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'Deep Throat' dies at 95

Locals, friends remember Twin Falls native Mark Felt

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

W. Mark Felt, the Twin Falls native who revealed himself in 2005 as the source behind the Washington Post's Watergate stories, has died. He was 95.

Felt, who at one point was the No. 2 man at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, died Thursday at his home in Santa Rosa, Calif., under hospice care after suffering from congestive

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heart failure for several months, according to the Associated Press.

John D. O'Connor, a family friend who wrote the Vanity Fair article disclosing Felt's secret, told the *Times-News* onPlease see **FELT**, Page A2

In this Jan. 20, 1958, picture, Salt Lake FBI chief Mark Felt shows off his pistol skills. Breaking a silence of 30 years, Felt, a Twin Falls native, stepped forward in March 2005 as 'Deep Throat.'

AP photo



MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News
Cameron Watts, left, was sentenced to 20 years to life for the 2007 murder of 18-year-old Dale Miller.

Watts gets 20 years to life for murder

Man one of two charged with 2007 Dale Miller murder

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Cameron Watts was sentenced Friday to at least 20 years in prison for killing 18-year-old Dale Miller last year in a murder authorities say was motivated by a modest drug debt.

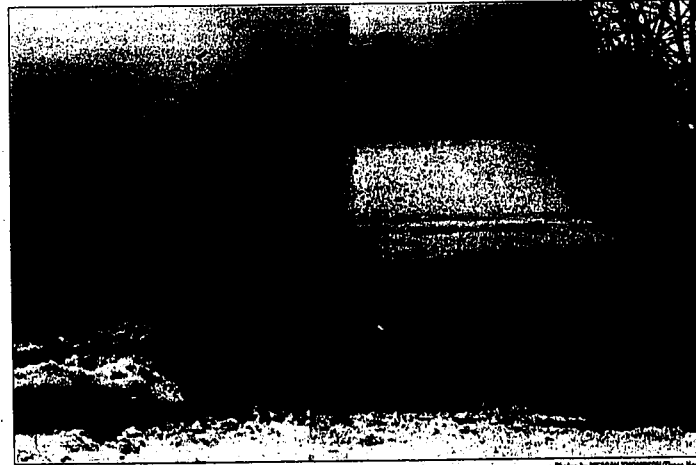
Twin Falls police found Miller's body stuffed inside a metal barrel on Sept. 12, 2007, in a garage attached to an apartment at 322 Morningside Drive.

Miller owed about \$250 to \$300 to Watts and another man charged with the murder, John McElhiney, said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs.

"Nobody deserves to lose their life for such a trivial amount of money," Loebs said. "What a pathetic excuse to take somebody's life because they owe you a

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Vacant home burns



Photos by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Twin Falls Fire Department Capt. Scott Widoer and firefighter T.J. Prescott unloaded debris from the bed of a pickup truck that was parked next to the home on the 500 block of Fourth Avenue East that was engulfed in flames Friday morning in Twin Falls.

Authorities investigating cause of house fire

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A vacant home in Twin Falls burst into flames Friday morning in a snowy residential neighborhood, leaving fire and police authorities unsure of its cause.

The home along the 500 block of Fourth Avenue East spewed flames and smoke high into the overcast skies above town for about 40 minutes at around 11 a.m.

Twin Falls Police and Fire Department authorities said Friday they're trying to figure out where the blaze started, what caused it, and who owns the property.

The older home was recently moved to Fourth Avenue from another location along Kimberly Road, and had electrical power on the exterior but not on the interior of the residence, said Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Terry Thueson.

Authorities weren't clear Friday on the exact address of the home, but it sits between homes at 505 and 517 Fourth



Firefighter Andy Stephenson helps haul the hose as other firefighters are engaged in smoke from a house fire on the 500 block of Fourth Avenue East in Twin Falls.

Ave. A truck near the home was also damaged, authorities said.

The fire burned quickly because there wasn't much sheet rock to slow it down, said Twin Falls Fire Department Battalion Chief Dick Capps.

But neighbors are already guessing about how it may have started.

Lurinda Arnold, who lives a few houses down from the fire scene, said she thinks a homeless person may have gone into the home and set a fire to stay warm.

"You could definitely get in it," she said. The house has been empty for about six to seven months, and it's been under construction, she said.

Neighbors and police said they didn't know who owned the property.

Thueson said police would investigate Arnold's theory.

"That's always a possibility," he said, noting police have found homeless people in vacant homes, lighting fires to stay warm. "We will investigate her claim."



WATCH: Video of Cameron Watts' sentencing for the murder of Dale Miller.

N. Idaho, Washington clean up after record storm

The Associated Press

BOISE — Road crews and residents in northern Idaho are in full cleanup mode after a winter storm buried parts of the region with record snowfall.

But Friday's respite may be short lived as meteorologists predict another round of cold temperatures and heavy snow to hit the region this weekend.

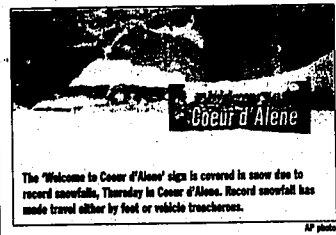
The National Weather Service says Thursday's storm left 27 inches of snow in Coeur d'Alene, breaking a record for 24-hour accumu-

lation set in 1955 when 16 inches fell.

Officials say the storm dumped 30 inches in Athol, while Moscow recorded 14 inches.

The storm prompted school administrators to cancel classes in Coeur d'Alene Friday, and nonessential Kootenai County offices were also closed.

Forecasters say a second storm predicted to hit the region late Saturday and Sunday could leave more

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The 'Welcome to Coeur d'Alene' sign is covered in snow due to record snowfalls, Thursday in Coeur d'Alene. Record snowfall has made travel either by foot or vehicle treacherous.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Classical Christmas" piano concert, with detailed commentary by Boise State University piano professor Del Parkinson, 2 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, 878-7708.

Wine tastings, local distributors offer three to five different wines to try, 3 to 6 p.m., Sun Valley Inn Continental Room, Sun Valley, (208) 622-2026.

Holiday Cabaret: "As Time Goes By" featuring Trisha Baker, Melodie Taylor-Mauldin, Brandon Ellison and Craig Williams, accompanied by a four-member jazz combo, 6:30 p.m. doors open, 7:15 p.m. dinner, and 8:30 p.m. show, Lodge Dining Room, Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley, \$89 for balcony and frontstage tables, and \$79 for all other tables, 622-2043.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Christian Men's Fellowship and (optional) no-host breakfast, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Depot Grill, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5501.

EXHIBITS

Russ Hepworth's "Retrospective" art show, 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Magic Valley Model Railroaders group, public is invited to bring and run their trains, (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., Model Rail Road Building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, 404-2151.

8th Evening of Racehorse Pinocle, with prizes for first, second and third highest scores, 7 p.m., Ageless Senior Center, 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, \$1. (bring your own treats; coffee provided), 423-4338.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Here Comes the Sun" at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; and **"The Christmas Star"** at 7 a.m., Herrett Center, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, no cost for children under age 2 and a special price package for families with five children or less; and **Rock Entertainment Show: "Steamrolling through the Holidays"** at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4.50, 732-6655.

SEASONAL EVENTS

Santa's annual Christmas visit to Paul, Santa arrives on a fire truck, escorted by West End Fire Department, handing out candy, 1 p.m., Pauli, 431-8209.

Community Church of the Brethren live Nativity presentation, with hot chocolate, old timer and singing for young and old, 5, 6 and 7 p.m., Community Church of the Brethren, 461 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls, 733-3789.

Tree Lighting/Luminary Festival, includes carolers, leathers, ice and snow sculptures, Santa Claus and free hot chocolate and cookies, 5 p.m., tree lighting, 6 p.m., Sun Valley Village, Sun Valley, (208) 622-2167.

Annual Christmas party, includes dinner, special ceremony of live nativity scene and visit from Santa Claus, 7 p.m., Magic Valley Portuguese Hall, 625 E. Ave. F, Wendell, bring favorite dessert to share for dessert potluck, 324-2474 or 539-0739.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicalvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.



Musical version of "A Christmas Carol" presented by Laughing Stock Theatre, 7 p.m., neoStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, (208) 726-4857.

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" presented by Company of Fools, 8 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$10 for children (ages 18 and younger), (208) 578-9122.

Holiday Party with the High Street Jazz Band, dance to big-band sound, 9 p.m., Limestone Ballroom, Sun Valley Inn, Sun Valley, \$10 at the door, (208) 622-2167.

BAZAARS AND FAIRS

Grandy's and Juniper Street Farmhouse Christmas Craft Show, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Snake River Sprinklers Garden Center, 201386 U.S. Highway 30, (1.75 miles east of Buhl on Highway 30), laytndianne@hotmail.com.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m. to noon, Amazing Grace Church Fellowship Hall, 1061 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, Relay for Life fundraiser for American Cancer Society, \$3 for breakfast; pictures with Santa for donation, (208) 320-2705.

Pet photo op with Santa, fundraiser for Sheena Foundation for homeless dogs and cats, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., PetSmart, 1505 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 732-6110.

Watts

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couple hundred dollars," McElhinney roughed up Miller in a bedroom at the MorningSide Drive apartment, Loebs said.

After the beating, the men tied Miller up with a sheet, put him in the trunk of his car, and then burglarized his home. Miller escaped from the trunk and untied himself while the men were gone. Upon returning, McElhinney tied him up again and put him back in the trunk, Loebs said.

Loebs didn't elaborate further on the kidnapping, citing the pending case against McElhinney.

A forensic expert couldn't determine if Miller was dead when put in the bar-

rel. But Loebs contends Miller died in the trunk. McElhinney and Watts bought the barrel and stopped for a bite to eat.

Police found the body four days later, Loebs says.

Watts said he didn't want Miller to die, and even took pity on him by trying to tie him up looser.

But Judge G. Richard Bevan said Watts' actions were utterly repugnant.

He said the killing stemmed from the espooil abuse of methamphetamine.

McElhinney, 32, is trying to take back his guilty plea. Two women are also fighting charges in connection to the murder.

Bechli Worley, 31, once romantically liked to Watts, is accused of firing a false

alibi for him.

Rachel Madrid, 27, dated McElhinney, authorities have said. She's charged with burglarizing Miller's house.

Miller's father, Monty, said money and prison sentences won't make up for his son's sadistic murder.

"There's no even trade for Dale's life," he said.

Watts apologized to a courtroom full of relatives on Friday.

He said he can relate to their sorrow, because he's also lost a son.

"You only learn to live with the loss," he said. "I pray everyday God will comfort both families and bless them."

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Snow

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snowfall in the double digit range.

Light snow continued to fall in Spokane on Friday, where residents were still digging out from a recent storm that dropped 2 feet of snow on the city Wednesday and Thursday.

Schools, government agencies and many businesses remained closed throughout much of the state. But nearly all highways were open.

Skies were sunny Friday over much of the Puget Sound region, pummeled the day before by heavy snow. Still, police in Seattle and many other communities told motorists to stay home if possible because of icy streets.

Two charter buses crashed Friday on a Seattle street and one went to interstate 5 in downtown Seattle, leaving it with its front wheels dangling above the freeway.

Seattle Fire Department spokeswoman Helen Fitzpatrick said 11 young adults were taken to Harborview Medical Center with minor injuries. They were among about 75 people on the buses, which passengers said were carrying Job Corps workers home to Moses Lake on a holiday break.

The region's weather was expected to turn dramatically worse over the weekend.

The National Weather Service posted a blizzard warning for the Cascades and west slopes of the northern and central Cascades for Saturday afternoon, and a winter storm warning for



Cabe Maynard, 6, of Coeur d'Alene plays in a huge pile of snow in his front yard Thursday while his dad, Darrin, shovels the sidewalk in the background. Area schools were closed due to record snowfall.

much of the west side of the state. The Cascade foothills east of Seattle are due for sustained winds of 50 to 70 mph, with peak gusts up to 90 mph, the service said.

Seattle and other central Puget Sound cities could receive 8 inches of snow, with up to 1 1/2 feet in parts of southwestern Washington.

"This is the calm before the storms," Andy Haner, a weather service meteorologist in Seattle, said Friday. "It's going to be wicked and dangerous in the Cascades, especially North Bend, Maple Valley, Black Diamond and Enumclaw."

"It's going to be major," Haner said. "It will be blowing down trees, knocking out power lines, causing major disruptions."

For Spokane, it's "Snow, snow, more snow, snow," said John Livingston of the weather service. An additional 4 to 6

5, 6 and 7 p.m. at 461 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

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

AP photo

inches of snow was predicted this weekend, along with frigid temperatures, with another snowstorm possible for Christmas Eve.

Spokane temperatures were in the single digits Friday, while temperatures were below freezing throughout the state.

Flights were arriving and departing from Spokane International Airport on Friday, although travelers often were experiencing lengthy delays. Airlines are warning to home stranded passengers on flights that were already full of holiday travelers.

Spokesman Todd Woodard said about 75 people spent Thursday night in the airport, but many flights were canceled.

A total of 23.6 inches of snow fell on Spokane in the 36 hours that ended Thursday afternoon.

Felt

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Friday that the former FBI man's health hadn't been great for about half a year.

Family and friends thought he was about to pass on a couple of months ago, O'Connor said. And though Felt recovered then, it became apparent that he was getting tired.

"It was just about time for him to go," O'Connor said. "He was really just winding down."

That said, even in his last days, Felt still apparently enjoyed life, whether it was a visit from his grandchildren or a recent reunion with Post writers Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein where Felt met the latter for the first time.

"He was always funny about things," O'Connor said. "He was a strong guy to the end in all ways."

Recalling his friend — the two co-wrote Felt's memoirs after the reveal — O'Connor painted a picture of a man who was a mix of discipline and a carefree, and who credited his formative years in Idaho as preparing him for his eventual career.

Felt graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1931 and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho in 1935. He married his wife, Audrey, from Gooding, in 1938, and joined the FBI in 1942.

Thirty years later, he responded to what he saw as attempts from the White House and his own organiza-

tion to stunt an investigation of the Watergate office building break-in by leaking information to Post reporter Bob Woodward. He insisted that he remain anonymous, receiving the moniker "Deep Throat" from Post editors, and his tips helped lead to President Richard Nixon's resignation in 1974.

Richard High, editor of the Times-News during Watergate, said many Twin Falls residents were aware at some level that one of their high-school graduates was then No. 2 at the FBI. Occasionally, his reporters would call Felt to confirm stories relevant to Idaho.

"We covered him from time to time," High said.

The Times-News regularly ran the Washington Post pieces as prominently as it could, so some High said most papers didn't do. The paper did ask Felt at one time if he was Deep Throat and received a strong denial in response.

"That's a real end of an era," High said of Felt's death. Watergate, he said, marked the golden age of journalism. "In some ways, it really began with that story."

Retired Dr. Henry Robinson, Felt's nephew who lives in Gooding, hadn't heard the news yet on Friday morning. But he said it wasn't a shock, as Felt's health hadn't been the best recently. The relatives kept in touch through occasional e-mails.

He said that sometimes brought up Felt's memoir but

mostly were just two family members chatting.

He said Felt was quite highly regarded around Twin Falls by those who remembered him — in fact, several of Robinson's bridge partners had asked how the retired FBI man was on Sunday.

"There are not too many living that went to school in that era," Robinson said, talking about Felt's time at the University of Idaho.

Felt felt the FBI in 1973 for the lecture circuit. Five years later he was indicted on charges of authorizing FBI break-ins at homes associated with suspected bombers from the 1960s radical group the Weather Underground.

President Ronald Reagan pardoned Felt in 1981 while the case was on appeal — a move applauded by Nixon.

He is survived by two children, Joan Felt and Mark Felt Jr., and four grandchildren. His wife died in 1984.

O'Connor told stories Friday of a young Felt climbing up the side of the Perrine bridge and getting up early to feed and care for a horse his parents used to teach him responsibility. Felt's 2005 revelation left him a "very happy and integrated man," he said, who remembered through-out his life.

"He always thought of himself as an Idaho guy, with Idaho values."

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Cameron Watts was sentenced for the murder of Dale Miller. See a video report on that sentencing.

And Santa visited the Mindkoda Senior Center. Check out the scene.

School closures

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Blaine schools use new alert system

Blaine County School District used its new text message and e-mail alert system to inform district parents of Friday's school closure.

District officials sent out messages at 5:40 and 5:51 a.m. to more than 630 people who signed up to receive messages from the district's Txtwire Mobile Alert System. The system is intended to keep parents and area residents informed of school-related events and emergencies.

The system does not replace past methods of communication from the district, but is intended to allow additional communication at a quicker pace.

Those who wish to subscribe can visit the district's Web site, www.blaine.k12.idaho.edu. Information: 578-5000.

Weather closes road to Shoshone Falls

Due to treacherous road conditions from inelement weather, the city of Twin Falls has closed the road to Shoshone Falls. Dierkes Lake has also been closed, and will remain so until further notice.

Sun Valley donates pumper to Carey

Carey will be getting a Christmas present from its neighbor to the north this year.

After declaring a 1982 LaFrance pumper as surplus, the Sun Valley City Council voted Thursday to transfer the firefighting equipment to the Carey Rural Fire Protection District. Sun Valley recently got another fire truck, and there's no longer room in its garage for the older pumper.

At the meeting, Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich announced that Carey will be getting even more than they asked for — after

removing the Sun Valley seal from the pumper, the city opted to surprise Carey by painting on the fire district's logo.

"We're going to look very cool from a fire perspective," Willich said, noting that he and others were planning to drive the pumper down to Carey on Saturday.

The pumper replaces a 1955 LaFrance pumper. Fire representatives drove to a fire truck museum in Salt Lake City last week. It features compressed air foam, which can be used to extend water in rural areas where there are no hydrants, potentially making a difference when a rural home ignites. The only other compressed foam unit in the district is used for brush fires rather than residential fires. The fire district has a total of 10 firefighting vehicles.

"It's going to mean a lot to us," said Dennis Paterson, Carey fire chief. "I'm very happy the City of Sun Valley is thinking about the smaller communities in the county and being so generous with sharing."

Sun Valley adopts first code of ethics

It's not that they haven't been ethical before, said Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich at a Thursday meeting of the city council. It's just that those ethics haven't been codified.

"This is important to the city, even though it's been lacking," said Council President Nils Ribl.

The council on Thursday adopted its first code of ethics, which can be viewed on the city's Web site at www.sunvalley.gov/office.cfm, under the "packets" section. Just two pages long, it covers issues of impartiality, dedication to public service and state law, among others.

"I want to look really squeaky clean to the public out there," Willich said.

A&B water hearing wraps up

Judge could rule in spring on water call

By Kate Poppino
Times-News writer

Water attorneys, groundwater users, farmers and irrigators across south-central Idaho are back home now after a hearing regarding water shortages experienced by A&B Irrigation District wrapped up Wednesday in Boise.

The hearing, which ran from Dec. 3 to 17, was requested by the district to challenge a January decision by Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill that A&B's groundwater wells weren't depleted by other pumps. It was the third of three major water-call hearings over the past couple of years.

The Rupert-based district, which irrigates 62,600 acres, made a water delivery call on the pumps in March 2007, alleging in part that the state had failed to follow through on a 1994 promise

to manage the aquifer that both the district and pumpers get their water from.

The hearing, which ended a couple of days earlier than expected, touched on a number of issues. IDWR spokesman Bob McLaughlin said Friday. Testimony from the state, groundwater users, the district and the city of Pocatello touched on whether A&B has a sufficient supply of water, if the district is doing everything it can to get that supply, and whether the 1991 Ground Water Act applied to A&B's 1948 rights — Schroeder ruled in May that it did.

The district has one right that covers nearly 180 points of diversion and isn't tied to any one well, McLaughlin said. In his January decision, Tuthill measured the district's water supply as a whole, while A&B argued that he should have considered

individual wells instead.

