohner of Paul, funeral at noon Friday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St.; graveside service at noon Saturday at the Cedron

Cemetery near Driggs; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and 11 to 11:45 a.m. Friday at the church.  
Florence Warren of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rupert First Christian Church, Pralse Chapel, 1110 Eighth St. (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).  
Thelma (Bott) Engeling of Boise, formerly of the Magic Valley area, memorial gathering between 2 and 4 p.m. Friday in the front parlor at the Heatherwood Retirement Community, 5277 Kootenai St. in Boise (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).  
William Bonner Shappee of Bellevue, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Wood River Chapel in Halley.  
Susan Becker of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.  
Barry O. Bragg of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

# AROUND THE WORLD

## BRITAIN

### Doctor convicted in attacks linked to war

LONDON — A British jury Tuesday found a doctor from an Iraqi family guilty of plotting to murder on a mass scale in failed car bomb attacks last year in London and Glasgow.

Dilal Abdulla, 29, who practiced medicine in Britain, drove a Mercedes sedan packed with gas cylinders and nails into central London in June 2007 with the intent of killing hundreds, the prosecution said. After the home-made car bomb he had parked outside a crowded nightclub failed to detonate, Abdulla joined an attempted suicide attack the next day targeting Glasgow's airport, according to prosecutors.

He faces life in prison in connection with both attacks and is to be sentenced Wednesday.

Born in Britain to Iraqi parents, Abdulla was accused of wanting to take revenge for friends, relatives and other civilians killed in Iraq by British and U.S. troops.

## UNITED NATIONS

### UN gives OK to land, air attacks on pirates

On the same day Somali gunmen seized two more ships, the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Tuesday to authorize nations to conduct land and air attacks on pirate bases on the coast of the Horn of Africa country.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was on hand to push through the resolution, one of President George W. Bush's last major foreign policy initiatives.

Rice said the resolution will have a significant impact, especially since "pirates are adapting to the naval presence in the Gulf of Aden by traveling further" into sea lanes not guarded by warships sent by the U.S. and other countries.

The council authorized nations to use "all necessary measures that are appropriate in Somalia" to stop anyone using Somali territory to plan or carry out piracy in the nearby waters traversed each year by thousands of cargo ships sailing between Asia and the Suez Canal.

That includes the use of Somali airspace, even though the U.S. appeased Indonesia, a council member, by removing direct mention of it, U.S. officials said.

Somalia Foreign Minister Ali Ahmed Jama, whose government asked for the help, said he was "heartened" by the council action.

## WASHINGTON

### Russian warships cause no ripples at Pentagon

WASHINGTON — Russian warships have been playing the waters off Venezuela and Panama in recent weeks and are now heading for Cuba, but American officials are not so much wringing their hands as they are yawning.

Asked about a Russian warship transiting the Panama Canal earlier this month, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice—who saw the ship while crossing the canal last week—told The Associated Press: "I guess they're on R&R. It's fine."

The Pentagon, while puzzled by the Russians' actions, also is taking a ho-hum attitude. The U.S. military commander for the region, Adm. James Stavridis, head of the U.S. Southern Command, said that from his vantage point, there is no reason to be concerned about the Russian naval activity.

"They pose no military threat to the U.S.," Stavridis said in an e-mail to the AP on Tuesday.

## AUSTRALIA

### Aussie court OKs using Facebook for serving lien

CANBERRA — After a court in Australia ruled a mortgage

lender can use Facebook to break the news to a couple that they have lost their home, the global social networking Web sites are threatened with turning a little more anti-social.

Some people are concerned that such approved contact with their social networks such as Facebook and MySpace could

amount to a violation of privacy.

"I don't think people sign up to Facebook thinking it's going to be another avenue by which a government agency or indeed a debt collector can contact them," said Colin Jacobs, vice chairman of the technology advocacy group Electronic Frontiers Australia.

## FRANCE

### Dynamite found in scare at department store

PARIS — French police found dynamite in a Paris department store Tuesday, a bomb scare during the holiday shopping season that was accompanied by a demand for the withdrawal of French

troops from Afghanistan.

The five relatively old sticks of dynamite planted in the men's store of the elegant Printemps department chain were not attached to a detonator and did not pose a risk of explosion, authorities said.

After evacuating the jam-packed store in the heart of the downtown shopping district about 11 a.m., police used

bomb-sniffing dogs to find the explosives, which a warning letter sent to a French news agency had said were in a third-floor bathroom.

The letter was signed by the "Algerian Revolutionary Front," a group that is unknown to French intelligence services, Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie told legislators.

