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## Census: Idaho passes 1.5 million population

State had sixth-highest growth in U.S.

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Despite a small slip in the rankings, Idaho continues to be one of the fastest-growing states in the country, the U.S. Census Bureau announced Monday.

According to its latest population estimates, Idaho grew by 1.05 percent between July 2007 and 2008, gaining nearly 27,700 people overall and passing the 1.5 million mark. The state dropped two places to become the sixth-fastest-growing across the nation but helped continue a strong

growth trend in the West — six of the top 10 states are located there.

Utah, Arizona, Texas, North Carolina and Colorado topped the list ahead of Idaho. The national population grew just .9 percent, about the same as last year's 1 percent.

The Idaho Department of Labor noted Monday that this was the slowest growth rate for Idaho since 2002, the last national recession. According to Census data, Idaho's drop in the standings — it was the fourth-fastest the previous year, at 2.4 per-

cent — is largely due to a drop in migration into the state. Net migration, both from other countries and other states, has declined from a peak of 24,300 people in 2006 to 14,700 now.

Jan Rosser, a regional economist with the Department of Labor, said she thinks the numbers still show "pretty decent" growth for Idaho. The state, she said, holds up well compared to more populous areas of the nation.

She pointed at Michigan and Rhode Island, the two states with negative growth rates, as examples of how Idaho differs from much of the country. While she wasn't

sure what caused Rhode Island's loss, she said, Michigan's came from its struggling economy.

"There's just really not the jobs there," she said. "(Idaho) really is not as bad as the rest of the nation."

The state's natural population continued to grow, with a net gain of nearly 14,000 people — the first time the natural birth and migration rates have matched since 2003. Net births have climbed steadily since 2002, though the difference between the 2007 and 2008 rates is the smallest since the climb started.

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## IDAHO BY THE NUMBERS

- 1,523,816 Idahoans as of July 1, 2008
- 27,671 more Idahoans between 2007 and 2008, for 1.05 percent growth
- 39th most populous state in the nation
- 6th-fastest growth rate
- 13,960 net births
- 14,701 net immigrations
- 229,861 new Idahoans since 2000
- 5th-fastest growth in that time
- 304,059,724 people in the U.S. total

— Data courtesy  
U.S. Census Bureau

## T.F. County reviews zoning consultants

County also buys Gooding St. building

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

In November, Twin Falls County officials asked for a little help, announcing they sought consultants to ensure county code aligns with the county's new comprehensive plan.

On Monday, county commissioners and Planning and Zoning Administrator Rick Dunn reviewed their results: eight proposals citing costs ranging from \$40,000 to more than \$200,000 to do the work. Commissioners had told the *Times-News* earlier this month that they estimated the work at a possible \$60,000.

Whoever wins the contract will be tasked with reviewing the county's zoning ordinances for inconsistencies, legal issues and other problems. The work isn't a rewrite, but aimed just at tidying the documents up, Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell said.

"We have a good ordinance," Mikesell said. "It just needs to be updated."

The work is being contracted out because county attorneys just don't have the time to do it, though they will review any changes, officials said.

Though some proposals came from companies as far away as Nevada and Colorado, many had local ties — one was from the Boise office of J-U-B Engineers, and another wrote of working with the Land Group. Timframes mentioned in the proposals varied from less than a year to two years, Dunn said.

Officials said some of the proposals went above what they sought, and their costs may change once trimmed down. The work is intended to be done in sections, Dunn said.

"I don't envision this taking a lot of time," he said. Planning and Zoning staff will now go through the applications and select a few contractors for interviews with the commissioners. Dunn said the P&Z department will be "intimately involved" with the project, directing the consultants through areas of code staff know need to be updated. The P&Z Commission and county commissioners will both review the results, and Dunn will also bring

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## City: crews working to clear snow

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

Wading through Monday's murky puddles of ice, dirt and slush was a nightmare in Twin Falls for those refusing to ditch their work heels and shiny loafers for bulky galoshes.

But people clad in practical boots also slid, just like vehicles cruising along some busy thoroughfares and residential streets still covered in snow.

Twin Falls street crews are trying to alleviate the slippery scene, according to a Monday press release from the city. "City workers have been out in full force almost around the clock making sure as many streets as possible are being plowed and sanded during the recent difficult weather."

Twin Falls Streets Superintendent Bruce Stephens said crews were out Monday beginning at 3 a.m. He said at 5 p.m., that the city's main arteries were cleared. Roads he mentioned included: Blue Lakes Boulevard, Shoshone Street, Falls Avenue, Pole Line Road, Filer Avenue, Locust Street, Eastland Drive and Kimberly Road.

Clearing these roads can take up to 10 hours, according to the city's press release.

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Sets of soggy footprints and car tracks at the intersection of Eden Street and Second Avenue North reveal the amount of snow that commuters had to wade through Tuesday on the streets of Twin Falls. While many of the busiest streets in town were plowed by 5 p.m., busy side streets like this one in downtown were difficult to navigate.

# Boxes of cheer

## Salvation Army distributes food, clothing and toy donations

By Ben Rubin  
Times-News writer

Time is running short for organizations spreading holiday cheer before Christmas Day.

But it wasn't slowing down the volunteers at the Salvation Army's Twin Falls office, which was transformed Monday into a beehive of activity to get out boxes of Christmas cheer.

Cars formed a line in front of the Salvation Army's location along Fourth Avenue North, slowly winding their way through an assembly line of workers who loaded up boxes of food, toys and clothing, depending on their needs. Work will continue today, too.

This year, more than 300 families are being helped, said Becky Bonnett, the organization's business manager. And about 24 volunteers were helping out throughout the day on Monday. The work will continue today.

"That's why this is a success," Bonnett said of the volunteers. "It's been wonderful to work with our community."

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WATCH: A video of Salvation Army workers preparing donations and distributing food.



Jean Badolets, right, places food items into a box held by fellow volunteer Stephen Shirk outside of the Salvation Army Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.

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## Where'd the bailout money go? Shhhh, it's a secret

### Banks not keeping close tabs on who gets aid money

By Matt Azzano  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's troubling any bank would demand to know before handing out a loan: Where's

the money going? But after receiving billions in aid from U.S. taxpayers, the nation's largest banks say they can't track exactly how they're spending the money or they simply refuse to discuss it.

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The Associated Press contacted 21 banks that received at least \$1 billion in government money and asked four questions: How much has been spent? What was it

spent on? How much is being held in savings, and what's the plan for the rest?

None of the banks provided specific answers.

"We're not providing dollar-in, dollar-out tracking," said Barr Kolling, a spokesman for Atlanta, Ga.-based SunTrust Banks Inc., which got \$3.5 billion in taxpayer dollars.

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# MORNING BRIEFING



## Picks — Pat Marcantonio

Things to go and do today.

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**Popeplew Elementary Honor Choir** annual Christmas concert, traditional carols, contemporary selections and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" directed by Kathy LaGrone, 9 a.m. school assembly, Popeplew Elementary School gym, Buhi, open to the public, no cost, 543-8225.

**It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play** presented by Company of Fools, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$10 for children (ages 18 and younger), (208) 578-9122.

**Opera Christmas classics** and new favorites, with professional opera singers John Mauldin, Leslie Mauldin and Jason and Michelle Detwiler, for age 8 years and older (no children under 8 years old), 7 p.m., doors open and 7:30 p.m. show begins, Sun Valley's Historic Opera House, \$35 plus tax (\$2.50 transaction fee), (208) 622-2135.

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

**Magic Philharmonic Orchestra's Christmas Concert**, with guest conductor Bonnie Bair, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Avenue, \$7 for adults, \$3 for students and \$17 for families, 878-5464.

p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030, Hagerman Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 191 State St. N., 837-6636.

**Cassia County School District** meeting, 7 p.m., district office, 237 E. 19th St., 878-5600.

**Minidoka Memorial Hospital Board**, 7 p.m., conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, 436-0481.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

**TOPS Weight Support Group** Chapter ID No. 3074, 10 a.m., 410 E. Third St., Rupert, 436-6307.

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

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

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

**SilverSneakers Fitness Program**, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

**Local chapter of the Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN)** meeting, for anyone interested in suicide prevention, 1:30 p.m., Canyon View Hospital west conference room, Twin Falls, mminn2002@hotmail.com, or 734-6750.

**Adult Children Anonymous (ACA)** meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shop Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5566.

**Mini-Cassia Domestic Violence Support group for women** meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.

**Celebrate Recovery**, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7237.

**HERETT CENTER FOR ARTS AND SCIENCE** on North College Road will show "The Christmas Star" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students.

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**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Burley Rotary Club**, noon, Burley Inn, 878-8382.

**Rupert Kiwanis Club**, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-8124.

**The 4th American Legion Post 17**, 7 p.m., 1501 Oakley Ave., Burley, 678-3428.

**Snake River Park** meeting, an ailments singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

**EXHIBITS**

**Russ Hepworth's "Retrospective"**, 9:30 a.m. 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.

**GOVERNMENT**

**Twin Falls County commissioners**, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 738-0668.

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

**Jerome County commissioners**, 9 a.m., court-house, 300 N. Lincoln St., 644-2700.

**Jerome School Board**, 6 p.m., Carter Luther Vocational Ag Building, high school, 104 Tiger Dr., 644-2929.

**Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission**, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.

**Glenns Ferry City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 366-7418.

**Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission**, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 342-8188.

**Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

**MUSEUMS AND PARKS**

**Faulkner Planetarium** "Here Comes the Sun," 2 and 4 p.m. and "The Christmas Star" 7 p.m., \$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 Entertainment Show "Steammrolling 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.

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

**Bailout**

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Some banks said they simply didn't know where the money was going.

"We manage our capital in its aggregate," said Regions Financial Corp. spokesman Tim Deighton, who said the Birmingham, Ala.-based company is not tracking how much of the \$3.5 billion it received as part of the financial bailout.

The answers highlight the secrecy surrounding the Troubled Assets Relief Program, which earmarked \$700 billion — about the size of the Netherlands' economy — to help rescue the financial industry. The Treasury Department has been using the money to buy stock in U.S. banks, hoping that the sudden influx of cash will get banks to start lending money.

There has been no accounting of how banks spent that money. Lawmakers summoned bank executives to Capitol Hill last month and implored them to lend the

money — not to hoard it or spend it on corporate bonuses, luxuries or to buy other banks. But there is no process in place to make sure that's happening and there are no consequences for banks who don't comply.

It is entirely appropriate for the American people to know how their taxpayer dollars are being spent in private industry," said Elizabeth Warren, the top congressional watchdog overseeing the financial bailout.

But, at least for now, there's no way for taxpayers to find that out.

Pressed by the Bush administration to approve the money quickly, Congress attached nearly no strings on the \$700 billion bailout in October. And the Treasury Department, which does out the money, never asked banks how it would be spent.

"Those are legitimate questions that should have been asked on Day One," said Rep. Scott Garrett, R-N.J., a House Financial Services Committee member who opposed the bailout as it was rushed through Congress. "Where is the money going to go to? How is it going to be spent? When are we going to get a record on it?"

Notably every bank including Citibank and Bank of America, two of the largest recipients of bailout money — responded with generic public relations statements explaining that the money was being used to strengthen balance sheets and continue making loans to ease the credit crisis.

A few banks described company-specific programs, such as JP Morgan Chase plan to lend \$5 billion to nonprofit and health care companies next year. Richard Becker, senior vice president of Wisconsin-based Marshall & Ilsley Corp., said the \$1.75 billion in bailout money allowed the bank to temporarily stop foreclosing on homes.

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Stephens said he got about 10 calls Monday from residents. Some callers are upset their streets "not done," Stephens said.

The city has applied 400 cubic yards of salt and sand mix along with 2,000 gallons of liquid deicer since Dec. 18, according to the press release. "We are out there as soon as dispatchers from the police department call and tell us the roads are getting bad."

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Roeser wondered if campaigns to keep more college graduates in Idaho, combined with possible expansion of educational offerings in the future, would lead to a flip in the migration and natural-growth numbers over time.

It's not clear how noticeable the state's drop in growth — about 8,000 fewer than 2006-07 — actually is. Twin Falls Realtor Willis Stone, 2008 president of the Idaho Association of Realtors, said his group has seen fewer people moving out of the state because of problems selling their existing homes.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce can't track how many of the people who call seeking information on living in Twin Falls actually move here. But CEO Shawn Barigar said requests for information haven't tapered off over the last year, and that visits to the group's Web site are up almost 17 percent. Page views for the section of the site dealing with moving to the Magic Valley are up 40 percent from 2007, he said.

"Generally, I would say we're still on people's radar screens," Barigar said, adding that he expects migration could pick up again when the national economy improves. Idaho remains the 39th

most-populous state, a rank it's held since 2000. But it has had the fifth-highest population change this decade, seeing a net change of nearly 16 percent — 230,000 new residents in that time.

Roeser noted that not everyone will be happy about the state passing 1.5 million people, though she said she personally likes growth because of its ability to improve quality of life.

"There's always going to be a certain amount of the population not excited about growth," she said.

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recommendations from the consultants regarding other areas to their attention, he said.

Also Monday, commissioners agreed to purchase a building at 238 Gooding St. N. for future use. The \$375,000 deal is for former business space and current apartments located between the county's new service center and the Snake River Basin Adjudication building.

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"It's really fun," he said. "I like it."

One person who volunteered is Robert Luna of Twin Falls, a 53-year-old unemployed man. He spent years living as a homeless person in Los Angeles and Portland

before moving earlier this year to a house he inherited in Twin Falls.

"I can just have a nice meal, a quiet one," he said of his plans for Christmas.

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Big Wood	54%	18%	22%
Life Wood	52%	17%	21%
Big Lost	61%	20%	24%
Life Lost	61%	20%	24%
Levens Ferry/Teton	63%	22%	26%
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Lower Snake Basin	62%	21%	25%
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# Flying J files for bankruptcy

## Fuel retailer blames sudden decline in fuel prices, local station won't close

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

Flying J Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection, citing the sudden decline in fuel prices, according to a statement that was released on Monday.

Flying J, which owns and operates the fuel retailer and travel stop at Crossroads Point in Jerome, filed for Chapter 11 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in

Wilmington, Del.

Phillip Adams, CEO of Flying J, said the company's financial troubles were caused by "the recent precipitous drop" in oil and gas prices.

"The numbers best tell the story: as of Dec. 19, oil prices have fallen by almost 60 percent against the previous year and over 75 percent from record level of \$147 per barrel reached in July 2008," he said.

He added that the sudden decline in oil prices forced the company's refinery operations on Friday to default on a \$200 million loan. The company's distribution operations defaulted on a \$120 million loan the following day.

Zions Bank is Flying J's largest unsecured creditor, according to court filings. The company owes the bank more than \$85 million.

Flying J operates more than 250 gas stations throughout the U.S. and Canada and has interests in online banking, truck leasing and payroll services.

The company also operates refinery and distributions services.

Company officials said in a statement that Flying J will continue operation during its bankruptcy case.

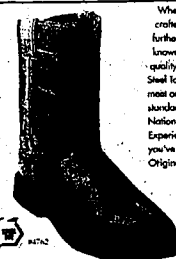
The Wall Street Journal reported that the company hasn't lined up bankruptcy financing, but is seeking court approval to use cash pledged to its lenders to fund its operations as it seeks to reorganize its business.

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## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

### CITY OF TWIN FALLS

**Misdemeanor sentencing**  
Isaac Vega, 21, Twin Falls; one count battery; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, seven suspended, credit for time served; six months probation; one count domestic battery; amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; \$100 fine; \$15.50 costs; three days jail, credit for time served; one count unlawful entry; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; three days jail, credit for time served; Shauna N. Thompson, 29, Twin Falls; domestic battery, amended to battery; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; two days work detail; 10 days jail, nine suspended, credit for time served; six months probation, Jaime J. Ayala, 18, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; two days work detail; 10 days jail, eight suspended, credit for time served; six months probation; no alcohol. Karlene T. Forth, 58, Filer; petty theft; withheld judgment; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; six months probation.

months probation.  
Jim D. Moon, 60, Twin Falls; petty theft; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 50 suspended; 12 months probation.  
Edgar L. Alvarez, 19, Rupert; petty theft; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days jail, 29 suspended; one day work detail; 12 months probation.  
John V. Moore IV, 21, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 89 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count minor consumption; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; concurrent.  
Sara A. Begay, 46, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, two or more offenses; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 150 suspended; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 12 months probation.  
Eddie Bitaul, 56, Twin Falls; petty theft; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 29 suspended; one day work detail; 12 months probation.



## Say so

# Following Deep Throat's footsteps from Twin Falls

**T**hink you know all about Deep Throat — Twin Falls native W. Mark Felt — who died Thursday at age 97 ...

You might be surprised ... Here are some details from Felt's autobiography, "A G-Man's Life," co-authored by John O'Connor and published three years ago:

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between the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency, which is responsible for espionage abroad ...

"The Watergate burglars weren't looking for campaign secrets when they bugged telephones at the Democratic National Committee headquarters; they were trying to catch someone ordering the services of prostitutes ..."

"Felt never heard the name Deep Throat — it had been coined by Washington Post Managing Editor Howard Simons — until 'All the President's Men' was published in 1976 ... Woodward called to apologize, and Felt hung up on him ..."

"Felt didn't meet Woodward's Watergate reporting colleague Carl Bernstein until 2005 ..."

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

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"As a Twin Falls High School student from 1929-31, Felt did 'not live up to his potential,'" according to one of his teachers ...

"Felt worked his way through the University of Idaho, from which he graduated in 1935, waiting tables and stoking furnaces ..."

"Before they were married in Gooding, D.C., in 1938, Washington native Audrey Robinson — whose real name at the U of I — worked for the Internal Revenue Service ..."

"Although a conservative, Felt drove from Washington to Idaho to work for the political campaigns of Democratic senators James Pope and D. Worth Clark ..."

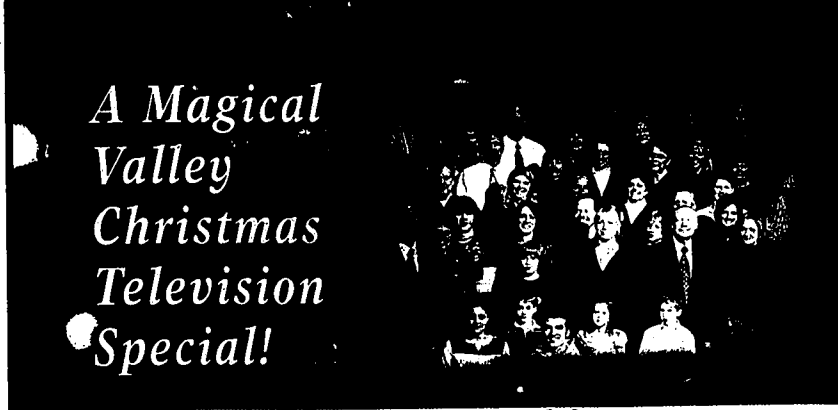
"The future G-man's first full-time job in Washington was an investigator for the Federal Trade Commission ... His first assignment was to determine whether the consumers who used Red Cross brand toilet tissue thought the product had any connection with the American Red Cross ... His conclusions: Most people at the time did not use toilet tissue and nobody appreciated being asked about it ..."

"Felt, hired by the FBI in 1941, earned a reputation as a Nazi hunter of some renown in the agency ... His most famous bust was of Maximilian Ottmer, a German-born naturalized American citizen who was reporting the comings and goings of Britain-bound convoys of ships from harbors in Virginia — giving the German submarines the information it needed to sink them ..."

"Always loyal to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Felt became Hoover's enforcer in 1964 when he was promoted to inspector general of the agency ... Among his actions was transferring 42 of the 50 agents from the Oklahoma City FBI office for sexually harassing female employees ..."

"During the civil war in the Dominican Republic in 1965, Hoover sent Felt to the scene to keep President Lyndon Johnson informed of developments ... His mission caused a longstanding rift

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Stocks fall as Toyota cuts outlook

(AP) — Wall Street began a holiday-shortened week with a moderate pullback Monday as investors recoiled at bleak news from Toyota Motor Corp. and drugstore operator Walgreen Co.

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Standard & Poor's 500 -16.29 871.63

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## FUEL REPORT

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho increased slightly compared to a week ago. The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in the region increased about 10 cents to \$1.59. The average price for a gallon of diesel increased about 7 cents to \$2.28. The national average for a gallon of gasoline increased slightly to \$1.66, while the state average declined to about \$1.52. After earlier increases last week in crude prices, oil for February delivery fell nearly 6 percent, to settle at \$39.91 a barrel on Monday. Crude prices have tumbled 70 percent since peaking above \$147 in July.

## Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Maverik Country Store, 120 Sixth Ave. W. \$1.43
- Jerome: Maverik Country Store, 352 S. Lincoln Ave. \$1.45
- Bartley: Maverik Country Store, 701 N. Overland Ave. \$1.65

## Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Fill Mart - 5233 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. \$2.31
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 92. \$2.27
- Bartley: Mr. Gas - Sinclair, 2101 Overland Ave. \$2.29

\*Price quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at any time.

## COMMODITY PRICES

### Dairy

Block	Close	Change
Average price	\$1.400	-.285
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.459	-.198
Butter		
Average price	\$1.196	+0.009
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	\$4.35	+35
Class III milk		
Average price	\$15.51	—
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$12.25	—

### Feed

Corn (Per 100 pounds)	Ask	N/A
Dairy Feed Supply	\$7.50	—
Land O'Lakes	\$7.75	+75
Rangen	\$7.45	—

### Barley (Per 100 pounds)

Rangen	\$6.40	-.40
Ogden	\$6.73	-.48
Pocastello	\$5.65	—
Burley	\$6.00	—

### Hay (Mid/Ton)

Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low \$165	High \$165
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$135	High \$135
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$135	High \$135

### Small grain

Soft white wheat	Ask	N/A
Rangen	\$4.97	+43
Ogden	\$4.00	+20
Pocastello	\$4.10	+40

### Livestock

Lambs and hogs	Low	\$94	High	\$116
Feeder lambs	Low	\$89	High	\$98
Fat lambs	Low	\$6	High	\$21
Breeding ewes	Low	\$6	High	\$21

Price quotes as of Monday afternoon. Prices subject to change at any time. To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

### More commodities on B2

## RESERVOIR LEVELS



## Sticking to plan

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

A year ago, most market analysts looking at supply and demand fundamentals expected grain prices to remain high for more than a year.

But that was 12 months ago. Raleigh Curtis, a grain marketer with Mid-Columbia Producers, asked Idaho and Oregon growers during a conference earlier this month how much wheat they thought Mid-Columbia purchased at \$15.75 a bushel. The answer was zero.