Travis Thompson, a Twin Falls attorney representing the district, said always drill deeper to find water just encourage "a race to the bottom of the aquifer." He noted that A&B recently raised its rates \$25 an acre largely to cover the costs of chasing water, and that the district is seeking to recover those expenses as part of the call.

"The fact is, you know, we've got declining groundwater levels and they haven't gone back up," he said, summarizing the district's position.

Lynn Tominaag, executive director of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, said his group argued that the area where A&B has seen a decline is a geologically difficult area to pump from. He said he felt A&B was hampered by a bad job of record-keeping revealed during testimony. But

Thompson said that wasn't an issue.

"A&B's always complied with that," Thompson said of requests for extra data.

Both sides seemed pleased with how the hearing went. Thompson said A&B was able to present all the evidence and witnesses it wanted to, and Tominaag repeated his previous assertion that all the evidence unquestionably supports the pumps.

"I think Schroeder's going to be hard-pressed to make recommendations that are going to be different than what the director said," Tominaag said.

Both sides may now file post-hearing briefs until mid-February. McLaughlin said. Schroeder could issue a recommended order by March or April, and Tuthill will have 56 days after that to complete his final order, unless the parties file for Schroeder to reconsider his recommendation.

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Filer food drive fills 75 baskets for needy

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

Filer residents gathered in the spirit to help their own in the spirit of Christmas.

Dozens of volunteers gathered at Peace Lutheran Church over Dec. 11 to 13, to assist the Filer Ministerial Association with its annual food basket drive and help make Christmas a little brighter for area families.

The number of families in need usually ranges from the high 50s to the low 60s.

But an outpouring of contributions from churches, merchants and civic organizations made it possible

to fill 75 baskets.

"This has been going longer than I've been around here," said Filer Ministerial Association President Rev. Tim Chandler. "It's clear that this year's increase to around 500 people is due to the current economic conditions."

Once the food is received and organized into categories including soups, beans, cereal, potatoes and pasta boxes are labeled with the name and size of a specific family. Volunteers then spent the morning of Dec. 13 filling boxes from lists with preset amounts of food based on each family's

needs. Every box was topped off with a turkey or ham and children's gifts from the Toys for Tots program.

After a box's content was complete it was sent out for delivery. Peace Lutheran parishioners Sandy and Dallas Ulrich provided part of that service and witnessed how the families they visited expressed their appreciation.

"We wanted to be part of this before but something always came up, so this year we decided to do it no matter what, and we're ready to do it again," Sandy Ulrich said. "The families were all

really glad to see us. One woman came out of her house and just kept saying 'Oh, God bless you. God bless you.'"

A newly completed building expansion made it possible for this to be the first time Peace Lutheran's congregation has hosted the food drive.

"It was quite an organized operation and everything went smoothly," Pastor Gary Benz said. "That was a very wonderful example of Christian charity."

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A federal fix?

Medicaid woes may attract federal funding aid

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

There's no question that state funding for Medicaid programs is falling short. A 4 percent have been ordered for this fiscal year, and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, citing troubled economic times, has ordered state agencies to prepare for the potential of a 6 percent increase for fiscal year 2010. That amounts to a cut of 10 percent for the next fiscal year.

It's possible that in the future, more money from the federal government will be coming into Idaho to help the state's financially stretched Medicaid system. President-elect Barack Obama is in discussions for an economic stimulus package that could reach \$850 billion. Most attention concerning the package has been focused on infrastructure projects that could help communities and provide jobs.

But there's also the potential for \$100 billion to help states with their Medicaid costs. Medicaid programs help provide medical care and therapy for poor and disabled people, with the federal government providing funding to match what the state provides.

In Idaho, state funding covers 30 percent for Medicaid programs, with the federal government matching the remaining 70 percent, said Tom Shanahan, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

If the federal government's matching rate increased even slightly from 70 percent, that would save millions in state funding. For example, a 1 percent change would save the state between \$10 million and \$12 million in funding, Shanahan said. "That will help us immensely," he said of the potential increase.

For now, though, Idaho is in the midst of belt-tightening with no immediate relief in sight.

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— Dave Lemmon, spokesman for Families USA

With the Medicaid system, for example, programs were slashed from 30 hours a week for people with development disabilities, to 22 hours a week.

"We try to preserve the program and minimize the impact as much as possible," Shanahan said.

While there are preliminary numbers, the economic stimulus package's details haven't been finalized and proposed yet.

Lindsay Nothern, spokesman for Republican Sen. Mike Crapo of Idaho, said nothing officially has been drawn up for a vote yet aside from the preliminary discussions.

"It's anybody's guess what's in there," he said, adding that Crapo's stance will depend on the bill's size and how it could help the state.

Idaho is not alone in its Medicaid troubles. Across the nation, 19 states have implemented or are considering cuts to Medicaid programs, according to Families USA, a national advocacy organization.

"This funding will really be a shot in the arm to a huge number of states," said Dave Lemmon, spokesman for the organization. "It's the worst possible time to cut health care safety net programs."

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Minidoka Co. seniors meet and greet with Santa

By Lauri Welch
Times-News writer

The Minidoka County Senior Center was filled to the brim Friday with good cheer and merriment as the center hosts its annual Christmas dinner.

Minidoka County Senior Center Director Holly Najera said about 90 seniors attended the smorgasbord dinner and received goodie bags passed out by Santa Claus, while Scott Zimmerman played Christmas carols on the piano.

Bonnie Jacobsen hand made the 155 goodie bags, which were embroidered with a snowman and stuffed to the brim by the center with food items like mashed potatoes, hot cereal and hot cocoa. The remainder of the bags will be sent to seniors who received the center's delivered meals.

Other groups who contributed to the Christmas goodie pile were the Minidoka County employees, who gave the center \$500 from their yearly goodwill fund, and Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue, which made about 50 special bags containing shampoo, socks, talcum powder and other sundries for the recipients of the center's Meals-On-Wheels program.

"The best part of my job is when people bring in these donations," Najera said. "Especially because there is such a great need."

Member Ellen Hastings said she really enjoys coming to the center's party and attends every year.

"I really like to come here for the holiday meal, but they always have good food," Hastings said.

Kelli Gentry, who has played Santa Claus at the sen-

ior center for the past five years, said this year the crowd was "really nice" and the seniors seem to enjoy coming out for the holiday dinner, despite the slick roads.

"It was really a lovely lunch," Irene Moller, senior center member said as she walked out the door. "Everyone is so nice here and I can't believe this bag of goodies."

Lauri Welch may be reached at 208-677-8767.

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Twin Falls' Deep Throat did his hometown proud

CHEERS: To Mark Felt, the Twin Falls-born ex-FBI agent, who did as much as anyone to bring down the Nixon administration in the Watergate scandal. Felt died Thursday at age 95 in his Santa Rosa, Calif., home.

"Deep Throat" to *Washington Post* reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, Felt was associate director of the FBI when White House-linked operatives broke into the Washington, D.C., offices of the Democratic National Committee in the spring of 1972. Felt learned early on about their ties to President Nixon and about the subsequent cover-up, and secretly told Woodward.

Nixon resigned in the summer of 1974 just ahead of

impeachment. Felt revealed his identity as Deep Throat in a *Vanity Fair* article three years ago.

Simply put, he did the right thing even when it went against his disciplined G-man nature. Without the information Felt provided to Woodward, Nixon may have served out his term and the 40 members of his administration convicted of Watergate-related crimes may have gone unpunished.

The son of a Twin Falls carpenter served his nation well. **JEERS:** To the Camas County Commission and to the county's Planning and Zoning Commission for making record-keeping mistakes that could cost taxpayers thousands of dollars.



Fifth District Judge Robert Elgee earlier this month threw out amendments to the county's comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance and zoning map because the county commissioners and the P&Z failed to keep proper records of their deliberations and decisions, making it impossible to tell if several parts of the state public meetings and land-use laws were followed.

Elgee awarded attorney's fees

to builder George Martin, who had sued the county to block the amendments, that could reach more than \$100,000.

Among the boneheaded errors cited by the judge was the fact that the P&Z never gave the county commissioners any sort of written recommendation other than a proposed land-use map, which was promptly lost.

Those are the worst kind of lazy, old-school governing practices rife in many Idaho counties. Even in small, rural communities, public officials have an obligation to get it right.

CHEERS: To The Animal Legal Defense Fund for pointing out that Idaho has animal cruelty laws with loopholes who could drive a truck through.

The California-based animal

protection advocacy group ranked Idaho along with Arkansas, North Dakota, Mississippi and Kentucky as having the weakest animal protection laws in the nation.

Most of the shortcomings in the ALDF rankings are common-sense protections with no impact on agriculture. Idaho has no felony animal cruelty statute, for example, and doesn't require peace officers to enforce animal protection laws.

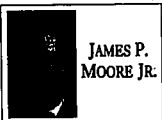
The state doesn't restrict future animal ownership by folks who have been convicted of animal cruelty, and doesn't explicitly ban cockfighting.

Those are common-sense standards any civilized society should enforce. It's past time the Legislature to act.

Five myths about our sputtering economy

For months now, the nation's economic obituary has been splashed across the front pages of nearly every newspaper in the country. Journalists and pundits alike have warned that America's long-running global dominance has come to a screeching halt, eclipsed by growing markets in such places as China and India and frittered away by our own mismanagement, excesses and myopic approach to the future. We're long past due for a reality check. The United States and the incoming Obama administration face formidable challenges, but the country is by no means on its last legs. Here are a few key myths that need to be dispelled.

1. The United States has lost its competitive edge. Not by a long shot. By almost any measure, the United States continues to outperform other countries around the globe in such areas as innovation, technology, higher education, worker training, the ability of the labor force to move from job to job, and more. Just this fall, the Swiss-based World Economic Forum released its latest global competitiveness report, and once again, the United States easily topped the list. The study noted that despite the current financial turmoil, the United States is blessed with



JAMES P. MOORE JR.

strong productivity and can "ride out business-cycle shifts and economic shocks" better than other countries.

2. The United States long ago gave up its global lead in manufacturing to China. Not yet. Yes, U.S. production plummeted this fall, and yes, the domestic auto industry will never return to the output it could manage a decade ago. But even with all this grim news, the United States has held onto its manufacturing lead, particularly in such key sectors as pharmaceuticals and aerospace, in which it produces almost 25 percent of the world's output, according to the World Bank. China produces roughly two-thirds that amount, and the global downturn has badly hurt its manufacturing sector over the past several months.

3. The U.S. economy is about to be eclipsed by China's. Not for some time to come. The World Bank estimates that global GDP last year was more than \$56 trillion dollars. The United States contributed almost \$14 trillion of that amount.



China's total economy amounted to a bit more than \$3 trillion.

Of course, China and other countries such as India and Brazil are growing far faster than the United States, but then again, we were wealthier to begin with. Let's be realistic. The turmoil in the financial markets will reduce U.S. GDP in 2008 and 2009, but China's economy will contract too. No matter how you calculate growth projections, realistically, it will be decades before China is within striking distance of the

United States.

And as for those other budding economies now coming on line, don't expect them to outstrip us any time soon, either. Despite its strong growth rates, Brazil has an economy that's approximately the size of Florida and Illinois' combined. Russia, which spans 11 time zones and has vast natural resources, had an economy that was on a par with that of Texas last year. Even India, a bright spot on the global stage for almost a decade now, still has a GDP that's less than half of

California's. These countries will be formidable indeed at some point, but they still have a long way to go.

4. The United States is no longer the economic engine of world trade. Not true. For three decades now, we have amassed staggering trade deficits, amounting to several trillion dollars, but U.S. consumers have still helped add substantially to the growth of most countries around the world.

When it comes to imports, of course, the United States buys far more products from

overseas than either China or Germany. But in terms of exports, all three countries are closely bunched together, at just over \$1 trillion each. There is simply no country, now or in the immediate future, that can replace the United States' sheer global buying power.

5. The United States is no longer an attractive market for investment. Hardly. Investments here are transparent, well protected and have a long track record of healthy returns. So even with Wall Street reeling, the United States is a compelling place to invest. Of course, today's liquidity crisis originated here, but the value of the U.S. dollar has risen dramatically over the past few weeks, and foreign investors have flocked to U.S. investments and financial instruments as a safe haven amid global uncertainties.

So there does that leave us? As Warren Buffett reminded us, this is a fine time to buy into the long-term future of America — not out of blind patriotism but because it makes good, sound business sense.

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LETTERS OF THANKS

TFHS swim team thanks sponsors

The Twin Falls High School swim team would like to thank the following people and organizations for making our 2008 season a success:

Gary Eitinger and John Pauley of the YMCA, Ben Johnson and Mike Pineda of Twin Falls High School, Rick Moore and Intermountain Gas Co., Sonic Drive-In, and our officials, Gary and Maggie Wright.

We would also like to thank our wonderful coaches: John Twiss, Jim Renaldi, Rick Stueberg, Kim Walton, Staci Hope and water polo coach, Dave Buddecke. Thanks to the parent board,

all parents and swimmers for making this a great season!

The swim team sent 15 swimmers to the high school state championship meet and our water polo team won first place in the combined team division. We appreciate the community's support!

LAURIE WIRTZ
TFHS Swimming Adviser
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This is our fourth year being able to help our families, and they had a great time! Some of them now look forward to this as a holiday tradition and wouldn't miss it for the world. We love our families, volunteers and community members that make Wishing Star much more than a wish-granting organization! Happy Holidays from your Magic Valley Chapter:

ALLIE VARGAS
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Twin Falls

Community support center thanks reporter

On behalf of members and staff of the Community Support Center Inc. located in Burley, we would like to thank your reporter, Damon Hunziker, for the excellent job he did in reporting on the community need of replacing the sidewalk in front of the Community Support Center.

I would also like to thank the Burley Street Department staff for the new handicap curb and gutter in front of the center.

Also, thank you, citizens and taxpayers, for your support in our time of need, which makes the Mini-Cassia area a great place to live.

WILLIAM ALDRICH
Executive Director
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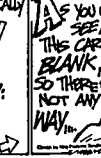
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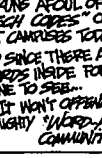
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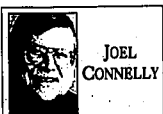
Northwest shut out of Obama's Cabinet

SEATTLE — In the major Obama administration's celebrated Cabinet making, the Pacific Northwest finds itself in a large, empty room, or perhaps an "empty quarter" of America.

The president-elect has yet to announce an appointee from north of Des Moines, Iowa, west of Denver or north of the Bay Area.

The question is whether we are being quarantined while yesterday's adversaries are getting key jobs. Retiring GOP Rep. Ray LaHood of Illinois, a satrap of the Dennis Hastert-Tom Delay leadership gang in the House, is in line to become transportation secretary. Does LaHood represent "change we can believe in?"

The Northwest and the Northern Tier made some crucial contributions, especially in carrying Obama past Hillary Clinton to the



JOEL CONNELLY

Democratic nomination. Here are four pivotal points on the political map of 2008: Idaho wasn't going to go Democratic in November, but it delivered big time for Obama in February. Obama had one of his first eye-popping crowds — more than 14,000 — in Boise's Teco Bell Arena. And one more delegate on Super Tuesday in Idaho — 12 — than he did in New Jersey.

The Washington presidential caucuses a few days later gave Obama a 2-to-1 win in the state, but Bill and Hillary Clinton had been cultivating for 17 years. Obama was to

reel off a dozen consecutive primary and caucus victories before Hillary Clinton bested him again.

With Hillary on a roll through the Rust Belt and Appalachia, Oregon gave Obama a much needed primary win in May. Obama went over the top, in delegates necessary to win the Democratic nomination, when he won the Montana primary on the first Tuesday in June.

Yet, Washington hasn't had a Cabinet secretary since Jimmy Carter fired Transportation Secretary Brock Adams in 1975. Oregon hasn't had a seat in the Cabinet since Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt replaced Adams (both men are best known as the centerpiece of subsequent scandals). Idaho is now represented by Dick Kempthorne, secretary of the Interior. The two Bush administra-

tions snubbed highly qualified Northwest Republicans — Dan Evans, Jennifer Dunn and Slade Gorton — and were satisfied with making prominent GOP donors into U.S. ambassadors to diplomatic backwaters.

What's with Obama? The harvest has been an environmental "team" drawn from New Jersey, Florida (by way of Washington, D.C., consulting) and the mayor's office in Los Angeles.

A year ago in Iowa, ex-Gov. Tom Vilsack was Bill Clinton's warm-up act on the Hillary campaign trail. A local activist in California, Iowa, bent my ear about how Vilsack had vetoed local counties' bids to control the size and smell of giant feedlots for hogs that have proliferated across Iowa.

What's the new secretary of agriculture. Does he represent "change we can believe in?"

The Northern Tier and Northwest have major issues with the incoming administration.

Will stimulus dollars be used to repair our infrastructure from dealing with a crumbling Alaskan Way Viaduct to storm-trashed roads, campsites and trails on our federal lands.

With the East's attention riveted on the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay, will resources be found for our Puget Sound cleanup? And will the new administration show vigor in protecting our endangered Chinook salmon and orcas?

Will East Coast environmentalists show the same tin ear toward the Inland West and their predecessors in the Carter and Clinton administrations? The policies of the past two Democrats to occupy the White House virtually decimated the Democratic Party east of the Cascades

and Sierra's. Obama has, in many respects, assembled a brilliant team. Awakened by snow early on Thursday, I flipped on the tube and there was Pat Buchanan — Pat Buchanan! — applauding the president-elect's latest choices.

Still, an old political principle is not to forget those who helped you at key moments on the way up or reason to forget you when you're on top. Our president-elect files off to Hawaii for Christmas next week. As he looks out on the snow-covered vastness of the American West, Obama should give thanks to the people who live down there and not put coal in their stockings.

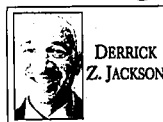
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Is Burger King out to clog the world's arteries?

When European germs wiped out Indians, at least that aspect of conquest was unambiguous. Burger King has no such excuse.

The modern colonizers currently have an ad campaign called "Whopper Virgins." Commercialers are running during televised sports events, and the company has a nearly eight-minute video on its website. In a bizarre parody of an actual documentary, Burger King sent a crew out to remote Himong parts of Thailand, Inuit parts of Greenland, and a village in Romania where people have but never seen a hamburger nor ever heard of one through advertising. The narration starts, "The hamburger is a modern and native actually an American phenomenon (as if we didn't know this)."

The first part of the video involved plucking some villagers to come to a modern office in a car and native dress to compare Burger King's signature burger with a McDonald's Big Mac. Villagers are shown fumbling



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with the burger, with a patronizing narrator saying, "It's been very interesting to see their reaction to the hamburger because they've never seen such a foreign piece of food before and they didn't even know how to pick it up and they didn't know how to — from what end to eat. ... It was really interesting. We were able to see these people's first bite of a hamburger."

Remarking on the villagers' awkwardness in handling the burger, the narrator added: "It took them awhile to understand the dynamics of it and so that was fascinating to see because we take it for granted 'cause we live in America, where hamburgers are consumed like a staple."

After the guinea pig villagers decided (of course) that the Whopper tasted bet-

ter than the Big Mac, Burger King sent a production crew out to the villages to cook burgers. Under the guise of "sharing things about both our cultures (see, where have we heard that before in sanitized colonial history?), shots of a burger broiler being air-fried and sliced in by dog are shown. The villagers, of course, like the burger, with the narrator saying, "They told us yesterday, 'No, we want to experience other things in this world, too. We want to taste other foods. We want to see other people. We want to see other things.'"

Right out of the most banal of Thanksgiving scripts, the narrator says, as one of the crew receives a coat, "And, they've been extraordinarily gracious to us." Burger King worked the ads, saying it defended hard to respect cultural sensitivities.

All this, to spread disease to developing peoples. And Burger King knows it. The WHO, not surprisingly, led by America's fast-food giants, is helping spread obesity and diabetes as it has never been before. It's not enough that those dis-

eases are off the charts with Native Americans here at home. Now we want to induce Indians abroad. Even if levels of obesity stay what they are, now, the number of people around the world with diabetes will explode from the 171 million people of 2008 to 368 million by 2030.

