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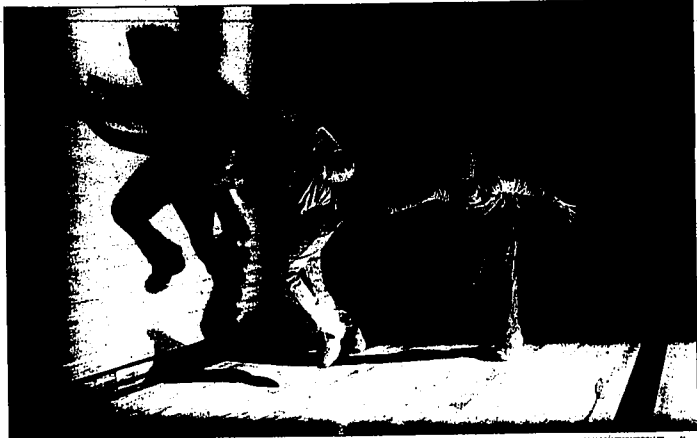
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## OUT OF SHAPE IDAHO



Headset Hotel, 8, tags Carolina Galvez, 9, during Eric Bauman's third-grade physical education class at Sichel Elementary School in Twin Falls. "Don't just sit around on the couch eating bonbons," Bauman said about the Christmas break. "Get some exercise."

### Health officials release study of overweight third-graders

By Kate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Nearly one-third of Idaho third-graders are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight at an age when they're forming their eating and exercise habits, the state's health officials announced Wednesday.

A study conducted this spring measured the height and weight of about 2,125 third-graders from 44 schools around the state to determine each student's body-mass index. The study was conducted by the Idaho Department of Health and

#### On the Web

For more on physical activity and nutrition: <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/4183/default.aspx>

Welfare's Bureau of Community and Environmental Health, along with the state's seven health districts. All seven districts are fairly consistent, said Health and Welfare spokeswoman Emily Simmitt, and almost none of their

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| District 4 | 248                  | 17.0%      | 10.9%   |
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| District 6 | 303                  | 17.3%      | 12.2%   |
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### Idaho among worst 5 states in animal cruelty

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Idaho is one of the five worst states in the nation for laws against animal cruelty, according to The Animal Legal Defense Fund, an animal protection group that reviewed cruelty laws across the country.

Idaho's ranking is due to seven broad reasons, including a lack of felony provisions for animal cruelty neglect or abandonment; no mental health evaluations for offenders; and no restrictions on future possession after convictions, according to the report. It also finds reporting suspected animal abuse to be problematic.

"It's not always on the forefront of legislators' minds, but there's plenty of voters out there who care about these issues," said Stephen

Otto, a lawyer for the ALDF. "In the case of Idaho particularly, I get the sense that laws haven't caught up with how society feels about cruelty with animals."

The ranking comes despite the Idaho Legislature in 2008 making dog fighting a felony, a change credited to the publicity over NFL player Michael Vick's high-profile dog-fighting case. But a felony charge for animal

fighting is different from a one for general cruelty, Otto said.

In comparing Idaho to other states, Otto said there are states that make it illegal to be a spectator at a dog-fight; have expanded fighting prohibitions to all animals; and make penalties stiffer when cruelty is performed in front of a minor.

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## Burley mayor: councilman violated law

By Damon Hanzler  
Times-News writer

Burley Mayor Jon Anderson will remove City Councilman Jay Lenkersdorfer from council committee assignments, saying he has violated state law and has committed ethical transgressions regarding his position as editor of a weekly newspaper.

At the end of a tense Tuesday night council meeting, Anderson told an audience of about 50 that he will re-organize committee assignments for 2009 — and will exclude Lenkersdorfer from all of them.

Anderson said the decision was prompted by a recent recreation committee meeting at City Hall to discuss the city golf-pros contract. Councilmen Dennis Dexter, Vaughn Egan and Gordon Hansen are members of the committee, but recently Hansen was absent and was replaced at a meeting by Lenkersdorfer.

The mayor said that he told Lenkersdorfer that he was not a member of the committee, and the councilman responded by suggesting that the session could either be conducted at City

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Defendant Stephen Kutran answers questions with the aid of an interpreter as he took the stand Wednesday during a motion hearing to dismiss an involuntary manslaughter charge stemming from a February house fire that killed his child.

## House fire suspect offers defenses

### Kutran claims mental disability in manslaughter charge

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

A man accused of involuntary manslaughter for a February house fire that killed a young child is claiming to be mentally retarded, and his lawyer said Wednesday law enforcement authorities

violated his rights, invalidating the charge against him.

Stepan Kutran, told the court during a full day of motion hearings in 5th District Court in Twin Falls that he had meningitis as a child in the Ukraine. He said

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WATCH: A video of Wednesday's round of motion hearings at MagicValley.com.

## Chrysler, Ford idle factories, GM delays new plant

By Tom Krisher  
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Chrysler announced Wednesday it is closing all its North American manufacturing plants for at least a month, the sturkest move taken by U.S. automakers as they anxiously await word about government loans.

All three companies have been taking dramatic steps as they struggle to survive the recession and U.S. sales have dipped to their slowest rate in 26 years. Chrysler and

General Motors fear they might not have enough money to pay their bills in a matter of weeks.

Attempting to cut costs, GM was halting construction of a plant tied to one of its most important projects, the Volt. Ford also said it will shut down 10 plants for an extra week in January because of sluggish sales.

Chrysler said it would extend the normal two-week holiday shutdown that begins Friday to at least Jan. 19 at all 30 of its factories due to slumping sales.

#### INSIDE

OPEN announces record cuts; crude prices tumble.

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The lack of consumer credit is hampering sales and forcing the production cuts, Chrysler LLC said in a statement. Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealers say they have willing buyers for vehicles, but they can't close the deals, Chrysler said.

"The dealers have stated that they have lost an esti-

mated 20 to 25 percent of their volume because of this credit situation," the statement said.

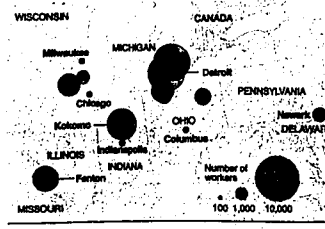
The Bush administration is mulling ways to help the automakers after Congress failed to reach a deal on \$14 billion in loans for GM and Chrysler. Ford has applied for a \$9 billion line of credit but says it has enough cash to make it through 2009.

Funding for the loans is expected to come from the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue

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### Cash-starved Chrysler idling 30 plants

A tight credit market, weak sales and a near-minimum cash level has forced Chrysler to close operations at 30 auto plants, starting Friday. Population working at Chrysler plants in the U.S.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

**Rickards asks judge to overturn convictions**

Twin Falls podiatrist and anti-nuclear activist Peter Rickards is asking an Elmore County Judge to overturn a battery charge and for a new trial on a trespassing charge after a jury found him guilty on both charges earlier this year.

Rickards was arrested June 16 while passing out leaflets at a public information meeting put on by Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. at the privately owned Glenns Ferry Opera House. He was also accused of shoving Doug McConaughy, a part-time consultant for AEHI who is no longer with the company.

AEHI is seeking to build a nuclear power plant in Elmore County, a project Rickards deeply opposes.

On Monday, Rickards said, he filed asking 4th District Magistrate Judge David Epie to return the battery verdict and for a new trial on the trespassing charge.

For the former, he argued that witness testimony did not support the battery charge.

He accused the Elmore County Sheriff's Department of not delivering several of his subpoenas and tampering with tape recordings of the event in his request for a new trespassing trial.

**Postal Service requests clear pathway to mailboxes**

The U.S. Postal Service is asking residents to help make mail delivery easier by clearing a safe path to mailboxes following snowstorms and bad weather.

Severe cold, snow, ice and winter storms have hit throughout the country this week, which is expected to be the biggest mail delivery week of the year for the U.S. Postal Service nationwide.

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**U of I announces rangeland workshop**

The University of Idaho's Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management and the Idaho Society for Range Management will jointly sponsor "Our Idaho Lands — Pathways for Restoration and Conservation," a workshop for those interested in land conservation and management.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Boise Holiday Inn, 3300 Vista Ave.

According to a press release, the workshop will benefit people who own, manage, and study rangeland and pastureland. Workshop presenters will provide ranchers and small acreage landowners with tips and tools for land conservation and restoration.

Expert practitioners and scientists will be on hand to address issues and challenges landowners face to improve their lands.

For information on the topics planned for the workshop, or to pre-register online, visit <http://www.uidaho.edu/range/workshop> before Jan. 6; cost is \$55. For more information, contact Lovina Roselle, 208-885-0160 or [lovina@uidaho.edu](mailto:lovina@uidaho.edu).

**Western Watersheds joins voices opposed to Ken Salazar, Obama's Interior choice**

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

President-elect Barack Obama's nomination Wednesday of Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo., as Interior Secretary was greeted with critical frustration by several environmental groups, including the Hailey-based Western Watersheds Project.

Katie Fite, Western Watersheds' biodiversity director, said the organization sees Salazar as a conservative Democrat whose ties to the ranching and mining industries and other groups will keep him from reforming an agency with a suffering image. She rated his recent work opposing expanded oil and gas projects on public land as just "a couple of little things" that don't fit with his long-term history.

"People are aware of his record, aware of the signal he sends, and the Obama administration is really getting off on the wrong foot on public lands," Fite said.

Salazar headed the Colorado Natural Resources Department from 1990 to 1994 and was the state's attorney general before becoming a senator in 2004. He has a varied environmental record in the Senate: For example, he voted to remove protections on oil drilling off of the Gulf Coast, but against opening up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

And he recently cosponsored a failed bill to permanently protect 26 million acres of national monuments, wilderness areas and wild and scenic rivers, which included an effort by Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, to create an 807-square-mile wilderness area in Owyhee County.

Salazar has long roots as one of Colorado's oldest ranching families, another point that Fite found problematic. "I think he has a con-

"People are aware of ... the signal he sends, and the Obama administration is really getting off on the wrong foot on public lands."

— Katie Fite, Western Watersheds' biodiversity director

lict of interest," she said.

If confirmed, Salazar will replace former Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, and will be at the helm of a department that environmentalists accuse the Bush administration of interfering with politically.

Kempthorne issued a statement Wednesday saying he applauded the nomination.

Senator Salazar already understands many of Interior's diverse and complex issues," he wrote, highlighting energy, national parks, American Indians and water issues as examples.

On blogs and Web sites, environmental groups and activists shared their discontent with Salazar. Many, including Fite, had hoped to see the nod go to Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., who sits on the House Committee on Natural Resources and chairs its National Parks, Forests and Public Lands subcommittee.

Fite said she thinks the choice illustrates Obama's inexperience with the West, and invited the president-elect out west to tour the region's public lands.

"I don't think he understands what drives the Western economy," she said.

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# Blaine Co. parties closer to a dispatch solution

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

What it comes down to is fairness, balanced against ability to pay.

On Tuesday, at the third multifunctional meeting to decide how Blaine County's emergency dispatch center operations will be paid for, two main proposals emerged.

Representatives from the cities of Halley and Bellevue, looking at the first proposal suggested by Blaine County, said they unequivocally couldn't afford the amounts they were being asked to pay — \$210,000 and \$81,000 respectively. This proposal has Blaine County paying for six of 13 needed dispatchers, with the remaining personnel paid for by the other jurisdictions on the volume of calls each generates. A users group working on the issue since a consolidated dispatch system was proposed had suggested payment be divided by calls for service.

"I think the county's made a huge step forward; they've gone over and above," said Wood River Fire and Rescue Commissioner Jay Ballet, echoing sentiment around the table.

Looking at the second proposal, suggested by Halley, Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich said he couldn't take it back to his constituents because they would perceive it as unfair. Like the first proposal, this one has Blaine County paying for 6 dispatchers, but it differently apportions the remaining funds needed to fully fund personnel among the jurisdictions. Willich saw that as an unfair burden on the county's northern cities.

"I'm still having a tough time saying we should throw (the users' groups') eight years of work in the can and work backwards to come up with something that's based on ability to pay," Willich said. Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall has been in communication with the representatives from the other jurisdictions.

However, tracking the user's group work might be the only way all the jurisdictions can come to any solution.

One aspect that became clear at Tuesday's meeting is that the majority of the juris-

## Blaine consolidated dispatch proposals

**Proposal 1:**  
Suggested by Blaine County  
Total: \$974,915; includes 13 dispatchers

Blaine County: \$472,271; Six dispatchers to cover both emergency calls and the county's administrative calls  
Sun Valley: \$65,828; 10 percent of administrative calls (based on the first three quarters of 2008)

Ketchum: \$135,838; 27 percent of administrative calls  
Halley: \$210,538; 42 percent of administrative calls

Bellevue: \$81,492; 15 percent of administrative calls  
Wood River Fire & Rescue: \$77,995; 15 percent of administrative calls

City of Rural Fire & Rescue: \$563,112; 50 percent of administrative calls  
U.S. Forest Service: \$478,011; 50 percent of administrative calls

**Proposal 2:**  
Suggested by the users' group  
Total: \$908,120; includes 12 dispatchers

Blaine County: \$400,000; 100 percent of administrative calls and 50 percent of emergency calls  
City of Rural Fire & Rescue: \$180,000; 100 percent of emergency calls and 50 percent of administrative calls

Halley: \$51,546; 42 percent of emergency calls and 50 percent of administrative calls  
Bellevue: \$112,811; 100 percent of emergency calls and 50 percent of administrative calls

Wood River Fire & Rescue: \$75,000; 100 percent of emergency calls and 50 percent of administrative calls  
City of Rural Fire & Rescue: \$611,713; 50 percent of emergency calls and 50 percent of administrative calls

dictions feel 13 dispatchers represents a non-negotiable number of personnel to staff services.

"Everyone who buys in gets the same level of service," said Blaine County Commissioner Larry Schoon, who spoke from the audience at the end of the meeting.

Halley City Councilman Fritz Haemmerle had suggested several ways to minimize Halley's financial contribution by limiting the services it received, arguing that Halley and Bellevue simply can't afford the same level of service that the other agencies have invested into.

"The citizens told us, and what I heard is, it's too expensive. That's the bottom line," Haemmerle said, describing conversations he had this fall, when a ballot measure offered paying for the dispatchers based on assessed values rather than calls for service.

The measure, which failed, raised the ire of Ketchum and Sun Valley residents and offi-

cials, including Willich, who said Sun Valley is "done" with carrying a disproportionate, assessed-value way of paying for regional services, except where the county laws require it. He suggested that Halley and Bellevue hitch up their "big-boy pants" and cut elsewhere in the budget, or walk away from the process entirely.

Haemmerle responded testily that Halley is committed to being a party to the dispatch center, but can do only so much with a smaller budget.

"If we're wedded to an equal division that's based on a mad formula, I'm afraid we'll fail," Haemmerle said.

The jurisdictions have a few weeks to find a formula that satisfies all parties. The representatives will next meet during the first full week in January.

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## Autos

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fund, but many Republicans have objected.

"It's clear that the automakers are in a very fragile financial condition and they're taking steps to deal with it," White House press secretary Dana Perino said in a statement. "We're aware of their financial situation and are considering possible policy options to provide assistance in an appropriate way."

House Democrats have encouraged Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson to adopt accountability provisions included in a House-passed auto bailout bill — the product of a deal with the White House — as a condition to get the loans.

The measure would have given a Bush-appointed "car czar" oversight over any major business decisions by the automakers.

The Bush administration has signaled that concessions would likely be required of stakeholders in the deal — auto companies, the United Auto Workers union, bondholders and others.

Chrysler spokesman Dave Eshoff said four plants will be temporarily closed beyond Jan. 19: two plants in Toledo, Ohio, and one each in Ontario and Detroit.

Toledo North, which makes the Dodge Nitro and Jeep Liberty, and Toledo Supplier Park, which makes the Jeep Wrangler, will be closed until Jan. 26. The Windsor, Ontario, plant, which makes minivans, and Detroit's Conner Avenue plant, which makes the Dodge Viper roadster, will be closed until Feb. 2. Eshoff said.

# County, hospital to meet for second day of mediation

## Assessor's office completes move into clinic building

By Mike Poplin  
Times-News writer

It's going to take just a bit longer to sort out who has to pay to remodel a downtown Twin Falls clinic building for the county and St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center spent Tuesday in mediation talks over the clinic, and plan to return to mediation in January after answering some questions for each other, they said Wednesday.

"We needed some information from both sides," said Tom Mikesell, county commission chairman. "In question is language from the 2006 sale of the then-county-owned hospital to St. Luke's. The sales agreement requires the health company to provide \$3 million in in-kind services to remodel the clinic, with a maximum contribution of \$45 per square foot. County officials have argued for more from the hospital, saying that combining the two figures obligates the company to cover the increased costs of remodeling about 67,000 square feet. "The county owns the building, located at 660 Shoshone

St. E., and leases space to the hospital.

The agreement calls for disputes to be resolved through non-binding mediation. St. Luke's officials originally pushed for binding arbitration in front of a judge.

Mikesell said little more about how the first day of talks had gone. But hospital CEO

Mark Schwartz said that he remains optimistic that both parties will resolve the matter. He said that the missing information made it hard to tell just how well Tuesday's daylong session went.

Under the type of mediation used by the groups, both sides sat in different rooms and mediator Marvin M. Smith

went back and forth between them.

"Mediation is one of those things where until you have the information that you need and some things hammered out, you really aren't getting to resolution," Schwartz said.

The second day of mediation is set for Jan. 23, Schwartz said.

The clinic is already gradually becoming county office space. Doctors and patient

services have gradually been moving out of it as other space becomes available, and some county offices — including those for the drug, youth and mental health courts — have settled in with little to no remodeling.

The county assessor's office's real property division was closed Monday and Tuesday this week to allow the full office to complete a move into the former clinic's second

floor. Blue tape marked office numbers and furniture sat in bare rooms as employees worked Wednesday to complete the transition. Phone service to the office may not be restored until Friday, they warned.

Officials on both sides said that the assessor's transition seemed to go smoothly.

"I haven't heard anything, so that's a good thing," Schwartz said.