— From wire services



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## Kerbs leads Burley girls past Minico

By Ryan How  
Times-News writer

Kassi Kerbs acted like she'd been there before. She has. The adrenaline-pumping atmosphere of a Burley-Minico rivalry game is nothing new for Kerbs, a Burley senior and three-year starter. Playing on the road in front of a raucous crowd with a top spot in the Great Basin Conference West standings on the line didn't faze her one bit. Kerbs drained her first three shots — all 3-pointers — on her way to 27 points as she led the Bobcats to a 44-33 victory over Minico Tuesday

night in Rupert. "I'm totally used to it; I know we're going to get a hard time from their fans, so it's just a matter of turning them out and just going out and playing the game," Kerbs said. "In warm-ups I was just feeling it. I was going to make them come guard me and I was going to keep shooting until they did." Burley improved to 8-4 overall and 2-1 in conference play. The win created a logjam atop the GBW with Minico and Jerome also 2-1 midway through conference play. "That was huge," Burley coach Gordon Kerbs said. "I think our team as a whole

grew up tonight. We've got a race in the conference, and that's what we're excited about. That's what we came here tonight to accomplish." Kassi Kerbs came out firing with nine points in the first two minutes, but it was Burley's Paige Anderson who stepped up and hit three key jump shots to help Burley build a 18-5 advantage. Kendra Bailey, who finished with 18 points to lead Minico, hit back-to-back shots to get the Spartans back to within six, but Kerbs split defenders and nailed a buzzer-beater from eight feet behind the arc to give the Bobcats a 23-14 halftime cushion.

Bailey scored 11 of her 18 points in the third quarter as Minico clawed back to two. With Bailey finding her rhythm and Burley post player Teresa Waymont on the bench in foul trouble, Kerbs took it upon herself once again, scoring the first seven points of the fourth quarter to put Burley back up by 10. The Bobcats' hard-nosed man-to-man defense held Minico to just five fourth-quarter points. "For us to be effective offensively, we need more scoring from some girls," Minico coach Joe D. Shepard said. "We didn't do a great job



Minico's Kendra Bailey is swarmed by Burley defenders Paige Anderson, left, and Kassi Kerbs during their girls basketball game Tuesday night in Rupert. Burley won 44-33.

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Azi Nkaya, left and teammate Byago Dioré, both of Dakar, Senegal, shovel snow at JoAnn Keith's home in Twin Falls. The young men from the College of Southern Idaho basketball team hit the streets Tuesday to lend a hand to those in need by shoveling freshly deposited snow from sidewalks and driveways.

## Making someone's day

### CSI men's basketball team finds alternative means for working out

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

The idea came to CSI head coach Steve Gosar early Tuesday morning as he shoveled his own driveway. The text message came to pre-season All-American Daequon Montreal about 1:20 p.m. The message: Be at CSI Gymnasium by 1:45. Another text followed: Make sure you dress warm. Tuesday was a conditioning day for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team.

But no one was running ladders up and down the gym floor on this snowy afternoon. Gosar canceled practice Tuesday and in its place his players, assistant coaches and managers shoveled driveways and sidewalks all around town. "You know, part of the Christmas spirit is to go make someone's day," said Gosar as they shoveled a sidewalk in the Canyon Trails subdivision. "It's better to give than receive and get in the spirit of things."

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Anasheil Ferguson's smile beams from behind her screen door as she wishes the young men from the College of Southern Idaho basketball team a Merry Christmas Tuesday afternoon as they shovel her walk. "I really thank the Lord for it," says Ferguson adding that she probably wouldn't have been able to do it on her own.

## 3-time All-America Laurinaitis heads AP team

### Utah's Sakoda, BYU's Collie earn honors

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — James Laurinaitis idolized A.J. Hawk, Chris Spielman and the other great linebackers who played for Ohio State before him. Now, in at least one area, he has surpassed them. Laurinaitis became a three-time AP All-American, and Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford and star receiver Michael Crabtree joined

him on the first team released Tuesday. Ohio State has a history of great linebackers from Hawk to Spielman and Tom Cousineau to Randy Gradishar. Hawk and Spielman were both two-time AP All-Americans. "When people throw my name in that group of players, I just laugh," Laurinaitis said. "It's extremely complimentary to be thought of in the same category." Among the other players to make the AP first-team three times were San Diego State running back Marshall Faulk (1991-93), Pittsburgh offensive lineman Bill Fralic (1982-84),

Georgia running back Hershel Walker (1980-82) and Pittsburgh defensive end Hugh Green (1978-80). Alabama put more players on the 2008 AP first team than any school, about 1,000 pounds of line men. Offensive tackle Andre Smith, listed at 330 pounds, was an unanimous first-team choice, and was center Antoine Caldwell. Crimson Tide nose

guard Terrence Cody, listed at 365 pounds, anchored the top-ranked defense in the Southeastern Conference. Bradford beat out Texas' Colt McCoy and Florida's Tim Tebow in All-America voting that broke the same way as the Heisman balloting. McCoy, the Heisman runner-up, was the second-team quarterback. Tebow made the third team, a year after winning the Heisman and being a first-team AP All-American. Laurinaitis and Crabtree, the Texas Tech receiver, were among five players to repeat as first-teamers. Oklahoma guard Duke Robinson, Cincinnati punter Kevin Huber and Missouri receiver/kick returner Jeremy

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Laurinaitis



Sakoda



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## Peyton and Eli Manning: QB brothers in Pro Bowl

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Peyton and Eli Manning, were voted to the Pro Bowl on Tuesday, the first time quarterback-playing brothers have been chosen for the same all-star game. The Indianapolis Colts' Peyton will make his ninth appearance in 11 seasons and will start for the AFC. It will be the first appearance for Eli, who was the MVP for the New York Giants in last February's Super Bowl. He will be on the NFC team. The Giants also landed the oldest Pro Bowler ever, 44-year-old kicker John Carney, who was signed at the start of the season as a short-term fill-in for the injured Lawrence Tynes. He has made 27 of 29 field goals — the two he missed were blocked — and has kept the now-recovered Tynes inactive for all but two games.