The numbers will more than triple in places ranging from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Bangladesh to Guatemala. They will more than double or nearly triple in China, India, Brazil, and Mexico. According to WHO researchers, diabetes was already responsible in 2000 for nearly 3 million deaths around the world. "Given the increase in the prevalence of obesity, it is likely that these figures provide an underestimate of future diabetes prevalence," those researchers said. Translated, even more people will die. The WHO, not surprisingly, "Initiatives by the food industry to reduce the fat, sugar, and salt content of processed foods ... could accelerate health gains worldwide."

But no, Burger King wants to colonize the farthest reaches with fat, sugar, and salt. The irony was when the locals made the crew their native food in the video. The meal ladled out for them was smothered in vegetables. The crew yum-yummed "Nice," "Wonderful," "So good," and even, "Insane." That was the

height of patronization given their mission. Burger King's violation of the "Whopper Virgins" as an insane reenactment of the worst of American colonial history.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep Community Support Center open

My name is Wayne Decker. I am a member of the center and attend the Community Support Center. I fear that I may lose something very precious if this center closes. I attended the center on a regular basis for many years until I lost a replicate when my father was sick, and I used what I learned at the center to take care of her. She died recently, so I came back. I get a lot of support, and I exercise and participate in yoga classes at the center to promote better health and save taxpayers money. I hope that this lifestyle will continue to be available to me. I hope this letter

will enable this center to stay open.
WAYNE DECKER
Burley

The Tousleys are good Christians

In November, Sheriff Tousley lost his bid for reelection. There have been a lot of articles before and after about the election and Wayne himself — some positive, some not. So I would like the citizens of Twin Falls County to know the sheriff and his wife I know. In the summer of 2003, I was offered a promotion six hours away from the Magic Valley. Our oldest daughter was headed for her senior year at Twin Falls High

School. She was a straight "A" student and involved in numerous activities in school including varsity cheerleading. My wife and I could not, in good conscience, move her with us as she wanted to finish her high school career at Twin Falls.

I contacted Wayne and Marsha and asked if our daughter could stay with them her senior year. There was no hesitation, and they thanked me for thinking of them. I still find that hard to understand when I am asking them to take care of my teenage daughter.

Our daughter graduated from Twin Falls High School maintaining her straight "A" grade-point average. She

then went on to two years at the College of Southern Idaho, and the Tousleys continued to let her stay at their home. Through this entire time, they refused to take any reimbursement from us and treated our daughter as their family.

The reason for the letter is that I truly appreciate what Wayne and Marsha have done for our family. They are truly the example of what a Christian should be like. Thank you so much.
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Bailout approved: Automakers to get \$17.4B

Ford turns down offer of short-term assistance

By Deb Hochmann
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Citing danger to the national economy, the Bush administration approved an emergency bailout of the U.S. auto industry Friday, offering \$17.4 billion in rescue loans in exchange for concessions from the deeply troubled carmakers and their workers.

The government will have the option of becoming a

stockholder in the companies, much as it has with major banks, in effect partially nationalizing the industry.

At the same time, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Congress should release the second \$350 billion from the financial rescue fund that it approved in October to bail out huge financial institutions. Tapping the fund for the auto industry basically exhausts the first half of the \$700 billion total, he said.

President Bush said, "Allowing the auto companies to collapse is not a responsible course of action." Bankruptcy, he said, would deal "an unacceptably painful blow to hardworking Americans" across the economy.

One official said \$13.4 billion of the money would be available this month and next, \$9.4 billion for General Motors Corp. and \$4 billion for Chrysler LLC. Both companies

have said they soon might be unable to pay their bills without federal help. Ford Motor Co. has said it does not need immediate help.

Bush's plan is designed to keep the auto industry running in the short term, passing the longer-range problem on to the incoming administration — President-elect Barack Obama.

Bush said the rescue package demanded concessions

similar to those outlined in a bailout plan that was approved by the House but rejected by the Senate a week ago. It would give the automakers three months to come up with restructuring plans to become viable companies.

If they fail to produce a plan by March 31, the automakers will be required to repay the loans, which they would find very difficult.

"The time to make hard decisions to become viable is now, or the only option will

Breathing room
Funds from the Treasury Department's relief program puts General Motors and Chrysler well above their cash requirements to continue operations. Automakers' cash position

GENERAL MOTORS in billions

TARP injection	\$6.2	Up to	\$10
Cash required	\$10	Up to	\$10
Cash on hand	\$4.0	Up to	\$5.0
Cash spent	\$1.0		

NOTE: As cash flows for 2008 through Sept. 30

SOURCE: Chrysler, GM, Ford

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A reason to party

After many failed businesses, historic Twin Falls home has a keeper

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Charming designs from the Victorian style architecture at the turn of the century charm guests inside the historic home at 1703 Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls.

The home, built in 1904 is on the National Registry of Historic Places and still has original, ornately chandeliers, tin ceiling tiles, hanging chandeliers and wooden corbels that offer the perfect backdrop for the chic to nouveau party and wedding supplies on display by the home's current tenant: The Party Center.

The center has been in operation since April 1 — it wasn't a coincidence that owners Darci Mason and husband Kim Mason opened on April Fools Day.

"We were told by so many people not to have our business at that location because a lot of businesses had come and gone here," said Darci Mason. "We wanted to break the curse."

With many failing businesses, from a long-forgotten fly-fishing operation to several restaurants that came and went, it appeared the home's location wasn't prime for success.

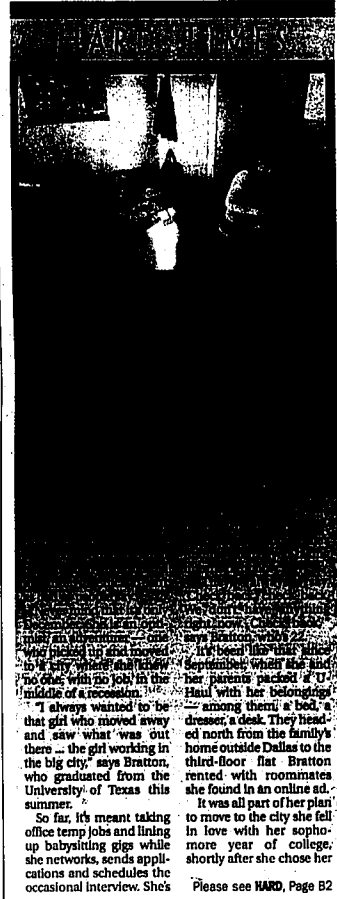
"We ate at all the restaurants and they were all really fine food," she said. "I'm not sure why they didn't work out."

Kim Mason said she thought the kitchen's relaxing and attractive atmosphere looked like a place where women could feel comfortable discussing wedding preparations.

Since opening, the Masons, who also own the Renter Center in Twin Falls, have been busier than they anticipated — they have even expanded their supplies.



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News
Darci Mason, owner of the Party Center in Twin Falls, prepares a creative table party display, in addition to hosting parties in the on-site yurt and tea parties inside the historic Twin Falls home, at 1703 Addison Avenue East, the Party Center rents linens, chairs and other special event supplies. The company's success is new to the location which has been home to a variety of unsuccessful businesses in the past few years.



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There is still time to reduce your 2008 income taxes

The year is coming to a close, but there is still time to help reduce your 2008 tax bill.

The first step is to estimate your income, deductions and marginal tax rate for 2008, 2009 and, if possible, future years. Your marginal rate is the tax rate you pay on your next dollar of taxable income.

For example, if you and your spouse file a joint return and your taxable income for 2008 is over \$200,390, your marginal rate would be 33 percent. So for every dollar you earn above this amount, you

would owe 33 cents.

Depending on your projections, you may have opportunities to shift income and deductions from one year to another to minimize your overall tax liability, or at least defer taxes.

Defer income or accelerate deductions

If you expect your marginal rate to go up in coming years, it's best to shift income into years with lower marginal rates and shift deductions

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into years with higher marginal rates.

This would be a time to consider accelerating income into 2008 and deferring deductions into 2009.

If your marginal rate remains the same from year to year, generally the best year end strategy is to defer income to the next year and accelerate deductions into the current year.

For example, if you are self-employed and use the cash basis for tax reporting, consider delaying December invoices until after Jan. 1.

Strategies for accelerating deductions include paying the full year's property taxes in December and if you're self-employed, consider paying some of your expenses in December that would normally be

paid in January.

Because you must meet certain "floors" before certain itemized deductions are allowed, you can maximize deductions by "bunching" them into a single year.

One example is unreimbursed employee expenses, which are subject to a 2 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI) floor. If you have some flexibility over the timing of certain payments (such as for professional dues), grouping them

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Lithia Mo.	3.83	▲ .54	Micron	2.99	▲ .38	Supervalu	13.03	▲ .21

COMMODITIES

Live cattle	86.10	▼ 1.40	Jan. oil	33.87	▼ 2.35
Dec. gold	836.4	▼ 23.2	Dec. silver	10.81	▼ 27

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Monday in business No reports are scheduled for release on Monday.

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

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

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT. Includes sections for Stock Market Overview, Market Outlook, and Market Summary.

PAULSON: Congress needs to release second \$350B. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Friday that Congress should act to release the last half of the \$700 billion rescue fund.

Under terms of the \$700 billion rescue fund that Congress approved on Oct. 3, when the administration determines the second \$350 billion is needed it has to submit a report to Congress detailing how it plans to use those funds.

COMMODITIES REPORT. Includes sections for CLOSING FUTURES, CHEESE, POTATOES, METALS/MONEY, and BEANS.

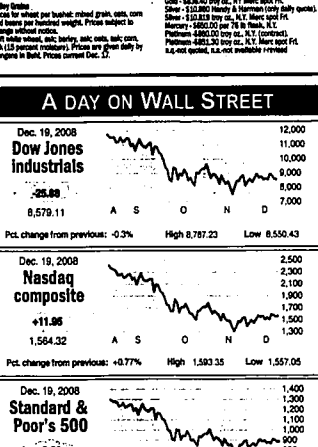
HARD. Continued from page B1. She'd planned to finish school in December, but was so ready to get her, she crammed in her remaining classes over the summer and graduated in August.

to break into Chicago's competitive PR and advertising market. Some have shared that it took her at least six months to find a job in the field.

Table with columns for BEANS, GRAINS, and other commodity prices.

PARTY. Continued from page B1. "Our biggest challenge is storage. It's so inviting and we have so much potential to display a lot of different styles," said David Mason.

Autos. Continued from page B1. "The automakers and unions must understand what is at stake and make hard decisions necessary to reform."



Insight. Continued from page B1. "The Mason's original business plan didn't include leaving the year behind the home but the large facility having an available for rent in the past, had varying reviews and customer demand led to their offering it."

to penalties for underpayment of estimated taxes. And never mind a tax-cutting strategy unless you also fit this into your overall financial plan.

SOURCE: S&P. The Dow fell 219.35, or 2.49 percent, to 8,604.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 19.14, or 2.12 percent, to 885.28.

AROUND THE NATION CALIFORNIA AG urges court to void gay marriage ban.

SAN FRANCISCO — The California attorney general has changed his position on the state's new same-sex marriage ban and is now urging the state Supreme Court to void Proposition 8. Jerry Brown filed a brief Friday saying the measure that amended the California Constitution to limit marriage to a man and a woman is unconstitutional and an deprives gay couples of a fundamental right. After California voters passed Proposition 8 on Nov. 4, Brown said he would fight to uphold the initiative in his role as attorney general, even though he had voted against it.

MINNESOTA Franken opens first lead in Senate race

ST. PAUL — Democrat Al Franken edged ahead of Republican incumbent Norm Coleman on Friday for the first time in Minnesota's long-running U.S. Senate recount. Franken opened up a slight lead by the end of the fourth day of a state Canvassing Board meeting to decide the fate of hundreds of disputed ballots. The change was notable because Coleman led Franken in election night returns and also held a 188-vote lead before the board took up challenged ballots. But its significance was limited, with the possibility the lead could change again before the long recount ends. The state Canvassing Board wrapped up work Friday in the penultimate of the recount that resolves disputed ballots. Franken led by 262 votes.

GEORGIA CDC says Tamiflu may not be much help

ATLANTA — The medical arsenal against the flu just got weaker. Government health officials said Friday that a leading flu medicine, Tamiflu, might not work against all cases of the flu this year. The most common flu bug right now is overwhelmingly resistant to Tamiflu, they said. The alert is "an early heads-up" for doctors. If current trends continue, they may need to change how they treat patients this flu season, said Julie Gerberding, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Health officials say they aren't too worried because it's early in the flu season, and it's not clear this strain will dominate through the next several months.

WASHINGTON Crash leaves front of bus dangling over I-5

SEATTLE — Two charter buses crashed Friday on a Seattle street, pushing through a guardrail next to Interstate 5 and leaving the front wheels of one dangling above the freeway. Seattle Fire Department spokeswoman Helen Fitzpatrick said 11 young adults were taken to Harborview Medical Center with minor injuries from flying glass. Two others refused to go to the hospital. Fitzpatrick said there was no danger of either bus going over the guardrail, which is about 20 feet above the freeway. She said the approximately 80 passengers were able to get off the buses before emergency vehicles arrived.

Old man winter

Storm brings icy misery to Midwest

By Polly Anderson
Associated Press writer

A winter storm packing snow, freezing rain and biting wind cut power to tens of thousands of customers Friday, disrupted travel and gave schoolchildren from Iowa to New England an early start on their holiday break. "One thing about it, you're going to have a white Christmas this year," said Lee Longdyke, as he shoveled a sidewalk in Pontiac, Mich., for the third time Friday morning. More than 200 flights were canceled at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, and more than 650 at three New York City-area airports. Many remaining flights had hours-long delays. Runways at Milwaukee's airport were closed for much of the morning because snowplows could not keep up with "whiteout conditions," airport spokeswoman Pat Rowe said. Snowfall affected a large region, but the worst of the ice storm — and resulting power outages — was in a band across northern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Power companies reported 69,000 customers in Illinois without service Friday, more than 35,000 in Ohio, and a whopping 180,000 in Indiana, where the area around Fort Wayne was particularly hard-hit.

"When you combine ice, which is an electric utility's nightmare, with wind, you've got some serious issues," said Indiana Michigan Power spokesman Mark Brian. Freezing rain was also a problem in Iowa, but authorities there said only scattered power outages were reported, because there wasn't much wind to bring ice-laden tree limbs down onto power lines. A foot or more of snow fell in parts of Michigan, and some areas reported wind gusts of up to 25 to 30 mph. Nearly 8 inches of snow had fallen in Detroit by midafternoon. Schools were closed across the region. The Toledo Zoo was forced to cancel its holiday season light show for Friday evening. In Madison, Wis., "The Nutcracker" went on as scheduled, but the expected audience of 2,000 dwindled to about 150 thanks to school closings. In the Northeast, hard hit by last week's ice storm, snowfall totals of up to 15 inches were forecast. Biting, wind-whipped snow began late morning in White Plains, N.Y. "I thought I had enough on," said Gloria D'Arce, 29, as she tried to keep out of the wind while waiting for a light to change. "But this is coming sideways, right in my face. I'm, like, two blocks from my car and I feel like I'm not going to make it."



John Notsabart is coated in snow and ice while snow blowing his driveway, Friday in Appleton, Wis. Hundreds of school districts canceled classes Friday, including the state's largest Milwaukee Public Schools and its 85,000 students.

Obama's Cabinet now complete

President-elect Barack Obama has named his 15 Cabinet members and his national security adviser.

AGRICULTURE	ATTORNEY GENERAL	COMMERCE	DEFENSE	EDUCATION	ENERGY	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	HOMELESS AND SECURITY
Tom Vilsack Former governor of Iowa	Eric Holder Former deputy attorney general	Bill Richardson New Mexico governor, 2003-present	Robert Gates Current, secretary of defense	Arne Duncan Current CEO of Chicago public schools	Steven Chu Dir. of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	Tom Daschle Former Senate majority leader	Janet Napolitano Arizona governor, 2003-present
HOUSING AND URBAN DEV.	INTERIOR	LABOR	STATE	TRANS.	TREASURY	VETERANS AFFAIRS	NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER
Shawn Delaney Current New York City housing commissioner	Ken Salazar Current U.S. House senator, rep. for California	Hilda Solis Current U.S. House rep. for California	Hillary Clinton U.S. senator, 2001-present	Ray LaHood Current U.S. House rep. for Illinois	Timothy Geithner President of Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 1999-2003	Eric Shinseki Former Army chief of staff, 1999-2003	James Jones President of U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for 21st Century Energy, 2007-present

Obama fills econ team, says business will revive

By Philip Elliott
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Completing his Cabinet a month before taking office, President-elect Barack Obama named officials to oversee transportation, labor, trade and small business policy Friday but warned that economic recovery won't be nearly as swift. "It will take longer than any of us would like — years, not months. It will get worse before it gets better. But it will get better if we are willing to act boldly and swiftly," Obama said — and he promised to do just that. He noted his speed in putting his full economic team in place, saying he had done so at an earlier point than previous presidents because of the magnitude of the troubles the country faces. Obama declined to put a price tag on an economic stimulus plan he will propose, though economists who have been advising him have suggested a package of

as much as \$850 billion over two years. Still, Obama signaled that it could be huge because of his priorities: creating jobs, getting the economy back on track and fixing financial markets among them. "That is going to cost a significant amount of money on the front end," he said, and then he emphasized what he called long-term benefits of acting and dangers of doing too little. He vowed to spend responsibly: "We're not intending to spend money lightly" and "if we're building a road, it better not be a road to nowhere." At his fifth news conference in as many days, Obama announced his selections of Republican Rep. Ray LaHood of Illinois for transportation secretary, California Rep. Hilda Solis for labor secretary, former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk for U.S. trade representative and venture capitalist Karen Mills to head the Small Business Administration. All four appointments must

be confirmed by the Senate. He spoke just a few hours after the Bush administration announced an emergency bailout of the U.S. auto industry, offering \$17.4 billion in rescue loans in exchange for concessions from carmakers and their workers. Obama said those steps are necessary and the companies must not "squander the chance" to change bad management practices. He said it's "absolutely necessary" to restructure the companies to save the industry, while also working toward creating "fuel-efficient cars of tomorrow." While Obama declined to say specifically what changes he might make to the Bush administration's plan, he had a message for the Big Three auto companies: "The American people's patience is running out" and management must "seize on this opportunity" over the next few months to come up with a sustainable plan for survival.

Remains don't reveal how Florida girl died

DNA tests confirm tiny skeleton is Caylee Anthony

By Mark Wang
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Pieces of a tiny skeleton found in swamy woods can tell investigators one thing: Missing 3-year-old Caylee Anthony was killed. What they can't help explain, authorities said Friday, is how or when she died. "DNA tests conducted on remains found by a utility worker last week less than a half-mile from where the child lived matched Caylee's genetic profile, a county medical examiner said. But the only clue they give about her death is that her bones didn't suffer trauma, said Orange County medical examiner Dr. Jan Garavaglia. "Bottom line is, folks, no child should have to go through this," Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary said. The discovery of the child's remains came after months of searches, twists and turns in the investigation. Caylee's mother, 22-year-old Casey Anthony, was indicted in October on first-degree murder and other charges, even though no body was found. She has insisted that she left the girl with a baby sitter in June, but she didn't report her missing until July. A search team said they did not check the wooded area sooner because it was under water from the summer's heavy rains. But the utility worker who dug up the tip, Roy Krunk, said he had contacted the sheriff's office in August to report that he had seen "something suspicious, a bag, in the same area." The sheriff's office said he first called on Aug. 11 to report the bag. A deputy

responded but didn't find anything and was unable to locate him. Krunk called a crime hot line the following day and the information was passed on to the sheriff's office criminal investigation division. On Aug. 13, he called the sheriff's office a third time. He met a deputy, but authorities cleared the area as a place of interest in the search a short time later. Beary said his department was investigating its response. "If we missed a window of opportunity, we don't know," he said. "I'm not throwing anybody under the bus because we don't know." It took authorities several days to analyze the remains found last Thursday, and some are still undergoing tests. Some of the bones were as small as a pebble and had been scattered, and the fragments were hard to find by excavators who searched on their hands and knees, authorities said.