## Legislators promise to give back pay raise

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

Idaho legislators said Wednesday they plan to reject the 5 percent pay raise for themselves recommended by a citizens committee.

Both Democrats and Republicans, who will meet Jan. 12 when the Legislature convenes, said legislation will be introduced to reject the increase — from \$16,116 to \$16,921 — that was recommended in June by the Legislative Compensation Committee. The raises went into effect Dec. 1.

Democrats made their decision public via a press release Wednesday.

"Simply put, we are unwilling to take the pay raise recommended by the compensation committee at a time when so many Idaho families and small businesses are hurting," said Sen. Les Bock, D-Boise.

But Republicans, contacted by the Times-News, said the issue is moot since they also plan to reject the raises.

"I can't even imagine us accepting additional money with what we're having to do with everything else in government," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, chairwoman of the Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee. "Assistant House Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, echoed the sentiment.

"You can expect the legislators won't be getting a pay raise while everyone else is getting their budgets cut," he said. "While we appreciate the Democrats' fiscal responsibility, we'll see how long that lasts on some of the tough issues."

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# Judge moves trial for date rape case

KETCHUM (AP) — A judge has agreed to move the trial of a man accused of raping a woman in Sun Valley in 2005 after finding that pretrial news coverage has hurt the defendant's chances of getting a fair trial.

Jeffrey J. Marsalis, 35, who was convicted last year in Philadelphia of sexual assault in a trial that drew national news coverage, is accused of using drugs or alcohol to impair his victim before assaulting her.

This week, 5th District Judge Robert J. Elgee agreed to move the trial outside the district, which covers Blaine County and stretches south to the Magic Valley.

Defense attorney Douglas Nelson argued that media coverage of the case would make it difficult for Marsalis to get a fair trial. Blaine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas said the ruling was hardly surprising.

"I think under the circumstances, it goes with the case," Thomas told the Idaho Mountain Express. Marsalis is accused of

raping the woman at his Sun Valley condominium on Oct. 9, 2005. A grand jury indictment alleges the then-21-year-old woman was incapacitated at the time, either by alcohol or a date rape drug.

In June 2007, Marsalis went on trial in Philadelphia over accusations he raped seven women, six of whom he met through the online dating site Match.com. He was acquitted of eight counts of rape and the jury couldn't reach a consensus on a ninth rape count. He was convicted of two counts of sexual assault.

During that trial, prosecutors characterized Marsalis as a smooth talker with a tony address and a penchant for chic bars and restaurants, who spun tales about being an emergency room doctor, an astronaut, a Secret Service agent and a CIA killer. Authorities alleged that in reality, the on-and-off nursing student was a rapist who slipped something in his dates' drinks to incapacitate them.

# Idaho freezes rent for cabins on state land

BOISE (AP) — Idaho officials have voted to freeze the rents the state charges cabin owners who lease state land at Priest Lake and Payette Lake in northern Idaho.

The 3-2 vote by the Board of Land Commissioners on Tuesday means leaseholders will avoid a 15 percent rent increase the board had tentatively approved to start in next June.

Idaho uses a formula that sets rents at 2.5 percent of the market value of state land. But some cabin owners say the state has overvalued the land.

"It's a really emotional issue for the lessees," Jim Young, president of the Payette Lake Cabin Owners Association, told The Spokesman-Review. "We feel market rents are substantially below what we are currently paying, so any increase is going in the wrong direction."

The board also voted to set a June 15 deadline to devise a new way of setting the rents.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter voted against the rent increase, saying the state must be a "reasonable landlord."

Idaho received 3.6 million acres from the federal government in 1890 when it became a state as endowment land intended to be

used to support state institutions. About 90 percent of that money goes to public schools, and state officials are

obligated under state law to maximize profits over time from the land. There are 354 leases at

Priest Lake and 168 at Payette Lake. The average lease payment at Priest Lake is more than \$7,000 a year.

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# Bush rule change in species act riles environmentalists

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A Bush administration rule change that gives federal agencies more leeway with the Endangered Species Act could imperil sage grouse, Wolverines and Canada lynx, according to environmentalists.

Bush administration officials finalized a rule last week that lets federal agencies decide whether to consult the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

when planning a project that could affect endangered species. Previously, agencies had to consult with Fish and Wildlife.

Wildlife advocates contend the change removes a level of checks and balances for federal agencies and guts one of the most important provisions in the act.

Interior officials said federal agencies could still seek the expertise of Federal Wildlife

biologists on a voluntary basis, and that other parts of the law will ensure that species are protected.

"Nothing in this regulation relieves a federal agency of its responsibilities to ensure that species are not harmed," Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said earlier.

But, Derek Goldman, northern Rockies representative for the Endangered Species Coalition, said sage

grouse is one of the key species that could be harmed by the rule change.

"This whole rule may have been targeted at sage grouse," he said, adding that the bird inhabits a significant portion of land proposed for oil and gas leases in Wyoming. "The Bureau of Land Management could go ahead and authorize drilling permits and new wells without consulting with Fish and

Wildlife Service biologists on the local impacts."

Goldman said the Endangered Species Act isn't so much an impediment to development as it is a method to make sure projects get developed responsibly. In a study that looked at 400,000 federal projects that received consultation under the Endangered Species Act between 1998 and 2004, less than 1 percent of those proj-

ects were halted, he said.

Also in western Wyoming, officials with Bridger-Teton National Forest are currently reviewing two drilling proposals on forest land that could affect the Canada lynx and wolverine.

Mike Leahy, Rocky Mountain region director of Defenders of Wildlife, said those two projects highlight the need for Fish and Wildlife Service review.

# Environmental groups sue to block federal land leases

By Nicholas Riccardi  
Los Angeles Times

DENVER — Environmental groups filed a lawsuit Wednesday as a last-ditch effort to block the sale of leases for 110,000 acres of federal land in Utah that George W. Bush's administration plans to auction off.

Critics say the proposed lease sales are an eleventh-hour attempt by the administration to leave its mark on the striking, energy-rich red rock landscape of southern and eastern Utah.

The auction was announced late on Election Day.

The National Park Service, which is routinely consulted before such announcements, was taken by surprise. The park service later objected to dozens of the sales, but the Bureau of Land Management moved ahead with plans to sell the majority of them.

"In their midnight madness, BLM has failed to complete the analysis required by federal law to protect America's natural and historic treasures."

— Sharon Buccino, senior attorney for the National Resource Defense Council

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Land Management officials said they would not comment on the litigation. They have previously defended the lease sales as part of their obligation to open federal lands to energy development.

The bureau has withdrawn some proposed leases that were next to Arches National Park, on a golf course in the town of Moab or beneath the rim of Nine-Mile Canyon, which is lined with ancient Native American rock art.

But environmentalists argue that the remaining leases are adjacent to these sensitive areas, other national parks or in other regions that the federal government has declared "wilderness quality."

Buccino said that even if

the sale goes forward Friday, companies should be on notice that the auctions may not be legally valid.

There has been discussion that President-elect Barack

Obama's administration, which objects to the sale, could buy back the leases. But Buccino said taxpayer dollars should not have to be spent to undo the deals.

The lawsuit, filed by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, the National Resource Defense Council and five other environmental groups, contends that the Bush administration failed to comply with regulations requiring it to consider the sale's impact on air quality and other environmental factors.

"The Bush administration has rushed to get these leases out the door," said Sharon Buccino, a senior attorney for NRDC, at a Washington, D.C. news conference. "In their midnight madness, BLM has failed to complete the analy-

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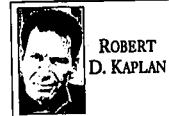
# Magic Valley's economic troubles aren't the nation's

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**F**ear, the Grinch at the heart of every economic downturn, has settled in for the holidays and shows no sign of leaving in the new year.  
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And with some justification. Every day brings fresh, grim economic news on the national front, and reports of impending cuts in state government.  
Unemployment is up in south-central Idaho too, but by almost every other economic measure we're doing better than the state and nation as a whole.  
The Southern Idaho Economic Development Association wants more people to realize that, and is launching a local radio, TV and newspaper campaign asking consumers to buy products and services locally.  
"By keeping its eye on the end game, taking advantage of additional training and preparing our industrial sites for new development, the region will be better positioned for the upturn," said Jan Rogers, SIEDO's executive director.  
SIEDO's economic development record is enviable in terms of attracting new companies to the Magic Valley, and interest by out-of-state businesses in relocating to south-central Idaho hasn't slackened, according to Rogers.  
"By virtue of all the diverse business the region has attracted in the last seven years and the relative stability of our agriculture sector, the southern Idaho region was better positioned for this current economic downturn," she said.  
But in the short run, SIEDO is interested in keeping people on the job and small businesses operating.  
"We're not trying to get people to buy what they can't afford," said Jerry Beck, College of Southern Idaho president and a member of the SIEDO board. "We're just saying that people can still live their lives as they normally would."  
That's sound advice. The current crisis calls for Idahoans' traditional economic reserve, not a full-fledged retrenchment that will only prolong hard times.  
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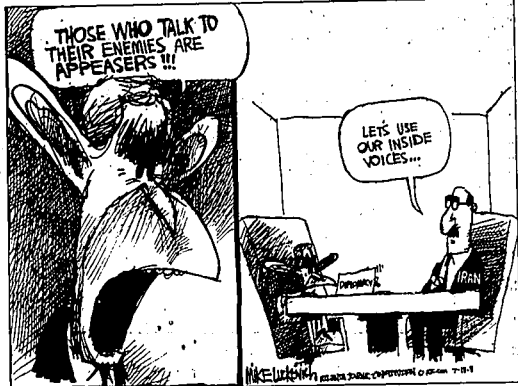
# America's power changed, not chastened

**D**ecline is in the air. The latest conventional wisdom is that the combination of the disastrous Iraq war, the military and economic rise of Asia, and the steep recession in the West has chastened America, ending its period of dominance in world affairs. It is time for us to be humble.  
There is a lot of truth to this, but it goes too far. For decline itself — the concept — is overrated. Britain's Royal Navy went into relative decline beginning in the 1890s, even as Great Britain remained powerful enough to help save the West in two world wars over the next half-century.



ROBERT D. KAPLAN

The proper analogy may be the Indian Mutiny in 1857 and 1858, after the British and other pragmatists in the British power structure, who wanted to leave traditional India as it was, lost sway to Evangelical and Utilitarian reformers who wanted to more recently Christianize India — to make it in a values sense more like England. The reformers were good people: They helped abolish the slave trade and tried to do the same with the hideous practice of widow burning. But their attempts to bring the fruits of Western civilization, virtuous as they were, to a far-off corner of the world played a role in a violent revolt against imperial authority.  
Chris Istedhede did not signal the end of the British Empire, which expanded for nearly another century. Rather, it signaled a transition away from an ad hoc imperialism fired occasionally by an ill-disposed just to impose its values abroad — and to a calmer, more pragmatic and soldiering empire built on trade, education and technology.  
That is akin to where we are now, post-Iraq: calmer,



more pragmatic and with a military — especially a Navy — that, while in relative decline, is still far superior to any other on Earth. Near the end of the Cold War, the U.S. Navy had almost 600 ships; it is down to 280. But in aggregate tonnage that is still more than the next 17 navies combined. Our military secures the global commons to the benefit of all nations.  
Without the U.S. Navy, the seas would be unsafe for merchant shipping, which, in an era of globalization, accounts for 90 percent of world trade. We may not be able to control events on land in the Middle East, but our Navy and Air Force control all entry and exit points to the region. The multinational anti-piracy patrols that have taken shape in the Strait of Malacca and the Gulf of Aden have done so under the aegis of the U.S. Navy.  
Then there are the dozens of training deployments around the world that the U.S. military, particularly the Army Special Forces, conducts in any given week. We are all over Africa, Asia and Latin America with these small missions that increase America's diplomatic throw-weight without increasing the risk of getting us bogged down. Aside from Iraq and

Afghanistan, our military posture around the world is generally light, lethal and highly mobile. We have been quietly reducing land forces in South Korea while compensating with a more effective air and naval presence. In Colombia, platoon-size numbers of Green Berets have been instrumental in fighting narco-terrorists in Algeria, such training teams have helped improve our relationship with that formerly radical Arab country. Such stripped-down American military deployments garner no headlines, but they are a formula that works.  
The Marines, after becoming virtually desert forces since 2001, will return to their expeditionary roots in the Greater Indian Ocean and Western Pacific. American military power is not going away. But instead of being in-your-face, it will lurk just over the horizon. And that will make all the difference.  
We haven't become Sweden. Decline of the sort being preached will go immediately out of fashion at the world's next humanitarian catastrophe, the very people enraged at the U.S. military because of Iraq will demand that it lead a

coalition to save lives. The American military remains a force for good, a fact that will become self-evident in the years to come.  
Of course we are entering a more multipolar world. The only economic growth over the next year or two will come from developing nations, notably India and China. But there are other realities, too. We should not underestimate the diplomatic and moral leverage created by the combination of the world's most expeditionary military and a new president who will boast high approval ratings at home and around the world.  
Yet American hegemony post-Iraq will be as changed as Britain's was after the Indian Mutiny. It will be a more benign and temperate version of what transpired in recent years. Henceforth, we will shape coalitions rather than act on our own. For that, after all, is the essence of a long and elegant decline: to pass responsibility on to like-minded others as their own capacities rise.  
Robert D. Kaplan is a national correspondent for the Atlantic and a fellow at the Center for a New American Security. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Medicaid cuts could mean support center closure**  
My name is Samantha Kennedy. I am a mental health tech at the Community Support Center. Since I started working here about four months ago, I have made some of the best friends I have ever had. The members here are kind, caring and full of compassion, although they face some of the biggest challenges of us all. Some of the members struggle to just get out of bed every morning, but they do because they know they have a safe place to go every day where they will not be judged or put down.  
My friends and I are in fear of losing our center due to Medicaid funding cuts. I understand that America is having hard economic times and we need to save our money. Although I do believe that we can keep our center open and it be cheaper than

the future plans Medicaid has for people with mental illness.  
The main reason I am writing this letter is because I would like to ask the public to please see these people for who they are and what they stand for. One of my friends once told me, "You can't catch my schizophrenia by shaking my hand."  
Thanks for your time.  
SAMANTHA KENNEDY  
Burley

**Holdback will reduce developmental services for those with disabilities**  
Hi, my name is Cindy Hamlin. I am a parent of an individual with Down Syndrome who is also autistic. I am writing concerning the 1 percent holdback proposed to cut services for individuals like my son. For my son, this is a 27 percent reduction in his developmental therapy services.

I cannot tell you how important these services are to my son and to my family. I am convinced that the best environment for my son is at home with his family versus an institution. In order for him to gain as much independence as possible, he needs these services.  
My husband and I are very involved with his training at home; however, we need outside help as well. We depend on this support for him and our family.  
My son has learned so many skills through the program he participates in. He has learned to be more socially appropriate, he is making gains in skills such as money handling, personal safety and other skill areas. These services have proven to be a great asset to his future independence and his current well-being.  
I know during this economic time, our government officials have tough decisions to make. I, however,

urge the Department of Health and Welfare, our governor and legislators to review the alternative cost savings information being presented by the Idaho Association of Developmental Disabilities Agencies, specifically Michelle Weaver and Katherine Hansen, to choose other alternatives so that the cap can remain at 30 hours for developmental therapy services rather than lowering it to 22 hours.  
I want to thank you for taking the time to read this; hope it will give some understanding about the needs of individuals with disabilities.  
CINDY HAMLIN  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Cindy Hamlin is the branch manager for Developmental Therapy and Intense Behavior Intervention Programs at SL Start, a developmental disabilities agency in Twin Falls.)

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# Why hunting, fishing license fees need to go up

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**READER COMMENT**  
Cal Groen

That job is protecting Idaho's wildlife heritage, providing opportunities for families to share hunting and fishing adventures. It means local ponds where children of all ages can spend a day fishing. It means big game herds in remote backcountry and week-long hunting camps in well tents and accessible

only on horseback. It means upland game birds and waterfowl hunting in frozen blinds on winter mornings with retrievers fishing eager to drive into icy water after the prize.

In the four years since fees had to be raised, Idaho Fish and Game's budget has increased only 2 percent,

compared to 26 percent for the average state agency. The price of fish food alone has increased 41 percent in the past four years and game farm raised pheasants have gone up 25 percent. Inflation has taken a bite as well.

Idaho families are hurting too. We want to keep basic hunting and fishing fees as reasonable as possible, affordable for all Idahoans. This year, rather than seek an across the board fee increase, Fish and Game has developed a "differential" fee schedule. The cost of tags and permits would increase more for select game and fish, such as bulls, bucks,

salmon and steelhead. Differential fees could help keep prices low for young hunters and permits. For example a resident combination license could increase by \$3.50. But salmon and steelhead permits could go up by \$7, and the application fee for trout tags could go up by more than \$14.

If approved, the proposed increase would bring in almost \$7 million in additional Fish and Game revenue annually. Most of the increase would go to maintain existing core programs; however, nearly \$1.7 million would be used for projects

directly benefiting hunters and anglers such as increased access to private land, more hatchery trout, new family fishing ponds, improving wildlife habitat and connecting youth and the outdoors.

In 2007, nearly 80,000 hours were donated by volunteers who helped us improve habitat throughout the state. If the revenue increase is approved by lawmakers, we will have the resources to recruit and deploy even more volunteers to improve habitat. This unpaid work force is critical to the mission of preserving our wildlife heritage.

The proposed increase would cover Idaho Fish and Game operations for at least three years.

People still want fish and game services on the ground, especially during these hard times. Fishing and hunting is part of what makes people want to live in Idaho, and it helps drive economic growth across the state — over \$800 million in 2008 alone.

We try to make that possible, and we want to keep doing it and making it better.

Cal Groen is the director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

## OTHER VIEWS

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



... saving Sgt. Vela

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

On May 11, 2007, Sgt. Evan Vela was on duty as an Army sniper in Iraq. He fired two pistol shots into the head of Khudair al-Janabi, an unarmed Iraqi farmer who had stumbled into a group of American soldiers hiding near his field.