The New York Jets led all teams with seven Pro Bowlers, including quarterback Brett Favre, who will be in his 10th Pro Bowl, but his first representing the AFC. There will be six each from the Giants, Minnesota Vikings and Tennessee Titans in the game, to be played on Feb. 8 in Honolulu.

"The Titans have the NFL's best record at 12-2 and won their first 10 games before losing to the Jets. "If we were the Dallas Cowboys, it would easily be 12 of us going to the Pro Bowl," said one of Tennessee's Pro Bowlers, safety Chris Hope. "A lot of people say it's a small market, or we haven't been around long enough to gain the recognition like the other teams. The Steelers and the Dallas Cowboys has a great season, they send half their team," Hope said. "We have the best record in the league. Only a few of us get recognized and only a few of us get to go. It's just a blessing to be one of the ones to have the opportunity, but I still think there's some guys that didn't get a chance to go." On the other hand, Pittsburgh had only three: Linebackers James Farrior and James Harrison and safety Troy Polamalu. The Steelers (11-3) are just a game behind the Titans and can take the lead for home-field advantage in the AFC with a win in Tennessee on Sunday.

While Peyton Manning will start for the AFC, the starting quarterback for the NFC will be Kurt Warner, who led the Arizona Cardinals to the NFC West title. It will be the 37-year-old Warner's fourth Pro Bowl but his first since 2001, when he was with St. Louis and made it for the third straight season.

With Warner on the NFC squad are the

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Eli Manning

Peyton Manning



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Boys' basketball schedule for the week, including games at Filier and Jerome.

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Wrestling schedule for the week, including games at Filier and Jerome.

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Harrington votes for PGA Tour player of the year

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Winning back-to-back majors was the highlight of Padraig Harrington's career. He felt winning the PGA Tour player of the year award Tuesday was just as significant.

"It has been a fantastic season individually on there, winning a couple of majors. The European said in a conference call from Ireland, 'At the time you win, you certainly feel that nothing could compare to it. But to be honest, there is no greater accolade than to receive an award from your peers.'"

"Because it's the players, because they're my peers, because they're people that I care and who to choose me as their opinion of the year is very special," he said. "It compares quite to winning a major championship."

Andres Romero of Dugard Hart was voted rookie of the year, while Dudley Hart received comeback player of the year. In other news, the British Open and PGA Championship in the same season, became the first European player to win the PGA Tour award since it began in 1990.

V'Jay Singh, Camillo Villegas and Kenny Perry also won on the ballot for player of the year.

NFL

Vick may be moved to halfway house

NORFOLK, Va. — Former NFL star Michael Vick could be out of federal prison in a Virginia halfway house by Jan. 20, one of his attorneys told a federal bankruptcy judge Tuesday.

Vick is serving a 23-month prison term in Leavenworth, Kan., for bankrolling a dog-fighting conspiracy and is scheduled to be released from federal custody around July 20. Last month, Vick also pleaded guilty to a state dogfighting charge, avoiding more prison time. The case's resolution also cleared the way for his early release from prison and possible transition into a halfway house.

Kimberly spaghetti feed today  
KIMBERLY — The Kimberly wrestling

Sports Shorts

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

Information: Theresa Albright at 539-6186.

Gathering on top for NAAIA title game

TWIN FALLS — Alumni and fans of Carroll College are invited to watch the NAAIA championship game between Carroll and the University of Sioux Falls at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Press Box in Twin Falls.

Information: Carl at 735-8739 or 539-1557.

Club Canyon/CSI volleyball camp nears

JEROME — The Club Canyon/College of Southern Idaho Winter Volleyball Camp will be held Dec. 29-30 at the Jerome Recreation Center. The camp is open to girls in grades 5-8 and applications may be downloaded from the CSI volleyball Web site at athletes.csi.edu

or picked up at the Jerome Recreation Center. The cost is \$60 and the camp is limited to 40 athletes.

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

Bruin Little Drummers holds signups

TWIN FALLS — The Bruin Little Drumbers camp is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m., Dec. 31 for boys and girls in grades K through 3. The competition camp for boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon the same days. The deadline to register is Dec. 28.

This year's camps will be held at O'Leary Senior High School. The cost is \$30, which includes a camp ball and t-shirt. The K-3 camp will perform at halftime of the Bruin girls game on Jan. 8. Forms can be found at DonnellySports or Twin Falls High School. Information: Matt Harr at 737-5208, ext. 3050.

CSI holds winter baseball camp

TWIN FALLS — The 25th annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 27-29 at the Eldon Evans Expo Center. The camp, which has a long tradition of offering great instruction at an affordable price, features instruction on hitting, pitching, catching and infield and outfield play. Information: 732-6650 or 734-6285.