Garavaglia — the star of cable TV's "Dr. G: Medical Examiner" — said authorities concluded Caylee was killed through DNA tests and "circumstantial evidence." But she said she was certain she was homicide, not an accident, and didn't expect further testing to reveal a specific cause. "I wouldn't have issued the report if I wasn't sure," she said. In jail chaplain told the girl's mother that the remains were Caylee's before the news conference began. Her attorney, Jose Baez, was with her at the jail shortly after. In this is her private moment," Baez said. "This is her life she's trying to battle through right now."

Illinois Gov. Blagojevich pledges to fight, won't quit

By Mike Robinson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Scrambling without a political friend in the world, accused of jaw-dropping abuse of power, Gov. Rod Blagojevich stepped up to the microphones with the aggressiveness of the amateur boxer he used to be. "I will fight. I will fight. I will fight until I take my last

breath," Blagojevich said Friday in a three-minute statement he delivered without taking questions. "I have done nothing wrong. And I'm not going to quit a job that people hired me to do because of false accusations and a political lynch mob." Prosecutors allege Blagojevich tried to sell or trade his power to appoint someone to President-elect

Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat, among other things. Blagojevich adamantly denied he did anything wrong and promised he would be vindicated. He also said he would not resign, although one of his attorneys later said he would consider stepping aside. "He told me if it doesn't work, if it is too hard, if the people of Illinois suffer, he

will step aside," attorney Sam Adam Jr. said. There was no trace of that sentiment in the governor's own words. In many ways, the appearance was classic Blagojevich right down to using one of his favorite quotes — a bit of poetry about perseverance by Rudyard Kipling that many children learn in grade school: "If you can keep your

head when all about you are losing their and blaming it on you... In the past several years, as aides have been convicted, and court testimony placed his campaign fund at the center of many schemes involving state jobs and contracts, the governor has publicly remained optimistic, repeatedly saying he has nothing to fear.

BLM ends drilling auction amid tainting allegation

By Paul Foy
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — An environmental activist tainted an auction of oil and gas drilling leases Friday by bidding up parcels of land by hundreds of thousands of dollars without any intention of paying for them, federal officials said.

The process was thrown into chaos and the bidding halted for a time before the auction was closed, with 116 parcels totaling 148,598 acres having sold for \$7.2 million plus fees.

"It's tainted the entire auction," said Tom Hoffman, deputy state director for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Utah.

Hoffman said buyers will have 10 days to reconsider and withdraw their bids, if they think they paid too much.

Some bidders said they were forced to spend thousands of dollars more for their parcels, while others fumed that they lost their bids.

"We were hoaxed," said Jason Blake of Park City, a consulting

"We were hoaxed. It's very frustrating. I hope the guy is prosecuted."
— Jason Blake of Park City, a consulting geologist who was outbid on a 320-acre parcel

geologist who was outbid on a 320-acre parcel of his choice. "It's very frustrating. I hope the guy is prosecuted."

BLM criminal investigators questioned the man who registered for the auction as Tim DeChristopher of Salt Lake City.

It was other bidders at the auction who complained about DeChristopher as unfriendly and bidding in an unconventional fashion that raised suspicions, said BLM Utah Energy Team Leader Terry Cullin.

DeChristopher won the bidding on 13 parcels, auction records said.

He snapped up 22,500 acres of land around Arches and Canyonlands parks, but said he could afford to pay for only a few of those acres. He owes \$1.7 million on all of his leases.

DeChristopher, a 27-year-old Utah State University eco-

nomics student, said his plan was to disrupt the auction, and he feels he accomplished his goal.

"I thought I could be effective by making bids, driving up prices for others and winning some bids myself," he said.

DeChristopher, who says he expects to be charged, was released and the case was referred to federal prosecutors for possible fraud charges, said Melodie Rydalcik, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"I'm willing to deal with that," DeChristopher said. "For weeks, the sale has drawn multiple complaints from environmental groups and scathing criticism from actor Robert Redford."

Activists said the sale would threaten Utah's wild lands and spoil the view from some of Utah's spectacular national



Citizens protest outside the Bureau of Land Management office in downtown Salt Lake City, Friday. An environmental activist tainted an auction of oil and gas drilling leases Friday by bidding up parcels of land by hundreds of thousands of dollars without any intention of paying for them, a federal official said.

parks with drilling rigs. "If we're going to sacrifice public lands, let's do it with some deliberation, not in a hasty way," said Joseph Flower, a University of Utah biology student who was among about 100 protesters outside the auction earlier Friday.

The BLM already had palmed some parcels from the sale in response to complaints from the National Park Service and others. Ultimately, the agency dropped more than half of the 359,000 acres first proposed for auction.

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AROUND THE WEST

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Grouse decision could be pushed to summer

BILLINGS — Federal wildlife officials say a recommendation on whether sage grouse belong on the endangered species list could be delayed until next summer.

"Sage grouse have taken a heavy toll in recent decades due to grazing, oil and gas drilling, wildfires and residential development. But with estimates of anywhere from 100,000 to 500,000 of the birds scattered across 11 states, there's been sharp disagreement over whether they are in imminent danger."

A decision on the chicken-sized ground bird had been expected by the end of this year. But U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials said Friday they will put off recommending following a delay in publication of the latest scientific research into the species.

Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Pat Delbert said the journal studies in *Avian Biology* expects to publish the new research in the summer of 2009. More than two dozen scientists are contributing their work on sage grouse populations, including threats to the bird's habitat.

"It's a lot of good, up-to-date science we'd like to see before we make a decision," Delbert said.

Delbert added that it was uncertain whether a recommendation would be made in time for a May 2009 deadline imposed by a federal judge.

Gallatin, Custer forests to combine management

BILLINGS — The Gallatin and Custer national forests will combine management early next year as a cost-saving measure, officials with the U.S. Forest Service's Northern Region said.

"We're looking at being more efficient with leadership costs so we can have more people on the ground," said Steve Kraville, a spokesman for the Northern Region. "It's not a permanent decision. We'll see what works, and if it works we may look at long-term relationships."

The 1.8 million-acre Gallatin National Forest abuts Yellowstone National Park and employs about 175 people and has its headquarters in Bozeman. The Custer, headquartered in Billings, is a 1.3 million-acre forest that employs 80 people.

Gallatin spokeswoman Marla Daley said the reorganization could lead to a loss of 30 to 35 jobs over time, many through retirement or transfers.

Current Custer supervisor Steve Williams is retiring in January after 31 years with the agency, facilitating the changeover.

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Idaho's 'stupid' town gets new mayor

ST. ANTHONY — The city council in this eastern Idaho town has selected a replacement for the mayor, who quit after saying his fellow council members were too stupid to work with him.

The St. Anthony City Council on Thursday selected acting Mayor Gardi Rose to serve as mayor through the November election.

Rose said he will "try to heal the division in the community."

Rose was elected on a 3-2 vote, with Rose abstaining. The previous mayor, Bill Beck, quit abruptly last month during a council meeting.

Before leaving he told residents that the audience was tired of people who were too stupid to understand. The audience responded to his resignation with applause.

Rose was chosen from among six candidates. In a statement explaining his qualifications, Rose wrote that he "would involve the council more," the *Standard Journal* reported. "We've kind of been in limbo, if you know what I mean."

He also highlighted his accomplishments on the council for 11 years and noted the good working relationship he has with other council members and city department heads.

Idaho's top state senator plans Boise move

BOISE — State Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Geddes, on a list of candidates to replace outgoing U.S. Gov. Jim Walsh, is house hunting in Boise, hundreds of miles from his southeastern Idaho district.

Geddes, R-Soda Springs, sold his home in August, is house-sitting for an out-of-state friend, and is looking for a home in Idaho's capital.

Still, the 53-year-old, eight-term lawmaker said his search for a new residence in Boise isn't connected to any lieutenant governor aspirations, but rather because he eventually wants to be closer to his grown children who have settled near Boise. He's made three offers so far on houses, none of which was accepted, he said.

nonpolitical effort," said Geddes, an environmental engineer at Monsanto Co.'s phosphorous plant in Soda Springs. "That looks like where all of our kids are going to land."

Geddes, 53, said it could be three years or longer before he takes early retirement from Monsanto and moves to Boise.

Geddes is among about two dozen people on Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's list of potential appointees to replace Risch, who won the U.S. Senate seat now held by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. Risch, a Republican, will be sworn in Jan. 6.

Others who have spoken with Otter about the post include Sen. Brad Little, R-Emmett, Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell and House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star. According to state law, candidates for the Legislature must live in the district they seek to represent for at least one year before a general elec-

tion, so a move elsewhere would rule Geddes out for running again in Soda Springs.

Boise teacher accused of assaulting student

BOISE — A female high school teacher in Boise, is being accused by of having inappropriate sexual contact with a male student.

Michelle Ward Farley, 40, was arrested Thursday and charged in court Friday with two counts of sexual battery.

Authorities say Farley, a psychology teacher at Borah High School, had sexual contact with a 17-year-old male student. Police say they were contacted Thursday by someone reporting a pattern of sexual contact between Farley and the student, with the first encounter dating to May.

Investigators say there are no other known victims in the case.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Icy cold, yet mostly dry. Highs upper teens to near 20.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy and cold. Lows single digits.
 Tomorrow: Incoming snow showers. Highs upper 20s

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 19	Low 6	27/19	30/21	28/15	28/19

ALMANAC TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 28 Yesterday's Low: 22 Normal High/Low: 44/17 Record High: 64 in 1986 Record Low: -3 in 1986	Yesterday: 0.0" Month to Date: 0.20" Normal Month to Date: 0.23" Year to Date: 2.30" Normal Year to Date: 2.88"	Yesterday's Humidity: 87% Yesterday's Minimum: 64% Today's Maximum: 77% Today's Minimum: 47%	6 pm barometer: 30.02 in. Yesterday: 30.02 in.	Today: 8:06 AM Saturday: 8:06 AM Monday: 8:06 AM Tuesday: 8:06 AM Wednesday: 8:06 AM

Yesterday's Weather

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NORTHERN UTAH

Today Highs 2 to 13 Tonight's Lows -20 to -9
 Vary cold today. Precipitation chances are slim to none, but on the rise as a potent Pacific storm system heads our way with plentiful snowfall on tap for tomorrow.

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Freezing cold, yet mainly dry today. Snowing at times Sunday and Monday. Travel conditions will deteriorate as snow showers develop later this weekend.

MOON PHASES

Dec 27	Jan 1	Jan 14	Jan 18
New Moon	First Qtr.	Full Moon	Last Qtr.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	6:30 PM

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Good to appreciate that life is now. Love to savor, little or much. This day - this hour.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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Light of the World

Local singers' group performs Christmas cantata

By Blair Koch • Times-News correspondent

BOTH — With flickering candlelight brightening their path, the 60 members of West End Community Singers quietly file to their place on the riser.

A quick blow, flame extinguished, and the singers sit, backs straight and eyes forward. They are ready for their first Christmas cantata performance of the season.

The concert took place Wednesday evening at the 11th Street Methodist Church, but its effect on the audience — church members and nonmembers alike — will be felt into the New Year.

The concert was a packed hall with more than 100 people, including children, and a warm, intimate atmosphere.

The cantata, produced by local composer and conductor, Jeff Cooper, is a collection of songs and stories that come together to tell the story of the birth of Jesus.

While holiday traditions vary, the cantata focuses on the birth of Jesus, the central theme of the Christmas season. The cantata is a collection of songs and stories that come together to tell the story of the birth of Jesus.

The Bible is full of narratives on the birth of Jesus, from the manger to the stable. The cantata tells the story of Jesus' humble beginnings, such as recorded in Luke 2:1-11.

And by the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the host of the Lord surrounded them.

CANTATA

BLAIR KOCH/For The Times-News

Making Christmas merry

Holiday has special meaning to believers despite secular trends

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

Despite some secular trends that aim to lessen the meaning of Christmas, churches in south-central Idaho are doing their part to honor the religious roots of the holiday — the coming of Jesus Christ more than 2000 years ago.

Any attack aimed at the holiday does little to dampen believers' spirits. For no matter how you look at it, Christ is in the word — and in the meaning of — Christmas, they say.

"It's a very important time," said Rex Baker, associate pastor of Amazing Grace Fellowship in Twin Falls. "It's a time we celebrate when God

sent his son Jesus Christ to the earth, for the express purpose of coming to the earth to die for our sins."

The church, which celebrates the Advent starting four weeks before Christmas, holds a traditional candlelight service on Christmas Eve, when members worship as a church family and reflect on their Savior's mission.

"The main focus is on the Lord himself," Baker said. "Though Baker believes the holiday has gotten a bit too secular, 'we're not a church that gets all bent out of shape over it,' he said. "We believe it's what you make of it."

"If you want it to be a spiritual holiday, it can be. It's still a choice on our part. We can let it be what it's supposed to

be even with all the hoopla." Jeff Cooper, pastor of First Baptist Church, also in Twin Falls, echoed the same sentiments.

Even though non-believers often point to the symbols of the holiday — such as the tree and lights, for instance — as having pagan roots, to Christians the symbols have religious significance.

"I think everything (associated with the holiday) has a spiritual meaning," Cooper said. "A Christmas tree, which is evergreen, represents life everlasting. Lights represent Jesus as the light of world. The gifts we give to one another represent the gifts brought by the wise men at his birth."

No matter how you look at it, Christmas is about Christ,

he said. "Even Santa Claus comes from the idea of St. Nicholas, who gave to the poor," Cooper said. "However people chose to celebrate, they do so on the day that's been chosen to commemorate his (Jesus) birth and on a calendar (dating system) that recognizes his coming."

On Sunday, Cooper will read to his congregation Luke 2:1-20, focusing on the message of the manger, as he calls it — "how God still comes down to us today in very humble places, like he came in a manger centuries ago," he said.

Then on Christmas Eve — like many other area churches — he will host a candlelight ceremony. The flame, taken

from an Advent wreath, will be passed by Cooper to his congregation, which represents the gospel of Christ being passed on to others. During the ceremony, members will sing "Silent Night."

One person holding a candle doesn't provide a lot of light to a darkened room but many people with candles do, Cooper said.

"It's the light breaking through the darkness on what really is a silent night. And we all get to share in that light," he said.

"That light should burn brightly throughout the year, though now is a special time to celebrate it. Obviously, 'Christ is the reason for the season,'" said Carol Thompson, pastor of two

congregations, the United Methodist churches in Jerome and Filer.

Though it's often easy to get caught up in gift-buying and materialism, Thompson said it's important to focus on God's gift to the world in the form of his son, Jesus Christ. As a minister, Thompson also tries to focus on the "responsibility" God has placed upon her to teach others, she said.

Her congregations will host candlelight ceremonies on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. in Jerome and 9 p.m. in Filer. The ceremonies also will include singing Christmas carols, she said.

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CHURCH NEWS

Ascension Episcopal announces events

Ascension Episcopal Church announced several events planned for the week of Christmas:

The "Greening of the Church" will be at 10 a.m. today, and the children will meet to practice for the Christmas pageant at 2 p.m. today.

The Rev. Ray Orpeza from Grace Church in Nampa will be the celebrant for Eucharist on Sunday. Worship begins at 8 and 10 a.m., Christian Education for children and adults will be from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Child care is provided for ages 5 and younger from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m.

A parish caroling activity will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the church. Carolers will sing at several parishioners homes, then return to the church for a light meal.

The family Christmas Eve service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. The children of Ascension will present "The Sleeper at the Stable." Child care is provided.

A Choral Eucharist featuring carols and choir anthems will begin at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday. A festive celebration of Jesus' birth will follow at 11 p.m., with the Rev. Rand Fagg, Burley officiating. Nursery care is not available for the later service.

A Vespers service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday to finish Christmas Day with quiet hymns and special readings.

Ascension Episcopal Church is located at 371 Eastland Dr. N. in Twin Falls. Information: www.ascension-episcopalidaho.org or 733-1248.

Community Church presents nativity

The Community Church of the Nativity will present a live nativity at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. today at the church, 461 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Those attending are encouraged to sing along if they wish. Hot chocolate and hot cider will be available.

The public is invited. Information: 733-3789.

Christian Center hosts Magic Valley Jubilee

The Valley Christian Center, 35 Main St. in Hazelton, will host the Magic Valley Jubilee at 7 p.m. today.

The special Christmas concert features local vocalists and musicians, with special guest, "Oatmeal."

Admission is free, and the public is invited. Information: 734-9436.

Hooping preaches Advent sermon

Pastor Stan Hoobing will preach an Advent sermon, "The Robust of Images," for the communion worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N.

The congregation will celebrate two Christmas Eve services of "Carols, Candlelight and Communion." The first is a family service at 5:30 p.m., with members providing special music and Hoobing visiting with a child. The second service will be at 10 p.m., with Hoobing preaching on "The Gift of Giving," based on Luke 21:20. The congregation will celebrate a service of Christmas Carols and Word at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 28. A second service will follow. No Sunday school will be held. Information: 733-3774.

Early church news deadlines

Because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, deadlines for the Religion section have been moved up. Please submit local church news items no later than noon Tuesday, Dec. 23, for the Saturday, Dec. 27 edition; and by noon Tuesday, Dec. 30, for the Saturday, Jan. 3 edition. Send items to Ellen Thomson at ellen@magiclevelley.com.

Sunday school presents Christmas play

The Sunday school class will present the play, "The Very Important Guest," during worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison St. E. in Kimberly.

A Christmas communion service will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday.

A community church service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Murtaugh City Hall (the old Methodist Church).

A Christmas Eve worship will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Crossroads United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome. Information: 423-4311.

Pastor presents pastor series

Pastor Greg Fadness will present a two-part Christmas series, "The Arrival," at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 960 Eastland Dr. in Twin Falls.

Part 1 will be presented at 6 p.m. today and again at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The Sunday morning program also will include the annual Acoustic Christmas Musical Presentation.

Part 2 will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday and will include an evening of Christmas music and worship by the Lighthouse Praise Band.

Everyone is invited. Information: 737-4657.

Hollister church presents annual Christmas program

The Hollister Presbyterian Church will present its annual Christmas program at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church, 2461 Central Ave. in Hollister.

The program is directed by Iona Henstock and Dorothy Boss, with Todd Lanting as master of ceremonies. Elder Steve Taylor will speak, Gerrit Peters will read Isaiah 9:6-8 and Tom Kunkel will read Luke 1:27-35. Sunday school students will present a short program, and other readings, music and presentations will be given. The Christmas Joy offering will be received and treats will be presented to all attending. A chili and oyster stew lunch served by the Women's Association will follow.

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday with Elder Charles Upton of Twin Falls as speaker and worship leader. A dessert and coffee social will follow worship. Everyone is welcome. Taylor leads a Bible study group at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Current study is in the Book of Romans. All are invited. Information: 655-4216.

Methodists offer Blue Christmas service

The Rupert United Methodist Church will hold a Blue Christmas worship service at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Pastor Pamela Meese will lead the service, which is for anyone grieving loss of a loved one or any type of loss they may be feeling. Special music is included. All are welcome.

Two Christmas Eve Candlelight services — 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. — will be held Wednesday at the Rupert United Methodist Church. Meese will speak at both services; special music is included, and communion and candlelighting will end each service.

The church is located at 605 H St. All are welcome. Information: 436-0335A.

Burley LDS West Stake presents concert

The Burley West Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will present its annual Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parko Ave.

A stake choir, along with other solo and ensemble groups, will perform traditional Christmas music in celebrating the birth of the Savior. The Mini-Cassia community is invited to share in this sacred evening of word and song.

Information: Jeff Rasmussen, 678-2100.