The U.S. Army distinguishes between killing, as in combat, and murder, and it opted to charge Vela with the latter. Vela, from St. Anthony, was convicted by a U.S. military court in Baghdad of unpremeditated murder and sentenced to 10 years in Leavenworth. The facts are clouded ... but two Idaho congressmen don't think Vela got a sound deal.

Vela told the court he was ordered by his superior, Staff Sgt. Michael Hensley, to shoot the Iraqi man, who had approached his field to irrigate it. Other members of the squad later testified that the victim's young son had been ordered away before his father was shot, and that an AK-47 weapon had been placed on the body to mislead investigators ...

After an investigation, the Army preferred murder charges against Hensley (and) Vela ... after Vela testified he had no clear memory of events on May 11, 2007, Hensley was acquitted of ... premeditated murder ...

The final trial was Vela's. Hensley, with nothing to lose, testified he gave Vela the order to shoot Khudair al-Janabi, though he also told of seeing armed Iraqis approaching the hiding site ...

Vela's family in Idaho still seeks justice on his behalf. His father, Curtis Carnahan, has enlisted Sen. Mike Crapo and Congressman Mike Simpson to seek a presidential pardon for the 24-year-old Vela. They contend Vela was following an order from a superior officer when he killed the Iraqi and serving in Iraq would be jeopardized if every soldier were subjected to the same scrutiny ...

A Bush pardon is ... unlikely. The president's low approval ratings can be tied in great part to his role in waging the unpopular war in Iraq, and any pardon could add to that lack of public esteem.

Yet, it seems pretty clear that Vela was found guilty while at least one older soldier more culpable escaped justice. No one in Idaho knows exactly what happened in Iraq on May 11, 2007, but in retrospect, it's apparent that the death of an Iraqi father was not the only tragedy that ensued that day.

### ... Maiming employers

Idaho Statesman

If nothing else, the 2009 Legislature at least will be flush with problems. Lawmakers should be fully focused on the issues under their control — dropping state tax revenues, a sputtering state economy, a deteriorating road system. They can ill afford to dabble in other big issues beyond their control.

Unfortunately, two north Idaho legislators seem determined to recycle an ill-conceived anti-immigration bill ...

Sen. Michael Jorgensen, R-Hayden Lake, and Rep. Phil Hart, R-AtHol, will try again with a bill that could suspend or revoke the business license of any employer who knowingly hires illegal aliens.

In arguing for his bill in a recent *Coeur d'Alene Press* article, Jorgensen actually exposes one of its weaknesses. "The state's only recourse to curb illegal immigration is enforcement through employers ..."



... It is ... unfair to burden farmers and employers with the administrative headache of enforcing federal immigration law, without providing these employers a guest worker system.

That's one ... reason why lawmakers have rejected this legislation two years running. Here's another: Idaho consumers will wind up paying the costs.

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation spokesman John Thompson told the *Coeur d'Alene Press* that growers would have no choice but to raise their prices on commodities.

If all Idaho lawmakers could do is address part of a complicated problem, and force their struggling constituents to pay more at the supermarket checkstand, then lawmakers really are better off doing nothing ...



### ... snowmobiles in Yellowstone

Post Register, Idaho Falls

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# Iowa Gov. Vilsack tapped by Obama to run Agriculture

By Mary Clare Janick  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama's pick to head the Agriculture Department is expected to push the president-elect's pledge to trim wasteful farm subsidies, an elusive goal that has confounded President George W. Bush and scores of lawmakers.

Both Obama and Iowa Gov. Thomas J. Vilsack, his choice to oversee the country's food and farm programs, face long odds in getting such an agenda through Congress.

Vilsack's first task will be to help the enormous department determine how to put the new \$290 billion farm law in place. The five-year law, enacted by Congress over a Bush veto this year, includes plump subsidies for many crops.

Vilsack acknowledged challenges in finding ways to lead the department through the past year's crises. It must be innovative and creative in all its work during a time of economic anxiety and limited resources.

He should have better luck promoting renewable fuels such as corn-based ethanol. As governor of the nation's largest corn-producing state for eight years, Vilsack was a leader on the issue and made it a central part of his short-lived campaign platform. He also has endorsed tax breaks for the ethanol industry.

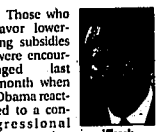
Farm groups praised his nomination. The National Corn Growers Association's president, Bob Dickey, said Vilsack understands the corn industry and was a "wise choice."

Others were not as pleased. Food and environmental groups have taken on the powerful ethanol industry in the past year, arguing that government subsidies have led to increased damage of lands used to plant corn and contributed to a run-up in food prices.

Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group, said he is worried that Vilsack will not listen to all sides of the issue.

The former governor has shown a willingness to compromise on the issue. He was co-chairman of Council on Foreign Relations task force this year that recommended phasing out some ethanol subsidies.

Vilsack also will oversee nutrition programs, which make up the bulk of the department's budget, and conservation programs designed to protect farmland. That idea is popular in Iowa, which is also home to the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin. Harkin said Vilsack has the potential to help transform agriculture by shifting money from subsidies for large corporate farms and toward conservation and other programs to help the land. "He's got the background, the intelligence, the political skills that will be necessary to really change agriculture and move it into the future," Harkin said.



Vilsack

Those who favor lowering subsidies were encouraged last month when Obama reacted to a congressional report that found many wealthy individuals who exceed income caps were still receiving farm subsidies. He

called it a prime example of government waste. Obama also has called for lowering the cap on farm payments — a popular position in the Midwest, where crops are less expensive to grow. Southern lawmakers have long blocked lowering those limits, however, as Southern rice and cotton crops require more investment.

Cook said Obama and Vilsack may be able to find

small ways to trim subsidies as the new administration writes rules to put in place the new farm law.

"We'll certainly be making the case that this is a test of President-elect Obama's position," Cook said.

Vilsack did not focus heavily on agricultural issues as governor. But he headed gubernatorial groups that focused on biotechnology, ethanol and Midwestern

issues, and he eventually headed the Democratic Governors Association.

Since his presidential bid, Vilsack has worked at Iowa State University's Biosafety Institute. In that position, he has a role analyzing the risks and benefits of genetically modified plant and animal products.

Vilsack, who turned 58 on Saturday, was rumored last

month to be Obama's top choice for the post, but he quashed the rumors by telling aides he would not be agriculture secretary.

Current Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer, whose term as governor of North Dakota overlapped with Vilsack's in Iowa, said in a statement Wednesday that he is confident that Vilsack will "continue the progress we have made here."

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## SIEDO to help local economies combat recession

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

South-central Idaho isn't going to take a recession sitting down. The Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization will launch a campaign this month to help communities in the region survive the economic downturn.

The campaign will be published broadcast on local media outlets in an effort to encourage businesses and members of the communities to work together during the economic downturn.

"We want to encourage people to do things like buying locally and helping one another out," said SIEDO Executive Director Jan Rogers. "We also want people to know that this recession will end, and we need to prepare for when we come out of it."

One example of an ad provided by SIEDO in the *Times-News* compares riding on a swing to riding out an economic downturn.

"To keep the swing moving, you had to lean back, pump your feet, and hold on for dear life," the ad reads. "During an economic downturn, you have to lean back a little farther, pump a little harder, and hold on a little tighter. It's the only way you can ride it back to the top."

Rogers said south-central Idaho is being affected by the national recession, but she said the region remains stronger than others in Idaho and even the nation.

"By virtue of all the diverse businesses the region has attracted in the last seven years and the relative stability of our agricultural sector, the southern Idaho region was better positioned for this current economic downturn," she said. The campaign will also focus on encouraging communities to plan for an upturn in the economy — a time when businesses may look to south-central Idaho to expand or relocate.

"When this recession ends, we're going to see a major upswing in businesses coming here looking for a workforce," Rogers said. "It's not going to be a trickle, it's going to be a fire hydrant."

SIEDO — a joint venture between the public and private sectors to strengthen and diversify local economies in south-central Idaho — is the primary marketing arm for the region. It uses a combination of local, federal and private grants to attract new businesses to the region and to retain existing businesses.

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# Fed rate cut could benefit car, home buyers

But experts say upturn still months away

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers trying to buy a house or finance a car loan could be the big winners as a result of the Federal Reserve's decision to slash its target interest rate to nearly zero and take other steps to battle the financial crisis and worsening recession.

But analysts caution that any upturn in the economy is still months away.

The Fed on Tuesday announced that it was reducing its target for the federal funds rate to between zero and 0.25 percent, down from 1 percent, a level that was already the lowest target rate in a half century.

And the central bank pledged to use "all available tools" to fight the current downturn. It said it was likely that rates would be kept at "exceptionally low levels" for some time to come.

"The Fed has taken some very historic steps and for the first time since this crisis began, they have gotten ahead of expectations instead of trailing behind them," said Mark Zandi, chief economist

at Moody's Economy.com. The Fed's announcement sparked a big rally Tuesday on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones industrial average jumping 360 points, or 4 percent, as investors were pleasantly surprised by the Fed's resolve to aggressively attack the country's economic woes. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department on Wednesday reported that the deficit in the broadest measure of

American trade fell more than expected in the third quarter as an export boom helped offset an increase in oil imports.

The current account trade deficit, which represents the amount of money the U.S. is borrowing from foreigners, fell by 3.7 percent to \$174.1 billion in the July-September quarter.

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# Oil under siege

## Crude prices tumble despite record OPEC cuts

By George Jahn  
Associated Press writer

ORAN, Algeria — Here's how bad things are for OPEC these days: It announced its largest-ever production cut Wednesday and oil prices promptly slumped to \$40 a barrel, the lowest level in more than four years.

Ministers of the 13-nation oil cartel were trying to shock moribund markets into life by slashing output 2.2 million barrels a day, more than double the recent production cuts. "I hope we surprised you," said OPEC President Chahib Khellil when asked whether the move would send prices up.

"Instead the markets yawned and there appeared to be more good news for consumers — at least for the short term. Although declining gasoline prices have begun to edge up after falling from an average of \$4.11 a gallon in July to a low of \$1.65 on Friday, analysts believe oil's decline could send them even lower.

Benchmark crude prices tumbled to \$39.88 per barrel Wednesday, levels not seen since July 2004 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In just five months, crude has given up all the price gains made over the past four years amid an oil glut and the spreading recession.

Gasoline prices have been plunging right behind crude, providing a bit of economic cover for almost everyone. Yet crude has fallen so far, so fast, there is growing alarm that consumers are being set up for a price shock.

OPEC's latest cut is likely to curtail, at least somewhat, the ongoing decline in gasoline and heating oil prices, said Peter Beutel, an oil analyst at Cameron Hanover.

What OPEC is trying to do, Beutel said, is "slowly dry up a pool of available crude oil and, ultimately, it will mean higher prices."

By Memorial Day, he said, gasoline could be anywhere from 50 cents to \$1 a gallon higher than current levels. OPEC is unable to ramp down soaring oil prices over the summer, which hit a record near \$150 a barrel in July, and it has been unable to stop crude on the way down. The problem confronting OPEC is that demand rather than supply has been riling the market.

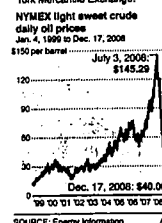
The price of oil is closely tied with the buying habits of



Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi arrives at the OPEC meeting in Oran, western Algeria on Wednesday.

## Oil prices plummet

The price of oil tumbled to its lowest since 2004 on Wednesday, dropping 9 percent on the New York Mercantile Exchange.



SOURCE: Energy Information Administration

Americans, which are now hunkering down for the worst recession in at least a generation.

The Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. said Wednesday it will cut 1,300 jobs and close a plant in Georgia.

Newell Rubbermaid Inc. is reducing its salaried workforce by as much as 10 percent. The Atlanta-based company slashed its fourth-quarter and full-year profit guidance Wednesday.

In Detroit, General Motors Corp. put the brakes on construction of an engine factory trying to hold on to the cash that it has left.

At the same time, consumers had been changing their traveling habits in the wake of higher fuel prices and environmental concerns. The

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WATCH: OPEC decision to slash 2.2 million barrels from daily production has little effect on market.

## INSIDE

U.S. oil consumption is expected to level off between now and 2030.

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government reported last week that between November 2007 and October, Americans drove 100 billion fewer miles.

Whether OPEC will be effective in limiting supply remains to be seen. The cartel has had difficulty in the past addressing overproduction, with members regularly ignoring quotas. That makes investors skeptical about any pledge by the group to honor their commitments.

Khellil, asked whether the latest cut would be enacted, said: "I can tell you it's going to be implemented and implemented very well, because we don't have any other choice."

If past and present commitments are honored by the 11 members under production quotas, OPEC, which produces around 40 percent of the world's oil, would sell less than 25 million barrels a day. But the cuts are failing to catch up to market realities. Earlier this week, OPEC cut its own demand forecast by about a million barrels a

OPEC warned falling prices could jeopardize crude supply as investments are reined in.

"There were hopes that Russia would ally itself closer with OPEC, but its announcement that it would cut production appears largely symbolic.

Russian Deputy Premier Igor Sechin and Azeri Energy Minister Natik Aliyev announced cutbacks of a total of more than 600,000 barrels a day.

But with Russian production falling, due in part to lagging investment, it was unclear whether some of the cuts enacted or proposed were simply a way of packaging Moscow's inability to keep up present output levels.

A member of the Russian delegation, who asked for anonymity because he was not authorized to comment publicly, said joining OPEC was not in his country's best interest.

Russian membership in OPEC would give the organization more leverage, with about 50 percent of the world's crude.

Still, individual producers are already pulling crude off the market. There is oil being stored in super-tanks at sea to avoid bringing it to market.

## Twin Falls Chamber submits priorities to lawmakers

The following are priorities that the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce submitted to lawmakers in south-central Idaho:

### State of the economy

The Twin Falls Chamber understands the financial constraints facing lawmakers this session. We support a fair and balanced approach to taxation and encourage innovation, creativity, and collaboration to increase revenue opportunities. Improve efficiency, and contain expenses in the operation of government.



BIZ BITES  
Joshua Palmer

### Public/higher education

The Twin Falls Chamber supports adequate funding for continued quality public education for Idaho's citizens and our future workforce. The success of Idaho's economy depends on a strong results-oriented educational system, supported and encouraged by Legislators, business leaders, and citizens. State appropriation for Idaho's K-12 and higher education system should enable these educators to utilize traditional and innovative techniques including collaborative technology to meet rising expectations related to student achievement, choice, program development, and recruitment and retention of personnel.

### Community colleges

The Twin Falls Chamber understands the value of community colleges as a support for the economic vitality and quality of life in our state. We support requests from the College of Southern Idaho for: • Occupancy costs to fund the expenditures associated with the new health sciences and

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| Live cattle | 86.45  | ▼ .12   | Jan. oil    | 40.06 | ▼ 3.54 |
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## Today in business

WASHINGTON — Labor Department releases weekly jobless claims.

WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, releases weekly mortgage rates.

NEW YORK — The Conference Board releases leading indicators for November.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for Most Active, AMEX, NASDAQ, INDEXES, and Stocks of Local Interest. Includes stock prices for Dow Jones Industrial, S&P 500, and various regional stocks.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Morgan Stanley losses \$2.37B in fiscal 4Q
NEW YORK — Morgan Stanley said Wednesday it lost \$2.37 billion during its fiscal fourth quarter as it took a range of losses on assets amid one of the roughest quarters for investment banks.

Cooper Tire to close Albany, Ga., plant

TEXARKANA, Ark. — Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. said Wednesday it will close its plant in Albany, Ga., cutting 1,400 jobs.

General Mills 2Q profit falls but tops estimates

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. — Cereal maker General Mills Inc. said Wednesday its second-quarter profit slipped 3 percent, but adjusted results beat expectations as costs of key ingredients eased and more shoppers reached for its Yoplait Yogurt, Cheerios and Progresso Soup brands.

Auto loans and student loans also expected to decline

The Fed in the weeks since the credit crisis struck with force in September has rolled out a number of new programs to greatly expand its own lending programs, promising to provide up to \$600 billion to purchase debt issued or guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and other government-backed mortgage companies.

Economy

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That was a better showing than economists expected, and the deficit is likely to continue falling as the U.S. recession lowers demand for foreign goods.

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human services building for the last six months of 2010
More than three full-time-equivalent nursing positions to continue to maintain quality, previously funded with grant and community-donated funds.

Transportation

To address the financial challenges facing the Idaho Transportation Department and local highway districts, counties, and cities, the Twin Falls Chamber supports adoption of

Urban renewal

The Twin Falls Chamber supports the work of Urban Renewal Agencies in the state as an effective economic development tool. The Chamber supports legislation to enhance this tool and opposes legislation that would dismantle or unduly constrain the effectiveness of Urban Renewal Agencies.

Table with charts and data for Dow Jones Industrials, Nasdaq composite, and Standard & Poor's 500. Includes price changes and volume information.

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Dow Jones Industrials
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# Potlatch spin-off expected to have little impact on employees

By Elaine Williams  
Tribune writer

LEWISTON — Potlatch Corp. severed its ties Tuesday with its manufacturing operations in Lewiston it operated for more than 100 years.

Those factories, along with other former Potlatch sites that make paperboard and consumer tissue, are now a part of the newly created company, Clearwater Paper. Potlatch is retaining its 1.6 million acres of timberland in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Arkansas and Idaho and lumber mills other than the one in Lewiston.

No money changed hands in the deal, which was first announced in April. Potlatch investors received one share of Clearwater Paper stock for every 3 1/2 shares they had in Potlatch.

Potlatch stock closed at \$28.98 per share on Tuesday. The stock has fluctuated between \$20.29 and \$54.79 per share in the last year. Today will be the first day of trading for the shares of Clearwater Paper stock.

The change is expected to have little impact on the 1,700 employees who staff the Clearwater Paper site in Lewiston, where Clearwater Paper is the largest employer.

Clearwater Paper will honor union agreements and no one lost a job as a result of the spin-off. Six employees from Lewiston were transferred to Spokane where each company has headquarters. Some went to the Potlatch office of about 60 while others went to Clearwater Paper, which employs about 35 in Spokane.

Even the huge green letters spelling Potlatch will remain on the side of what is now a Clearwater Paper mill visible from U.S. Highway 12 until they're covered during painting for regular maintenance, said Matt Van Vleet, a spokesman for Clearwater Paper. "It's a cost issue."