— Staff and wire reports

# Former Ball State coach takes over at SDSU

SAN DIEGO — Brady Hoke was introduced Tuesday as the new coach at San Diego State, promising to build a program "that expects to win."

Hoke was hired away from Ball State, where he was 34-38 in six seasons as the head coach of the Cardinals to a 12-1 record this season. His only loss was against Buffalo in the Mid-American Conference championship game.

Hoke said he won't coach Ball State in the GMAC bowl on Jan. 6.



Former Ball State football coach Brady Hoke was named head coach at San Diego State on Tuesday.

**IDAHO ASSISTANT HEADS TO WASHINGTON**  
SEATTLE — The overhaul of the University of Washington football program continued Tuesday with the announcement of three new assistants to new head coach Steve Sarkisian.

Among them is University of Idaho line coach Johnny Nansen, who was named the

graduate assistant at Louisville in 1999 before spending one season at Montana State and three more at Idaho State.

### MEYER STILL CONSIDERS NOTRE DAME HIS 'DREAM JOB'

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Coach Urban Meyer tried to reassure Florida fans of his commitment to the Gators on Tuesday, but reiterated that Notre Dame might always be his "dream job."

Meyer said he was "trying to be extremely respectful for all involved," but his latest comments might not help stave off criticism.

"Our staff has given our life to Florida football for four years," Meyer said following the team's first bowl practice. "We plan on giving our life to Florida football for a long, long time. You start hearing, 'Well, coach, I thought you said (Notre Dame) was your dream job.' I grew up in the

North and that was my dream job. Probably always will, but that has nothing to do with this."

Last week, Meyer told a Miami radio station that he might want to coach the Fighting Irish once his three children completed high school.

### PATERNO AGREES TO EXTENSION AT PENN ST, THROUGH 2011

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State coach Joe Paterno has a new three-year contract extension to go along with his new hip. The Hall of Famer and winningest coach in major college football history has agreed to deal that runs through the 2011 season.

Joe Paterno turns 82 on Dec. 21. A statement from the athletic department says Paterno and administrators agreed they might reevaluate and alter the arrangement by shortening

or extending the length of the contract as necessary.

### MULLEN TO CALL PLAYS FOR FLORIDA IN BOS TITLE GAME

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Newly hired Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen has decided to stay with top-ranked Florida through the national championship game. Gators coach Urban Meyer said Tuesday that Mullen will call plays in the Bowl Championship Series national title game Jan. 8 in Miami.

"The goal is to win the game, and I think right now, unless something changes, it looks like that's going to happen," Meyer said. "Is that the best chance of us winning that game, with the mechanics of the game the way we do them? Probably yes. So right now I'd say the plan is to have Mullen call the plays."

Mullen was still in Mississippi and not plan-

ning to return to Gainesville until after Christmas, Meyer said.

### GILL STAYING PUT IN BUFFALO WITH NEW CONTRACT

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Buffalo coach Turner Gill is staying put for at least another season and won't consider interviewing for any more jobs after receiving a one-year contract extension and raise Tuesday.

The new deal, which runs through 2013, is reward for a first-time coach who in three years turned around a program that was once of the worst in major college football. The Bulls won their first Mid-American Conference title this season and will face Connecticut in the International Bowl at Toronto on Jan. 3.

Gill was a candidate for openings at Auburn and Syracuse.

— The Associated Press

## Peterson's resignation no surprise to Edwards

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The end of Carl Peterson's 20-year tenure as general manager of the Kansas City Chiefs was planned.

That tenure came to a close Monday with the announcement he'd be stepping down at the end of the season. The speculation was that Kansas City's disheartening, last-second loss to San Diego on Sunday was the tipping point.

Turns out, Peterson and Chiefs owner Clark Hunt already had set up his departure — at least everything except the timing. "This has been in discus-

sion with Carl and Clark for a while," Chiefs coach Herm Edwards said Tuesday. "I was always informed that Carl was going to step down some time at the end of the season or before the end of the season and just felt that at this point in time it was best for the football team."

Edwards wouldn't elaborate on how long Hunt had been discussing the GM's departure, saying he preferred to keep it between them. As for the timing, he said the team wanted to get a head start on finding a replacement for Peterson.

### BROWNS' HEIDEN, BELL OUT FOR SEASON

BEREA, Ohio — Browns tight end Steve Heiden has torn ligaments in his right knee and will miss the rest of the season.

Heiden injured the ACL during Cleveland's 30-10 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday night. Browns coach Romeo Crennel says Heiden will undergo surgery Thursday.

Rookie linebacker Beau Bell also will undergo surgery on his right knee for tendinitis and swelling. He had arthroscopic surgery in August to remove loose cartilage from behind

the kneecap.

### COLTS UNCERTAIN WHETHER ARON SANDERS WILL PLAY

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts could get Bob Sanders and Joseph Addai back in the lineup Thursday night. Then again, maybe not.

Coach Tony Dungy told reporters Tuesday he thought both would play against Jacksonville and both were listed as full participants in Tuesday's practice. But after practice, team president Bill Polian offered a different assessment.