The Oregon-based cooperative's goal is to buy just 20 percent of its wheat in the top third of the market price, he said.

However, about a third of those growers still have wheat to sell. A year like 2008 proves the importance of growers following through with market plans, he said.

Two years ago, when prices were just beginning a two-year rise, it was recommended that growers look at forward contracts.

Although those growers locked in a profit, they didn't get to sell

Analyst: Some growers missed higher prices because they failed to follow through on marketing plans

wheat at the historic high prices. Many felt they had missed an opportunity and declined to forward contract. In the meantime, prices have dropped \$10 a bushel. "Now what do we have?" Curtis asked. "Regret syndrome marketing."

He said growers need to realize that supply and demand fundamentals have essentially flipped from a year ago.

Curtis said the U.S. Department of Agriculture projected ending stocks of soft white wheat at 28 million bushel on May 31, 2008. In contrast, the latest

USDA estimate for ending stocks on May 31, 2009, is for 84 million bushels.

A year ago, the USDA was projecting export sales of 155 million bushel, this year the projection is for just 120 million bushel.

Curtis doesn't expect soft white wheat stocks to be at 84 million bushel on May 31. He doesn't know how much more the market will discount soft white wheat, but wouldn't be surprised to see prices drop to feed prices.

"If that happens we will feed up a bunch of wheat and stocks won't be that high," he said.

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## Critics say increased regulations part of 'nanny government'

By Jerry Hirsch  
Los Angeles Times

State and local governments, concerned about the growing cost of obesity, diabetes and the ever-higher cost of health care, are acting more like food police. And more regulations may be ahead.

Decades of federal inaction in fighting the nation's obesity epidemic and regulating dangerous food ingredients such as trans fats are behind these local and state efforts, said Michael Jacobson, director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

The Obama administration, headed by a president who made health care a centerpiece of his campaign, could launch a new era of food regulation, Jacobson said. "The Obama administration clearly believes strongly that government has a major role to play in many arenas, including protecting the public's health."

But greater regulation of food production, preparation and consumption — whether on the local or national level — is controversial.

"The government might have good intentions, but can't average citizens make up their own minds on what to eat? This is an example of nanny government," said Bill Whalen, an analyst at Stanford University's Hoover Institution.

Despite criticism from food manufacturers, states such as New York, Philadelphia and California are moving forward with increased



Photos by CAMERON COLE/Los Angeles Times  
Above, restaurant customers don't always agree that legislating food rules or forcing chains to post nutritional data is the best way to urge healthier eating. Here, diners at a Taco Bell in Flushing, N.Y., enjoy a meal last month. Top, a calorie count on a Taco Bell menu in New York, which requires the posting of calories.

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regulations — requests have even been sent to the federal government to reclassify salt as a food additive, a move that paves the way for greater regulation.

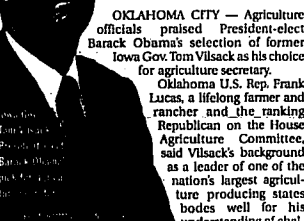
More than a dozen states and numerous cities are pondering legislation patterned after a new California law forcing chain restaurants to list calorie counts on menus.

A legislative and consumer Please see **REGULATIONS**, Page B2

## Farm officials praise new ag secretary pick

Vilsack will play key role in farm bill revisions

By Sean Murphy  
Associated Press writer



OKLAHOMA CITY — Agriculture officials praised President-elect Barack Obama's selection of former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack as his choice for agriculture secretary. Oklahoma U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas, a lifelong farmer and rancher and the ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee, said Vilsack's background as a leader of one of the nation's largest agriculture producing states bodes well for his understanding of challenges facing Oklahoma's farmers and ranchers. Vilsack is a Democrat.

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"I look forward to working with him in the future... and to ensure that he gives consideration to the needs of wheat and cotton farmers, as well as farmers and ranchers in his home state of Iowa," Lucas said in a statement.

Praise also came in from South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds. Rounds said Vilsack understands the need for a good Farm Bill and its implementation as a support network for Midwestern farmers.

One of Vilsack's first tasks likely will be pushing Obama's pledge to trim wasteful farm subsidies, an elusive goal that has confounded President George W. Bush and scores of lawmakers.

Both Obama and Vilsack face long odds in getting such an agenda past powerful farm-state lawmakers in Congress, despite many calls from within Washington and around the country.

While the 2008 Farm Bill already has been approved by Congress, Lucas acknowledges there is a fear among some farmers that production funding in the bill could

Please see **VILSACK**, Page B2

## Local hog farmers take a hit

Input costs outpace market prices

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

In many aspects, 2008 proved to be a record year for the swine industry. Too bad for farmers profits wasn't one of them.

"It was a tough year," said Kuna hog farmer Brad Thornton. "With soaring feed and fuel prices producers were losing money on every pig, except for a short time in the summer."

Record prices for corn and soybeans, coupled with soaring input costs — from medical supplies to building maintenance — ate into producers' profit margins.

"Feed prices have come down and fuel prices have declined, too, so that helped, and we aren't seeing those losses right now," Thornton said.

Thornton said many factors, including oversupply, contributed to substantial losses for some producers, with prices peaking at around \$40 a pig.

Nationally, the United States had more pigs in inventory than ever before.

According to the USDA Quarterly Hogs and Pig Report, the U.S. inventory in September, U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on Sept. 1 was 68.7 million head. This was up 2 percent from Sept. 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from June 1.

Hog exports soared in 2008, thanks to emerging markets in places like China, Hong Kong and Singapore and expanding markets in Canada, Mexico and Japan.

"Exports grew to account for about 25 percent of total production," said Independent Meat Company CEO Patrick Florence.

Even with increased demand for pork within the restaurant and foodservice market, overall domestic demand gains were offset by falling retail sales.

"In terms of sales, the industry enjoyed a very good year. However, farmers faced many challenges," Florence said. "For our own company, we experienced growth in exports but had flat demand in our domestic markets, which consist of half retail, half foodservice. There was some fall in retail but some growth in foodservice."

"With tight profit margins and weakened demand expected for 2009, Thornton ended the year with fewer pigs.

"We depopulated the herd and have just a few animals we're raising now," Thornton said. "Next year isn't looking much better and with market conditions changing so fast, we figured that was the best move to make for now."

MARKET SUMMARY

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. Lists various indices and local stock prices.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT
Bull: Active stock prices above market and family.
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WATER WORRIES PERSIST

Water supply remains primary concern among regional aquaculture

Producers were afraid the results would put them out of business. Lemmon said, "I hope we are on a path to make significant and notable improvements in aquifer levels and spring flows..."

Gary Fornsheim, University of Idaho extension aquaculture specialist, said, "Complying with the new federal pollution loading permit (NPDES) was at times challenging..."

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table with columns for CLOSING FUTURES, CHEESE, POTATOES, LIVESTOCK, BEANS, METALS/MONEY. Lists commodity prices and market movements.

AGRI-BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Regulations

backlash against trans fats has pushed big restaurant chains - including KFC, Burger King, IHOP, Applebee's, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell and Denny's - to begin to eliminate trans fat from their foods.

Key exchange rates: New York (NY) - Big movement... London (L) - Big movement...

Regulations

in food-related health issues because of how poor diet affects health and, by extension, state and federal budgets.

Vilsack

"I hope that Mr. Vilsack focuses on ensuring the 2008 farm bill is promptly and properly implemented, with no cuts to the production agriculture programs established in the bill," Lucas said.

Regulations

Peach said of particular importance is Vilsack's understanding of the impact that natural disasters like droughts, flooding and wildfires can have on the agriculture community since Vilsack would oversee agriculture-related disaster declarations.

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Table showing moon phases for Dec 27, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Shows Canadian weather forecasts.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Shows world weather forecasts.

AROUND IDAHO

2 Idaho areas fall below air standards

BOISE — The Environmental Protection Agency says two Idaho communities are failing to meet new federal standards that measure fine particles that can cause respiratory problems for children and elderly.

The Cache Valley in the state's southeastern corner and Pinehurst, a mountain town in the Panhandle, are the first two areas in Idaho to fall below the daily standard for fine particle pollution.

Researchers say wood stoves are the problem in Pinehurst. The state now has three areas that work with communities to develop a plan for reducing emissions.

Drunken driver faces perjury charge. SANDPOINT — Prosecutor says Sandpoint resident Robert Larry Tweet not only was arrested for a third

time for drunken driving, but he also lied to a judge about it.

Tweet, 61, is charged with perjury in 1st District Court, which could land him in prison for 14 years.

In November, a jury convicted him of felony drunken driving.

While on the witness stand, Tweet acknowledged that he'd been drunk — his blood-alcohol content was measured at 0.2, or more than twice the legal limit — but contended that he hadn't actually driven.

In a criminal complaint, prosecutors now say Tweet's testimony at trial was intentionally false.

Tweet will receive his sentence for drunken driving on Jan. 5, the same day he's due to appear in court on the perjury charges.

Economic woes spur talk of small-town cuts. ST. ANTHONY — Idaho's small towns are fearful state budget cutbacks and the dour economic mood will leave them strapped for cash, forcing them to cut services and possibly trim staff.

In eastern Idaho, St. Anthony expects state tax revenue will be down 6.5 percent this year.

Meanwhile, it's expected to pay about \$7,000 more in

worker's compensation insurance payments and an unexpected \$11,000 increase in health insurance costs.

Mayor Garth Rose, who just took office after his predecessor quit, says the city must do something to curtail spending — or it's "going to end up in a world of hurt."

There's a silver lining, however. With gas slipping below \$2 a gallon, cities that budgeted for fuel at more than twice that rate for vehicles including police cruisers will have some money to make up shortfalls elsewhere.

— The Associated Press

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## Color crazy

### For a quick, cheap change, just paint

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

Visitors to Marie Smith's Twin Falls home are greeted with vivid color as soon as they walk in the door.

A burnt cinnamon archway intersects with red, yellow and blue trim that circles the front room. A more subtle living room wall shows off a gold brocade texture, leading the eye to the matching dining room decor. The kitchen's teal cabinets are a subtle nod to the gold.



Photos by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Marie Smith says her friends tell her that her hallway could take a direct nuclear hit because of the number of times she painted it before deciding on blue-and-white stripes with nature stencils. "I am the queen of do-overs," says Smith. "If you don't like it, just repaint."

"The one thing about paint is if you don't like it, it's real easy to do over," Smith said. "And I am the queen of do-over." She painted over one hallway wall seven times before she was satisfied.

Another bonus: Paint is cheap. Smith often secured discounted quarts of paint that were tinted incorrectly. And even if she had to pay full price, she said, it was still affordable.

"If I can do it living on Social Security, anybody

can do it," Smith said.

Paint isn't limited to the walls in Smith's home. She added color to a brick fireplace, a cement floor, cabinets and wood furniture salvaged from yard sales.

Smith isn't the only fan of pervasive pigmentation. In an e-mail to the *Times-News*, Loretta Alphin of Burley said a few coats of paint transformed her guest bedroom furniture from drab wood to black with a distressed finish. The new color better complemented the bedroom's yellow walls.

"It is very serene and has a sense of elegance," she wrote.

Kyle Sabins, manager at Kelly-More Paint Co. in Twin Falls, said people are flocking away from white walls in favor of earth tones and dark colors. "It's really hard to get bright colors to match," he said. Instead, people find dark maroons or olive greens in their floor or furniture that are easy to duplicate, then use those colors as accents.

One area where Smith is behind the times: faux finishes. "In the past few years, faux fin-

ishes have actually died down a little bit," Sabins said. His store used to have a full section of faux finishes, "but this last year not as many people asked for it."

Smith couldn't care less about what's popular. Even some of her friends are skeptical about her paint schemes, she said.

"I'm the only one living here," she said, "so I'm the only one who counts."

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The classic painting depicting Napoleon crossing the Alps hangs on a wall Marie Smith painted in stenciled style. She wanted to be true to the age of the old home by not totally reworking the interior. "It's old, I'm old," Smith says.



Kalckbacks and a mannequin — all mementos from garage sale rummaging by Marie Smith and her late husband, Arthur — recently got a new showroom in a remodeled portion of Smith's Twin Falls basement. The furnishings rest atop a marble pattern she painted on the floor.



Marie Smith says sometimes people compliment her on what they think is gold-striped wallpaper and she winks up with pride — revealing that the detailed south wall of her home was painted by her own hands. Not a simple task: Smith says when she first put up tape and stepped back from the wall it looked like the lines were placed by a drunken sailor. After a call to the paint supplier, she learned that straight lines are achieved by starting from the center and working out.

### INSIDE: Your painting how-to

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A trophy mount and posters hang on a light mint green wall of Marie Smith's office. The room was converted from garage space to office with just coats of paint — orange, blue, red, silver and mist.

## 5 ways to cheat on cleaning during busy holidays

The Associated Press

The hustle-bustle of the holidays means lots of guests and little time to make your home presentable, especially on short notice. Don't panic! "It's nearly impossible to carve out time for the fun holiday stuff, let alone the nit-picky cleaning like washing the sheets on the guest bed or wiping the dust off the good china," said Real Simple magazine's deputy editor, Rachel Hardage.

"So how can you maintain a seemingly clean home when guests arrive? With a little holiday magic," she said. When company's on the way and you just hit the door

from work, prioritize holiday cleaning with these five cheats:

### Scent over substance

Dusting under all that living room clutter is out of the question. Light lemon-scented candles for a happy, just-improvised ambience at the same time. Flip couch cushions. Fan magazines and catalogs on the coffee table to hide smudges — and move on.

### Wet wipes to the rescue

Use wet wipes to shine hotspots that visitors are likely to touch and see the most — the obvious door-



AP photo/Real Simple Cleaning, Monica Beck Place a bowl of fruit in the center of the table or kitchen counter as colorful eye candy.

knobs and light switches, along with the guest bathroom sink and chrome. Also use wipes for quick touch-

ups on outer surfaces only of the tub and toilet. Cleaning the toilet bowl isn't going to happen. Choose wipes with a pleasing perfume over a strong alcohol smell if you're looking to fly under the radar and pretend your home always sparkles. Mood candles work in bathrooms, too, to distract from messiness.

### Sticky roller, tub stash

Perk up the bath mat with an adhesive lint brush. You can use it on lamp shades as well. No more room under the bathroom sink? Empty your laundry basket on your closet floor, scoop up stray toiletries and stash them in the tub, with high hopes guests won't

peek. Hang fresh guest towels, and exchange wet bath towels on hooks for a fresh, fluffy robe.

### Disappearing dishes, strategic folds

The dishwasher's full and the breakfast dishes spent the day in the kitchen sink. Rinse and stow them in large cooking pots. Fold and hang the dish towel on the oven handle with stains in the back. Flip placemats and arrange dining table clutter artfully at one end. Got fruit? Place a bowl of it in the center of the table or kitchen counter as colorful eye candy. For a germ-free smell, dab a little liquid pine-scented cleaner on a rag and place it under the kitchen

sink. Don't overdo.

### Blocks and puzzles oh my!

You've rationalized the days-old scattered puzzle pieces and blocks on your child's bedroom floor as healthy, open-ended play. Guests may not see it that way. Stash puzzle pieces in a dresser drawer, stack the puzzle bases neatly on a shelf. Grab a few of your best canvas totes to collect blocks and random toys for stowing in room corners and closets. The totes will look like a brilliant organizing technique. Reshelfing books will waste time. Stack them next to the bed, chair or desk. Lightly spritz diaper depository and/or hamper areas with a fast-acting deodorizer.

# Instant hot water is most efficient

**DEAR JIM:** We drink quite a bit of hot tea at our home year-round. I now keep a small electric pot of water hot all day. Would it be more energy efficient to install a sink-type hot water dispenser? — Lori H.



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**DEAR LORI:** Keeping a small electric pot of water hot all day is not the most energy efficient method for making tea. During the winter, the heat lost from the pot helps to heat the house, but the electric resistance element is expensive to operate.

During the summer this pot of hot water is a triple loss. First, it uses electricity to heat the water. Second, your air conditioner must run more to remove this heat from the house. Third, the hot water gives off humidity to the room which makes the air conditioner run even longer.

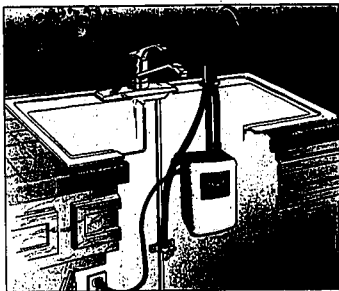
A sink-mounted hot water dispenser is a much more efficient method to get hot water instantly for tea or coffee. There also are many

other uses for the instant hot water such as warming baby food, cleaning cheese or butter off a knife, etc. Running a little hot water over a new jar often makes it easier to break open the seal on the lid.

A hot water dispenser is different from an instant water heater which heats the cold water as it is used.

Instead, a hot water dispenser has a small, highly insulated hot water tank under the countertop. In effect, it is an efficient mini-water heater in the kitchen. With its insulated tank, very little heat is lost to the kitchen, so less electricity is consumed.

A typical hot water dispenser can heat enough hot



This is a schematic of how a hot water dispenser is mounted and plumbed in a typical kitchen. This model is available with a push-on or twist-on faucet.

water for about 50 cups each hour. This is more than most families will ever use. For better tasting water, some models include optional water filters.

Install a hot water dispenser yourself because it operates on just standard 120-volt electricity. The most difficult part of the installation process is making a new hole in the countertop.

Depending upon your needs, the water temperature can usually be set between 140 and 150 degrees. The lower temperature settings are ideal for cleaning tasks. If you have children who can reach the hot water dispenser handle, select a model with a child resistant push button. A typical design requires a 90-degree turn of the button to switch it from the locked-off position. Even 140-degree water can scald skin in seconds, so always lock it.

Hot water can leach lead from pipe solder joints, so all the water paths in hot water dispensers are lead-free. When steaming rice or boiling vegetables on the stove, it is safe to start with heated water from the dispenser. This will save energy overall.

**DEAR JIM:** I called two window companies to check my old windows for possible repairs or to give me a quote on new ones. They charge \$100 to come out, but they will refund it if I buy windows. Is this normal? — Vicki S.

**DEAR VICKI:** With today's slowing business environment, I am surprised to hear any company would charge you to give a quotation on installing replacement windows. Perhaps they thought it was just a service call.

Call several more window contractors and tell them you want quotes on new windows and also on repairs. I am sure many will come out for free. Do some research ahead so they cannot push you needlessly into new windows when the old ones can be repaired.

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## Proper holiday cleaning will help your chandelier shine

By Megan Volok  
Special to The Washington Post

The holiday trimmings are in place, the last piece of silverware has been polished, and — gasp! — you look up to see that your chandelier has collected some decidedly un-festive ornaments: dirt, dust and the occasional cobweb.

Unless you've opted for a Halloween-themed Christmas this year, a good chandelier cleaning will be the gift that keeps on giving.

If the work is done extremely thoroughly, it will stay clean for a couple of years," says David Toran, a chandelier restorer-consultant in Washington and the owner of Chandelier Services Co., which specializes in maintenance, repair and installation. His nearly 30-year resume includes the fixtures in fine homes, hotels and museums.

To be thorough, however, requires hands-on attention; spray-on chandelier cleaners aren't an effective remedy. Those products, Toran says, work only on a chandelier's vertical surfaces, where the liquid can properly drip off or dry. Elsewhere, deposits of the cleaner and dirt collect in the cups and crevices of a chandelier's frame and can damage any crystal prisms, their hardware and other unpolished components.

"People who have used chandelier sprays for long periods of time wind up calling me for full restorations," Toran says. "Sometimes they spray so heavy that it goes into the sockets."

The fix: He recommends a two-rag method using wipes that are 100 percent cotton, such as a T-shirt (no towels; they tend to snag). One wipe should be submerged in a solution of water and 20 percent ammonia and then wrung out thoroughly. The other wipe should stay dry.

Starting at the top of the chandelier and working down, wipe with the moistened cloth and follow immediately with the dry one. Then work from the center outward, cleaning one arm, any associated prisms or other embellishments until you've cleaned all the way around the fixture. Don't forget the light bulbs, but remember to keep them turned off while cleaning.

Got a chandelier too difficult to clean with the prisms in place, or with loose components? Toran says the piece will have to be "undressed," or stripped of its ornamentation. For ambitious do-it-yourselfers up to the task, the prisms should be placed in a container filled with hot water and 20 percent ammonia for about three minutes, then rinsed with hot water and laid on a cloth to dry. That should be

done "one assembly at a time," he says, "so you don't get lost or forget where the pieces need to go. You can look at the next fixture." The remaining frame can be given the two-rag treatment.

Other tips:

- Never spin a chandelier while cleaning. Move around it with the ladder or you risk "unthreading it off of the ceiling," Toran says.
- Put padding or drop cloths beneath the chandelier to protect furniture and floor finishes and to catch any loosened prisms or beads.

- Make sure you feel comfortable on a ladder. "Movement should be on the ladder versus the chandelier," Toran says. He adds that a fiberglass ladder is best, to protect against shocks.

- Know when to use a specialist. Chandeliers with large glass dishes at the bottom might be difficult to clean with a rag unless the bottom piece is disassembled. With a surprising amount of nuts and bolts, the dishes often end up in pieces if not professionally handled, Toran says. Chandeliers that are very high, very big or very valuable also are probably best left to the pros.

- And finally if you decide to spruce up your newly cleaned chandelier, make sure any decorations you place on it are fireproof. Never use live greens.

## Choice gardening books

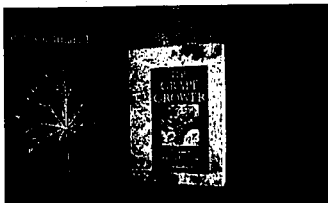
By Joel M. Lesner  
Special to The Washington Post

Landscape and gardening books for your reading list:

- "Herbaceous Perennial Plants: A Treatise on Their Identification, Culture, and Garden Attributes," by Allan M. Armitage (Stipes, 2008). It is not exactly a curl-up-on-the-couch type of book, considering that it's an 1,109-page, encyclopedic tome. But, whether you are a grower, collector or simply appreciate perennial plants, Armitage's style makes the text one you will want to read from front to back and use as a reference for years.

- More than 300 color photographs. Cost: \$84.80.
- "Plantingtopology: The Myths, Mysteries, and Miracles of My Garden Favorites," by Ken Druse (Clarkson Potter, 2008). It makes a handsome addition to your coffee table. The author is a distinguished photographer whose pictures had me testing my knowledge of plants before I read one word of this well-researched book. The text is loaded with surprises. For example, sailors got vitamin C by brewing a tea from the bark of live evergreens transported to prevent scurvy while at sea. Cost: \$52.