The spin-off will make both companies more efficient, according to statements the chief executive officers of the two companies made Tuesday.

# Attorney General withdraws from fraud probe

## Congressman announces investigation into Madoff fraud

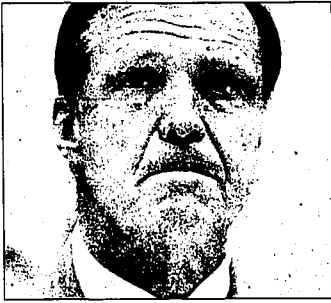
By Pete Yost and Marcy Gordon  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The fraud investigation of Wall Street money manager Bernard L. Madoff took unusual twists Wednesday as the U.S. attorney general removed himself and the Securities and Exchange Commission looked into the relationship between Madoff's niece and a former SEC attorney who reviewed Madoff's business.

The developments reflect growing criticism that Wall Street and regulators in Washington have grown too close. Madoff himself has boasted of his ties to the SEC.

The question of Madoff's connection to regulators comes to the heart of an investigation of the alleged \$50 billion fraud, SEC Chairman Christopher Cox told reporters.

Congress jumped into the Madoff scandal, too. The chairman of the House capital markets subcommittee, Rep. Paul Kanjorski announced an inquiry that will begin early next month into what may be the biggest



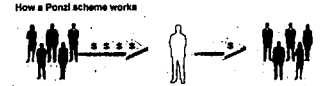
Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox testifies Oct. 23 on Capitol Hill in Washington. On Tuesday, Cox named his staff for a decade-long failure to investigate Wall Street money manager Bernard L. Madoff, who is accused of running one of the largest Ponzi schemes ever.

pyramid scam of all time and how the government failed to detect it.

In New York, Madoff showed up at the federal courthouse to sign some papers in his case, wearing a baseball cap and walking silently past a reporter who asked Madoff whether he had anything to say to his alleged victims. Free on \$10 million bail, Madoff now has a curfew and an ankle bracelet to monitor his movements.

U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey recused himself from the Madoff probe because his son, Marc Mukasey, is representing Frank DiPascoli, a top financial officer at Madoff's investment firm. The Justice Department refused to say when Mukasey became aware of the conflict but confirmed Wednesday he was removing himself all aspects of the case.

## Ponzi scheme hinges on new investors



Bernard Madoff, former Nasdaq chairman, was arrested Thursday for orchestrating what prosecutors allege was a \$50 billion Ponzi scheme to defraud investors.

How a Ponzi scheme works

they had questions about the firm's investment strategy, or wanted to add or subtract money from their accounts.

The events unfolded the day after Cox delivered a stunning rebuke to his own career staff, blaming them for a decade-long failure to investigate Madoff.

Cox's critics said that targeting the staff was Cox's attempt to salvage his own reputation.

"He put in place the people he is now shifting the blame to," said Ross Albert, a former SEC senior special counsel, former federal prosecutor and now a private attorney in Atlanta.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat, suggested Cox bears some of the responsibility for what went wrong. "I served in Congress with Christopher Cox, but I don't think he's going to make the All-Star team," said Reid.

# Energy agency forecasts slowing oil demand; causes are many

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. oil consumption is expected to level off with virtually no growth between now and 2030 because of increases in energy efficiency, greater use of renewable fuels and an expected rebound in oil prices, the government said Wednesday.

The Energy Information Administration said overall energy use will continue to increase but at a slower rate than predicted only a year ago.

ence on foreign oil is expected to decline sharply, the EIA report predicted, with liquid fuel imports — primarily oil — accounting for only 40 percent of U.S. consumption by 2025, compared with 58 percent last year.

Cars that use less gasoline will further reduce oil demand, the agency said. The EIA analysts expect gas-electric hybrid cars to account for 38 percent of the market by 2030, compared with 2 percent last year.

Although oil prices have dropped below \$50 a barrel from a high last July of \$147 a barrel, the EIA predicts global crude oil costs will again rebound after the current economic problems

subside. By 2030, nominal oil prices are expected to be \$189 a barrel, equal to \$130 in 2007 dollars, said the report.

The agency's forecast assumes no changes in current laws or regulations, including any mandatory limits on carbon dioxide emissions, in response to climate change. But the agency said its projections assume some additional costs to build cleaner power plants that rely on carbon-intensive fuels and technologies.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR JUDICIAL EXAMINATION AND DETERMINATION OF VALIDITY OF BOND, OBLIGATION,

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

DATED This 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

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By s/ Shanie Cooper  
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Tuesday: Mostly cloudy today with snow showers becoming possible in the afternoon. Highs middle 20s.
Tonight: Cloudy skies and light snow showers. Small accumulations possible towards morning. Lows teens.
Tomorrow: Morning snow showers likely, then becoming mostly dry. Highs in the low 20s, lows zero to 5 above.

SURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy and mostly dry until late in the day. Highs in the middle 20s.
Tonight: Cloudy skies and light snow showers. Small accumulations possible towards morning. Lows teens.
Tomorrow: Snow showers and flurries likely with small accumulations possible. Highs 20s, lows single digits.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Snow showers will be increasing throughout the day and will continue into tonight. Several inches of new snow or more will be possible. Snow showers likely into Friday. Saturday will be mostly dry.

BOISE Developing snow showers during the mid to late day hours. Snow showers likely tonight with small accumulations by Friday morning. Snow showers end on Friday by late in the day.

NORTHERN IDAHO Mostly cloudy and cold today, snow showers developing overnight. Snow showers and cold Friday, very cold and mostly dry Saturday.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Dec 18, 27, Jan 1, and Feb 1.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Today, Tomorrow, and Monday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index for Today, Tomorrow, and Monday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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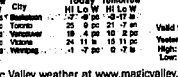
WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

CANADIAN FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

It's the greatest gift for most of us is not that we give it, but that we miss it, but that it "works it."

AROUND THE NATION

PENNSYLVANIA

Cake request for 3-year-old Hitler namesake denied

EASTON — A supermarket is defending itself for refusing to write out a 3-year-old Adolf Hitler Campbell's name on his birthday cake.

Deborah Campbell, 25, of nearby Hunterdon County, N.J., said she phoned in her order last week to the Greenwich ShopRite. When she told the bakery department she wanted her son's name spelled out, she was told to talk to a supervisor.

Karen Meleta, a ShopRite spokeswoman, said the store denied similar requests from the Campbells the last two years, including a request for a swastika.

"We reserve the right not to put anything on the cake that we deem to be inappropriate," Meleta said. "We considered this inappropriate."

The Campbells ultimately got their cake decorated at a Wal-Mart in Pennsylvania. Deborah Campbell said Tuesday.

A Wal-Mart spokesman told The Associated Press on Wednesday that in light of the incident, the company would review its guidelines regarding cake decorations and other requests.

Health Campbell said he named his son after Adolf Hitler because he liked the name and because "no one else in the world would have that name."

The Campbells' two other children are named JoyceLynn Aryan Nation Campbell, who turns 2 in a few months, and Honszynn Hitler Jeanette Campbell, who will be 1 in April.



Heath Campbell, left, his wife, Deborah, and son Adolf Hitler Campbell, 3, pose in Easton, Pa., Tuesday.

any violator was ordered to spread em. Rep. Sara Larnge said Tuesday she plans to file legislation repealing the law when the 2009 legislative session starts in January.

Most of Missouri's restrictions on initiation butler date to 1895, and they were last amended in 1939. Although the state no longer enforces them, the penalties could still make dealers in contraband dairy products toast up to a month in jail and a \$100 fine for first-time offenders and six months in jail and a \$500 fine for repeat offenders.

Enforcement of the law falls to the state Agriculture Department, and officials issued an initiation butler date when someone was last prosecuted under it. Case records from the late 19th and early 20th century show that Missouri courts upheld the constitutionality of the restrictions in several appeals.

Agriculture Department spokeswoman Misti Preston said it's likely the Legislature restricted margarine and other imitation butter products to protect Missouri's dairy industry, which was a key business for the state in the early 20th century.

discovers until family members found it two days later, police said. An officer who handled the crash failed to check the vehicle before it was towed, said Martin Flank, Cleveland's safety director. The police department is reviewing the case.

Emil Azzam, 50, of Lakewood, died instantly from head and neck injuries when his car crashed last Friday on a snowy roadway, the Cayahoga County coroner ruled.

The car was not far from a multivehicle accident, and witnesses had described Azzam's car as an abandoned vehicle, police said. But the family said paramedics found the phone number of a friend of Azzam's in the car and notified him of the crash. The family rushed to the hospital that the paramedic had mentioned to the friend, but Azzam never arrived, said Victoria Green, his sister-in-law.

"It was like he vanished from Earth," she said. "We had been searching for him for two days."

—The Associated Press

How much holiday cheer do you spread in a recession?

NEW YORK (AP) — In private, workers who depend on holiday tips might be willing to say they're getting hurt by the economic downturn. But fear that exposing that hard truth will lead to an even bigger falloff in their tips leaves most unwilling to discuss the situation publicly.

Service providers from hair stylists to baby sitters, from dog walkers to housekeepers, are quietly going about their business this season and trying to be thankful for whatever extra cash they're handed.

From an etiquette standpoint, that is what they're supposed to do anyway, of course.

"Holiday tips are really a way that we've always chosen to say 'thank you' for a year of good service," said Lizette Post, an author and etiquette expert at The Emily Post Institute in Burlington, Vt.

In that sense, Post said service providers shouldn't expect tips. "Their salary or what they charge for their service, that should be what they're expecting," she said. "Anything more than that, you should expect to waive greatly, especially in difficult times."

But everyone knows there's more to the social dynamic of tipping than a simple "thank you" for service, and that people who work in service fields often count on receiving a little extra.

Mike Lynn, a professor of consumer behavior and

Keys to holiday tipping

Some considerations to keep in mind when you're deciding whom to tip and how much:

• Consider your situation. Are you giving a tip to someone you've never met before?

• Non-cash gifts if you need to cut back. Consider homemade gifts as an expression of thanks.

• Frequency: If you already tip for service throughout the year, you may forego an end-of-year tip, or offer a more modest holiday thank you.

• Personalize. Consider the quality and frequency of the service you receive.

• Relationship. Consider your relationship and how the service provider is using the tip.

• Research. The Emily Post Institute

are relied on frequently. Social pressures and the reality of a tight budget can leave people with little guidance on who to tip and how much. Those who are confused about what to do this year should remember that cash is never a mandatory gift, said Post, and the size of a tip should always be based on your personal budget.

As for who should receive what portion of your scarce dollars? "Think about the services you really couldn't have done without this year," she suggested. "I would think about making sure that is where my budget went to."

Among the people the Emily Post Institute recommends tipping are:

• An au pair or live-in nanny, for whom the suggested amount is one week's pay plus a small gift from your child or children.

• The regular baby sitter, who should be given one evening's pay, plus a gift from the child or children.

• Day care providers, where small cash gifts should be spread out to each staff member who works with your child, plus a small gift.

• It's also worth noting that mail carriers cannot accept cash or gift cards, according to U.S. Postal Service regulations, but can take gifts of small value.

As for service providers like hair stylists, personal trainers, pet groomers, landscapers and others, the general advice is to offer up to the cost of one session as a tip, or a small gift.

MISSOURI

Yellow Mo. oleo: I Can't Believe It's Not Legal!

JEFFERSON CITY — A state legislator wants to dump a 19th-century law banning the sale of yellow margarine, though it's been years since

OHIO

Body left in car for 2 days after fatal wreck

CLEVELAND — A man who was killed in a car crash was left dead in the crumpled vehicle when it was towed away, and the body was not

Advertisement for TECH FORCE, an elite group of technical heroes, dedicated to serve and protect networks and computers all across the Magic Valley. Includes contact info for your local internet, network and computer superheroes.

Advertisement for 'A Forest of Wormwood' book signing by Hastings Book Store on Friday, December 19, 4-6 p.m. Cost \$15.00.

INSIDE: Jerome library wiping out fines with food drive, C5

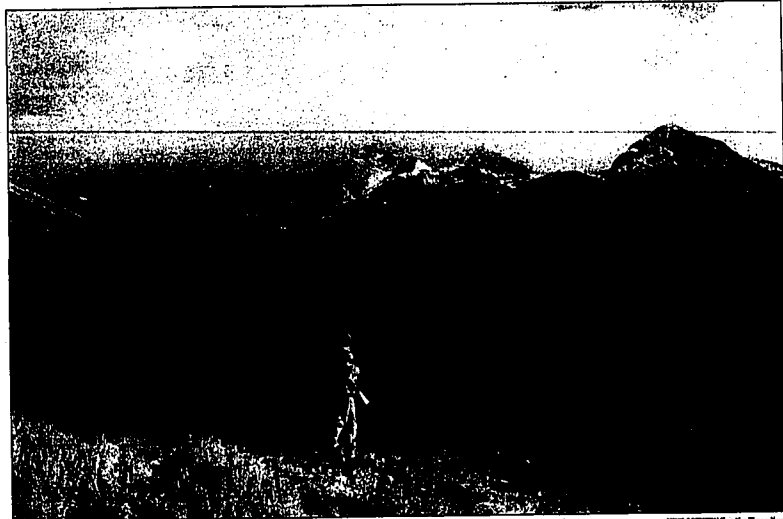
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# A fair fall Season

## Hunting pheasants not like it used to be



An elk hunter searches for game while the Pioneer Mountains, east of Sun Valley, provide a scenic backdrop.

MIKE COTTEBORN/For the Times-News

By Rob Morris  
Times-News correspondent

Talk to any group of local bird hunters long enough and they are likely to stare off into the distance, get a wistful look in their eyes and reminisce about the glory days of pheasant hunting in the Magic Valley, when birds were plentiful and hunting was easy.

Those days are long gone. Many hunters have resorted to hunting pen-raised pheasants, while others remain purists and hunt only wild birds. As you might expect, their success rate is fairly low and involves a lot of work from both hunter and birding alike.

So what happened to the Magic Valley's pheasant population?

### Tried by agriculture

According to wildlife professionals, much of it has to do with agricultural changes.

"The pheasant is a bird that has always been closely associated with agriculture, and as agricultural practices have changed, so has the level of pheasant abundance," said Bruce Palmer, Magic Valley regional biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "The ring-neck pheasant is one of the most studied birds there is, and we know what they need — nesting cover, winter/escape cover, food sources and travel corridors between these different cover types. Modern farming doesn't pay the producer to provide those things."

Just a short drive through some of the local farmland will confirm Palmer's statements. In the days of the Magic Valley's pheasant abundance, fields were generally smaller, more hedgerows separated those crop fields and very little fall plowing was done. As a result, there was much more available winter cover, residual spring nesting cover, and waste grains for winter food. All of these changes in farming practices are in response to harsh economic realities, as the producer must farm every square inch of ground to remain a viable operation. Modern irrigation practices better weed control, and different crop mixes to the pheasant equation and it is no wonder pheasant populations are down.

"In the intermountain west, nesting cover and brood rearing habitat are the primary limiting factors. The hen pheasant must remain on her nest long enough to hatch her brood, and if she does her chicks are still vulnerable," Palmer said. "All upland bird chicks are very dependent on insects the first three weeks of their lives, and forbs (broad-leaf flowering plants) attract insects."

Unfortunately, many of the forbs that attract insects to crop fields in the past are considered weeds, and with improvements in herbicide weeds are no longer available for upland bird use. To make matters worse, alfalfa is now harvested earlier. Hen pheasants tend to choose alfalfa fields for nesting, as it is often the only available nesting cover. The results are often tragic — the hen and/or brood are killed by the hay swather.

### Tried by predators

Predators of every type are often unjustly blamed for the lack of pheasant

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## Big game hunting average, birds not as abundant

By Mike Cotteborn  
Times-News correspondent

Thousands of hunters once again fanned out across Idaho this fall, heeding that primal urge to engage briefly in a predator/prey relationship.

For many, autumn is undoubtedly the best time of year to enjoy the outdoors. Something can also be said for hunting's simplicity and narrow focus. Thoughts entangled with civilization are left behind, as the hunter concentrates on the landscape and its inhabitants in terms of where, what, when and how.

The experience often seems to produce a story.

My own accounts were nothing remarkable. I found myself near Forest Creek, about 20 miles west of Rogerson, on opening day of deer season, drawn toward the aspen trees transitioning from green to gold and orange. Toward evening, I jumped a buck from one of these picturesque groves. He made the wrong decision on his exit route, and a hurried shot — not as skillful as I'd like to claim — ended the hunt.

Elk hunting during November was not quite as blessed by the hunting gods. The first time out left much to be desired, as I

I jumped a buck from one of these picturesque groves. He made the wrong decision on his exit route, and a hurried shot — not as skillful as I'd like to claim — ended the hunt.

trudged through the Pioneer Mountains, east of Sun Valley, in wet snow and damp foliage, occasionally getting a glimpse through the fog. I felt content to just have survived the day and still do not know if a cow and calf spotted on a distant hillside at day's end were real or just wishful thinking.

On the season's final weekend I actually spotted an elk herd. But I did not pursue them, since I was alone and some distance from my truck. Simply spying on the animals was pleasing enough, while the clear weather also presented an enjoyable view of the tallest Pioneers standing in close proximity.

I even discovered the carcass of an elk calf slain by a cougar, characterized by an immaculate ground raking around the remains' perimeter.

### Big game report

Randy Smith, Magic Valley regional wildlife manager for the

Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said above-average fawn mortality led to fewer yearlings, or two-points, in the field this fall.

"The snowstorm right before the Oct. 10 opener also affected hunter success a little," he said. Still, Smith didn't hear a lot of complaints from deer hunters searching the southern units. "We heard good reports about deer numbers in Unit 47 and some really nice bucks were taken out of the South Hills," he said.

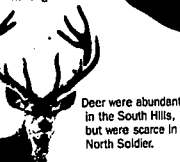
Unit 43, or North Soldier, which once hosted a popular open hunt, continues to puzzle Fish and Game officers. "Over the last few years we've seen an early deer migration from this unit," Smith said. "We don't know why, but for some reason many animals are exiting the area and moving south as early as September."