"Joseph is questionable, and Bob, I think, is, too," Pollan told NFL Network. "I would say Bob's chances are probably 51-49 of playing in Sunday's game, a 31-21 victory over Detroit, with a right shoulder injury. Sanders has missed four of the last five games with swelling in his right knee, the same knee which he had surgery while missing five games earlier this season with a high ankle sprain.

— The Associated Press

## Abrams, No. 5 Longhorns up to 9-1

AUSTIN, Texas — A.J. Abrams scored 27 points and Dexter Pittman added 19 to lead No. 5 Texas to an 88-72 victory over Texas Southern on Tuesday night.

Abrams had 16 points in the second half and Pittman scored 11 for the Longhorns (9-1), who led 35-34 at halftime.

The Tigers (0-9) opened the second half with a fullcourt press, and Pittman capped off a 10-minute span.

Matthew Miller led Texas Southern with 21 points, 10 over his season average.

Freshman Varez Ward had 12 points, seven assists and five rebounds for Texas.

### NO. 16 TENNESSEE BEATS NO. 24 MARQUETTE 80-68

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Wayne Chism scored 21 of his 26 points in the second half as No. 16 Tennessee beat No. 24 Marquette 80-68 on Tuesday night in the second game of the Southeastern Conference/Big East Invitational.

Bobby Maza and Tyler Smith each added 12 points for the Volunteers (7-2), who came in as the SEC's only ranked team and off a big loss at Temple over the weekend.

Wesley Matthews had 30 points for Marquette (6-2), which had a three-game winning streak snapped.

### NO. 25 CLEMSON 76, NORTH FLORIDA 36

CLEMSON, S.C. — Trevor Booker had 16 points and 10 rebounds to help No. 25 Clemson move to 11-0 for the third time in four seasons with a 76-36 victory over North Florida on Tuesday night.

— The Associated Press

## McGrady's triple-double carries Rockets

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady notched his fourth career triple-double and first this season, Yao Ming scored 22 points and the Houston Rockets beat the Denver Nuggets 108-96 on Tuesday night.

McGrady had 20 points and reached season highs in rebounds (14) and assists (10) for his first triple-double since December. Ron Artest scored 20 points off the bench and backup point guard Aaron Brooks added 18 points for the Rockets, who've won five of their last seven games despite a seemingly unending rash of injuries.

Artest missed the last two games with a sprained right ankle and starting point guard Rafer Alston skipped one with a strained left hamstring. Backup guard Von Wafer sat out with a sprained left ankle and reserve guard Brent Barry missed his ninth straight game with a torn muscle in his left calf.

McGrady was both cheered by a sore left knee all



Houston Rockets forward Tracy McGrady, left, drives past Denver Nuggets guard J.R. Smith (1) during the second half Tuesday in Houston. The Rockets won 108-96.

McGrady, who he looked as spry and energetic as ever on Tuesday night. He had a triple-double by the end of the third quarter — 15 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists — and finished his big night with a 3-pointer in the final minute, his third of the game.

### HORNETS 91, GRIZZLIES 84

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Chris Paul had 18 points, nine assists and five steals, James Posey scored nine of his 15 points in the fourth quarter, and the New Orleans Hornets beat the Memphis Grizzlies.

The loss snapped Memphis' four-game win-

ning streak, its longest of the season. The Hornets won for the fifth time in six games despite struggling from the field at times.

David West also scored 18 points. Paul was just 3-of-10 from the field but made 11 of 12 free throws.

Rudy Gay led Memphis with 20 points and 6. Mayo added 20.

### CLIPPERS 88, THUNDER 88

OKLAHOMA CITY — Zach Randolph had 22 points and 13 rebounds for his fourth straight double-double, and rookie Eric Gordon fueled a 10-point run in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Clippers put away the Oklahoma City Thunder for their third straight win.

Gordon answered a right-handed dunk by Kevin Durant by scoring the first six points in a 10-0 run, and the Clippers led 87-73 after Mardy Collins' steal and two-handed runout jam.

Gordon finished with 22 points, Baron Davis scored 19, and Marcus Camby added 13 points and 15 rebounds as all of the Clippers starters'

reached double figures. Los Angeles has won three straight for the first time since starting last season 4-0.

Durant led Oklahoma City with 23 points.

### BOBCATS 110, BULLS 101, OT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — DJ Augustin scored a career-high 28 points while outplaying fellow rookie point guard Derrick Rose, and the undermanned Charlotte Bobcats snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 110-101 overtime victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Augustin forced overtime by hitting three free throws with 19 seconds left after Rose fouled him on a 3-point attempt. Augustin put it away with four more from the line in the final 42 seconds of OT, giving Charlotte an unlikely win as it played most of the game without two starters.

Rose had a rare bad game in what's been a remarkable rookie season for No. 1 overall pick, held to six points on 3-of-16 shooting, with seven assists.

— The Associated Press

## Laurinaitis

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Maclin, who made it as an all-purpose player, were the others.

Utah's Louie Sakoda was the first-team kicker. He booted 21 field goals in 23 attempts and scored 115 points for the undefeated Utes.