- "Nature's Beloved Son: Rediscovering John Muir's Botanical Legacy," by Bonnie J. Gisel with images by Stephen J. Joseph (Heyday Books, 2008), focuses on one of the wilderness and mountaineering aficionados' lesser-known passions.



Three books for gardeners to while away the winter months.

- The graphic illustrations in this handsome, hardbound volume have been masterfully designed to appear as if they were real specimens. He collected and catalogued hundreds of plants and stored his herbarium in San Francisco when he left Oakland to roam in the mountain wilderness. Cost: \$45.
- "The New Encyclopedia of Orchids: 1500 Species in Cultivation," by Isobyl la Croix (Timber Press, 2008), is the most definitive and well-researched textbook about orchids in more than 40 years. It offers 998 color photographs and descriptions of more than 1,500 species. Cost: \$59.95.

- "Fruit: Edible, Inedible, Incredible," by Wolfgang Stuppy and Rob Kessler (Fiebigly Books, 2008), is clearly an art book. The images are arresting and the stories fascinating. Records on figs date, we learn, back about 11,500 years. This 264-page hardcover reveals that the fig might be the first fruit domesticated during

- the Neolithic Revolution, about 1,000 years before barley and wheat. Cost: \$60.
- "Extraordinary Leaves," photographed by Stephen Green-Armitage with text by Dennis Schrader (Fiebigly Books, 2008), will encourage you to examine the leaves on your own plants as they emerge next season. If you look closely at Green-Armitage's photography, you will notice the venation, shapeliness, fine textures and hues of the foliage. Foliage color, size and texture often change as leaves age. Cost: \$45.

- "The Grape Grower," by Lon Rombough (Chelsea Green Publishing, 2002), teaches homeowners and professionals how to grow big bunches of grapes from start to finish. The book, which won the 2003 award for Best Talent in Writing from the Garden Writers Association, remains a definitive text. Since grapes are pruned during their dormancy, the book has relevance during this season. Cost: \$35.

## Tips for a nice guest room

By Jara Kocasz  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — We asked design pros to share their thoughts on what elevates a truly welcoming guest room from just a space to snore.

"Think about technology. If there is a TV in the guest room, make sure the remote has fresh batteries. If there is a computer in there, leave instructions for log-in and e-mail. Be specific, and tell them whether to click on Safari or Internet Explorer. For guests with laptops, give them the log-in code for your Internet service."

— Amy Elliott, author of "A Warm Welcome: How to Be a Great Host to Friends and Family" (Ryland Peters & Small, April 2009)

"Put dimmers on all the guest bathroom switches. After a late party, you guests just want to brush their teeth, and you don't need lights glare-

ing at you."

— Skip Stoka, Washington designer

"Give your guest room a fresh tree or plant to make sure it has a little bit of life in it. Often these rooms are closed up for so long, there's an arrangement of fresh flowers, a tree or plant makes me feel like the room is not forlorn."

— Barbara Barry, Los Angeles designer

"Your guests need an empty surface more than they need a dresser. They need a place for their stuff. And they need something more than that wobbly little bench for the suitcase. Better a rack."

— Charlotte Moss, New York designer

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"Make sure the air conditioning vents aren't blowing on the bed. My guests freeze until someone finally told me. Now I've installed a clear plastic diver on the vent, so everything is comfortable in there again."

— Taylor Wells, Washington-area designer

"Find photos of your guest that show how they have been incorporated into your life. Find a moment of shared history for them to share while they are staying with you, whether old high school photos or wedding pictures. It shows an extraordinary level of thoughtfulness."

— Clerie Kemble

"Look into the linen closet at your guest sheets. Have you been using the same ones for years? Do you see Marlmekeo prints from the 1970s? It's time to upgrade. Donate your old sheets to animal shelters."

— Amy Elliott

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**SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE**

# Wallpaper can pack a lot of punch at low cost

By Melissa Rayworth  
For The Associated Press

Interior designer Mallory Mathison sees it all the time: Clients hear the word "wallpaper" and cringe, fearing it will make their home look dated and boring.

Everything changes when they see the finished product. "You really don't know how much of a difference wallpaper can make to a room when you're looking at a sample," Mathison says. "When the wallpaper goes up, they're always like, 'Oh my gosh, I love it.' It makes the room more intimate, more special. And it doesn't have to cost a lot of money."

After two decades on the uncool list, wallpaper has made a comeback, says designer Brian Patrick Flynn. There's a huge range of rich textures and striking patterns on the market today that can bring glamour to a room — something that's hard to accomplish with paint alone.

Used wisely, Flynn says, wallpaper is a great tool for giving any room an affordable facelift.

## Small cost, big impact

Use wallpaper sparingly and strategically, advises designer Janine Carendi. Bold graphic prints or warmly textured papers are great on a single wall, she says, perhaps in your home's entryway. Papering just one wall — the wall behind your bed, for example — creates a striking focal point without the cost of covering an entire room.

This approach leaves you free to use a pattern that might be overkill if used on all four walls.

Another option that these designers love: Create some drama in a dining room or bedroom by papering only the ceiling. Dining rooms are also great places to install a chair rail and paper only the portion of the wall above or below the rail.

The wallpaper borders of the 1980s are no longer in vogue. But in rooms with



AP photo/Sarah Davis

Framed graphic wallpaper panels in a room designed by Brian Patrick Flynn. After two decades on the uncool list, wallpaper has made a comeback, says Flynn. There's a huge range of rich textures and striking patterns on the market today that can bring glamour to a room.

molding located about 2 feet below the ceiling, wallpaper works well.

A favorite trick of Flynn's: If your walls don't already have architectural panels, use molding to create rectangular ones, then paper inside them.

## What works, and where

Geometric prints and large-scale patterns are popular right now, as are textured wall coverings.

"Lattice prints are huge," Mathison says, "like the Palm-Beach-in-the-60s, chic kind of look. It can be made to look really modern but have a classic basis."

Bold prints like these work well in any spaces, such as powder rooms.

square foot, she says, great for a single wall or to create a headboard and are easy to glue on.

## Should you do it yourself?

These designers are huge fans of DIY projects. But all of them advise getting the experts involved in anything but the smallest wallpapering project.

Mistakes made with paint can usually be fixed with a bit more paint. But with wallpaper, errors are costly — you'll probably have to replace all the paper you've hung incorrectly. (It can also "wreak havoc on your hair and nails," says Mathison.)

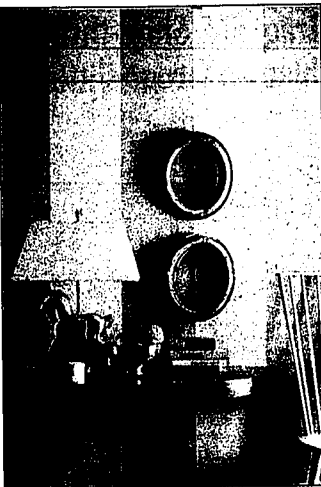
As with any home improvement project, it's best to get several estimates. Mathison says it's likely you'll be quoted a fee between \$25 and \$75 per roll, though rates can vary widely depending on the paper hanger's expertise and where you live.

If that's too steep and you want to attempt papering on your own, look for classes at home improvement stores. Or, says Flynn, hire an expert to do a small papering job in your home and learn as much as you can from them.

These people who used to work full-time in the '70s and '80s aren't as busy now," he says. They may be "excited to have people asking about what they do."

Another DIY option that's easier than traditional paper and glue: Try spraying a section of wall with starch and pressing panels of lightweight, cotton fabric onto it, Carendi says. The fabric will stick to the wall and should remain solid in place once it dries. (If it may shrink, so put up slightly more than you'll need and trim the edges with a utility knife.)

One last bit of advice from Flynn: Don't be afraid to do something bold, but avoid designs that are super-trendy. If you're creating something striking, you want to be sure you'll love it five years from now.



AP photo/Benjamin Moore Paint

## Paint's a cheap, effective way to freshen a room

By Erin Vanderberg  
For The Associated Press

Tough economic times may have put many a home renovation on the chopping block. But don't hang up your design dreams just yet. Instead, get back to basics. The cheapest, most effective way to transform your home is with a coat of paint.

"Compare buying a gallon of paint for a room to buying carpet, flooring, draperies, or prints for the wall," says Mitch Cooper of Cooper Paint in Monticello, N.Y. "With paint, you are talking about \$25 for a new room."

Painting on a budget starts with supplies, says Greg Seaman of EarthEasy.com, a Web site devoted to finding environmentally sound lifestyle choices. Save money on rags, dropcloths and painters' buckets by reusing items you have around the house, he says. Old vinyl shower curtains make perfect dropcloths.

Staying on budget means buying the right amount of the right paint the first time around.

Measure your wall space: the back of the paint can will tell you how much you need to buy.

Since finish and color are the hardest choices to make, do some homework online, consult a book or ask paint-store professionals.

"Nothing can take away the clean feeling of new paint faster than a dark, murky color," says HGTV host Monica Pedersen. Her new online video series, the "Color Crisis Center" at hgvtv.com, is one of many sites offering do-it-yourselfers video tutorials and advice on choosing paint.

"Painting a room isn't something you should

decide to run out and do on a Saturday morning," says Pedersen. "Take your time. Otherwise, you are creating double the work for yourself."

She suggests buying a "sample pot" of paint and coloring a piece of posterboard as a large paint chip for the wall. "Paint looks different all day long, so you'll want to lay it out in your space and your light," says Pedersen.

She suggests moving the large chip around for several days before deciding on the color.

Pedersen prefers a matte finish. "I love flat paint. I use it in every room I can. It hides imperfections and, unlike semigloss or satin, you can touch it up without having to repaint entire sections of the wall," she says.

Now they make a flat finish for kitchen and bath called "scrubbable" matter. "This is great news in the world of finishes," says Pedersen.

Don't scrim on rollers and an angled brush. Spend a little more to get better, reusable ones. Rollers can be stored overnight without washing by wrapping them in foil, sealing them in a plastic bag and refrigerating them. Brushes can be washed thoroughly and used for years to come.

Getting creative with paint also can substitute for more expensive remodeling.

"When you have a room that has no architectural features, you can add them with paint," says Judy Pepper of Pepper Design Associates in Denver. "A wide white horizontal stripe can add contrast and structure to an otherwise featureless wall."

Pepper offers a tip for leftover paint: Seal the lid tightly and store it upside down.

## Risks of carbon monoxide

By Lindsey Minema  
The Washington Post

You may be tempted to crank up that heater, but before you do, check that you aren't accidentally exposing yourself to harmful carbon monoxide gas. Colorless, odorless and tasteless, carbon monoxide is an insidious threat that can make you sick. It can even be deadly, the American Association of Poison Control Centers warns.

Furnaces, space heaters, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves are all potential sources of carbon monoxide. Typical symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include aches, dizziness, headaches and flu-like symptoms. Follow these

steps to protect yourself and your family:

- Have your furnace, chimney, fireplace, wood stoves and flues inspected. Take care of any needed repairs.

- Do not use charcoal grills indoors for cooking or heating, and do not use your oven for heating your home.

- Don't leave your engine running in an enclosed garage, even if the door is open.

- Install a carbon monoxide detector outside every sleeping area in your home.

- To find a poison control center near you, call 1-800-222-1222, and visit [www.aapcc.org](http://www.aapcc.org) for more information about carbon monoxide poisoning.

## Tip of the Week

The Washington Post

Poinsettias are sensitive to heat and cold and will last longer in a bright room that is kept in the mid-60s. Avoid placing the plant

near drafty windows, heat registers or radiators. Remove decorative wrapping and make sure the pot drains freely. The soil should be kept moist, but not wet.



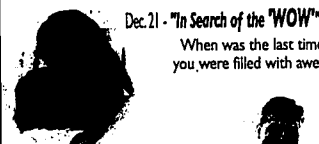
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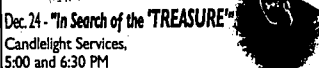
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# Bad weather from East to West

### Winter makes presence known throughout U.S.

By Polly Anderson  
Associated Press writer

The weather outside was frightful — from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore., on Monday, with last-minute holiday shoppers shivering and stranded travelers hoping for the best as Christmas rapidly approached.

The little town of Eastis, Maine, got nearly 3 1/2 feet of snow.

In Marysville, Wash., north of Seattle, heavy snow collapsed part of the roof Monday at the Whitley Evergreen factory, which makes modular buildings for the military. Workers were dispatched to make sure other buildings in the business park were safe.

The 14.5-inch snowfall Sunday in Portland, Maine, surpassed the old record for Dec. 21 of 12.4 inches, set in 1933. On the other side of the country, a total of 11 to 13 inches in Portland, Ore., was the biggest snowfall since January 1980. Depending on how much more fell Monday as the snow trailed off, the storm could rank as one of the city's 10 worst on record.

"It's amazing," said Dave Thompson, spokesman for the Oregon Department of Transportation. "You say it to yourself, 'That's Portland!' The roads are snowpacked, covered with ice and it's freezing rain."

Kim Osgood, who owns Paloma Clothing in the Hills Shopping Center in southwest Portland, served hot cocoa on Sunday and



AP photo  
Potelco Inc. employees Matt Fassaeth, foreground, and John Brown hike into the woods west of Deschutes Parkway in Olympia, Wash., to repair a power line that was knocked down by a fallen tree. Thousands of travelers remained stranded by snow Monday across the Pacific Northwest.

gave away \$24 crampons — foot gear for ice and snow Monday — to anyone spending \$50 in her store.

"This is the worst Christmas I have ever seen in 33 years," Osgood said. "The good news here is for shoppers. If they can get out, they'll get amazing bargains."

Temperatures in Chicago — hard hit over the weekend with subzero readings as winter officially began — were up to the single digits Monday and could rise to the mid-20s Tuesday. But that should coincide with several inches of snowfall Tuesday and Wednesday, forecasters said.

Snowfall was relatively scant in the Midwest and East, but high winds whipped up snow along roadways and

along with ice, made driving hazardous for holiday travelers.

In western New York, a 134-mile stretch of the state Thruway between Rochester and Pennsylvania was closed for six hours overnight because of blowing snow. In Pittsburgh, schools were initially to open two hours late but were closed for the day instead because of below-zero wind chills.

For the mid-Atlantic states, the storm took the form of weekend snow and rain — followed by a cold snap early Monday. High winds overnight cut off power to 13,000 homes and businesses in Maryland. Baltimore Gas & Electric said on its Web site that all but 1,200 had service restored by midafternoon. Kelly Dagostino of

Texarkana, Ark., was visiting New York for the first time and bundled up Monday so the cold wouldn't keep her from her plans.

"It's still cold, very cold, but I want to see stuff, so we're out and about in it," she said as she checked out Macy's holiday windows along 34th Street. The temperature in Central Park had dropped into the low teens overnight, and wind gusts near 30 mph made it feel like it was below zero.

## Officials enter jet wreckage in Denver

DENVER (AP) — Investigators climbed inside the cracked, charred wreckage of a Continental Airlines jet Monday, searching for clues about why the plane veered off a runway and slid nearly half a mile into a ravine.

The twin-engine Boeing 737-500 still sat in the snow-covered ravine where it came to rest after its aborted takeoff Saturday at Denver International Airport. Behind it, a 2,500-foot-long scar through the grass and snow marked the plane's path.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators conducted preliminary reviews of the cockpit voice recorder and the flight data recorder on Sunday, agency spokesman Peter Knudson said.

No information has been released, but Knudson said "we do have good data" from the recorders. The NTSB said nothing has been ruled out as a potential cause.

Investigators planned to interview the captain and the first officer on Monday. They had clear safety records with the Federal Aviation



AP photo  
Bill English, the investigator in charge of the National Transportation Safety Board, talks during a press tour on Monday in Denver, near the charred wreckage of a plane that veered off a runway last week.

Administration, FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said. He wouldn't release their names.

FAA records show the plane, built in 1994, had to make an emergency landing in Denver in 1995 when one of its two engines failed, but the aircraft touched down safely and no injuries were reported. The engine was replaced.

The latest accident crewed the 115 passengers and crew

aboard Flight 1404 to flee through emergency exits as the plane burned. The jet had shed its left engine and both main landing gears. The entire right side of the jet was burned, and melted plastic from overhead compartments dripped onto the seats.

Of the 38 people injured, at least five remained in Denver hospitals Monday, one in serious condition, one in fair condition and three in good condition.

## Toyota Motor Corp. projects first loss in 70 years

NAGOYA, Japan (AP) — Toyota has hit a speedbump.

The Japanese auto giant forecast its first operating loss in 70 years on Monday, more fallout from the severe slump in vehicle sales in the U.S. market. The company's Detroit automakers and raised questions over when the U.S. market, Toyota's largest, will hit bottom.

Despite the setback, the automaker is still poised to pull ahead of its main U.S. rival, General Motors Corp., to become the No. 1 world carmaker in 2008, industry

watchers said. Toyota reported it sold 7.05 million cars worldwide during the first nine months of the year, compared with 6.66 million for GM for the same period. "They're going to grow and outstrip General Motors, there's no way around that," said George Magliano, analyst with IHS Global Insight.

Toyota Motor Corp., which is committed to zero layoffs, will continue cutting production to weather the downturn. The automaker also lowered its global vehicle sales forecast for the second

time this year and said it was putting ambitious expansion plans on hold, in large part because of a precipitous drop in demand in the U.S.

## Iraqi PM: Shoe-thrower blames throat-slitter

BAGHDAD (AP) — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki moved Monday to undermine the popularity of the Iraqi who threw his shoes at President George W. Bush, saying the journalist confessed that the mastermind of the attack was a militant known for slitting his victims' throats.

Tensions over the case also spilled into parliament, as a move to oust the abrasive Sunni speaker delayed a key decision on whether non-U.S. foreign troops will be allowed to stay in Iraq beyond New Year's Eve.

Al-Maliki said that in a letter of apology to him, Muntadhar al-Zaidi wrote that a known militant had induced him to throw the shoes.

"He revealed ... that a person provoked him to commit this act, and that person is known to us for slitting throats," al-Maliki said according to the prime minister's Web site.

The alleged instigator was not named and neither al-Maliki nor any of his officials would elaborate.

The journalist's family denied the claim and alleged that al-Zaidi was coerced into writing the letter, in which he was said to have requested a pardon for "the big and ugly act that I perpetrated."

Al-Zaidi's brother Dhaqman said that it was "unfair" of al-Maliki to make the allegation about the throat-slitter and described the prime minister as "a sectarian man who is destroying the Iraqi people."

Earlier, another brother said he met the journalist in prison and that he had expressed no regret for throwing the shoes.

"He told me that he has no regret for what he did and that he would do it again," Uday al-Zaidi told The Associated Press.

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GOODING CENTENNIAL

## College comes to Gooding

By Coy Jones  
For the Times-News

The desire to give the citizens of Gooding and the surrounding area access to an education that any community would be proud of was the dream of founder Frank R. Gooding.

Once the foundation of the city was made permanent, the goal of bringing higher learning to Gooding began in earnest.

Other cities boasted their own schools, including Moscow's University of Idaho and Albion's teachers college, which residents boasted as a school "second to none." The establishment of a college or a university in a city gave its community a sense of permanence.

Efforts began early to secure a school for Gooding. The Methodist Episcopal Church of Gooding had a desire to bring quality education to south-central Idaho, though the exact date when a committee was formed to pursue the establishment of a school is not known.

One of the standards held by the Methodist Church in establishing a college was that the community had to be dry. At the time, Idaho gave cities the option to dictate by vote whether or not to allow alcohol sale. This requirement set forth by the church automatically eliminated some towns. College fathers wanted to provide advanced education in a Christian atmosphere, where the Bible could be taught and studied by its students.

The *Norfolk News*, in an editorial comment dated Aug. 31, 1911, stated: "The requirement of being a dry town effectively leaves Boise, a prominent candidate, out of the running."

A period of five years was spent by the College Committee in determining where to place the school in Idaho and Boise was officially eliminated from the list of possible sites.

Another newspaper, the *Recorder*, in an article dated 1912 or 1913, with the title "New College in Idaho" reported, "Attorney George W. Padgham and wife returned the first part of the week from the south part of the state where he was able to perfect all the arrangements necessary as to the site and close the deal with the Gooding people. The Gooding people subscribed some \$275,000 considering the cash donation and donations of land with a guaranteed price."

Gooding College opened its doors in the fall of 1916. It was the only Methodist college between Denver and the Pacific Ocean. The school had a policy of charging low tuition, which allowed various students to attend. The college offered only one degree, Bachelor of Arts, but the curriculum of the school was diversified. Fine arts added to college life, as dramas and musical concerts featuring national artists benefited both educational programs and the community.

Sports played an integral part of the college experience too, as football, men's and women's basketball, tennis, track and polo teams wore the school's Purple and White. The school mascot was a Bobcat.

One student described the school mascot this way: "I felt sorry for the live bobcat; I remember it as a mangy little animal that had to ride in the trunk of a car to go to athletic events."

As the college grew and the student population increased, the college was given its own post office. On Feb. 17, 1925, the Wesleyan Post Office, located in the office of College President Charles W. Tenney, opened for business.

Tenney served as president of Gooding College from 1917 to 1935 when he resigned to take a position in Christian Education at the University of Idaho. The first student enrolled in Gooding College was Frank Bennett, who later became President of East Oregon State College.

The first person to graduate from Gooding was Mary Blue in 1919. The last college's final graduating class consisted of two individuals in 1938. At its peak, the school had an enrollment of 200 students in 1928.

Until the stock market crash in 1929, Gooding College continued to grow. After the crash it's situation worsened. There was talk of turning the school into a law school to increase student population. The lack of paying students to support the expense of the school was a major factor in the closing of the school.

Gooding College was temporarily closed after graduation, May 1938. It never reopened.

Dive in ...

## The water's fine

### Gooding celebrates opening of pool

By Mary Hanson  
Times-News correspondent

Gooding and area residents can sing "Let It Snow," even when the weather outside is frightening.

They've now got a place to get wet and warm, as Partners in Healthcare, Inc. — also known as Gooding County Memorial Hospital — and the Gooding Recreation District cut the ribbon on Thursday at the newly renovated indoor community pool. The pool, located at 315 Fourth Ave. W. on the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind campus, will be available to residents through the city's recreation district and to hospital patients for aquatic therapy services.

Gooding's recreation department will handle schedules for school-related aquatic practices and competitions, as well as public sessions.