Smith had little information on the elk harvest in the valley's north units, but noted that while

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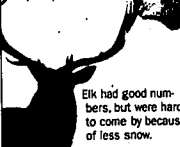
### Hunting rundown

A poor spring hatch led to fewer pheasant numbers, and poor hunting.



Deer were abundant in the South Hills, but were scarce in North Soldier.

2008 was a bad year for sage grouse as they had poor production.



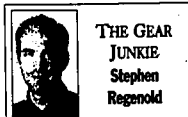
Elk had good numbers, but were hard to come by because of less snow.

## Stay warm this winter with the right jacket

Sugoi, a Vancouver-based apparel company, calls its pricey new Majik shell "an elite waterproof jacket that offers amazing breathability."

But after testing this aerobic-sports jacket for a month, I call that an exaggeration that verges on fib.

To the point: No other comparable jacket I have tested keeps so much moisture inside, collecting droplets of sweat along its smooth inner fabric to actually pool in the sleeves after 20 minutes on a run.



THE GEAR JUNKIE  
Stephen Regnold

In the chest pocket, a hand-sized compartment with a waterproof zipper, moisture accumulated enough to soak a stashed fleece hat.

New this fall, the Majik (www.sugoi.com) comes in a men's and women's model and costs \$170. It is marketed as the result of Sugoi's "quest for truly waterproof laminate protection for aerobic activities."



waterproof shell to keep you dry. But your body pumps out sweat, creating its own weather system inside the shell fabric. No fabric technology I know of

—not Gore-Tex, not eVent, and especially not the polyurethane-based Sugoi fabric — can wick sweat or transfer moisture fast in aerobic motion. Get your heart rate above 140 beats per minute and stride like that for a mile or more through the rain or sleet. You're going to be wet — from the inside with sweat or from the outside via the elements above.

The solution lies in regulating body temperature. This is possible in the winter, when cold temps combined with the right type of ventilating outerwear can acquiesce a tenuous equilibrium between the body overheating and the skin or your core getting too cold.

In rain and sleet I have found it's almost impossible to stay dry. This isn't a concern for a nightly training run. You can

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Mark Armes, of Buhl, holds the legal limit of pheasants he and hunting partner Don Cole took in late October near Blainville, N.D.

# Three honored by MV Fly Fishers

Three individuals were recently honored by the Magic Valley Fly Fishers with the first ever Real Staying awards for their role in establishing a thriving population of Henry's Lake hybrid trout at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir.

The awards went to Doug Megargle, regional fisheries biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Dr. Ron Hardy, director of the University of Idaho Hagerman Fish Culture Station; and Joe Chapman, manager of the Hagerman Fish Hatchery. Ben Collins, secretary of the Magic Valley Fly Fishers, presented the awards.

Megargle laid the groundwork for procuring and transporting the fishes sperm eggs; Hardy provided the hatchery staff to hatch and rear the fry to fingerling size; and Chapman and his staff saw to it that the young trout were loaded, transported and planted in the reservoir.

For their part, Magic Valley Fly Fishers helped with the transportation of the sperm and eggs and donated funding to feed the trout. The project was an outstanding example of interagency, regional and local fly fishing club participation, Collins said.

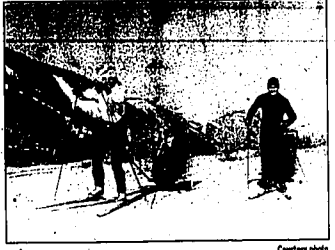


From left, Ben Collins, secretary of Magic Valley Fly Fishers, presented awards recently to Doug Megargle, Ron Hardy, and Joe Chapman.

Henry's Lake hybrid is a cross using wild cutthroat trout eggs from Henry's Lake and hatchery-raised male rainbow trout from the Hayscut hatchery near Silver Creek. The first step in producing the hybrids was the gathering and transportation of rainbow sperm to the Henry's Lake hatchery early in the spring, where it was used to fertilize cutthroat eggs. Once the eggs were "eyed up," they were transported back to the University

of Idaho's Research Station hatchery near Hagerman for rearing. The first class of 38,000 fingerlings (3-5 inches) were planted in Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir in fall 2006; the second class in 2007; and another 80,000 this fall. The initial class is now showing up in the fisherman's creel as a fighting 16- to 18-inch hybrid trout.

The second year fingerlings are also now showing up as 13- to 15-inch hybrids. The significance of this project is two-fold: 1) the half-wild hybrid fingerlings are much more wary of predatory fish, such as walleye; and 2) raising and planting of the fish is significantly cheaper than raising 6- to 9-inch catfish that can be better evade predatory fish.



# Experience Nordic skiing in Sun Valley

The Blaine County Recreation District and Galena Lodge in Sun Valley will offer free skiing all day on the BCRD Nordic Trail System on Sunday. Participants are welcome to ski on any of the trails within the BCRD Nordic Trail system, which include Galena Lodge trails, Harriman Trail, Prairie Creek, Billy's Bridge, North Fork, Lake Creek and Quigley Nordic.

The grooming report at berd.org or call the grooming hotline at 578-9754. In addition, Galena Lodge is hosting Free Learn to Ski Clinics, also on Sunday. Learn to Skate at 1 p.m. and Learn to Classic at 2:30 p.m. There is no BCRD trails pass needed for the lessons, and equipment is free. Santa Claus will also visit from noon-2 p.m. Kids activities and more will be available. For more information on either event: Galena Lodge at 208-726-4010.

# Stocking stuffers for the savvy Santa

In the spirit of the season — and with an eye toward economy — am pleased to present a wish list of jolly good stocking stuffers that any sporting Santa (or Mrs. Claus) would be pleased to pull from their stocking. Included are items that run the gamut from gun care products to hunting and shooting accessories.



Apply your favorite solvent or rust preventative to the puffy floss area ahead of the bristle brush section and pull slowly through the bore. The large absorbent rope comprising the rear of the "snake" absorbs and carries the loosened fouling and excess solvent out the barrel ... and you're done. While not a substitute for a scrupulous scrubbing after high-volume shooting sessions, the Bore Snakes provide a quick and convenient way to keep your guns field-ready. Bore Snakes are available at all our local sporting goods and retail for about \$16.

Instead of your neck. Not only does this reduce neck stress, it also prevents the glasses from swaying back and forth or thumping your chest when walking or riding.

When needed, simply pull against the gentle tension to raise the binoculars to your eyes to give that patch of black timber or flock of distant geese the once-over. Equally convenient for totting a camera or range finder, the Slide-and-Flex Bino's are a certifiable bargain at \$25.

## OUTDOORS BRIEFS

### Duck enthusiasts gather tonight

The Twin Falls chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at Idaho Plaza, 1859 Kimberly Rd. This will be the final meeting of the year, but the group will rejoin again in January.

### Gun club to hold event Sunday

The Jerome Gun Club, 11 miles north of the Junction at Highway 93 and Interstate 84 at mile marker 64, will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday. The event, a skins game, will feature 10 skins, plus high overall, high lady, high veteran, (over 65), high sub-junior and high junior. Each skin is worth \$25.

each. The Corriente tooled and silver trimmed show saddle was donated by Taz Construction of Foul Year-end high point awards will also be presented. The banquet is open to the public.

### Idaho agencies create wildlife-tracking Web site

BOISE — State agencies have developed an interactive Web site to alert drivers to wildlife on Idaho roads and help prevent accidents. Last year, nearly 1,300 motorists collided with wildlife while driving on Idaho roadways and about 200 of those accidents resulted in a serious injury.

The Idaho Transportation Department and the Idaho Fish and Game Department have partnered to create a Web site that flags areas where wildlife frequent. The site includes an interactive map, allowing drivers to report where they've spotted animals on Idaho roads.

### Wildlife agencies weigh more tolerance for bison

BILLINGS, Mont. — State and federal officials will decide this week whether to allow more bison to migrate into Montana from Yellowstone National Park instead of being slaughtered for disease control.

Over the past five months, representatives of five Montana and federal agencies crafted a plan to spare at least some bison in areas outside the park where cattle no longer graze. Those representatives are scheduled to meet in Bozeman, Mont. on Wednesday and Thursday to adopt the plan.

## SHOOTING THE BULL

Rich Simpson

First up for your consideration are two new items in the town of gun maintenance products. The first is a relatively new lubricant spray called Jig-a-loo. Touted by its manufacturer as an all around lubricant/protectant, this stuff is the real deal.

Formulated without oil, grease, wax or detergent, Jig-a-loo is colorless and won't stain or ruin when applied. Housed in an eye-catching orange can and retailing locally for about \$5, this orange-scented spray has oodles of household, automotive and recreational uses.

For sporting goods, capitalize on Jig-a-loo's waterproofing properties by applying liberally to fabric, leather goods, such as tents, tarps, hiking boots and shoes. Anglers can lubricate and silence squeaky boat oar locks and tackle box hinges, while keeping their spinning and casting reels corrosion and snag-free.

An originally bought Jig-a-loo for use on my firearms and it has not disappointed. Applied to the bore, firing

# Summary of F&G rules related to cougar kill

Question: "How come you guys are picking on John Stevens for killing a mountain lion in self-defense?" Answer: I wasn't involved with Mr. Stevens and I don't have first-hand knowledge about the details of the mountain lion he killed, but I will try to summarize the Idaho Fish and Game Commission rules that apply.

Mr. Stevens told conservation officers he killed the mountain lion in self-defense. The law clearly allows a person to take any steps necessary to protect themselves. A person is not required to possess a big-game tag for that animal in order to protect themselves. The fact he killed the mountain lion to protect himself

## ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

and his companions is not being questioned. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission annually adopts seasons and rules for the take, harvest, possession and seasons for all hunting, fishing, and trapping in Idaho. Those rules include the allowable "methods of take" for hunting birds, small game, and big game. Lawful "methods of take" means conventional approved hunting methods as well as allowable

firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment that can be used to hunt big-game animals. The commission-approved methods of take for big-game hunting as well as unlawful methods are listed under "Weapon Restrictions" found on page 65 and General Wildlife Laws on page 62 of the big-game hunting brochure. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has restricted the use of shotguns for hunting big game to shotguns loaded only with #00 buck or larger pellets or shotgun slugs.

Mr. Stevens told conservation officers he killed the mountain lion with birdshot while duck hunting. Since birdshot is not lawful for harvesting any big-game animal, Mr. Stevens cannot keep the mountain lion. The law is clear: A shotgun with birdshot is not allowed for mountain lion hunting. However, it can be used to protect oneself. Killing the lion in self-defense was not a violation, but the hide becomes property of the state unless it was taken during a lawful season by an approved method of take. Mr. Stevens turned over the lion hide and was provided a duplicate mountain lion tag.

Conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, may be reached at 208-234-4350 or ghompland@idfg.idaho.gov.

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IF IT'S WARE YOU WANT, BRING IT ON!

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

DO WE WANT TO DO THIS? YES!

WE'VE HAD YOUR PICTURES TAKEN AND YOUR SOLE FEET WE'RE ALL BABIES AND IT'S A TRADITION WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE!

BECAUSE IT THATS RIGHT!

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

BAM!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GET OUT OF THE ARMY?

POW!

BOOM!

POW!

BOOM!

ALIVE

**Blondie** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

SO IF HE SEES YOU WHEN YOU'RE ASLEEP AND HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE...

...AND HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE GOOD OR BAD...

HOW DOES YOUR BOSS FIND OUT ALL THOSE THINGS?

I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S USING A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM SOMEWHERE ELSE!

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

MY NEW ASSIGNMENT IS "TROLL IN CHARGE OF THE LEGACY SYSTEMS."

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN, I'M LUCKY TO HAVE A JOB IN THIS ECONOMY.

WOULD A FREE BAG OF GARBAGE MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?

A LITTLE.

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

I wish for a puppy this year, Santa.

Elf, please bring me the naughtiest and nicest list.

There is no list, Santa.

...Well... Okay, what's yer stance on spitballs and boys, I'll give?

I use spitballs on boys to keep their terms off me.

Alm give you a nice for yer heroism in all those thugst?

Do you have any thugst?

And a thugst for Santa's feelings?

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

COME ON, SIS... YOU CAN'T PUT PROSELYTISM BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

LET THERE BE PEACE!

YOU WANT ME TO INDOCTRIATE YOUR BROTHER?

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

OF COURSE, THE DOWNSIDE TO HAVING A HEART IS THAT NOW I HAVE TO WATCH MY CHOLESTEROL.

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

HERE'S SOMETHING YOUR GIRLFRIEND MIGHT LIKE

WHAT A PRETTY NECKLACE!

IT'S ON SALE, TOO!

MUWAH!

WHERE'D YOU GET THE ICE CREAM?

THEY BOUGHT IT FOR ME WHILE I WAS UNCONSCIOUS

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

I'VE ALWAYS SAID HAGAR IS AN EXCELLENT PROVIDER...

I'M HOME FROM SCOTLAND, HELGA!

...PROVIDING YOU LIKE SCOTCH!

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Brown

UP SHE GOES!

WHIEEE

THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN FUN AND FRIGHTENING

**Luann** By Greg Evans

NOW WHAT AM I GONNA DO? YOU PROBABLY THINK I'M A CREEP, BUT I'M NOT! COSTA RICA RESORT THING

YOU SHOW HER YOU'RE NOT A CREEP

AND HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

BY GIVING HER A GIFT THAT'S THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF A LADY AT AN EXOTIC RESORT

... WOW. A NOTE PAD

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN I MISS THE DAISY HILL PUPPY FARM...

WE ALWAYS HAD A CHRISTMAS TREE...

IT'S HARD TO DECORATE A ROCK...

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

HEY THERE, RAT... I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY FRIEND, PIPPY THE PRANKIE DOG PREACHER.

WHY'S HE SHAKING HIS FINGER AT ME?

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT FATHER PIPPY DOES. HE STANDS ON HIS PINKIE AND SHAKES HIS FINGER AT YOU

YEAH, I WOULD, BUT I DON'T LIKE IT.

PLEASE DON'T SHAKE YOUR FINGER AT FATHER PIPPY.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

I KNOW IT'S A BIT SNEAKY, BUT REALLY IT MAKES NO SENSE TO RUN EARL A HEAD BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS

WE'VE GOT TONS OF BOOKS. I CAN GIVE HIM ONE OF THOSE AND HE WON'T REMEMBER THAT I ALREADY READ IT.

AND THIS IS THE ONE YOU PICKED OUT TO GIVE HIM?

UH HUH.

MOM, I GAVE YOU THIS BOOK FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY TWO YEARS AGO.

REALLY? WELL, I'LL PUT YOUR NAME ON THE CARD TO THEN.

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

WHA! A TIN 'GONN... AND EVERYTHING IS PROZEN IN TIME!

CANADA CANADA CANADA

EXCEPT FOR THE TRAIN!

SCOOT SCOOT!

IT'S YOUR TURN TO RUN THE CONTROUS PROAGUE!

I CAN ONLY ENGINEER ONE VEHICLE AT A TIME.

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

OK, HERE'S WHERE WE WENT WRONG... IT WAS ONE BEEN LEGAL IF WE JUST CALLED IT A BAIL-OUT

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

I'LL PROMISE TO BEHAVE IF YOU'LL PROMISE TO NOT BRING ME UNDERWEAR LIKE LAST YEAR!

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

WELL, THIS IS A FIRST

GIVE IT TO ME STRAIGHT, DOC

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## Charity not OVERDUE

### Jerome library wiping out fines with food drive

By Mary Hanson  
Times-News correspondent

If you're holding on to a long-overdue book from the Jerome Public Library, now would be a good time to return it, along with an edible peace offering.

While bringing in food with that overdue copy of "Twilight" to butter up library workers might constitute a bribe during 10 months of the year, it will actually get you somewhere in December and January.

#### Learn more

Jerome Public Library's "Food for Fines" canned-food drive runs through January. Library patrons trade non-perishable food items for a 50-cent credit to accumulated library fines. Jerome Public Library is at 100 First Ave. E. in Jerome. Contact: 208-324-9427 or laura.burnett@jpl JeromeId.us.

"When I first came to work at the library we had a lot of books out and overdue, and we also had many fines out," Burnett said. "The goal of the program is to help return books and settle fines."

Those who would never dare turn a book in late are encouraged to help too.

"Anyone is welcome to bring food and leave it in one of the two bins located in the library," Burnett said.

While it might take more Ramen noodles than anyone should rightfully possess to pay off that copy of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" you've held onto since 2006, the good will won't be unnoticed. Food collected will be donated to the Jerome Food Bank and be dispersed to those in need throughout the year, Burnett said.



MARY HANSON/For the Times-News  
From left to right, Jerome Public Library patrons James Whitmore, Britnee Goforth and Marissa Millin stand around a donation barrel with Adult Librarian Edie Walte. The library is currently running a food drive that gives donors credit on accumulated library fines.

For those looking for a clean slate in the coming year, a little charity and a wiped-out library tab fee might just be the ticket.

"I feel this drive is very timely for

those who need to come back to the library," Adult Librarian Edie Walte said.

Mary Hanson may be reached at mhansonmb@aol.com.

## Thrasher is new president of charitable foundation

Barbara Thrasher has been elected president of the Wood River Women's Charitable Foundation, which has distributed more than \$250,000 to Blaine County charities in three years of grantmaking.

Four area residents were also elected to the board. They are Priscilla Pittiglio, vice president; Janet DeBard, Sue Green and Kathie Levison. All are founding members of the organization.

Thrasher has been a part-time resident of the Wood River Valley since 1999. She has been a board member of the Wood River Land Trust for the past eight years and has been active in fundraising for the Blaine County Recreation District in support of the Harriman Trails Endowment. She originated the annual Ladies High Tea, which raises money in support of the trail system.

Pittiglio also serves as president of Council Circle Foundation, which offers educational and emotionally supportive programs designed to foster a healthy community. It offers free youth circles at local schools. DeBard has served on child-related arts and education boards in Los Angeles and has co-chaired the foundation's education committee for the past two years. She is an artist whose work is in private collections, and who frequently donates art to charity auctions.