Rupert church presents Christmas program

The Apostolic House of Prayer, 94 E. Baseline in Rupert, will present "Christmas — Bridge to Heaven" at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The play is an original production with special music. The public is invited. Information: 436-5787.

Hospice groups host Christmas concert

Friends of Hospice and Idaho Home Health and Hospice will host Jalmé Thletten and Caleb Collins in "The Joyous Home Christmas Concert" at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the First Assembly of God Church, 143 Locust St. N. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The concert is being presented in honor of hospice families both past and present and to say thank you to the community for its support.

Admission is free; donations of perishable items to be donated to local senior centers will be accepted.

First Christian Church presents live nativity

The tradition continues. The First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls, will present its live Nativity from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday facing Shoshone Street.

The live Nativity is complete with animals. The public is invited to stop by and reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

A special Christmas Eve service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the church. On Sunday, Pastor Jim Tubbs will speak on Bible heroes — Joseph. A special time of fellowship will follow.

Favorite Christmas goodies prepared by members of the congregation will be served.

Information: 733-2209.

Presbyterians hold Christmas services

The First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls, will hold two Christmas Eve services Wednesday.

The first is an informal family worship at 5 p.m., with nine readings from Genesis to John 1:1-14. The service will feature singing of 10 carols, including a candlelit "Silent Night." An Extended Children's Christmas Story, "Bennet's Christmas Eve" by Eugenia A. Gamble, will be read to the children.

A traditional candlelight service at 11 p.m. will feature the Hallelujah Handbells. Music during communion will be a vocal duet by Shastina Blackston and Liberty Yates, "Ave Maria" by Camille Saint-Saëns and a vocal solo by Blackston, "O Holy Night" arranged by Mark Hayes.

Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday will include lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle. Music will include more than 20 home school hand chime ringers playing "Carol of the Bells," "O Come, Little Children," "Angels," "Away in a Manger" and "Cold December Flies Away." Everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments after worship.

Sixth- through 12th-grade youth will meet at noon Sunday at the church to watch the movie, "Wall-E."

Information: 733-7023.

Methodists schedule candlelight service

A traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the sanctuary at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church.

Bring the entire family and celebrate by hearing the familiar scriptures about Jesus' birth, singing carols and listening to special music. Duets by Sarah Benton on the organ and Corrine Van Dyk on the piano will feature "Oh, Holy Night" and "Messiah Medley." The Early Service Band will play a Christmas medley, and Noel and Dana Morfin will present musical selections. Roger Vincent, accompanied by Margaret Vincent, will sing his traditional solo, "I Wonder as I Wander." The service will conclude with the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight.

Children from the Hispanic Ministry after-school program will sing at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

Everyone is welcome. Information:

Lighthouse Fellowship hosts recovery program

Celebrate Recovery Lighthouse is now at 960 Eastland Dr. every Friday night.

A free dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the meetings start at 7 p.m. Child care is available from 7 to 9 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step program for any and all people with hurts, hang-ups or habits. Information: 737-4667.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomson at ellen@magiclevelley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

MISSIONARY



Terri and Duane Mortensen of Jerome and is in the Jerome 4th Ward. He plans to continue his education and work in the area.



The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomson at ellen@magiclevelley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.



West End Community Singers on Wednesday performed at the United Methodist Church in Burli. For the group's annual Christmas Cantata, the singers performed "And Glory Shouts Around" by Lloyd Larson and Douglas Wagner. The arrangement, coupled with narratives from the Bible about Jesus' birth, was a way for performers and audience members to focus on the religious roots of the holiday.

Cantata

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and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

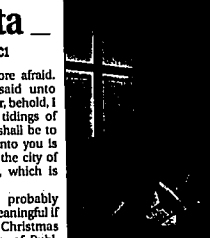
"The event probably wouldn't be as meaningful if they sang the Christmas songs," Anderson, of Buhl, said. "Listening to the cantata is a chance to shift your mind from all the commercialization surrounding Christmas and toward why the holiday is so important."

Cantata member Courtney Gualco agreed. This was the first time the Buhl resident participated with the singers and said her spirit has had a complete priority shift.

"I haven't even done any of my Christmas shopping, and I don't feel all the stress about the holiday as I usually do," Gualco said. "I'm more in tune with the Christmas Spirit... Even if I didn't get to sing with the group I would definitely want to come and at least watch. The experience has been amazing."

The singers have been meeting since November and come from a variety of religious backgrounds. While rehearsals were held at the Methodist church, members are welcome from all denominations and walks of life.

"This isn't about extravagant meals, parties and presents, said Buhl resident Roy Davenport. It's



Wrapping up the West End Community Singers Christmas Cantata on Wednesday was a candlelight ceremony, which gave audience members the chance to join in singing "Silent Night." Shows here are cantata members leading the piece.

Next performance

The West End Community Singers will present "And, Glory Shouts Around," by Lloyd Larson and Douglas Wagner at 3 p.m. Sunday at Glover Trinity Lutheran Church, 3552 N. 1825 E. in Buhl.

about taking time to reflect on Jesus' birth, and the songs provide a great way to focus on that.

"This makes my Christmas and it wouldn't be Christmas without it," Davenport said. "The cantata always gets me into the right mood, and I hope it does the same for everyone else who listens."

Bair Koch may be reached at 208-316-2607 or blairkoc@gnail.com.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Mormon church plans to build temple in Peru

1961 and the first church in 1963 meeting house built in 1963.

Bush honors Hanukkah and Israel's birthday

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush recognized Hanukkah on Monday while paying tribute to Israel's 60th anniversary this year.

The story of Hanukkah recalls the miraculous victory of a small band of patriots against tyranny, and the oil that burned for eight nights, Bush said in veering about 70 guests to the White House reception for the holiday.

SALT LAKE CITY — Top leaders of the Mormon Church on Saturday announced plans to build a temple in Trujillo, Peru.

The temple will bring the total number of temples in South America — existing or under construction — to 17.

Worldwide, the Trujillo temple will be the 146th for the Utah-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mormon missionaries first began preaching in Trujillo in 1960. The first church baptisms were in

Obama defends choice of evangelical pastor

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama on Thursday defended his choice of a popular evangelical minister to deliver the inaugural ceremony at his inauguration, rejecting criticism that it slights gays.

The selection of Pastor Rick Warren brought objections from gay rights advocates, who strongly support Obama during the election campaign. The advocates are angry over Warren's backing of a California ballot initiative banning gay marriage. That measure was approved by voters last month.

But Obama told reporters in Chicago that America needs to "come together," even when there's disagreement on social issues. "The dialogue is part of what my campaign is all about," he said.

Obama also said he's known to be a "fierce advocate for equality" for gays and lesbians, and will remain so. Warren, a best-selling author and leader of a Southern California megachurch, is one of a new breed of evangelicals who stress the need for action on social issues such as reducing poverty and protecting the

environment, alongside traditional theological themes.

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights organization, said Warren's opposition to gay marriage is a sign of intolerance. "We feel a deep level of distress when one of the architects of the campaign, Obama, the promoters of an anti-gay agenda is given the prominence and the pulpit of your historic nomination," the group said in a letter to Obama, asking him to reconsider. Obama's selection of Warren is seen as a signal to religious

conservatives that the president-elect will listen to their views during the campaign.

Warren interviewed Obama and Republican John McCain in a widely watched television program that focused on religious concerns. Gay rights advocates say they're troubled that Obama would give Warren such a visible role at his swearing-in. "By inviting Rick Warren to your inauguration, you have tarnished the view that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans have a place at your table," the letter said.

Pray your way to the top

Monk group finds fame with Gregorian chants

By Veronika Olekay
Associated Press writer

HEILGENKREUZ, Austria — Working to reach No. 1 on the charts? Try praying.

That's how the monks of Heiligenkreuz Abbey found fame. Their compilation of Gregorian chants, a form of sung prayer, has stormed pop music charts worldwide.

The debut CD, "Chant: Music for Paradise," was first released in Europe in May and spent 15 weeks at No. 1 on Britain's classical charts. The album made it to No. 7 on the country's pop charts.

It was also the top classical album in the United States and Canada, where it was released as "Chant: Music for the Soul." It led the pop charts in Belgium and Poland and reached No. 1 in the album charts in Austria. A special edition was recently issued that includes chants sung during the Christmas season.

"I get the sense this music is able to fill a vacuum within a lot of people," said the Rev. Karl Wallner, one of the Cistercian abbey's 74 monks. "It has a basic melody that obviously speaks to people in hard times or changed times of stress, aggression, lack of confidence."

As a result of the CD's success, the 875-year-old abbey, located in a sleepy hamlet about half an hour's drive from Austria's capital, is drawing more visitors.

It was already a popular tourist attraction before the CD release, and fans are now sending e-mails saying the album helped them through hard times or changed their lives. Reservation requests at the monastery's modest guest house have shot up.

"When the monks sing, the chant opens our hearts," writes Abbott Gregor Henckel



In this Oct. 28 file picture, Brother Johannes Paul stands in front of a prayer book at Heiligenkreuz Abbey south of Vienna, Austria. The Heiligenkreuz monks' compilation of Gregorian chants, a form of sung prayer, has stormed pop music charts worldwide.

Donnersmarck in the booklet accompanying the Christmas season album. "We hope it purifies our souls and helps us regain clarity, light, strength and peace."

Many visitors stay for the prayers. It's during these sessions — held at various times during the day starting at 5:15 a.m. — that the men, many of them young, don white robes and silently slip into church to sing the simple Latin lyrics that date back thousands of years.

The daily routine includes getting up at daybreak to follow St. Benedict's rules of "ora et labora" — pray and work. (The Cistercian tradition has its roots in the Rule of St. Benedict.) In the evenings, silence prevails in the abbey,

which sits in the Vienna woods. The abbey came to the attention of Universal last February, when the monks followed the suggestion of a friend who lives in London to submit their music to the company, which was searching for Gregorian singers. Within weeks, the Cistercian singers had a recording deal.

Some of the monks were concerned about how their sacred songs would be marketed. A few of the younger men worried that the media would portray them as a "boy group."

"We don't want to sell ourselves — that was important to us from the start," said Johannes Paul Chavanne, a monk at the monastery. However, Wallner said that Universal was sensitive to their concerns and respectful of the religious atmosphere of the abbey during recording there.

In the monastery, everything is uncomplicated," said Chavanne, 25, who grew up in Vienna and joined the order a little over two years ago.

The monks have some experience being the center of attention. Pope Benedict XVI visited the abbey in September 2007, and Mother Teresa had also traveled there. In late October, former Iranian President

Mohammad Khatami, who visited in Austria for a conference on interreligious dialogue, also visited.

Muslim woman arrested for not taking off headscarf

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A west Georgia judge had a Muslim woman arrested Tuesday for contempt of court after she refused to take off her hijab, the headscarf worn by Muslim women.

Municipal Court Judge Keith Rollins ordered 40-year-old Lisa Valentine to serve 10 days in jail, said Chris Womack with the Douglasville Police Department.

Womack said she violated a court policy that prohibits people from wearing anything on their head.

Valentine's husband, Omar Hall, told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* she was released from jail Tuesday evening. He called the judge's actions unconstitutional and humiliating.

Hall said his wife was accompanying her nephew to address a traffic citation Tuesday when officials stopped her at the metal detector and told her she would not be allowed to enter the courtroom with a headscarf.

Hall said Valentine, an insurance underwriter, told the bailiff that she had been in courtrooms before with a scarf on and that removing it would be a religious violation. When she turned to leave and uttered an expletive, Hall said a bailiff handcuffed her and took her to the judge's chambers.

Speaking to The Associated Press from home Wednesday morning, Rollins said "it would not be appropriate" for him to comment on the case.

The couple did not immediately return a phone call from The Associated Press on Wednesday morning.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations Tuesday called on federal authorities to investigate the incident as well as others in Georgia.

The national group cited a report that a local woman and her 14-year-old daughter were barred from the same judge's courtroom last week because they were wearing Islamic scarves. Last year, a Muslim woman in Valdosta made headlines when she was ordered to remove her hijab in Municipal Court. Officials cited homeland security reasons for forcing her to do so.

"We ask the Department of Justice to investigate these troubling incidents to determine whether the women's civil or religious rights were violated," said CAIR.

Last year, a National Communications Director Ibrahim Hooper, adding judges have the right to set court room decorum. "But those standards should not violate the constitutional right to free exercise of religion."

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RELIGION BRIEFS

Vatican rebukes Italy speaker for fascism comments

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican on Wednesday rebuked an Italian politician for saying the Catholic Church failed to resist fascist laws restricting the rights of Jews.

The Vatican newspaper said Gianfranco Fini, the speaker of Italy's lower Chamber of Deputies, had demonstrated "poor political opportunism" and historical revisionism. Fini spoke Tuesday at a conference marking the 70th anniversary of the introduction of the so-called racial laws, which restricted the rights of Jews and expelled them from government, universities and other fields.

Fini is a former neo-fascist who heads the right-wing National Alliance. He has steadily moved the party toward the mainstream conservative fold and has rejected Italy's fascist past. Vatican Radio aired interviews with top Italian historians who disputed Fini, giving examples of how the Church voiced opposition to the laws.

The Vatican's Osservatore Romano was harsher, calling Fini "one of the political heirs of fascism."

Top religion stories of 2008 election

WESTERVILLE, Ohio — Controversial pastors, Democrats finding faith and a new darling of the

Christian right. Those story lines from the U.S. presidential election led the list of top religion stories in 2008, according to a Religion News Writers Association survey of more than 100 best specialists. President-elect Barack Obama was voted the top 2008 religion newsmaker of 2008. Obama received more than 60 percent of the votes.

Journalists choose a trio of pastors who posed problems for politicians as the year's top religion story.

Incendiary sermons by the Rev. Jeremiah Wright forced Obama to withdraw his membership from Wright's Chicago church, while Republican John McCain rejected the endorsements of evangelical pastors John Hagege and Rod Parsley over their negative comments about other faiths.

The Democratic Party's efforts to woo faith-based voters and GOP vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin's popularity with evangelical voters were the second and third top stories, respectively.

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Sunday, December 21st
Our young people Christmas play, "The Way Important Quest" 10:30am
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Christmas is not a merry time for the year for everyone. For some it is a time of sorrow, stress, or loneliness. On the longest and darkest night of the year, we offer a safe and healing service, sharing that makes for remembering, seeing our hurting places for God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.
Join us on Sunday, December 21, at 6:00pm for a candlelight service.
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Apples the core of Rupert couple's giving

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

Charles Pherigos is a decorated veteran of the Korean War and he and his wife Ellen traveled the world before they settled in Idaho.

At 78, Charles is not planning to go into combat, but he's acting on another way to help his fellow soldiers.

"I was at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Pocatello, and as they took me down the hall I started looking in the rooms. Those people looked so sick and lonely. It was Christmas, and I wanted to do something for them," Pherigos said.

It's one thing to think about it, and another thing to do it. The Pherigos put their heads together and came up with apples. A case of them, carefully packed in molded cardboard carriers to prevent bruising.

"They hand them out, and they say it brightens up their day," Charles said, of the folks working at and visiting the clinic that day. "We bring them as a thank you for what they have given our nation. For their hard work. That staff is so dedicated."

For three years the Pherigos took a case or two to Pocatello from their Heyburn home.

"I'm a connoisseur of apples," Charles said. "We order these from the Star Ranch in Washington state, through the Riddle's in Rupert. They are red delicious."

The giant apples find a willing reception. They have earned Charles his new nickname, "Charlie the Apple Man." Two years ago, the couple added plastic bags of chocolate candy.



Charles and Ellen Pherigos have started their own Christmas tradition. They take the finest apples they can find to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Pocatello every year to share with injured veterans. Last year they added 100 bags of chocolates candy to the treats.

Pherigos put together 100 of this year.

"This is our Christmas gift to ourselves," said Ellen, who hand-letters "Merry Christmas — Thanks for your service — from an Air Force Veteran of the Korean War" on 100 gift tags in red, blue and green.

"We have everything we need," Charles said. "We don't need more stuff. But to see the looks on those faces..."

The Pherigos are happy to be giving.

Part of Charles's story is that Ellen is a pastor's daughter. The other part may have started back during the

Korean War. Charlie was an Air Force Master Sergeant with the 5th Air Force, 52nd Troop Carrier Group, 15th Carrier Squadron, the most decorated unit in the Korean War. He was facing a rescue mission in Seoul. They were to save the women at the American Embassy, in the path of advancing troops.

Up until that time, Charles had been a metallurgist, stationed in Nagoya, Japan. This was a whole new experience for him. "We were well-armed, but I don't mind saying that I was scared," he said. "There was something I needed to take care of."

He went to see the chaplain and told him he wanted Jesus with him when he went into Seoul. The problem was, he had never prayed before, and he didn't know how.

"Charlie," the chaplain said, "you're talking to me, aren't you? Well that's how you talk to God. Just tell him what you want."

He did, and that is the beginning of how Charles Pherigos became "Charlie the Apple Man."

He married Ellen and they have traveled the world together.

And they are still making people happy.

MINIDOKA VIEW

Bullying in the 21st century

By Kelly Arritt
For the Times-News

When I went to school, bullies were easily identified. They were usually bigger than their victims and they were mean to just about everyone. If they didn't get what they wanted they would take some sort of physical aggression against their victims, who were often reluctant to come forward for fear of some kind of retaliation. In today's world bullying is still present. However, it is sometimes misunderstood and brod in more avenues.

One might ask "What is bullying?" According to Dr. Ken Higgs, an international researcher and recognized expert in school bullying, there are specific criteria in the definition of bullying. Bullying is any hurtful or aggressive act toward an individual or group that is intentional and repeated. This involves a hurtful action, a power imbalance, repetition, an unjust use of power, satisfaction by the aggressor, and oppression for the victim.

He identifies two types of bullying, direct or indirect. Direct bullying is more physical or verbal and may include punching, pinching, shoving, choking, spitting, ganging up, name calling playing jokes, touching, taunting about race, religion, or disabilities, and demanding money or property. Indirect is a more emotional behavior and includes behaviors such as rejecting, excluding, blackmailing, rinking, hateful looks, indecent gestures, passing notes, writing hateful graffiti, spreading rumors, and using technology.

With the advent of new technology, we see bullying over the internet and through cell phones. Internet sites such as Myspace.com and Facebook.com are used by millions each day. Through these kinds of chat rooms, inappropriate rhetoric which is threatening and demeaning is abundant. Texting and pictures taken and sent through cell phones can be very threatening and demeaning, also. In the past, these avenues were not present. Bullying, whether it is direct or indirect, is not acceptable.

Bullying can be limited if we as a community take a stand. If you suspect your child is being bullied, please report it. If it is at school, please contact school administration. If it is out of school, contact your local law enforcement agency. I would suggest parents know what sites their children are visiting on the internet. I would also suggest parents talk to their children about talking to cell phones and be aware of any texting (including photos) sent and received on the cell phone.

Unfortunately, bullying does exist in schools within our school district. It also exists outside of our schools. Schools work very hard to keep this to a minimum and create a safe and caring environment. This becomes a challenge in many ways. Sometimes it is not reported at all. When reported, it is sometimes longer after it started. Other times it comes down to one student's word against another. However, if it is reported at school, it is investigated and a resolution is sought. Rest assured your local schools are doing their best to limit bullying.

Kelly Arritt is vice-principal at Minico High School.

Veterans benefits boost OK'd by House VA committee

The House Veterans Affairs Committee recently approved a routine cost-of-living increase for disabled veterans. The bill, H.R. 5826, would provide for an increase in veterans' disability benefits and dependency and indemnity compensation for veterans' families.

A spokesman for the bill's sponsor, Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-Texas, said the measure has particular importance this year because of the lagging economy and because some veterans live solely on the payments.

The cost-of-living increase, effective Dec. 1, 2008, is based on the Consumer Price Index and tied to the annual cost-of-living increase awarded for Social Security payments.