It has been four years since the pool was forced to close due to the cost of needed repairs. It took a community effort and \$37,000 dollars sup-



La Dea Miller checks pressure in one of the big filters in the downstairs machine room at the pool on Thursday.

ported by Gooding County Memorial to bring the facility back to operation. The renovation included the installation of an energy-efficient boiler and lighting, new pool filtration and chlorination systems and wheelchair access

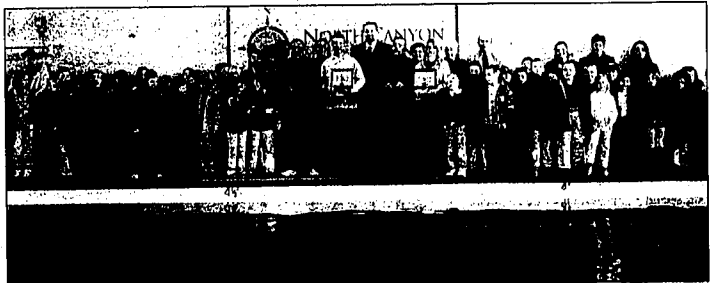
ramps. New tiling and paint also spruced up the facility.

Dave Keever, maintenance coordinator for Gooding County Memorial said, "I've been over here almost every day since we started this project."

Hospital CEO Earl Fitzpatrick said, "Every time I stopped by this year, Dave would be here working."

Diana Dewey, who manages the city's outdoor public pool,

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Students from North Valley Academy join the ribbon cutting team (left to right) Kent Seifert, Dave Christensen, Earl Fitzpatrick, Dave Keever, Shellie Amundson and Pat Nelson, at the grand opening of Gooding's indoor community pool Thursday at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind campus.

## Gooding holds dinner for guardsmen

Times-News

Gooding United Methodist Church and a Boise Family Support Network group organized a buffet dinner for soldiers at the Gooding Idaho National Guard Armory. Guardsmen from Bravo Company of the 116th Cavalry Regiment took part in the meal.

Gooding-based guardsmen would have had to drive to Boise to join other

soldiers for the Family Support Network Christmas dinner without the help of area volunteers.

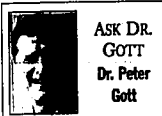
Area businesses and service clubs donated money and door prizes and Santa catered to families with children.

MARY HANSON/For the Times-News  
Soldiers enjoy a meal at the Gooding Idaho National Guard Armory in Gooding.



## A little perspective on responding to letters, medical advice

DEAR DR. GOTT: I wrote to you on June 13, 2008 about my atrial fibrillation. I am scheduled to have an ablation in September. My concern is the pulsating in my head, which is causing lightheadedness. Is this caused by the heart problem? Will the ablation solve this condition? Is there any danger of the ablation procedure worsening the pulsating?



ASK DR. GOTT  
Dr. Peter Gott

have complete confidence in the physician performing the ablation, but he does not

give me an exact answer to my questions about the pulsating sensation, which I described to you in the June letter.

DEAR READER: I'm afraid I cannot be used as a second opinion for upcoming procedures. I simply provide information that can be used to receive appropriate medical care from a physician who can perform an examination.

I regret I cannot respond to every letter I receive, but, due to sheer volume, I must limit myself to answering letters that are of interest to the general public or can provide awareness of good causes.

If you are reading this, you must now realize that it is far past the date of your procedure. Whether you are better or not, I do not know. I would imagine that the atrial fibril-

lation ablation did little to improve the pulsating in your head, as the sensation is often caused by plaque buildup or narrowing of the carotid arteries in the neck.

Ablation is a medical procedure that essentially destroys tissue. In your case, it was heart muscle. Atrial fibrillation is an abnormal heartbeat, and the ablation was used to destroy the area

of your heart that was sending out abnormal signals. You said you had confidence in the physician but couldn't get an exact answer about the pulsating. I take this to mean that he or she attempted to answer but was unsure whether it would help. No physician can give an exact answer about a

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# Wendell High announces honor roll

Wendell High School announced its first semester honor roll.

- 4.0 SENIORS**  
 Amber Bowers, William Campbell, Ashley McMillan, Kelly Housley, Jordan Lancaster, Arnold Mendiolia, Alexandra Moreno, Keith Monroe, Luke Peterson, Kimberly Smith, Diane Vander Hulst, Kirsten Vanhooser.
- JUNIORS**  
 Antonio Alvarez, Michelle Arzola, Yvonne Bartholomew, Justin Bunn, Brandi Chumbley, Deb Goedhart, Gary Koopman, Clara Nebeker, Nathan Ormond, Aubrey Peterson, Cameron Thompson, Yadira Veronica.
- SOPHOMORES**  
 Dillon Benson, Hallee Bonowitz, Jasmya Bowers, Steven Desjardis, Stephanie Henderson, Hailey Hoyer, Jared Lund, Alyssa Slade, Megan Swain, Nolan Strouder, Heather Sturgeon, Erica Swainston, Cody Wilhelm.
- FRESHMAN**  
 Cody Bunn, Austin Clark, Dakota Crocker, Justice Evers, David

- Henderson, Kirsten Hill, Caitlyn Schuyler, Nicholas Mendes, Johnny Nebeker, Robyn Smith, Cass Southfield.
- 3.9-3.5 SENIORS**  
 Laurie Ardis, Christopher Briel, Ariel Bolsh, Megan Chong, Adele Collins, Rheaing, Cope Hoath, Paul Henderson, Jose Hernandez, Joel Lancaster, Jasper Peterson, Kelsey Rodriguez, Sara Roeloffs, Kayla Winnill.
- JUNIORS**  
 Danielle Aiello, Daniel Alvarez, Alan Benson, Matthew Betencourt, Sonia Bielmas, Kristen Brandema, Cynthia Coderre, Candy Camargo, Emily Coyne, Erin Crises, William Fin, Charles Hanson, Andrea Hurtado, Curtis Lowe, Brooke Purnomo, Calvo Reizma, Ryan Slade, Nick Southfield, Rachel Taylor, Leonard Ter, Kevin Vanhooser, Ethan Wiberg.
- SOPHOMORES**  
 Jesse Campbell, Tyler Egbert, Desiree Finley, Kate Francis, Christopher Housley, James

- Jimenez, Ryan Lewis, Morgan Locke, Yvette Lopez, Krysta McClain, Katelyn Mowery, Cody Prince, Clarissa Sandwell, Javier Saucedo, Tanner Swarner, Bodine Todd, Michael Wright.
- FRESHMAN**  
 Victoria Allen, Monica Alvarez, Gabriela Herrera, Brandy Nelson, Martha Madrona, Brady Nelson, Cassandra Ortiz, Auslin Peer, Karen Tenorio.
- 3.49-3.0 SENIORS**  
 Jessica Ashford, Marisela Benitez, Justin Brandema, Jessica Camargo, Morgan Crises, Jace Davis, Benjamin Coderre, Victor Gonzalez, Natasha McNeely, Erin O'Brien, Miguel Sarabia, Julie Peck, Michael Sandwell, Julie Peck, Michael Sandwell, Miguel Orasco, Dusty Vanortmar, Alex Wehrhaver, Jack Verbeer, Rachel Weaver.
- JUNIORS**  
 Keegan Anderson, Mercedes Beirun, John Campbell, Jared Devries, Derek Kins, Zella Hidalgo, Homer Hurtado, Ana Martinez, Stephanie Mason,

- Krystl Miller, Jon Myers, Reed Nelson, Robert Roseborough, Ethan Todd, Todd Tuzsott, Dillon Twilich, Lucy Verhoeven, Cayden Williams.
- SOPHOMORES**  
 Guadalupe Alvarez, Jessica Brown-Mejra, Austin Carlson, Natasha Daniels, Taylor Hill, Maria Lopez, Johnny Macias, Martha Martiniz, Elizabeth Miramontes, Shellee Newlan, Erika Nolasco, Tyler Pearson, Jessica Pedraza, Mill Ramirez, Jessica Rocha, Brycen Rogers, Diana Torres, Carlos Sarabia, David Tenorio, Jordan Verbeer, Danny Vielmas.
- FRESHMAN**  
 Felisha Azevedo, Kenneth Boer, Desiray Borda, Brisa Covarrubias, Thaddeus Eudave, Melissa Garcia, Brian Garza, Alia Hurtado, Spencer Johnston, Trace King, Kirsti McClanahan, Tarrin Mendoza, Kristina Peck, Sandra Perez-Ferreira, Taylor Peterson, Micaela Revels, Margaret Richter, Kristin Rootloff, Luis Velasco, Isabela Valera, Cristian Vargas, Garrett Webb.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### M.V Support Group holds open house

The Magic Valley Support Group will host an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the home of Roger and Sharon Gentert, 2202 E. 3300 S. in Wendell. Call 536-6111 for directions. Please bring finger foods and snacks to share and a picture of your military loved one. Information: Sharla, 536-6159 or Sharon, 536-6111.

### Gooding bridge results announced

Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results of play Dec. 12: Section A: 1. Max Thompson and Edna Johnson 2. Kathy Rooney and Mary Steele 3. Riley Burton and Shirley Schenken Section B: 1. Jodi Faulkner and Claire Major 2. Dan Lorna Bair Results for Dec. 19: 1. Henry Rooney and

Kathy Rooney 2. Marg Pierson and Susan Faulkner 3. Don and Lorna Bair. There will be no game scheduled for Friday. Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For directions/information or partnership: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

### Gooding Chamber holds calendar sale

The Gooding Chamber of Commerce is having a sale on the 2009 Guys of Gooding Calendars. Calendars are now \$10 and can be purchased at the following locations in Gooding: Western City Hall, Seiffert's Jewelers, Cella Harris, Hanger Sports World or Farmer's Insurance. Information: Shellee Amundson at 934-9884.

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## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

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 Rosa Maria Balders, 15, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.  
 Jack Ony Rynbar, 45, willful concealment, \$100 suspended fine, \$75.50 costs, 6 months probation, 30 days jail, 27 suspended, 1 day time credited.  
 Dustin Shane Goodfellow, 16, racing on public highway, \$150 fine, \$75.50 costs.

Rudy Brandon Pena, 27, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.  
 Guadalupe Navarrete Lopez, 30, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.  
 Christina M. Roach, 23, inattentive/careless driving, \$75.50 fine, \$75.50 costs.  
 Jose Lazaro Benitez Jr., 39, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.  
 Mario Garcia, 29, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs, 6 months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, 2 days time credited.

time credited.  
 Silverio Magana-Gutierrez, 32, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, 2 days time credited; providing false information to an officer, \$150 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 60 days jail, 15 suspended, 2 days time credited.  
 Salvador Bailon-Avarez, 24, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs, 6 months probation, 30 days jail, 27 suspended, 3 days time credited.  
 Erik James Scott, 24, fraud, inful-

cient check (felony) amended to fraud, insufficient funds check (misdemeanor), \$521.60 restitution, 12 months probation, 90 days suspended jail; 2 counts contempt of court, guilty.  
 Erik James Scott, 24, battery amended to pett. theft, 24 months probation, 180 days jail; battery, guilty; contempt of court, guilty.  
 Scott Wayment Jones, 46, domestic violence, \$75.50 costs, 1 year probation, 90 days jail, 8 days credited, penitentiary suspended.

## Pool

Continued from page C5 will be the indoor pools manager. Lia Dean Miller will be the facility's responsible adult," always present when lifeguards are under 18 years old. One lifeguard will be assigned during lap swim and three during open swim. Miller's duties include over-

seeing the downstairs filters, chlorinators and new pool heater on her shifts. Dave Christiansen, the director of the Gooding Fitness & Rehabilitation Center, said of the new aquatic therapy program at the pool, "People are able to perform exercises they may not be able to perform out of the water. This allows a patient to begin their therapy sooner, enhancing the healing process."

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## Dr. Gott

Continued from page C5 medical procedure because situations and circumstances vary from person to person. What helps one may harm another.

If you continue to have problems, return to your physician and request further testing. Personal physical exams are often the best source for information. They know your medical history, health status and other vital information. I am merely here to help patients who are having trouble getting straight answers or have hit a brick wall. My advice is not to be used as a replacement for appropriate medical care but as an adjunct to it. An outside, fresh perspective can sometimes shed light on a situation and thus lead to a positive conclusion. I hope that I am that perspective. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Coronary Artery Disease." 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.

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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Attorney General: Idaho Countywide clients in line for help

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Attorney General says a settlement with Countywide Financial Corp. could provide some mortgage relief for some of the lender's customers.

Attorney General Lawrence Wadsworth says the legal deal could help more than 2,000 Idaho borrowers save off foreclosure on their homes.

Under terms, Countywide has agreed to modify certain subprime and to obtain adjustable rate mortgage loans for homeowners who made their first payments between January 2004 and December 2007.

For those who qualify, the company will suspend foreclosure pending a decision on the homeowners' ability to pay for loan modification. The company will also reduce interest payments, waive \$275,000 in late fees and another \$240,000 in prepayment penalties.

Wadsworth says Countywide deserves praise and is setting an example for the rest of the home lending industry.

Immigrant charged in shaken baby case

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A 21-year-old Blackfoot man has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in 7th District Court after his four-month-old son died.

Ricardo Lopez-Santillan, who authorities say is an undocumented immigrant,

remains in Bingham County Jail.

Lopez-Santillan was apparently living with the baby's mother at a home in Blackfoot when the baby suffered severe brain damage.

Authorities say the baby suffered from shaken baby syndrome and died after being flown by helicopter to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Lopez-Santillan faces a preliminary court hearing in early January.

UTAH

Gay rights group delivers letters to Mormon church

SALT LAKE CITY — A national gay rights group delivered 36 boxes containing 27,614 letters to Mormon church headquarters on Monday.

The letters from members of the Human Rights Campaign and church leaders to publicly support equality legislation in Utah. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints opposes gay marriage but has said it does not oppose civil unions or non-marriage legal rights for same-sex couples.

Utah lawmakers are expected to consider five bills proposing equal treatment or legal protections for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community when the Legislature convenes on Jan. 26.

Church spokesman Scott Trotter says the letters were accepted and will be forwarded the appropriate office for review.

— wire reports

First L.A. Head Start leader Frederick Dumas, 92, dies

By Valerie J. Nelson Los Angeles Times

Frederick Dumas, a school administrator who in the 1960s was the first director of Operation Head Start in Los Angeles County and who co-founded an organization to push for equal treatment of minority teachers and students in Los Angeles schools, has died. He was 92.

Dumas died Dec. 15 of complications related to Alzheimer's disease and old age at Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center, said his daughter Diann Dumas.

The federal Head Start program to help impoverished preschoolers came to Los Angeles in January 1966. By June, Dumas was refereeing meetings of parents who protested tightened eligibility requirements and cutbacks in the Head Start budget that reduced classroom supervision.

"This is a cause where fairness has been ignored," Dumas told the parents, according to a 1966 article in the Los Angeles Times.

When he resigned from the post in August of that year, he partly by accident had been trying to secure approval of a \$17 million budget that would have allowed Head Start to run year-round locally.

Two years later, Dumas and a group of co-founders of the Council of Black Administrators and served as its first president. Owen Knox, another co-founder, said Dumas' intent "was that all children receive the best Los Angeles. Unlike the head of the school board, he worked diligently at that, sometimes at risk to his own career."

While representing the organization, one of the first issues Dumas brought before the school board was concern over poor staffing of inner city schools. Often, his activism

spilled over to his living room, where he held Saturday sessions in which he taught black teachers how to take the principal's exam, his daughter recalled.

Frederick Joseph Dumas was born Feb. 13, 1916, in New Orleans to Frederick and Letitia Leona Dumas. His father died when he was an infant, and his mother worked as a seamstress and raised two children in the segregated South.

"We sat behind screens on street cars, drink from spigots, mountains ... and (were) made to wait in stores until whites had been served," Dumas recalled in a family history.

In 1941, he received a bachelor's degree from Xavier University in New Orleans and three years later earned his master's.

During his first year of teaching public school in Louisiana, he organized a group of teachers who succeeded in persuading the New Orleans board of education, seeking equal pay for black teachers, his family said.

He married Annette Montague in 1943 and went to the Army, serving as an intelligence officer at the segregated base in Tuskegee, Ala.

In 1949, he moved with his family to Los Angeles and taught elementary school before becoming a principal in the Los Angeles Unified School District. After resigning from Head Start, he returned to the district as an administrator and supervised schools in the San Fernando Valley from 1970 until he retired in 1977.

In addition to his wife, Annette, and daughter Diann, Dumas is survived by his children, Daphne, Frederick, Roland, Jennifer, Lisa and Richard; a sister, Audrey; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Nellie Orvilla Schultz

FILER — Nellie Orvilla Schultz, 85, of Filer, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born April 18, 1923, at home near Protection, Kan., where she attended school and grew up. She married Joe Schultz in Protection, Kan., on May 5, 1940. In 1952, they moved to Phoenix, Ariz., with their two children, Don and Doris, because of Doris' health problems. In the early 1960s they bought a farm near Buhl. Nellie enjoyed helping Joe on the farm and also worked for the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center for a number of years. Planning for retirement, they purchased a home in Filer and moved there in 1983. She was a member of the Filer Mennonite Church. She will

be missed by family and friends.

Nellie is survived by one son, Don Schultz of Filer; two sisters, Berta Miller of Hesston, Kan., and Mary Ann (Jimm) Miller of Twin Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; daughter, Doris; an infant son, Larry; parents; five brothers and two sisters.

Nellie's family would like to thank the staff of Twin Falls Care Center and Hospice Visions for their excellent care during her final days. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave. in Buhl, with Pastor George Leppert officiating. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Floyd Samuel Thornton

GOODING — Floyd Samuel Thornton, 92, of Gooding, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008.

Floyd was born on May 17, 1916, at Howe, in Warren County, and Elizabeth Anna Thornton. The family moved to a ranch on Lower Clover Creek near Bliss in 1919, and he lived in Gooding County since that time. Floyd attended the one-room Clover Creek School through the eighth grade and graduated from Bliss High School. Floyd married Mary Jane Reed on Dec. 4, 1939, and in 1940, they moved to a farm at Gooding. They raised one child, a nephew, Mike Reed. His wife died in July of 1966.

Floyd served on the Marketing Association, Rural Fire Board, as a 4-H leader and on many church boards. Among many special honors to him were the Idaho Grassman of the Year in 1962, Grand Marshal of the Gooding Fair and Rodeo in 1999 and Honorary Chapter Farmer of Gooding, FFA.

In 1967, Floyd married Mary Jane Goodenow. They continued farming until 1971 and moved into Gooding. Floyd worked for Scanlon Oil, then part time for Gooding County maintaining the fairgrounds and county roads. One of those roads was the Hill City-Bliss road that his dad helped build. Floyd was active in the Gooding Grade and the Odd Fellows Lodge for many years and held many local and district offices. He enjoyed fishing and camping with family and the Odd Fellows Camper Club. He was a strong supporter of the Gooding High School FFA program and was a member of the Gooding United Methodist Church.

Floyd is survived by his



(Jay) Strum of Wenatchee, Wash.; brother, Lyle (Irene) Thornton of Orofino; grandchildren, Lellott, (John) Mahoney of Richland, Wash., Austin (April) Reed of Eagle, Mark Goodenow of Shoshone, Duane Beckom of Ontario, Ore., and Jeannie Kelso, Bill Beckom and Robin Beckom; all of Salem, Oregon; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; brother, Frank; and sisters, Alice Craig and Ethel Stokes.

The family would like to thank the DeSano Place Suites staff for his loving care since October of 2006. First Choice Hospice and the doctors and staff at Gooding Family Physicians.

A viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. A private graveside service will be held at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. A memorial service for family and friends will be held later in the spring of 2009 and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service at that time.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made in Floyd's name to the Gooding United Methodist Church or to the charity of your choice.

Jerald Anderson

BURLEY — Jerald Dean Anderson, age 75, of Provo, Utah, and formerly of Burley, passed away peacefully in his home Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, after a long struggle with cancer.

He was born June 15, 1933, to DeWayne Nathan and Maggie Josephine Smith Anderson of Burley. He was a native of Idaho, where he spent most of his years, leaving to serve his country in the United States Army from 1953-1955. He was married to Loraine Andreesen on July 16, 1952, until her death on July 2, 1989. They are survived by their five children, DeLayne Anderson, Deanne Patterson, Gary Anderson, Lola Jo Nunnally and Jeff Anderson. He later married Bonnie Rae Hull on June 25, 1982, who survives him along with her eight children, Mike King, Paul King, Bryce King, Blaine King, Janine Scheele, Darrell King, Charlene Chabries and Val King. Also surviving are two brothers, Wayne Anderson and Wayne Anderson; one sister, Laura Gensler; and many grandchildren.

Jerald worked for Intermountain Health Care at the Cassia Memorial

Hospital in Burley as CFO and assistant administrator for more than 27 years until his retirement. He was

a member of the LDS Church, where he served faithfully in various callings, and was also a member of the Burley Kiwanis Club. Jerald enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, traveling, sports and singing with the grandchildren. He was a loving father, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be very missed.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, at the Pleasant View LDS Church, 650 E. Stadium Ave. in Provo, Utah, where friends and family may call from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. A second funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at the View LDS Church, 550 S. 500 E. in Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the View Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Cassia Memorial Funeral Home of Burley.

Jerald worked for Intermountain Health Care at the Cassia Memorial

Funeral Home of Burley.

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DEATH NOTICES

Chelsey L. Harder

KING HILL — Chelsey Lee Harder, 2, of King Hill, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at a Boise hospital.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at the First Baptist Church in Glenns Ferry (First Funeral Home, McCurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Lavina B. Mort

Lavina Bell Mort, 88, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls (visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the mortuary).

Blanche W. McCown

BURLEY — Blanche Lyle Wilson McCown, 88, of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, Ariz.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service.

Rupert T. House

HAILLEY — Rupert Theodore House, 92, of Hailley, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, at a Caldwell Care Center in Caldwell.

Arrangements will be announced by Wood River Chapel of Hailley.

Faye A. Nussbaum

Faye Aldene Nussbaum, 79, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, at Bridgeway Estates in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Billy H. Brown

WEDELL — Billy Hargis Brown, 91, of Wendell, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, at his residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

Lyle A. Randall

RUPERT — Lyle Arthur Randall, 70, of Rupert, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SERVICES

Michael Lyn Kitchen Moon of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Robert E. Dickerson Sr. of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at 8:00 a.m. at the Hansen Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Labor lawyer Meyerhoff dies at 61

By Valerie J. Nelson Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Al Meyerhoff, a prominent environmental and labor lawyer whose landmark cases included the 2002 settlement of a class-action lawsuit against some of America's biggest clothing retailers that alleged sweatshop abuses on the island of Saipan, has died. He was 61.

Meyerhoff died Sunday of complications related to cancer at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said his wife, Marcia Brandwynne. More than a month ago, he learned that a rare blood disorder that had been diagnosed a year ago had developed into leukemia.