Green has lived in the Wood River Valley since 2000. Prior to her move here from North Carolina, she was in full-time practice as a clinical social worker and a marital and family therapist. She also was actively involved in mental health issues in North Carolina as chairperson of the Guilford County Area Authority for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Disabilities.

Levison is a retired attorney, and has served for the past six years on the board of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts. She has lived in the Wood River Valley for almost 10 years.

Re-elected to second terms on the board were Gale Elkins, Debby Law, Marcia Leblech, Susan Rhymes, Gayle Stevenson, Joanne Wetherell and Maggie Sturdevant.

Thrasher, along with Past President Jo Murray, founded the organization in 2004. The first grants were made in 2006. The Foundation's 125-plus members each donate \$1,000 a year plus \$50 for administrative expenses. At least half of each donation is pooled for grants that are expected to make a significant impact on community needs. The other \$500 can go to the pooled grant fund or to one or two other nonprofits of the member's choice.



Thrasher

Women interested in joining the group can contact the foundation at info@wrcf.org. Additional information is available on the Internet at www.wrcf.org.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Bus service offered to Jerome seniors

Transit IV buses is offering free rides to seniors in the Jerome city area to anywhere they need to go in Jerome, including grocery shopping, doctor, dentist or hair appointments, or just meeting a friend for lunch. The bus is available every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To schedule an appointment: 736-2133.

#### Payton completes Air Force basic training

Air Force Airman Amos J. Payton has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Payton is the son of Elaine Payton of Jerome. He is a 2008 graduate of Lighthouse

#### Christian School in Twin Falls.

#### Wendell school store seeks donations

Wendell Elementary School's Christmas spirit is in full swing.

The school is hosting a 25-cent store for students from school through fourth grade through the end of the week. It is in need of items to sell and is asking the public's

help to bring items to the Wendell Elementary School Library at 150 Third Ave. E. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Items being accepted include any items that a child might like to give as gifts: lotion, men's ties, ceramics, jewelry, etc. The proceeds go towards a community project to help families in need.

Information: Carol Short, 536-6811 ext. 118.

### BROS DONATE

Eric Whitman of Snake River Bros recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Rivis Turner for the Kids Count Too, a childhood bereavement counseling organization. Pictured is Rivis Turner accepting the check from members of the Snake River Bros.



Courtesy photo

### SPECIAL SCARVES



Courtesy photo

The Union 45 of Robekah Lodges in Hagerman recently crocheted 84 scarves for the Special Olympics as a community service project. A total of 420 hours was spent on the project, which cost about \$100. The money for the yarn was donated by Jeff Duncan, James Wolchaki, Ruth Harrison, Wanda Hays and the Lodge. Scarves were crocheted by Laura McAnulty, Peg Roberson, Virgie Taylor, Midge Lorkowski and Vesta Sefta. Pictured is Midge Lorkowski, Vice Grand of Union 45, with several of the crocheted scarves.

## Believe it or not, good health starts with good attitude

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have read your column for more years than I can remember. I cannot believe you many readers who claim to be in very good health or in the best of health. Then they go on to explain that they have cancer, heart trouble, strokes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, arthritis, diabetes, fainting, dizziness and some other dis-



ASK DR. GOTT  
Dr. Peter Gott

cases I cannot even pronounce. Why do they insist or

believe they are in very good health? What do they consider poor health? I am a 72-year-old male. I've had a couple of stents put in my heart. I'm on Plavix and blood-pressure medication. I also have skin cancer and have had several lesions removed. I wear a hearing aid.

I can still walk and mow the lawn, do work around

my house and ride a bicycle, but I don't consider myself to be in good health, just lucky and in better health than all those people who write to you. Who are they kidding?

DEAR READER: So much of life is in a person's attitude. To some of us, the glass will always be half empty. For others, it will always be half full.

Hopefully, we go through

life eating and exercising properly, watching our weight and health, and visiting a physician for routine medical matters. Problems arise when our bodies don't work as perfectly as we would like. We may be under stress and develop high blood-pressure readings. A cancerous lesion may be discovered during a routine physical examination and

need to be removed. We may have a family history of heart disease, diabetes, stroke and a host of other issues over which we have no control.

What isn't beyond our control, though, is the attitude with which we approach health matters. By maintaining a positive attitude, we can learn to deal

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# Wendell Elementary students participate in PeaceBuilders

Wendell Elementary School honored its peace-building students for November on Dec. 1, at an all-school assembly.

Principal Kevin Rogers presented certificates and pencils to students who have been outstanding at following the peace-building principals of "Praise people. Give up putdowns. Notice hurts and right wrongs. Seek wise people."

Kindergarten PeaceBuilders were: Ilyle Scheer, Galileo Orozco, Tristan Gunter, Alden Cortes, Madlyson Anderson, Kortina C. Jazmin Perez, Alexis Mirañones, Michelle Solórzano, Jackeline Alvarez, Mikey Robinson, Lizeth Alvarado, Denis Rogue, Seth Koch, Jonathan Valera, Mariela Avila, Aspen



Wendell Elementary students, from left, Martín Jimenez, Maira Guadarrama, Ashley Shirley, and Daniel Aguilar participate in the PeaceBuilders Program at their school by picking up trash on the grounds.

Sinemates, Victor Maclias, Isaac Slade, Ricky Gomez, PeaceBuilders in first grade were: Samantha Quay Lindsay, J-Lyn Garcia, and Veronica Perez.

Melendrez, Timothy Spencer, Nelda Romo, Cole Jacobson, Samantha Valadez, Donald Burr, Lizzie Rudolph, Domaniq Carter, Edith Andrade, Fernanda Camacho, Garrett Eldredge, Iriz Arizmendi, Madison Filck, Francisca Rangel, and Larissa Espinoza.

Second grade honorees were: Mya Ramirez, Chanel Chandler, Bailey Person, Jacob Housley, Skyler Bormyo, Ethan Priebe, Darren Smith, Tracie Lanch, Tyler Lukesh, Sofia Martinez, Emily Anne Harlan, Chris Schelling, Joshua Magana, Brandon Spencer, and Lexy Larson.

Third grade PeaceBuilders included: Jacob Jimenez, Karis Coronado, Benito Ortiz Santos, Lizeth Cuevas, Ana Santiago, Blake Mendoza, Zulma Lugo, Salvador

Bielmas, Logan Bitterli, Madison Crawford, Peyton Fleming, Seth Collins, Brianna Short, Hanu Butterfield, Andrew Gonzalez, and Mason Lawton.

Honorees in fourth grade were: Libbe Valera, Samantha Topenberger, Ruby Lopez, Andres Inguez, Arturo Robledo, Diana Lopez, Maira Guadarrama, Martin Jimenez, Daniel Aguilar, Ashley Shirley, Angel Pena, Herick Avalos, and Kaitlyn Truscott.

At the assembly, Rogers praised the honorees and encouraged all students to follow the example set by these PeaceBuilders.

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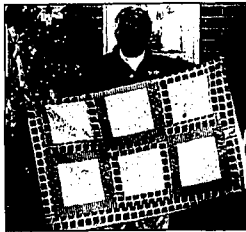
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# MMH raffle earns money for health care

Minidoka Memorial Hospital Volunteers raffled a handmade clock and a baby quilt at the annual Caring & Sharing Christmas Festival held at the Civic Center in Rupert over Thanksgiving weekend.

Money raised from the raffle sale, along with baked food sales, goes back into the hospital and community to support health care issues and scholarships.

The handcrafted clock was donated by Gerald Woodworth and the baby quilt was donated by Virginia Flocier.



Pictured is Vias Esquivel, winner of the baby quilt.



Pictured is Sharon Ennis, winner of the handmade clock.

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

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

**FELONY SENTENCINGS**  
Lynda Lee Bauer, 46, Possession of controlled substance, disposition withheld; 4 counts probation violation, \$136 restitution, 3 years probation, 30 days jail, 27 years prison time, retained jurisdiction.  
Gregory John Saras, 2 counts of possession of forged check, \$100.50 costs, 4 years probation, 3-7 years penitentiary time, penitentiary suspended; Possession of forged check, dismissed by court.

**MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS**  
Jorge Luis Marroquin, 35, 2 counts domestic violence-violation of protection order, \$105 costs, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 175 suspended, 5 days time credited; 3 counts domestic violence-violation of protection order, dismissed by prosecutor; Contempt of court, dismissed by court.  
Tracy Daryl Jacobs, 33, Driving without privileges, \$35 costs, drivers license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 176 suspended, 2 days time credited, 4 days McWork in lieu of jail; Reckless driving, guilty; 2 counts contempt of court, dismissed by court; Probation violation, 14 days jail.

David Gil Suarez Jr., 22, Driving without privileges amended to Driving without privileges (second offense), \$200 fine, \$632.50 costs, drivers license suspended 365 days, 30 months probation, 90 days jail, 70 days suspended, 14 days time credited, 12 McWork days in lieu of 6 days jail; 2 counts probation violation, 15 days jail, 12 days time credited; Contempt of court, dismissed by court.

David Lee Whigley, 54, Vicious dogs violation, \$25 fine, \$72.50 costs; Contempt of court, dismissed by court.  
Henry Bradley Duncan, 47, Trespassing, \$124.50 fine, \$129.50 costs, 18 months probation, 60 days suspended jail; Probation violation, guilty.  
Leno Manuel Munoz, 22, Driving without privileges (second offense) amended to Driving without privileges, drivers license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2 days time credited; Contempt of court, 12 days jail, 12 days time credited; Probation violation, guilty.

Zane Anthony McKnight, 19, Possession of a controlled substance, \$300 suspended fine, \$85.50 costs, \$103.37 restitution, 24 months probation, 180 days suspended jail, 280 days suspended jail; Possession of drug paraphernalia, guilty; Contempt of court, dismissed by court.

Teresa Justina Sperry, 28, Battery amended to Disturbing the peace, \$200 fine, \$110.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days suspended jail, 90 days suspended jail; Contempt of court, dismissed by court.  
Jack Otin Rayborn, 45, Unlawful leaving or prowling, \$75.50 costs, 6 months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, 2 days time credited; 2 counts of probation violation, guilty.  
Amanda Michelle Gouge, 18, Failure to purchase/invalid drivers license, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs; Contempt of court, dismissed by court.

Leno Manuel Munoz, 22, Driving without privileges amended to Driving without privileges (third offense), \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$90.50 costs, drivers license suspended 730 days, 18 months probation, 365 days suspended jail, Eleazar Castro Castillo, 35, Drivers license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.  
Maria Vega-Ruiz, 20, Drivers license violation, \$200 fine, \$75.50 costs.

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## Optimists gather coats for kids

The Jerome Optimist Club has teamed up with the Falls City 4-H Club for the Coats for Kids Program and they need donations of new and used coats. Donation barrels are located at Wal-Mart, Hillco Poly and the Elks Lodge on Highway 93. Coats can also be dropped off at the Redemption Thrift Center, 111 E. Main St., Jerome.

Falls City 4-H Club is assisting with the washing and mending of the coats. If a zipper is broken or a button missing, they will get it repaired quickly and into the hand of a child in need. For more information, to have coats picked up, or to report a need: Sheri at 324-4953.

## Dr. Gott

Continued from page C5 with some pretty gruesome issues and be grateful the situation isn't worse. There are few promises in this world. When it comes to health, no amount of money can buy a perfect body that functions without mishap. Were this the case, we would attempt to barter with the powers that be for an additional five or ten years because we haven't done all the things we set out to do. The bottom line is to make the most of life despite the glitches and snags along the way. That's what builds character. You're active and in better health than many of my readers, despite your medical issues. Well, you're a reader and still going strong. Work on your outlook: You'll have much more fun. And your friends and family might just enjoy you more, too.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet."

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Jack 'Papa Jack' Willard Hayes Sr.

Our beloved "Papa Jack" departed from this earth...

Jack was born in Douglas County, Ore., on Aug. 1, 1916...

Jack grew up during the Great Depression, spending many of his early years on the Tiger Lily Ranch with his parents...

Gerald Lorenzo Lee

Our dear friend Gerald Lorenzo Lee left his mortal afflictions for eternal peace on Sunday...

Jack was a member of the Elk's Lodge and a past member of the International Brotherhood of Loco-motive Engineers.

Jack was a longtime resident of Roseville, Calif., where he raised many of his children with his wife Dorothy.

Jack was always a very spiritual man and was a member of multiple churches, but eventually became a longtime member of the Faith Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls.

A private memorial service will be held for the family, close friends and church members...

Jesse Vernon Yarrington

IDAHO FALLS — Jesse Vernon Yarrington, 86, of Idaho Falls, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008...

Jesse worked in sales, insurance, investments and vending. He was also a journeyman machinist and a dayman...

Jesse was involved in many organizations, including the Scout, Kiwanis, Girl Scouts, Rodeo and 4-H.

SERVICES

Roger Glenn Spriggs of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home...

William Frederick McKay of Loveland, Tenn., formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls...

Daniel R. Zahner of Paul, funeral at noon Friday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St. graveside service on noon Saturday at the Cedron Cemetery...

Florence Warren of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rupert First Christian Church...

Thelma (Bott) Engelking

of Boise and formerly of the Magic Valley area, memorial gathering between 2 and 4 p.m. Friday in the front parlor at the Heavensly Father While at home in Twin Falls on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008...

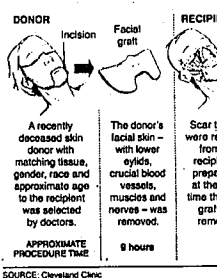
William Bonner Shappee of Bellevue, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Wood River Chapel in Hatley.

Victor John Schenk of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert...

Susan Becker of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center Ave. in Burley...

Barry O. Bragg of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Holy Comforters Memorial Chapel in Jerome...

Radical technique, new beginning



Surgeons at the Cleveland Clinic performed the world's largest and most complex facial tissue transplant. This controversial procedure gives people horribly disfigured by burns or other accidents a chance at a new life.

Surgeons: Woman is doing well after face transplant

By Marilyn Marchione Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — Her injuries were ghastly: no nose, no palate, no way to eat or breathe normally, a face so hideous that children who saw her screamed and ran away.

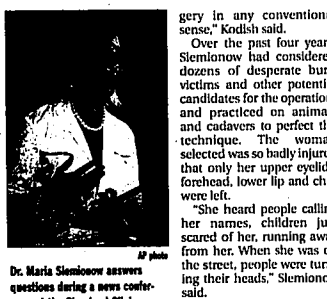
From the moment they met earlier this year, Dr. Maria Slemionow knew the severely disfigured woman would be the one — the first person in the U.S. to receive a face transplant.

"Our patient was called names and was humiliated. You need a face to face the world," said Slemionow, the Cleveland Clinic reconstructive surgeon who led the operation about two weeks ago.

During the 22-hour procedure, 80 percent of the patient's face was replaced with bone, muscles, nerves, skin, blood vessels and some bone taken from a woman who had died hours earlier.

It was the fourth face transplant in the world, though the others were not as extensive as this one.

"I must tell you how happy she was when with both her hands she could go over her face and feel that she has a nose, feel that she has a jaw, Slemionow said. "It's just to go out and be invisible in the crowd." The patient's name and age were not released, nor were details on how she was injured, and she did not appear at a hospital news conference Wednesday.



Dr. Maria Slemionow answers questions during a news conference at the Cleveland Clinic, Wednesday in Cleveland. Slemionow participated in the nation's first near-total face transplant.

her own, breathe normally instead of through a hole in her windpipe, and exhibit a full range of facial expressions, including smiling and frowning. She is expected to spend weeks in the hospital, after which she will have to undergo periodic checkups for the rest of her life to watch for signs of rejection.

The transplant was fraught with ethical questions. Unlike operations involving vital organs like hearts and livers, transplants of facial tissue are done to improve quality of life — not extend it. Reipients run the risk of deadly complications and must take immune-suppressing drugs for the rest of their lives to prevent organ rejection, including their risk of cancer and infections. But the hospital's bioethics chief, Dr. Eric Kodish, said the circumstances and procedures followed for the donation and transplant were "beyond reproach." "This is not cosmetic sur-

Sam Bottoms, surfer in 'Apocalypse Now,' '53, dies

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Sam Bottoms, a film and television actor who played the role of California surfer-turned-soldier Lance Johnson in Francis Ford Coppola's 1979 Vietnam War epic "Apocalypse Now," has died. He was 53.

Bottoms died Tuesday at his home in Los Angeles of glioblastoma multiforme, a virulent brain cancer, said his wife, Laura Bieckford.

The brother of actors Timothy, Joseph and Ben Bottoms, Sam made his screen debut as a teenager in Peter Bogdanovich's 1971 film "The Last Picture Show," in which Timothy played one of the leads. Sam played Billy, the mate, mentally handicapped boy.

Then 15, he hadn't expected to be cast in the movie. "He had traveled from home in Santa Barbara to Annapolis, Md., and he simply observed the filming. He recalled in a 1993 interview with The Houston Chronicle.

He was sitting on a street corner drinking a Dr. Pepper with his brother when a station wagon rolled by and stopped. "Peter Bogdanovich gets out," Bottoms recalled, "and says, 'What's your name?'"

When he said he had come to visit his brother, Bogdanovich surprised him by asking, "Do you want to be in the movie?" "Since then, Bottoms appeared in 30 films, including Clint Eastwood's "The Outlaw Josey Wales" and "Bronco Billy." More recently, he appeared in "SherryBaby," "Shopgirl" and "Seabiscuit."

He also made guest appearances on TV series such as "NYPD Blue," "The X-Files," "Murder, She Wrote" and "21 Jump Street."

Bottoms was 20 in 1976 when he was cast to play surfer Lance Johnson in "Apocalypse Now," in which he was one of the young soldiers who accompany Capt. Willard (Martin Sheen) up river in a gunboat for his rendezvous with Lt. Colonel Blamey's renegade Col. Kurtz.

That comes after Bottoms' scenes with Robert Duvall's surf-obsessed Lt. Col. Kilgore, who memorably calls a napalm strike on the tree line behind a coastal village with a grimy surf spot.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert E. Dickerson 87, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Margaret M. Dollahide, 74, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Rupert.

JEROME — Margaret M. Dollahide, 74, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Rupert.