VETERANS CORNER George Schwindeman

That figure has not been determined, but last year's increase was 2.3 percent.

Senate Veterans Affairs Chairman Daniel K. Akaka, D-Hawaii, is sponsoring the Senate Companion bill, S. 2617. The Congressional budget office has not issued a cost estimate for either measure so far.

The bill is expected to pass the House and Senate and be signed by the President. Rodriguez's spokesman said Congress can block the benefit increases, but it has approved them every year since fiscal 1976.

Going retro on retired pay

A bipartisan group of 10 senators has introduced a bill that would make retroactive changes in reserve retirement to give credit for mobilizations since Sept. 11, 2001, when calculating the age at which reservists can begin drawing retirement pay.

The National Guard and Reserve Retired Pay Equity Act would amend the law that took effect in January that allows Reservists, who previously had to wait until age 60 to draw retirement checks, to start getting payments 90 days earlier for every 90 days of continuous mobilization.

But the law allowed credit. Please see VETERANS, Page C5

COMMUNITY NEWS

Life Wreath on display

Minidoka Memorial Hospice has its Annual Circle of Life Wreath on display now through the end of December in the front entrance hall of Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

CSI M-C center offers computer class

The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia enrichment program is offering "I've Turned on the Computer... Now What?" class from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 8-25.

Students will take the intimidation out of computer technology with this basic course. Participants will experiment with the keyboard and mouse on common computer programs.

This class will increase understanding of Windows operating system and cover how to set up programs,

create and manage files, customize windows, change desktop displays and discover great shortcuts.

The cost is \$40. Information: 678-1400.

MC center closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 4

The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center will be closed from 1 p.m. on Dec. 23 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 5.

A variety of enrichment classes are set for January including Gymnastics for Children Ages 4 to 12, Calligraphy, Digital Camera Survival Skills, I've Turned on the Computer... Now What?, Quick Picasa Photos, Blogging, Garden Fever, How to Use a T-83 Calculator, and Step Back in Time: The Battle of the Bulge and Pearl Harbor.

For information about January classes: <http://off-campus.csi.edu/minicassia/index.asp> and click on the enrichment class description for class dates and times.

BJ Duplicate Bridge announces winners

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert announced the results of Tuesday play:

North-South: 1. George and Nancy Gibson, 2. Shirley Harris and Barbara Carney, 3. Bill Goodman and Vera Mai, 4. Warren and Faun McEntire.

East-West: 1. Wilma Shockey and Gary Carney, 2. Shirley Harris and Maren Temple, 3. Peggy Payne and Donna Kuanai, 4. Bub and Marie Price.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-3937 or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Gray hair could be turning yellow due to smoking or pollution

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have an unusual problem for which I cannot find any help.

I stopped coloring my brunette hair over 15 years ago. As a 76-year-old female, I have a nice head of gray hair that still has some dark spots on the top of my head. I have given up perms for a year and am growing my hair longer, hoping for easier care.



ASK DR.
GOTT
Dr. Peter
Gott

Now my hair is turning a brassy yellow color on the top layer. I worked outside

all summer in my garden, as I am a farmer, but I wore a hat. I've tested our well water at the state office and find no problem there, except for a higher-than-normal arsenic count, common here near the Snake River in Idaho.

I am not on any new medications, but I am at my wits' end about the brassy color my hair has taken on. I've

spoken with three beauticians but didn't get any help there. Can you advise me?

DEAR READER: Melanin contains metals such as iron, zinc and magnesium and is a natural pigment that colors hair, skin and the choroid of the eye. Its production slows as we age, causing hair to turn gray. Other causes can be a vitamin B-12 deficiency or a thyroid imbalance.

Hair that takes on a yellow tone can be linked to smoking or to air pollutants.

Perhaps someone in your home smokes, or you may have been exposed to elements in the air while working outdoors.

Try using a purifying shampoo once a month or so to prevent a buildup. Also, silver tone will combat those

yellow tones. There are also natural rinses, such as lemon juice, that might be worth pursuing.

When you visit your physician, ask about the possibility of a B-12 deficiency or thyroid imbalance. Simple laboratory testing can rule out both disorders. B-12 deficiency is so commonly

Please see DR. GOTT, Page C6

Police don't look forward to fatal crash, domestic violence calls

Q: What call do you dread going to the most?

A: There are several calls that I do not look forward to going to. The one that really gets the stress level up is the call to a scene of domestic violence. The reason I and other officers dread this call is because it is the one call that you can't be prepared for.

Most times it may be a simple argument but that same location could end up being a homicide scene. Sometimes the officer could end up being part of that scene as well. FBI statistics show that family disturbances are the No. 1 issue for violent officer fatalities; automotive accidents are the top nonviolent issue.

The other call is that of a fatality crash. In 14 years I have only been to one but I know some police officers that fear going to so many fatal crashes that they become numb to the tragedy. The other factor that plays in here is that a police officer might go to a fatal crash that involved a close friend or relative. I don't think anybody could be tough enough to handle that.

I guess I could have answered with one answer after all. The answer would be that I dreaded going to any call that involves death or its possibility.

Drive safe on the ice

One thing that I continue to see is people pulling their vehicle out in front of other people on icy roads as if the roads were dry.

Please remember that if you pull out in front of somebody and they crash but don't crash into you, you can still be held responsible. If you leave knowing there was a crash you could even get charged with leaving the scene of a crash.

Leave early and be prepared to wait a while on icy roads. After all, getting to your destination late is better than not arriving at all.

Joke time

Are "women drivers" to be trusted?
A woman and a man are



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Involved in a car crash ... Both of their cars are totally demolished, but amazingly neither of them is hurt.

After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, "So you're a man, that's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt ... This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

Flattered, the man replied, "Oh yes, I agree with you completely! This must be a sign from God!"

The woman continued, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break ... Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune."

She hands the bottle to the man. The man nods his head in agreement, opens it and drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"
The woman replies, "No. I think I'll just wait for the police ..."

Officer down

Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers.

- Captain Tom Tennant, Woodburn Police Department, Oregon
- Trooper William Hakim, Oregon State Police
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Be safe, I'll talk to you next week.

Joe time

Dan Bristol is a Heyburn Police sergeant detective. E-mail your questions to policemandan@yahoo.com.



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Veterans

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performed after Jan. 28, the day the bill became law. Failure to provide any retroactive credit in the new law, part of the 2008 Defense Authorization Act, prompted complaints from the military and veterans groups, including the major National Guard and Reserve Association. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-

Ga., a chief sponsor of the bill said a 2001 effective date makes more sense because that is when the role of the National Guard and Reserve "fundamentally changed."
"Supporters hope to get the bill attached to other defense related legislation so it can pass through Congress this year.

George Schwindeman is a veteran who lives in Rupert.

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DeMary library book notes

Here are the most recent book notes from DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert.

Mystery: "Dashing Through the Snow" by Mary Higgins Clark & Carol Higgins Clark

A group of co-workers learn they have won half of the mega lottery. No one knows who purchased the second ticket, but it appears that something is not quite right. The Kelly's and the Meehan's are just the people to find out what is amiss.

Mystery: "Santa Clawed" by Rita Mae Brown
It is almost Christmas and Harry takes her animal companions with her to pick out a tree and returns to discover the owner's dead body. As the holidays grow nearer, more prominent men are murdered.

Fiction: "The Christmas Sweater" by Glenn Beck
Eddie wants a bike for Christmas, but instead gets a sweater. Hurt and disappointed, he tosses the sweater on his bedroom floor. A story of the true meaning of a gift.

Fiction: "A Dog Named Christmas" by Greg Kincaid
Developmentally challenged Todd hears that a local shelter is seeking temporary homes for their dogs during the holiday week. Todd, with the help of a dog named Christmas, teaches the community the transformative power of goodwill and shared love.

Other: Fiction Titles: "Under the Mistletoe" contains two stories: "Bluebird Winter" by Linda Howard and "Naughty or Nice" by Stephanie Bond; "Hark the Herald Angel Screamed" by Mignon F. Ballard; "A Christmas Grace" by Anne Perry.

Dr. Gott

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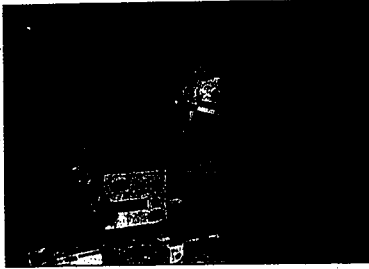
overlooked for countless disorders that Sally Pacholok wrote a book titled "Could It Be B12?" a few years ago. The information it contains might be helpful to you.

To give you additional related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads: Vitamins and Minerals." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT:
Regarding your column on sciatica, I would like to suggest you add acupuncture. Seven years ago, I tried all the procedures you suggested prior to the surgery, which I did not want. "Thinking outside the box, I found an acupuncturist and, within six treatments, I was completely cured. I am now 68 years old and lead a very active life.
DEAR READER: Thank you for your recommendation. The pain of sciatica is difficult for anyone to face. You were fortunate to find an alternative that worked so well. I'll pass the info to will inspire others.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

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PACKAGES FROM HOME

Members of the Rupert 11th YSA Branch of the Rupert West State Branch prepared five Christmas boxes for soldiers serving in Iraq. Members provided such items as potato chips, jerky, candy, cookies, powdered fruit drink mix, granola bars and small games. The men told that all Make Good will go back to me controlled by soldiers for the names of deployed service men and women," said Carrie Astor. It really doesn't matter. Any soldier would appreciate a package from home on Christmas.

Courtesy photo

Calligraphy class offered at CSI M-C

The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is returning calligraphy to the spring lineup with classes from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 7-28. Stephanie Call will share her artistic talents, teaching a skill that has been practiced for more than 100 years.

The cost is \$40 plus supplies students will need to bring to class. A Calligraphy II class will be offered in February so students can move further into the decorative aspect of lettering.
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Deep Throat: Beyond the man, the Watergate legend lives on

By Tod Anthony Associated Press writer

He was many things — inspiration to a generation of investigative journalists, a loner with uncertain motivations who represented the most complicated parts of a time when nothing — not even the state of the American union — was exactly what it seemed.

The FBI official W. Mark Felt cutted himself as Deep Throat 3 1/2 years ago after three decades and an agonizing internal debate. To hear his friends tell it, he spent the end of his life relieving the burden of a life spent upon himself when he chose to covertly spill various beans about Richard Nixon's misdeeds.

Yet in a way, Mark Felt the man didn't matter as much to history as did his alter ego. Deep Throat, the character he created, named after one of the first porn movies that reached into mainstream culture, was one America desperately needed at that moment: someone who would speak with no visible restraints, blow the whistle on the yam to end all political yams.

He was also, for many Americans, an entry point into the murky that brought down Nixon's presidency. Deep Throat was the figure of Deep Throat that you feel like you came into contact with that kind of hidden secret infrastructure that is so much a part of the Watergate story," said Andrew Killeen, author of "1973 Nervous Breakdown: Watergate, Warhol and the Birth of Post-States America."

"He was somebody out of Central Casting," Killeen said of Felt, who died Thursday in California. If he had been a real figure, and Hollywood would make a movie about Watergate, they would have had to invent somebody like him." He calls Felt "almost heroic, almost virtu-



Joan Felt and her father W. Mark Felt were to the media gathered in front of their home in May 2005 in Santa Rosa, Calif. Felt, the former, FBI second-in-command who revealed himself as 'Deep Throat' 30 years after he tipped off reporters to the Watergate scandal that toppled a president, died Thursday. He was 95.

"The bottom line is that we did get the whole truth out, and isn't that what the FBI is supposed to do?"

— One-time FBI official W. Mark Felt

ous, almost noble." Deep Throat also was almost never unmasked, at least in his lifetime. Carl Bernstein didn't meet him until last month, and Bob Woodward kept the secret through nearly 30 years of speculation. Was it Alexander Halg, some people asked? Or Henry Kissinger? Or a combination of people — a "composite" used by the Washington Post reporters to personally important information.

It's difficult today, even for those who were around, to summon the full force of that moment in history when Deep Throat changed the country and the presidency. America was still reeling from the 1960s, a paroxysm of a decade that, among so many other things, had significantly diminished citizens' faith that their government would

be on the side of the angels. Two Kennedys and a King were dead, Lyndon Johnson had left office with his tail between his legs, and the war in Vietnam was mirroring long-term uncertainty. The energy crisis was ascendant, terrorism was just starting to show its face, and suddenly the question on everybody's lips was: What did the president know, and when did he know it?

Into the mix came this political version of the Unknown Soldier, straight out of the John Le Carré and Robert Ludlum Cold War spy novels so popular at the time. With him came signals via red flags, code messages in newspapers and nighttime parking-garage powwows.

If the book by Woodward and Bernstein, "All the President's Men," didn't secure his place in the cul-

ture, then the 1976 movie version starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman certainly says it. We see Hal Holbrook in the fabled parking garage whispering back-channel information to our intrepid reporters. It was unforgettable — and a pastiche that inspired thousands of young people to choose investigative journalism as a career out of the belief that, with the dogged pursuit of sources and the truth, some good could be done.

Some called Deep Throat a traitor. Some called him a hero. Woodward called him a secret, and that's exactly what made Felt's identity such an object of fascination over so many years. America likes nothing better than an unsolved mystery, and a conspiracy theory only makes it more mouthwatering.

"He became one of the great American mysteries. There's who killed JFK, is there a Bigfoot roaming around somewhere in the Pacific Northwest," said Robert Thompson, a Syracuse University professor of television who studies how American popular culture works.

Thompson sees another crucial narrative element in the Deep Throat saga: He was a really serious player. In a story that unfolded with bumbles and boners, with botched burglaries and ham-handed lies and suspiciously absent segments of tape, this was someone with the goods. In other words, Watergate: created by idiots, revealed by experts.

"The whole thing looked like something out of a Mack Sennett comedy," Thompson said. "And suddenly you get this Deep Throat guy who looks like he's operating out of a serious spy thriller."

"People will debate for a long time whether I did the right thing by helping Woodward," Felt wrote in his 2006 memoir, "A G-Man's Life: The FBI, Deep Throat and the Struggle for Honor in Washington." "The bottom line is that we did get the whole truth out, and isn't that what the FBI is supposed to do?"

Betty F. Miller



Betty F. Miller, 64, of Lewiston, passed away unexpectedly at her Lewiston home Friday, Dec. 12, 2008.

She was born Feb. 6, 1944, in Gooding, to Alvin and Leta Faye Irving. She graduated from Hagerman High School in 1962. On May 26, 1962, she married Craig Miller. To this union, two children were born, Lisa Faye and Dustin Danner. Mom and Dad divorced in 1982. Mom married Jack Haraway on July 8, 1988. With this marriage, Jack brought his two daughters, Julie and Jaimee. Mom and Jack enjoyed golfing, camping, bowling, traveling and especially spending time with their grandchildren. She loved her pugs, Mazie Mae and Sadie Rae, and her chow, Sam Lee.

She worked at Sears in Twin Falls, the Sears Credit Central in Boise and currently the Clarkson Credit Bureau in Clarkston. Over the years, she has met a lot of people who have really touched her life. Thank you to all her wonderful friends. Our mom was one of the most giving, caring, selfless people you would ever meet. She has been Jack's

rock for the past eight years through his time of need. There have been many good times and bad, but she would say it was all worth it.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Al and Leta Faye Irving; her first husband, Craig Miller; and her niece, Leta Mae Daines. She is survived by her husband, Jack; daughter, Lisa and Greg Summers; son, Dustin and Carisa Miller; stepdaughters, Julie and Joe Rigney and Jaimee and Judy Weeks. She is also survived by her sister, Carrae and Richard Daines brothers, Tom and Mary Irving and Bob and Viv Irving; grandchildren, Chase, Cade and Sheryl, Connor, Samantha, Whitney, Nola, Taylor, Abby, Brady, Jessica, Kayla, Daniel and Joclyn. She also had five great-grandchildren, Allison, Adam, Emmitt, Katryn and Kaylee Rae. She was also anticipating the birth of Cade's daughter coming in March.

Mom — our hearts are broken, there is such a void in our lives without you. We know you are watching over us and until we meet again; know that we love and miss you with all of our hearts. Love you, Lisa and Dustin.

A memorial service was held Dec. 16 in Lewiston. A memorial dinner for family and friends will be held at a later date in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Fern Kieffer

MOUNTAIN HOME — Fern Anita Kieffer, 84, of Mountain Home, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, at a Boise hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at the First Congregational Church, 515 E. 18th St. The Grand View Home a reception will follow at the church (Rust Funeral Home, McMurry Street in Mountain Home).

William Moore

FILER — William Stanley Moore, 90, of Filer, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, at the Cedar Draw Living Center in Filer.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at the Central LDS Church, 106 N. Norton Ave. in Tucson, Ariz.; visitation will be two hours before the funeral at the church (Bring Funeral Home of Tucson, Ariz.).

Lola Burgoyne

Lola M. Burgoyne, 81, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

A celebration of life will be

held at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

Ralph Price

TUCSON, Ariz. — Ralph Larkin Price, 69, of Tucson, Ariz. and formerly of Jerome and Gannett, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, in Tucson, Ariz.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at the Central LDS Church, 106 N. Norton Ave. in Tucson, Ariz.; visitation will be two hours before the funeral at the church (Bring Funeral Home of Tucson, Ariz.).

Robert Dickerson Sr.

Robert E. Dickerson Sr., 87, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Jesse Vernon Yarrington of Idaho Falls and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Wood Funeral Home East Side, 963 S. Ammon Road in Idaho Falls; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the mortuary; burial in the Marlon Cemetery in Oakley.

Daniel R. Zohner of Paul, graveside service at noon today at the Green Valley Driggs (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Victor John Schenk of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Thinity Lutheran Church, 509 Fifth St. in Rupert; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Susan Becker of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center Ave.; visitation

from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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

Barry O. Bragg of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Louise-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Retura Kimpton of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and on Monday at the funeral home; Monday at the mortuary.

Autumn L. Decker of Buhi, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Buhi; visitation from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday at the church (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

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Stolen cake sparks bank data alert

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Two couriers at a package distribution center stole a Christmas cake and a German newspaper and mailed in its place a package of credit card data, prosecutors said Friday. The mix-up triggered an alarm over lost bank customer e-mails.

A batch of misdirected addresses, including names, addresses and card transactions ended up at the Frankfurter Rundschau daily last week — instead of the cake. Police advised credit card customers to check their accounts for inconsistencies. But the incident turned out to be less sinister than feared.

Frankfurt prosecutors said that two couriers stole a Stollen, a German-style Christmas cake, at a distribution center in Mainz.

In an attempt to cover up the theft, the men instead sent one of several packages of credit card billing details destined for Landesbank Berlin to the newspaper, the cake's intended recipient.

Doris Moeller-Scheu, a spokeswoman for Frankfurt prosecutors, said the suspected thieves didn't know what was in it, so no harm came to customers.

She said the two men had admitted to the theft. Prosecutors did not name the courier service involved or identify the two suspects.

Shoe-throwing journalist was beaten, Iraqi judge says

By Qasim Abdul-Zahra Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — A judge announced a probe Friday into the beating and bruising of an Iraqi journalist's face moments after he hurled his shoes at President George W. Bush, and said investigators destroyed the shoes in their search for explosives.

The statement to The Associated Press by Dhiya al-Kinani, the investigating judge, was the first official word that Muntadhar al-Zubair was hurt after his outburst at a news conference by Bush and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. According to the judge, al-Zeldi suffered a bruised face and eyes.

Al-Zeldi has been in custody since the Sunday attack

and hasn't been seen since by relatives or a lawyer. One of the men, Uday, alleged Friday that the isolation indicates he was abused.

"Until now, neither an attorney nor anyone from his family has seen him and this is clear evidence that with him came signals via red flags, code messages in newspapers and nighttime parking-garage powwows.

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Iraq's interior minister says arrests of officials were politically motivated

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interior minister on Friday angrily dismissed reports that a group of officials from his ministry was plotting to overthrow the government and said the arrests of the men were politically motivated.