The lawsuit filed on behalf of 30,000 immigrant Saipan workers alleged a pattern of long hours, low pay and other objectionable working conditions in garment factories that produce more than \$1 billion of clothing annually for U.S. stores. Recented pattern of long hours, low pay and other objectionable working conditions in garment factories that produce more than \$1 billion of clothing annually for U.S. stores. Recented pattern of long hours, low pay and other objectionable working conditions in garment factories that produce more than \$1 billion of clothing annually for U.S. stores.

in his blog for the Huffington Post last year. Meyerhoff wrote that Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, "ought to deliver justice to different groups of people whether they were farmworkers or immigrants or people who had been damaged by employers."

"He has a range of interests, a sense of outrage and a tremendous sense of humor that all sort of came together with his remarkable legal talents," Miller said.

In addition to his wife, Meyerhoff is survived by his daughter, Leah; his mother, Ruth; and brothers George and Alan.

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# Five Muslims convicted of plotting to kill GIs

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Five Muslim immigrants accused of scheming to massacre U.S. soldiers at Fort Dix were convicted of conspiracy Monday in a case that tested the FBI's post-Sept. 11 strategy of infiltrating and breaking up terrorist plots in their earliest stages.

The men could get life in prison when they are sentenced in April. Philadelphia for lives in and around Philadelphia for years, were found guilty of conspiring to kill U.S. mili-

tary personnel. But they were acquitted of attempted murder after prosecutors acknowledged the men were probably months away from an attack and did not necessarily have a specific plan. Four defendants were also convicted of weapons charges.

The federal jury deliberated for 38 hours over six days.

The government said after the arrests in 2007 that case underscored the dangers of terrorist plots

hatched on U.S. soil. Although investigators said the conspirators were inspired by Osama bin Laden, they were not accused of any ties to foreign terror groups.

Defense lawyers argued that the alleged plot was all talk — that the men weren't seriously planning anything and that they were manipulated and goaded by two paid FBI informants.

Faten Shnewer, the mother of defendant Mohamed Shnewer, said

the informants should be the ones in jail. "Not my son and his friends. It's not right, it's not justice," she said after the verdict. The government "sent somebody to push him to say something that's lie."

Convicted were: Shnewer, a Jordanian-born cab driver; Turkish-born convenience store clerk Serdar Tatar; and brothers Dritan, Eljvir and Shaln Duka, ethnic Albanians from the former Yugoslavia, who had a roofing business. A sixth man

arrested and charged only with gun offenses pleaded guilty earlier.

The government said the men were targeting New Jersey's Fort Dix for an attack but had also conducted surveillance at Fort Monmouth, Dover Air Force Base in Delaware and other military installations, and had talked about assaulting some of those spots.

The jury did not appear to find that the men had any specific target in mind to convict them.

## Collections from IRS audits fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS says its collections from audits and other reviews fell this year for the first time in a decade as the agency shifted some resources to ensure that people got their economic stimulus checks.

Overall, collections dropped to \$56.4 billion for the fiscal year that just ended, a 4.7 percent decrease, the agency said Monday.

In addition to its regular duties, the agency issued 117 million payments totaling more than \$95 billion as part of the federal economic stimulus program this spring.

"There was the challenge of doing stimulus and it was a tight budget year. Key enforcement resources declined slightly," said Linda E. Siff, deputy commissioner for services and enforcement at the IRS. "The other key point to note is that 2007 was a record-setting enforcement year, a high water mark by any and all definitions."

Siff said that when comparing 2008 to 2006 and earlier years, "you still have a heavy increase and a good trend even though we weren't able to repeat the anomalies of 2007."

The number of audits of individual returns increased slightly in 2008. Those who earned less than \$200,000 had about a 1 percent chance of being audited. Those with incomes of \$200,000 and more had about a 3 percent chance of being audited.

Meanwhile, taxpayers with incomes of more than \$1 million had a 5.6 percent chance of being audited, a drop from 6.8 percent the year before. The number of audits for millionaires dropped even though their ranks increased by nearly 54,000.

"We were redirecting resources to support our stimulus activities," Siff said.

On the business front, the overall number of audits rose slightly, but dropped as a percentage of businesses that submitted a tax return. More emphasis was placed on medium and large corporations, as audit rates increased slightly for those companies with more than \$50 million in assets and dropped slightly for those with less than \$50 million in assets.

## Health dept. Christmas party not so tasty

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — A county health department in Southern Illinois found its Christmas party anything but tasty after dozens of people fell ill at a restaurant.

The head of the Lawrence County Health Department says she was among 42 people who got sick during the buffet gathering of 72 people on Dec. 15 in Lawrenceville.

Phyllis Wells says the cause of the outbreak hasn't been pinpointed, but she suspects the culprit was a norovirus.

People can get it through contact with infected people, ingesting contaminated food or drink, or by touching contaminated items and then their mouths.

For now, Wells says the common denominator appears to be ham served in the salad bar.



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# Unbeaten Broncos try to fend off TCU

By Bernie Wilson  
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — The Polinetta Bowl, the little brother of the Holiday Bowl, sure grew up fast. The No. 9 and undefeated Boise State Broncos and No. 11 TCU Horned Frogs meet Tuesday night in the Polinetta Bowl, which despite its lower-tier status has put together a marquee matchup that's going to be overshadowed by only a few games this season.

"I think it's one of the best matchups of all the bowl games," TCU coach Gary Patterson said Monday. "Besides the national championship game, I'd put this one right up with the one that'll be played up north of here."

In other words, the Polinetta Bowl should fall in line right behind the BCS national championship game between No. 1 Florida and No. 2 Oklahoma, and the Rose Bowl between No. 5 USC and No. 6 Penn State.

"If you just want to watch a great football game, that's hopefully what we'll give them," Patterson said. "The intrigue of this special game, I think, is what makes this game special. Two teams that are known from nowhere, not a lot of people know about."

The Broncos, the school with the blue turf and the Fiesta Bowl darlings two years ago, are trying for their second unbeaten season in the last three years. Despite their 12-0 record, the Western Athletic Conference champion Broncos were bypassed by the BCS in favor of Mountain West Conference champion Utah.

The Utes, who also went undefeated, earned a Sugar Bowl bid. Their closest call this season came



Boise State defenders, from left, Ellis Powers (18), Jamar Taylor, Cedric Felix and Jerro Johnson (23) cheer on teammate Raphael Lambert (38) Friday as he runs a relay race to end practice at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, Calif.

**No. 9 Boise State vs. No. 11 TCU**  
6 p.m., Tuesday, ESPN  
when they had to rally to beat TCU 13-10.

Patterson said he thinks Boise State deserves to be in a BCS game, but he's glad for the chance to face the Broncos.

"Having the opportunity to play Boise State gives you a measuring stick of understanding where we want to go as a program and where we want to be," Patterson said. "They're exactly what we're trying to get to. Boise State wins championships."

"We understand there's quite a wall in front of us trying to get that done."

TCU (10-2) brings in the best run defense in the 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 point per game, but it's their offense that usually draws headlines.

Kellen Moore had a sensational

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## Think 8-man football is inferior? Think again

A few weeks ago, I examined some of the possible changes to the Class 2A Canyon Conference when the Idaho High School Activities Association renews the classification cycle for 2010. Of the many proposals mentioned, Glenn Perry football will likely experience the most drastic change.



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The Pilots could drop to become an 8-man program in 2010 competing in the Class 1A Division I Snake River Conference. Principal Jeremiah Johnson said that the school's current enrollment is around 130, well below the required 159 to play 2A. Class 1A used to have 11-man and 8-man divisions, so the Pilots wouldn't have faced as big a challenge a few years ago. But in 2003, the state forced all of Class 1A to adopt 8-man football. Glenn Perry will become the first 2A program from District IV to make the change. Challis, a District VI school, was the most recent program to drop, joining the Snake River Conference this year. According to head football coach Josh Franks, the move wasn't popular with, well, anybody in the community. Challis, a District VI team and Raft River coach Randy Spaeth, it became apparent that the animosity toward 8-man football came from some common misconceptions.

**Misconception No. 1:** Schools have a choice when it comes to classification.

**The Truth:** Schools don't always have a choice. If a school falls below the cutoff — based on school population — then the IHSA will reclassify it. In some cases, schools have exceeded the cutoff may petition to play up or down. Other than that, schools have to play within the division they fall in.

**Misconception No. 2:** Eight-man football isn't real football and is less challenging than the 11-man game.

**The Truth:** The game is just as difficult if not more so. Franks knew that, having coached 8-man football in Higgins prior to joining Challis. He tried to tell the community, but some just wouldn't listen.

"Our kids thought that dropping down would be easier," Franks said.

Franks said the biggest change was how wide open the field becomes within an extra six players on the field. If teams can make open-field tackles, then the opponent can race away for six points, which happens a lot more often than plays that go for three yards and a cloud of dust. Consider this 2006 score from the Magic Valley, Cascade No. 99, Round 60. There, there was much open-field tackling in that one?

**Misconception No. 3:** The competition in 8-man football is inferior.

**The Truth:** District IV sends just as many quality teams to the state playoffs as any other District. In fact, since Class 1A state football championships were sanctioned in 1981, District IV teams have claimed 16 titles in either 11-man or 8-man. Franks leads the way with four 8-man titles, and Raft River has three 11-man championships and one in 8-man.

In comparison, District IV teams from Class 5A through 2A have won 10 titles since 1978.

"The competition in 8-man is just as good," Franks said. "Whether there are 16 players on the field or 22, Spaeth's opinion could be best sum the debate up: 'It's still football.'"

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## BSU's Petersen, TCU's Patterson have long history

By Tim Booth  
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — As the starting quarterback, Chris Petersen had grown accustomed to the entire UC Davis football program.

Two coaches were referred to as "coach," but every one was on his first name basis. No one screamed or ranted. Everything was taught and instructed with a calm and steady message.

Then Gary Patterson showed up. "I came Gary, a fireball of ener-

gy," Petersen recalled Monday. "And we were like, 'Who's this guy? Where did he come from?'"

Paths that first intersected 22 years ago at their Division II UC Davis will meet again Tuesday night when Petersen's No. 9 Boise State faces Patterson's No. 11 TCU in the Polinetta Bowl.

But while the coaches share a professional bond as leaders of two of the top non-BCS programs in the country, their personal bond started in 1986 when Petersen was a senior quarterback for the Aggies and Patterson was a newly hired

linebacker coach, all of 26 years old and full of intensity that wasn't often seen inside the Aggies' program.

Really, Patterson said and equally as coach, "Petersen said of Patterson's arrival, 'It was really a unique and interesting change.'"

Added Patterson, "I was a little bit more energetic."

The UC Davis family tree of offensive minds is well known: Oregon's Mike Bellotti, former college and NFL head coach Paul Hackett and Petersen, among others. Now it can add a defensive forward-thinker to its bloodlines, even if Patterson hung around only one year.

At the time, Patterson was early in his career, doing what coaches do and bouncing around the coun-

try to the next job opening. It was his first venture west, after previously spending two years at Tennessee Tech. He joined head coach Jim Sochor at a time when the Aggies were the dominant Division II program in the West. From 1971 to 1990, UC Davis held at least a share of its conference title every year.

Ironically, Patterson was the defensive coordinator at Sonoma State in 1991, the school that ended UC Davis' title run.

"One thing I learned from UC Davis was I learned how to teach even at a higher level. I came from the Midwest and I found out there were different ways to do things," Patterson said.

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## Associated Press College Football Player of the Year Bradford adds another accolade to collection

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Sam Bradford is back in his comfort zone, hanging out with his Oklahoma teammates.

He is happiest when he's just "one of the guys," quarterback coach Josh Heupel said. That, however, is becoming harder to do.

The sophomore quarterback won another honor Monday when he was voted college football player of the year by The Associated Press. Bradford already captured the Dave O'Brien Award and Heisman Trophy.

Now he's home after a whirlwind trip to New York, and while he appreciates all the recognition there's a BCS title showdown with Florida waiting on Jan. 8. It's time to return to the routine again.

"It was just another day at practice, another huddle, another play"



Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford drops back to pass on Dec. 6 during the first quarter of the Big 12 Championship game against Missouri in Kansas City, Mo. Bradford was voted The Associated Press college football player of the year on Monday. He beat out the same two quarterbacks he did in capturing the Heisman Trophy, Colt McCoy of Texas and Tim Tebow of Florida.

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Heisman — Colt McCoy of Texas and Tim Tebow of Florida.

Bradford received 27 votes from the AP media panel that votes in the weekly poll. He was followed by McCoy with 17 votes. Tebow, who won the award last year, had 16 votes this year. Texas Tech receiver Michael Crabtree had two votes.

Bradford is the third Oklahoma player to win the AP award, which began in 1998. Heupel won in 2000 and Jason White in 2003.

"He's a guy who truly deserves all the (attention) that's come to him, because of the sacrifices he's made during the offseason in order to try to prepare himself for every Saturday," Heupel said. "The way he has matured and grown here the past three years is impressive."

Heupel says players like Bradford have to "present themselves in a

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# Bryant keys late rally to help Lakers beat Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kobe Bryant scored 36 points and keyed a late rally to help the Los Angeles Lakers snap a two-game losing streak with a 105-96 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night.

The Lakers trailed by 93-88 with 3:08 left, but closed the game on a 17-3 run, including 10 points from Bryant to overtake the Grizzlies down the stretch.

Bryant was 14-of-23 from the field, part of Los Angeles shooting 54 percent on the night.

Pau Gasol had 15 points, seven rebounds and had six assists in his return to Memphis.

Rudy Gay led Memphis with 23 points, while O.J. Mayo scored 22 and had six assists.

**ROCKETS 114, NETS 91**  
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — While Yao Ming won the showdown with fellow Chinese Olympian Yi Jianlian, the smallest player on the court stole the show

from the 7-footers. Yao had 24 points and 16 rebounds and Aaron Brooks tied his career-high with 22 points as the Houston Rockets won their season-high fourth straight game with a 114-91 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday night in a game that was televised live to China.

With Yao limping the Nets, the Rockets climbed the lane to a season-low 13 points in the first quarter in taking a 29-13 lead and never being threatened again. Houston shot 50 percent for the game, including 9-of-19 from 3-point range.

Keyon Dooling had 17 points to lead New Jersey.

**MAGIC 113, WARRIORS 81**  
ORLANDO, Fla. — Jameer Nelson scored a career-high 22 points and had seven assists to help the Orlando Magic rout the Golden State Warriors 113-81 on Monday night.

Nelson, named NBA First of the Week for the first time in his career earlier

on Monday, was 9-of-9 from the field — including hitting four 3-pointers. He had 13 points and four assists in the third period when the Magic blew open a close game with a 22-0 run on their way to their fifth straight win of the season.

Rashard Lewis scored 21 points and Dwight Howard added 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic, who held Golden State to just 31.9 percent shooting for the game.

Jamal Crawford led the Warriors with 18 points, but was 7-of-21 from the field.

**SPURS 101, KINGS 85**  
SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker committed five turnovers in the first 10 minutes but overcame the rough start by scoring 18 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 101-85 victory over the Reeling Sacramento Kings on Monday night.

Parker was 8-of-17 from the floor and added six assists in 20 minutes as San Antonio (17-10) won for the

eight time in 10 games. The Spurs shot 52 percent and led from the 5:38 mark of the first quarter. They were 7-of-15 from the 3-point line. Sacramento (7-22) was held to 40 percent shooting in its fourth loss in a row. The Kings are 3-17 since opening the season 4-5. They dropped to 2-13 on the road.

**NUGGETS 97, TRAIL BLAZERS 89**  
DENVER — Trail Blazers 89 points and had 11 rebounds, Chauncey Billups added 19 points and 10 assists, and the Denver Nuggets overcame the absence of Carmelo Anthony to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 97-89 on Monday night.

Five players scored in double figures for the Nuggets, who ended a three-game losing streak.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 20 points and Travis Outlaw had 15 for the Trail Blazers. Brandon Roy, who scored 52 points against Phoenix on Thursday, was held to eight.

Anthony sat out with what



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant with a slam dunk for the final play of the Memphis Grizzlies Monday during the fourth quarter in Memphis, Tenn.

The Nuggets called a tight elbow contention, which has bothered him since training camp. He will also miss Tuesday's game in Portland and Friday's home game against Philadelphia. — The Associated Press

## Bears rally to beat Packers in OT 20-17

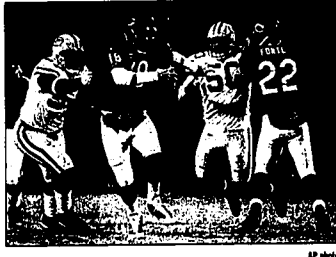
CHICAGO (AP) — Robbie Gould kicked a 38-yard field goal with 11:28 left in overtime and the Chicago Bears overcame Big Packers and the Green Bay Packers for a 20-17 victory Monday night to stay in the running for the playoffs.

Chicago's Alex Crosby blocked Mason Rusk's 38-yard field-goal attempt with 18 seconds left. In regulation to preserve a 17-17 tie and send the game into overtime. The temperature at Soldier Field was announced at 2 degrees, making it the coldest home game in Bears' history since records started being kept in 1963. The wind chill was 13 below, the second lowest in recorded team annals, so the longtime rivals fought for their ability to play in cold weather were tested by the elements.

Kyle Orton hit a 17-yard pass to Greg Olsen and a 15-yard punt on Green Bay's Aaron Rouse for a horse collar tackle gave the Bears the ball at the Green Bay 35 in overtime. A three-down pass of 14 yards to Matt Forte gave the Green Bay 20 to set up the winning kick — Gould's second straight game-winner in overtime.

The Bears (8-6), who stayed in contention for the NFC North over the weekend when Atlanta beat Minnesota, won their third straight and rallied from a 14-3 halftime deficit to do it.

Green Bay (5-10) dominated the first half, but in its fifth straight after routing the Bears 37-3 at Lambeau Field in mid-November. Matt Forte's 3-yard TD with 3:11 left lifted the Bears into a



Chicago Bears quarterback Kyle Orton, center, heads downfield past Green Bay Packers defensive end Jason Hunter, left, as Chicago running back Matt Forte (22), blocks Green Bay linebacker A.J. Hawk (50) Monday during the second quarter at Soldier Field in Chicago.

tie. The score came one play after Forte just made a first down on a fourth-and-2 run.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Green Bay's Will Blackmon returned a short kick 32 yards and a personal foul on Chicago's Adrian Peterson for tackling him out of bounds, put the ball on the Bears 35.

Aaron Rogers' third down pass of 17 yards to James Jones gave the Packers a first down at the Bears 24 with two minutes left.

The Packers ran the clock behind the running of Ryan Grant, moving to the 20 and trying to set up a game-winner from Crosby, but Brown blocked the kick.

In the first half, Rodgers passed for 162 yards, throwing 17 passes to Greg Jennings and Grant as Green Bay moved ahead 14-3. The Bears, meanwhile,

spurred a 22-14 tie in the first two quarters as their playoff hopes were on the verge of evaporating into the cold air.

Charles Woodson's sixth interception of the season and a return to the 30 helped the Packers move to the 5, but the Bears held and forced a 28-yard field goal from Crosby that put Green Bay up 17-10 early in the final quarter.

Forte, who had only 20 yards rushing through the first three quarters, broke off a 28-yard run to the Packers 23 late in the final quarter. Forte had two more carries to give Chicago a first down at the 12. Two more runs by Forte and a pass to Devin

Foreman gave the Packers a fourth-and-2 from the Packers 4 with just under four minutes left. Forte just got the first to tie and the Bears were able to tie it.

## Boise State men top San Diego

The Boise State men's basketball team prevailed on the road Monday, defeating San Diego 75-72. Four Broncos scored in double figures for the victory. In a sixth-point run late in the half-point allowed the Broncos to pull away from the Toreros.

Anthony Thomas and Mark Sanchez each scored 20 to lead Boise State. Paul Noonan added 15, and Kurt Cunningham contributed and led the Broncos field goal attempts, and Thomas hit all four of his attempted treys for his points. He also led Boise State (8-3) will host Eastern Washington on Dec. 29.

**NO. 4 OKLAHOMA 70, RICE 58**  
HOUSTON — Freshman Willie Warren scored a career-high 31 points and Blake Griffin added 27 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 4 Oklahoma over Rice 70-58 on Monday night.

**NO. 6 WAKE FOREST 95, EAST CAROLINA 54**  
GREENVILLE, N.C. — Al-Farouq Aminu had 21 points and 12 rebounds to lead Wake Forest. Chas McFarland had 14 points for the Demon Deacons (11-0), who are off to their best start since winning the first 11 games of 2003-04.

**NO. 8 NOTRE DAME 81, SAVANNAH STATE 49**  
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Luke Harangody had 23 points and 13 rebounds in

his worst shooting game of the season for Notre Dame.

**NO. 10 PURDUVE 70, IPFW 55**  
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Julian Johnston had career highs of 21 points and nine rebounds and blocked three shots for Purdue.

**NO. 15 OHIO ST. 83, UNC-ASHEVILLE 59**  
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Freshman B.J. Mullens, getting the most playing time of his brief career, scored 19 points to lead Ohio State.

The 7-foot Mullens had never played more than 20 minutes nor scored more than 11 points, but he was 8-of-11 from the field, including six dunks, and added eight rebounds and three blocked shots.

**NO. 17 SYRACUSE 82, COPPIN ST. 71**  
SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Andy Rautins equaled a school record with nine 3-pointers and scored a career-high 20 points to lead Syracuse.

It was the final nonconference game for the Orange (12-1), who begin Big East play at home next week against Seton Hall. Coppin State (1-8) lost its eighth straight road game and dropped to 0-22 against the Big East.

**NO. 18 VILLANOVA 78, NAVY 68**  
VILLANOVIA, Pa. — Dana Cunningham had 24 points and 10 rebounds and Scottie Reynolds added 23 points for Villanova. Corey Stokes had 11 points and Antonio Pena contributed 12 rebounds in

for the Wildcats (11-1), who played their first game in eight days since winning at city rival La Salle on Dec. 14.

Chris Harris had career highs of eight 3-pointers and 30 points for the Midshipmen (8-4), while Kileo Kina added 15 points.

**NO. 21 BAYLOR 74, HARTFORD 50**  
WACO, Texas — Curtis Gettels had 17 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for Baylor's first triple-double since Brian Skinner of the Los Angeles Clippers had one on Nov. 29, 1997.

Henry Dugat scored 16 points, Twenty Carter and Lacey Darius Dunn added 14 points each for Baylor (10-1).

**NO. 24 MICHIGAN 76, FLORIDA-GULF COAST 59**  
DeShawn Sims had 20 points and a career-high 20 rebounds to lead Michigan to its fourth straight victory.