Two Big Ten running backs completed the All-American backfield. Iowa's Shonn Greene is second in the country in rushing (144 yards per game) and has scored 17 touchdowns. Michigan State's Javon Ringer is third in rushing (132 ypp) and has scored 21 touchdowns.

Oklahoma State's Dez Bryant was the other first-team receiver, while BYU's Austin Collier, the nation's leading in receiving yards, made the second team.

Bounding out the defensive line were Mississippi jackle-

nerback Malcolm Jenkins, and two players from Southern California's top-ranked unit: linebacker Rey Mautuaga and safety Taylor Mays.

Florida's Brandon Spikes was the other linebacker.

Up front, Aaron Maybin of Penn State and Brian Orakpo of Texas were the defensive ends, and Cody and Mississippi's Perry Jerry were the tackles.

Wake Forest cornerback Alphonso Smith and

Tennessee safety Eric Berry completed the secondary.

Laurinaitis was recruited by the Buckeyes out of Minnesota, and came to Columbus with relatively modest goals considering where he ended up.

He wanted to make the travel squad as a freshman, start as a sophomore, receive some type of all-Big Ten recognition as a junior and be an All-American and Butkus Award candidate as a senior.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE**  
Case No. CV06-5393

A Petition to change the name of Lucy Wendlyn Purn, born July 12, 1980, in Los Angeles, California, residing at P.O. Box 1495, Keitchum, has been filed in Blaine County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Lucy Wendlyn Gunn. I want to change my name because my step-parent raised me.

The petitioner's father is living and his address is unknown.

The petitioner's mother is living and her address is P.O. Box 1495 Keitchum, Idaho 83340.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock A.M. on January 14, 2009, at the County Court House to be held by the County Clerk, a person who can show the court a good reason changing the name change.

Date: December 5, 2008  
By Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

TS No. 08-0110789 Title Order No. 08PFB5100300904 The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave., East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 04/13/2009 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 10/02/2008 as Instrument Number 2006-020564, and executed by DUSTIN D ROSS & CHELSEA D ROSS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, a California Trustee, and covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: LOT 9, BLOCK 3, REG. ADJ. SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE BOOK 9 OF PLATS, PAGE(S) 10, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-1208, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 111 RAMSEY DRIVE, FLER, ID 83328 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally backed savings institution, or a cashier's check drawn on a warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 06/01/2008 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest current accruing at 6.500% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance plus as of this date on said obligation is \$12,899.37, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and assessments, attorneys' fees, trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A) IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 12/01/2008 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is RECONTRUST COMPANY 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., Cae-814-01-94 SIM VALLEY, CA 90029-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONTRUST COMPANY Successor Trustee: Portia Turner, Team Member ASAP# 2939264

PUBLISH: December 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2008

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY**

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

T.S. No. 08-0110789 Title Order No. 08PFB5100300904 A.P.N.: RPT003000325AA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 06/20/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the entrance to the First American Title Company Building, 260 3RD AVENUE NORTH, Twin Falls, ID., will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 25, 26, 27 AND THE NORTH 12 INCHES OF LOT 28 IN BLOCK 3 OF BLUE LANES ADDITION TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED IN BOOK 9 OF PLATS, PAGE(S) 20, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-1208, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 180 BURKHAN STREET TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83301 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: CARRIE LATHAM, A SEPARATED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND MARRIED PROPERTY, as grantor, to TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and sale of HOMEOWNERS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC., as Beneficiary, dated 8/20/06, recorded 8/20/06, as instrument No. 2005-017286 and re-recorded, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust and Note dated 8/22/2005. The monthly payments for Principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$390.04, per month from 2/1/2008 through 2/6/2009, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$172,299.39, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.275% per annum from 1/1/2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 10/22/2008 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY Doe Origa, authorized Signatory C/O Executive Title Services, LLC at 2265 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91502-3192 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 ASAP# 2983492

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. I shall sell at my Office Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Ave., Suite 1315, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 4 IN BLOCK 3 OF OAK PARK SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. RECORDED IN BOOK 8 OF PLATS, PAGE 1. The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60 113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 448 Folk St., Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ELADIO R. ALVARADO and MAYRA - ALVARADO MENDEZ, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., recorded November 7, 2007, as instrument No. 2007-027419. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho; and assigned to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 14, 2007 as instrument No. 2007-027568. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is (1) the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust, dated November 8, 2007, in the amount of \$1,148.00 each, for the months of August through November, 2008, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accrued late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.27% per annum from July 1, 2008. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$163,359.29, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.27% per annum from July 1, 2008.