"It is a big lie. The public must understand this,"

Jawad al-Bolani told reporters at a news conference, referring to the accusations against the men. "It was clearly motivated by politics and was not related to security."

Bolani's comments came a day after an Interior Ministry spokesman announced the arrests of 23 of the ministry's officials, as well as some from other security min-

istry, on suspicion of attempting to reconstitute Saddam Hussein's Baath Party, which was banned after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

On Friday, the ministry's director of internal affairs said the officials would be released within 48 days, but will release them very soon," Gen. Ahmed Abu Raqeeb said in an interview.

Al-Zeldi was wrestled to the ground seconds after throwing his shoes, and the judge said videotape of the scuffle would be studied carefully.

The journalists "was beaten in the news conference and we will watch the tape and write an official letter asking for the names of those who assaulted him," the judge said. He said al-Zeldi could choose not to pursue charges related to the beating, he did not say why he decided to open an investigation.

Al-Zeldi wasn't the only person who ended up with a bruised eye. White House press secretary Dana Perino suffered an eye injury when she was hit in the face with a microphone during the news conference.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said Friday that the treatment of al-Zeldi was a matter for Iraqi authorities to deal with. "Certainly, nobody wants anybody to be mistreated while they're in custody," he said. "I can't attest to these allegations, however."

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No junior college team in America boasts a higher percentage of basketball games won than the College of Southern Idaho men. That winning tradition wouldn't be possible without some incredibly talented athletes and coaches, many of whom use their time in Twin Falls as a springboard to bigger things. Currently, there are 14 former Golden Eagles playing for NCAA Division I men's teams. Here's a look at how they're doing.

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ADRI DELEON, E. WASHINGTON
DeLeon, a 5-11 senior point guard, has played in just one game for the Eagles, hitting one 3-pointer on the season.

NICK HANSEN, WEBER STATE
Hansen's perimeter shooting is netting him 10.2 points per game for the 5-4 Wildcats. The 6-4 Pocatello High grad has started all nine games this season, playing nearly 30 minutes a night while hitting 42.3 percent from beyond the arc.

BRAD GARRETT, OKLA. STATE
The sharpshooting Garrett has been derailed by injuries since joining the Cowboys. He played only two games last season before dislocating his shoulder and taking a medical redshirt. He is now sidelined with a stress fracture in his shin and hasn't played for the 8-3 Cowboys.

KEVIN GALLOWAY, KENTUCKY
The 6-foot-7 point guard is gradually seeing more time with the 7-3 Wildcats, and has started the past two games. He is averaging 1.1 points, 0.9 rebounds and 1.1 assists while seeing action in seven games. Galloway's one-handed scoop lob to teammate Patrick Patterson made ESPN's Top 10 plays on Dec. 13.

JOEY SHAW, NEVADA
Coming primarily off the bench, Shaw is a key contributor for the 6-4 Wolf Pack, netting 9.7 points a game to go with 3.9 rebounds in 21 minutes per contest. The athletic 6-6 forward scored a season-high 21 points against Colorado State and is shooting 38 percent from 3-point range.

KEVIN DAVIS, SAN DIEGO STATE
Overcoming Hodgkin's lymphoma, Davis has appeared in eight games for the 7-3 Aztecs, averaging 2.5 points and 1.8 rebounds per game. He netted 11.5 points a game during SDSU's first 15 games last season before being slowed by the cancer. The 6-3 guard is still undergoing radiation treatments, but both Aztec head coach Steve Fisher and current CSI coach Steve Gosar have noted Davis' always positive attitude.

BOCAR BA, COLORADO STATE
Ba has played in all 30 games for the 3-7 Rams, averaging 2.0 points and 2.0 rebounds in 12.2 minutes a game. He's started four times for Colorado State coach Tim Miles.

JUAN PATTILLO, OKLAHOMA
The athletic 6-6 forward is redshirting this season for the unbeaten (10-0) and fourth-ranked Sooners as he improves his perimeter game with an eye on playing the small forward position.

TERRY FIELDS, TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO
Fields is contributing 5.0 points and 2.4 rebounds as a key reserve for the 3-4 Roadrunners. A 6-7 junior forward, Fields is playing nearly 17 minutes a game on a team led in part by former CSI assistant coach Jeff Renegar.

REGGIE GUYTON, ORAL ROBERTS
Guyton has started five games for the 2-8 Golden Eagles, averaging 3.4 points, 2.3 assists and 1.9 rebounds. The 5-11 junior point guard is playing about 20 minutes a night.

KEVIN FORD, ORAL ROBERTS
The well-traveled Ford is with his fourth collegiate team after stops at New Mexico State, CSI and Ball State. He became eligible in mid-December and has started two games, averaging 10.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and one block in 23 minutes a game.

HARVEY PERRY, COLORADO STATE
Injuries have limited Perry, but the 6-5 guard is contributing 4.4 points, 4.0 rebounds and 1.9 assists in 17.3 minutes a game. He's started five of the seven games he's played in for CSU.

TRAVIS GABBIDON, TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO
A 6-7 senior forward, Gabbidon is the Roadrunners' third-leading scorer at 11.7 points per game. He also adds 4.3 rebounds and nearly two assists in more than 27 minutes a night for 3-4 UTSA.

ART PARAKHOUSKI, RADFORD
Parakhouski is the Highlanders' leading rebounder (9.3 per game) and second-leading scorer (14.6 per game). The 6-11 center from Minsk, Belarus, has started every game for Radford (3-7), while playing more than 27 minutes a game.

Information compiled by Times-News sports editor Mike Christensen

It's not BCS, but Boise St. vs. TCU a marquee game

By Ralph Russo
Associated Press writer

The holiday football festival known as college bowl season tends to start slow, with the first few days featuring games only hardcore fans can get fired up about.

This year, however, one of the best bowls will be played before Santa Claus comes to town.

The Poinsettia Bowl, in only its fourth year, has scored a marquee matchup: No. 9 and unbeaten Boise State vs. No. 11 TCU.

The Broncos (12-0), champions of the Western Athletic Conference, made a run at busting into the BCS for the second time in three seasons. They came up short, bowed out by Mountain West Conference champion Utah.

The Utes went undefeated and earned a Sugar Bowl bid. Their closest call along the



Boise State linebacker Derrill Arvey, center, high-fives Poinsettia Bowl officials as he arrives with the football team at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego Friday. Boise State will face TCU in the Poinsettia Bowl on Tuesday.

way was against TCU last month. The Utes needed a late touchdown drive and some good fortune in the form of two missed field goals by TCU in the fourth quarter to win 13-10.

BCS hopes gone, the Broncos and Horned Frogs will meet in San Diego. TCU (10-2) brings in the best run defense in the

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Twenty-three locals reach Bear-Cat semis

Highland leads team standings, Jerome third

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Ryan Slade gave up his position to Minico's Colby May, in the process falling behind by a point in the third round of his 160-pound quarterfinal at the Bear-Cat Wrestling Invitational in Jerome on Friday.

Three times the Wendell wrestler tried to reverse his counterpart, to no avail. Slade's head went into the mat; it looked like he was out of gas. But he didn't need to search very deep for that little bit extra.

"I think of my brother a lot



Jerome's Hayden Theacker, right, looks to the clock towards the end of his 145 lb. match with Twin Falls High School's Mark Christensen Friday afternoon in Jerome.

out there." Slade said of his elder brother Cory, a third-place finisher for Wendell at last year's Class 2A state

meet who is currently undergoing treatment in

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Richmond beats Montana 24-7 to win FCS title

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Mike London gave Richmond the perfect ending to his first season in charge as his alma mater.

Eric Ward caught a touchdown pass and threw for another score, Josh Vaughan ran for 162 yards and a touchdown and the Spiders dominated Montana 24-7 on Friday night for the school's first Football Championship Subdivision national championship.

After starting the season 4-3, the Spiders were perhaps the only ones who thought they had a chance to win the title. The team held a players-only meeting on Oct. 12 after a loss to James Madison and pledged not to give up on making a playoff run.

Richmond (14-2) won its next eight games behind the calm coaching of London,

who replaced Dave Clawson after two seasons as defensive coordinator at Virginia. The Spiders went on to upset defending national champion Appalachian State in the playoff quarterfinals and hung on to beat Northern Iowa before topping two-time national champion Montana.

A crowd of mostly Richmond fans rushed the field in Chattanooga, surrounding the players as they accepted the championship trophy.

The Grizzlies (14-2), who lost the 2004 championship to James Madison and were making their fifth trip to the title game, found themselves in a 21-0 hole by halftime.

Ward struck first when he pitched the ball to fullback John Crone just a few minutes into the game. The quar-

terback took off toward the endzone and Crone hit him from 22 yards out — his first touchdown pass and Ward's first touchdown reception.

Montana moved quickly downfield in an attempt to answer, but the drive stalled at the 11 and Brody McKnight missed a 34-yard field goal attempt.

Little would go right for the Grizzlies the rest of the half. Cole Bergquist threw a 15-yard pass to Steven Pfahler deep in Montana territory, but a penalty for an illegal block erased the play and another drive stalled.

Richmond took over at the Montana 34 and, three plays later, Vaughan bounced a run outside and scored from 5 yards out to make it 14-0 with 11:29 left in the first half.

Ward's 13-yard touchdown

pass to Garrett Wilkins with 2:13 to go before halftime capped a 12-play, 75-yard drive that took up nearly 7 minutes.

Bergquist was sacked seven times in the game, with Lawrence Sidbury responsible for four of them. The Montana quarterback completed 19 of 36 passes for 267 yards and an interception.

Marc Mariani caught seven passes for 172 yards for the Grizzlies.

Montana didn't reach the end zone until 11:56 left in the game, when Chase Reynolds plowed in from 4 yards out. But Eric McBride picked off Bergquist moments later, and Brian Radford's 39-yard field goal with 6:54 left in the game dashed any hopes of a Montana comeback.



Richmond quarterback Eric Ward (11) is congratulated by running back John Crone (3) after scoring a touchdown on a 23-yard pass- play from Crone against Montana in the first quarter of the WCAA Football Championship Subdivision title game in Chattanooga, Tenn., Friday. AP photo

FINDING BALANCE

ISU's O'Brien a different man off the court

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — Watching Idaho State men's basketball coach Joe O'Brien on the sidelines is a different man. Focused. Demonstrative. But there's another side to O'Brien that few fans ever get to know. He's happily married, he's a father, and he enjoys getting away from the pressure and the spotlight that comes with what he does for a living.

"You can't possibly stay that focused on basketball 24-7," he said from his office. "I know a lot of people in this business that left because they were burned out. I've been fortunate that twice in my career I took a year off to recharge and refocus. This is all I ever wanted to do since I was a sophomore in college, but you have to have some balance."

O'Brien is also fortunate in that his wife, Amy, is a former high school and college basketball player herself. She knows intimately what it like to be in the position that her husband is in.

"I can run ideas by her or talk about a game or a practice and she gets it," said O'Brien. "She knows what it's about. She also understands that if both of us were coaches it probably wasn't going to work out from a personal level and she was talented enough to be able to make her own path outside of basketball to enable me to do this."



Idaho State men's basketball coach Joe O'Brien is pretty intense on the sidelines, but shows a different side away from the game. Courtesy Idaho State University

The O'Brien family has three children, two now in college in Iowa and one son, Cory, who played for his dad and is now on staff at Idaho State.

"Cory probably had the toughest time because he played here while I was coaching. All of my children understand that you're going to have bad days and good days," said O'Brien. "They'll hear something or read something and they'll get upset, but again they understand that it goes with what I do."

Balance is a key word in the O'Brien household and away from the court there are things that the coach likes to do.

"This is all I ever wanted to do since I was a sophomore in college, but you have to have some balance."

— Idaho State men's basketball coach Joe O'Brien

"My wife and I like to travel to see our relatives around the country. We've got family in Louisiana, Illinois, Iowa and now that our kids are basically on their own, we want to start seeing different parts of the country that we haven't been to yet."

O'Brien is also a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, having grown up listening to their games. He also follows the Detroit Pistons because of his connection to the team's Hall of Fame player and director of basketball operations, Joe Dumars. O'Brien coached Dumars when both were in Louisiana.

The O'Brien family also likes to white water raft.

"We'll get together every year and do it. We've been on the water in Idaho, Oregon, West Virginia and North Carolina," said O'Brien.

And the one thing O'Brien would like fans to know about him? "I'm a different person away from the court," he said. "I'm passionate about the game, but I can also be fun to be around."

Correspondent Mark Liptak covers Idaho State athletics for the Times-News.

Wake Forest limps past Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. — Chase McFarland had 20 points and 14 rebounds Friday night, and No. 10 Wake Forest overcame a lackluster performance in an 86-79 victory over Richmond.

The Demon Deacons (10-10) also got 21 points from Jeff Teague, including eight in a 17-6 run that allowed them to open a more comfortable 69-55 lead with 5:55 remaining.

Richmond (5-5) closed to within four twice in the final two minutes, the last at 78-74 with 1:35 left, but Teague scored on a drive and Al-Farouq Aminu followed with a dunk after a turnover to give the Demon Deacons an 82-74 lead and send fans streaming for the exits.

Kevin Anderson led Richmond with 21 points. David Gonzalez had 18 and Jarhon Giddings 12.

The Demon Deacons dominated the backboards in the first half, outrebounding Richmond 24-14, but Wake Forest just got 35 at the break after the Spiders scored the last six points.

Wake Forest had 11 turnovers in the half, and the Spiders had just three.

NO. 24 MARQUETTE 94 WESTERN CAROLINA 77
MILWAUKEE — Lazar Hayward scored a career-high 27 points, providing the fireworks in a decisive run, midway through the first half that put the game out of reach.

Jarel McNeal scored 19 and Wesley Matthews added 18 for Marquette (9-2), which made a strong recovery from its loss at Tennessee on Tuesday night.

Andre Izuelia scored 17 to lead Western Carolina (5-4), which has lost two straight.

— The Associated Press

Williams, Jazz beat Pistons in 2OT; Celtics make it 17 in a row

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Deron Williams scored 29 points and the Utah Jazz beat the Detroit Pistons 120-114 in double overtime Friday night.

The win was Utah's seventh straight over the Pistons and Mehmet Okur, who finished with 26 points and 12 rebounds, is 8-1 against them since leaving Detroit after winning the 2004 NBA title. Paul Millsap added 24 points and 12 rebounds for Utah.

Allen Iverson led the Pistons with 38 points, and Richard Hamilton added 30.

Rashed Wallace's 3-point pull led Detroit within 96-94 with 1:20 to play, and Rodney Stuckey piled off the inbound pass and laid it in to tie the game moments later.

Okur and Wallace both missed, giving the Jazz a chance at what they thought would be the final shot of regulation. Williams drove on Stuckey, then stopped and pivoted to hit a short jumper with 2.2 seconds left. Hamilton, though, took the ensuing inbound pass and hit a baseline jumper to send



Utah Jazz center Mehmet Okur (13) takes a shot against Detroit Pistons forward Tayshaun Prince in the second overtime of an NBA basketball game Friday in Auburn Hills, Mich. AP photo

to a second overtime.

CELTICS 126, BULLS 108
BOSTON — Make it 17 in a row for the 17-time NBA champions.

Ray Allen scored 27 points. Kendrick Perkins scored a career-high 25 on 12-of-15 shooting and the Boston Celtics earned their 17th straight victory on Friday night by beating the Chicago Bulls 126-108.

Kevin Garnett scored 17, Paul Pierce had 16 and Rajon Rondo had 15 assists for the Celtics, who could tie the longest winning streak in franchise history with a win on Sunday night against the New York Knicks. The 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers won an NBA-record 33 in a row.

NETS 121, MAVERICKS 97
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Devin Harris dominated the team that traded him, scoring 41 points and helping the Nets ruin Jason Kidd's return to New Jersey.

Harris added 13 assists in thoroughly outplaying Kidd, who spent 6½ years in New Jersey before the Nets dealt him to Dallas last February for a package highlighted by Harris, who had his second 40-point game during a breakout season.

HEAT 89, LAKERS 87
MIAMI — Dwyane Wade got his offensive touch back. More importantly, the Miami Heat brought a level of defense that the Los Angeles Lakers simply hadn't seen this season.

Wade scored 35 points, including a desperation 3-pointer to close the third quarter, and the Heat held the Lakers to their lowest scoring total this season in knocking out the reigning Western Conference champions 89-87 on Friday night.

ROCKETS 107, KNIGS 96
HOUSTON — Yao Ming scored 11 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter and Luis Scola had his seventh double-double of the season.

Scola matched a season high with 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Tracy McGrady scored 18 and Carl Landry added 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who've won six straight at home.

CLIPPERS 117, PACERS 109, 20 INDIANAPOLIS — Zach Randolph had 34 points and 16 rebounds to help the Los Angeles Clippers finally best storied Indiana.

Al Thornton scored 25 points, Marcus Camby had 20 points and 10 rebounds and Baron Davis had 18 points and 11 assists for the Clippers, who have won four of five after a 4-17 start.

BOBCATS 112, GRIZZLIES 83
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Boris Diaw had a season-high 26 points and 10 rebounds, helping the Charlotte Bobcats control the interior and set a franchise record with 66 percent shooting.

losing streak.

BUCKS 105, KNICKS 81
NEW YORK — Michael Redd scored 21 points to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to their third win this season over their New York Knicks.

76ERS 109, WIZARDS 103
WASHINGTON — Even without Elton Brand, the Philadelphia 76ers were able to avoid becoming one of the unfortunate few to lose a game to the Washington Wizards.

Wizards Williams, coming off the bench to score a career-high for the second straight game, had 26 points Friday night and Thaddeus Young, starting in place of Brand in a smaller 76ers lineup, and Andre Izuelia added 18 points apiece.

HAWKS 115, WARRIORS 99
ATLANTA — Flip Murray scored 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter to send Golden State to its fifth straight loss.

— The Associated Press

Fresno State's BCS drive ends in Albuquerque

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Back in Fresno, there was talk of Fresno State making a Bowl Championship Series run. Four months later, the Bulldogs get the New Mexico Bowl against Colorado State on Saturday.

That's a major step down, but coach Pat Hill said Friday it's also a big accomplishment because of what has happened since the start of the season.

Fresno State (7-5) last six starters to injuries, four on defense, and hasn't had the same 11 offensive players on the field to start a game.

It wasn't until Week 8 that the defensive lineup was identical two games in a row. Fresno State is a very young, unforgiving game," Hill said.

Yet if there's any disappointment about playing a

New Mexico Bowl
Fresno State vs. Colorado State
12:30 p.m., ESPN

bowl game in 40-degree temperatures under the snowcapped Sandia Mountains, the Fresno State players aren't showing it.

"That's the thing about expectations. You've got to go out and do it," safety Moses Harris said. "We ended up here. We're happy to be at this bowl. To me, it's a successful year."

Things looked promising for the Bulldogs after they opened with a 24-7 win at Rutgers and even a 13-10 home loss to Wisconsin didn't derail the high hopes. Next game wins at Toledo and UCLA.

Then Fresno State crashed with a 32-29 overtime loss to Hawaii, starting a 4-4 run through the Western Athletic Conference. Starting around that time was a rum of injuries and the frustrations of inconsistent play.

"It was a roller coaster," linebacker Ben Jacobs said. "Injuries here and there, missed assignments. When the defense was on, the offense was off. When the offense was on, the defense was off. A rough season."

"What about that preseason talk about Fresno State knocking Boise State from atop the WAC? Well, the injury-depleted Bulldogs closed the regular season with a 61-10 loss on the blue turf in Boise.

Hill blamed himself for the season's outcome, saying he

underestimated the effects of making two trips east of the Mississippi River so early. He won't complain about injuries, but that was part of it, too.

"You've got to take it for what it's worth," quarterback Tom Brandstater said. "A lot of teams try to go 12-0 every year. We came up short, but I guarantee it wasn't from lack of effort."