It was Michigan's first 20-20 since Washington Wizards assistant coach Phil Hubbard had 22 points and 26 rebounds in a victory over Detroit in the 1977 NCAA tournament.

Kelvin Grady added 14 points for the Wolverines (9-2), who moved into the top 25 on Monday for the first time since February 2005. The Eagles (4-8) trailed close as 57-49 late in the second half before Michigan pulled away. — The Associated Press

## Broncos

redshirt freshman, showing for the Broncos, throwing for 3,264 yards and 25 touchdowns while completing 70 percent of his passes.

The Broncos followed up their thrilling overtime win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl two seasons ago by losing to East Carolina in the Hawaii Bowl last year.

The Broncos hope to avoid a slow start like they had in the Hawaii Bowl.

"We're playing a better opponent this year," BSU coach Chris Peterson said. "Our guys are aware of it. I think they've practiced with more intensity and more energy. But I won't get carried away. It's not because we're not preparing or anything. A lot of it has to do with that opponent you're playing, as well."

"We spent a lot of time trying to address that issue. I don't want to minimize East Carolina. Those guys were good. We just try to live and learn from the past, whether it was good or bad, and get better as we move forward."

## Poinsettia Bowl

No. 9 Boise State vs. No. 11 TCU  
6 p.m., ESPN

Line: TCU by 3.  
Series record: Boise State leads 1-0.  
Last meeting: 2003 Fort Worth Bowl, Boise State 34-31.

The opportunity at a second unbeaten season in the last three years for Boise State. Right or wrong, the Broncos were bypassed by the BCS, who opted for the massive drawing power of Ohio State over the undefeated Broncos. Can Boise State effectively use that chip on their shoulder to their benefit against TCU's fast, aggressive, suffocating defense that's easily the biggest challenge all season for the Boise State offense.

**Key Matchup**  
Boise State RT Nate Potter vs. TCU DE Jey Hughes. Potter, a red-shirt freshman, is one of three underclassmen starting on the Broncos offensive line. But Potter's never faced a challenge like Hughes, a first-team All-American and the nation's leader in sacks with 14. TCU's annual defense is going to cause fits for the Broncos' offense and keeping Hughes off QB Kellen Moore is going to be a big factor.

**Players to Watch**  
Boise State: RB Ian Johnson. It's the final game at Boise State for Johnson, who seems like he's been in Bronco blue for a decade. His intensely focused personal life, combined with his success on the field have made Johnson the face of the Boise State program. He enters his final game needing one rushing touchdown to hold the WAC's all-time record in that category, topping Marshall Faulk.

TCU: LB Daryl Washington. All-Mountain West first-team LB Robert Henson won't play because of academic troubles, leaving Washington to get the nod in his place. Fortunately for the Frogs, Washington's got plenty of experience rotating with Henson and is TCU's fourth leading tackler.

**Facts & Figures**  
Only prior matchup between the non-BCS powers was the 2003 Fort Worth Bowl played in the Frogs' home stadium. Boise State rallied late for a 34-31 win. ... Boise State coach Chris Peterson was a senior QB at UC Davis when TCU coach Gary Patterson served as the Aggies linebacker coach in 1986.

## Petersen

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"That didn't have whistles. They were raising their voice. It was a unique situation and one of those situations where you understood why they were successful. The reason for me was it didn't fit my personality."

Petersen, who isn't one to hide his emotions, left after

only one year to become the defensive coordinator at Cal Lutheran. And while Petersen wasn't directly coached by Patterson, each left a lasting impression with the other, one that has carried over into their careers as head coaches.

After Fort Worth Bowl in the Boise State beat in

2003, Patterson and his coaches paid a visit to Boise to swap share ideas.

"There was a lot of information passed back and forth," Petersen said. "Gary knows what he's doing and I focus on one or two things if you get on that you are not doing. It can really make a difference."

## Bradford

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leadership role with character all the time. "But ultimately they've got to relate to the guys on the offensive side of the ball and the defensive side of the ball," he added. "Great football teams have a quarterback who plays an extremely high level and it certainly helps when those guys are buying into that guy and play a little bit harder than maybe they would otherwise."

Bradford's next test comes in the national title game, with No. 2 Oklahoma (12-1) facing No. 1 Florida (12-1) in Miami.

"Playing in the national championship is something we've talked about all three years that I've been here, and we've yet to do that," Bradford said. "So to have that opportunity ... it's really exciting. Me and my teammates are really ready to get down there."

Oklahoma's offense this season has been the most prolific, scoring 702 points and breaking the major-college record of 656 set by Hawaii in 2006. The Sooners are the first major-college team in 89 years to score at least 60 points in five straight games, a streak they'll take into the show-

down with Florida. Bradford has passed for 4,464 yards and 48 touchdowns this season, breaking the school record White set in 2003. He also leads the nation in passing efficiency and has thrown only six interceptions.

Sooners' said former Oklahoma offensive coordinator Chuck Long was a strong advocate of recruiting Bradford. Now, Bradford has passed for 7,585 yards and a school-record 84 touchdowns in his two seasons as the starter. He needs 338 passing yards against Florida to overtake White for the school record.

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Three newcomers in AP Top 25, top 4 hold places

The top four teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll held their places from last week. The bottom of the Top 25, however, had three new teams.

North Carolina was again a unanimous No. 1 Monday as it has been since the preseason poll. Connecticut, Pittsburgh and Oklahoma stayed second through fourth.

Minnesota moved in at No. 23, the Gophers' first appearance in the poll since 2002. No. 24 Michigan was ranked for the first time since 2006. No. 25 Missouri was in the Top 25 for the first time since 2003.

Davidson, Memphis and Marquette dropped out of the poll. They were ranked 22nd through 24th, and all lost to another ranked team last week. Memphis had been ranked every week since the preseason poll of 2005-06.

Davis, struggling to keep his team afloat during a fruitless search for sponsorship, has sold majority ownership of both his race team and his engine company.

Mike Held, a California businessman, and Marty Gaunt, an executive with Bill Davis Racing, purchased majority interest from Davis. The duo said they've also taken control of Triad Racing Development, which supplied engines, chassis and bodies for all three of NASCAR's top series.

Davis, who has been in NASCAR for more than 20 years, won the 2002 Daytona 500 with Ward Burton and took Series championship this season with Johnny Benson. But he lost his Cup team sponsorship and has been unable to secure funding for 2009.

Logan Utah - Junior college transfer Richard Siju is leaving Utah State after less than a season. Coach Stew Morrill says Siju wants to be closer to his family in south Florida and find a place where he'll have a better opportunity to play.

Siju played in three games for the Aggies, scoring five points in 23 minutes.

The junior guard transferred to Utah State from Daytona Beach (Fla.) Community College.

Sports Shorts

Note: Send Magic Valley briefs to sports@magicvalley.com

Information: Jim Cartliser at 404-2768.

Brain Little Dribblers highlights

TWIN FALLS - The Brain Little Dribblers camp is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m., Dec. 30-31 for boys and girls in grades K through 3.

The competition camp for boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon the same days. The deadline to register is Dec. 28.

This year's camps will be held at O'Leary Junior High School. The cost is \$30, which includes a camp bag and lunch.

The \$3 camp will perform at halftime of the Bruin girls game on Jan. 8. Forms can be found at Donnelly Sports or Twin Falls High School.

Information: Matt Hart at 737-5208, ext. 3050.

Info on staff and wire operators.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Club Canyon/CSI volleyball camp nears

JEROME - The Club Canyon/College of Southern Idaho Winter Volleyball Camp will be held Dec. 29-30 at the Jerome Recreation Center.

The camp is open to girls in grades 5-8 and

applications may be downloaded from the CSI volleyball Web site at athletes.csi.edu or picked up at the Jerome Recreation Center.

The cost is \$50 and the camp is limited to 40 athletes. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

Information: Matt Hart at 737-5208, ext. 3050.

NASCAR

Davis sells NASCAR team, engine company

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - NASCAR owner Bill

# NFL asks appeals court to reconsider suspensions

MINNEAPOLIS — The NFL is asking an appeals court to reconsider a federal judge's order that blocked the suspensions of five players for violating the league's anti-doping policy.

Attorneys for the NFL on Monday filed notice they were asking the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals to take up the issue.

U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson in St. Paul, Minn., said earlier this month he needed more time to consider the case. Magnuson cleared the way for Kevin Williams and Pat Williams of the Minnesota Vikings, and Charles Grant, Deuce McAllister and Will Smith of the New Orleans Saints to continue playing at least until an order was issued.

The players were suspended for four games each after testing positive for a banned diuretic in the dietary supplement StarCaps.

Cowher upset  
OVER TOWEL STOMP  
For a couple of minutes, Bill Cowher nearly forgot he wasn't the Pittsburgh Steelers' coach any longer. Cowher, a CBS-TV studio analyst since resigning in Pittsburgh nearly two years ago, became animated on the air while watching Titans players Keith Bulluck and Len D'Amico stomp on a terrible towel near the end of Tennessee's 31-14 victory Sunday.

The moment produced a flashback for Cowher, who was well known for his competitiveness and respect-for-the-game mentality while coaching the Steelers from 1992-2006.

"That looks like a pregame talk the night before to me," Cowher said, his eyes lighting up and his voice rising. "If we'd meet in the post-season, I know what I'm pulling out the night before the game."

Cowher admonished White by saying, "You go to lunch and I wouldn't do this, I wouldn't go there" and said Bulluck should know better because, "You are a veteran, Bulluck."

"The Titans' lack of respect for the Steelers' symbol almost seemed enough to motivate Cowher to return to the sideline, if only for one game. Almost.

Cowher's implied message to the Titans: There's a way to win in the NFL and that isn't this, and you might regret that little sideshow against the Steelers return to Nashville for the AFC championship game in four weeks.

"I don't care, I don't care. ... That's just our stand," Bulluck said. "Anybody that's going to come through here in the playoffs, we plan to stomp them out."

## BRONCOS POPE AND YOUNG GO IN

The already injured-up backfield took two more hits as B.J. Pope (hamstring) and Selvin Young (neck) were added to the long list of injured tailbacks.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said both are expected to be placed on injured reserve. The team has lost seven tailbacks this season.

Denver is expected to bolster its depth at tailback by activating Cory Boyd off the practice squad and signing Alex Hays, who was waived by the Broncos on Nov. 22.

Pope became the sixth tailback to start in the Broncos' battered backfield Sunday against Buffalo but went to the sideline in the first quarter with a torn left hamstring. He finished with six carries for 44 yards.

"He's expected to be out six to eight weeks.

Young picked up the slack for Pope before leaving with a pinched nerve in his neck late in the third quarter. An MRI on Monday revealed Young had a ruptured disk.

"Hopefully the disk will go back into position where he wants to be an operation," Shanahan said.

The injuries to Pope and Young left Tatum Bell as the only healthy running back. Bell carried the ball five times for 20 yards.

## FAN ARRAIGNED FOR TACKLING PATRIOTS LB SEAU

WRENTHAM, Mass. — A football spectator pleaded not guilty to charges of trespassing and assaulting New England Patriots linebacker Junior Seau on the sidelines during the team's 47-7 win over Atlanta on Sunday.

Todd Kobus, of Attleboro, appeared in Wrentham District Court on Monday after a pretrial hearing was set for Feb. 17.

"I'm just a big fan of Junior Seau," the 31-year-old Kobus

said in court. "I meant to ask him a big hug. I actually did not mean to tackle him or anything along those lines. It was a stupid, stupid idea."

The ticket account that includes the seat Kobus occupied was revoked by the Patriots, team spokesman Steacy James said. He said he did not know if Kobus was the owner of the account. The club had no comment on whether it would review its security procedures. James said.

— The Associated Press



Denver Broncos' P.J. Pope (31) runs into the end zone for a touchdown Sunday during the first quarter of a game against the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, N.C.

AP Photo

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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009, at the hour 10:00 AM of said day at the front entrance of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, DAVID A. COLEMAN, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Base Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Section 10: A parcel of land in the SE1/4SW1/4, more particularly described as follows:  
Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SE1/4SW1/4;  
Thence due North 90.14 feet (record) along the Westley boundary of said SE1/4SW1/4;  
Thence due East 171.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
Thence due East 180.00 feet;  
Thence due North 99.00 feet;  
Thence due West 180.00 feet;  
Thence due South 89.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known address is 250 Juniper Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by LOUIS J. CERVANTES, an unmarried man, grantor to DAVID A. COLEMAN, Successor Trustee, to secure the benefit and security of ERNEST A. BENGOCHEA and PEARL K. BENGOCHEA, A husband and wife, recorded November 15, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005-025282, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay.  
The remaining principal balance of \$174,548.84 together with accrued interest, collection charges and late charges.  
Taxes for second half of 2007, plus penalties and interest.  
The unpaid principal balance owing as of November 24, 2008, on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$174,548.84, plus interest, late charges and foreclosure costs.  
DATED: December 2, 2008.  
By/David A. Coleman, Successor Trustee

PUBLISH: December 9, 16, 23, 30, 2008

### JEROME COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE

North Side Rentals, Inc., under provision of Idaho Code 28-210, Heretofore at Public Auction on January 30, 2008, the stored items of:  
Jana Lopez Hernandez, Burli, Idaho  
Dean Maltaberger, Eden, Idaho

PUBLISH: December 16 and 23, 2008

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### CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2009

Pursuant to Idaho Code 34-1405: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following taxing districts will conduct candidate and/or special elections in Cassia County during calendar year 2009.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXING DISTRICT	ELECTION DATE	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINE
OREGON TRAIL RECREATION DIST 402 E 2191 St Burley, ID 83318 104 E FREE LIBRARY 165 E Main St Oakley, ID 83346	Feb 3, 2009 Board Member	5:00 p.m. Dec 26, 2008
ALBION HIGHWAY DISTRICT 988 E 1000 S PO Box 147 Abion, ID 83311	May 26, 2009 Board Member	5:00 p.m. April 17, 2009
BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT 402 E 10th St Burley, ID 83318	August 4, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1	5:00 p.m. June 26, 2009
MURTAUGH HIGHWAY DISTRICT 108 Archer St PO Box 147 Abion, ID 83311	August 4, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1 Commissioner Dist 2	5:00 p.m. June 26, 2009
OAKLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT 200 S 275 W PO Box 155 Oakley, ID 83346	August 4, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1 Commissioner Dist 3	5:00 p.m. June 26, 2009
RAFT RIVER HIGHWAY DISTRICT 320 H Main St PO Box 636 Malla, ID 83342	August 4, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1 Commissioner Dist 3	5:00 p.m. June 26, 2009
TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT 200 S 275 W PO Box 155 Oakley, ID 83346	August 4, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1	5:00 p.m. June 26, 2009
ALBION CEMETERY DISTRICT PO Box 91 Abion, ID 83311	November 3, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1	5:00 p.m. Sept 25, 2008
OAKLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT 2073 Poeline Rd. PO Box 155 Oakley, ID 83346	November 3, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1 Commissioner Dist 2	5:00 p.m. Sept 25, 2008
SUBLETT CEMETERY DISTRICT 3339 E 1615 S Malla, ID 83342	November 3, 2009 Commissioner Dist 2	5:00 p.m. Sept 25, 2008
MINIDOKA COUNTY FIRE DIST 620 5th St PO Box 91 Burley, ID 83318	November 3, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1 Commissioner Dist 2	5:00 p.m. Sept 25, 2008
NORTH CASSIA RURAL FIRE DIST 137 W 12th St PO Box 91 Burley, ID 83318	November 3, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1 Commissioner Dist 2	5:00 p.m. Sept 25, 2008
OAKLEY FIRE DIST 315 E Main St PO Box 91 Oakley, ID 83346	November 3, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1 Commissioner Dist 2	5:00 p.m. Sept 25, 2008
ROCK CREEK RURAL FIRE DIST PO Box 985 Kimberly, ID 83341	November 3, 2009 Commissioner Dist 1 Commissioner Dist 3	5:00 p.m. Sept 25, 2008

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0690701-C.S. No. 200801409 - 1  
On 09/20/09 at 10:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho: in the main part of Land Title & Escrow Company, 211 W. Burley, ID 83318, Pioneer Landers Trustee Service, LLC, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Beginning at a point which is South 05°55' West a distance of 83.0 feet from the Northwest corner of said Tract#4 of the West Acacia Subdivision, thence South 89°55' West a distance of 170.0 feet; thence North 05°55' East a distance of 154.03 feet; thence North 89°55' East a distance of 139.5 feet; thence South 05°55' West a distance of 170.0 feet; thence North 89°55' East a distance of 122.53 feet to the Point of Beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of any particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the following is the legal address of 1702 Monroe Ave, Burley, Idaho 83318 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Jeffrey Frank Wang, an unmarried man, as grantor, to Wells Fargo Financial National Bank, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated and recorded on 05/31/2002, as Instrument No. 281818, of Official Records of Cassia County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantor, attorney named to comply with section 45-1508(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation set forth. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 05/31/2002. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) due per month for the months of 7/20/2008 through 11/20/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the said Deed of Trust is \$12,171.15, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.91% per annum, from 05-20-2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and accruing assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Melmet Default Service, Inc. 1620 E. Flower Street, Suite 110, Santa Ana, CA 92705-4053 Sale Information Line: 714-259-7850 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Request: (714) 469-5472 THIS IS A PUBLIC NOTICE TO COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 11/19/2008 Pioneer Landers Trustee Service, LLC By: Kara Lambert, Assistant Trustee Officer ASAP# 2936051

PUBLISH: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2008 and Jan 6, 2009

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, April 16, 2009 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of Tritelast, Inc., located at 163 4th Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or letters check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 12, Standard & Wakem Subdivision, according to official plat of the County of Twin Falls, Book 6 of Plats at Page(s) 54, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEES OFFICE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 60-113, IDAHO CODE, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 488 Wakefield Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, he or she will be required to remain on site only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder fails to obtain payment in the manner as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder will be null and void. The sale will be held in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Dawn K. Evans and Husband and Wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank National Association as Successor Beneficiary, recorded August 15, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005-01021. Mortgage No. 00 REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$57,600.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.75% per annum. The balance owing as of November 14, 2008 is \$57,521.62 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.75% per annum. The per delinquent is \$12.21. In addition to the above, there is also due any charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$57,521.62, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred by entering the foreclosures proceedings or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Date: December 15, 2008  
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.  
By: Bobbi Carter, Trustee  
Phone: (877) 947-1553

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### Declaration of Candidacy and Petition of Candidacy (one combined form) forms are available at the respective taxing districts offices listed above or at the County Clerk's Office, Cassia County Room 106, Burley, Idaho.

The above Taxing Districts have provisions which allow them not to conduct an election if only one candidate has filed for each office. Pursuant to Idaho Code 34-1403, this determination can only be made after the May 8th deadline for Declaration of Intent to be a write-in: Carberry, Highway, Signed Larry A. Mickelson, Cassia County Clerk (seal)

PUBLISH: Times News on December 11th and 23rd, 2008

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0690701-C.S. No. 200801409 - 1  
On 09/20/09 at 10:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho: in the main part of Land Title & Escrow Company, 211 W. Burley, ID 83318, Pioneer Landers Trustee Service, LLC, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Beginning at a point which is South 05°55' West a distance of 83.0 feet from the Northwest corner of said Tract#4 of the West Acacia Subdivision, thence South 89°55' West a distance of 170.0 feet; thence North 05°55' East a distance of 154.03 feet; thence North 89°55' East a distance of 139.5 feet; thence South 05°55' West a distance of 170.0 feet; thence North 89°55' East a distance of 122.53 feet to the Point of Beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of any particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the following is the legal address of 1702 Monroe Ave, Burley, Idaho 83318 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Jeffrey Frank Wang, an unmarried man, as grantor, to Wells Fargo Financial National Bank, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated and recorded on 05/31/2002, as Instrument No. 281818, of Official Records of Cassia County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantor, attorney named to comply with section 45-1508(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation set forth. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 05/31/2002. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) due per month for the months of 7/20/2008 through 11/20/2008, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the said Deed of Trust is \$12,171.15, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.91% per annum, from 05-20-2008. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and accruing assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Melmet Default Service, Inc. 1620 E. Flower Street, Suite 110, Santa Ana, CA 92705-4053 Sale Information Line: 714-259-7850 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Request: (714) 469-5472 THIS IS A PUBLIC NOTICE TO COLLECT A DEBT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 11/19/2008 Pioneer Landers Trustee Service, LLC By: Kara Lambert, Assistant Trustee Officer ASAP# 2936051

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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, April 16, 2009 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of Tritelast, Inc., located at 163 4th Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or letters check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 12, Standard & Wakem Subdivision, according to official plat of the County of Twin Falls, Book 6 of Plats at Page(s) 54, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEES OFFICE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 60-113, IDAHO CODE, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 488 Wakefield Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, he or she will be required to remain on site only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder fails to obtain payment in the manner as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder will be null and void. The sale will be held in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Dawn K. Evans and Husband and Wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank National Association as Successor Beneficiary, recorded August 15, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005-01021. Mortgage No. 00 REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$57,600.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.75% per annum. The balance owing as of November 14, 2008 is \$57,521.62 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.75% per annum. The per delinquent is \$12.21. In addition to the above, there is also due any charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$57,521.62, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred by entering the foreclosures proceedings or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

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### 101-101-101 Lost and Found

**FOUND** Black, male, labby brown color. Found at the Saratoga Apts. 208-358-0030.

**FREE Border Collie** found. Needs to be claimed or find a new home. In Wendell 358-4150

**FOUND** Beagle, male, neutered, older, wearing leather collar with no tags. Found on Addison in 12/18. Call 206-421-4175

**FOUND** Cat, black, male, neutered, long haired female, calico like markings: black & orange back, white belly & legs. Lost several weeks ago in the vicinity of "O" Ave W. Twin Falls. Has food allergy to gluten. 208-733-3063 Reward

**LOST** Gold chain necklace with small pendant of the southern cross. Lost while shopping in Twin Falls. Sentimental value. REWARD! 208-878-2343

**LOST** Lab/ Vizla mix, male, neutered, orange color, weighs about 50 lbs, 5 1/2 years old. Last seen on N. Hawkins Rd. Twin Falls. Has food allergy to Bob. Reward 208-734-8778

**LOST** Pit Bull/ Blue Tick Hound cross on P & Almo St. In Burley. Female, scars on both hips, big head, very gentle, answers to "Sis". Reward \$100. 208-312-0623

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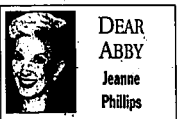
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Man who was dumped gets both support and suspicion

DEAR ABBY: I had trouble clearing myself when I read the letter from "Mixed-Up in Missouri" (Sept. 21), the "nice guy" with a string of failed relationships because he "too good" to be good. Please let him know that he is truly a gem waiting to be discovered. It reminds me of my own "prince," whom I was finally able to find after a divorce, countless friends, and 30 years of figuring out what I deserved. Some women are scared of anything that is different, so when I man treats them well they question it to death. Believe me, I know. My husband and I married five weeks after we met because I just felt right. After 2 1/2 years of marriage, one son and another on the way, I have no regrets. My husband is the kind every woman should have. I would tell "Mixed-Up" that his time will come. Someone will cherish what has to offer. —HAPPILY EVER AFTER



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR HAPPILY: Thank you for sharing your hard-earned experience with my readers and me. I am pleased your marriage is working out, but I would not recommend that couples marry after knowing each other only five weeks. I advised "Mixed-Up" to widen his circle of acquaintances and fish in a different dating pool. Many readers would like to comment about his letter. Read on. DEAR ABBY: "Mixed-Up in Missouri" said he treated his wife and girlfriends like queens. Perhaps he wasn't telling you everything. I married a man who treated me like a queen too — until I did or said something he didn't like. You see, everything he did for me came with a price. Yes, he did nice things for me, but he also expected me to reciprocate in specific ways that the never really explained. If I failed to do something the way he wanted, or with the "wrong" attitude, he would throw it in my face. He did not do it out of kindness, but for what he could get in return. He never understood why I eventually quit trying to please him, and "got rid" of me after 14 years of marriage. It turned out to be the biggest favor he ever did for me. —GLAD TO BE FREE

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DEAR ABBY: I dated many of these "too good to be true" guys. I cannot stress to you how boring it is to "reign supreme" in a relationship with someone who wants only to get what I want to do when I want to go, eat what I want to eat, etc. Even the flowers and gifts don't

make up for it. Women don't want girls — we want a man, a partner. In a real relationship I want to work as a team someone who shares and has my own perspectives. It's time for "Mixed-Up" to take a look at what he is actually bringing to the table — or what he's not.