## Obama looking at \$850 billion jolt to economy

By Kim Kohnheim  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Eager to jolt a worsening economy back to life, President-elect Barack Obama's aides are assembling a two-year stimulus package that could cost \$850 billion, dwarfing last spring's tax rebates and rivaling drastic government actions to fight the Great Depression.



President-elect Barack Obama speaks during a news conference in Chicago, Wednesday.

Obama has not settled on a grand total, and the final figure consulting with outside economists of all political stripes, his advisers have begun telling Congress the stimulus should be bigger than the \$600 billion

initially envisioned, the officials said.

Obama is promoting a recovery plan that would feature spending on roads and other infrastructure projects, energy-efficient government buildings, new and renovated

schools and environmentally friendly technologies.

There would also be some form of tax relief, according to the Obama team, which is well aware of the political difficulty of pushing such a large package through Congress, even in a time of recession. Any tax cuts would be aimed at middle- and lower-income taxpayers, and aides have said there would be no tax increases for wealthy Americans.

While some economists consulted by Obama's team recommended spending of up to \$1 trillion over two years, a more likely figure seems to be \$850 billion. There is concern

that a package that looks too large could worry financial markets, and the incoming economic team also wants to signal fiscal restraint.

In addition to spending on roads, bridges and similar construction projects, Obama is expected to seek additional funds for numerous programs that experience increased demand when joblessness rises, one Democratic official said.

Among those programs are food stamps and other nutrition programs, health insurance, unemployment insurance and job training programs.

## AROUND THE NATION

### GEORGIA

#### Judge jails Muslim woman over head scarf

ATLANTA — A Muslim woman arrested for refusing to take off her head scarf at a courthouse security checkpoint said Wednesday that she felt her human and civil rights were violated.

A judge ordered Lisa Valentine, 40, to serve 10 days in jail for contempt of court, said police in Douglasville, a city of about 20,000 people on Atlanta's west suburban outskirts.

Valentine violated a court policy that prohibits people from wearing head scarves after they arrested her Tuesday.

Kelley Jackson, a spokeswoman for Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker, said state law doesn't permit or prohibit head scarves. "It's at the discretion of the judge and the sheriffs and is up to the security officers in the court house to enforce their decision," she said.

### TEXAS

#### Letter to Santa leads to molestation charge

PHARR — Police in south Texas said a 5-year-old girl's letter to Santa may have finally stopped a nightmare of sexual abuse for her and her 10-year-old sister.

Police allege that for as long as four years, Andres Enrique Cantu sexually abused the girls at their bedrooms while they slept or did their homework. Cantu is a computer lab aide at an alternative high school but has not been accused of crimes against students there.

The white-haired Cantu, 55, shuffled into court in leg irons and handcuffs for the second time in less than a week Tuesday to face a charge of continuous sexual abuse of a young child. He did not have an attorney present.

The 9-year-old's plea to Santa, written as a school assignment and led to the first charge of continuous sexual abuse last week. On Tuesday, Cantu was accused of abusing the girl's older sister, who was also mentioned in the letter.

The Associated Press is not identifying the relationship of the man to the girls to protect their identities.

### NEW YORK

#### Kennedy says publicly she wants Senate seat

SYRACUSE — Caroline Kennedy finally made public her desire to carry on her famous family's legacy, reaching out to a handful of mayors and some political leaders last week. On Tuesday, Cantu was accused of abusing the girl's older sister, who was also mentioned in the letter.

The daughter of President John F. Kennedy was driven across the state along the main east-west road, hitting three of its four biggest cities to talk to elected officials and Democratic party power brokers alike. She bypassed Albany, the state capital and seat of political power.

### 'Person of the Year'

NEW YORK — President-elect Barack Obama has won another contest: He's been named Time magazine's "Person of the Year" for 2008.

The magazine has named Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Gov. Sarah Palin and Chinese director Zhang Yinou as runners-up.

Last year's winner was Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Previous individual winners have included Sen. and President George W. Bush.

— The Associated Press

## Bush: 'I didn't compromise my soul to be popular'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President George W. Bush knows he's unpopular. But here's what matters, he says: "I didn't compromise my soul to be a popular guy."

In a widely watched interview with Fox News Channel, Bush also praised the national security team assembled by President-elect Barack Obama, offered hope to U.S. automakers seeking government assistance and said the people of Illinois will have to sort out allegations that Gov. Rod Blagojevich sought kickbacks in chagging a successor for Obama's Senate seat.

Bush said presidents fail when they make decisions based on opinion polls.

"Look, everybody likes to be popular," said Bush.

"What do you expect we've got for an economic problem and I'm the president during the major economic problem. I mean, do people approve of the economy? No, I don't approve of the economy. ... I've been the president. I've dealt with two economic recessions now. I've had, hell, a lot of serious challenges. What matters to me is I didn't compromise my soul to be a popular guy."

An Associated Press-GFK poll last week showed just 28 percent of the public approving of the job Bush is doing, about where he has been all fall. Among Republicans, 55 percent approve, a low figure from members of a president's own political party.

Bush said he didn't think he would be viewed as the 21st century's Hoover, who was president during the Great Depression. He said he worked to keep the economy from collapsing.

"I'm a free market guy," he said. "But I'm not going to let this economy crater in order to preserve the free market system. So we made a lot of very strong moves and it's been painful for a lot of people, particularly because you know this — the excesses of the past have caused a lot of folks to hurt when it comes to, you know, their jobs."

He said his administration is continuing to look at options for helping the Big Three automakers and that it needs to get done "relatively soon." He said a "disorganized bankruptcy" of one or more of the automakers could cause great harm to the economy beyond that which we're now witnessing.

# Spoiling for a fight



Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich talks to the media at his home before jogging in Chicago, Wednesday. Blagojevich said Wednesday he is ready to tell his side of the political scandal to the people of Illinois.

## Blagojevich's lawyer challenges strength of corruption case; high court rejects attempt to remove governor

By Christopher Willis  
Associated Press writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Illinois Supreme Court on Wednesday denied an effort to remove Gov. Rod Blagojevich, rejecting what could have been the quickest way to force the Democrat from office.

Blagojevich's lawyer, meanwhile, said the governor would not appoint someone to fill Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat, potentially answering one of the key questions surrounding the scandal.

"Harry Reid said that they're not going to accept anybody he picks," said attorney Ed Genson, referring to the Senate majority leader. "Why would he do that?"

The state court's ruling came as Genson was challenging the strength of the corruption case against Blagojevich before a panel of judges.

Genson said the writs that ensnared his client amounted to all talk and no action. "It's just people jabbering," Genson told the House panel.

Genson attacked the impeachment proceedings on the multiple fronts Wednesday, assailing the writs' impartiality and the panel's inaction but not giving the governor that time to mount a defense.

Lawmakers rejected all of Genson's claims, saying the committee has broad power to review anything related

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WATCH: Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's lawyer challenge the legislative committee considering the governor's impeachment.

"I can't wait to begin to tell my side of the story and to address you guys, and, most importantly, the people of Illinois. That's who I'm dying to talk to."

— Gov. Rod Blagojevich, speaking to reporters

to the governor's performance. They said Genson's courtroom-style objections won't change the panel's approach.

"He's trying to throw up enough dust ... to make people think the governor is guilty of nothing — pure as the new driven snow," committee chairwoman Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, D-Chicago, said afterward.

Blagojevich has been under siege since last week on charges that he tried to auction off Barack Obama's Senate seat. But he got some good news when the state's highest court refused to hear the attorney general's legal challenge to his fitness to serve.

The state Supreme Court rejected without comment a challenge filed by state Attorney General Lisa Madigan, herself a top candidate for governor in 2010. It was unclear whether the court turned down the case on its merits or on procedural grounds.



Genson

## IG report says Blackwater may lose license in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — An internal State Department report says Blackwater Worldwide may lose its license to work in Iraq and recommends the agency prepare alternative ways to protect its diplomats there. The 42-page report by the State Department's inspector

general says the department faces "numerous challenges" in dealing with the security situation in Iraq, including the prospect Blackwater may be barred from the country. The department would then have turn to other security arrangements to replace Blackwater, officials said.

"The department faces the real possibility that one of its primary Worldwide Personal Protective Services contractors in Iraq — Blackwater (Worldwide) — will not receive a license to continue operating in Iraq," the recently completed report says.

The report is labeled "confidential but unclassified."

An official familiar with the report said initially it would recommend that department not renew Blackwater's contract when it expires next year. But that specific language is not included in the document, a copy of which The Associated Press obtained.

— The Associated Press



Russian riot police detain an opposition demonstrator during an anti-Kremlin protest Sunday in Moscow. Police thwarted the protest organized by chess grand Garry Kasparov's opposition group, seizing at least 25 people and shoving them into trucks.

AP photo

## Russian treason bill could target Kremlin critics

By David Nowak Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — Under Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, foreigners who fraternized with people who criticized the Kremlin were "enemies of the people" and sent to the gulag. Now there's new legislation backed by Vladimir Putin's government that human rights activists say could throw Russia back to the days of the Great Terror.

The legislation, outspoken government critic and rights activist Lev Ponomarev charged Wednesday, creates a "base for a totalitarian state."

Government supporters and Kremlin-ally lawmakers said the bill — submitted to the Kremlin-friendly parliament last week — will tighten up current law. Supporters say prosecutors often have trouble gaining convictions because of ambiguities in the definition of state treason.

The bill would add non-governmental organizations based anywhere in the world that have an office in Russia to the list of banned recipients of state secrets. The government has repeatedly accused foreign spy agencies of using NGOs as a cover to foment dissent.

Critics warning the loose wording will give authorities ample leeway to prosecute those who cooperate with international rights groups.

Under current treason statutes, some NGOs are not considered "foreign organizations" meaning anyone who passes a state secret to an NGO might not be considered a traitor.

Some of Russia's most prominent right activists, including Moscow Helsinki Group head Lyudmila Alexeyeva and Civic Assistance Director Svetlana Gannushkina, said the bill in fact gives authorities the power to prosecute anyone deemed to have "harmed the secrecy of the Russian Federation."

"It is legislation in the spirit of Stalin and Hitler," the activists said in a joint statement — legislation that "returns the Russian justice to the times of 1920-1950s." During the 1930s, Stalin oversaw a sweeping crackdown that came to be known as the Great Terror. Millions were accused of being "enemies of the people," convicted by farcical courts based on charges and anonymous allegations, and executed or sent

to the vast system of prison camps known as the gulag. The legislation expands the definition of treason to include damaging Russia's "external order," and "sovereignty or territorial integrity."

The activists believe each proposed addition cynically targets potential threats to the Kremlin, shattering what remains of civil society in Russia.

Activists said expanding the term "constitutional order," would effectively outlaw opposition protests. "Territorial integrity" would forbid anyone from seeking for Russia's independence or perhaps autonomy, an issue of particular concern in the volatile North Caucasus where Chechnya is located.

The bill broadening the definition of state treason is the latest in a series of measures taken since Putin's rise to the presidency in 2000 that have systematically rolled back Russia's post-Soviet political freedoms.

Rights group say that roll-back has done little to stop the rise of Putin, a former director of the KGB's main successor agency, became prime minister and his protégé, Dmitry Medvedev, assumed the presidency.

The legislation will likely be quickly approved by parliament — which the Kremlin needs, Alexeyeva said, because of fears that the country's collapsing economy will spark mass unrest.

"The people ruling the government are afraid of the reaction of its citizens to their inability to cope with the crisis," she said.

In a separate development Wednesday, Russian lawmakers passed legislation that would end jury trials for those facing charges of terrorism and treason. Instead, they would face a panel of judges.

The bill authors say the changes are necessary because they claim juries have acquitted many suspects despite strong incriminating evidence. Critics denounced the bill as a blow to democratic principles.

As president, Putin overrode a series of measures that tightened the Kremlin's control over Russia's political life and civil society. He backed legislation ending popular elections of regional governors and tightened rules for political parties.

# U.S. official says Russians will test Obama's resolve on arms

By Robert Burns Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is likely to "test the mettle" of Barack Obama and his administration by taking a tougher stance against U.S. missile defenses, a senior State Department official said Wednesday.

John Rood, the department's top arms control official, told reporters he believes the Russians are waiting to size up the Obama administration before Moscow advances its position on disputed arms issues.

In discussing the state of Russian opposition to U.S. missile defense bases in Poland and the Czech Republic, Rood said it appears that Moscow has "passed" in anticipation of a new national security approach in Washington.

"My assessment is that the Russians intend to test the mettle of the new administration and the new president," he said. "The future will show how

the new administration chooses to answer that challenge."

Asked to elaborate, he said, "I think missile defense and other subjects will be among those that the Russians intend to determine what the new administration's posture will be." He said he reached this conclusion on the basis of an impression gained during talks in Moscow on Monday rather than from explicit Russian statements.

He also said the Russians have been less flexible lately in talks on missile defense. In particular, he cited their stance on U.S. proposals to give the Russians more assurance that a missile interceptor site in Poland and a missile-tracking radar in the Czech Republic would pose no security threat to Russia.

The U.S., with the support of the Polish and Czech governments, has proposed that Russian officials be given regular access to the interceptor and radar sites and that they be allowed to monitor activity at both sites through undisclosed technical means. Rood did not elaborate on the

details in dispute.

"I don't want to spell out all the details because I think this is a high-priority dialogue for us in the United States, and I don't think that putting all the details out will facilitate a resolution to it," he said.

Rood led a U.S. government delegation in talks with senior Russian officials on a range of subjects, including efforts by both governments to negotiate a treaty to replace the 1991 START

nuclear arms deal, which expires in December 2009. Rood said the talks were useful but did not achieve any breakthroughs.

In Moscow on Tuesday, Russian news agencies quoted Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov as saying Moscow hopes the Obama administration will agree that the weapons limitations under START "should be preserved and strengthened, rather than weakened."

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## Woolworths stores to close by early January

LONDON (AP) — Administrators for Woolworths announced Wednesday a plan to close all the retailer's stores by the early new year, signaling the end of the road for the venerable British company and the loss of almost 30,000 jobs.

Deloitte, which was appointed to run Woolworths after it filed for a form of bankruptcy protection last month, said it would shut down the group's 800-strong chain of stores around the country in stages from Dec. 27 to Jan. 5, unless it manages to sign a last-minute rescue deal.

Neville Kahn, joint administrator of Woolworths, said that 300 stores were under firm offer for sale to a number of separate buyers, but the remaining 500 outlets had failed to attract buyers.

Kahn added that Deloitte was also in discussions with several regional investors in buying Woolworths' intellectual property, including the brand.

But he acknowledged the likely break-up of the company's stores and delays in selling the least profitable that the Woolworths name was likely to disappear from Britain's shopping streets for some time.

Prices effective thru Monday, December 22, 2008. Selection varies by store. Items participating may have been taken. Extra stock only where indicated.









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NFL record-setter 'Slingin' Sammy' Baugh dies at 94

WILBOCK, Texas — Sammy Baugh, who set record passing records in Washington Redskins in an era when NFL teams were running most every down, died Wednesday night, his son said. Baugh, who was 94 and had numerous health issues, died at Fisher County Hospital in Rotan, David Baugh said.

There's nobody any better than Sam Baugh was in pro football. Don Maynard, a fellow West Texas Hall of Famer who played for Baugh, said in a 2002 interview. "When I see somebody picking the greatest player around, to me, if they didn't go both ways, they're really deserve to be nominated. I always ask, 'Well, how'd he do on defense? How was his punting?'"

When Baugh entered the NFL, the forward pass was so rare that it was unveiled mostly in desperate situations. But Baugh passed often. As a rookie in 1937, Baugh completed a record 61 passes (about seven a game) and led the league with 1,127 yards. At the time, only six players averaged three completions a game that year. He went on to lead the league in passing six times.

MAGIC VALLEY Sports Shorts Gathering on tap for NAIA title game TWIN FALLS — Alumni and fans of Carroll College are invited to watch the NAIA championship game between Carroll College and the University of Sioux Falls at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Press Box in Twin Falls. Information: Carl at 735-8797 or 539-1557.

Sammy Baugh embodied all we aspire to as the Washington Redskins. Redskins owner Dan Snyder said Baugh was a competitor in everything he did and a winner. He was one of the greatest to ever play the game of football, and one of the greatest the Redskins ever had. My thoughts and prayers are with his family tonight.

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Indiana stand-out Eric Gordon believes drug use caused a rift between coaches, according to a story posted on The Indianapolis Star's Web site Wednesday night. Gordon declined to identify which players allegedly used drugs, but said D.J. White and two others still on the team were among those who did not.

It was the guys that were doing drugs that were separate. Gordon told the newspaper. Gordon, who left after his freshman season and now starts for the Los Angeles Clippers, said some players' drug use led to friction on the team. Gordon said he spent time with a family friend in Bloomington because of the atmosphere surrounding some players.

CSI booster club holds sale TWIN FALLS — Golden Edge Booster Club clothing store will be open for holiday shopping from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, upstairs in CSI Gymnasium with the concession stand.

# Colts, Jaguars go separate ways after slow start to season

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Indianapolis and Jacksonville both started the season 3-4, falling well short of expectations but not quite reaching panic mode.

"After all, there was plenty of time to turn things around. Only one of them did, though."

The Colts stuck together, rallied around their leaders and focused on fixing their problems. The Jaguars benched their defensive leader, shuffled lockers around, quietly questioned fingers and pined team chemistry.

Any doubt that team got better in the postseason picture? Indianapolis (10-4) has won seven in a row since the rough start and can clinch a playoff spot Thursday night against Jacksonville (5-9).

"We've been through a lot together, and we rely on those past experiences," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "Because we've won so many games, we realize that what you did last week doesn't really have any bearing on what's going to happen next week, so we try to keep all that in perspective."



Colts at Jaguars

By P.J., NFL Network

"At 3-4, we knew what the problems were. A lot of it was ours and our execution, and that's what we focused on more so than pointing the finger at someone or turning out who's to blame," Dungy said. Indianapolis' turnaround had a lot to do with the Colts close games. The Colts

opened their current streak by winning five consecutive games by six points or less.

"They didn't start off great, but then they got on a little bit of a wave, a little bit of a roll," Jaguars quarterback David Garrard said.