DATED This 1st day of December, 2008.  
CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Trustee's Sale No. 02-PHF-64003 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on March 6, 2009, at the hour of 03:00 PM, of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE GOODING COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 624 MAIN STREET, GOODING, ID., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of GOODING, State of Idaho, to-wit: LOT 5 AND THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK 148 WOODWORTH ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF GOODING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 1900 MONTANA, GOODING, ID 83330, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JANET R ADAMS AKA JANET R WINTER, A MARRIED WOMAN, as Grantor, to GOODING TITLE & ESCROW CO, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO OF IDAHO, as Beneficiary, dated 8/22/05, recorded 8/14/2005, under instrument No. 212632. Mortgage records of GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO OF IDAHO. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(A), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 8/21/2005, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 8/19/2008 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of 10/29/08 \$3,568,354.01 delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$74,228.46, together with interest thereon at 8.130% per annum from 5/19/2008, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 10/31/2008 PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee by Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer, C/O REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-3111 Sale Information: <http://www.trustee.com> ASAP# 2824457

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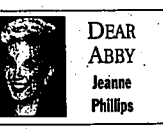
DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old daughter, "Melissa," is bisexual. Most girls her age have sleepovers. My husband says that any girl Melissa likes should be considered the same as a boyfriend, so it is not appropriate for her to spend the night.

I disagree. A girlfriend is not the same — mainly because Melissa won't end up getting pregnant after spending the night with a girl. What do you think? — MOM

IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. DEAR MOM: If Melissa is romantically attracted to a particular girl, your husband has a valid point. However, he is mistaken if he thinks that because Melissa is bisexual she is attracted to EVERY female she meets. That is no more true than the idea that heterosexual individuals are sexually attracted to EVERY member of the opposite sex.

When it comes to friendships, most are platonic — and you and your husband should keep that in mind before deciding whether or not to allow your daughter to participate in sleepovers.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Donald," and I are retired. He attends social meetings about four times a month. Food is served at these meetings, and he usually



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips brings part of the meal home. Then he announces that the food is "his" and that I shouldn't eat any. My husband's "will stay in the refrigerator for a day or so, and I have to see it every time I open the door. It often looks delicious — not the kind of thing we usually have for meals at home. Don't you then eat it in front of me, and I will share it with you?"

I have tried telling my husband that he should share his food, but it throws him into a rage. He claims the food is his because it was part of a meal he didn't finish and brought home to eat. I'd like your opinion because I consider this cruel. Who's right? — JAYNE IN MIAMI

DEAR JAYNE: You are, and I can see how your husband's behavior is hard to swallow. His actions are not only selfish but also intimidating. People who won't share food are usually selfish about other things as well.

Allow me to share a bit of advice: On the nights when your husband is socializing, make some plans with some of your women friends. Because you're not getting your treats at home, get them elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: As the years have passed, my brown hair has slowly been replaced by threads of silver. Friends and relatives have teased me about it. I don't let their remarks bother me, but certain individuals do irritate me with their remarks. So I came up with a comeback to address their comments.

I tell them with a smile that each of my white hairs represents a "seed of wisdom" in my "field" of knowledge. I love seeing their expressions when I say this. Perhaps this will help other seniors. What do you think, Abby?

IN MAINE DEAR R.J.P.: The decision to color one's hair — or not — is a personal one. Some people prefer to let nature take its course while others would rather "cut up and dye" than show any gray. I respect not only your refusal to be "teased" into doing something you don't want to do, but also that you do it with humor.

IF DECEMBER 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: A developing desire for independence can cause misunderstandings in the year ahead. You could be attracted to new places, radical outings and exotic places. Don't completely abandon the tried and true, especially loved ones, between May and August when a desire to sow some wild oats is in the air. What you deem most important could be changing, but your most precious key relationships can be honored at the same time. Note: September and October could be critical months when a choice you make could have far reaching consequences. Be sure to get guidance from someone wise and experienced before you act.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Those in a rush often make mistakes. Getting last-minute gifts into the mail can play havoc with your schedule. Attend to your private life with the same conscientious attention to detail that you give to your job.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): They say that opposites attract but that doesn't necessarily last. Birds of a feather flock together and build nests with a suitable mate. If you are looking for a soul mate choose one who shares your beliefs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

have planned on, but not a good time to act on a sudden whim. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Encouraging family members to buy items that are on sale doesn't make you a Scrooge. A sharp frugalist knows just ways to shave some costs on necessities. Tuck some cash away for an emergency. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look as though you really mean business. People prefer to deal with successful people, so it is time to show your best to other people's expectations and they will try to live up to yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay committed to the nth degree. If you have promised to do something, follow through like a good little soldier. People will admire you for being true to your word and dependable in a crisis.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be bullied into making a foolhardy change. Certain circumstances may invite you to temporarily alter your perspective — and certain people may put pressure on you to embrace wild ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stand on your own two feet, but don't let a polite but considerate manner. This doesn't mean that you should root yourself to the same spot or that you refuse to move aside for others who are sharing the road.

Republicans by admitting he'd had extramarital affairs. Five years ago: Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan was indicted on corruption charges. (Ryan is serving a 6 1/2-year federal prison sentence for racketeering.) The British government announced the first reported case of a person dying from the human form of mad cow disease after a blood transfusion from an infected donor. An attempt to re-create the Wright brothers' first flight on the 100th anniversary failed to take off.