DEAR ABBY: I have no desire to be elevated to the status of royalty. What I'm looking for is someone who shares some of my interests, respects my strengths and can help me improve upon my weaknesses — someone who functions just as well on his own as I do.

"Mixed-Up" is young yet — probably too young to have gotten married. He needs to start looking at women as partners and not pedestal perchers. I'm sure someone will find a way to his courtship technique. Initially, but after while, pedestals become cold and lonely. Women who are damaged or bitter will be distrustful. And secure, well-adjusted women will simply not be interested. —NOBODY'S QUEEN

DEAR ABBY: There's a saying about men who treat women like princesses. If you worship the ground she walks on, the ground she walks on will be YOU. —NORM

IF DECEMBER 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

With powerful Pluto passing through your part of the zodiac in the year to come you can expect to feel empowered to make deep and lasting changes. One chapter ends as another one begins in the story of your life, but this might simply mean that you're ready to grant a favor, or meet someone new assured that this is something that will enrich your life either materially or spiritually.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Earn your wings. Go ahead and grant a favor, or meet someone new assured that this is something that will enrich your life either materially or spiritually.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are challenged to face the facts about your own's magnificent obsession. Something may turn your sweetie on, but you may suspect it is a job, a project, or a business matter rather than you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Courtesy counts. If you have stepped on someone's toes, then it

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Share a percentage of your wealth or profits. If you want to make someone feel as though he or she has a valid part in your organization or circle, then you need to reward them for their time or expertise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Cream always rises to the top. Career, school, work, job or business can make heavy demands. You will win respect if you remain intensely and passionately focused on doing the very best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone with very high-minded motivations might anticipate your every move. If you love the thrill of the chase in business or in love, you might land a whale of a deal or win something big at the seams.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Even an extensive list of pros and cons can't help you make a good decision. The blinders may come off; you may take a dim view of someone who will say whatever it takes to win your approval.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You recognize a pickup line when you hear it. Someone with a smooth-talking line of patter might gain your ear. Always stay through the evidence like a gold miner and toss fools good on the trash heap.

libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Delegate authority. One person can't possibly take care of all the details without some help, fling on to the things you value, but be willing to let go of the smaller things that are not crucial to your happiness.

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Today is Tuesday, Dec. 23, the 358th day of 2008. There are eight days left in the year.

On Dec. 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they had been captured. On this date: In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the Continental Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1788, Maryland passed an act to cede an area "not exceeding ten miles square" for the seat of the national government; about two-thirds of the area became the District of Columbia. In 1823, the poem "Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" was published anonymously in the Troy (N.Y.) paper. It was the most popularly known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas." was later attributed to Clement C. Moore. In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Hänsel und Gretel" was first performed in Weimar, Germany. In 1908, portrait photographer Youssif Karsh was born in Mardin

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter for each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**VIPTO**

**RIMOAH**

**LAYREY**

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

Yesterday's Jumble: CARGO TOXIN  
Answer: The songwriter was in demand because his work was — "NOTE" WORTHY

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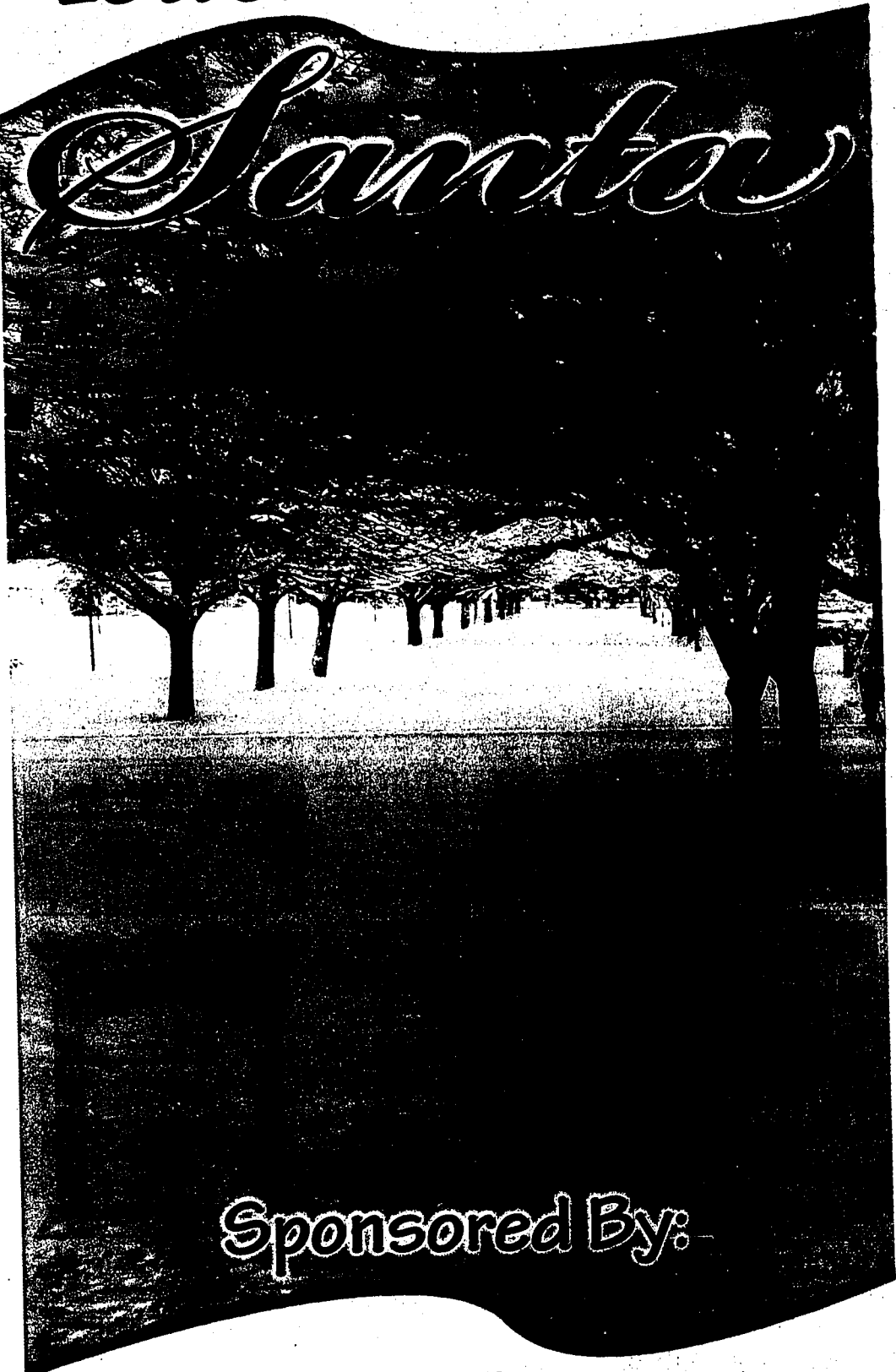
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Dear Santa Claus, Santa, how are you doing? I would like a D.S. I would like a motor cycle. I would like a game cube. I would like a Power Ranger. Your friend, Hunter. Me - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, What is it like in the North Pole? How do you get presents to every person in the world in one night? What is it like riding in a sleigh? Do you ever get afraid of hypothermia up there in the sky? How cold is it in the North Pole? I hope you can answer all my questions. I also hope you can get me everything on my wish list. Sincerely, David E. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, You are promising to me because you bring the stuff that I want. I love you Santa. I'm going to tell you about one thing. Indiana Jones kingdom of the crystal skull. It has whipping action. Merry Christmas to all and all a good night. Santa you are a wonderful guy. Love, Ryan B. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, You are nice because you send us presents. Also you are nice because you make us toys. Well your elves make the toys. How do you get all the way to Idaho? Do you go to China first, or which state do you go to first? If you go to China first your reindeer go fast? You are nice. Love, Karlee R. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, You are a good person in the world. How are you so good at doing the presents? Is your sleigh red? How do you go around on Christmas Eve in one night? I forgot, have a Merry Christmas! Love, Estell M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Please can I have a Batman skateboard for Christmas? I have been good this year. I would love to see Rudolph. Does his nose really glow? I hope Rudolph doesn't get tired pulling the sleigh! Merry Christmas. Love, Kamaha's Solas - Perrine

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Stanley train and a basketball. I have been good this year. I've only fought with my brother twelve times. What is it like living in the North Pole? Love, Alaka'l Salas - Twin Falls Head Start

Dear Santa, How do you make all eight reindeer fly? Santa I really hope I can get my list of wishes Santa how can you get around the world in one night. I don't want to be on the naughty list. Santa, how small are the elves? You are the only one who knows. Love, Alexis - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How are you and the elves doing? I really wonder what I am going to get in my stocking. What's your favorite Holiday? I have my lights up on my house and I got a Christmas tree up too. Does the elves make the stuff that the children want or do they just get other stuff? Love, Kendra F. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I'm doing great. Please don't give me coal I've been really good this year. Do you want to be my best friend? Well anyways this year the main thing I want is a puppy. A nice little weiner dog. I really really want one. Well thank you Santa Clause. Your friend, Andrew T. - Harrison

Dear Santa, Thank you for last year's present. Are you happy and jolly or do you sometimes get mad? Do you like to give coals for Christmas? For Christmas I would like a happy family please, but if you can't do that I would like a swan that floats in a meadow please. Just like when Hansel and Gretel jump onto a swan. Your friend, Persia D. - Harrison

Dear Santa, Are you real? I didn't really like last years Christmas because all I got was 2 toys, a pillowcase, and lots of make up. Santa I really want Gabi to stop being mean to me. I really want to know how old you are. For Christmas I want a bubble gum machine and a brother that doesn't tackle me. Santa hows the elfs? Your friend, Maribel A. - Harrison

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a white board and some markers and some erasers. My brother would like a Gameboy and he would like a Rock Band 2. Thank you for the presents last year. I would like a Gameboy and a scooter. I forgot to ask you if Rudolf is ok and please don't leave reindeer poop on my house anymore because it reeks! I will make you cookies and milk so don't get excited. My mom would like a jewelry box and my dad wants a PSP and that's it. Oh I forgot and I would like a Hannah Montana bike. Your friend, Klauna H. - Harrison

Dear Santa Clause, I can't wait for Christmas! If possible could you tell your elf that specializes in hi-tech toys to build me an iPod nano. It would be such a relief to not have to listen to my bro's screaming! I would also like a Redwall or Favehagen book. They are really great series that I love! Last, but not least, I would like Lego Batman the Videogame for Wii. Other presents would be gratefully accepted. Joel C. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I want the children you don't have enofe presents for to have the best Christmas Ever!!! I think you should make more presents for them then us. We get presents every year, but they don't. It's not fair they don't have a happy Christmas. It's their turn to have a great Christmas. My mom got to a class once and there was a little child that had nothing. His clothes were ripped and he had no crayons. His pants are shorts, he has no socks too. His shoes are too small and he has no coat. Please help him. I can't even imagine a child on Christmas cold, filling unloved, unhappy, cold, and scored! Love, Jessica L. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I would like lots of rocks, minerals, and crystals. But mostly field guides so I can find them myself. I think I deserve it because I am a great brother and good at school. If I can't get those I would like lots of art supplies. I like to draw and make up things so that would be awesome too. I think I deserve those for the same reason above. If I can't get those either I would like books about ancient Greek mythology. I would like them because I think the stories are interesting and awesome. I think I deserve those because of the same reason above. Sincerely, Espen M. - Sawtooth



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Dear Santa, I would like a robo rattle for Christmas I like green or a gold one. your friend, Christopher C. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, For Christmas I just want to celebrate Jesus's birthday. On Christmas I want to help the poor and give them food and clothes. I want to give the poor all my toys on Christmas day and give them the best Christmas ever. Love Alyse D. - Sawtooth

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Dear Santa, Here's my wishes can you get me a snowboard, chest protector, skateboard, electric guitar, Nintendo ds, video games, tv, weiner dog, X box, heeles sell phone and a peaceful CHRISTMAS. By CHANCE G. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Will you give me a Nintendo D.S. ,heleys a Clone wars D.S. game, a Pokemon Ranger D.S. game, a base ball bat, and a basketball mini fourwheeler please Santa. Frant, Austin H. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a chinese jump rope and a stuffed animal. From, Megan 'H. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa Clause, I would like a hamster and the stuff I would need to take care of this little critter. I think I should get it because I'm good most of the time. You're Friend, Drew Schwarz - Sawtooth

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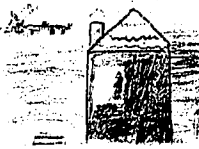
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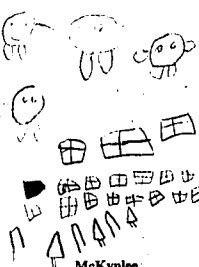
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Dear Santa, How do you get everyhouse to get presents or coal? How do you fit all of the toys on you sleigh? I like all the reindeer names. I know all the reindeer names. I want a Me2. I love the colors of Christmas. There my favorite colors. What is your favorite part of Christmas? Love, Josh - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I was wondering how many elves you have? I like your snowy white beard. I was also wondering how you get to everyone in one night? I like your red suit and hat! I want to tell you just one thing I want for Christmas. I don't really want anything but my family. I like you Santa Claus! I also like your reindeer to. Love, Lizzie - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, You're the nicest person ever! How do you get everywhere in one night? Your reindeer are awesome. On Christmas Eve don't forget to come to my house. I can not wait until Christmas! Do you like delivering presents to everyone. I love the presents that I get for Christmas from my family, but especially from you. Is it cold up in the North Pole. Is the song true that someone's mom kissed you? I love you Santa! How do you get to the North Pole? When I grow up I want to be like you. That's how much I love you. Love, Hayli - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How do you get around the world in one night? Do you ever fall off the house? How many elves do you have? I would like to see you with my own eyes. Do you have more than nine reindeer? Is your house as big as a mansion? Has anybody seen you? I would like to be you as a job. Can you take your picture for me? How much weight can your sleigh carry? Do you have a wife? How old are you? Do your elves ride in your sleigh? Sincerely, Cy M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, You are the best Santa! I love you. May I have a electric guitar for Christmas? I can't wait until Christmas Eve! I like your style a lot. How do you get elves? Have a good year! Merry Christmas to all! Have I ever got coal in my stocking before? Thank you for all my Christmas presents Santa! How do you get around the world in one night Santa? Please don't forget to come to my house Santa. What kind of degrees is it up there? Is the song true that someone's mom kissed you? love, Harlie M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I want a toy horse for Christmas. How are you? I like you and the presents that you give me. Love, Tatum C - Sawtooth

Dear santa if you don't have any time to make me a present you don't have to get me any thing cause if is not about presents. p.s. I like comets the most p.s. merry Christmas Lindsey J. - Sawtooth

Dear santa, I would like a kitten for Christmas.....that is my wish..... Your friend, Destynae M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you have had a good year so far. I have! I've already made my list of wishes which will be sent to you later on. Anyway I hope you have a great Christmas! Your friend, Ethan M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like to have a trampoline, ps3, and Chess. I would play the stuff all the time. I will know you are real. Your friend, Abraham M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, What do I want? I want a mine black pine tree with pink Polka-dots. So it can look good in my room. I think I deserve it because it's cool. And I want it. Why do I want this it's because it sounds cool and sweet? McKenzie Q. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How are you? I bet you're busy making toys, deciding who's naughty and who's nice, and exorcising the reindeer. For Christmas, I would like a black volleyball with pink flowers on it. Volleyball is my favorite sport and I would like to practice. The volleyball would also give me something to do at home. Merry Christmas, Kayla P.S. Please give Comet and Cupid extra treats for me. Kayla W. - Sawtooth

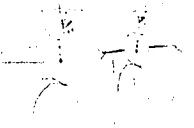
I want a phone, portable DVD player, and an iPod. I deserve them because I am good most of the time. I want them so I can play music, text, and watch movies. If you can could get my dog Grizzly a heavy hunting Jacket. Sincerely, Tyler M. - Sawtooth



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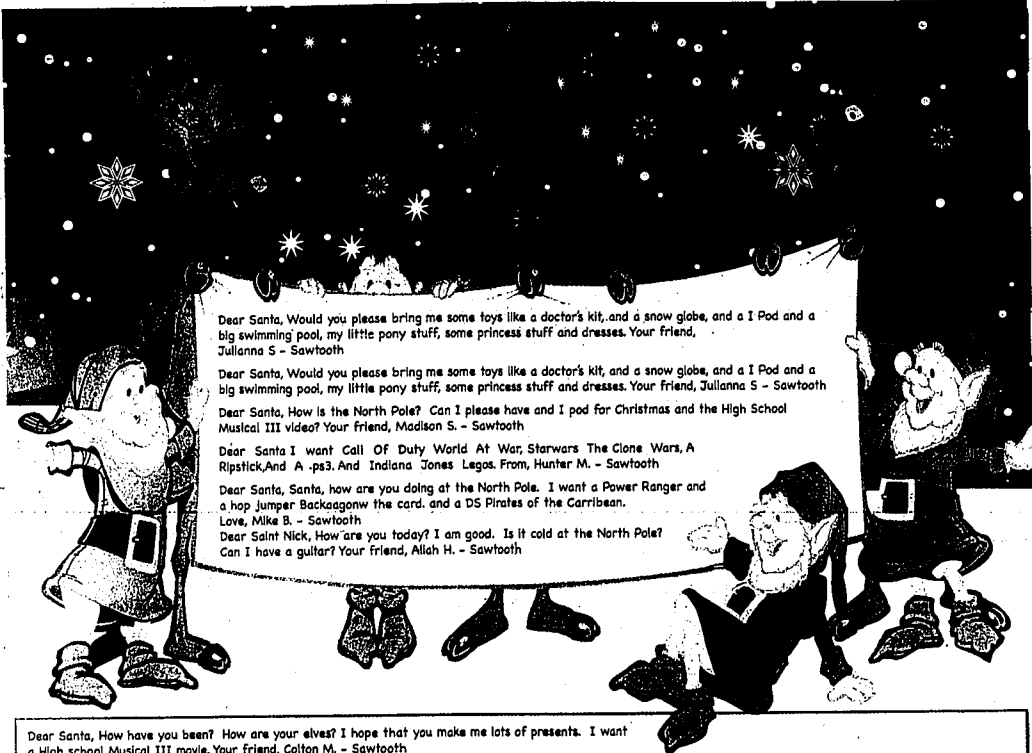
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Dear Santa, How is the North Pole? Can I please have and I pod for Christmas and the High School Musical III video? Your friend, Madison S. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa I want Call Of Duty World At War, Starwars The Clone Wars, A Ripstick, And A -ps3. And Indiana Jones Legos. From, Hunter M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Santa, how are you doing at the North Pole. I want a Power Ranger and a hop Jumper Backaggonw the card, and a DS Pirates of the Carribean.

Love, Mike B. - Sawtooth

Dear Saint Nick, How are you today? I am good. Is it cold at the North Pole?

Can I have a guitar? Your friend, Allah H. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How have you been? How are your elves? I hope that you make me lots of presents. I want a High school Musical III movie. Your friend, Colton M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How are you? I want a dog and a doctor kit? Your friend, Shyann M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa Claus, I want an I pod, and a Barbie car. I want a snow globe, and I'd like to have Alvin's song. Your friend, Emily P. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? I think you need a big sleigh because my sister wants lots of toys. Your friend, Chelsea N. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, You are the best and you make me want to ride on your sled every day. You make me happier and happier every day, I can't wait until you bring presents. Let me tell you what I want for Christmas I want, I want a Nintendo DS that is red & black, a blue soccer ball, and a Nintendo DS game, and that's what I want for Christmas. I deserve to get presents because I try to be good in school and try to be nice to everyone especially my family and friends. One more thing that I want is for you to have the best time of your life and always have the best Christmas ever. Sincerely, Amber H. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I would like a paintball gun. I would like the one at Sportsman's Warehouse. I want the one that is \$50.00. I would also like the paintball gun to come with paintballs. I've been really good this year. At least I've tried my best, but I can't say my hardest. My dad, my stepmom, and my sister and brother are all trying to get one so we can shoot each other up camping. Have a Merry Christmas Morgan B. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How are you doing up in the North Pole? I want a I Dog and a Barbie. I want a Brat doll and a snow globe. I want a High School Musical III movie. Your friend, Megan B. - Sawtooth

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Dear Santa, I want a dog, a toy car. Your friend, Gabriel R. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How are you at the North Pole with your elves? I hope you could make High School Musical 3 movie. I hope you could make an I dog for me. I hope that you could make a Bowhogg. I hope I can get an I Pod. Your friend, Bryan S. - Sawtooth

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Dear Santa Claus, Hi Can I have a High School Musical III poster? Can I have a picture of you? Can I have some perfume? Love, Savannah J. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa Claus, How are you doing? I want a guitar and a Barbie. Your friend, Kalli D. - Sawtooth

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Dear Santa, I know yours a busy guy and all but I hope you still have time to read my letter. This year want well. Even though I fight with my little brother every once in a while I should still be pretty high on your nice list. This year I would like some earrings and maybe a charm or two for my charm bracelet. Thanks a bunch, Jenny S. - Sawtooth p.s. Comet is my favorite reindeer p.s. Whats your favorite tv show?