The Jaguars, meanwhile, never really got going. They had numerous injuries along the offensive line, struggled early to get comfortable in defensive coordinator Gregg Williams' blitz-heavy scheme and went 3-5 in games decided by less than a touchdown. The team was out of sync off the field, too.

Coach Jack Del Rio sent linebacker Mike Peterson home twice for insubordination in early November, fined him \$10,000, benched him for a game and then relegated him to playing mostly on special teams.

Del Rio also broke up the linebacker corps by moving the lockers of Daryl Smith and Justin Durant away from Peterson's stall and openly questioned team chemistry. Running back Fred Taylor, now on the injured reserve, called this the worst "team" he's ever been in in his 11-year career. The Jaguars snapped a four-

game losing streak last week against Green Bay, but the victory brought even more questions when seldom-used receiver Dennis Northcutt stepped into a starting role for the first time all season and did something Matt Jones, Jerry Berry and Reggie Williams had failed to do in the previous 13 games — catch a pass longer than 35 yards.

Northcutt was in the lineup because Jones was suspended the final three games for violating the league's substance-abuse policy and Porter was sidelined with a groin injury.

## App. St. QB Edwards adds All-American to impressive resume

### Montana gets two first-teamers

NEW YORK — Armani Edwards can add All-American to a list of accomplishments that already includes two national championships and one of the greatest upsets in college football history.

The Appalachian State quarterback, along with fellow Walter Payton Award finalist Ilerio Donaldson of Western Illinois, headline the AP's FCS All-American Team released Wednesday.

Edwards, a junior from Greenwood S.C., had his best passing season yet, throwing for 2,902 yards and 30 touchdowns despite missing a game with a hip injury and playing the final three games with a knee injury that might need surgery.

And Edwards can still run it. He had 941 yards on the ground. Donaldson leads the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) with 162 yards rushing per game.

The Payton Award, which goes to the nation's best FCS player, will be handed out Wednesday night in Chattanooga, Tenn. The other finalist is James Madison quarterback Rodney Landers, who was a second-team All-American selection.

Montana, which plays Richmond for the national championship in Chattanooga on Friday night, had two first-teamers: offensive lineman Colin Dowson and safety Colton Cochran.

NEW USU COACH HIRES 2 MORE ASSISTANTS  
LOGAN, Utah — New Utah

State football coach Gary Andersen hired former Navajo defensive coordinator Dave Baldwin to run the Aggie offense.

Andersen also hired Ilasa Tulaki (E-Iye-sah TOO-ee-ah-kee) as his new running backs coach. Tulaki was a graduate assistant at Utah, where Andersen was defensive coordinator until he was hired by Utah State on Dec. 4.

Tulaki also played for Andersen when he coached Southern Utah in 2003. Baldwin was at New Mexico the last two years and spent four years as Michigan State's offensive coordinator before that. He has also been a head coach at San Jose State and Cal State Northridge.

OKLA. — Oklahoma defensive tackle DeMarcus Granger and will not play in the BCS National Championship game in Florida.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops made the announcement Wednesday, a day after saying starting running back DeMarco Murray also will miss the Jan. 8 title game against Florida.

Murray is out with an hamstring injury and is also scheduled for surgery. A backup, Granger played in 11 games during the season and recorded 20 sacks and two fumble recoveries.

Granger did not play in the Big 12 Championship game against Missouri because of back problems. The surgery was performed Wednesday and OU trainer Scott Anderson says Granger "likely" will miss spring practice while recovering.

— The Associated Press

## Wild cards at stake in Dallas

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

The Dallas Cowboys hope for the relationships (or lack thereof) among the various parts of their offense, notably Tony Romo, Terrell Owens and now Jason Witten.

But it's their defense that's been keeping them alive for a playoff spot.

Which means it's likely to be another physical battle when the Cowboys play their final game at Texas Stadium on Saturday night against Baltimore, a team known for operating with a better offense than usual this season.

Both teams enter the game 9-5 and in the thick of the wild-card races in their conferences.

Neither can win their divisions, although Dallas beat the AFC East champion Giants 20-8 last Sunday night, sending Eli Manning over the goal line on his winning TD catch in Baltimore. The Cowboys are favored by five points, but that could change. The Giants' game was also a physical contest for Dallas and Tony Romo, battered by New York's defense, is sore and questionable.

"He is going to try to play," coach Wade Phillips says, which almost certainly means that Romo will be there, perhaps for another battering by the Ravens.

This probably won't be quite as low scoring as the Steelers-Ravens game, which was 9-6 until the Steelers scored in the final minute.

But "don't expect a shootout."

COWBOYS, 16-13

Pittsburgh (plus 1) at Tennessee  
For home-field advantage in the AFC. Can the Titans UK in the pass rush off Kerry Collins?  
STEELERS, 13-10

Carolina (plus 2) at New York Giants  
For home-field advantage in the NFC. The Panthers are notably weaker on the road.  
GIANTS, 19-17

Arizona (plus 8) at New England  
Every week, the Cardinals demonstrate how lucky division is to play in a weak division.  
PATRIOTS, 31-20

Atlanta (plus 3 1/2) at Minnesota  
The Falcons upset the Vikings in the Metdome in the 1998 NFC title game. Again?  
VIKINGS, 24-20



Dallas Cowboys linebacker DeMarcus Ware (94) sacks San Francisco quarterback Shaun Hill (13) for a fourth loss in the second quarter in Irving, Texas, on Nov. 23. There are at least 19 reasons why the Dallas Ravens' offensive line has caused concern heading into Saturday night's pivotal game at the Dallas Cowboys. The number reflects Cowboys Pro Bowl linebacker DeMarcus Ware's sacks total this year, the most in the NFL since Michael Strahan established the record with 22 1/2 seven years ago.

- San Francisco (minus 6 1/2) at Indianapolis (Thursday night)  
The Colts have won seven straight, but even Detroit caused them problems.  
COLTS, 27-21
- Green Bay (plus 4) at Chicago (Monday night)  
Maybe the Packers will find a way to get inspired for their traditional rival. But the Bears have too much at stake.  
BEARS, 24-16
- Philadelphia (minus 5) at Washington  
It was on Oct. 5, but it seems like centuries ago that the Redskins won in Philly.  
EAGLES, 30-10
- New Orleans (minus 6 1/2) at Detroit  
The Lions have been coming close so it's tempting to suggest ... Let's go with it.  
LIONS, 45-44
- Buffalo (plus 7) at Denver  
The Broncos SHOULD finally clinch the West this week, shouldn't they?  
BRONCOS, 28-20
- San Diego (plus 3) at Tampa Bay  
The Chargers SHOULD finally lose the West this week, shouldn't they?  
BUCS, 25-17
- San Francisco (minus 6 1/2) at St. Louis  
The 49ers are quietly going from bad to mediocre.  
49ERS, 27-10
- New York Jets (minus 4 1/2) at Seattle  
The Jets are 0-3 on the West Coast (San Diego, Oakland, San Francisco) and are owed a loss after Lucking out last week. Mike Holmgren's last home game in Seattle.
- SEA HAWKS 20-19
- Miami (minus 4) at Kansas City  
Will the Chiefs try to win one for the departed Carl Peterson? No, but they might relax because ... Never mind.  
DOLPHINS, 23-20
- Houston (minus 7) at Oakland  
Most years, once the Texans are eliminated from contention, they start winning.  
TEXANS, 24-15
- Cincinnati (plus 3) at Cleveland  
Ryan Fitzpatrick over Ken Dorsey.  
BENGALS, 20-19

LAST WEEK: 6-8-2 (spread); 11:5 (straight up)  
SEASON: 109-109:6 (spread); 140-83-1 (straight up)

## GBW

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a turning point for Minico's season, instead the Spartans turned around and lost to Pocatello, a team that hadn't won a game in the state but they could also lose to anybody in the state. Minico is a team with talent at every position, but is also a team that can't never be big on up.

We've never been big on sportswriters making predic-

tions. After all, what makes us the experts? Just because we carry a notepad and pen? That said, I have a feeling that Minico vs. Burley on Jan. 27 at Burley High School will be the biggest game of the GBW regular season. Mark your calendars.

After that, it's on to the district tournament, where anything can happen on any given night as teams vie for a spot in the Class 4A state tournament.

Who needs reality TV with that kind of drama?

By: Doug Howe may be reached at 208-677-8786 or howe@magicalvalley.com.

## Pair

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remembers the first team meeting the 43-year-old first-time head coach freshly in from San Francisco had with those Packers. Holmgren told half the players he'd soon run them out of town.

"He scared not only me, but he scared our team," Favre said.

ness, Holmgren molded the belief to authority and the former option quarterback from Southern Mississippi into the NFL's only three-time MVP and a Super Bowl champion.

Now, they are great friends. They date on each other's families and have six daughters between them. And they keep intersecting at the supposed ends to their careers.

— I truly believe that I would not be sitting here talking to you guys today, still playing professional football — had it not been for that guy, the 39-year-old, Favre said, admiringly.

The NFL's leader among active coaches with 173 victories, 10th all-time, though Favre was retired after four of those different, heartfelt talks with him, including that one on the Seahawks' jet on New Year's night of 2006.

So is he doing after this one season in New York?

"I've given up predicting that one," Holmgren said. "I thought I had that nailed down a couple years ago, and it didn't happen."

Through 17 years, 12 post-seasons, three Super Bowls and one league championship, Holmgren has been a constant confidant for Favre. Through the struggles of a young NFL quarterback on a mediocre team.

When the budding of egos through Favre thought he knew better. Through Favre's addition to prescription painkillers in the mid-1990s, and Holmgren deserting him for a bigger role and paycheck as coach and general manager in Seattle a day after the 1998 season ended.

"He just was one of the more enjoyable guys I've ever coached," Holmgren said. "He has a wonderful personality. He's funny, a

great leader.

"Yes, Holmgren facing Favre for perhaps the final time is fitting. As fitting as the rare, Lambeau-like snow expected on Sunday in Seattle. "That's awesome!" Favre said of the forecast.



JEROME COUNTY ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following taxing districts will be conducting candidate elections in Jerome County during calendar year 2009.

Table with columns: TAXING DISTRICT, ELECTION DATE, CANDIDACY FILING DATE DEADLINE. Includes Jerome Highway District, West End Fire Protection District, Jerome Rural Fire District, Hillside Highway, Hazleton Cemetery District.

Declaration of Candidacy forms are available at the respective taxing district offices. Some districts have provisions allowing them NOT to hold an election if only one candidate has filed for any position.

PUBLISH: December 18, 2008

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE BUDGET The Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, pursuant to Idaho Code §1-1808, find a letter and need to amend the County FY09 budget to reflect the receipt and expenditure of unaccounted revenue.

PUBLISH: December 18, 2008

ADVERTISMENT FOR RFO PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR ELWELM ELEMENTARY

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Casela, Jerome and Lincoln Counties in Lincoln County, Idaho, hereby announces that quotes will be received for Play Ground Equipment for New Heyburn and Acquia Elementary, on or after December 22, 2008.

PUBLISH: December 18, 17 and 19, 2008

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That declarations of candidacy for the office of Board Member of the Jerome County District Court must be filed with district clerk whose address is Cassia County Clerk's office in the Casia County Courthouse no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 29th day of December, 2008.

PUBLISH: December 18, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA

Case No. CV-2008-951 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of: ELSBIE BETTY ANN JAMSON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brenda Brando and Heidi Smith have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

PUBLISH: Dec 18, 25, 2008 and Jan 1, 2009

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2008-945 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of: HELMUT W. SCHEFFNER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Helmut W. Scheffner, deceased. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

PUBLISH: December 11, 18 and 25, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2008-001242 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of: GOROTHY LYNN FERREL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NACMI R. MCGINNIS and GALE L. FERREL have been appointed co-personal representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

PUBLISH: December 11, 18 and 25, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED CONFINEMENT OPERATION IN THE JEROME COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE JEROME COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, December 22, 2008, at 7:15 p.m. in the Jerome County District Court Room, located at 300 North Lincoln, Room 306, Jerome, Idaho, for the request of BARI Call Ranch to expand their CAFO Permit from 475 to 7074 animal units.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASIA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2007-1085 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of: RONALD R. FARRAN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

PUBLISH: December 4, 11 and 18, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASIA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2008-1294 NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL ESTATE OF JOSEPH DALE DUFFEE, aka Joe Duffee and John Duffee, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Linda F. Durfee has filed a Petition for a decree determining that she was the sole beneficiary of the decedent. Her filing has been set upon for the 18th day of January, 2009, at 8:30 o'clock A.M. at the courtroom of the above-entitled court in Burley, County of Cassia, State of Idaho.

PUBLISH: December 11, 18 and 25, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2008-920 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estates of: WILLIAM GILBERT HELLEWELL and JANE WYRTLE HELLEWELL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dan Ray Hellewell has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedents. All persons having claims against the decedents or their estates are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

PUBLISH: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11 and 18, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2008-949 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Interest of the Estate of: VERA L. ESTATE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

PUBLISH: December 11, 18 and 25, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2007-000531 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING In the Matter of the Estate of: MARIAN PETERSEN d.o.b. 8/18/07 A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Dependent Health and Welfare of the decedent. The hearing will be held on February 12, 2009 at 9:30 AM in the Magistrate Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

REGULAR SESSION, JULY 14, 2008

This is a summary of the minutes of the July 14, 2008 Gooding County Board of County Commissioners meeting. Minutes in their entirety are on file in the office of the Gooding County Clerk.

CLAIMS DISTRICT COURT

Table with columns: Commissioner Williams moved to approve the claims. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PROTECTIVE HOLDS

John Horgan, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, presented a draft of Affidavit of Grave Disability or Imminent Danger to the Board.

PLANNING AND ZONING

John Horgan, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, discussed a letter received from M. Lothrop regarding Dick Walter's building permit issue.

INDIGENT

Commissioner Williams moved to go into an executive session pursuant to IC§31-874 to consider indigent matters.

MINUTES

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes from June 9, June 23 and July 7, 2008. Commissioner Faulkner seconded motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Edwards moved to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Faulkner seconded motion. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Steve Thompson joined the meeting at the Board's request to review the proposed changes to CAFO siting team criteria. The changes would make it more difficult for the applicant to mitigate on a high rating.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

Joe James joined the meeting to discuss the FY09 Public Defender contract. The group decided that for FY09 contracted amount will be \$175,000.00 with the option of \$185,000.00 for FY10.

WOOD RIVER NARROWS SUBDIVISION

John Horgan, Deputy Prosecutor, Richard Biglow, Building Inspector, Dean Sabala, Gooding Highway District Foreman, Rick Bauman, contractor, David Siman, property owner and his attorney Joe James joined the meeting to discuss the Wood River Narrows Subdivision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Faulkner moved to go into executive session pending legal matters pursuant to IC§7-2345(f).

INDIGENT

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DISTRICT COURT

Judge Wood, Judge Robinson and Linda Wright, Trial Court Administrator joined the meeting to discuss the FY09 budget request for District Court.

RESOLUTION 08-07-28

Commissioner Faulkner moved to adopt resolution 08-07-28. Commissioner Edwards seconded motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE IDAHO ENHANCED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT FEE

This is a summary of resolution 08-77-28. Resolutions in their entirety are on file in the office of the Gooding County Clerk.

MID-SNAKE RIVER

Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Edwards moved to cast an affirmative ballot for the reappointment for all the Board members to Middle Snake River Water Resource Commission.

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Legal notices banner at the top of the page.

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On said day 2009 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the front door of the First American Title Company, 260 3rd Ave. N., Twin Falls, Idaho.

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The Times-News
P.O. Box 648
Twin Falls, Idaho 83403-0548

TO THE DEFENDANT(S):
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a claim has been filed against you. The Plaintiff(s) who filed the claim, the court with which the claim is filed, and the case number assigned to your case are listed below.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Child Protective Act.

By Virtue of a Writ of Attachment in my hand, issued out of the Fifth District, in and for the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, wherein the plaintiff obtained judgment, and Decree of Foreclosure against the defendants.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the deed of trust executed by DAVID P. JOHNSON and JADEE JOHNSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE as TRUSTEES TO TWIN FALLS TITLE as original Trustee, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) as beneficiary solely as nominee for FIRST FRANKLIN, A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK, on that certain Deed of Trust.

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND IF YOU WANT TO CONTEST THE CLAIM, you must file an answer with the court within 20 days of the date you were notified of the claim.

You are notified that service of the attached Petition upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of these children confers personal jurisdiction of the court upon you and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act. You are notified that if you fail to appear without reasonable cause, the Court may proceed in your absence or you may be proceeded against for contempt of Court.

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T.S. No. ID-15242-C Loan No. C06810299
A.P.N.: RPT000101608A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIREY AMERICAN TITLE ASSOCIATION COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 2/23/2009 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), At the entrance to the First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in full payment of the above referenced Deed of Trust 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 13 & 14 of Plat 7, R21, in the Office of the County Recorder of IDAHO, PLATS, PAGE 7, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

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Grid for the 'su do ku' puzzle with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

EASY # 96

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV-08-3282 SUMMONS AND GAST, INC., d/b/a SERVICE-MASTER OF MAGIC VALLEY, an Idaho Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. MARY ANN JONES and JOHN DOES 1-10, Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE NOTICE AND ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT.

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NOTICE OF BID Notice is hereby given that the Twin Falls School District #111, Twin Falls, Idaho will receive sealed bids for Football uniforms and accessories for Canyon Ridge High School until 1:00 P.M., December 30, 2008 at the School Administration Building, 201 Main Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

PUBLISH: December 11, 2008 December 18, 2008 December 30, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS ORDER SETTING HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF IMPANELING A STANDING GRAND JURY IN THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, STATE OF IDAHO.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP PETITION AND HEARINGS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Dec 31, 2008 Jenice Flores filed a Petition asking to be appointed guardian of the property of the position is on file with the Clerk of the court at 425 Shoshone St, 736-4000 and may be reviewed upon request.

DATE: Dec 1, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BINGHAM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Section 1: Adds definitions to TFCO §10-2.1. Section 2: Amends the definition of "sign".

Section 3: Repeals Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Twin Falls City Code.

Section 4: Enacts a new Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Twin Falls City Code.

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