Hill makes no apologies. He praised this year's team for its resiliency and noted so many freshmen and sophomores are playing right now that it's likely to help the Bulldogs in coming years.

"Sometimes, you have to open the wine bottles a little bit before they're ready," he said.

He also defended the

"Anyone. Anytime. Anywhere" mantra that has defined Fresno State over his 12 seasons as coach.

He acknowledged his approach has been criticized because of the difficulty in going undefeated, especially with a loaded schedule, but said it's the cornerstone of his recruiting philosophy.

"There's a lot of people who talk about getting into the ring and fighting," Hill said. "Many of them just talk about it, sit outside and watch. We get into the ring, it hasn't gotten us there but we'll keep trying."

Colorado State, meanwhile, is approaching the New Mexico Bowl from the opposite end, delighted to be in the postseason for the first time since 2005.

A LOOK AT TODAY'S COLLEGE BOWL GAMES



EagleBank Bowl
Wake Forest (7-5) vs. Navy (6-4) at Washington, 9 a.m. (ESPN)
Line: Wake Forest by 3.
Series Record: Wake Forest leads 6-3.
Last Meeting: Sept. 27, 2008, Navy won 24-17.
What's at Stake: Wake Forest is looking to average the loss in September and set a school record with its third straight eight-win season. Navy is seeking to win nine games for only the 12th time in school history, and for the third time in five seasons.

Key Matchup
Wake Forest's defense against Navy's vaunted triple option offense. The key to Navy's attack is quarterback Kapono Kaheaku-Enahada, who thought about quitting earlier this season because of injuries, but came back to play well in a 34-0 win over Army.



Las Vegas Bowl
No. 17 BYU (10-2) vs. Arizona (7-5)
6 p.m. (ESPN)
Line: Arizona by 3
Series Record: Arizona leads 11-9-1.
Last Meeting: 2007, BYU won 20-7.
What's at Stake: \$1 million total payout; BYU would win its third straight Las Vegas Bowl, Arizona would win its first bowl game in 10 years.

Key Matchup
Arizona's offense (57 points per game) vs. BYU's offense (35.3 points per game). Both teams run versions of a spread offense tailored to get the ball into the hands of their play-makers.

Players to watch
BYU: Austin Collier, a second team AP All-American wide receiver who ranks first nationally in total receiving yards (1,419) and receiving yards per game (118.25), and fourth nationally with 15 touchdown receptions.

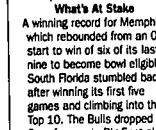
Arizona: Tight end Rob Gronkowski, Arizona's top target in the end zone with 10 touchdown catches on 43 receptions.

Facts & Figures
BYU's five offensive line starters average 6-foot-6, 326 pounds. Arizona's starting defensive line averages 6-foot-2, 259 pounds. ... Arizona's Nic Grigby is the school's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2001. ... BYU has not returned a kickoff for a touchdown in 130 games, since Oct. 17, 1998, against Hawaii. ... BYU's Collier, a junior, has not said whether he'll remain with BYU for his senior season or declare himself eligible for the NFL draft. He declined to comment Thursday when asked by the Associated Press about his future.



New Mexico Bowl
Fresno State (7-5) vs. Colorado State (6-6)
12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Line: Fresno State by 2 1/2.
Series Record: Colorado State leads 6-5.
Last meeting: 2006, Colorado State 35-23.
What's at Stake: Fresno State coach Pat Hill is seeking eight-win season for the eighth time in 10 years. Colorado State hasn't won a bowl game since beating North Texas 45-20 in the New Orleans Bowl in 2001.

Key Matchup
Bulldogs LB Ben Jacobs, Fresno State's leader with 106 tackles, versus Colorado State RB Gartrell Johnson, who had 1,193 yards rushing and averaged 4.7 yards per carry this season.



St. Petersburg Bowl
Memphis (6-6) vs. South Florida (7-6), 2:30 p.m.
Line: South Florida by 1 1/2.
Series Record: Tied 2-2.
Last Meeting: 2004, Memphis 31-15.
What's at Stake: A winning record for Memphis, which rebounded from an 0-3 start to win six of its last nine to become bowl eligible. South Florida stumbled badly after winning its first five games and climbing into the Top 10. The Bulls dropped five of seven in Big East play, and are looking to finish on a positive note after losing their regular season finale at West Virginia.

Key Matchup
Teams who have beaten USF have found a way to contain dual threat quarterback Matt Grothe, who's thrown for 2,675 yards and 15 touchdowns, but also been intercepted 14 times. He's the Bulls' leading rusher as well with 508 yards and four touchdowns, so the Tigers need to tackle well and limit the number of big plays Grothe creates on the move.

No. 17 BYU takes tough loss into Vegas Bowl

By Oskar Garcia
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Sin City summoned brisk winter air and the most snowfall in 30 years to make BYU feel at home this week, but the No. 17 Cougars are hoping a win against Arizona in the Las Vegas Bowl on Saturday can set the team on a path that leads elsewhere next year.

Wide receiver Austin Collier told The Associated Press that to get to a more prestigious bowl in 2009 — ideally a BCS game — the team that has been for four straight Las Vegas Bowls must prove to itself that it deserves something better.

"We had high hopes in the beginning of the year when we had a lot of goals set, and goals that were achievable," said Collier, a second-team AP All-American. "As the season went on I think we kind of dropped off a little bit, but I don't think that's because of the teams we played — I think we're equal if not more talented than the teams we've played — it's just that we beat ourselves," he said.

BYU's 10-2 season was marred with two rough conference losses to ranked teams, a 32-7 road loss to TCU and a 48-24 loss at Utah in its last regular season game, Nov. 22.

"I think we've put it behind us, but I think we're hungry to play again and kind of end the season on a high note, said quarterback Max Hall, who had six turnovers against Utah, including five interceptions.

BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall, who made his team's theme for the season "Quest for Perfection," said he would measure progress for his team through its consistency and execution.

"I win in three straight seasons — which BYU would achieve if it beats the Wildcats — would prove the program is moving in the



BYU quarterback Max Hall looks to bounce back from a poor outing against Utah on Nov. 22 when he leads No. 17 BYU against Arizona in the Las Vegas Bowl tonight.

Courtesy Brigham Young University

right direction.

"It's about our preparation, our position mastery and our execution," Mendenhall said. "We really don't acknowledge who we're playing or where, and so our approach has just been very consistent."

Still, Mendenhall said he believes Arizona will be the strongest opponent for BYU in its past four bowl games.

Arizona has garnered attention for its spread offense led by quarterback Willie Tulliana and tight end Rob Gronkowski. It is playing its first bowl game in 10 years.

"We are excited, but we know it's just another game," said Gronkowski, who leads the Wildcats with 10 touchdowns.

"It's good to be more excited because when you're going to be more focused, you're going to be more ready," he said.

Scoring used to be a problem for Arizona until it installed a spread offense at the beginning of 2007. In its season opener that year — the last time Arizona faced BYU, the Wildcats didn't score until the final minute and lost 20-27. They have picked it up since then.

This year, Arizona ranks 16th nationally after scoring just over 37 points per game. It tallied 70 points in a shutout against Idaho. BYU ranks 19th, scoring 35.3 points per game.

Arizona coach Mike Stoops said a win would mean validation for a pro-

gram that has not had a winning season since 1998, when it went 12-1 and beat Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl.

"Some programs take longer than others, let's face it. There's only so many Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio States and USCs," Stoops said. "The rest of us have to work really hard to develop our programs and to gain stability in programs."

Stoops, the brother of Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, took over at Arizona in 2004 after five seasons on the Sooners staff.

Before leading the Wildcats to the Las Vegas Bowl with a 7-5 record, Stoops was a combined 17-29 in his first four seasons coaching Arizona.

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country (48 yards allowed per game) and the No. 2 total and scoring defense behind Southern California.

Defensive end Jerry Hughes, a second-team All-American, leads a stellar line.

The Broncos play good defense, too, allowing 12.0 points per game, but it's their offense that usually draws headlines.

Kellen Moore had a sensational redshirt freshman season for Boise State, throwing for 3,264 yards and 25 touchdowns while completing 70 percent of his passes.

Among the other intriguing games in the first half of the bowl season:

- Notre Dame tries to break its nine-game bowl losing streak against Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl.
- Northwestern returns to the postseason for the first time since coach Randy Walker died. The Wildcats face a tough test against Chase Daniel and Missouri in the Alamo Bowl.
- The Holiday Bowl should be another high-scoring

affair. Oklahoma State and Oregon combine to average about 84 points per game, behind two of the strongest running games in the country. Kendall Hunter of the Cowboys led the Big 12 in rushing and the Ducks' LeGarrette Blount and Jeremiah Johnson combined to average 167 yards per game.

The picks:

Saturday
EagleBank Bowl
Navy (plus 3) vs. Wake Forest
Rematch of regular-season game won by Navy ... WAKE FOREST 27-21.

New Mexico Bowl
Colorado State (minus 2 1/2) vs. Fresno State
Banged-up Bulldogs struggled to finish, but tough when healthy ... FRESNO STATE 34-24.

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl
South Florida (minus 1 1/2) vs. Memphis
If Bulls are motivated, this should be easy ... SOUTH FLORIDA 45-14.

Las Vegas Bowl
BYU (plus 3) vs. Arizona
Fourth straight Las Vegas Bowl for Cougars ... ARIZONA 30-21

Sunday
New Orleans Bowl
Troy (minus 4 1/2) vs. Southern Mississippi
Trojans of Sun Belt would do fine playing in Conference USA ... TROY 44-24.

Tuesday
Poinsettia Bowl
Boise State (plus 2 1/2) vs. TCU
Tricky Broncos no match for speedy Frogs ... TCU 24-20.

Wednesday
Hawaii Bowl
Hawaii (plus 1) vs. Notre Dame
Worth the trip, huh? ... NOTRE DAME 37-27.

Friday
Motor City Bowl
Florida Atlantic (plus 7) vs. Central Michigan
Well, at least it's better than watching Lions play ... CENTRAL MICHIGAN 52-21.

Saturday, Dec. 27

Melrose Bowl
North Carolina (pick'em) vs. West Virginia
Tar Heels faded down stretch ... WEST VIRGINIA 27-20.

Champs Sports Bowl
Florida State (minus 5) vs. Wisconsin
Badgers usually hang tough against speedy teams from South ... WISCONSIN 28-24.

Emerald Bowl
California (minus 7 1/2) vs. Miami
Young 'Canes could make statement heading toward next season ... CALIFORNIA 27-21.

Sunday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
Louisiana Tech (plus 1 1/2) vs. Northern Illinois
Is this bracket bust or bowl game? ... LOUISIANA TECH 28-24.

Monday, Dec. 29
RuppJohns.com Bowl
Purdue (minus 8) vs. North Carolina State
Both teams closed strong ...

RUTGERS 33-23.

Alamo Bowl
Northwestern (plus 12 1/2) vs. Wisconsin
It's been a disappointing season for the Tigers ... NORTHWESTERN 37-31.

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
Nevada (minus 3) vs. Maryland
Unpredictable Terps have approximated hard-to-figure ACC ... MARYLAND 38-17.

Holiday Bowl
Oklahoma State (minus 3) vs. Oregon
Cowboys losses at Texas, at Texas Tech, vs. Oklahoma ... OKLAHOMA STATE 41-31.

Texas Bowl
Rice (minus 3) vs. Western Michigan
Owls' last bowl win was at 1954 Cotton Bowl ... RICE 35-23.

Last week of regular season: 6-3 (straight); 3-6 (points). Season: 200-80 (straight); 126-117 (vs. points).

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Cowboys, Ravens ready for hole-in-the-roof finale

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys sure would like to close Texas Stadium the way they opened it in 1971.

Not just by winning the last game.

By winning the Super Bowl, too.

The Cowboys began playing under the hole in the roof in October 1971 and won their first championship at the end of that season. Four more Super Bowl titles and 37 seasons later, Dallas will play its 313th and final game there Saturday night, taking on the only team that's never visited, the Baltimore Ravens.

"I know the fans will be excited, I know the players are excited," quarterback Tony Romo said. "We'd like to send it out on the right note."

The Cowboys (9-5) also need a win to get closer to the playoffs. There are even three scenarios in which Dallas could lock up a wild card this weekend, but all require a victory over the Ravens, who are among three 9-5 teams fighting for the AFC's lone remaining wild card.

While players and coaches will be focused on what's at stake, the farewell act of this pro sports landmark will be the theme of the evening for everyone else.

In fact, the game is merely the opening act for Saturday night's farewell show.

Soon after players head to the locker rooms, a postgame ceremony will commence featuring some of the guys who turned the Cowboys into "America's Team" and evoked the notion the roof was left open so God could watch his team play.

Although the exact guest list is being kept secret, expect Roger Staubach, Bob Lilly, Tony Dorsett, Randy White, Emmitt Smith and



Ravens at Cowboys
6:15 p.m., NFL Network

Michael Irvin to be among the headliners. Probably Deion Sanders, too, since he'll be analyzing the game for the NFL Network. (Programming note for

Cowboys lovers — or haters — who get the NFL Network: Cowboys-oriented programming will run from 8 a.m. MT all the way to kickoff.)

During the postgame ceremony, roughly 100 former Cowboys players and coaches who spent at least five years at Texas Stadium will make one last stroll across the midfield star. Current players are expected to take part, too. It's only logical that

the team's world-famous cheerleaders also will be involved.

It's worth noting that George Teague was with the Cowboys for exactly five seasons, so he and Terrell Owens could once again meet at the star — like they did in 2000, when T.O. then playing for San Francisco, celebrated two touchdowns on the logo and Teague made him pay for the

second one.

During breaks in the Ravens game, the Cowboys will reveal the five most memorable moments at Texas Stadium based on an online vote by fans. Clint Longley's Thanksgiving 1974 performance against the Washington Redskins has to be among them; will Teague "defending the star" make it, too?

The Cowboys are 213-99 at

home, counting the playoffs since moving from the Cotton Bowl into this state-of-the-art building in the suburb of Irving in October 1971. Most of the \$35 million cost was paid for through seat option bonds, a first of its kind concept that's evolved into seat licenses. The building also featured 176 luxury suites, more and fancier — than any stadium up to that point.

Vince Young files trademark suit in Texas

HOUSTON — Vince Young is suing former major league infielder Enos Cabell and two other men for applying for a trademark to use his initials and "Invincible," nickname to sell products without his permission.

The federal suit filed Dec. 12 in a U.S. District Court in Houston alleges the three men applied for the rights in 2006, the day after Young led the University of Texas to a national championship in the Rose Bowl and won the most valuable player award.

The suit claims the trio has spent large sums marketing and branding the VY image and Invincible nickname, damaging endorsement deals for the Tennessee Titans quarterback, including one with Reebok. Young is asking the court to give him the rights to use the initials and nickname.

The suit notes that Young, a 2005 Heisman Trophy finalist, became widely known by his Invincible nickname while playing for Texas.

PLEA HEARING DELAYED FOR SUSPECT IN WILLIAMS DEATH

DENVER — The man accused of killing Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams will enter a plea in February after Friday's hearing was postponed.

Willie D. Clark faces 39 counts, including first-degree murder. His plea hearing was postponed until Feb. 20 because his attorneys wanted more time to review evidence.

Williams was shot after leaving a Denver nightclub on New Year's Day 2007. The indictment says Williams and Clark were at the club with separate groups that exchanged taunts before Williams and his friends left in a rented limousine.

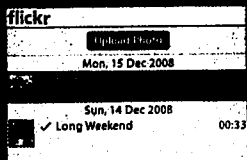
A witness told investigators that Clark was driving an SUV when he caught up with Williams' limo and fired into it.

The 25-year-old Clark also was indicted last month in an unrelated shooting death.

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Boye Brogeland of the world champion Norwegian team is one of the world's top players. Here, he is demonstrating his technique in a challenging game.

Against four spades doubled, East won the opening lead of the diamond two with the 10 and continued with the diamond ace, which Brogeland ruffed.

At trick three, Boye played a club to the queen and ace, and East persisted with the diamond king — again ruffed by South. Seven spade tricks, two club tricks and a club ruff yield 10 tricks, but how can he get to them without promoting West's spade jack in the process?

If he crashes dummy's spade king and tries to ruff a diamond, it will be overruled. If instead he leads a heart from dummy, East can win and promote his partner's trump jack by playing another diamond. But Brogeland found a neat solution. After ruffing the third club with dummy's spade 10, he left the spade king uncashed and played the diamond jack, discarding his heart loser.

If East returned a diamond, Brogeland would ruff low. Now if West overrudded with the jack, dummy's king would take the trick. Then a heart ruff to hand allows Brogeland to claim the balance. And if West discards a heart on the fourth diamond, a spade to the king and a heart ruff sets declarer home. It was a really nice example of a loser-on-loser play!

WEST
♠ J 4 2
♥ 10 5 3
♦ 8 7 2
♣ J 9 6 3

EAST
♠ 9
♥ A Q 6 2
♦ A K Q 10 4
♣ A 8 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 8 7 6 5 3
♥ 5
♦ K J 7 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

The bidding:
South West North East

4♠ Pass Pass Dbl.
All pass

Opening lead: Diamond two

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ K 10
♥ J 9 6 3
♦ 8 7 2
♣ Q 5

South West North East
1♦ 1♦ 2♣

ANSWER: I would introduce the hearts, planning to raise diamonds later. Part of the reason is that if we defend a club contract, it is not clear that you want North to lead a diamond unless his own hand suggests it. In addition, game in hearts may be easier than diamonds if partner has a good hand with heart support.

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1999 VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE
#102C LOW MILES, LOADED! AC, CRUISE, LEATHER, MANUAL, PWR BRAKES/STEERING, SUNROOF, TINT, 80,000 MILES.
CANYON'S PRICE \$6400

2001 CHRYSLER T&C VAN
#1110 LOW MILES! 7-PASSENGER, 6-CYL, AC, AUTO, CRUISE, KEYLESS ENTRY, PWR STEERING/WINDOWS, 80,000 MI.
CANYON'S PRICE \$6995

2002 SUBARU FORESTER AWD
#02382 AC, AUTO, CRUISE/TILT, PWR BRAKES/STEERING/WINDOWS.
CANYON'S PRICE \$7995

2007 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE
#1139A LOW MILES! 7-PASSENGER, 6-CYL, AC, AUTO, CRUISE, KEYLESS ENTRY, PWR BRAKES/STEERING/WINDOWS.
CANYON'S PRICE \$11900

2004 SUBARU OUTBACK SEDAN AWD
#02312 LOADED! AC, ALLOYS, AUTO, CD, CLIMATE CTRL, CRUISE/TILT, KEYLESS EN, LEATHER, PWR 8/2/AS/ST/M, SUNROOF, 90,000 MI.
CANYON'S PRICE \$12500

2001 AUDI TT ROADSTER QUATRO
#12781 LOW MILES! 8-CYL, AUTO, AC, ALLOYS, ABS, CD, CRUISE, KEYLESS EN, LEATHER, PWR 8/2/AS/ST/M, SUNROOF, 70,000 MILES.
CANYON'S PRICE \$12925

2005 SUBARU OUTBACK AWD
#0231A LOADED, LOW MILES, LIMITED AC, CD CHANGER, CLIMATE CTRL, CRUISE/TILT, KEYLESS EN, LEATHER, PWR 8/2/AS/ST/M, SUNROOF, TRACTION CTRL.
CANYON'S PRICE \$17254

2005 TOYOTA 4RUNNER 4X4
#114A LOADED, LOW MILES! 8-CYL, AUTO, AC, ALLOYS, ABS, CD, CRUISE, KEYLESS ENTRY, PWR M/W, SUNROOF, TOW PKG.
CANYON'S PRICE \$17500

2006 FORD F-150 XLT SUPER CREW 4X4
#114A LOW MILES! 8-CYLINDER AUTO, AC, CD, CRUISE, KEYLESS ENTRY, TOW PKG, 20,000 MILES.
CANYON'S PRICE \$17850