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Dear Santa, How is your family doing? Santa can Taylor have two books. Santa can I have a Nintendo ds. I left some carrots. Love, Kaitlyn - Kimberly

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Dear Santa, Thank you for last year's presents. I really liked the bubble. I know how hard you are working so you don't have to get me everything I want. I am wondering how you are doing? I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want my uncle to come visit me for Christmas. Your friend, Soledad R. - Harrison

Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? What I want for Christmas is a Hannah Montana electric scooter. I hope you and are doing good. I hope you come to my house first for Christmas. I hope you don't fall off the roof. Do you have a I hope you write all of us back. Your friend, Paula G. - Harrison

Dear Santa, Thank you for everything from last year. I bet it's cold in the North Pole. I bet you're getting ready for Christmas. You must be spending a lot of money too. It's probably fun to go in a sled. Your friend, Robble B. - Harrison

Dear Santa, I want a new Goosabumps book and I want a new shirt, new pants, and a new sweater, and a new picture, of my mom and dad. Is the North pole cold? Love, Zach - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How did you invent Christmas? How? I am just wondering how. You are the best, Santa Love, Camron E. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Thank you very much for everything you gave me. I like the fairy. I have heard tales, but I don't know if it is real. This is it. Almost everybody thinks that you are magic. Send me a letter if it is real. Love, Jeni K. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer fly? Have you been working very hard, very hard? My present is snow on Christmas From, Liam E. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, My name is Matthew. How do you go down the chimney? I want an Ipod. I'm going to McCall. I have to travel 4 hours. From, Matthew W. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Do your reindeer want to play with me? I am going to get a Christmas tree at Christmas. I love Christmas. Love, Amra M. - Sawtooth Dear Santa, How is the reindeer? How do your reindeer fly? How are you doing? You are a nice man. I will bake cookies for you! This is what I want for Christmas...a backpack, a picture, a webkinz, a kiss, a hug, a pup, a kitten. The end. Love, Lexi M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Are you really magic? I baked cookies for you for Christmas! Thanks for making toys for Christmas! You are my favorite man of the year! Love, Maddle J. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer fly? How do you get down the chimney? I love you. I want a toy dog and a toy cat. How do your elves make toys? Are you a fairy? Who is Santa? Love, Laurel T. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Where is your Northpole? I have 2 Christmas trees. Both of them are up. All of my stockings are up. I want a MP3 player. How do you get down the chimney? Are you magic? How many toys do you make a day? Love, Kate C. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, My name is Brianna. Thank you for the kitchen set. I am thankful for that. I want a guitar and some heelles for Christmas. Thank you for the stuffed animal horse. Love, Brianna V. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How do the reindeer fly? I'm going to be at Salt Lake for Christmas. Do you get dirty when you go down chimneys? From, Ethan A. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How do you get down the chimney? I've been good. How's the reindeer doing? I'm going to have a snack for you. Fly safely! I like Christmas. From, Tyler C. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I would like to have a reindeer and happiness to my family. One more thing, I want a new puppy. Thank you. HOHOHO! Love, Piper B. - Sawtooth

You are a cool man. And how far is the North Pole? And can I have a will please. And how high can a tree grow. Love, Adam M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Nintendo DS. I want one because my dog got lost and now I'm lonely. That is all I want. My mom said that she will buy me the games. Now that is all for now. Your friend, Alicia L.

Dear Santa, Please can I have a movie? The movie I want is WALL-E for Christmas please. Your friend, Bailey S.

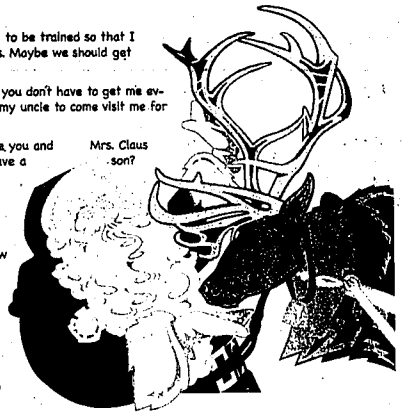
Dear Santa, Hello Santa, I really like that pre-laptop you gave me last year. This year may I please have a tool kit and some wood please. I hope this is the BEST Christmas for both of us. I think my whole family wants this to happen. I bet you already know what it is. But do you think you could help us? I bet our whole family will be glad if you help. Well I wish you a merry merry MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!! REALLY DO!!!!!! Your friend, AubreeAnn C.

Dear Santa Claus, The snow that sprinkles and floats down from the sky like sugar sprinkled on cookies would make my wish of a winter wonderland come true. Snow brings beauty and fun to my life. Creating a snowman with black button eyes and a carrot stick nose is one of many activities I enjoy in the snow.

With a sprinkling of snow covering the ground to the rooftops, the Christmas lights reflect and sparkle with a special glow. Finally, a heavy blanket of snow brings a quiet peacefulness gives me enjoyment in my warm, and cozy home. A winter wonderland is not much to some people, but to me it is like a new puppy. It is something I deserve for giving a helping hand when somebody else needs it. Please Santa, bring me snowballs, snowman, and frosty winter eves. K.D. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How are you and your family? Will you bring my sister a Nintendo D.S. Will you bring my brother TV for his room. Will you bring me a gray Nintendo D.S. How many elves do you have? Do you like cookies with frosting on them if you do what shape we have stockings and other shapess? Love, Aspen - Kimberly

Dear Santa, How are you doing is it cold up there. I hope every one is having a good Christmas. Santa I would like you to please bring all the kids in my class a new book for all of them to read? Last of all santa I would like a toy? Love, Tyler N. - Kimberly



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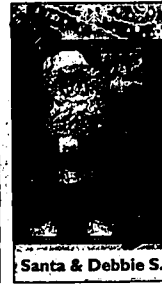
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Dear Santa, Thank you for the pink bike you gave me last Christmas. What are you doing right now? I bet you are making toys right now. How are the reindeer doing? I want a new doll house for Christmas this year. How do you get down the chimney when you go to everyone's houses? How do you make the toys? I hope your reindeer don't get so, so sick. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Is she helping you make the toys? Love, Camille C. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Thank you for doing all that you can for the children to help them. All I want for this Christmas is heales and a ribstick. How do you fly down the chimney? Do you really have magic? Love, Kade S. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Do your reindeer really fly? Thank you for putting some stuff under my tree last year. That was fun. I hope my Oma and Opa let me bake some cookies for you and pour a glass of milk. I like you. I think you are cool. I hope I am warm. Last year was fun, but this year is going to be more fun. Love, Emma M. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I want a popo stick for Christmas. Can I ride your sleigh? I think we are going to a cabin. From, Landon L. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How do you make the toys? How do you get down the chimney? We are having two trees this Christmas. How do you get to every house? Love, Joel C. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, How do the reindeer fly? I want a kitchen set. We are singing Joy. I am good this year. Why are you fast? Love, Avery S. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, Do your reindeer really fly? How do you fit through the chimney? Here are some things I want for Christmas. I want an Ipod. I want a guitar. And that is what some of the stuff I want is. Love, Craighton H. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I don't mean to be rude, but how old are you? I'd like to visit you sometime. I would like a Wii with the game Spider Man, Hedge Hog Unleashed for Playstation and a very very awesome Christmas for everybody in the world. I also would like a laptop for my sister and me. Have a safe trip. Your friend, Bailey S. - Harrison

Dear Santa, How are you doing this winter? I'm wondering if you could get me Nintendo DS, Guitar Hero, and an army game. Santa could you get Emilio's mom a new job? Emilio's mom would like a job like Pizza Hut, and Burger King. Santa I hope you get a good sleep before next Christmas. Your friend, Jonas N. - Harrison

Dear Santa, What have you been doing during the summer? For Christmas I want Guitar Hero World Tour with drums, the guitar, and the microphone so I can play with my friends. I want a Ande I Touch MP3 player so I can listen to some rockin music. I want a pool table so I can enjoy playing with my dad. Santa I want everyone to be with their family and everyone to not be sad and to enjoy Christmas. Santa, help everyone have a Merry Christmas! Thanks Santa! Your friend, Emilio, R. - Harrison

Dear Santa, I hope your reindeer are feeling well. Santa I want you to give some people houses to live in and coats to wear. Can you please get me Bakugon ball. I hope you can make it. Your friend, Skyler C. - Harrison

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I hope they are good. How are you doing? I hope you are doing good. I don't really care what I get for Christmas. All I want is a good Christmas with my family. P.S. I hope you do toll. Your friend, Isaac L. - Harrison

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? Did Comet crash again? How is Mrs. Clause? I have been good this year and I'm excited about what I will get for Christmas. What I want is a Nintendo D.S for Christmas. Well I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Your friend, Isalah W. - Harrison

Dear Santa, What color do you like best? Santa can I have all of the Magic Tree House books please? Can I have a stuffed cute kitten please, and a Music box with some decorations on it. I want the music box because it will help me to sleep and my sister too. I wanted the Magic Tree House book because I love to read. Your friend, Ann B. - Harrison

Dear Santa, How are your elves doing? How was your summer? The only thing I want for Christmas is my family and everyone in the world to have a good Christmas. And I hope you and your elves do to. Your friend, Walker H. - Harrison

Dear Santa, How are you? Could you give Taylor a kitten because I think she is not going to get it. I was wondering what you favorite kind of cookie? And this is what I want an Ipod please thankyou for ever think Santa. Love, Rachael - Kimberly

Dear Santa, Do you lik to fly with your reindeer? Does Mrs. Claws make good cookies? My brother wants a new big red remote control car. I rilly want a Karaoke machine. Love, Hannah - Kimberly

Dear Santa, I have a quesht do uoy have enee kids? Will you git my friend he wants a no blacke. I want a model aer plan. Tel miss cless that I sed hi. OW and god dy. Love, Rilee - Kimberly

Dear Santa, How is your family doing, and how are you doing. I want 2l cars for my brother and 1 of them remote control. And for my sister I want a small stuff dollin. And for my little sister I want a ping-pong. And for my dad I want a flash-light. And I want a remote control air plain. Love, Tyler - Kimberly

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph and the elves? Could you bring a present for my frinds Mick and Karlisa? Mick would like a remote control air playen. Karlisa would like a tent and flashlite and. I would like a pare of rolorskats. Love, Madison - Kimberly

Dear Santa, I want a ntandoe d.s. and sum games for it. I want you to get my buthers cayon and tyler them a motorcycle not to share but thare own. I want you to get my mom sum suzzy socs. And my dad a lot of fools. Love, Carter - Kimberly



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Dear Santa, May "Christ" be in everyone's "Christmas". Happy Birthday Jesus. Your friend, Haylee Grossman

Dear Santa, I hope your having a good time. Do you know the song all I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. That's an annoying song. I don't need my two front teeth though. All I want for Christmas is a puppy. A black lab. Your friend, Ben A. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Wii-me toy. A laptop. A Nintendo DS. An I phone. And a camcorder. Sincerely, Breanna A. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, geus what I want. I want the coolest leo in the earth. I also would like a webinz if you can get me one Love, KYLIE B. - Sawtooth

To Santa, Santa please give me what I want. Ill only name a few. I wht a mini dirt bickot wheels, wll,pspp3 Xbox,Xbox360, and some games for all, and soled GOLD. Your good kid, Connor B. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I was wondering if you can you answer these questions now does Mrs. Claus cook the cookies? And the Elves Dinner? And can you bring this for Christmas. Dance Pad And can you please get my Brother a veolo game Love, Jesse

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Dear Santa, I want to thank you for all the presents you have gave me. This year, I want a Nintendo DS for Christmas. I want a Nintendo DS because my sister has an iPod and I have nothing like an iPod. I really wish that I will get a Nintendo DS for Christmas. I believe in you Santa I do that is why I want a Nintendo DS for Christmas. I wish you a merry Christmas Santa now remember I believe in you. Your friend, Alyssa G.

Dear Santa, This Christmas I would please like a Wii game because the WII's interest me. I also would like 13 third grade horse books cause books are very interesting because when you can picture it in your own mind. Thank you for the things from last Christmas. Sincerely, Shasta L.

Dear Santa, Thanks you for all the presents you gave me last year. Can you please give me a good, fun, and funny present this year? I hope you have such a good time at the North Pole. And just remind you keep...the...elves...away from the chocolate. Your friend, Kyle S.

Dear Santa, I forgot to give thanks for your presents that you have gave me and can you please bring me a toy whichever. I like the things you have gave me so could you eat my cookies and drink the milk but do it fast because I always see my dad eating the cookies and my mom drinking the milk. And can you do a little note so than I could see that you were here. I have lots of candy canes. I have like 50 candy canes what I want you to do get is a candy cane. Then I will count it in the morning. Your friend, Laura L.

Dear Santa, If you could, I would like these things. First of all, I want to thank you for being generous to the needy. Now, my Christmas list: first a new DS game. Second, a cute baby doll. Third, a robot dog. Fourth, a pretty umbrella to keep me dry. Fifth, a High School Musical Barbie (Gabriella). Then last, a merry, merry, Christmas to one and all. Your friend, Emily P.

Dear Santa, Hi Santa can you please give me a present that is a snowboard. It would be nice and I would like to say thank you for the other presents last Christmas. A snowboard would be cool if I can have one and the color I want it to be, red, blue, and green please. It is ok with my mom and dad. Santa you are my best friend in the whole world. Your friend, Jared M.

Dear Santa, I would like an MP3 Player. How do you get all those presents? Can you believe that's all I ask for? The rest you can pick out by yourself. I am glad you give us presents, thank you so much. Don't worry you'll find me. I have a Mohawk, blue eyes, and dirty blonde hair. I also have glasses that are royal blue. I like to wear shorts and under armor all year. So you probably know who I am. Your friend, Luke T. - Harrison

Dear Santa, How do you get around? Are all the kids good this year? How do your elves make toys that fast? I am small and some people call me "shorty". I only have 5 friends. I would like Play Station 2, a piano, drums, a guitar, 4 wolves, 4 dogs, and 4 cats. I hope you have a good Christmas. Your friend, Angel G. - Harrison

Dear Santa, What is it like in the North Pole? Are your reindeer nice? I love playing games and having fun, but I love singing opera. What I want for Christmas is a new bike. I hope you go to my house and please...write back. I want you to have a fun Christmas. I will give you cookies and milk like I always do. Please give by Grandpa some candy. I feel bad for him because he doesn't get very many presents. Oh ya, I will need a key and a chair for my bike in a black color. Your friend, Mya R.-Harrison

Dear Santa Claus, This Christmas I would like it to snow. I mean what fun is Christmas without snow? You can't build a snowman or have a snowball fight. That is all I want for Christmas. Your friend, Braeden L. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, You are the best and you make me want to ride on your sleigh every day. You make me happier and happier every day, I can't wait until you bring presents. Let me tell you what I want for Christmas I want a Nintendo DS that is red & black, a blue soccer ball, and a Nintendo DS game, and that's what I want for Christmas. I deserve to get presents because I try to be good in school and try to be nice to everyone especially my family and friends. One more thing that I want is for you to have the best time of your life and always have the best Christmas ever. Sincerely, Amber H. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a puppy because I love dogs I especially love puppies I have had dog before but they've never really been mine my mom, my dad and my brother have had their one dog but I haven't had one ever. I should get a puppy because I help my mom a lot by taking care of my baby brother and doing chores around the house I haven't necessarily been good all the time but for most the time I have Sincerely yours Benjamin - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, You are the best santa in the world how do you make the reindeer fly? I like your sleigh because it is red. Can I have a monkey for Christmas. I love you. Merry Christmas, Santal Love, Andre T. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Lego castle so I can be an Ork and knock guys off the boat. I also want Eyeclops. The last thing that I want is peace and joy which means I want the wars to stop. I want you to have a fun time. I want everyone to have a present. I want the people in Africa to have water, food, and shelter. I think I deserve what I said because I'm trying hard in school. I have been good all year and I care for everyone else besides myself. Sincerely, Sam - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a remote control car I really don't mind what kind it is but I want it to be sort of big. Another thing I would like is a book called Spirit Walker because the last book Wolf Brother is an awesome book. The reason why I think I deserve these things is because I have been nice to my sisters and I've helped my mom a lot. One more thing I want is that moms and dads who are poor get to buy some presents for their children. Those are some things I want for Christmas. Sincerely, Carter Rawlings - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I would like a laptop. I know I do not deserve it but I get tired of my dad telling me when I can and I can not get on the computer. So I can look up stuff and play on my Webkinz. It is fun with the one I already have but my mom and dad want let me get on it. KORI R. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa Clause, Santa I'm not asking for much just to bring me cheer and snow. I really want cheer to come to my family and I. We really need cheer to bring spirit this coming Christmas. Snow is another thing I really enjoy and want. Twin Falls doesn't get much snow down here, and I want the snowflakes to fall on my face like little sprinkles. I really do think I deserve this because I haven't been mean to people, I'm trying hard in school, and I've been really nice this year. Please bring cheer and snow. Jordan R. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa Clause, I want the following: a Christmas tree, (Please make it small) some stuffed animals, a pillow, a mattress, (no springs, please) some fuzzy posters, snow on Christmas, and some snow boots. I deserve these things because I need to have fun too, don't I? I need the mattress because I can't sleep at night. I want the snow because it's December and there's no snow, but I guess that you can't make that happen, or can you big guy? I hope you have a merry Christmas! Sincerely, Alyssa L. - Sawtooth

I love how you give us presents every year, and make us want to cheer. The one thing I want from you is a electric scooter. I deserve it because I do dishes and take out trash and clean rooms. I want so I can ride to school in style everyday and so I can brag away. I also want a karaoke machine so I can sing my heart out and become famous. I deserve it for the same reason as the first. I want all the unfortunate to have a good Christmas and to spend time with their family. Olivia B - Sawtooth

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would like a puppy and a cell phone. Any cell phone would work, but I want a pug for a dog. I want a cell phone so I can communicate with my friends and family when I am away. I deserve it because I have been getting good grades and I have been listening to my parents. I want a puppy for Christmas because they are cute and very playful so I would never be bored. I deserve a puppy because I will take care of it by myself and would keep it company. So if you could get me those two things it would be wonderful. I have been good. (At least I've tried!) Tell Mrs. Claus I said "Hi." Thank you Sincerely, Eleana R. Sawtooth

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Dear Santa, It is two weeks before Christmas and well, I would like some things. One is I want a Wii. I do not know why. Oh, I remember because I have a dog who likes to chew on stuff. The second thing is Kirby Super Star Ultra for DS. I earned it because I mowed an elderly couple lawn. I'm also doing well in school. Sincerely, Jordan E. - Sawtooth

Dear Santa, I don't want much for Christmas all I really want is a Diji with 2 or 3 games. I think I've been pretty good but not always. One other thing 1-2 Webkinz, but I don't want to be greedy. One last thing is I want the less fortunate to have a good and happy Christmas. Merry Christmas. Thank you Lindsay F. - Sawtooth

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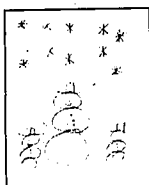
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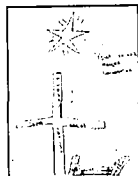
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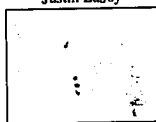
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Dear Santa, How many elves do you have? Does Mrs. Clause wear glasses? I was wondering if you could get my brother Brett Clark a Nintendo DS, a Wii and a Playstation 3. And my dad Indiana Jones 4. And my mom a few new pears of shoes. And for my dog a few squiky toys and for me a guitar and a set of drums and a puppy. Love, Ryne Clark - Kimberly

Dear Santa, I am wondering if I could get remot control airplane, and a x-box 360 and a parrot with a cage. How is your family doing and mis. Clas and how are you elve's doing to. When you come I got a present for you and milk and hotchoclit with cookies. Love, Jacob - Kimberly

Dear Santa, Hello Santa what are you doing? What is your family doing and what are your elves doing? I want my friend to have a video game. What is miss clas doing? I am going to give you cookies and milk. I want a electric guitar. Have a wofdrfull Christmas. Love Trevor - Kimberly

Dear Santa, What are you doing write now and are you happy that you have a family? Santa I think that Ballee stub will like a top top a girl one avcars. Santa I think that I shold have a puppet that way I have sumting to play with but when I say puppet I mean a bird puppet ath is all I want to say. Love, Karissa - Kimberly

Dear Santa, I hope our family is ok. I think that Aspen should get a D.S. I want a D.S. too I love you. I hope your reindeer is ok too. I am wondering if you have to buy the presents. I hope I get lots of presents if I don't that's ok too. Love, Josie - Kimberly

Dear Santa, I was wondering how old you are. Madison wants a hermet crab. Tyler and Daven want a wii. Trevor wants a electrick guitar Daven wants a I pod 360 Kallyn wants a nintendo ds. Love, Mick - Kimberly

Dear Santa, How are the randeers are they good for Christmas day to fly at night? I want a Ipod and a pink toy fone. My brother wants a tando ds for christmas. My sister wants a thang to make brills. I want a pap and I want a tando ds that is pink. Kennedy wants a littles pet shop. Love, Isabel - Kimberly

Dear Santa, Do you like ice cream? Do you have fun with your reindeer? My friend Rilee wan xbox. I want all pokeman in the world. Love, Daman - Kimberly

Dear Santa, How are you doing today santa? Do you have a dog in you family. Santa Isabel she wants a pap it is peank. I wat for Christmas is littiest pet shop. Love, Kennedy - Kimberly

Dear Santa, You are speshal and nise you give people presents and have lots of rain deer. And I wonder how many toys that each elf makes my brother wants toy animals and I want a frosting making myshen. Love, Meghan - Kimberly

Dear Santa, What do you do when is is not Christmas? What do you do with your family? My friend wants a soccer ball what kind of cookies do you like? Can I have a hamster for crismas, an can I have a xbox 360 Love, Taylor - Kimberly

Dear Santas, I promise that I will leav hot charklet and some cookies at my house. How is your family doing Santa? How si MRS. Claus doing up ther Santa? I hope you have a great Merry Christmas. Santa I want a xbox 360. Love, Jacklenn - Kimberly

Dear Santa, Santa did you and your family have a good Christmas last year? Bring Rilee a xbox and a dirt bike. I want a xbox 360 and a for wii. Love, Chase - Kimberly

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