One year ago: President George W. Bush, addressing a Rotary Club meeting, tried to reassure an elderly public that the economy is "pretty good" despite the mix of a falling housing market, a national credit crunch and surging energy costs. Iran received its first nuclear fuel from Russia, paving the way for the start-up of its reactor. Gov. Jon S. Corzine signed a measure making New Jersey the first state to abolish the death penalty in more than 40 years. NBC announced that Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien were planning to return to the air this month after a 2008-09 even as the writers' strike continued.

Today in HISTORY Dec. 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane flight, near Kitty Hawk, N.C., using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

On this date: In 1777, France recognized American independence. In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia. In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial of insubordination for accusing senior military officials of incompetence and criminal negligence; he was suspended from active duty.

In 1933, in the inaugural NFL championship football game, the Chicago Bears defeated the New York Giants, 23-21, at Wrigley Field.

In 1939, the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay.

On this date: The U.S. Army announced it was ending its pol-

cy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast. In 1957, the United States successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time.

In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford.

In 1981, members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official in southern Europe, from his home in Verona, Italy. Dozier was rescued 42 days later.

In 1986, Eugene Hasenfus, the American convicted by Nicaragua for his part in running guns to the Contras, was pardoned, then released.

Ten years ago: The United States hit Iraq with a second wave of punishing airstrikes. Republicans advanced the impeachment case against President Bill Clinton to the House floor for a debate the following day. House Speaker-designate Bob Livingston shocked fellow

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COCO-COLA BAKES  
25-31, 11 shots, 4  
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828 Guns & Rifles

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S&W Model 27-2, 8 band, 4500. Also 45 cal. Model 25-2, 6.5 fannel, 5600.

S&W TRKKA T3 30-06 Black synthetic stock. New, still in the box.

WANTED TO BUY 250 caliber rifle. Call 208-423-4437

WINCHESTER Super X 2-3/4" camouflaged, excellent condition.

826 Sporting Equipment

Get that unique gift this year. All taxidemy work on sale for 50-70% off.

828 Garage Sales

RUPERT Thursday evening 5-9pm. Last one was cancelled.

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902 Motorcycles

SUZUKI '98 Intruder 1400, looks great, runs great, must sell.

WANTED 2000 XR 400R. Excellent condition.

YAMAHA '00 YZ250 dirt bike, looking for new owner.

YAMAHA '01 YZ250 Great condition, lots of extras.

YAMAHA '03 TR500 with electric start, kids bike.

YAMAHA '06 TR100 Electric start, good condition.

YAMAHA '07 VZ 450F Excellent cond. Must sell.

903 Boats And Accessories

LUNO '02 17' Jon Boat 12 Yamaha 80hp trailer.

OCEAN KAYAK Sit on top, 5'25" or better with extras.

TERRY '79 Bass boat cover, fiberglass, 2 life wells.

904 Campers And Shells

"USED SHELLS" Quality Low Prices-Stocks Available.

LEER Crown 8' 3/4" 35/50/60" 2008-2009

SHELLS Dodge Dakota, several Quads.

905 Motor Homes & RVs

COACHMAN '99 37' diesel, low miles, excellent condition.

SIERRA '96 Fish w/ motor, 17' 1/2" evening, 2000.

906 Snow Vehicles

"My snowmobile is in only 2 days. The Times-News Classifieds is unbeatable!"

ALUMA TRAILER 12'x24' snowmobile trailer, drive on/off.

HARME Auto Sales Arctic Cat '08 M7

HAULMARK '01 ATV/ATV quad with lots of extras.

INDY '04 550 Touring sled with reverse, good condition.

Looking for Snow Machines

WELLS CARGO New Fun Way Snow 27' snowmobile trailer.

PROWLER '01 440, 5800, 94 580 Snowblower.

SNOWMOBILE Honda '04, 550, 27' snowmobile trailer.

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ENGINES FOR SALE 2000 Turbo 400 2800, 2 or 6 lug GM/Toyota work truck.

PARTS FOR SALE Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Arctic Cat.

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TIRES (2) Cooper studded snow, MS 215/70R17, new.

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907 Travel Trailers

WESTPORT AVION '97 57' wheel, 36' 3 slide outs, etc.

908 Utility Trailers

WANTED VEHICLES! Sell your vehicle for immediate CASH TODAY!

CHARMAC TRAILER 18' enclosed, good condition.

909 Semi And Heavy Equipment

FONTANE '81 3 axle dump truck, 45, 60% new.

560SL 4x4 cab, CASE 2WD, fresh eng, new tires.

FORD '92 F-450 with dump bed and tool box.

FREIGHTLINER '96 FL80, 14' flatbed, new cab.

REFURV '98 RAM 2500 Quad Cab, 4x4, SLT.

DODGE '01 Ram 3500 w/ custom bumper.

DODGE '02 Dakota Quad Cab, 4x4, SLT.

DODGE '03 F-350 on cab, 4x4, Power steering.

DODGE '04 F-250 extended cab, 4WD, diesel.

DODGE '05 F-250 crew cab, 4WD, diesel.

DODGE '06 F-250 crew cab, 4WD, diesel.

DODGE '07 F-250 crew cab, 4WD, diesel.

DODGE '08 F-250 crew cab, 4WD, diesel.

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